

82/83



Annual Report
1982/83

"A" GRADE REPORT The first XI's season was a frustrating one. The loss of several more experienced players from the previous season probably contributed to our disappointing performances in the early games, when a lack of batting discipline let us down badly. Not even with last season's batting heroes Blake and Brodtmann at the top of the order could we get within striking distance of 200. In the field we were able to match our opponents for the most part, but lacked the ability to finish off an innings after early success with the ball. Against Nth Balwyn and Blackburn South/Bennettswood we had captured five wickets for around fifty, yet somehow managed to let them off the hook. Against the Barnys our biggest problem was finishing off the opening stand! When we finally topped the 200 mark in the last round before Christmas against ladder leaders Hartwell, we were quietly confident, however we somehow let that one slip away from us too.

Totals of 150-175, while of little value in a two day game, proved to be just enough in the one-day rounds, and following up our batting with accurate bowling and tight fielding, we achieved successive wins. A couple of hot afternoons against Richmond with a depleted team produced a disappointing result, but we bounced back with an exciting win against Trinity at Koonung. Despite growing confidence we finished the season off as we started with a loss, this time at the hands of Deepdene. The generally poor results achieved by the team this season were offset to some extent by encouraging individual performances - particularly from the younger players. This augers well for the future of the First XI.

Dr. R.O. Blake, due to circumstances beyond his control was unable to contribute as consistently as we would have liked this year, and was only able to show glimpses of his mercurial skills with bat and ball. A fine 75 against Trinity showed the Doc in the kind of innings we needed every match. Although Ron took five wickets on three occasions, his most impressive bowling effort was probably his 2/63 from 23 overs against Blacky South, where he had the ball beating everything and anything including Johnno and Kenno.

For the first time in his illustrious career, Broddy found out this year what it's like to struggle for runs - and the team suffered as a consequence. To make things worse, the cause of his problem could not readily be pinpointed. With a forty and five innings in the thirties, Broddy's main problem would seem to have been overcoming the concentration lapses which prevented him from going on to a big score. Although he has lately learnt that batting, like life, wasn't meant to be easy, Broddy is big enough to bounce back next season. The less said about his pair of GOLDEN DUCKS against Wyclif the better.

Greg (You're the boy) Clark, with bokie-like toughness, overcame a nagging back injury this season to produce some fine bowling performances - none better than his 5/64 in the opening round. Often bowling with considerable pace and disconcerting bounce, Greg frequently seemed to lack that extra ounce of luck, and spent much of his time watching good balls flying through, just wide or over slips that might well have gone to hand (or stayed there!). As a batsman, Greg continued to improve, developing into a reliable and entertaining scorer of thirties. His keeping to wrong-uns was admirable.

Evergreen Russell Davison, became the club's longest serving player this season, and was as always a welcome inclusion in the team when available. Several useful hands, particularly in the troublesome No.3 spot were very timely and demonstrated well the way in which to build an innings. A pity he wasn't around every match to contribute with his experience and team spirit.

Dave (Get a bag) Hands was one of the big improvers this season, finally emerging from the shadow of his big brother, and shaking off the "Poor Man's Peter Burke" tag which has dogged him for years, Dave showed the makings (in the last two rounds at any rate) of an "A" Grade allrounder. Switching back to bowl into the wind this season Dave produced some tight bowling spells and despite a few problems with the inswinger proved, after Blakey, our most successful bowler. A fine unbeaten sixty against Trinity was a little gem of an innings. The less said about his fielding the better - the only thing Dave is guaranteed to catch is the flu.

Andrew Hawkes forced his way into the Firsts for the opening round and celebrated with a brilliant on-drive for four. With yet another four in Round 5 against the Barneys, he would seem to have cemented his place in the side, but no, Andrew was dropped for the next round. Andrew's most memorable achievement with the bat this season came at Highfield Park, when he provided solid, unconquered resistance to a Wyclif attack hell bent on obtaining an outright victory. As a square-leg fieldsman he continued to provide an impenetrable barrier, as a bowler....well two wickets in as many balls against the unsuspecting Barneys says it all.

Ross McDonald (Macca) faced a difficult task in his first full Senior season, being asked to open the batting on most occasions - often against opponents much bigger than himself. That Ross did so without complaint in the knowledge that he would be required to sacrifice his natural game for the team's interests, is a clear indication of his mature attitude to the game. Ross's concentration and determination to do his best with the bat provided a fine example for the rest of the team.

Jim (Let's fix his little red wagon) Phillips continued to keep the team on its collective toes this season with his boundless enthusiasm and considered, constructive comments on all aspects of the game. As a wicket keeper Jim was his usual efficient self, but as a batsman he experienced a rather lean season. Constantly hampered by a captain's error which saw him batting in the wrong position, the Grub with Gloves was unable to show his stuff until the final round when a new found confidence resulted in an excellent seventy in adverse conditions. Needs to improve his driving.

