

The original Minutes of the Lilydale District Cricket Association Annual Meeting for season 1928-29 have not been found but there was a newspaper article in the Healesville and Yarra Glen Guardian on Saturday 5th October 1929 that provides some details.

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Election of Office Bearers – For the position of President no nomination was accepted so the Secretary undertook to write to Mr. T. Jobling (Healesville) and ask if he would consent to fill the position of head of the association. Vice Presidents – Messrs. R. Eadie (Healesville), G. Lorimer (Woori Yallock), C. Hand (Seville), W. T. Sebire (Wandin), N. Gill (Lilydale), and Cr. F.W. Britton (Seville); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Mr. C. Burrows.

Country Week Cricket- It was resolved to affiliate with the Victorian Country Cricket League in order to participate in the Country Week matches and the Secretary is to write to the league, asking that the Lilydale Association have direct registration at these matches. The selection committee for these matches comprises Messrs. G.L. Read, W. Madden and F. Reade with the president and the secretary.

Inter association matches. In connection with inter-association contests, Mr. Hill moved that a dinner be provided. This was seconded by Mr. G.L. Read and carried. In all probability the annual contest with the Ringwood Association will take place on Boxing Day, and an endeavour is to be made to play a match against the Upper Yarra Association at a suitable time.

Notice of Motion. The Seville club submitted a motion to allow them to have an interchange of players between the two teams – A and B. It was eventually decided that the Seville club be allowed such interchange of players for three matches only.

Commencement. It was resolved on a motion by Messrs. Kay and Reade that matches should commence on Saturday October 16 and the matter of arranging fixtures was left to the Secretary.

Appreciation. A motion recording the good service which the late Mr. Morton had rendered the association, and the association’s appreciation of that service, was carried on the motion of Messrs. Madden and Reade, supported by Mr. Kay.

Secretary’s Report Mr. C. Burrows submitted the following report.

In making my report on the season 1928-29 I must first of all congratulate Wandin club on winning the premiership and thus having their name inscribed on the Melba Cup for the second time. The cup has now been held by Seville three times, Wandin twice, and Healesville once. Seville must also be congratulated by being runners up. There was one point difference between Wandin and Seville at the end of the home and home matches but in the final Wandin won in a most decisive manner, proving themselves the better team for the season.

The inter-association match against the Ringwood Association was undoubtedly a great success. Lilydale Association proved the better team on the day at the conclusion of which the Ringwood men showed themselves to be splendid sportsmen. They are to be complimented on the excellent lunch provided, the interval being greatly enjoyed by all.

Club secretaries were not as attentive in sending in detailed reports of the matches as they were during the previous season and in regard to this I may have something to say later.

To the Press I offer my thanks for their courtesy in publishing the results of all matches in detail when received.

Financially we had a very satisfactory season, finishing with a good credit. Socially the season was also a great success. The lady supporters of the various clubs were mainly responsible for this by their generous provision of refreshments each afternoon of play.

Before closing, I feel that my report would not be complete without reference to the serious loss that this association has sustained. I refer to the death of our President Mr. R. Morton, one who always had the best interests of the association at heart, who was always ready to try and smooth out any friction which occurred, and who, I am sure, was respected by all true sportsmen in our district.

I wish the association every success during the coming season.

Balance Sheet. The balance sheet submitted by Mr. Burrows reflected a healthy condition, although working expenses for the season were barely covered. Including a balance from 1927-28 of six pounds seven shillings and sixpence, receipts totalled thirteen pounds nine shillings and eleven pence from which a credit of six pounds three shillings and eleven pence remains. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Country Week Averages. During the Country Week matches last year A. Overton was the outstanding batsman with an average of 36.3 and a highest score of 89. Next of the Lilydale batsmen were Teese (16.66) and Pockett (15.66).

In bowling Pockett was easily the best with ten wickets for 46, an average of 4.6, then following Lennard (Ringwood), came Allsop with 11.5 and A. Overton with 15.25.

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For Country Week matches we were coupled with Ringwood, but I am not in a position to comment on the series from a personal point of view, being able to attend only on the first day, when there was no play. I have a report from Mr. F. Cloa, of the Ringwood Association, who acted as manager, and judging from that I am sure our members fully upheld the prestige of the association.

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