

BOOK NOTES

Michael J. Greenwood, *The Grinsted Cup: A Cricket Tradition*. Masterprint, Dubbo, 1985. Illus., records. pp.114.

Established in 1919 the Grinsted Cup has been a significant focus for cricket in the Central West of New South Wales. Many prominent cricketers including Stan McCabe, Cec Pepper, Jack Moroney, Peter Toohey and others have played in this competition. This book is especially welcome because so many star cricketers have been produced in country New South Wales and so little research has been done on this phenomenon.

Although this is mainly a match-by-match, season-by-season account of Cup competition there are many valuable insights into the way cricket is played in the country: the role of families in country cricket (the four McCabe brothers of Grenfell); the meaning of the Cup, and cricket, to outback communities; poems published in the town dailies to celebrate victories; processions to bring the Cup back to town and an assortment of colourful characters and bush legends.