

Q.C.A. UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

First Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

SEASON 1969 = 1970.

Presented at the Annual Meeting held
on Wednesday, 19th August, 1970.

Gentlemen,

Your Executive Committee has pleasure in submitting this, the first Annual Report with Financial Statement to 30th April, 1970.

The Association came into being at Brisbane in 1969, and since then has maintained an important position in cricket in this State. The aims and objects of the Association have met with considerable success. Throughout the year, the Association was able to supply Umpires for cricket Fixtures conducted by the Queensland Cricket Association. Membership of the Association now stands at 51, the highest number known in this State for many years. The keen interest shown by members has been most encouraging to all, and it is hoped that not only will the numbers be increased during the coming year, but that members will strive to further improve the standards already reached.

During the season, the following Umpires were appointed to Sheffield Shield Matches:-

Messers. L. P. Rowan (3), P. Enright (2), W. Priem (1), L. Johnson (1), J. Newcombe (1).

Messers. A. Imison and W. Burvill were appointed to the Interstate Colts match played at Brisbane, and Messers. L. Johnson, T. Warwick, J. Newcombe and R. Andrews to 4BK 4AK Shield Matches.

Messers. L. Johnson and N. Gulliver were appointed to the Metropolitan Colts v. Country Colts: T. Warwick, E. Hislop, J. Gray, P. Allan, D. Carty and J. Katterns to the Interstate Schoolboys' Carnival.

The Queensland Cricket Association Finals were in the hands of the following:-

'A' Grade.....W. Priem and L. Johnson
'A' Reserve.....J. Newcombe and P. Enright.
'B' Grade.....T. Warwick and A. Imison
'C' Grade.....L. Bright and W. Hansen
Intermediate.....A. Scott and J. Hack

Congratulations are extended to Mr. P. Enright on his appointment to Sheffield Shield Matches for the first time.

INNAUGURAL DINNER:

The Innaugural Dinner of the Association was held at the Cricketers' Club, and was an outstanding success. The function will become an Annual event, and it is hoped that not only will Umpires and their wives patronise the function, but that it will be patronised by all associated with cricket at this level.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership level of 51 is the highest known for many years. During the year, a drive for new members was made, and the success of this was due in no small way to the assistance rendered by the Press and T.V. Efforts will be made to further increase the numbers. Members are urged to take an active part in the drive for new members and to attend all Meetings of the Association.

MEETINGS:

Monthly Meetings were held at the Sir Leslie Wilson Pavillion and were generally well attended.

COACHING:

The introduction of Coaching Sessions at the Brisbane Cricket Ground proved a success. This resulted in additional membership of the Association, and it is planned to resume the coaching at an early stage.

EXAMINATION PANEL:

This Panel met on several occasions during the Season and attended to the examining of new members. Members of the Panel delivered lectures on various Laws throughout the year. Members for the first time, travelled to country centres where lectures were delivered. The results were most encouraging. It is anticipated that the activities of the panel will be further extended during the coming season.

ASSOCIATION TIE:

During the season, the Association was able to obtain a suitable tie for use by members. The demand for the tie has been heavy and many outside bodies have exhibited interest in it.

EXPERIMENTAL LAWS:

During the season, some experimental Laws were introduced. The most noticeable of these was the Law relating the 'leg-before'. This did impose a greater strain upon Umpires, but it is to their credit that the Law was applied successfully.

UMPIRING FILM:

A Film by courtesy of Rothmans, was screened on several occasions, and it is felt that this was of benefit to members.

QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION:

Throughout the year, our Association was pleased to co-operate with the Queensland Cricket Association in all matters, and the efforts of the Queensland Cricket Association Secretary, Mr. L. Cooper and his Staff, are greatly appreciated. No effort was spared by him in an endeavour to maintain cordial relationship and to ensure that all reasonable requests from Umpires were afforded proper attention.

APPOINTMENT PANEL:

The appointment of Umpires to officiate at matches under the control of the Queensland Cricket Association, was undertaken by a panel comprising Messrs. W.E.P. Harris, W. Priem, J. Noble, T. Fox and K. Rogers. The efforts of this panel are greatly appreciated. Prompt attention to the furnishing of reports by Umpires is the request of the panel so that correct information as to availability of Umpires is always at hand.

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Patron:

Sir Thomas Hiley.

President:

Mr. L.P. Rowan.

Vice Presidents:

Mr. W. Priem and Mr. A. Scott.

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:

Mr. L. Johnson.

Delegate to Queensland Cricket Association:

Mr. W. Priem.

Executive Committee:

Messrs. L.P. Rowan, W. Priem, A. Scott, J. Newcombe,
P. Enright, J. Gray and L. Johnson.

Examination Panel:

Messrs. L.P. Rowan, W. Priem and J. Newcombe.

Coach:

Mr. L.P. Rowan.

Hon. Auditor:

Mr. R. Spence.

MEMBERS:

Life Members: A.E. Wyeth, 1969.

Financial Members:

H. Ainsworth
P. Allan
R. Andrews
L. Auer
L. Baker
J. Barnes
J. Brand
L. Bright
F. Britton
C. Burchill
W. Burvill
D. Carty
D. Creber
A. De Landelles
W. Dinning
L. Dennis
W. Dobbins
J. Draney
P. Enright
C. Fisher
J. Garland
A. Gill
J. Gray
N. Gulliver
L. Gurdon
J. Hack
A. Hall
W. Hansen
J. Harris
E. Hislop
A. Imison
L. Johnson
E. Jones
G. Jones
J. Katterns
J.R. Lambert
A. Main
J. Manson
R. Mattingly
K. Morrison
E. Morrison
W. McInnes
J. Newcombe
D. Nolan
P. Oakhill
A. Pearce
W. Priem
I. Rado
C. Robinson
L. P. Rowan
A. Scott
G. Scott
C. Stanley
W. Steen
H. Tout
A. Townsend
T. Warwick

CAPTAIN'S REPORTS:

In order to provide the basis for constructive Lectures with a view to the improvement of Umpiring efficiency, a system whereby the Captains of all teams playing in Fixtures, was introduced. Captains furnished confidential reports on the standard of umpiring in each match, and when the information was collated, it was forwarded to the Umpires' Coach. It is hoped that this system will continue during the forthcoming season.

CONCLUSION:

The Executive Committee of this Association, is grateful for the assistance and support received from all members throughout the year. There can be no doubt that the Association had a most successful year, and the Executive has every hope that this will continue. During the coming season, the M.C.C. will be visiting this State and once again we will experience an upsurge in interest in the game. We have noted with regret, the passing of that great Umpire, Syd. Buller who was to visit here later this year.

To the District Clubs who extended help in many ways during the year, and to the Queensland Cricketers' Club for considerations extended to our members, we are grateful.

I offer my personal thanks to all members, and to all who in any way assisted during the year, and in particular, to the Secretary and Executive members of our Association.

L. P. ROWAN,
President.
10-8-1970.