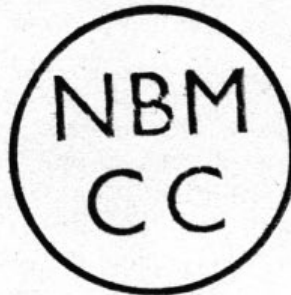


NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1980/81



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TEAMS FOR 1980/81:

"A" Grade: Won 4 Tied 1 Lost 6 Pos: in the middle.
"C1" Grade: Won 9 Lost 4 Pos. 2nd
"D1" Grade: Won 1 Lost the rest Pos. 11th
U/16 Grade: Won 7 Drew 1 Lost 2 Pos. 3rd
U/14 Grade: Won 2 Lost the rest Pos. not last.

SECRETARY'S REPORT If 1980/81 did not quite fulfil all our expectations in terms of on-field performances, it did bear out our pre-season thoughts about the importance of team building. With the loss of over 50% of the previous season's 1st XI for an assortment of reasons ranging from pre-marital to marital, educational, golfing and nothing in particular, the major challenge was to rebuild the Firsts. This was achieved through the further maturing of a number of younger players and the introduction of one or two new faces. After a slow start the A Grade team gradually gathered momentum and achieved some creditable results.

Due to excellent team and individual performances during the season, C Grade shall now be referred to as B Grade. Without a doubt the strongest bowling team in their grade, it was also one of the youngest with an average age of around 20. As with the firsts, the most satisfying feature of the seconds was seeing the young players continue to develop and improve (Jim even learnt how to keep to spin). To finish on top after the home and away games and eventually lose the Final by just 6 runs was a fine performance by a team which had lost 3 of the first 4 matches and was forced to adjust to three captains during the season.

The Third XI again presented a problem. Attitude and behaviour were lesser issues this season (no reports!) with one or two exceptions. This time it was on field performances which were the main area of concern. Naturally the highlight of the year was the day when D grade won a game - the most embarrassing moment came when they were defeated outright in a one day game. In their favour, it must be said that the team was consistent collecting totals of between 70 and 80 with monotonous regularity. Also in their favour was the average age of the team - about 17 on a good day. If we had been able to provide the thirds with a couple of experienced batsmen each week the results would have been very different. Sympathy and thanks must go to skipper Mark Pryn who must have come close to a nervous breakdown on more than one occasion.

The Junior teams provided contrasting pictures this season. With the graduation en masse of almost the entire 1979/80 U/14 team into Under 16 ranks it was back to square one for the younger team. It took a while, but thanks to the Hands brothers and some interschool recruiting the team developed fairly well, as well as throwing up some talented stars of the future. On the other hand the Under 16s started with more than enough and maintained a comfortable squad of 13 for most of the season. Consistent performances before Christmas raised them to the top of the B Zone ladder where they stayed until a badly timed slump left them spectators for the Grand Final.

Plans to improve our practice facilities in 1980/81 fell in a heap after the local council failed to make up its collective mind about the form and location of two new practice wickets. By the time some sort of decision was eventually reached we discovered that we had run out of money. So that was that.

An integral part of the fun of being involved in park cricket are the new challenges which it throws up every week - both on and off the field. As if the vagaries provided by the climate and the umpires are not enough, there is the continuous struggle facing us poor administrators to field five full strength teams every Saturday. Something I now realise can only be a dream - but like that first century, that hat trick or that David Hands catch in gully - a dream always worth striving for.

Richard Stone

A GRADE REPORT Once again we floundered at the start of the season, losing our first three games. Once the players realise that we must get all the pre-season practice we can get, the more consistent the team will become. I feel that next year will be our year, with the inclusion of a few more experienced players old and new, we should have a good chance of taking out the flag.

Two batting performances stood out this year and they were David Brodtmann, who has put a lot of work into his cricket, knowing that he did not want to play anything but A Grade cricket. He was our most consistent batsman wherever he was put in the order. The other outstanding performance came from Geoff Moore. New to the club this year, Geoff fitted in perfectly and helped us to cement one of the opening positions by consistently scoring runs at Number one.

The bowling was led by Ron Blake, who bowled both tightly and accurately, without much luck - except for that one last over against the Barneys (30 runs). He was backed up by a couple of the younger brigade, Craig Rowbotham and Greg Clark, who both have very bright futures if they work at it.

Let us make next season the season of NBMCC A Grade Premiers.

Trevor Tombs (Captain)

2nd XI REPORT The seconds finished the season at the top of the C1 Grade ladder, winning 8 of 11 games and earning promotion to B2 and an opportunity to prove ourselves in the final series. The team lineup remained relatively stable throughout the season, however only two of the 29 players used, Jim Phillips and David Hands, played in every match.

We opened the season with a 100 run defeat at the hands of All Saints - who were eventually to be our opposition in the Final. Craig Rowbotham captured 4/79, Dave Hands put in one of his 20 over marathons, and Steve (U16) Pollard made his senior debut with 3/61. Only Richard Stone's 117x looked convincing in our score of 5/178.

The tables were turned however in the second round against Deepdene. Russell Davison began his season with 4/34 and Craig continued his good form to dismiss Rinny and the boys for 159. At 5/71 we were looking rather shaky, but David Hands, supported by Mark Droscher (30) Craig (21) and Ross (also U16) McDonald (25x) steered us to victory with a commanding innings of 101x.

Dick finally relented to pressure from his fellow selectors and took his place in A grade for round 3, leaving Russell to take over the leadership against the Barneys. John Tamblin joined us to take 5/45 with the new ball and help dismiss St. Barnabas for only 100. Unfortunately we could only manage 54 in reply. Top scorer was another visitor, David Payne, who delighted the crowd with an elegant 15 runs.

