

Mr. President - Gentlemen,
The Season 1930-31 proved a successful one, providing interesting matches, featuring an improvement in the average standard of play.

Affiliated Clubs -: Fifteen Clubs affiliated during the Season, & Twenty - six teams were entered being an increase of two from the previous Season.

Owing to the numerous entries, it was decided to grade the teams into three Grades, A, B, & C. A & B Grades comprised 10 teams each & 5 teams were placed in C Grade. The object of the grading was to obtain a more even & uniform competition.

Premier Clubs -: The A Grade Premiership was won by Eboronia for the third time & the Miles Shield became their permanent possession. In place of the usual Premiership Pennant, the cash value was presented to Eboronia for the purpose of obtaining Caps for the team. The Ringwood Club were the runners up.

Croydon won the B Grade premiership, retaining possession of the Chandler Shield for twelve months & gaining the B Grade Premiership Pennant - Ton's Park were runners up - The B Grade Finals proved rather sensational - Upper Gully & Belgrave played off in the Final, & at the end of the 2nd days play the Gully team had 5 wickets in hand, & 10 runs to ret. Play was scheduled to start at 2.15 the Saturday but, on the Gully team failing to appear at the wicket at 3.15 pm, the Umpires at the request of the Belgrave Captain called play & removed the balls, awarding the match to Belgrave. Upper Gully subsequently claimed the match under protest, but the Tribunal dismissed the protest & awarded the match to Belgrave.

Protests -: A further protest lodged earlier in the season by Ringwood B team, against Kilsyth team was won by Ringwood on the grounds of the substitute Rule. To avoid any trouble over this rule the H.D.C.A. are introducing a rule to provide for the exchange of players lists before the start of the match.

Donors -: The Hon. A. T. Chandler M.L.C. has generously offered to provide another Shield for the Competition in the A Grade in place of the Miles Shield now won by Eboronia - On behalf of the Association I have accepted the offer & conveyed to Mr. Chandler the appreciation of the H.D.C.A.

We are again in debt to Mr. F. Clota for the donation of the two Batting trophies in A & B Grades.

Trophy Winners -: The A Grade Batting Trophy was won by Mr. Alan Chandler with an average of 40.1. Mr. Hunt won the Bowling with 6.8 & Mr. D Strahan gained the All Round Trophy with 22.2 batting & 6.1 bowling.

B Grade Trophies were won by - Mr. H. Tomkins Batting average 27.4
Mr. J. Swift, Bowling average 5.3. Mr. O. Miller, All Round, average
Batting 29, Bowling 5.5.
Trophies were not awarded in the C Grade.

Inter - Assn. Matches -: A match against an M.C.C. team was played
at Lilydale on Cup day & a return match was played on the Melbourne
Cricket ground on March 26th. Although defeated by small margins
on both occasions, the R.D.C.A. team acquitted themselves creditably.
On Dec 27th, a match was played at Ringwood against a South Melbourne
sixer & was won by the R.D.C.A. team.
The Annual A.M.A. day matches against the Reporter Assn. resulted
in the R.D.C.A. team being defeated in both Grades, & the four
trophies presented for Batting & Bowling were all won by Reporter
players.

Life Members -: Mr. J. Goodall was created a Life Member of the
Assn. & a life membership Medallion was presented at the Annual
Ball. Mr. J. Goodall has been an active worker in the Assn. since
its inception & has done much to fasten the game in the district.

Annual Ball -: The Annual demonstration was well attended by the
affiliated clubs, & proved a success. This season a Guarantee of
five tickets was placed on each competing team & the representative
club gathering at the Ball indicated the success of the Guarantee.
Unfortunately some of the clubs have not as yet honored their
Guarantee.

Financial -: Financially the Assn. is sound. The Balance Sheet
shows a credit of £23 / 16 / 10 of this credit balance £14. 7. 5 is
in outstanding club dues, owed by affiliated clubs, & £5. 18. 0
represents value of cricket balls in hand. The actual cash credit
balance therefore amounts to £5. 10. 4, while not anticipating
any repudiation on the part of the defaulting clubs, the Assn. should
consider the advisability of increasing the Guarantee Deposit, or
else enforcing the provisions of Rule 10.

Rules -: The Rules worked fairly well but amendments, dealing with
statutory declarations from players. The limitation of transfer
permits after Dec. 30th, & the exchange of lists previous to play,
require consideration.

I desire to thank the President Mr. S. Lennard, the Assn. Sec.
Mr. Goodall, the Executive & the delegates for their cooperation &
support throughout the season.
Special thanks are due to Mr. J. W. Barrett for his work as Auditor
I desire also to commend the press for their generous publicity
throughout the season.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year 1930-1931.

Balance forward August 1930	£3	3	7
Affiliation Fees	45	0	0
Pipette Fees - Club payments	23	19	0
Sale of Balls	4	3	0
Pinel Gates	4	5	9
Annual Ball - Balance	1	18	2
Club Fines	4	17	0
Donations - Mr. P. Cloets	£1	17	6
Hartleys	10	0	0
Ball Book Advertisements	2	8	0
Club payments - Insurance	1	10	0
	9	0	0
	£91	13	6

Payments:			
Empire's fees	£31	16	3
Trophies	17	10	8
Cricket Balls and Material	18	3	6
Printing, Advertising, Stationery	7	0	9
Catering, Visiting Teams	10	13	0
Hire Grounds	1	11	0
'Phone Rental and Charges	1	11	0
Affiliation Fee - V.J., C.V.	5	14	0
Petty Cash payments -	1	1	0
Stamps	£3	7	3
Hall Hire	1	1	0
Sundries	7	9	0
Credit Balance	4	16	0
	1	7	4
	£91	13	6

Balance Sheet at 1st September 1931.

Liabilities

Guarantee deposits	£ 7-10-0
Excess of spots over liabilities	16 5 10
	£ 16-5-10

Assets

Bank Balance	1 10 0	1 7 4
Balls on hand - New	2 8 0	
Used	4 18 6	
Upper only	3 18 0	3 18 0
Belgrave	2 16 0	
Kilsyth	2 3 6	
Hilydale	2 1 0	
Upper Crofton	1 16 0	
Crofton North	1 8 6	
Coronia	18 10 6	
	£ 23 15 10	

£ 23-15-10