

NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST CRICKET CLUB

1978/79

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE David Oswin, Neil Johnston

SECRETARY'S REPORT Unfortunately, 1978/79 did not produce the high degree of success for the club that many of us anticipated after last summers encouraging effort. This was due to several factors - not least of which was the loss of some experienced senior players and an entire junior team along with their parents and their coach.

Only the U14s and the thirds qualified for the finals; the other teams ending the season around the middle of their respective premiership tables. The U14s were narrowly defeated in the semi, whilst the thirds didn't even make it that far. This was undoubtedly the major disappointment of the season, for following the teams inspiring performance last season, it was felt that the young players could only build on that achievement. Performances with bat and ball left little to be desired, but unfortunately a number of the boys proved unable to accept the responsibility of playing senior cricket and drew the attention of the umpire once too often. The club may have perhaps been at fault for not providing the team with more experienced leadership on the field - but this is easier said than done. The most disturbing feature of the D2 debacle was that those hardest hit were the responsible players who were caused to suffer for the indiscretions of their teammates. We must be careful to prevent this situation ever arising again.

Despite some encouraging individual performances, neither the 1sts nor 2nds were able to follow up their success of recent years. Injuries and unavailabilities are of course, unavoidable, but a number of big names failed to live up to their reputations, and as Tony points out it may be time for those players to reassess their attitudes to the game and particularly to practice. On the brighter side, the junior XIs fared very well considering the events of last winter. Under David Oswins management the U14s developed into a successful combination held together by some very promising young cricketers. The U16s developed similarly after some early difficulties. The hidden advantage of Kevin Millers piper was that so many boys who would not have otherwise played cricket found a game with our club.

Congratulations to all the captains, particularly Tony Chanter who proved himself an admirable A grade skipper, and to all award winners.

Richard Stone

'A' GRADE REPORT The First XI did not enjoy a successful season, and I am consequently thankful that I have been requested to keep this report short, as there are very few positive aspects to highlight.

Statistically we finished 7th on the premiership ladder with 35 points; 6 points and percentage out of the four. It may appear as though we narrowly missed playing in the finals, but no player could possibly admit that our performances throughout the year would have been deserving of such a position.

On a brighter note though, there were a few praiseworthy efforts produced this season. Russell Davison, elected VC at the beginning of the season, was not only an experienced adviser to myself, but again a great example to the team. Due to continual failures by the upper order batsmen, Russ. was required to bat 5 or 6 positions higher than he had in previous seasons and yet acquitted himself admirably. His superb century (without doubt the best innings of the year) in the 2nd round against Canterbury indicates that he still has a great many runs to score and a great deal of cricket still to play.

Trevor Tombs again provided a good season with the ball. He was our top wicket taker with 21 wickets and a best performance of 6/34. Although slower than in previous seasons, Trev still managed to effect many early breakthroughs.

Chris Price, the only newcomer to the team was a very handy acquisition, though unfortunately we did not see quite enough of his talent. Chris was in my opinion the fastest bowler I faced in our competition throughout the year (at one of his rare appearances at training) and it is only his lack of application that prevents him from being a consistent, top line bowler. He could also hit the ball!

Neil Johnston (Johnno) also indicated in his appearances in the Firsts that he also has the ability and the technique to be an early middle order batsman and a bad fieldsman. (Editors note: This must be a printing error.)

I am also told that Rob Walsh, who should probably have played in 'A' grade this year, has improved to the extent that if he can continue his form, must be a starter next season.

Brad Liddle also demonstrated his ability as a cricketer and together with some of the other talented younger players our 'A' grade side should not be short of skill in future years.

Ron Blake's return from New Guinea was also a boost to the team. In fact, after Ron's return we did not lose a game, except for the last one against St. Barnabas, in which he did not play. I don't think it was just coincidence.

Unfortunately, attendance and participation at training was poor throughout the season. I think the players who made a consistent effort to attend and practise. Poor training efforts were in my opinion reflected in our attitude, application and performance on Saturdays. It is impossible to play any sport at any level and expect to perform well without practising the required skills. I am sure that players do at times have trouble attending training, and exceptions can be made. However, I do not believe it is too much for players to find 1 - 2 hours per week to practise. Training, as we all know, is not ideal, but non attendance does not help.

This year, if anything, proved that players cannot cruise through 'A' grade relying only on their natural ability. Next season we must prove that we are as good as we tell each other we are.

Finally, I would like to thank Richard Stone for the tremendous effort he has again put in for the club. Many people, including myself are at times critical of Dick for the manner in which he runs things, including training, but the more I look at it, I realised that if Dick didn't do it nobody else would. Dick has a pretty thankless task, yet he never complains. I can't imagine that it is too enjoyable having to organise and run training and then remain until last every night to see that all the equipment is packed up; an effort that leaves most of us to shame.

All this adds up to the point that a club doesn't only run on a Saturday, and if our club is going to thrive we must all realise this. The next few years will be make or break years for the club, and if we are going to succeed then we must become involved as a club.

Tony Chanter
(Captain)

'C1' REPORT Although we finished only 4 points out of the final four, the seconds completed a rather disappointing season. We suffered from the effects of a rather unsettled team prior to Christmas, but in essence our problems could be attributed to the lack of an experienced, penetrating bowler to replace Ed Irons, and more significantly, to the failure of our batsmen to make runs. Compared with past seasons, our batting performances throughout the year left much to be desired. We were only able to top the 200 twice, in the first and last match respectively. In between we ended too often with scores 100 - 150; not really enough runs for our bowlers to work with.