For the fourth round we were privileged to play on one of the most superb cricket arenas in Australia. Only Blackburn North Baptists can provide a ground where first slip can rest on the fence between deliveries and deep mid-wicket can spend a day in the field without touching the ball. In Russell's absence, Greg Stone was delegated the captaincy for the local derby. Next door neighbours Dave Hands and Greg Clark bowled tirelessly in the heat, taking 5/68 and 3/86 respectively. Chasing 253, we soon found ourselves 8/137, only the skipper (35) and Mark (30) getting a start. Jim however, had been saving himself for such a situation, and together with Andrew Hawkes added 83 runs before being dismissed for a fine 50. We finished just 30 runs short, but our confidence was regained.

The following week we met Trinity at Koonung Reserve and were dismissed for a disappointing 114, despite the presence of Edward Irons at no.9. Only Rob Hands (34) made a worthwhile contribution at the crease. At stumps Trinity were 0/44 poised for a fairly easy victory the following Saturday. This however was not to be. Determined bowling and tight fielding swung the match back into our hands. All 10 wickets fell for just 60 runs as we snatched victory from the proverbial jaws of defeat. Dave Hands (20.5/3/51/6) and Greg Clark (15/5/26/3) did most of the damage, supported by Jim's three catches and inspired fielding from the rest of the team.

For round 6 the ESCCA graciously provided a clown for our entertainment, who stayed on the field all day, often leaping out from behind the stumps at the bowlers end with antics that led us from uncontrolled laughter to utter despair. Rob Hands, Macca, Russell, Steve Pollard and Greg Stone all contributed 20s in our total of 111, and later in the afternoon Dave Hands casually collected another six wickets as Blackburn Road went down in the heat.

Mark Droscher came good with a devastating 74 against Koonung Heights in the next one-day spectacle, supported by his old mate Brad Liddle (23). Koonung's captain had tears of frustration in his eyes, as he moved all his fieldsmen to the boundary in a last effort to curb the flow of runs. Dave, Brad and Steve shared the wickets as Koonung fell short of their target.

Three victories in succession and Dick suddenly re-appeared (Editors note: This was sheer coincidence) to take the reins from his younger brother. Burwood Utg. were next to go. Contributions with the bat came from Dick (47) Brad (40) and Dave Hands (28).

At Highfield Road, an opening stand of 98 between the brothers Stone (Greg 57 Dick 36) David Hands return to form (56) and Andrew Hawkes' exciting innings set the local legends 264. David Hands (7/30), Ed Irons (3/31) and fine all round fielding limited Highfield to only 61 in their first attempt, and Russell Davison's figures of 10/2/27/9 in Highfield's second innings speak for themselves.

North Balwyn with only 108 offered little resistance as the opening firm of Stone and Stone put on 97 in reply. Dick finished with 84 and was supported by 20s from Liddle, Davison and Phillips.

We went into the last round against Koonung Salvos assured of a place in the finals and looking for some batting practice. Greg Clark (74) and Hawkesy (19) combined for an 80 partnership. Ross McDonald contributed a 22 and special guest artist Rod Towers made an intelligent 23. Chasing 194 Koonung could only manage 142, with Greg Clark (5/50) and Dave (3/54) again in form. Jim made the most of a second innings with a powerful 36 not out.

Rob Hands discovered how difficult winning the toss is, and we took the field for the semi-final against the Barneys at the baseball ground. Unfortunately a back injury limited Clarky to only 3 overs, but Craig (2/63) supported Handsy (4/51) to dismiss the Barneys for 239. Another Stone & Stone stand of 75

got us off to a good start (Dick 84 & Greg 28) followed up by Russell (20) Jim 53) and Drosch (21) to snatch victory in the dying minutes of the rain affected second day. Press box typewriters were heard to be clicking furiously as controversial selection Steven Smith skied his third delivery to midwicket.

On the opening day of the Grand Final, All Saints went down much easier than expected for only 154. Steve Smith (4/22) and Craig (3/52) being the main wicket takers. Unfortunately we too went down far more easily than expected, falling just 6 runs short. Steve's 77 quietened the clicking typewriters. The final day seemed a mere formality, but Dave Hands (2/32) bowled like a man possessed and the big Slug (6/67) used flight, spin and bounce to dismiss a rather casual looking All Saints for only 115 - throwing the game wide open. As Smith walked from the field after taking his tenth wicket for the match, the press box fell silent. Set 122 to win in 80 minutes, we edged, sliced, turned, swung and flashed, but alas time was too short.

Congratulations to all players who contributed throughout the year, especially to David Hands (280 runs & 45 wickets) Jim Phillips (284 runs & 22 dismissals and Richard Stone (438 runs).

Greg Stone (Sometime Skipper)

3rd XI REPORT The thirds did not fare too well at all in the 1980/81 season finishing second last. This would not have been so bad, had we not lost seven of our nine matches outright (including a one day game).

In the past the thirds have been a valuable asset to the club allowing junior players to gain senior cricket experience before moving up into 'A' Grade and 'C' Grade teams. However this year it was more like a creche for those who had nothing better to do on Saturday afternoons. This applied more to the older players who unfortunately did not set a good example to the younger Under 16s.

Twenty-nine players represented "D" Grade this year, which was perhaps one of the reasons for us failing to function as a team properly. Batting was our main weakness being able to break the magical hundred only four times out of 17 innings. This dismal record could be attributed to the teams general attitude to batting which was to try and hit every ball for six. Generally the bowling was good; quite often our bowlers set us up with a good chance of winning only to see it spoiled by irresponsible batting.

On the brighter side, we did manage to clinch second last position with a big win over bottom side All Saints. Makrides and Petrovic were the stars capturing 4/24 and 5/42, and making 32 and 42 respectively. A marathon innings from U/16 Rod Hames and some delightful shots from Pierre Zattra pushed our score well past our target. Unfortunately this was our only success for the year.

Now a quick run through of the teams main contributors:

John Miles was our main run scorer for the year compiling 175 runs. He was also a good team man and fancied himself as a bowler in the Doug Walters mould (BOP) Stuart Hackett was our main bowler for most of the year sending down 73 overs.

