

# This Sporting Life

## Bar v Solicitors Hockey

On Sunday 20 August, a very hot and very dry day did not deter Leigh Stone as Manager from the task of getting the Bar team onto the field at Queen Elizabeth Reserve, West Lindfield to defend the coveted Noonan Trophy in the annual contest with the Solicitors. Despite his efforts, the match started badly for us as not only did a young, fit and clever Solicitors' forward line take the offensive early and score a goal, but Ireland QC suffered a nasty ankle injury and had to be assisted from the field. Fortunately, George Giagios turned up and he took over at fullback and thereafter performed very well indeed.

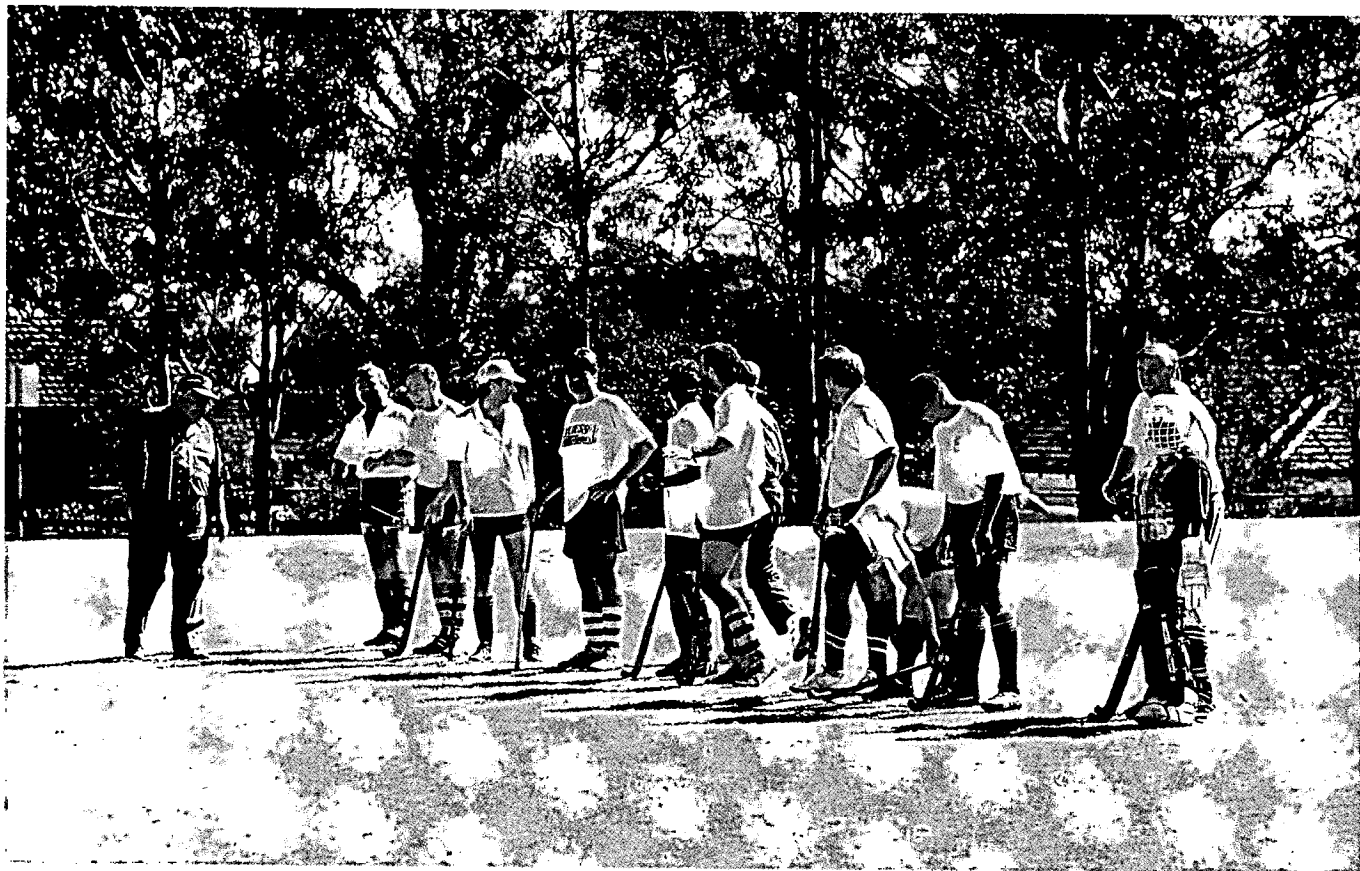
Ian Harvey, an old forward, played out of position at centre half, but had an outstanding game. David Jordan stood out at right half showing fitness and a turn of speed not demonstrated by the rest of the Bar side. Philip Durack made the most of the limited opportunities given to him at centre forward and played skilfully. David Pritchard was also prominent in the forward line. Priscilla Adey and Bruce McManamey, each participating for the first time in one of these matches, contributed well. Despite the efforts of these and others, the Solicitors led at half time 2-0.