If team performances on the whole were disappointing, there were on the other hand a number of encouraging individual performances. Robby Walsh continued to develop and improve in all aspects of the game. His Magro efforts in the covers make him a preseason tip for the Brownlow, but his batting - climaxed with a fine 98 against Camb. Salvos - was one of the highlights of the summer. His bowling, as usual, was accurate; his scoring gutsy.

Craig Rowbotham, after a successful season in U/16s and D2 proved a valuable asset to the team. When he put his mind to it, Craig looked a particularly forward bowler to handle. His natural ability with the ball, combined with fine control and a willingness to learn was borne out in a couple of excellent performances - especially his 8/70 off 21 overs against Hartwell. Craig slipped into the number 11 batting spot as if he was born there.

Mike Walsh saved his best batting for the last five minutes of the season, but apart from this entertaining effort and a solid 47 early in the season, Mike's batting was disappointing. He clearly has the ability to produce the goods, but must learn to adapt his twilight technique to the two day game. Wal's bowling was at times very effective (6/22 against Trinity) but frequently lacked that extra oite that might come if he were able to put more work in at the nets. On the credit side, Wal's very presence in the field was at times enough to inspire the younger players to greater heights - not to mention the spectators.

Mike Hill was unfortunately unable to find the kind of form that him such a hit last season, but a couple of solid innings early on, and his fine work in the gully continued to make him a valuable member of the team.

David Oswin and Neil Johnston could have been the big success stories of the season in the seconds, but the books were in such a mess in 'A' grade that we saw very little of them or their green biros. Johnno's maiden century in the first round (the only one in the seconds) proved that the leg glance wasn't his only shot after all, while Ossie's solid 40 against Summerhill was another encouraging innings by this rising young star.

Rob Hands produced another useful season in true Rob Hands tradition. A couple of fine innings under pressure including his first half-century against Trinity, and some remarkable mopping up operations with the ball. Imagine if you can a team being 6/115 and all out for the same total a few minutes later with a bowler capturing 4 wickets in the space of 6 balls to finish with figures of 1.5 overs, 1 maiden, 4 wickets for no runs. Amazing!

Dave Brodtmann finally received his long deserved promotion from the thirds this year, and acquitted himself very well, both as a keeper and a batsman. His finest hour with the bat was undoubtedly against the Barnys when coming in at no.8 Dave top scored with 35 on paddock with grass a foot high. Experts predict a bright future for this lad (so does his mother).

Although Frank Caldwell's batting performances will not exactly win him Sportsman of the Year, they continued to show promise. As soon as Frank finds the middle of his bat those 10s will turn into 20s into 30s etc. If Frank were to spend as much time at practice as he does at the TAB his game would improve dramatically (wanna bet?).

Glenn Weatherley shaped up well early in the season, showing great potential with the bat, but less strenuous weekend activities soon attracted his attention and he was unfortunately lost to NBMCC. Our loss however, proved to be a great gain for another longstanding local institution, where Glenn easily topped both the aggregate and the average.

Ed 'The Mouth' Earl and Greg Stone both had interrupted seasons due to various other commitments, but were each able to maintain their established reputations - Greg with a fine fighting innings against Hawthorn Salvos and his brilliant slips catching, and Ed with his sharp barrages of short pitched bowling and stinging sarcasm.

Other notable appearances this year came from Trevor Baxter, Ross Boucher and Chris Byrne whose talents added an extra edge to the teams late season performances. Its a pity Byrne wasn't with us longer. Richard Stone (Capt)

'D2' REPORT For the third XI, 1978/79 was a successful yet disappointing season with outstanding onfield performances being marred by several foolish and unnecessary incidents which resulted in the team being disqualified by the ESCA FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE FINALS. The team completed the home and away matches 10 points clear at the top of the list, but were of course unable to go on and take out the flag.

Congratulations to those players who co-operated with their captain throughout the season and maintained both the good name of the club and the true spirit of the game. For any player who felt that he did less than this, let it be hoped that the unpleasant experience of the final weeks of the season may have given him something to think about.

After some early experimentation, Mark Pryn was appointed permanent captain - a position not without its difficulties. The continued success of the team justified Mark's selection and if he wasn't quite able to rule with an iron hand, his responsible attitude and consistent batting performances throughout the season provided an example to the rest of the team.

Due to some fine bowling performances by Steven Buth, Mark Droscher and Rod Towers during the first half of the summer, the thirds managed to produce four successive outright victories and race to an unassailable position on the ladder.

Steve Buth got off to a good start with a hat-trick - all bowled - in the first match and followed it up with good performances including a bag of seven in one innings. Steve's unavailability after Christmas was particularly disappointing, and it is hoped that he might be back with us again in the near future.

Mark Droscher, wicketkeeper turned opening bowler, proved very successful with the new ball when he wasn't busy chatting with the umpire, and in one memorable display collected 7/10 (all bowled) against Blackburn Road. Rod Towers, in between duckshooting excursions and suspensions also showed a talent with the ball, capturing 6/28 in All Saints second innings.

On the batting side there were some spirited performances from a number of batsmen, resulting in three totals of over 200. The first day of the season was highlighted by the batting of Ross Boucher and Frank Caldwell before he was whisked away to the seconds. Dave Brodtmann averaged around 50 after his first three games and had captured more than a dozen victims behind the stumps before harding

the gloves over to Scott Rutherford and joining the men in the seconds. Scott's obvious delight in placing the ball over the fieldsmen's heads prevented him once again from realising his full potential with the bat, but his innings of 59 against All Saints with 5 sixers was OK.