I'm sure that if he dropped his baseball approach to batting and became more orthodox in his approach he would be a very useful batsman in higher grades.

David Makrides broke Ross Boucher's record for the most amount of money owed at the end of the season with \$52. But really we have a lot to thank Dave for namely getting a car but more importantly, introducing Lorraine to D Grade. She was quite popular with many of the players. However Dave did take the most wickets this season despite runup problems, and also played some servicable innings with the bat.

Stephen Down could by no means be described as an enthusiastic player, however Steve did prove to be a useful player.

Alan Kosky never gave in. Alan was technically our best batsman and showed a particular strength for legside shots. He was also a brilliant fieldsman in close and in the outfield. Alan has also said he wouldn't mind the job of captain.

Alex Petrovic managed to squeeze in a few games between study commitments, for which we were most grateful. Al was a very awkward bowler to play and gave the batsmen a lot of trouble. He also showed some potential with the bat.

Bruce Hollingsworth. Although Bruce does not have a licence he showed that he could drop wheelies as well as anyone else. Seriously though, Bruce was a capable cricketer lacking only in concentration. Although not blessed with a natural talent Pierre Zattra is a great trier who worked hard on his game, proving to be a handy bowler and hard hitting tailender. Mike Jansen was an U/16 who played every game, bowling, batting and wicketkeeping. I think Mike would like us to remember his effort against Burwood where he carried his bat for 27 n.o.

Chook (Darren Sencek) was another U/16 who whilst not playing many games, was quite willing to be 12th man, helping with scoring, fielding and umpiring. His big chance came in the final round where he had 1/29 off 10 overs. Unfortunately some rather poorly dressed cricketer with the initials LM managed to drop three sitters off Chooks bowling at fine leg. I would also like to thank Hawkes, Lindeback, Chesterman, Morton, Hodges, Hurley, Ferrari, Jetson, Droscher, Towers, Walsh, Fontikis, Zele, Davies, Hames, Irens (6/0/56/0) Deckker etc for contributing this year.

Mark Pryn (Captain)

UNDER 16 REPORT

Two-thirds of last season's champion U/14 team graduated in 1980/81 to form the nucleus of this year's Under 16s. Add to this a couple of second year players and several welcome new faces and you have the ingredients for a successful Junior cricket team. Subtract one new face after Christmas, and take another one waterskiing and you end up losing the semi-final. Sad but true.

Kevin Wiegel started the season as captain, but one holiday led to another, and Ross McDonald soon took over the reins, performing creditably, revealing an understanding of the game and a cool temperament far beyond his years. (He must have learnt a lot from watching his C grade skippers in action) Ross's batting continued to mature and he put together some very sensible knocks, particularly fine was his 69 against Blacky Road. His bowling varied from tight to embarrassing (remember the twilight game?) depending on the state of his fragile back; but the best is yet to come - a star of the future.

Kevin produced two or three good innings and picked up 3 wickets on two occasions, but this interrupted season provided little indication of his real talents. Let's hope that next season will be Kevin Wiegel's big season.

A welcome sight at pre-season training was the tall upright figure of Steve Pollard, recruited by Macca for half a season. Steve did enough before Christmas to secure the bowling trophies, as well as adding some useful runs - without the aid of the hook and pull. Steve has gone to Canberra to accumulate his first million - watch for his name in the Prime Minister's XI.

After just one Italian lesson, Peter Ferrari rejoined his Aussie mates but it took him until the 8th round to find some sort of form with the bat when he produced a valuable 32 against Trinity. Fortunately Pat came good with the ball a bit sooner, and in an excellent spell of parabolic swing bowling captured 6/12. Max Walker and Lance Cairns predict a big future for this lad.

Alan Roodhouse put in a useful allround season producing runs when they were most needed. His 25 in our thrilling 5 run victory over Trinity and his 26 in the semi were particularly impressive under pressure. Alan also proved a handy change bowler with an ability to cut the ball, and a courageous shortleg fieldsman.

Dave Shaw hit peak form in the fourth round against Ashburton when he peeled off an exhilarating 82 with 16 fours (the season's highest individual total). He also turned in a brilliant 4 balls in the final game to grab 2 for 0. Dave's keeping was again steady and he held most of the few chances which came his way.

Michael Jansen retained the title of most casual batsman this season, narrowly defeating Pat for the third successive season. Apart from that Michael achieved little else at the crease in a disappointing season on which he can only (and will) improve. Mike saved his longest and most successful spell with the ball for the semi when in a tight 12 overs ranging from medium-slow to slow-medium he collected 4 for 40.

Roger Deckker always looked good, but for various reasons failed to fulfil his potential with the bat. He did manage to produce one match winning effort however, with a fine 17x against Trinity in the nail biting finish at Willison West, including one of his famous lofted drives.

Darren Sencek was lured to the club at great expense this season, but whether we got our money's worth from Choek is anybody's guess. One or two great grabs in the field, 3 wickets and a top score of 7 is not exactly the sort of cricket that sets the turnstiles clicking, but to be fair, he did attract a couple of new spectators - his mum and dad.

International soccer star Craig Davidson gave up his valuable Saturday dribbling practice to play cricket with us this season and showed that he could handle the smaller ball as well. An asset in the field, Craig's batting rose to great heights also when he was promoted to open the innings against Blacky Rd and collected his highest score - a devastating 10 including a 3 and a 2.

Relieved of the keeping gloves this year, Rod Hames excelled in the field with his dependable midoff and midon fielding - and catching. He surprised everyone - even himself - in the final round with a brilliant catch at short midwicket which had four written all over it the moment it left the bat.

Tom Pontikis - the man with a cousin or an uncle in every suburb of Melbourne - didn't have many chances with the bat, and was a doubtful quantity even in the field early on, preferring to jog alongside the ball and keep it company on its long journey to the boundary. However the 5th of December 1980 was Tommy's day, for not only did he take an amazing catch and an ordinary catch, but he also took a catch off his own bowling. Incredible but true.

