



1983/84  
Annual Report

## B I GRADE REPORT .

Not one of the all time great seasons , but nevertheless a very enjoyable one in which some players maintained their reputations and some young players got better , and some older ones appeared to get worse . Despite losing our resident M . D . in a dramatic last minute withdrawl , and with no - one to keep check on our attitude , we entered the opening round confidently with a familiar combination of youth and experience . Kerrimuir had found a substitute paddock for the occasion with most of the advantages of Eram Paddock ( i . e . a concrete pitch ) but lacking that distinctive aroma of horse manure that over the years we have grown to love . Our first innings for the year was held together by a 73 run 4th wicket partnership between the skipper and 1982/83 sensation Jimbo . Astute umpiring by Ossie enabled Jim to avoid an ignominious duck and he went on to record an exiting half century . Newcomer Ian Clarke showed promise but we struggled to a total of only 175 . Despite the early dismissal of Kevin Miller protégé David Payne the second Saturday was not to be our day and was marred by some embarrassing fielding notably by Clarky , who later managed to redeem himself by taking 4 of the last 6 wickets . Ross Macca averaged a tidy 17 runs from each of his 3 overs & Ossie took a wicket . The dying moments of the game were brought alive by boom recruit Steve " Pelly " Pollard whose big hitting forced local residents indoors . Jimbo completed an unofficial pair .

Round 2 provided the undoubted highlight of the season as we annihilated the Bapts . at Koomung Park . A drizzly first week meant a one dayer on OCTOBER 22nd 1983 ( remember that date ) . Finalists in 82 / 83 the Bapts . now boasted the addition of NBMCC legend Dr . R . O . Blake to their side - but not even this apparent bonus could save them on this day OCTOBER 22nd 1983 . Batting first we struggled to a mere 107 from 29 overs with only Clarky , Russell , and Ossie offering any resistance . Jim meanwhile made it three in a row ( unofficial ) . The Bapts . appeared to be facing a fairly simple task , needing only to average 3.5 runs per over to take the points , so it was out with the footy . Superb wing play by Robby , strong marking by Polly highlighted the interval , but it was the Hands / Clark combination which dominated the game after half time . In the space of just 13.4 overs the game was ours - from 1-2 to 4-12 to 6-17 the Bapts . crumpled to be all out for 33 . The relentless onslaught of pace , cut , and swing produced by our heroes . Superb fielding and catching by Jimbo and the slips corden completed our absolute domination . An extraordinary performance . Blakey was speechless .

Round 3 brought us back to earth and need not detain us for long. Isn't cricket a funny game? Several chances went down which proved to be crucial misses. Clarky went wicketless and although Handsy finished with six wickets, he wasn't rewarded until his 13th over. Big Clint had a field day clubbing us wherever he liked, and Richmond finished with 343. Meanwhile Wogg got married. The second day was the day of the flexible batting order as late arrivals and early departures caught us on the hop. At 3 for 9 we looked shaky, but a 98 run partnership for the 6th wicket between the skipper (73 exiting runs) and an inspired Ossie (35) gave us some chance. However ducks from 3 of our last 4 batsmen sealed our fate - it should however be said that the full tosses that bowled Tombsy and Wal were magnificent deliveries. Given another chance in our second knock both these players showed much better form - as did Steve Warren who produced a sparkling 43. The next game on our home turf provided further evidence of the supremacy of our opening attack, as Messrs. Hands & Clark collected a further 9 wickets between them. It also provided further evidence however of the britleness of our batting. The inclusion of the inform Petrovic did little to improve the top order, and the first 6 batsmen could total barely 40 runs. It was up to Hands and Walsh to regain some respectability with 43 & 37 runs respectively. Burwood were set 145 for victory, but at stumps on the first day they had struggled to 4 for 67 the game was evenly poised. Good fielding and intelligent bowling on Day 2 payed dividends and we ended Burwoods innings with an advantage of 17 runs. Our second knock was up to our usual standard with many big names badly out of touch. Ian Clarke (a late arrival) looked magnificent in borrowed whites <sup>holding up</sup> both his trousers and his end to support Jimbo until stumps.

