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| Club | Sydenham | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
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| **Match** | **Date** | | | **Opposition** | | | | **Venue** | | | **Batting** | | **How Out** | **Balls** | **Maidens** | | **Runs** | **Wickets** | **Catches** | |
| **1940/41 Season** | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 205 | **25/12/1940** | | | **Otago** | | | | **Lancaster Park** | | | 4 | | b | **167** | **5** | | **52** | **6** |  | |
|  |  | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  | 152 | 2 | | 61 | 3 | 1 | |
| 206 | 1/01/1941 | | | Wellington | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 15 | | b | 112 | 2 | | 54 | 1 | 1 | |
|  |  | | |  | | | |  | | | 10 | | b | 160 | 0 | | 99 | 1 |  | |
| 207 | 7/02/1941 | | | Otago | | | | Carisbrook | | |  | |  | 120 | 4 | | 49 | 3 |  | |
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| **208** | **28/02/1941** | | | **Wellington** | | | | **Basin Reserve** | | | **61** | | **no** | 48 | 2 | | 13 | 0 | 1 | |
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| **1945/46 Season** | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 216 | 24/12/1945 | | | Auckland | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 3 | | b | 18 | 0 | | 11 | 0 | 2 | |
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| **1946/47 Season** | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 220 | 25/12/1946 | | | Otago | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 41 | | b | 36 | 3 | | 13 | 0 |  | |
| 221 | 1/01/1947 | | | Wellington | | | | Basin Reserve | | | 10 | | b | 18 | 1 | | 7 | 0 |  | |
|  |  | | |  | | | |  | | | 25 | | ct |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 222 | 8/01/1947 | | | Auckland | | | | Eden Park | | | 28 | | b |  |  | |  |  |  | |
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| **1950/51 Season** | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 234 | 22/12/1950 | | | Otago | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 41 | | kct |  |  | |  |  | 1 | |
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| 235 | 29/12/1950 | | | Wellington | | | | Basin Reserve | | | 8 | | kct | 18 | 1 | | 3 | 0 |  | |
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| 236 | 5/01/1951 | | | Auckland | | | | Eden Park | | | 42 | | ct | 30 | 1 | | 23 | 0 |  | |
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| **1951/52 Season** | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| 249 | 4/01/1952 | | | Auckland | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 3 | | kct |  |  | |  |  | 2 | |
| 250 | 11/01/1952 | | | Wellington | | | | Lancaster Park | | | 3 | | kct |  |  | |  |  |  | |
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| **Season** | **M** | **Inns** | **NO** | | **HS** | **Runs** | **Ave** | | **100** | **50** | **Cts** | **Balls** | **Mdns** | **Runs** | **Wkts** | **Ave** | **Best** | **5W/I** | **10W/M** | **R/100B** | **S/R** |
| 1940/41 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | 61\* | 114 | 28.50 | |  | 1 | 5 | 1019 | 23 | 434 | 16 | 27.13 | 6/52 | 1 |  | 42.59 | 63.69 |
| 1945/46 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | 10 | 13 | 6.50 | |  |  | 3 | 18 | 0 | 11 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 61.11 |  |
| 1946/47 | 3 | 5 | 0 | | 28 | 136 | 27.20 | |  |  |  | 54 | 4 | 20 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 37.04 |  |
| 1950/51 | 3 | 6 | 0 | | 42 | 131 | 21.83 | |  |  | 1 | 48 | 2 | 26 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 54.17 |  |
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| **Total** | **13** | **21** | **1** | | **61\*** | **403** | **20.15** | |  | **1** | **12** | **1139** | **29** | **491** | **16** | **30.69** | **6/52** | **1** |  | **43.11** | **71.19** |
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| **Opponent** | **M** | **Inns** | **NO** | | **HS** | **Runs** | **Ave** | | **100** | **50** | **Cts** | **Balls** | **Mdns** | **Runs** | **Wkts** | **Ave** | **Best** | **5W/I** | **10W/M** | **R/100B** | **S/R** |
| Auckland | 4 | 7 | 0 | | 42 | 132 | 18.86 | |  |  | 5 | 48 | 1 | 34 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 70.83 |  |
| Otago | 4 | 4 | 0 | | 41 | 90 | 22.50 | |  |  | 3 | 639 | 21 | 224 | 14 | 16.00 | 6/52 | 1 |  | 35.05 | 45.64 |
| Wellington | 5 | 10 | 1 | | 61\* | 181 | 20.11 | |  | 1 | 4 | 452 | 7 | 233 | 2 |  | 1/54 |  |  | 51.55 | 226.00 |

**Burgess** joined the Sydenham club in 1938 and played for the second grade team scoring 260 runs at 32. He took 35 wickets at 14. The following year he played first grade and continued on until the 1957/58 season. In all he played 117 first grade matches and scored 5405 runs in 174 innings at an average of 32.5, he scored 29 half centuries and six centuries with a top score of 158. His 204 wickets were gained at 23. 2. A very good year in 1940/41 with 502 runs at 41.8 gained him selection for Canterbury.

At the age of 20 he had an outstanding first class debut taking six wickets against Otago and 16 wickets for the season. Strangely he never took another wicket in his remaining 12 matches. His first wicket was an lbw decision but history does not recorded whether it was given by his father who was standing in the match. Burgess took the last four wickets helping to dismiss Otago for 298. Canterbury were dismissed for 237 and when Otago declared at 241/8 Canterbury were given 170 minutes to score 304 runs. In a magnificent display of hitting Hadlee and O’Brien put on 210 in 82 minutes for the second wicket and the runs were made in 138 minutes. His only half century came in the same season when batting at seven against Otago, he came to the wicket with Canterbury at158 for the loss of five wickets. His 61 not out was scored in 114 minutes and included four 4’s. However after a partnership with Harbridge of 58 the last three wickets fell for one run. Canterbury had a lead of 100 and needing 238 for victory they collapsed badly to be all out for 110 and lost the match by 127 runs. In the first game of the 1946/47 season against Otago Burges and Roy Scott combined in an eighth wicket partnership of 95 scored in 107 minutes to help Canterbury to a first innings lead of 185. However Otago batted through all of the the final day to be seven wickets down for 274 to gain a draw.

Burgess served in the Middle East during WW2 and after the war was selected for the NZ Services team playing a first class match against Leveson- Gowers XI. He also played another 3 one innings matches for the NZ Services XI in July 1945. After service in the war he returned for the 1945/46 season and was captain of the Sydenham first grade team in 1948/49, 1949/50 and 1953/54. Alan also had a time on the Sydenham committee. He coached and selected the Canterbury Brabin cup team from 1968/69 to 1970/71.

Brittenden writing in the Sydenham’s Centenary book said **“when Burgess was promoted to the senior ranks he was an immediate success. He was a steady and at times an exciting batsman and a skilful left hand bowler whose first class career was affected by the presence of Tom Burtt in Christchurch. A very cheerful character”.**

He married Joyce Barber in 1947. His father was Tom Burgess, a well known umpire who stood in 21 first class matches, including three in which his son Alan played in. Tom Burgess also umpired the Test match against the MCC in March 1933 at Lancaster Park.