Last but by no means least we come to one of the great originals in contemporary cricket - Adrian Unpronounceable Zele. Adrian spent most of the season developing a new method of catching a cricket ball - a method devised to save wear and tear on the hands, but with the added advantage of keeping footballers in touch during the off season. For 'caught Zele' please read 'chest marked Zele'. Adrian's runup continued to generate more pace than his bowling.

Despite a disappointing finish to the season a good time was had by all
Richard Stone (manager)

UNDER 14 REPORT The 1980/81 season proved to be a mixed bag. After the early struggles, the Under 14s started to show signs of being able to pressure higher teams, and eventually broke through for well earned victories. One major factor that prevented us from reaching peak performance was the shortage of "manpower". It was not uncommon for our team to take to the field with 8 or 9 players, which makes things difficult, when chasing runs or trying to stop the opposition from scoring. Our lads came to realise that in these situations, extra efforts would be required to obtain wins. Our two wins this season were against fully manned teams; whilst we only had 8 or 9. To the credit of every team member, there was not one player who didn't contribute to the best of his ability, and although we didn't always fare well, the team spirit was always strong; an important factor in the development of our young superstars.

Captain Steve Warren, has had a valuable year in learning more about captaincy. A few shrewd moves in the placing of the fieldsmen, shows that our "red-headed teerier" is a clever thinker, and has the ability to manipulate his troops in his never ending battle to frustrate and foil the batsmen. His performances this year have been good, but we know that he is capable of better. Opposition bowlers who have done their homework have realised that Steve can't resist the hook, and this has been his downfall on a couple of occasions this season. With the ball, Steve has shown uncanny ability to swing and cut both ways. Could this be a left-arm Ed Irons in the making?

We were certainly fortunate that Mark "Gene" Sanders decided to play with us this year. Although a keen baseballer, he found time to play cricket with us, and towards the end of the season, was considered a thorn in the opposition's side. A

A powerful hitter of the ball, many fieldsmen rue the thought of fielding any closer than a pitch length away. Also our opening bowler, Mark has the ability to lift the ball off the seam; a feature which has literally put a hole in the opposition's batting ability. We were pleased that he decided to join us, and NBMCC can look forward hopefully that he will be with us for many years.

Adrian Gray has had a mixed season. He often showed signs of being able to build a big score, but never quite went on with the job. A useful bowler whose accuracy is his main attribute.

Darren Mann, our aero-dynamic expert and wicket keeper. Many times we have seen Darren diving for the ball. Although he didn't quite fulfil his potential as a batsman this season, when he learns not to bash every ball, we'll make a Rod Marsh out of him.

Darryn Baker, this "mighty-mite-of-the-mats" has been a real find. He is a left arm spinner who took most wickets for the Under 14s. Given a couple of years and a bit more height, Darryn will be giving opposition bats a hard time. He is keen to succeed, and we congratulate him on his efforts.

Peter Crinis. Becoming famous for his verbal ability on the field, one wonders if he takes lessons from Eddy "Psycho-Cyclone" Earl. Peter's most memorable moment would have to be the last ball against Hartwell. Needing to score off the last ball for victory, Peter drove the ball back past the bowler and gave us our first win of the season.

Peter Ewbank gave every indication that he will be an allrounder to be reckoned with. Gradually improving in his performances Peter has shown his desire to bat and bowl well. He has been able to cut the ball off the seam, and bats with determination.

Michael Laurie. A competent bowler who works hard on improvement. He didn't exactly set the world on fire with his batting, but give him the ball, and he transforms from a happy go lucky personality to a competitor desperate for success.

Keirnan Rowbotham (alias Derek Patterson). This season Keirnan has really improved. Possibly one of the "keenest" U/14s (Ed. note: Is this a joke?) he has demonstrated each week his determined attitude. Although he didn't always succeed he was a vital part of "the machine"

Matthew Head. Unfortunately Matthew was lured away towards the latter part of the season. Since the Christmas break, he has shown a new found enthusiasm, and his performances at training were a pleasure to see. But practice and matches are different arenas and Mat wasn't always able to match his practice skills on Saturday mornings. There is still plenty of time, and one day he'll be a seasoned senior player.

Clyde Samsen, although he only took part in a few games, was a valued member. A steady bat and an unusual bowling action often had the opponents on the hop. We hope that he can play a full season next time.

A special mention to the parents who have participated during the season. Your assistance with transport and support has been invaluable, and certainly made our job of managing your sons a lot smoother. The club looks forward to your continued support in the coming season.

Rob & Dave Hands.

1st XI STATISTICS

BATTING		M	I	NO/HS	AGG/AVE	C	M	R	W	AVE	C	RC/ST	PTS
BRODTMANN, D.	11/14/	2/	105/417/34.75	1	-	3	-	-	-	11/1	1	109	
BLAKE, R.	9	10/-	32	139/13.90	140.5	22/499/24/20.7/5/-	-	-	-	-	-	85	
TOMBS, T.	11/12/-	41	206/17.7	102.1	5/486/10/48.6/9	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	
MOORE, G.	9	11/2	94	362/40.22	4	-/21	-	-	-	3	-	78	
HALL, S.	10/11/2	30	166/18.44	4	-/16	1	16.00/10/4/3	-	-	-	-	65	
WALSH, R.	10/11/3	63	135/16.88	81	11/345/14/24.64/3/2/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	
TAMBLYN, J.	5/5	-	73	127/25.40	62	5	264/10/26.40/4/-/-	-	-	-	-	53	
CLARK, G.	5/5	1	17	24	6.00	64	6	259/12/21.53/2/1/-	-	-	-	33	
WALSH, M.	10/13/2	37	99	9.00	9	2	50	2	25.00/2/1/-	-	-	28	
STONE, R.	5/5	-	40	78	15.60	3	-	3	-	-	1/1/-	28	
ROWBOTHAM, C.	7/4	-	4	10	2.50	69	10/317/15/21.3	-	-	1/-	-	33	
PAYNE, D.	6/6	1	32	66	13.20	2	-	9	-	-	5/-/-	23	
SMITH, S.	3/4	-	13	31	7.75	22	4	130/4	32.50	-	-	14	
NEWTON, P.	1/1	-	42	42	42.00						2/-	11	
COOK, H.	9/10/3	13x	24	3.43	2	-	5	-	-	-	3/-/-	10	
WALSH, E.	2/2	1	25x	33	33.00							7	
ELDRED, B.	2/2	-	10	14	7.00					1		4	
BYRNE, C.	2/2	1	5x	10	5.00	6	-	60	-	-	-	1/-	3
STONE G.	1/1	-	0	0	0.00							-	
OSWIN, D.	1/1	-	3	3	3.00							-	

