

This Sporting Life

Cricket

NSW Bar v Queensland Bar

The game against the Queensland Bar was held in Sydney at Victoria Barracks on Saturday 11 April, 1992 resulting in a comfortable win to New South Wales. Despite Queensland winning the toss and sending NSW into bat on a wet wicket, NSW was able to score 159 from 42 overs with Hamman dominating with a fine 73. No one else passed 20 but enough batsmen got a few to accumulate a competitive total.

Queensland never really threatened the NSW total in the face of our customary impeccable, even if not dangerous, bowling and excellent fielding. King (1/18) and Naughtin (1/24) with 10 tight overs, each made Queensland earn every run and then Lachlan Gyles and Connor kept the pressure on with the visitors finally accumulating a modest total of 115. Again, classy catching was a feature of the NSW performance.

Later, a large contingent of players, wives and acquaintances gathered at a function at Dimitris organised by Maiden and Laughton, and then showed considerable stamina by backing up for lunch on Sunday.

The occasion marked the 19th match between the two Bars and advance notice is given that Gyles QC intends to muster a team from the many past players in these fixtures to travel to Brisbane next year to play a reunion event at the same time as the 20th annual game. □ Peter Hastings



Hamman dominates at Victoria Barracks



*The Winners - NSW Bar v Queensland Bar
(L to R - Back row) Laughton, Ireland QC, Harris,
Sandrasegara, Maddox, King, Benson, Maiden
(L to R - Front row) Levick, Connor, Hastings (Capt.) Hamman,
Gyles Jnr., Naughtin*

NSW Bar v ACT Lawyers

The inaugural cricket match between the Bar and a team of ACT lawyers was held at Mittagong on 29 February 1992. The Bar team was led by a distinguished group of Queen's Counsel, Holmes, Poulos, Stevens and Sullivan. Unfortunately, Her Majesty's presence in the country nearby at the time failed to inspire her Counsel and the ACT lawyers won by 30 runs.

The ACT batted first and were difficult to dislodge, finally scoring 7-133 off their 40 overs. Stevens (1/21) Hastings (1/16) Sullivan (1/15) and Luckman (1/25) were the only wicket takers. Sandrasegara bowled well but without luck taking 0/14 from his 6 overs. Luckman and Pritchard got the Bar off to a reasonable start, but thereafter only Peter Maiden with 39 was able to threaten the ACT total. Cato (19) and Hastings (18) provided some assistance, but the final total was 8-143 off the allotted overs.

NSW Bar v NSW Solicitors

The Bar played the Solicitors at Graham Reserve, Manly on 8 March, 1992 and lost after successive victories in this fixture on the preceding two years. The Solicitors scored 159 off their 35 overs despite tight bowling from Naughtin (1/18) Parker (1/24) and Lachlan Gyles (2/25) off 7 overs each and some good fielding and catching, but the batsmen never got going apart from Harris with 38 and the total was a sad 113. Only Hastings (5 n.o.) and Lachlan Gyles (11) also reached double figures.

NSW Bar v Victorian Bar

The tenth annual game against the Victorian Bar was held at Brighton Oval in Melbourne on Saturday 28 March, 1992. A small but determined group travelled to Melbourne for revenge for a narrow loss last year against the traditional rivals.

Good fortune determined that steady rain on the previous day held off but sufficiently dampened the wicket such that when NSW won the toss, Victoria were asked to bat first on a difficult wicket. Victoria duly struggled against steady bowling. Naughtin led the way with 4/20 from 8 overs, with Hastings (2/15) Stevens (1/33) Laughton (1/11) and Levick (1/17) also taking wickets. Maiden kept wickets well and Hamman and Harris took good catches to round off a disciplined effort. Harris (24) and later Laughton (21) laid a good foundation in the NSW innings until three quick wickets caused a few frowns of consternation. However, Hamman, relishing the prospect of defeating the old foe, took control and finished with a masterly 58 not out to ensure that the Victorian total of 131 from 40 overs was passed with 4 wickets to spare and 4 overs remaining. Maiden, whose future at the NSW Bar was under a cloud after assisting Victoria to win last year, showed that his rehabilitation was complete by staying with Hamman to score a valuable 12 not out at the end. The Victorian Captain, Gillard QC, later reluctantly restored "The Sub-Standard Trophy" to NSW during a pleasant function at Fitzsimmons Restaurant on Saturday evening.

