



1st Decade 1951-52 to 1959-60

- Coastal cricket was a patchwork of competitions following the Second World War, with various local rosters in place. The Tattersall Shield was an end of season play-off in place from 1946-47 and carried over to be the Premiership Shield for North West Tasmania Cricket Association (the “NWTCA”) on its formation for the 1951/52 Season. F.B. Edwards was the NWTCA’s inaugural President and R.E. Pinkard it’s secretary.
- Initial season clubs: Devonport, Latrobe, Penguin, South Burnie, Ulverstone, Yeoman.
- During the decade: Sheffield & Wynyard (joined from 1952-53 onwards). From 1955-56 Latrobe and Penguin withdrew. Penguin rejoined in 1959-60, and Circular Head also joined.
- B Grade (2nd Grade) competition commenced in 1957-58.
- State Players in the Decade: Athol Shephard (Y), Bernard Considine (W), Ray Stokes (SB)
- The team of the 1st Decade contains six players who are in the NWTCA/CNW Hall of Fame*, headlined by one of Tasmania’s best-ever multi-sport champions in Ray Stokes and fast-bowling great Peter Lyons.
- Games were played on uncovered wickets and runs were at a premium for many batsman.
- 1st NWTCA century was made in round 1 by H Matthews of Devonport (116) against Latrobe, with the next week, day 2 of the game, M Fawkner of Latrobe scored the second (107no).

1st Decade - Premierships 1951-52 to 1959-60

- 1951-52 – 6 teams - South Burnie – Premiership Table leader
- 1952-53 – 8 - Yeoman
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- 1954-55 – 8 - Yeoman
- 1955-56 – 6 - Yeoman – 1st Grand Final (1 v 2 on ladder)
- 1956-57 – 6 - Devonport
- 1957-58 – 6 - Sheffield
- 1958-59 – 6 - Yeoman
- 1959-60 – 8 - Ulverstone

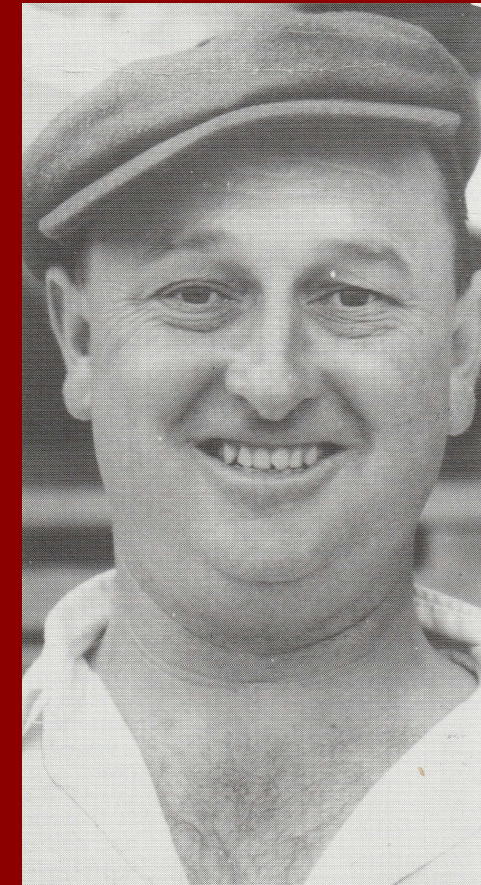
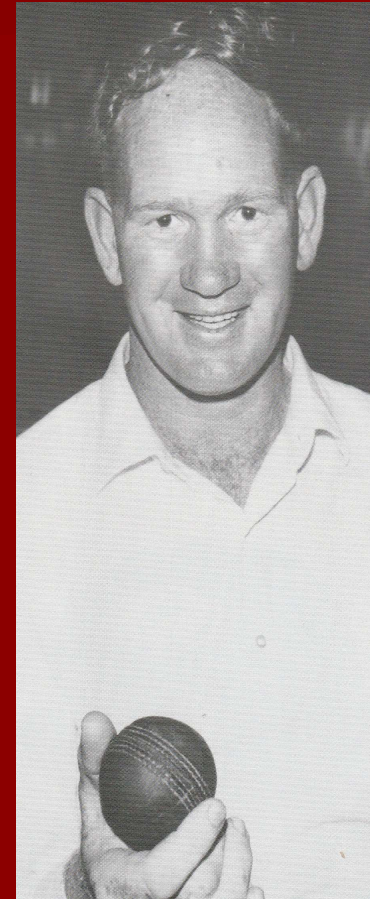
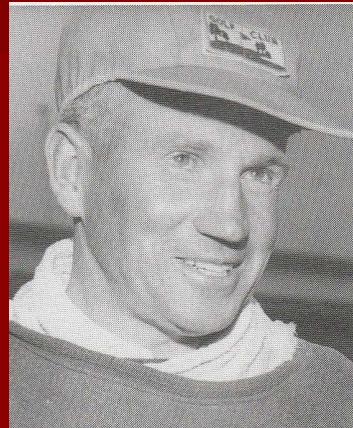
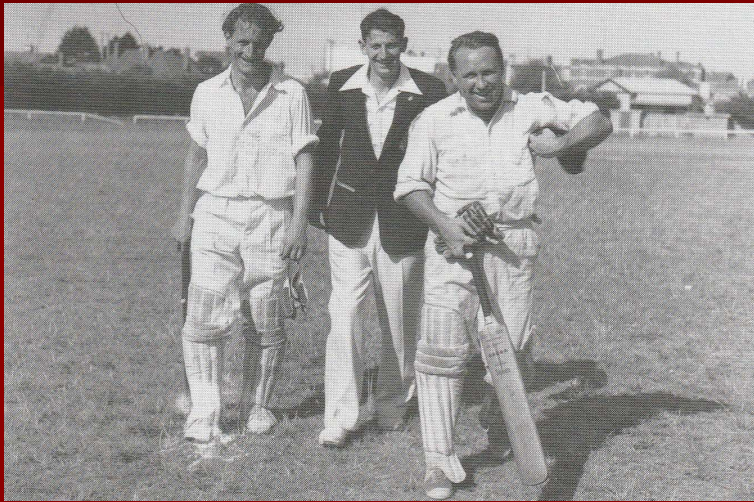
1st Decade – Batting / Bowling