AWARDS: TEAM CHAMPION - John Tombs Memorial Trophy D. BRODTMANN
 BOWLING AWARD: R. BLAKE
 BATTING AWARD: G. MOORE

2nd XI STATISTICS

BATTING		M	I	NO/HS	AGG/AVE	C	M	R	W	AVE	C	RC/ST	PTS	
HANDS, D	13	13/1	101x/280/23.33	194	30/623/45/13.84/11/3/	-	-	-	-	-	-	172		
STONE, R.	8	9	1	117x/438/54.75	5	-	63	-	-	7	2/-	103		
PHILLIPS, J.	13	16/2	53x	284/20.28						14/3/5		97		
CLARK, G.	5	8	4	74	164/41.00	83.2	12/279/18/15.5/3	-	-	-	-	74		
DAVISON, R.	7	8	1	23x	108/13.50	32.6	5	128/17	7.52/6	-	-	67		
STONE, G.	12	14/-	57	192/13.70						7	1/-	53		
DROSCHE, M.	9	10/-	74	169/16.90	25	-	129/3	43.0	4	1/-	-	47		
SMITH, S.	2	3	-	77	90	30.00	25.6	1	111/11/10.09/3	-	-	46		
HANDS, R.	9	11/2	34	135/15.00	23	2	102/6	17.0	2	2/-	-	45		
ROWBOTHAM, C.	6	3	1	21	33	16.50	82.2	9	337/15/22.40/3	-	-	42		
MCDONALD, R.	8	9	3	26x	123/20.50					4	-	32		
LIDDLE, B.	3	3	2	40x	84	84.00	23	2	95	6	15.83/2	-	32	
HAWKES, A.	3	8	6	35x	99	49.50				3	-	25		
POLLARD, S.	6	7	-	25	69	9.85	29.4	2	143/5	28.6	1	-	25	
TAMBLYN, J.	1	1	-	9	9	9.00	13	1	45	5	9.00	1	-	13
TOWERS, R.	1	2	-	23	45	22.50						9		
IRONS, E.	5	3	1	6	7	3.50	13	-	66	2	33.0	2	-	9
TAYLOR, M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	10.5	2	37	3	12.33/1	-	-	8
CALDWELL, F.	1 1/2	1	-	15	15	15.00				2	-	-	7	
PAYNE, D.	1	1	-	15	15	15.00				1	-	-	5	
WALSH, M.	1	1	-	24	24	24.00	3	-	15	-	-	-	4	
KOSKY, A.	2	1/1	14x	14	7	-				-	1/-	-	4	
FERRARI, P.	2	2	-	1	2	1.00				1	-	-	2	
WIEGEL, K.	1	1	-	0	0	-				1	-	-	2	
DECKKER, R.	3	1	-	6	6	6.00							3	
EARL, E.	2	1	-	9x	9	-				1	-	-	2	
MILES, J.	1	1	1	3x	3	-							-	
HACKETT, S.	1	1	-	1	1	1.00	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	
DHARUMASENA, D.	1	1	-	2	2	2.00							1	
ROTHNIE, G.	1	-	-	-	-	-				1	-	-	2	

AWARDS: TEAM CHAMPION: D. HANDS
 BATTING AWARD: R. STONE
 MOST IMPROVED: J. PHILLIPS

TWILIGHT REPORT

1980/81 saw the end of an era in Twilight cricket. The dominating forces in post-war evening cricket were beaten at their own game by a new breed of after darkers. Both the Barnys and the Meths were caught off guard by Wyclif playing in their initial season. The cocky newcomers, in their bid for glory failed to appreciate the subtleties of the competition and struck at the very basis of its unique character. They played to win and in doing so blatantly abused the essential recreational qualities of our cherished pasttime. A tragedy. We cannot fail to remind readers of Hawkesys captaincy debut - we can still picture him leaning on the fence at deep mid wicket looking at his notes....