Paul Crump, Barry Hodges and Peter Hiscock each showed some talent with bat or ball, as well as a shared desire to get on with the action. Richard Iudekens 'Tix' came good with a very handy 46 against St Barnabas. Steven Down also produced a couple of good batting and bowling performances, but the surprise packet of the season was undoubtedly Paul Chesterman, whose swashbuckling innings frequently threw the opposition into disarray. Paul finished the summer on a high note with an undefeated 63 against Semi-finalists St. Marks. Kevin Hurley acquitted himself well in the No. 11 batting spot, doing everything a number 11 is expected to do; he had more success however with the ball, capturing 3/4 in only his second bowling spell with NBMCC.

The addition of Brad Liddle to the team after the break helped maintain a high success rate, and he proved once again that he is a bowler capable of success at a much higher level. In only three matches Brad captured 17 wickets at an average of 4.52. The batting towards the end of the summer continued to depend on Mark Droscher, Prynney and Ross when the seconds would let him go, but perhaps the highlights of the latter part of the season were provided by U/16 Jim Phillips with a fine 79 and U/14s captain Kevin Wiegel's 55 in the final round. With talent like this on the way up the future looks bright.

Thanks to all the players who attended and assisted at training, and to those who helped transport players, and equipment during the season, and lets hope that next year will see the long awaited NBMCC third XI premiership.

Richard Stone

UNDER 16 REPORT After the mass exodus of last year's U/14 team led by the Kerry Packer of Suffolk St. it seemed for a time as though we might be struggling to field an U/16 team for 1978/79, however, with much door knocking and arm twisting we finally managed to produce 8 players for the second round (having been very conveniently granted a bye in the opening round). The fact that only two of the eight had played competition cricket before did not worry us unduly - until we saw them in action.

Although Davids Hands and Payne had been attracted by the bright lights of the Avenue, Dave Brodtmann sensibly rejected an offer from the Miller camp and remained with us where, as captain, his ability and experience was fully respected and appreciated.

As the season progressed and word of our enjoyable Saturday mornings spread, the team gradually grew until by the end of March we had 17 players on our list. The season was divided experimentally into separate series of two day matches prior to Christmas and one day fixtures after the break. Such a system suited us well, for although we lacked the necessary talent to successfully contest the longer games, we were as it turned out well suited to the more concentrated one day game, and it was through Feb. and March that we achieved our best results.

The batting relied heavily on the ability of the skipper to hog the strike, but as the season progressed the pressure on Broddy eased somewhat as Jim Phillips, Gary Christiansen, Gordon Rothnie and Andrew Flynn began to develop confidence and produce useful innings. Jim looked good all along, but once he straightened out his stance he was even better. Although involved in several matchwinning partnerships with Broddy, Jim's finest effort was in the match against Glen Iris when he scored an undefeated 51 to guide us to victory. Jim's keeping was also a great asset. Gordon sometimes had trouble getting bat to ball, but did manage to produce some useful innings, whilst Golly showed us what he is capable of doing when he scored a brisk 27 against Trinity including 5 fours from 6 balls in one over. Gary Christiansen joined us for the onedayers, and after being frustrated several times by running out of partners, he was finally given the chance in the final when Dave asked him to open with him. In case you haven't heard, Gary made the most of his opportunity by scoring a powerful unbeaten century. Meanwhile Broddy himself wasn't exactly fiddling around at the other end and also produced his maiden ton. Between the two of them they only needed 18 overs to amass an unbroken opening stand of 236 - narrowly beating our previous U/16 record set by Smithy and Chanter some years back.

On the other hand, there were a few batting lows during the season. The most forgettable performance being our disastrous 36 in the return match against the Avenue on a damp wicket. The sometimes very long tail of our batting order wagged very rarely and achieved some remarkably embarrassing performances. Against Trinity we lost our

last 6 wickets for no runs, against Blacky Sth we lost 5 for 3. This sort of thing might have discouraged many teams, but our boys kept coming back for more. In the Avenue disaster we lost 7 for 2, in the return match with Blacky Sth we lost 5 for 7 and so it goes.

Dave Renton, Bruce Hollingsworth, Dean Dipierdomenico (yes, he is related) Mark Osbourne and Andrew 'Merv' Jetson all looked OK in the nets, but weren't always able to handle the high pressure situation of match play.

Our performances with the ball this year were encouraging. After the first match no team was able to get on top of our attack, despite a number of changes in our bowling lineup. Dave Makrides, Russ Atkinson and Gordon did most of the bowling before Christmas along with the skipper, and each had their moment of glory. Dave Makrides capturing 4/15 in one game and Gordon 4/52 in another. Broddy proved a versatile and effective bowler all year opening the attack on some occasions and even bowling a bouncer one morning, but it was as a leg spinner that he locked most dangerous capturing 6 wickets on two lucky mornings and looking more promising than Wocca Watkins ever did.

Gary Christiansen and Mick Cvetkovic joined forces after the break and caused much concern to opposition batsmen with the new (old) ball. Mick capturing four wickets on two occasions before mysteriously disappearing into the gloom.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season was the enthusiasm of the players and their willingness to learn and improve. This was borne out particularly in the field, where their efforts early in the season almost brought their coach to tears, but later improved dramatically. So much in fact that even Burnsy stopped one after Christmas!

Thanks to all the players for co-operating with both Broddy and myself - it was good to see a team that never resorted to arguing and backstabbing on the field. Thanks also to Mrs Brodtmann for her accurate and legible scoring and to Byrny for his help with transport. Special mention should also be made of those players who made guest appearances this summer; Phillip Shaw before doing his cartilage, Rocca for getting out of bed for us, and Breeny for putting the wind up the Avenue.

Richard Stone (Manager)

UNDER 14 REPORT The Under 14s had an extremely successful year considering the dubious start we had to the season. Having only one player, Ross McDonald, being left from the previous season's team, it was necessary to recruit an entire team; not an easy task as was discovered. We were however, able to get a team together and in doing so managed to sign some good young cricketers.