Season	Batting	Runs	Ave	Bowling	Wkts	Ave
1951-52	Batt, R	338	67.60	Pearson, D	34	6.55
1952-53	Stokes, R G	493	123.00	Morse, E G	23	4.78
1953-54	Stokes, R G	518	86.33	Haygarth, I	40	7.37
1954-55	Jones, J	460	38.33	Considine, B	41	5.21
1955-56	Stokes, R G	362	36.20	Shepherd, M	54	7.01
1956-57	McCormack, M	369	52.71	Rocher, T W	37	9.51
1957-58	Shephard, A L	343	34.30	Wootton, T	35	7.60
1959-60	Shephard, A L	397	66.17	Bloomfield, K	63	6.24

Team of the Decade 1951-52 to 1959-60

- **JACK JONES (Yeoman):** 8 full season, 2278 runs @ 24.76
- **RAY STOKES (South Burnie):** 5 full seasons, 2046 runs @ 63.94
- **TREVOR SMITH (Devonport):** 8 full seasons, 2370 runs @ 23.47
- **REX BATT (South Burnie/Ulverstone):** 8 full seasons, 1786 runs @ 34.35
- **ATHOL SHEPHARD (Yeoman):** 9 full seasons, 3240 runs @ 37.24, 109 wickets @ 10.62
- **GARTH SANKEY (Sheffield):** 8 full seasons, 2197 runs @ 24.69, 144 wickets @ 10.85
- **PETER LYONS (Devonport):** 8 full seasons, 348 wickets @ 8.69
- **KEN BLOOMFIELD (Yeoman):** 9 full seasons, 300 wickets @ 9.35
- **JIM HORLER (Wynyard/Yeoman):** 6 full seasons, 214 wickets @ 12.43
- **TOM ROCHER (Wynyard):** 6 full seasons, 183 wickets @ 10.40
- **JOE CRAWFORD (Devonport) - WK:** 7 full seasons, 62 catches, 34 stumpings
- **12th - MAX SHEPHARD (Yeoman):** 9 full seasons, 1470 runs @ 15.81, 208 wickets @ 9.65

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Clockwise from above:
Ray Stokes (left) and Rex Batt (right) (SB) /
Athol Shephard (Yeo) / Tom Rocher (Wyn)
/ Garth Sankey (She) / Ken Bloomfield
(Yeo)