The game against Glen iris / East Kew / All Saints will be remembered as the game in which the skipper spat the dummy, as the team threw the game away before his very eyes. With fortune favouring him in his 300th game, living legend Graham Sharp out & edged his way to 45 and helped his team to a reasonable position, but steady bowling kept us in the game - that is until popular opponent Francis Morris came to the crease and frustrated our tiring bowlers with his aggressive hitting. From 8 / 145 GI/EK/AS. finished the day with 231 much to our displeasure. With a batting line up already weakened by the absence of our resident stuntman Jim Buggins, we suffered a couple of early setbacks to be 2 / 15. The skipper, returned to the opening posy, lost his wicket at 38, and Ossie followed soon after. Handsy offered some resistance and carried the score to 83 before losing his wicket. By this time the skipper was not altogether happy, but with proven performers at the crease and with others to come, all was not lost. Seven runs later he spat it, as his once proud team crumpled to be all out for 90, with the last

few batsmen joining in with the Graham Sharp 300th game celebrations and presenting the old man with the memorable bowling analysis of 5 balls - 3 for 0 . A sporting jesture indeed . Bravo you sucks . Having offered his players the choice of batting positions for their second knock , the skipper had a sulk . Meanwhile Clarky got aggro and spat chips at his good mate Francis .

We maintained both our magnificent batting and bowling form during round six - which meant that although our opposition - top of the ladder Camberwell - didn't make many runs - neither did we . In what was indeed a memorable match , we came within a whisker of defeating this seasons eventual premiers OUTRIGHT . Our first batting effort produced that magical Beat the Bapts. figure of 107, thanks largely to Burgermaster Macca whose intelligent 33 (including a six ) dragged us from 8/47 . Vinni Gioia making his 1st XI debut supported Big Mac with an unbeaten 16 . Contributions by other batsmen were negligible . Fine bowling by Hands & Pollard & good catching including a couple of pearlers in slips by Polly left the opposition 9 wickets down and only 30 runs in front at stumps . Declaring at their overnight score the Camberwell buddies obviously thought they could smell an outright. Dick made a duck and we slumped to 3 / 6, but steady batting from Warren , Davo , Macca , Polly and Ghook restored our prestige and we managed 127. A quick kick of the footy and we were back in our Bapts. beating form with the opening combo really pelting them down . Some excellent catching - gams from Clarky and the skipper - and tight fielding saw Camberwell crack under pressure and slump from 0 for 23 to 9 for 72 . Just one wicket away from outright victory - was this really happening ? could this really be true? Well it was true alright but that last wicket was the hardest to get . Camberwell hung on grimly to survive the last two overs . Disappointing finish but a great game all the same .

The opening one-dayer after the break provided a welcome return to batting form as we took advantage of warm conditions and a lightning fast outfield . Steve Warren - always the thinker - head butted an early delivery so as to allow the in - form Handsy to come to the crease , without really affecting his average . Inspired no doubt by Macca's mastery of the pull shot , Dave began his onslaught on the hapless Doncaster attack . One pull too many and Polly joined our favorite Linesman for a 97 run partnership . AS Dave got ever closer to the "magical ton " the skipper replaced Polly relishing the chance to go swisho . Handsy at the other end slowly approached the nervous nineties through the edgy eighties but couldn't contain himself and holed out for 93 ( fine effort that ) . Revenge was swift however as Dick took out the long handle and swished a couple of sixers and a four from the next few balls . Robby bravely sacrificed his wicket for the team , and Dick was cotroversly run - out as the keeper - ballless made the stumps bailless.

Davo entered with 3 balls to go and took out the strike rate award with 2, 4, 4. A total of 5 / 251 was quite acceptable. The result was never really in doubt after the piddly openers were dismissed & fabulous Frankie lofted a drive. Indeed with the little master Ted Walsh behind the stumps, how could we lose? The brilliant stumping from Tombsies first delivery was magic.

Round 8 is best described quickly. Played on one of the foremost cricketing arenas in Australia. We batted first and made 237 (Clrk 53, Polly 42) Deepdene batted second and made a few more. Meanwhile on the next ground Barnies were engaged in an enthusiastic struggle with Camberwell in a much more interesting game. Polly Perkins with on the spot reports kept us well informed.

Back at home for Round 9 to meet the Barnies. We had Jimbo back from the Stuntman Summer Symposium, and Ossie Promoted to the opening position. Both to little effect. Despite the middle order slump we collected a satisfactory 211. with good contributions coming from Handsy, Polly, Clarky, young Robby Walsh, and not so young Ted Walsh. Meanwhile fat Wally spat the dummy. A quick wicket on the first evening and the early dismissal of big Bill Cavanagh the following week set the Barnies back and they never really looked dangerous - how could they with Eddy Secker on our side? Steady bowling from the terrific trio and good fielding allowed us to hold the Barnies to just 151. To cap it all off, Ossie took a catch.