After the first game it looked as though it was going to be a long hard season, being soundly beaten by the previous season's runners up, Kerrimuir.

However, the team slowly began to work together, at times playing with only eight players, and became a pretty fair sort of team. The kids snuck through a couple of wins by small margins, the best being the game against Deepdene (A zone) just before Christmas. Chasing 142, the boys passed the score on the last ball of the day.

After some fine performances following the break, the team found itself finishing in the fourth position, and playing Glen Iris/East Kew in the Semi-Final. Chasing what seemed, and what turned out to be, too large a total, our boys fell short by a mere 12 runs. A very fine effort for a new team.

The side has produced some good players; Kevin Wiegel, (Captain) Ross McDonald, Peter Ferrari, Steve Warren (All who represented the Association in Under 14, and in Steve's case Under 12 games) David Shaw, Rod Hames, Alan Roodhouse and Mile Jansen. Kevin and Rod enter Under 16s next year while the others remain in Under 14s, so all looks well for continuing strength in our junior ranks.

Thanks must be extended to all parents who helped with transport each week, particularly to Mrs. Jansen who managed to sit through them all. Also thanks to Andrew (HONK) Hawk for scoring each week and to Byrny for umpiring in the Final.

David Oswin (Manager)

TWILIGHT TRAGEDY

Nocturnal wizards deprived of premiership.

Despite a series of convincing victories, for the second successive season we finished running up to the Barnys by merest of percentage points.

The season began with a comfortable victory over our old favourites from Blacky Road. Undaunted by the awesome opening combination of Gibbs and Gibbs, Tony 'Sikko' Chanter quickly rushed to a lead in the points race by

capturing 4 wickets in his mandatory 3 overs. Pricey, a last minute inclusion, threw in a few runouts and with Brew in fine catching form the Terrara terrors were bundled out for a not too imposing total. Our innings was highlighted by the wonderful Gibbs humour as Alan (always the clown) thought he'd bowl off a 40 yard run just for a lark. Nice try Gibbsy.

The next game against Trinity saw a highscoring evening in which the brilliant captaincy of Brains and the very last minute inclusion of turf professional, Mr J. Wycherly QC gave us the edge over our opponents. A boring opening stand by the above mentioned was soon forgotten as Ossie performed a remarkable golden duck - the way he picked out the fieldman at backward square was a joy to behold. Dick and Sub soon got on top of the attack and some last minute swishing brought us a record total of 142. Despite a limited attack, some fine fielding, highlighted by Ossies great runout and some impressive catching by Wych - who traps a ball as skilfully as he might trap an unco-operative witness - saw us through to another win. For anybody who might be interested, Ossies bowling figures were as follows; 3 overs, 2 for 16.

The next match was over before it started and Balwyn were convincingly walked over.

The pre-Christmas match against Camberwell was perhaps the highlight of theseason, with our emergency eleven scraping home by a meagre five runs. Pricey was appointed skipper of an inexperienced combination which undoubtedly inspired by his astute leadership, overcame both the opposition team and the Camberwell Council. Things were going well - an intelligent opening stand by Dick and Sub was followed by some ball bruising from Pricey when all of a sudden the outfield sprang a leak. The field adjusted itself accordingly and the game continued until it began to rain over silly mid off. This was too much. Our only option was to shift the entire game 150 yards west to dry ground. This was duly done and we were soon dismissed for 95. Priceys skilful handling of our very limited attack combined with some superb fielding kept the pressure on the opposition, and despite some questionable umpiring we won with 55 runs and 4 balls remaining.

The next match saw us smash our twilight record yet again with a full strength team even Packer would have been proud of. Johnnos astute decision to demote Dick

to No 10 paid off and led by Os and Sikko we amassed 149. After some early fireworks from Pricey All Saints wisely decided on a safety first policy and blocked out the last 17 overs. Lawn.

Teddy assumed the mantle of captain for the next game versus Koonung, and despite the absence of Fergy, guided us to another comfortable victory. Inspired by a great contribution from Brev, who was runout almost before Ted had tossed, we rattled up 146 led by Priceys enterprising 32 and a great 9th wicket partnership between Brains and Os. The highpoint of Koonungs exhilarating 57 was Brains wonderful two bites of the cherry catch at Midon. Ossies figures, for all you Ossie watchers were 1.2 overs, 1 for 2. Wonderful stuff.

There is little to say about the final match, except that to stimulate public interest and gain greater media coverage this years fixture was rigged to reach a climactic moment in the final round where the traditional rivals were drawn to meet in a cut throat confrontation which resulted in our throats being cut.

Clearly it was Wals fault.

Anonymous.

Editors note: Under great pressure we have been forced to retract that last statement. It was only partly Wals fault; Minter had a lot to do with it.

ASSOCIATION GAMES As usual our club contributed strongly to inter Association games throughout the summer. Tony Chanter proved a very successful captain of the U/21s and was supported by Messrs Smith, Byrne, M. Walsh, Hall, Meadows

For Junior games we provided David Brodtmann U/16, Kevin Wiegel, Ross McDonald, Rod Hames, Peter Ferrari U/14s and Steve Warren U/12s. Dick was a great manager too.

