

George Gunner (Surrey Hills) – 1902 to 1933

A regular captain of the Reporter representative sides in the 1920's, George Gunner spent thirty seasons with Surrey Hills from 1902-03 to 1932-33, a stint only broken with a season at Canterbury in 1907-08. Using available records, Gunner is the leading run-maker in 'A Grade' to the end of 1964-65 with 6541 runs.

If all records could be located, Gunner would have played well over 300 games with Surrey Hills. His total Reporter record shows 6657 runs at 22.80, 6360 of these runs with Surrey Hills. Gunner only played 'B Grade' cricket in his final two seasons.

Gunner played in five Premierships with Surrey Hills in 1904-05, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1929-30 and 1930-31. In 1910-11 he won the Reporter 'A Grade' batting average with 442 runs at 49.11.

In 1917-18, Gunner made his highest score of 170 not out against Blackburn while in 1922-23, he made 453 runs which included scored of 158 against Doncaster and 130 against Balwyn. In all, Gunner made 5 centuries and 24 fifties.

Gunner was a useful bowler during the first half of his career and he was found with 169 wickets including season hauls of 25 wickets in both 1908-09 and 1914-15.