*A muzzled Katzmann!*

Masterman QC came on in the second half but even his enthusiastic and vigorous play was not sufficient to hold back the regular attacks on our goal where Anna Katzmann turned in another display of courage and competence. The Solicitors scored two more goals but Durack managed to net one for us. The game was umpired by the well qualified Eric Ralphs and Stan Cleaver from Sydney Hockey Umpires' Association and they kept it under control and in the right spirit, apart from giving Callaghan SC a temporary suspension for allegedly foul play - a questionable call!

Old hockey stalwarts Gyles QC and Gordon Johnson turned up to support the Bar and Johnson presented the trophy to the Solicitors' Captain so that, after several years, it will be out of the Bar's possession for the next 12 months. Much drinking, eating, recounting of past glories and other socialising went on until the early evening. The Bar complement on the field was Priscilla Adey, Bellanto QC, Callaghan SC (Captain), Lyn Cooper (non-practising), Philip Durack, George Giagios, Ian Harvey, Ireland QC, David Jordan, Anna Katzmann, Patrick Larkin, Bruce McManamey, Masterman QC, David Pritchard, and David Robertson. □



*The Bar side await their opponents.*

## Sir Owen Dixon XI v The Kookaburras

*Although this match took place early this year, it is worth recording the sorties of a chambers-based sports team.*

On Sunday 5 February 1995 the pride of Sir Owen Dixon Chambers, namely their First XI, played what is hoped to be the inaugural clash with the Goulburn-based, barrister-eating Kookaburras. The Kookaburras are a team mainly composed of local gentry and Goulburn squattocracy. The match was played on a private property northwest of Goulburn.

The evening prior to the match involved a dinner at the Goulburn Club where Jack Pollard, famous and prodigious author of sporting works, was the guest of honour and spoke to the gathering after dinner. Jack then fielded questions with considerably greater skill than was demonstrated the following day.

Owen Dixon, led by right-arm, leg-spinning Captain Terracini, won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket that could best be described as non-conductive under scudding rain clouds. During breaks in the drought relief, Owen Dixon got off to a healthy start reaching 0-49. This was followed by a "procession" to and from the dressing sheds with the addition of 116 runs leaving a total of 165 to defend. Top score with 49 runs was Chambers junior Shane McNee. The pick of the bowling was J Tozer taking 4 wickets and narrowly missing a hat-trick, something never before experienced by the Owen Dixon XI. Thos Hodgson of Edmund Barton Chambers joined our team for the day and supplied important gear.

A marvellous lunch was laid on by the Kookaburras who were catering for some 30-35 people all-told. In a nearby paddock 85 sheep looked on enviously.

The defence struck immediate problems after the resumption. The Kookaburras raced to 0-80 before D Tozer retired on 50. As prayers for rain went unanswered the Kookaburras continued the onslaught to reach 103 before Terracini brought himself into the attack. Notwithstanding a saturated synthetic wicket and a waterlogged ball (courtesy of a magnificent 6 over long-on into a distant creek off David "but it was on middle stump" Farthing) Terracini took 2 for 8 and also had several chances dropped. John O'Sullivan took a magnificent catch at long-on despite the ball gathering ice during its lengthy ascent and descent.

The Kookaburras reached the target of 30 overs for the loss of 4 wickets. Jack Pollard, who graciously agreed to become Owen Dixon patron, had stayed to watch most of the match and was also on hand to autograph several of his works. Fortunately Jack could not stay until the end so perhaps left with fond memories of his team's performance to that point. All agree, however, that with a few more runs and improved catching, the result could have been a close-run thing, and with that in mind, the Kookaburras have suggested an annual fixture. No other team has been bestowed that honour. Oh, what a joy beating barristers!

After the match there was the presentation:

Best Bowler:	Terracini
Best Batsman:	D Tozer (Kookaburras)
Best Fielder:	O'Sullivan

A few light ales, the photo, and we were away with extremely fond memories of a great day's cricket. □

W C Terracini and P W G Stitz  
Sir Owen Dixon Chambers



(L to R front row) Winston Terracini, Thos. Hodgson, Angus Gibson, P Stitz, Guy Yuill, Phil Collins.  
(L to R 2nd row) D Tozer, "The Moth" Williams, Ian Cheetham, Skinny Adams, P. Beale, Andrew "Slasher" Mackay, Lewis Tyndall, Tozer Junior. (L to R back row) Colin McDonald, Lindsay Cline, Steve Lamond, David Farthing, John O'Sullivan, Shane McKnee, Philip Bates, "Bullet" Green, Jack Dempsey, Deputy Chief Magistrate of New South Wales G. Henson.