Greg (Penguin) Stone returned from self-imposed exile during the season and proceeded to pick up where he left off, working the ball onto the on-side for a single. His brother had a disappointing season, blaming pressure of thinking about work (a new experience) for his miserable post-Christmas efforts.

After an early struggle with the selectors, the last but not least of the fabulous Walsh trio, Robby (alias Stan alias Charlie) settled into the Firsts. Unfortunately 1982/83 did not prove to be one of the most memorable seasons for this talented little performer. Only on a couple of occasions did young Rob show his worth with the bat, producing particularly a fighting fifty against Richmond. With only limited opportunities at the bowling crease he found it difficult to slip into top gear, but he did manage to produce the ball of the series to bowl out Gary the Great. On the debit side, Rob actually dropped a catch during the ninth round (Day 1, 5, 27pm)

A surprise return to the team by the little maestro, Ted Walsh, during a lull in the Pioneers Pre-Season training program was most welcome. Along with his invaluable experience, Ted added a necessary edge of competitiveness to the team. Whether contributing with the bat or the ball, Ted always provided a fine example for the youngsters. His gutsy half century against Deepdene was a classic example. Ted also led by example in the rooms after the game.

Glenn Weatherley showed glimpses of form during the season, but unfortunately only showed glimpses of himself. Craig Rowbotham paced himself skilfully, gradually building up to peak fitness before actually taking the ball in Round 5. By Round 7, Craig was firing on all cylinders and captured a match winning 4 wickets against Canterbury/Mt. Albert. After being hit for a six a fortnight later he mysteriously disappeared. Steve Warren proved a useful member of the team on several occasions supporting his teammates with courageous and sensible batting. David Oswin, Tony Owen and Mark Spencer made guest appearances, while Darren Baker chipped in to catch Jimmy Hunt. Tony and Byrney only thought about it.

Thanks to all players for contributing towards an enjoyable, if only moderately successful season, and for their support and co-operation.

Richard Stone (Capt)

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS 1982/83

3RD WKT	117	J. PHILLIPS + E. WALSH	VS DEEPEENE
4TH WKT	66	R. STONE + R. BLAKE	VS B'BUEN STA.
2ND WKT	63	R. BLAKE + R. DAVISON	VS HARTWELL
10TH WKT	61	D. HANDS + S. WARREN	VS TRINITY
8TH WKT	60	G. CLARK + D. HANDS	VS DEEPEENE

NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST 3rd XI REPORT

Well, its that time of the year again. Break out the moth balls and put the cricket gear out of mind and sight until next season. Our post season conference is over, excuses offered and plans of better things to come next year have been temporarily shelved. Our grand final debacle certainly took the edge off what has been a good season for us. I say it was a good season, but once again we just weren't good enough. To win a premiership after finishing on top of the ladder would have been most gratifying, but as has been the case in years gone by we simply don't always play consistently well when we have to. Possibly one reason for our defeat in the grand final was that we were still on a 'high' after thrashing Kerrimuir in the semi-final. The Baptists were a good class and a half above Kerrimuir and I feel that we took it for granted that victory would come our way, though not quite as easily.

Since our encounter against the Baptists late in the season they included a couple of batsmen who would have been nicely suited to 'B' Grade level. Aside from those two, I have no doubt that we could have matched them, as anybody who saw the game could tell you, once they were removed, the opposition looked ordinary. Our dismal batting performance did not do our team justice and I'm sure that next year we will show our true colours and give the Baptists a well deserved hiding.

D1 has functioned well as a team this year, the most notable difference being everybody chipping in to do the work. As Captain of the team, it was most encouraging to turn up each Saturday knowing that there were ten other people willing to sacrifice a bit of pre-match relaxation to help prepare the ground and generally assist in doing 'the dirty work'. Because of this eminent enthusiasm, it is obvious why we had good attendance at practice, players prepared to put more into their game and reap the benefits of mateship and good performances on the field. Though we failed to make the finals in D2 last season, we were promoted to D1.

It is a measure of our success at practice and improved performances in competition that we finished this season clearly on top of the ladder. Our scorebook shows this season with 7 victories (3 outright) and 3 defeats (1 outright), finals not included for obvious reasons.

TEAM CHAMPION:- Mike Jansen. Once again Mike has shown he has got what it takes. Last years winner, he has again shown his ability with some strong performances both with bat and ball. He has bowled consistently well this year, always being amongst the wickets, but most notably, his batting has improved. Having the task of opening bat and opening bowler is by no means easy, but capping off a season by winning Team Champion shows just how dedicated to the cause Mike is. Sometimes his reluctance to face the opening deliveries causes concern, but that concern soon disappears once he takes to the crease. Together with 'Chook' he has provided us with a more reliable opening partnership than last year, and we all know the importance of an opening partnership.

