



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Ralph Merrell



1978

Roles and Honours

Senior Vice President	1979-84
Honorary Treasurer	1974-79
UNSW Sports Association Delegate	1976-77
UNSW Sports Recognition Award	1977
Barr-Turn Trophy	1973-74

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up? Born in Melbourne and grew up there.

Moved to Sydney in 1970 when my job was moved to Sydney.

Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

Played junior and senior cricket with the Easter Suburbs Churches Cricket Association on mats. Started as a medium pacer and the found slow bowling was much easier.

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

I started an MBA at UNSW in 1971. Was elected as Sports Association Treasurer as nobody else wanted the role

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

I really enjoyed playing on turf for the first time. Loved the variations with the surfaces. I was welcomed into the club by the various players – particularly the older hands.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious)

As far as I know I didn't have one.

The Table above outlines some of your Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw your contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

I think I added an older wiser head for the youngsters to learn from

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership?

I was very grateful and honoured.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

Our unsuccessful 5th grade grand final. A close fought thing but our batsmen were unable to make the runs. My contribution at 11 was unremarkable. Like us Balmain had 2 teams in 5th grade. The grand final was the fourth time I played against Balmain that year.

My other great memory was the club winning the first-grade premiership and the outstanding leadership of John Rogers. He made an enormous contribution to the club at all levels.

And finally, my many years of playing with Tony Epstein – we shared many a good time both on and off the field.

In what profession or area of work are/were you mainly involved? What are your main interests outside cricket?

I am an accountant and practice as a public and forensic accountant.

Outside of cricket I enjoy wine and food and travel to my house in Provence in the south of France.

Where are you now?

I live in York Street in the city and practice in Mosman. I spend 6 to 8 weeks a year in Europe.

Anything else you would like to add.

The club has changed greatly over the years. In my playing days the Sports Association used to throw money at all of the sports clubs. Playing grade cricket with UNSW was the cheapest grade cricket anywhere.

Playing Record

Ralph Merrell									
Years Played			Grade			1973-1984			
			Shires			1971-1973			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
3	1	1	0	1	1.0				
4	35	42	6	207	5.8	44	11		
5	107	98	20	473	6.1	28	14		
6	1								
CS	2	2	0	16	8.0	14			
Shires	18	20	2	170	9.4	22	8		
Totals	164	163	28	867	6.4	44	33		
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
3	1	8	1	2	26	13.0		Unav.	
4	35	281	24	54	1208	22.4	1	6 for 77	
5	107	1642	265	259	5375	20.8	9	6 for 61	
6	1	6.1	0	4	28	7.0		4 for 28	
CS	2	15	0	4	87	21.8		Unav.	
Shires	18	168	11	50	615	12.3	4	6 for 47	
Totals	164	2120.1	301	373	7339	19.7	14		

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New Zealand Tour 1978



Back: Paul Deegan, John Carmichael, Murray Archer, Ralph Merrell, Glen Clark, Greig Robinson, Richard Campbell, Clayton Jones, Tony Epstein
Middle: Patrick Thompson, Paddy Grattan-Smith, Jim Robson
Front: Peter Tout, Jim O'Brien, Andrew McMaster, Tom Grattan-Smith

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5th Grade finalists 1977/78 – V Balmain, Drummoyne Oval



Back: Ralph Merrell, John Bolton, Harold Bundy, Patrick Thompson, Michael Clarke, Tony Epstein
Front: Mick Burden, Ian Anderson, Bill Hetherington, John MacFarlane, Keith Madden, Jeff Cutler