U/14s SEMIFINAL RESULTS

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|-----------|--------|-------------|---------------------|
| NBMCC | 162 | Lost to | GLEN IRIS/EKEW 4/17 |
| Wiegel | 52 ret | Warren 2 | McDonald 2/22 |
| McDonald | 49 | Farrell 3 | Ferrari 1/22 |
| Shaw | 8 | Cooper 1x | Jansen 1/25 |
| Roodhouse | 5 | Patterson 0 | Warren 1/26 |
| Hames | 3 | Ferrari ABS | Hames 0/32 |
| Jansen | 8 | Extras 32 | Roodhouse 0/28 |

1st XI (A GRADE) STATISTICS

Pts. 35 Pos Won 4 Lost 5 Drawn 2

| | M | I | NO | HS | AGG | AVE | O | M | R | W | AVE | C | RO | PTS |
|---------------|----|----|----|------|-----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|------|----|-------|-----|
| CHANTER, A | 10 | 11 | 2 | 70 | 134 | 48.2 | 96 | 19 | 271 | 19 | 14.3 | 5 | - | 135 |
| TOMBS, T | 10 | 12 | - | 32 | 125 | 11.3 | 110 | 25 | 379 | 21 | 18.1 | 4 | - | 77 |
| PRICE, C | 8 | 7 | - | 32 | 127 | 18.1 | 104 | 17 | 334 | 17 | 19.5 | 4 | - | 69 |
| WALSH, E | 10 | 11 | - | 53 | 150 | 13.6 | 54 | 5 | 199 | 10 | 19.9 | 6 | 1 | 63 |
| HALL, S | 9 | 10 | - | 78 | 115 | 11.5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 14 | 8/1st | 61 |
| DAVISON, R | 9 | 8 | 1 | 106x | 209 | 29.8 | 3 | 1 | 24 | - | - | - | 3 | 48 |
| SMITH, S | 7 | 8 | 1 | 37 | 130 | 18.6 | 24 | 2 | 95 | 4 | 23.7 | 4 | 1 | 43 |
| TANBLYN, J | 8 | 10 | 1 | 29 | 78 | 8.6 | 67 | 9 | 217 | 11 | 19.7 | 1 | - | 42 |
| BLAKE, R | 3 | 3 | - | 36 | 61 | 20.3 | 44 | 5 | 191 | 12 | 15.9 | 1 | - | 38 |
| JOHNSTON, N | 6 | 7 | 2 | 33 | 89 | 17.8 | .1 | - | - | 1 | 0.00 | 3 | - | 26 |
| MEADOWS, C | 10 | 12 | 1 | 33 | 95 | 8.6 | 7 | - | 30 | - | - | 1 | - | 21 |
| BYRNE, C | 7 | 8 | - | - | - | 9.2 | 37 | 11 | 118 | 4 | 29.0 | - | 1 | 16 |
| OSWIN, D | 5 | 5 | 1 | 18x | 28 | 7.0 | 2 | - | 10 | - | - | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| DROSCHE, M | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0x | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| STONE, G | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5x | 7 | 7.00 | 1 | - | 6 | 1 | 6.0 | 1 | - | 5 |
| RUTHERFORD, S | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| LIDDLE, B | 2 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 22 | 11.00 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 17.0 | - | 1 | 5 |
| BAXTER, T | 1 | 1 | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 |

AWARDS

John Tombs Memorial Trophy (Team Champion) A. CHANTER
 Batting Award: R. DAVISON

2nd.XI (C1) STATISTICS

Pts 43 Pos 7 Won 6 Lost 4 Drawn 1

| | M /I /NO/HS /AGG/AVE | 0 /M /R /W ½AVE /C /RO | PTS |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| WALSH, R | 10/12/2 /98 /288/ <u>24.0</u> | 54 /6 /217/17/12.7/6 /2 | 99 |
| WALSH, M | 10/13/- /47 /167/12.84 | 100.2/8 /329/24/13.7/6 /1 | 92 |
| STONE, R | 10/15/1 /57x/ <u>327</u> /23.35 | 20 /1 /112/3 /37.3/2 /- | 73 |
| ROWBOTHAM, C | 10/11/6 /8x /17 /3.4 | 117/14/468/ <u>28</u> /16.7/4 /1 | 64 |
| HANDS, R | 8/11/4 /55 /127/18.14 | 11.5/ 2/47 /8 /5.87/4/ 1 | 46 |
| HILL, M | 9/11/1 /61x/190/19.00 | - / -/- /- / - /6/- | 44 |
| BRODTMANN, D | 7/8 /- /42 /148/18.5 | - /- /- /- / - /7 /2/2st | 39 |
| EARL, E | 7/7 /1 /12 /39 /6.5 | 59/17/192/14/13.7/- /- | 35 |
| WEATHERLEY, G | 7/11/1 /39x/135/13.5 | 3/- /13 /1 /13.0/3 /- | 32 |
| BYRNE, C | 3/3 /- /31 /51 /17.0 | 45.1/ 9/113/9 / <u>12.5</u> /1 /1 | 30 |
| JOHNSTON, N | 3/3 /- / <u>100</u> /128/42.66 | - /- /- /- / - /1 /- | 26 |
| OSWIN, D | 4/7 /1 /40 /105/17.5 | -/ -/ - /- / - / - /- | 21 |
| CALDWELL, F | 7/8 /2 /12x/62 /10.3 | -/- / - /- / - / 5 /- | 17 |
| BAXTER, T | 2/3 /1 /29x/69 /34.5 | 1/- / 9 /1 /9.00/2 /- | 15 |
| STONE, G | 6/7 /- /30 /54 /7.71 | 2/ -/21 /- / - /7 /1 | 18 |
| BLAKE, R | 1/ -/- / - /- / - | 10/1 /31 /2 /15.5/- /- | 4 |
| DROSCHE, M | 2/2 /- /1 / /0.5 | -/- /- / - / - /3 /- | 3 |
| BOUCHER, R | 3/3 /2 /7x /15 /13.0 | -/- / - / - / - /1 /- | 3 |
| LIDDLE, B | 1/- /- /- /- / - | 9 /1 / 25/ 1 /25.0/- /- | 2 |