In theory the last two rounds should have been easy wins - but in practice they weren't. Certainly we had our chances at Myrtle Park scoring 278 on the first day - but nothing seemed to go our way the following week. Polly was the golden haired boy this as he compiled his maiden century - opening the innings and batting until after 5. Top innings that. Good support came from Handsy and later from Clarky and later from the little marvel E.W. whose intelligent approach to the situation threw the admiration of all in the press box. On reflection that 278 could and should have been 300 plus, certainly we needed more given the amount of luck that favoured our opponents. Two of the all time piddling batsmen, countless edges and snicks, plus (or minus) a number of missed chances allowed Balwyn to bore their way towards a winning score. The last few overs were exiting enough with the wickets in hand, runs to get and balls to bowl creating an interesting equation, but we were not fated to win this one.



It was back to our old batting form for the final game , as we produced some memorable collapses . From 2 / 10 we moved well enough to 88 thanks to Greg and Dave , but from 2 / 88 we slumped to 6 / 89 , to make matters worse 7 / 121 turned into all out 122. Just not good enough. Although we came back to have Boronia 5 / 60 at stumps , they fiddled their way past us as Handsy played with his crutches on the hill and Polly and Clarky bowled a bit of rubbish . It was the much ~~xxxx~~ underrated spin of Messrs. E. Walsh and Stone which provided the bowling highlight , the former collecting two vital wickets and the latter bowling a lot of rubbish as usual but still managing to pick up one for 33 off 8 overs . ( It could have been 2 wickets eh Jim ? ) However the great moment was yet to come . Obviously looking for an outright to avoid relegation , Boronia declared . The skipper lasted only 5 balls before he was caught behind after playing a ball he + should've left .(There is no doubt the umpire was right .) This brought the old master Mr. R. F. Davison to the crease with the much maligned Ossie . These two had a magnificent partnership of 165 taking the score well past 150 . The crowd was soon chanting "Air Conditioner" as Ossie slipped into top gear. But it will be Davo's impeccable timing that will be long remembered as he judged his innings to perfection needing 9 runs off the last over , and seven from the last 2 deliveries , Russell confounded the critics by hitting a 6 from the penultimate delivery and 2 from the last ball to finish unbeaten on 101 .

Despite the low moments this season , we did prove to ourselves ( and occasionally to our opponents ) that not only do we have an excellent fast / medium attack that will improve with experience , but we also have the batsmen capable of scoring match winning totals . All we need is confidence in ourselves and an ounce or two of luck ( and some serious practice ) .

DICK STONE (Captain )

ERRATUM: \* Delete "...a lot of rubbish as usual.."

+ This line should read "...that was in fact a no-ball (Thanks Clarky mate)." But this glaring umpiring error was soon seen as a blessing in disguise as it brought....etc..."

N.B. The above errors were the fault of a sub editor who has since been politely asked to relinquish his position. i.e. sacked.

UNDER 16 's STATISTICS

	M	I	NO.	HS	Agg	Ave.	O	M	R	W	Ave.	C	RO.	Pts.
S.SMITH	10	10	2	62	259	32.3	105/	40/	184 /	23	8	7	-	112
S.WARREN	10	11	2	76	197	20.8	92 /38/	179 /	17	10.5	6	-	-	85
P.HANCOCK	10	11	2	36x	151	16.5	58 /18/	161 /	10	16.1	5	1	1	61
P.FARRELL	10	8	-	17	77	9.6	32 / 6/	112 /	9	12.4	3	2	2	43
A.SINCLAIR	10	10	3	27x	142	20.3	8 / 2 /	25 /	5	5	-	-	-	38
J.TRIANGOLO	10	9	1	37	112	14	8 / - /	33 /	3	11	2	-	-	32
A.KEMP	10	10	2	11	49	6.1	26 / 5 /	97 /	5	19.4	-	-	-	20
P.LUMLEY	8	6	2	6	11	2.8	8 / - /	37 /	4	9.2	3	-	-	16
C.ADAIR	7	7	1	3	14	2.3	5 / - /	8 / -	-	-	5	-	-	13
J.TOMPKINS	6	5	1	17x	32	8	5 / - /	18 / -	-	-	2	1	1	11
N.CLARK	7	6	2	2	5	1.25	3 / - /	13 / -	-	-	2	-	-	5

ALSO PLAYED : A.MERCER , D.BAKER , D.RICHARDS,  
G.LODGE .