Moving up to D1, the standard of opposition has been higher, but Mike still managed to snare 33 scalps at an average of 18.5 runs. A well deserved award.

BATTING AWARD:- Who Else, Glen Newnham. His expertise, his cool style and command of the bat was a more than welcome asset to the club this year, and I hope we can look forward to many more fine innings from this left hander. Undoubtedly, his batting strength bolstered our performances this year and without him the going would have been much harder. Simply the knowledge that there was a team member who could score runs with such apparent ease just waiting to attack the bowling gave everybody else confidence, an integral part of cricket. When called upon, he has also proved to be a useful swing bowler, picking up 10 wickets this season. He has amassed 451 runs at an average of 41. He has always displayed enthusiasm and is a popular member of our team. Well done Sir.

MOST CONSISTENT:- Stephen Down. This has been a good year for Steve. Apart from one lapse when he forgot to stop playing cards, Downy has been a willing performer. His unusual tactic of bowling around the wicket often has opponents in trouble. When you couple this with his ability to swing the ball, he proved a difficult customer. He captured 29 wickets at an average of 20.1. Together with Mike Jansen, they proved to be a very successful opening attack, 62 wickets between them is no mean feat. Downy showed us this year that he CAN bat. His most memorable innings were against Richmond where he notched up 88 very quick runs, and the following game against the Baps, when he clouted Sprake for 32 runs in one over. Needless to say, Sprake was taken out of the attack at the end of the over.

MOST IMPROVED:- This award has been won by Darren 'Chook' Sencek. For those of you who would care to look at our statistics, Chooks batting has improved quite appreciably over this season and reached a milestone when he cracked it for a ton in the semi-final against the hapless Kerrimuir boys. It just shows, you can convert a batsman who has very little technique, threaten him with the axe, then see him transform into a majestic stroke maker. If Chook can maintain this restraint, he will make many more runs for this club. As mentioned earlier, he and Mike Jansen have gradually improved their opening partnerships and I'm sure that they will only progress.

Now for the 'also rans'. Irongloves had a slight improvement behind the stumps this season. Ever since his birthday present was presented to him, his keeping improved in leaps and bounds. Most notable improvement was that he reduced 'byes' dramatically. The cousins, Hackett and Weekes. Well, they showed promise, but unfortunately what was promised didn't always eventuate. Stuart picked up 18 wickets for the season, but occasionally had trouble with approaching the stumps. Once the problem was ironed out he proved to be a valuable bowler. Towards the end of the season, Stuart really started to put his act together with the bat, and next year will do well. Matt Weekes hit a purple patch mid season but alas, lost touch towards the end. Practice makes perfect, and we all look forward to a return to form by Matthew. When he was making runs he looked impressive. Solid, hard hitting Alan Kosky didn't play every game this season, but made many useful contributions with some superb fielding displays. A big score was always on the cards from Al, but as is often the case he would receive an unbeatable delivery and be dismissed just as things looked rosy.

Kiernan Rowbotham, although he has announced his retirement from first class competition was probably our most regular member at practice. Despite the fact that he didn't always fare well, he was always willing to have a go. Keep trying Keirnan, one day the break will come. Who will forget the semi when Keirnan casually removed D.K's middle peg with an orthodox straight delivery. If there was a grand stand at the ground, it would have erupted. For that spectacular incident, Keirnan received more back slaps than he would have on a swedish massuers table. What about our ace driver Woody? This promising stock car driver kindly donated his services to cricket on a couple of occasions and if he persists, should develop into a useful middle order batsman. Time will tell. In the last game before the finals, Woody took a couple of telling catches which had the pundits reeling in amazement. Our head dietician, Adrian Zele, who OWES ME \$6.00 FOR A PIZZA was also on the verge of being classed a good ordinary player. I don't know if he has a particular hate for Kerrimuir, but the two times we played them were the two times Zele struck form. It appears that we may have lost Adrian to the dainty sport of squash, but any time he wants to bring his 'Guests Teddy Bears Biscuits' and 'Cheezels' back, he is welcome. Ron Ashleys departure mid season left a hole in the batting and also the loss of a willing worker, but we still finished on top.

I would like to thank my teammates for their support during the season. Having team mates that I can rely upon, I was able to concentrate on my own game a bit more and my performances duly improved as the scorebooks reveal. Finally, to those parents, friends and families who came along to support us at various stages of the season, a special thank you. Your interest in our team gave us just that little bit more incentive to do well. We certainly hope that you were entertained by our antics and trust that you will support us again next season.