Eleventh Floor Wentworth & Selborne v Tenth Floor Wentworth & Selborne

On Sunday 29th March 1992 light north-easterly breeze and clearing cloud cover commenced the day. The track was sticky with a heavy outfield and long grass in readiness for the impending football season.

The Eleventh Floor team consisted of Allsop, Donohoe QC, Durack (de facto Captain), Foster, Gageler, Gleeson (Jacqui), Holmes QC (Captain), Meagher, Poulos QC, Sullivan QC, Weber and Delaney (part-time).

The combined Tenth Floor team which, like the two Irelands only seems to unite in the interests of sport, consisted of Austins (Stephen & son Sam), Connor, Darke, Douglas QC, (part-time), Gleeson (Julian), King (Captain), Hutley (part-time), Pritchard, J Sexton, B Sullivan and Webb QC (calling wides).

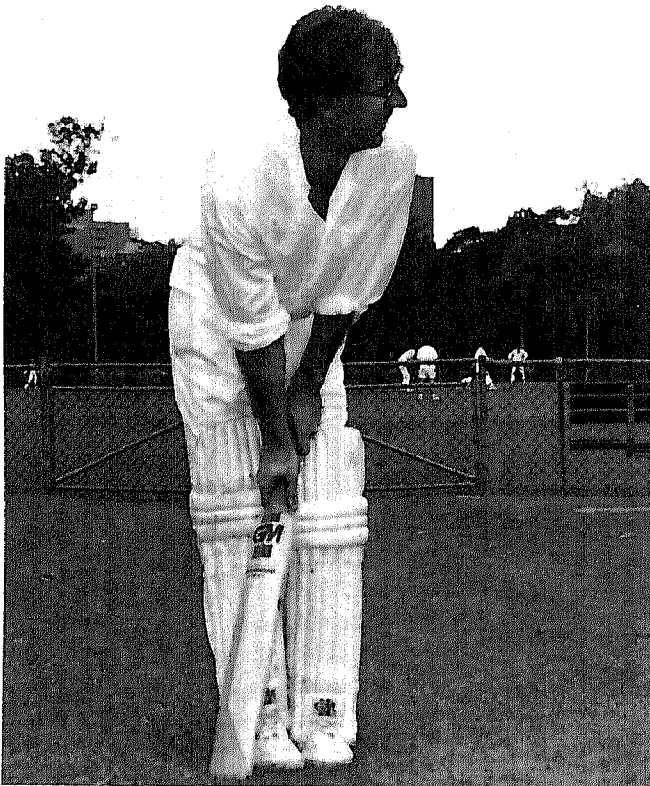
Highlights of the day were Sullivan tearing his trousers (see inset) and Douglas being bowled by Poulos and maiden appearances by Gleeson (a maiden) and Donohoe (not a maiden). The day was catered for by John Close and was marked by uncharacteristic sobriety attributable in part to the Sydney Harbour Bridge being closed for its 60th birthday. By contrast the only two spectators were a man and his female friend who occupied the back benches sound asleep until lunch was served. John Close served the lunch rather too near this couple and King bustled it away from their hungry clutches.

The final scores were:

11th Floor - 153 runs off 45 overs;

10th Floor - 176 runs in 45 overs.

No individual performances of note were recorded. □



Hutley pads up...

Bench and Senior Bar v Junior Bar Golf Match Tuesday 21st April 1992

Seventeen members played at Pymble on the Tuesday after Easter in the annual Bench and Senior Bar v Junior Bar Golf Match.

The low numbers are almost certainly due to the fact that none of the Courts now observe the Tuesday after Easter as a holiday; it is probable that another day for this enjoyable and valuable contact between the Junior Bar and the Bench and Senior Bar will have to be found. Many thanks to all of those who supported the day, and in particular Chief Judge Staunton QC.

Three matches only were able to be played: Chief Judge Staunton QC and Gyles QC (45 points) defeated Luckman and Cummings (39 points); O'Connor QC and Donohoe QC (33 points) were despatched by Donohoe and O'Dowd (45 points); Hewitt and Steele (46 points) defeated McGill and Wynyard (33 points).

Puckeridge QC and Hartigan played together (but without opponents) and scored a creditable 40 points.

Crimmins, Roberts and Swan (of the prosecutorial kind) played as a three ball with Roberts as the "swinger" but refused to return their scores!

Puckeridge QC organised the start on short notice and thanks go to him for so doing.