HANDY PARTNERSHIPS

45	3rd W	HANCOCK & SMITH vs. Kerimuir.
41	1st W	SINCLAIR & MERCER vs. Boronia .
36	6th W	FARRELL & TRIANGOLO vs. Doncaster.
51	7th W	SMITH & TOMPKINS vs. Doncaster .
137	3rd W	WARREN & SMITH vs. Kerrimuir.
51	6th W	SMITH & TRINGOLO vs. Boronia .
40	5th W	SINCLAIR & FARRELL vs. Doncaster.
40	2nd W	HANCOCK & SMITH vs. All Saints.
43	1st W	HANCOCK & WARREN vs Bapts .

" I"st XI (B I GRADE) STATS.

	M	I	NO	HS	Agg	Ave.	O / M / R / W	Ave.	C	RO	Pts.
D.HANDS	II	I4	I	93	376	28.9	I73 / 20 / 624 / 39.	I5.9	8	I	I70
G.CLARK	II	I4	2	53	256	2I.3	I4I / I6 / 580 / 32.	I8.I	IO	I	I36
S.POLLARD	II	I6	2	IOI	346	24.7	94 / II / 392 / I4.	28	8	2	II5
R.STONE	II	I4	-	73	259	I7.I	32 / 2 / 200 / 6	33.3	8	I	8I
J.PHILLIPS	8	IO	2	53	I7I	2I.4	- / - / - / -	-	II	I	58
R.WALSH	II	I4	I	40	222	I7.I	39 / 4 / I95 / 3	65	2	-	54
R.DAVISON	9	I4	4	IOI*	226	22.6	I / - / I / -	-	4	I	54
R.McDONALD	8	IO	-	42	I59	I5.9	8 / - / 86 / I	86	I	-	36
E.WALSH	5	4	-	20	65	I6.I	7 / - / 4I / 3	I3.6	5	I	32
S.WARREN	9	I2	7	43	II5	23	2 / - / 9 / -	-	I	-	25
D.OSWIN	II	I5	I	66	I75	I2.5	3 / - / 28 / -	-	2	-	39
T.TOMBS	5	6	2	II*	26	6.2	II / I / 68 / 2	34	2	-	I3
I.CLARKE	4	6	2	I5	32	8	- / - / - / -	-	3	-	I2
M.WALSH	2	3	-	IO	I9	6.I	3 / - / 22 / I	22	-	-	6

ALSO PLAYED ;

A. PETROVIC , D. SENCEK ,  
J. TRIANGOLO , V . GIOIA.

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

73	3rd W	PHILLIPS & STONE vs. Kerrimuir
40	2nd W	POLLARD & DAVISON vs. "
98	6th W	STONE & OSWIN vs. Richmond .
40	IOth W	PHILLIPS & CLARKE vs. Burwood .
43	2nd W	McDONALD & WALSH R. vs. Glen Iris.
37	IOth W	McDONALD & GIOIA vs. Camberwell .
97	2nd W	POLLARD & HANDS vs. Doncaster .
64	3rd W	HANDS & STONE vs. Doncaster
50	4th W	STONE & POLLARD vs. Deepdene.
39	6th W	WALSH E & WALSH R vs. Deepdene.
45	9th W	WALSH M & CLARK vs. Deepdene.
74	2nd W	POLLARD & HANDS vs. Barnies .
64	7th W	CLARK & WALSH R " "
67	2nd W	POLLARD & HANDS " "
IO8	3rd W	HANDS & POLLARD vs. Balwyn.
40	8th W	CLARK & WALSH E vs. Balwyn.
78	3rd W	HANDS & CLARK vs. Boronia.
I65	2nd W	OSWIN & DAVISON vs. Boronia.