AWARDS Team Champion: R.WALSH Most Improved: C.ROWBOTHAM
 Special Bowling Award: C.ROWBOTHAM 8/70 vs Hartwell Utg

3rd XI (D2) STATISTICS

Pts. 62

Won 8 Lost 2

| | M | I | NO | HS | AGG | AVE | O | M | R | W | AVE | C | RO | PTS |
|---------------|-------|----|------|------|--------|-------|---------|----------|-------|------|-----|---|----|-----|
| DROSCHER, M | 7/7 | /- | /43 | /191 | /27.28 | 107.5 | 32/293 | 38/7.71 | 8/1 | | | | | 123 |
| BUTH, S | 5/5 | /4 | /16x | /23 | /23.00 | 87 | /20/279 | /30/9.3 | /7/- | | | | | 71 |
| TOWERS, R | 5/6 | /- | /27 | /91 | /15.16 | 73.5 | /28/168 | /22/7.63 | /4/- | | | | | 66 |
| PRYN, M | 10/12 | /1 | /44 | /225 | /20.45 | 14.3 | /3/72 | /5/14.4 | /5/- | | | | | 60 |
| LIDDLE, B | 3/3 | /- | /67 | /94 | /31.33 | 42 | /17/77 | /17/4.52 | /2/- | | | | | 54 |
| DOWN, S | 10/10 | /1 | /30 | /101 | /11.22 | 59.1 | /17/201 | /12/16.7 | /5/2 | | | | | 52 |
| BOUCHER, R | 7/9 | /- | /66 | /175 | /19.44 | 8 | /3/25 | /3/8.33 | /4/- | | | | | 45 |
| CRUMP, P | 9/10 | /1 | /23x | /131 | /14.55 | 47/8 | /138/7 | /19.7 | /2/2 | | | | | 44 |
| RUTHERFORD, S | 8/10 | /1 | /59 | /160 | /17.77 | -/- | /-/- | /-/- | /10/1 | | | | | 43 |
| BRODTMANN, D | 3/4 | /1 | /53 | /141 | /47.00 | -/- | /-/- | /-/- | /12/1 | /1st | | | | 42 |
| CHESTERMAN, P | 8/9 | /3 | /63x | /175 | /29.16 | 2/- | /13/- | /-/- | /4/1 | | | | | 40 |
| LUDEKENS, R | 7/8 | /1 | /46 | /108 | /15.42 | 10.2 | /2/56 | /8/7.00 | /1/- | | | | | 38 |
| PHILLIPS, J | 2/3 | /- | /79 | /100 | /33.3 | -/- | /-/- | /-/- | /1/- | | | | | 21 |
| HURLEY, K | 10/8 | /4 | /10 | /19 | /4.75 | 18.1 | /2/83 | /6/13.83 | /6/- | | | | | 21 |
| GLDWELL, F | 2/2 | /- | /63 | /92 | /46.00 | 1 | /-/2 | /-/- | /-/- | | | | | 18 |
| HODGES, B | 4/4 | /1 | /26 | /49 | /16.33 | 1 | /-/5 | /1/5.00 | /2/- | | | | | 13 |
| WIEGEL, K | 1/2 | /1 | /55 | /55 | /55.00 | 2.1 | /-/12 | /1/12.0 | /-/- | | | | | 13 |
| CVETKOVIC, M | 1/2 | /- | /6 | /6 | /3.00 | 13/2 | /107/5 | /21.4 | /-/- | | | | | 11 |
| HISCOCK, P | 6/4 | /1 | /8 | /14 | /4.66 | - | /-/- | /-/- | /2/- | | | | | 4 |
| ROTHNIE, G | 1/2 | /- | /2 | /3 | /1.50 | - | /-/- | /-/- | /-/- | | | | | - |
| ROWBOTHAM, G | 1/1 | /- | /2 | /2 | /2.00 | - | /-/- | /-/- | /-/- | | | | | - |

AWARDS Batting: M.PRYN Bowling: S.BUTH Most Improved: P.CHESTERMAN
 Special Award: S.BUTH Hat trick vs. Blackburn Road

UNDER 16 STATISTICS

Won 6 Lost 8

| | M | I | NO | HS | AGG | AVE | 2 | O | M | R | W | AVE | C | RO | F | PTS |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|-------|------|--------|---|------|-----|------|-----|--------|----|----|------|-----|
| BRODTMANN, D | 14 | /15 | /3 | /105x | /600 | /50.00 | | 100 | /10 | /410 | /30 | /13.6 | /3 | /1 | /- | 185 |
| CHRISTIANSEN, G | 5 | /5 | /2 | /104x | /150 | /50.00 | | 35.3 | /2 | /188 | /10 | /18.8 | /2 | /- | /- | 52 |
| PHILLIPS, J | 14 | /14 | /1 | /51x | /168 | /12.92 | | - | /6 | /- | /- | /- | /7 | /3 | /6st | 49 |
| MAKRIDES, D | 10 | /8 | /1 | /17 | /40 | /5.71 | | 61 | /11 | /194 | /14 | /13.85 | /1 | /- | /- | 37 |
| ROTHNIE, G | 14 | /13 | /3 | /18x | /77 | /7.7 | | 35 | /1 | /183 | /6 | /30.5 | /6 | /3 | /1 | 36 |
| ATKINSON, R | 13 | /9 | /2 | /19x | /20 | /2.85 | | 53.4 | /2 | /213 | /9 | /23.6 | /1 | /1 | /1 | 26 |
| CVETKOVIC, M | 5 | /5 | /2 | /4 | /4 | /1.33 | | 22 | /- | /126 | /8 | /15.7 | /- | /- | /- | 16 |
| DIPIERDOMENICO, D | 7 | /6 | /1 | /9 | /31 | /6.2 | | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /2 | /1 | /1 | 11 |
| FLYNN, A | 12 | /11 | /- | /27 | /62 | /5.63 | | 1 | /- | /7 | /- | /- | /1 | /- | /1 | 11 |
| HOLLINGSWORTH, B | 12 | /11 | /2 | /12 | /31 | /3.44 | | 3 | /1 | /8 | /- | /- | /1 | /- | /1 | 9 |
| RENTON, D | 6 | /6 | /1 | /8x | /10 | /2.0 | | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /2 | /- | /1 | 6 |
| OSBOURNE, M | 9 | /7 | /1 | /2 | /7 | /1.16 | | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /1 | /- | /2 | 6 |
| JETSON, A | 7 | /4 | /1 | /4x | /4 | /2.33 | | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | /1 | 2 |
| SHAW, P | 4 | /3 | /- | /2 | /2 | /0.66 | | 3 | /- | /12 | /- | /- | /1 | /- | /- | 2 |
| BREEN, P | 1 | /1 | /- | /6 | /6 | /6.00 | | 6 | /3 | /8 | /- | /- | /- | /1 | /- | 2 |
| BURNS, A | 8 | /5 | /1 | /3 | /5 | /1.25 | | 1 | /- | /5 | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | 1 |
| JENNINGS, P | 3 | /1 | /- | /0 | /0 | /0.00 | | 3 | /- | /23 | /- | /- | /- | /1 | /- | 1 |