Rob Hands, Captain

B. GRADE REPORT.

DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED MASS EXODUS OF MOST OF LAST YEARS TEAM HALF WAY THROUGH ROUND ONE, THE SECONDS WERE FORCED TO BUILD THEIR TEAM AROUND THE U-16 PLAYERS. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE UNABLE TO WIN A GAME, THEY ALL TRIED THEIR BEST AND DID A GREAT JOB FOR THE CLUB. IT WAS ALSO A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE JUNIOR PLAYERS TO PLAY IN SENIOR CRICKET. THREE CENTURIES WERE SCORED IN B-GRADE THIS SEASON (R. WALSH, R. DAVISON, J. PHILLIP. EVERY MEMBER OF THE SIDE ENJOYED THE SEASON AND NEXT YEAR WILL SURELY SEE THE TEAM IMPROVE, EXCEPT PERHAPS WAL.

ANDREW HILL: BORING BATSMAN WHO HASN'T GOT ANY SHOTS. A GREAT OCCUPIER OF THE CREASE WHOSE VALUE WAS INCALCULABLE.

VINCENZO GIOIA: SUPERB WICKET KEEPER WHO MAKES CRUSTY LOOK LIKE A BACK STOP.

MICHAEL LAURIE: GREAT LITTLE CRICKETER, WITH A BIG ~~AMOUNT~~ FUTURE

STEVE WARREN: TALENTED ALL ROUNDER WITH A GREAT FUTURE.

SHAUN WENTWORTH: HAS ABILITY BUT DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OF HIS LIMBS.

PAUL FARRELL: WILL BE A BETTER CRICKETER WHEN HIS VOICE BREAKS.

JIM TRIANGOLO. A NATURAL COMEDIAN.

ROB WALSH: HIS FORM WITH BOTH BAT AND BALL PROVED STAN TO BE "A" GRADE MATERIAL.

GLENN WEATHERLY NOT THE MOST UNSUCCESSFUL CAPTAIN. HIS TEAMS PERFORMED WELL IN THE EARLY GAMES.

MIKE WALSH THE USUAL STORY - SHOWED SKILL WITH BOTH BAT AND BALL AT TIMES.

RUSSELL DAVISON HIS EXPERIENCE WAS A BONUS AND WAS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR ALL PLAYERS.

ANDREW HAWKES: GOT THE SHOTS BUT MUST LEARN TO WAIT FOR THE RIGHT BALL.

ALEX PETROVIC: SOME MORE CONCENTRATION REQUIRED SON!

JIM PHILLIPS. OBVIOUSLY AN "A" GRADE PLAYER.

ALSO PLAYED: R. M'DONALD, B. BAKER, P. M'DONALD, G. STONE, DAVE D, R. HANDS, D. SENCEK, M. JANSEN, A. GRAY.