3rd XI STATISTICS

	M	I	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO	ST	PTS
MAKRIDES, D.	9	/16	/1	/32	/138	/9.60	64	/11	/34	/24	/14.16	-			75
HACKETT, S.	8	/14	-	/29	/138	/11.29	73	/8	/299	/17	/17.59	/4			73
MILES, J.	7	/13	-	/46	/175	/13.46	12	-	/85	/4	/21.25	/3			49
PRYN, M.	9	/17	-	/41	/154	/9.01	15	/2	/91	/1	/91.00	/4			40
KOSKY, A.	5	/9	/1	/34	/133	/16.63	2	-	/20	-	-	/4			34
PETROVIC, A.	4	/7	/1	/42	/65	/10.83	29	/3	/105	/8	/13.13	/			29
SENCEK, D.	4	/8	/1	/12	/20	/2.86	17	/2	/87	/5	/17.4	/4			22
JANSEN, M.	8	/15	/3	/27x	/66	/5.50	10	-	/65	/1	/65.0	/3			21
ZATTRA, P.	9	/16	/5	/16	/63	/5.73	11	-	/74	/2	/37.0	/1			18
DOWN, S.	5	/7	/1	/19	/34	/5.67	39	/7	/143	/9	/15.89	/			24
FERRARI, P.	2	/4	-	/21	/36	/9.00	15	-	/118	/4	/29.5				15
HAMES, R.	2	/4	/1	/39x	/64	/21.33						2			14
CHESTERMAN, P.	3	/6	-	/11	/41	/6.82						3			14
HAWKES, A.	2	/4	-	/20	/32	/8.00						2			10
HOLLINGSWORTH, B.	5	/9	/2	/12	/40	/5.92	1	-	/11	/1	/11.0	1			10
HODGES, B.	1	/2	-	/10	/11	/5.50						2			8
LINDEBACK, R.	1	/2	-	/13	/14	/7.00						1			4
TOWERS, R.	1	/1	-	/3	/3	/3.00	6	/1	/39	/1	/39.0	/1			4
DECKKER, R.	1	/2	-	/1	/1	/1.00						2			4
DROSCHE, M.	1	/1	-	/4	/4	/4.00	7	-	/49	/1	/49.0				2
WALSH, S.	2	/3	-	/4	/8	/2.67	2	/1	/14	/1	/14.0				2
DAVIES, W.	1	/1	-	/0	/0	/0.00						1			2
PONTIKIS, T.	1	/1	-	/0	/0	/0.00						1			2
ZELE, A.	1	/1	/6	/6	/6	/6.00									1
JETSON, A.	2	/3	/7	/7	/7	/2.33									1
IRONS, E.	1/2	/1	-	/1	/1	/1.00	6	-	/56	-	-				-
HURLEY, K.	2	/4	/1	/2	/3	/1.00	2	-	/16	-	-				-
MORTON, G.	1/2	/1	/1	/4	/4	/ -									-

AWARDS: TEAM CHAMPION: D.MAKRIDES
 RUNNER UP: S.HACKETT
 BATTING AWARD: J.MILES
 CLUBMAN AWARD: M.PRYN

UNDER 16 STATISTICS

	M	I	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO	ST	PTS
McDONALD, R.	10	/10	/1	/69	/278	/30.88	39	/1	/188	/5	/37.6	/5	/ -		75
POLLARD, S.	6	/6	-	/36	/124	/20.66	61.3	/17	/148	/18	/8.22	/2			64
WIEGEL, K.	8	/8	/1	/62x	/187	/26.71	34.1	/4	/138	/9	/15.33	/1			57
FERRARI, P.	9	/8	/1	/32	/82	/13.66	46	/2	/168	/16	/10.5	/1			50
ROODHOUSE, A.	7	/7	/1	/37	/111	/18.5	29	/5	/122	/6	/20.33	/3			40
SHAW, D.	9	/8	/1	/82	/125	/17.85	.4	-	/0	/2	/0.00	/4	/1	-	38
JANSEN, M.	9	/7	/1	/11x	/34	/5.66	21	/4	/75	/6	/12.5	/3	/1		25
DECKKER, R.	10	/8	/4	/17x	/19	/4.75	24	/2	/96	/6	/16.00	/3			21
SENCEK, D.	9	/5	/1	/7	/24	/6.00	5	/1	/8	/3	/2.66	/4			18
PONTIKIS, T.	6	/4	/2	/9	/16	/8.00	2	-	/6	/1	/6.00	/4			13
HAMES, R.	8	/5	/1	/16x	/21	/5.25	1	-	/2	/ -	-	/2			8
ZELE, A.	8	/4	-	/8	/13	/5.33	1	-	/12	/ -	-	/2			6
DAVIDSON, C.	9	/4	/2	/10	/17	/8.5									3

AWARDS: TEAM CHAMPION - BILL CUDDON SHIELD: R.McDONALD
 BOWLING AWARD: S.POLLARD
 MOST IMPROVED: A.ROODHOUSE

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS 1980/81

- 110 1stW McDONALD & WIEGEL vs Blacky Rd/Rd 7 (U/16)
- 98 1stW R.STONE & G.STONE vs Highfield Rd/Rd 9 (C1)
- 97 1stW R.STONE & G.STONE vs NthBalwyn/Rd 10 (C1)
- 91 6thW D.SHAW & A.ROODHOUSE vs Ashburton/Rd4 (U/16)
- 92 1stW G.MOORE & R.BLAKE vs StSilas /Rd 8 (A)
- 82 6thW D.PAYNE & J.TAMBLYN vs Burwood/Rd 10 (A)
- 78 7thW D.HANDS & C.RCWOTHAM vs Deepdene/Rd 2 (C1)
- 76 6thW G.CLARK & A.HAWKES vs Koonung S/Rd 11 (C1)
- 75 1stW R.STONE & G.STONE vs StBarnys/SEMIFINAL (C1)
- 75 3rdW K.WIEGEL & R.McDONALD vs Trinity/Rd 2 (U/16)
- 75 7thW R.WALSH & M.WALSH vs Trinity/Rd 5 (A)
- 78 5thW D.BRODTMANN & T.TOMBS vs Trinity/Rd 5 (A)