AWARDS

Bill Cuddon Shield (Team Champion) D. BRODTMANN

Batting Award: J. PHILLIPS

Most Improved: M. OSBORNE

Hat-trick: D, BRODTMANN vs Glen Iris/E. Kew

UNDER 14 STATISTICS

Pts. 40 Pos. 4th Won 6 Lost 4

| | M | /I | /NO | HS | AGG | /AVE | O | /M | /R | /W | /AVE | /C | /RO | PTS |
|--------------|----|-----|-----|------|------|--------|------|----|------|-----|-------|----|-----|-----|
| WIEGEL, K | 10 | /11 | /5 | /59x | /281 | /46.83 | 49.2 | /5 | /144 | /17 | /8.47 | /3 | /- | 93 |
| McDONALD, R | 10 | /12 | /2 | /50x | /241 | /24.10 | 47 | /6 | /151 | /14 | /10.7 | /7 | /1 | 85 |
| FERRARI, P | 9 | /10 | /- | /33 | /131 | /13.10 | 52.7 | /8 | /184 | /18 | /12.2 | /5 | /- | 67 |
| HAMES, R | 10 | /10 | /3 | /- | /67 | /11.17 | 50.2 | /3 | /151 | /13 | /11.6 | /3 | /- | 42 |
| JANSEN, M | 10 | /10 | /4 | /16x | /42 | /7.00 | 42.3 | /5 | /150 | /15 | /9.3 | /1 | /1 | 40 |
| SHAW, D | 5 | /5 | /1 | /37 | /92 | /23.00 | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /3 | /1 | 22 |
| ROODHOUSE, A | 9 | /7 | /1 | /18 | /40 | /6.67 | 15 | /1 | /53 | /3 | /17.6 | /2 | /- | 16 |
| PATERSON, D | 7 | /7 | /1 | /16 | /22 | /3.66 | 3 | /- | /28 | /- | /- | /1 | /1 | 6 |
| WARREN, S | 10 | /9 | /3 | /7 | /22 | /3.67 | 17 | /- | /107 | /2 | /53.5 | /1 | /2 | 12 |
| ELDRIDGE, G | 3 | /3 | /- | /12 | /14 | /4.67 | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /1 | /- | 4 |
| FARRELL, P | 3 | /2 | /- | /9 | /12 | /6.00 | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | 2 |
| COOPER, T | 5 | /3 | /1 | /2 | /3 | /1.50 | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /1 | /- | 1 |
| BURSTON, A | 2 | /1 | /- | /0 | /0 | /- | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | - |
| JAMIESON, D | 1 | /1 | /- | /0 | /0 | /- | - | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | /- | - |
| JOHNSON, I | 2 | /1 | /- | /2 | /2 | /2.00 | 1 | /- | /6 | /- | /- | /- | /- | - |

AWARDS

John Adam Shield (Team Champion): K.WIEGEL

Most Improved: R.McDONALD

Bowling Award: P.FERRARI

MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES 1978/79

Batting R. DAVISON (A) 106x vs Cant/MtAlbert
D. BRODTMANN (U/16) 105x vs Glen Iris/E.Kew
G. Christiansen (U/16) 104x vs Glen Iris/E.Kew
N. JOHNSTON (C1) 100 vs Wyclif Utg.
R. WALSH (C1) 98 vs Camberwell Salvos.
J. PHILLIPS (D2) 79 vs StMarks
S. HAIL (A) 78 vs Deepdene
R. WALSH (C1) 76 vs Blackburn Baps

Bowling L. DROSCHE (D2) 7/10 vs Blackburn Rd
C. ROWBOTHAM (C1) 8/70 vs Hartwell
S. BUTH (D2) 7/37 vs Blackburn Rd
M. Jansen (U/14) 6/8 vs Canterbury Salvos
D. BRODTMANN (U/16) 6/23 vs Blackburn Rd
6/42 vs Glen Iris/Ekew
... WALSH (C1) 6/22 vs Trinity
R. TOWERS (D2) 6/28 vs Allsaints
L. TOMBS (A) 6/35 vs Highfield

Partnerships 236x (U/16) Brodtmann/Christiansen
1stwk vs Glen Iris/E Kew
108 (A) 2ndWkt Chanter/Davison vs Cant/MtAlbert
115 (U/14) 1stW Wiegel/McDonald vs Glen Iris
95 (A) Hall/ Meadows vs Deepdene
94 (C1) Johnston/Weatherley 7thW vs Wyclif
88 (L2) 3rdW Wiegel/Chesterman vs St.Marks
84 (C1) 1stW Stone/Byrne vs Camberwell Salvos
78 (D2) 1stW Rutherford/Towers vs Hartwell
75 (D2) 6thW Liddle/Ludekens vs Deepdene

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS This year the club has decided to honour two of its long-serving players with life memberships in appreciation of their contribution to cricket at the NEMCC.