COMPILED BY D. HANDS + A. HAWKES

CAN WE EVER FORGET..... B grades scratch team - every week....big preseason practice
turnouts....Stan the mans ton....Clarkys five wickets...Broddy's acrobatic catch....
Hawksey's quick conversion - dropped catch into a runout....Hawkseys boundary....
Broddy's entertaining second knock - last over ...4,6,6,..6,1....Mike McCormacks
trouble getting a clearance from his father....Robert Keans enthusiastic attitude....
the dominance of Sturpee at Mont Albert Primary....Steeles (sorry) Paul's fifty-one....
the deluge - Knottys indecision....Alex's scoring - how many needed?....Knottys
half an over - sore back or was he scared of Broddy?....Clarkys fluke dismissal....
Rashies one handed fielding....Loz's favourite shot - the spooned catch to short
fine leg....Ade's Jim Higgs stumping....Vinnies keeping debut....B Grades amazing
turnover of players - and captains....five in five weeks....B Grades protest against
the heat - lets hit the pub fellas....Sadiqs tireless fielding (until he collapsed)
....the three stooges (alias Robby Walsh's mates....Ossie and Broddy losing their
way - to Highfield Park'....Broddy's first ever duck...and his second....Broddys
first ever GOLDEN DUCK...and his second....who needs a video scoreboard....if you
missed it the first time...you'll see it in the second innings....Mitchells
umpiring....Broddys temper....Broddy's bowling.... Ross Maccas confusing dismissal...
caught or LBW?....D Grade almost beaten outright in a One day game by Nth Balwyn....
B Grades forfeit (how embarrassing)....Ewby's favourite shot to mid wicket...Hilly's
catching....Steve Warrens unbeaten fifty....Steve Warrens first ton. ...Jimmyale's
debut....Shinnels five wickets....D grade skipper dominating against Boronia....
Ron Ashley's plan - buy wickets no matter what the cost...."Give me the same team
every week and I'll get you a flag"...whatever happened to.... "I have to paint
the house Dick"...."I had to play squash Dick"....Des D's comeback (sort of)....
You're the boy Nealo"..."The shot was on Geoffery Castles"....Davo's day out at our
expense....Handsy's five brilliant deliveries to Nealo....Broddy's catching in slips....
Spooner's critical miss...Blakeys spinners....mass suicide against Kenno....like
Lemmings heading for the cliff - 5 stumpings....Craigs comeback - "I'll be ready to
bowl next week"....Timmy Wannan's brilliant innings at Hartwell....Vinni's guiding
us to victory....Zeles health foods....Chook's Vietnamese friends....Choppers first
ball wicket in B Grade... B Grades great batting against SummerHill - A.O. 39 & 50
...Taymos - what a hero..."Your'e not in Under 16s now!"...Glen Rowbothams brief
comeback....Saturday Night at the Bayswater Spa....Macca and Clarky taking on the
Whale on his home territory....the shooting gallery at the fence... Mrs B's untimely
arrival..."You're not supposed to be home yet..."...Gary the great...what a man....
Jimmy Hunt...."What beautiful forearms"...Hawksey's T-shirt...what a crawler....
Craig's first ball of the season....Handsy's seal impressions at mid-on trying to
catch Gary....Jim's first wicket - How does it feel Jim?....Funreal....Hawkseys fluke..
..Spooners great catch....Kerrimuirs great Twilight effort....Hawkseys Twilight golden..
..Choppers friend at square leg....Sanders bowling comeback....Shinnels rough LB....
Dicks great right cross for goal....the hidden entrance to Nooroolbarks ground....
Stewy Hacketts mysterious disappearances at training...who was she Stew?....Matt's
menagerie of cars....Droschers comeback - everybody on the boundary....Penguins
return to the club - and to form...Russell's tom....Mr.Davisons birthday party....
Alex's Kev Miller imitations...."Here's the new ball son - use it!".....Hawksey's
stop on the boundary - with his mouth....Ossie's catching....Shinners diving catch -
not out....Richmonds ground...Glen Newhams majestic 140NO..Macca's headband and
cool sunglasses...The delightful day at Elgar Park....Handsy's opening debut....
Russells 50...Dick's off drive for six (into the wind)...the little maestros return...
Dicks overhead mark....D Grade playing for B Grade....Sandy's superb control (of his
bowling and his temper)....Clarkys airswings....Dicks runout...Ron's runout,....
Gregs runout....Daves runout....the smokescreen at Blacky Road...Downeys hangover...
Sipala's quick 55 - 15 minutes....Marriotts doubtful decision....Eddy Seckers peculiar
mat shuffle....Woody's dynamic catching....The Willsmere Park waterhole....not a
good toss to lose....Ted's marathon bowling stint....Clarkys keeping....Clarkys shock
haircut....Wal - the lonely spectator....the unorthodox approach to the third hole....
Georges words of wisdom - "I hope you've got some batsmen...because you havent got
any bowlers""Is he (Broddy) the only one who can catch?"....Double earth tremor -
Billy and Broddy going for the same slips catch...Robby's critical slip...sorry Greg...
Phil Maccas catching - nothing could stop him....not even the stumps....Barry Bakers
donkey drops....Athol and Andrew's TV Ringside. .Chooks enthusiastic approach to
training....Broddy's attitude....Broddy's stockpile of Lamingtons....Ross Maccas
tireless defense of McDonalds...St.Andrews surf...Dicks washed out photographs...
Shinnel giving the boys a driving lesson....the strange creature in Vista crt....

~~Doncasters Big George - oh so cool...oh so tough...Sanders classic - "Am I mistaken, or are you the meathead who got caught on that glorious on drive?"...Chopper the c~~
~~centre of attention at training...Downy slathers the Baps...Big Al's statement -~~
~~"No c*** hits me in the arm and gets away with it" ...next ball - six big ones...Jansen finishing off the match with a six or two...Chooks popular umpiring vs The~~
~~Avenue...A Grades exciting win over Trinity...Blakeys 75...Dick getting the ball~~
~~of the day...honestly...Jimbo's demotion and subsequent return to form at Highfield... what a man...Barry Bakers supporting role...Dave D's all too brief comeback... the heavy metal rubbishbin at Koonung...Shinnels eventual batting success... Hilly's calling - sorry Steve mate...the Walsh brothers all making ducks on the same day - the family that bats together fails to score together... Wokkas batting... Jimmy Triangolos B grade fielding - unpassable...Vinnys catching without gloves... Woody's first four at training...Wals enterprising opening batting...another pleasant day in the field at Deepdene...the run out that wasn't...Framptons power hitting...Tony's useful debut with the ball...Broddy getting aggro...Huggas batting. ..Broddys edgy Australia Day innings...D grades great team effort in the semi... Chookas ton - unbelievable...Downys beamball and subsequent wicket...Ashley Peters dramatic dismissal...Ashley Peters keeping to the spinners...Zeles's appetite... Hamesys new gloves...Spooners non appearance (again)...Spooners plan foiled... Kiernan sends Brains back to the Pavilion...First DK...now FK... Smithy out first over...come on ump...Sanders breaking his wrist - what a moron...Vinnis accurate keeping ...what a runout...Choppers bowling...what a stumping...Loz's breakthrough. Loz's batting and the catch over the boundary...Adeys tragic runout...Paul Hancocks fiery bowling...Chris Adairs timely innings...D Grades dismal final effort...W Wimpy's unbiased umpiring...Nikkos headband... Baps wicket keepers amazing hero act...Hamesy's sledging...Stewys controversial runout...Chookas newfound bowling talent...Woody's driving -"You can go round corners flat out in 3rd"...Cloke, Mossop...the clubs bikie gang...U/14s disappointing finish...the Barnys getting done...tragic...Zeles teddy bears...~~