UNDER 14 STATISTICS

	M	T	/NO/HS	/AGG/AVE	O	M	/R	/W	/AVE/C	e	/RO/ST	PTS		
SANDERS, M.	6	/7	/-	/46	/154/22	38	/4	/126/9	/14	/6	/5	68		
WARREN, S.	8	/11	/1	/35	/134/13.4	56	/6	/202/8	/25.25/4	/4		54		
BAKER, D.	6	/8	/2	/2	/6	/1	32	/2	/141/12	/11.75/1	/-	27		
GRAY, A.	8	/11	/2	/20	/49	/3.4	38	/5	/133/7	/19.0/1	/-	25		
EWBANK, P.	5	/4	/2	/6	/16	/8	18	/0	/74	/4	/18.5/4	/1	20	
MANN, D.	7	/10	/1	/9	/27	/3	2	/0	/7	/0	/-	/4/1	/1	16
SAMSON, C.	2	/3	/1	/6	/14	/7	21	/3	/92	/5	/18.4	/-	/-	12
WILSON, M.	2	/4	/-	/23	/28	/7	2	/-	/14	/1	/14.0	/1	/-	9
ROWBOTHAM, K.	7	/10	/2	/7	/14	/1.75	1	/-	/3	/-	/-	/2/2		8
HEAD, M.	6	/10	/3	/4	/14	/2	2	/-	/3	/1	/3.00	/2/		8
LAURIE, M.	6	/6	/-	/4	/9	/1.5	20	/3	/75	/3	/25.00/	2/1		12
CRINIS, P.	5	/5	/1	/8	/25	/6.25	2/	/-	/8	/1	/8.00/	/-		7
FRANKLIN, T.	1	/1	/-	/16	/16	/16								3
WILSON, A.	1	/2	/-	/1	/1	/0.5								-

AWARDS: TEAM CHAMPION - John Adlam Shield: M.SANDERS
 MOST CONSISTENT: S.WARREN
 BOWLING AWARD: D.BAKER

FINAL RESULTS

C1 Grade SEMI-FINAL played at Myrtle Pk No 2. 7th & 9th March 1981

NBMCC	8/252	Defeated	St.BARNABAS	239
Stone, R.	84	Smith 0	Droscher	21
Stone, G.	28	Hands, D.	14	Hawkes 1x
Davison	20	Clark, G.	5	Rowbotham DNB
Phillips	53x	Hands, R.	9	

GRAND FINAL played at Hislop. No. 2 14th, 21st & 28th March 1981

NBMCC	148	&	7/97	Lost to	ALL SAINTS	154	&	115
Stone, G.	0	Clark	9	Stone, R	32	Stone, G	1	Hands, D
Stone, R.	7	Hands, R	0	Smith	13	Clark	7x	Clark
Davison	8	Hawkes	1x	Phillips	16	Hands, R	1x	Rowbotham
Phillips	0	Rowbotham	7	Droscher	6	Smith	8.5	1/22/4
Smith	77	Droscher	4	Hands	D	9		11.1
Hands, D	18	Davison	7					11.1

UNDER 16 B ZONE SEMI-FINAL played at Myrtle Pk no.1 7th & 14th March 1981

NBMCC	115	Lost to	GLEN IRIS/E.KEW	9/187cc
McDonald	12	Roodhouse	26	
Ferrari	11	Jansen	4	Da. on 2x
Wiegel	39	Shaw	4	Sencek 1
Deckker	0	Hames	0	Zeke 2

BATTING HIGHLIGHTS 1980/81

117x	R.STONE vs All Saints/Rd 1 (C1)	82	D.SHAW vs Ashburton/Rd 4 (U/16)
105	D.BRODTMANN vs Trinity/Rd 5 (A)	80	G.MOORE vs StSilas etc/8 (A)
101x	D.HANDS vs Deepdene/Rd 2 (C1)	77	S.SMITH vs All Saints GFINAL (C)
94	G.MOORE vs Balwyn/Rd 4 (A)	74	M.DROSCHE vs Koonung H/Rd 7 (C)
84	R.STONE vs NthBalwyn/Rd 10 (C1)	74	G.CLARK vs Koonung S/Rd 11 (C1)
84	R.STONE vs Barnys SEMI FINAL (C1)	73	J.TAMBLYN vs Burwood/Rd10 (A)
	Fifties were scored by the following:	69	R.McDonald vs Blacky/Rd 7 (U16)
	Brodthmann, Stone, g., Phillips (2); D.Hands	63	R.WALSH vs Trinity/ Rd 5 (A)
	Wiegel, McDonald.	73	D.BRODTMANN vs BURwood/Rd10 (A)
		62x	K.WIEGEL vs Trinity/Rd 2 (U/16)

BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS

9/27	R.DAVISON vs Highfield Rd/Rd9 (C1)
7/30	D.HANDS vs Highfield Rd/Rd 9 (C1)
6/12	P.FERRARI vs All Saints/Rd5 (U/16)
6/24	D.HANDS vs Blacky Rd/Rd 6 (C1)
6/51	H.HANDS vs Trinity/Rd 5 (C1)
6/67	S.SMITH vs All Saints/FINAL (C1)
5/42	A.PETROVIC vs All Saints/Rd 7 (D1)
5/45	D.MAKRIDES vs Summerhill/Rd 9 (D1)
5/46	S.POLLARD vs Trinity/Rd. 2 (U/16)
5/50	G.CLARK vs Koonung S/Rd 11 (C1)
5/45	J.TAMBLYN vs StBarnys/Rd. 3 (C1)
5/68	D.HANDS vs BNDaps/Rd 4 (C1)

FIELDING HIGHLIGHTS

4	stumpings J.PHILLIPS vs A.Saints FINAL 2nd Innings. (C1)
3	catches D.BRODTMANN vs Trinity Rd 5 (A)
3	catches R.STONE vs Highfield Rd 9 (C1)
3	catches T.FONTIKIS vs A.Saints Rd 5 (U/16)
1	catch D.HANDS vs A.Saints/FINAL BUT WHAT A CATCH.!!