RUSSELL DAVISON played his first cricket with the club in its inaugural 1959/60 season behind the Blackburn Pub, aged 12. Trevor Tombs, (aged 9) joined Russ the following year in our newly formed U16 team, where both continued to play until graduating to Senior ranks, Russ in 62/63, Trev in 67/68. Russell soon established himself as a more than useful all-rounder, scoring 562 runs and capturing 60 wkts in our B2 premiership team of 66/67. Trevor also developed in all aspects of the game, achieving consistently fine results with the ball, in particular. Trev has taken out the 1stXI team champion award on four occasions. Both players have captained the 1stXI at some stage, and continue to make their presence felt in Agde. Their attitude to the game and desire to contribute to the club both on and off the field is a fine example to others. We wish them many more seasons of successful cricket with NEMCC.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT Things were looking good from the social club's point of view before Christmas, however a series of twenty-firsts combined with the demands of an accountant's career caused a slackening off after the break.

The selling of drinks during the matches on Saturday was again disappointing because of the lack of co-operation from a number of players. Those who are forgetting to pay are cheating themselves of a better deal that could be provided by the club if the money were coming in regularly. Everyone enjoys a drink during the game so make it worth our while by bringing your 30c each week next season.

The following fund raising events occurred during 1978/79

- * Trash&Treasure stall at Croydon Market
- * BBQ at Os's
- * Hamburger night for Juniors at Dick's
- * Christmas Special effort with Bowling Club
- * Car Trial
- * Drinks
- * After game activities incl. hamburgers, lucky tickets, drinks etc.

Thank you to all players and others who supported us. If you have any suggestions for the next season don't hesitate to tell us.

David Oswin

APPRECIATION PARAGRAPH Thanks must be extended to everybody who supported the Club during the season. Mrs Brodtmann rates highly again for her help as a scorer and for transporting people. Thanks to Chris Byrne for helping with the juniors esp U/16s, to Mr & Mrs Lapthorne for printing the newsheets and to anyone else who assisted with transport etc.

Trophies were once again provided by Rite Signs & Lettering and Hoaths was again our main source of equipment.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT The winner of this years Johnny JamCan Twilight trophy is for the second time Tony 'Sikko' Chanter. What a hero.

1978/79 CAN BE IVER FORGET....our subs....Johnnos ton....
Ossies sore hand....Slugs laterally sub-laxated patella....
Dicks hat-trick of ducks....Hillys tinny bat....Broddys foot-
work....the All Saints hippies....Lds impersonations....
Craigs 8 wickets....Craigs missed catch....sorry Wal....
Johnnos skid....Russell Davos return to the top....Kevin
Hurleys first wicket....Kevin Hurleys first run....Wally
Sheridans exhilarating batting....block....block....Rod
Towers indiscretions....Crumpys driving....Barrys driving....
Magros fighting 76 against Blacky Baps....Dicks maiden over..
..Penguins slips catching at third man....Rough cleaning up
the rabbits....(ibbys runup....Hannas runup....Baxters
catch on the Anderson St boundary....AllSaints (D2)pocket
size ground....Dave Makrides hairstyle....Burnseys fielding..
..Mervs spirited batting....Gollys way with the girls....
Bruces new bat....Jims jumbo....Dicks umpiring(sorry boys)..
..the anonymous A grade player who forgot his shirt...the
equally anonymous A grader who crashed his car without even
being in it....Jonnos bowling average....Ossies grab of the
day....Woggs freedom machine....Les's grannies birthday....
Broddys mysterious disappearance at Ossies BBQ....Chanter on
the wagon....Weatherleys impressive fielding performance.hic..
Priceys unquenchable thirst....Brews cuts....Brews lofted
drives....Subs monster sixer....Rafaels tiles....Santo andhis
mates....Tailbys stumping ball....Tombsys close catching....
Broddy getting sucked in....Phils knee....Broddys bouncer....
Bruces walkabout....Barnys Dgrader fielding with his cap....
Chestys 'never a dull moment' batting....Brads Viv Richards
impressions....the NBMCC/ESCCA Combined U/21 team...again....
Byrneys six wickets....Tonys 'bulldog' captaincy....the damp
twilight wicket at Highfield park....Elleray Jrs umpiring....
wide...wide....Broddy and Jim ruffling up the Avenue....
Clarkeys first over....Breenys bruisers....Dave Rentons catch..
Deans surname....Lroschers 7 wickets -all bowled....Droschers
performance with the bat....the mateship between Pricey and
Col Curtis....Mike Jansens 6/8....Fats trip to the airport....
that Frosty afternoon at Koonung....the oneday collapse....
Byrneys runouts....the sawdust....the crawling letter to Merv..
..two out of three ain't bad Brew....the return of the ever-
growing Blane tribe....the patter of little feet at the
Maestros house -8 to be exact....Smithys holiday....Penguins
honeymoon....Johnnos flat tyre....Wals fanclub....Gary and
Broddys race to the ton....Franks sitter....Craigs excuses -
'I was gonna back it'....Wal taking advantage of an old man..
Broddys runout at the cartrial...smile Dave....the members
stand at Byrneys during the A Grade final....etc etc etc