AUTOGRAPHS

UNDER 14 REPORT. The 1982/83 season was an excellent one for the U/14's, making the grand final only to be beaten in the second last over. Every member of the team improved during the season, due largely to hard work at practice. It was great to see the enthusiasm in training and matches and this held right through the season.

Captain-Darren Baker once again proved to be a consistent player, managing to take 5 -3 wicket bags. Darren's captaincy was excellent this year, particularly in the final's when the pressure was on.

Paul Hancock had a brilliant season. He started off as the teams keeper, but graduated to our opening bowler. He also played in the inter-association matches over Christmas/New year time, and performed most admirably in those games.

Athol Kemp improved immensely this , particularly with the bat. After his 30 in round 3, Athol never looked back. Will he ever forget the out shot off D.J.

Greg Hughes had a slightly inconsistent season, but he batted brilliantly in several hands, notching up 2-50's, both being against teams that made the finals. (Kerrimuir and Box Hill Salvos.)

Andrew Sinclair had difficulty in running between wickets this season getting run-out 3 times. Andrews greatest asset is his ability to wait for the right ball to hit. Some senior players should take a leaf out of his book.

Darren Richards had a difficult season in trying to change his bowling style. Although "Dazza" doesn't like his new style it made him one of the tightest bowlers in the team.

Geoff Lodge showed good improvement this season. Geoff became our opening batsman after the second match and wicket keeper after round 3. Geoff has all the shots and should develop into a fine batsman.

Chris Adair finally showed some of the form I know he is capable of in the semi-final with a match saving 40. Chris is also one of the teams most reliable fieldsmen.

Paul Lumley didn't have much of a chance to show us his ability with the ball this season, but he managed to pick up 8 wickets. With a bit more strength and height, Paul could be a deadly bowler.

Anthony Mercer seems to perform only when the pressure is on. He figured in a great partnership in the semi with "Adoo Man".

Greg Daniels the teams "mascot" will definitely have benefitted from this season. Greg picked up 3 wickets and will develop into a very good and accurate bowler.

Nathan Clark only played 4 games but showed us that he has potential, particularly with his hard hitting batting.

Other players this season were Doug Beggley, Danny Moir and Rohan Andrew.

These three lads showed keenness at practice and in matches. With some hard work next season they will surely improve.

I would like to congratulate all the players on a fine effort this season, and I also thank them for the most enjoyable year I have had as a coach.

Special mention must go to Mr. Kemp who came along to every match and gave great support to the club and players.

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

45	-	ADAIR / KEMP	vs	DONCASTER	UTG.	R.3.
44	-	HANCOCK / SINCLAIR	vs	B'BURN	NTH. BAPTS	R.4.
62	-	KEMP / LODGE	vs	BOX HILL	SALVOS.	R.5
96	-	HUGHES / BAKER	vs	"	"	" (unbeaten)
83	-	HANCOCK / HUGHES	vs	MOOROOKBARK	BAPTS	R.6.
50	-	KEMP / HANCOCK	vs	BORONIA	CHURCHES	R.7.
60	-	SINCLAIR / RICHARDS	vs	"	"	"
49	-	LODGE / KEMP	vs	NTH	BAKLYN	UTG. R.9.
52	-	MERCER / ADAIR	vs	KERRIMUIR		Semi-Final
83	-	SINCLAIR / BAKER	vs	DONCASTER		Grand Final