If anyone has any ideas for an alternative date, please contact me. □ John Maconachie QC

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Great Bar Squash Competition

The 1991 Great Bar Squash Competition was organised in sterling fashion by Greenwood. The competition got underway in the Law School Squash Courts (an ordeal in themselves) on Thursday the 28th November in which the 43 Edmund Barton Team were victorious over 7 Windeyer, and 10 Selborne over 8 Garfield Barwick. On the 2nd December 8 Garfield Barwick defeated 7 Windeyer and 10 Selborne defeated 8 Wentworth. The next day, the 3rd December, 8 Wentworth were similarly defeated by 43 Edmund Barton. Thus, at 6 pm on the 4th December, the final was played between 43 Edmund Barton and 10 Selborne.

Wynyard for 43 Edmund Barton had a quietly confident warm up with Darke for 10 Selborne who thereupon caused great consternation by thrashing Wynyard 9-0, 9-7. This caused an anxious second game to be played between Elkaim of 43 Edmund Barton and King of 10 Selborne. This was probably the match of the competition in which both players showed consummate skill and surprising agility and from which Elkaim emerged triumphant 2-0. One game to each team with the decider to be played between Pearce for 43 Edmund Barton and Sexton for 10 Selborne. 10 Selborne tested the nerve of 43 Edmund Barton by cunningly arranging for Sexton to arrive well after the completion of the first two matches. The tension was as taut as a bow string when the two players finally entered court. However 43 Edmund Barton's own secret weapon was Pearce himself, now known as "Cannon Shot" Pearce. Sexton thought he was getting along fine in the warm up until Pearce, with a cry of fury leapt upon the ball and hit it so hard that the observers were temporarily deafened by the sound it made as it blurred off the front wall at the speed of light. Pearce 9-0, 9-0.

Congratulations to Greenwood upon his organisation and to the winning team, 43 Edmund Barton, now the proud owners of the Judge McCredie Cup.* It is to be noted that the winning team has become somewhat smug and Greenwood would appreciate it very much if other squash players out there would lend their services next year to cutting them down to size. □

John Wynyard

*Elkaim walked off with the Bar Association's Best and Fairest Trophy simply because he never conceded a game in the whole tournament.



Elkaim, Wynyard (Cpt.) and Pearce receive the winners trophy from Judge McCredit.

Visit by Bench and Bar from Belfast

A number of members of the Bench and Bar of Northern Ireland will be in Sydney from 16th July to 22nd July.

The Ulstermen will take part in the annual Bench and Bar v Services golf match on 17th July 1992.

This year, that very popular event will be played over Bonnie Doon golf course at Banks Avenue, Pagewood. Players will hit off between 11.00 am and 12.15 pm from two tees, ensuring a comfortable round which will finish well before the light fades.

The traditional post match black tie/mess dress dinner will be held, this year in the Bar Association dining room and the Ulstermen, who all have masters degrees in "having a good time", will also be taking part in that.

A number of our members toured Scotland and Ireland in 1990 and the high point of that trip was dinner in the Supreme Court at Belfast with the Ulstermen - that memorable night promises to be repeated in our dining room this year.

If you play golf at any level of competence you will be more than welcome to join the Services (always great company) and the Ulstermen at Bonnie Doon, which is presently in glorious condition, for the modest cost of \$30.

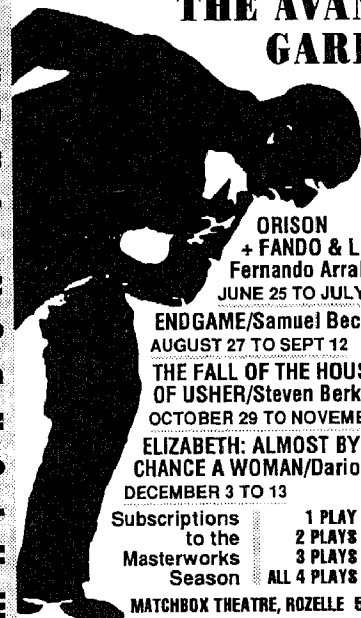
John Close, our resident caterer, is organising what promises to be an excellent meal - even if you don't play golf, come to dinner; \$40 including good wine with the meal is all it will cost.

The annual golf match against the Services, and the dinner, is always an extremely enjoyable and convivial occasion - it promises to be even more so this year with the visit of the high-spirited and friendly Ulstermen.

Numbers will be limited - Eva in the Bar Association office (232 4055) or your Clerk can provide details and a form to reserve your place. Any enquiries should be directed to John Maconachie (231 4461). □

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