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS - CAN WE EVER FORGET: the late night trips to Dayswater....
Clarky's bouncers....Dick's bruises/...Broddys timtams....the cake stall....Mrs Smith
being forced to eat her own cake....the usual NOC efficiency - no grass seed....seconds
at the Primary School....ally Sheridans baseball shots into the houses....Dicks first
(and last)over....our batting -as miserable as the weather...the captains knock (117x)...
Graeme Rothnies knee....Chooks catch at square leg....U/16s controversial victory....
A Grades 5 ducks vs Canty/MA....Dls repeat performance....successive 8 wicket defeats...
Russells catching vs Deepdene....Dave Hands' slip catch off Russell....Dave's winning
hand - 101x....Steve Pollard caught with his pants down....Craigs top score...Maccas
steady C grade batting...Franks hangover....Kinnys farewell....Dicks A Grade debut....
Broddys driving....the pregame diversion....Clark using the full width of the crease -
and more - NoBall....Clarkys last overs....Geoff Moore bowling to his field (instead of
the batsman)....our tragic batting...poor Harveys slippery runout....Rob's 3rd successive
duck -(it happens to even the best batsmen son)....Cossies inspired fielding before a live
audience....Slugs premature retirement - preferring to play with smaller balls....
Woggs C grade debut....our impressive batting (AO 54)....Drosh's run of outs (bad luck son)
....Pierres first sixer....Mike Jansen a wicketkeeper? It could only happen in D grade....
Dave Shaws 82 vs Ashburton (16x4s) Alan Roodhouses 37 (8x4s)....Maccas back....new U/14
recruit - Mark Sanders - following in his brothers footsteps....the Blake training squad
....Harveys brother-in-laws guest appearance....A Grades first win....Geoff Moores
elegant batting....Rob Walsh's first runs also the winning runs...Broddys batting -
overheard in the outfield; one Balwyn fieldsman to another, "He's only playing with us now"
....Penguins C Grade Captaincy debut....Dave Hands' marathon spells....Dave Paynes trigger
finger....Wal's late arrival....Jims fifty...Hawkesys batting....Mike Jansen carrying his
bat in D Grade for 26x....D Grades consistent batting during the season with scores of:
91,76,86,72,68,108,91,101,73,167,109,84,66,45....Mervs diving fielding....Darren Mann's
lack of confidence....Broddys big ten at Frog Hollow - 105 (8x6s and just 5 runs on the
off side)....Andrew Caithness calling us cheats - what a cheek....the controversial runout
....Craigs umpiring....Brew stumped for words....Dicks patient batting....Trinity fields-
man heading the ball on the boundary....Ed Irons' comeback....the Trinity collapse at
Koonung....Paul Fraser getting aggro....the many faces of Tom Pontikis....AllSaints U/16
collapse - AO 27....Fats amazing 6/12....Our collapse AO 59....Hawkesys square leg umpiring
- sorry Dave....Chooks controversial bowling...the real Tom Pontikis taking 3 catches....
Rob Hands' christmas cakes....Dave Hands incredible twilight catch....Fuleky bowling in
the dark....Byrneys comeback - "Thank you" says Gary Parker....Ron's last over to Barny's
skipper - 1,1,6,,6,6,4,6.Mike Hills badly timed comeback....that umpire at Namara Rd
.... and we had to pay him!...Fat's BMX: "I'll sell it for \$400...would you believe \$350?
...\$300...how about \$250?...I'll swap it for a helmet and a thighpad..."....Fergy's ton...
Tombsy's diving save on the boundary....Byrneys farewell appearance - "Thank you" says
Fergy...Drosh's match winning 74....Koonungs frustrated skipper....Brad's comeback....
Dick, Craig and Payne playing for the Barnys at the High School....D Grades one-day
outright....Dean Dugdale impersonating Pierre (for a fee)....the disappearing D Grade team
....Drosh's 3 successive monster sixers in fading light....the A Grade tie....our mate
Rosco....Craig Davidson opening the batting....the annual golf day....Paynes language....
Rob's great drive on the 15th....Dicks monster drives - pity about the 3s,5s, chips & putts
....the A Grade outright that could have been....Craigs fearsome bowling....Wal imperson-
ating Rosco....the unpredictable A Grade ladder....the Stone Bros opening stands....
Penguins top score at Highfield....the overhead smash....Dave Hands' double stumping....
Big Als C Grade sixer....Chubby Becker - the man with a mouth bigger than his stomach....
the double Highfield collapse...Daves 7/30...Ed Irons' return to the bowling crease....
Big Als sneaky runout....Rob H holding 2 catches, yes 2....Jims great leg side grab...
Russell Davison's monopoly - 9/27 from 9.6 overs....they didn't have a clue....the near
tragic Hackett/Hawkes collision....D Grades win... Alex's favourite ground....Rod Hames
solid defence....Fat's fever....the eyewitness news team at the Kerrimuir shops....
what colour's red Greg?...the trilogy of terror...what's that noise under the couch?...
the wild, relentless surf at St.Andrews....Clarky's tender tendons....the seconds 5 prong
pace attack - Clark, Hands, Liddle, Taylor and Droscher....Brads jumbo sixers....
Broddy's target practice....\$100 bucks for the airconditioner....the nailbiter at Willison
....Fat finding form....Zeles chest marks....Roger & Al's winning stand....the generous
Trinity bowler - a noball for the winning run....Woggs return to form....Broddys inconsider-
ate treatment of Bishen Baker - 3 sixers in one over...the lovely Lorraine....the
inspiration behind D Grades outright loss to St.steps....the rush to bowl a maiden
over...the queue behind Makrides' car....six sixers from Fats last two overs....
Slugs Twilight return - 5 sixers....the flexible twilight batting order....Wyclifs
agitated skipper....the Under 14s first win...Peter Crinis the hero....U/16 collapse
vs Barnys...Hamesy's catch....Koonung Salvos smart aleck keeper getting his just desserts...
....Ed Earls guest spot...Hawkesy's soccer practice....Sanders Mankads....Roger Deckkers
semi-final catch....Chooks cheeky run....the ingrown toenail saga....Mal & Mike at Warran-
dyte....Rob's NoBalls at training....Clarky's back....the disorganised semi start -
thanks Jim....Rob's moments of glory....tossing the coin and hitting the winning run....
Smithy's duck....the earthquake in the pavillion....Drosh's handy innings....Mr.Wobbly's
tantum....the 'so close and yet so far away' final....Craigs aggressive bowling....
Handsy's classic catch - bad luck Cuthe!...Slugs dominating innings....Jim's stumpings....
STOP PRESS: Tony's haircut....etc....etc....etc....