"A" GRADE STATISTICS

	<u>M</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>RO</u>	<u>PTS</u>
BLAKE, R.	8	9	-	75	261	29.0	119	19	466	23	20.3	-	3	101
HANDS, D.	17	13	2	60x	165	15.0	139	19	530	16	33.1	7	2	81
BRODTMANN, D.	11	13	1	47	259	21.6	28	1	183	2	91.5	10	-	75
CLARK, G.	11	12	-	35	203	16.9	108	16	427	13	32.8	3	3	75
STONE, R.	11	12	-	56	207	17.25	13	-	60	2	30.0	6	1	61
WALSH, R.	7	7	-	50	113	16.1	39	8	205	9	22.7	2	-	44
PHILLIPS, J.	9	10	1	70	138	15.3	2	-	19	1	19.0	4	-	37
DAVISON, R.	6	6	1	57	147	29.4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	31
WALSH, E.	5	5	1	53	77	19.25	21	-	141	7	20.1	-	-	29
MCDONALD, R.	8	8	-	25	101	12.6	5	-	32	-	-	2	-	24
WEATHERLEY, G.	6	6	-	24	90	15.0	5	2	24	1	24.0	4	-	21
ROWBOTHAM, C.	7	5	2	6	8	2.66	36	2	177	8	22.1	1	-	19
HAWKINS, A.	6	8	3	17x	45	9.0	2	-	8	2	4.0	2	1	18
WARREN, S.	4	4	-	13	39	9.75	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	11
OSMIN, D.	3	4	-	18	39	9.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
STONE, G.	5	5	2	19	31	10.3	2	-	30	-	-	-	-	6
OWENS, T.	1	1	-	1	1	1.0	12	-	69	2	34.5	-	-	4

UNDER 16 STATISTICS

	<u>M</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>RO</u>	<u>PTS</u>
WARREN, S.	9	9	2	107	305	43.57	99	13	338	17	19.88	2	-	99
GIOIA, V.	9	9	2	34	140	26.00	6	-	43	3	14.33	13	2 ST	64
LAURIE, M.	9	9	2	42x	118	16.85	36	6	157	11	14.27	7	-	59
WENTWORTH, S.	7	7	-	32	84	12.0	85	5	382	20	19.1	1	-	58
FARRELL, P.	9	9	2	23	79	11.28	30	4	119	9	13.22	1	-	35
HILL, A.	9	9	-	49	103	11.44	1	-	8	-	-	4	-	28
SANDERS, M.	4	4	-	27	57	14.25	12	-	56	7	8.0	-	-	25
ENDANK, P.	7	6	1	23	46	9.2.	1.3	-	5	2	2.5	2	-	17
WANNAN, T.	6	4	1	30	52	17.33	4	-	18	1	18.0	2	-	16
RASH, N.	7	3	1	5	5	2.5	1	-	2	2	1.0	1	-	7
TRIANGOLO, J.	4	4	2	5x	12	6.0	1	-	10	1	10.0	2	-	8
GRAY, A.	9	6	-	10	33	5.5	12	-	73	3	24.33	1	-	14

UNDER - 14 STATS.

	M	Inns	No.	H.S.	Agg	Ave	O	m	R	W	Ave	C	Ro	Pts
P. HANCOCK	11	10	1	51x	259	28.7	61	13	189	22	8.59	8	5	119
D. BAKER	11	11	1	31	118	11.8	43	4	6	145	17	8.53	1	60
A. KEMP	10	10	-	32	137	13.7	61	4	214	14	15.28	2	-	57
G. HUGHES	9	9	3	57x	205	34.2	71	-	39	2	19.5	3	2*	55
A. SINCLAIR	9	8	2	53x	192	32	29	2	127	7	18.14	1	1	54
D. RICHARDS	10	10	-	32	81	8.1	36	9	90	9	10	2	-	36
G. LODGE	11	11	1	31	137	13.7	16	2	59	3	19.6	1	-	34
C. ADAIR	11	11	2	40	97	10.7	13	1	43	-	-	4	3	31
P. LUMLEY	11	10	4	8	26	4.3	32	4	96	8	12	3	-	27
A. MERCER	9	8	2	27	69	11.5	5	-	28	4	7	-	-	21
G. DANIELS	7	5	1	6	8	2	4	1	20	3	6.8	1	-	9
N. CLARK	4	3	2	26x	28	28	11	-	3	-	-	1	-	7
D. MOIR	5	3	1	1x	1	0.5	2	-	1	3	1	-	-	2
R. ANDREW	2	2	1	1x	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
D. BEGGLEY	2	2	2	5x	9	-	3	-	14	-	-	-	-	1

AWARDS

TEAM CHAMPION: PAUL HANCOCK.
 MOST CONSISTENT: DARREN BAKER.
 MOST IMPROVED: ATHOL KEMP.
 BATTING AWARD: GREG HUGHES.

D GRADE STATS.

	M	Inns	No.	H.S.	Agg	Ave	O	m	R	W	Ave	C	Ro	Pts
M. JANSEN	12	18	2	61	323	20.2	150	27	6	12	33	18.5	6	143
G. NEWNHAM	10	13	2	140x	451	41	66	9	319	10	31.9	5	-	120
S. DOWN	11	11	2	88	207	23	135	23	58	2	29	20.1	5	114
R. HANDS	10	12	4	89x	293	36.6	77	16	258	20	12.9	5	1	109
S. HACKETT	12	15	-	40	262	17.4	78	6	396	18	22	4	1	98
D. SENCEK	12	18	2	125	389	24.3	21	2	83	1	83	8	-	95
R. HAMES	12	16	3	32	244	18.7	-	-	-	-	-	13	1	76
R. ASHLEY	5	9	2	39	179	25.6	34	4	179	11	16.3	2	-	61
A. ZELE	10	11	2	72	191	21.2	3	1	19	2	9.5	5	2	55
M. WEEKES	11	14	-	34	131	9.4	5	-	37	-	-	6	2	38
A. KOSKY	6	4	1	26	54	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14
S. WOOD	6	5	-	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	7
K. ROWBOTHAM	6	5	1	5x	5	1.2	4	-	39	1	39	-	-	3

SHINNEL WAS THE SURPRISE PACKET OF THE TEAM - YOU NEVER KNEW WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO NEXT. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS POTENTIAL WITH THE BAT WAS NEVER FULLY REALISED. A 30 IN THE FINAL ROUND WAS THE CLOSEST WE GOT TO SEEING SHAWN IN FULL FLIGHT. A STRONG DRIVER AND POWERFUL HITTER OF THE BALL HE COULD LIFT THE BALL EFFORTLESSLY BACK OVER THE BOWLER'S HEAD. WITH THE NEW BALL HE PRODUCED SOME EXCELLENT SPELLS, BOWLING INTELLIGENTLY AND WITH GOOD VARIATION, CAPTURING 5 WKTS OFF 12 OVERS AGAINST CANTY/MT. ALBERT.

JIM "I AM NOT AN ANIMAL" TRIANGOLO, AFTER MUCH PERSUASION FINALLY JOINED HIS MATES AND SHOWED GLIMPSES OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HAD HE HAD GREATER OPPORTUNITIES. REMINISCENT OF A RIGHT HANDED KEPLER WESSELS AT THE CREASE, JIM'S CURIOUS STANCE AND SHUFFLE DID NOT PREVENT HIM FROM SCORING A MAGNIFICENT 5 RD. AGAINST BLACKY STW. IN THE FIELD, JIM WAS IMPASSABLE.

ADRIAN GRAY, EVERY BODY'S FAVOURITE TRUCKHEAD, HAD ONLY A MIXED YEAR FOLLOWING HIS HEROIC 1981/82 SEASON. A TRAGIC RUNOUT IN THE SEMI CUT SHORT WHAT WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE BEEN THE INNINGS OF THE YEAR. AS A BOWLER, ADRIAN ADOPTED SHOCK TACTICS, OFTEN CHANGING FROM MEDIUM PACE TO LEG SPIN FOUR TIMES AN OVER!

TIM WANNAN AND NEVILLE RASH PROVED ONCE AGAIN THE OLD LINE ABOUT GOOD THINGS COMING IN SMALL PACKAGES. ALTHOUGH NEV ONLY HAD LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR HIS BRILLIANT BATTING + BOWLING IN THE TWILIGHT GAME, ALONG WITH SOME CUTSY FIELDING SHOWED A BOY WITH A BIG FUTURE. KEEP EATING THOSE VITA-BRITS NEV! AT TRAINING NEV DEVELOPED A LIKING FOR THE SANDSHOE CRUSHER. THE BEST THING ABOUT TIMMY WAS THE WAY HE TRICKED THE OPPOSITION INTO FEELING SORRY FOR HIM. "HERE COMES AN UNDER 14 "THEY'D SAY, AND BRING THE FIELD INTO THE EDGE OF THE PITCH. TIM WOULD THEN PROCEED TO WHACK THE BALL OVER THEIR HEADS. A CLASSICAL LITTLE INNINGS OF 30 AT HARTWELL WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED - SO WILL A COUPLE OF SCORCHERS HE HELD AT MID-ON.

HEAD BANGERS DEPT.

OUR FAVOURITE HEAVY METAL FREAKS HAD MEDIOCRE SEASONS, WITH MARK SANDERS HAVING A LATE START AND AN EARLY FINISH TO THE SEASON, AND PETER EW BANK FIRING ON ONLY HALF HIS NORMAL VOLTAGE. MARK DID HIS USUAL TAIL CLEAN UP JOB AT MOORPOOLBARK, WHILE EWBY DISCOVERED A SHOT HE DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD, AGAINST CANTY/MT. ALBERT.

UNFORTUNATELY HE TRIED TO REPEAT THE SAME SHOT EVERYTIME HE CAME TO THE CREASE, WITH DISASTEROUS CONSEQUENCES. THE BOWLING RANGEFINDER REMAINED BADLY DAMAGED. THE HIGHLIGHT OF MARK SANDERS SEASON WAS UNDOUBTEDLY HIS ATTEMPT TO SET A NEW DIVING FREQUENCY RECORD AT BRODDY'S POOL, BEEN TO ANY GOOD PUBS LATELY?

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