## C I GRADE REPORT.

The 1983/84 season proved to be a new era for the seconds. No longer was the team a Saturday afternoon creche, it had now progressed to kindergarten. Even though there was little need to play juniors, the seconds were still the youngest team in the grade. We came in for our fair share of controversy in almost every game, and it's not only coincidence that saw our two wins result from games officiated by an association umpire. Despite most games leaving a bad taste in the mouth, which had to be washed out afterwards, I'm sure every player enjoyed the season at one stage or another. Of course it would have been made more satisfying by a few more wins, but circumstances were always beyond our control. The experience gained by a year in C I should benefit our young players. With confidence they should perform well next year in C 2. I would like to congratulate Michael Jansen, Team Champion, and Michael Laurie - Most Improved. I'm sure that those two will lead the way next season, and I hope the rest will follow. If we all perform to the best of our ability consistently I think we'll find C 2 easier. My long term prediction is that we won't be relegated again.

MIKE JANSEN - Mike again showed his cricketing ability by taking out another "Team Champion" award. Despite not being able to bowl a second spell, Mike proved to be the seconds best into the wind bowler. A wicket every innings proves this. With the bat Mike amassed the most runs, sometimes playing a good shot.

MIKE LAURIE - The teams most improved player, who despite his skinnyness proved to be a big hitter of the ball at times, he is also a valuable bowler. Mick put in a very good season, and when he was thrust into the limelight performed most admirably. He has also got a powerful throwing arm - you should've seen one of his big chuckers in the clubrooms.

DARREN "CHOOKA" SENCEK - Chooks fluent range of stroke playing to all parts of the field (assuming mid-on is classified as all parts of the field) amassed 205 runs. He also picked up 19 wickets at a furious pace. This has shown that although brainless, Chook can play cricket.

ALEX " STEREO " PETROVIC - As the teams vice - captain Alex showed maturity , especially against Doncaster . His example showed the way for the rest of the team . After good form early in the season , Alex was promoted to the first's where he picked up some bad habits and on his return to the two's his form fell away . Despite being dangerous at times with the ball , big Al never picked up a bagfull of wickets .

VINCENZO GIOIA - Due to C I policy Vinnie was restricted to batting at no.II in the early games . However after a match winning innings he was quickly promoted to the first's , and after returning showed some flashes of brilliance after perfecting the square cut in the senior

MIKE " R.M. " WALSH - The entertainer of the seconds made the biggest comeback since Lazarus . Wal turned over a new leaf with his correct batting technique to become the teams " run machine " . His experience also showed with the ball and was dangerous when he made it bounce on the mats .

GLENN NEWNHAM - Glenn failed to capitalize on his starts and once he can do this , the serious player of the side will succeed at more senior levels . When given a chance he showed zeal when bowling and is the only player in the side who can take a slips catch .

STEPHEN DOWN - Although he did not follow on from last season , " Downie " proved to be a consistent no. 10 batsman . His bowling average of 176 doesn't show Stephen's true potential , if given a chance , this round the wicket bowler can prove to be nigh on unplayable .

STUART HACKETT - Stewie couldn't continue from last season's form and like most players promoted from the thirds did not always produce his best . Although sparsely bowled he was dangerous at times and his big hitting always threatened . I'm sure a better season is ahead for Stuart .

ANDREW HILL - Hilly continued to show that he is a boring batsman , no matter where he bats . He showed some form at the end of the season . Andrew has also turned into a very reliable fieldsman , and with more practise I'm sure Hilly will turn into a full time opener .

ROD HAMES - " Iron gloves " was not given much of a chance behind the stumps but showed speed and agility in the field . Rod was given every opportunity with the bat and despite his low scores he did contribute on occasions . Hamesy also picked up a wicket which is his first in senior cricket .

MATTHEW WEEKES - Although this was Matts' most consistent season I'm sure it's one which he would rather forget about . Despite his poor season Matt was a regular team man . Next season Matt.

BRUCE, HOLLINGSWORTH - Bruces return to the club heralded a limited success. The Jacko of the Meths. kept the "crowd " entertained with his onfield antics and his running between the wickets .

DAVID DHARUMASENA - only had a brief comeback to the club but because of reasons unknown his attitude changed from being very keen to can't be bothered .Other players in the seconds this season were ADRIAN GRAY who found the going in the big time a little bit to much after one game and retired for the rest of the season . ANDREW SINCLAIR - this young lad who is still in under 16's next season , had everyone talking about his amazing display of power hitting . In Andrews only senior innings he made 21 runs including 5 x 4's . Two other under 16 's player this year in the side ,they were ATHOL KEMP and PAUL FARRELL . Athol who is still to make his first run in senior cricket acquitted himself very well in the field , with his fine throwing arm . Chopper Farrell made two ducks in his two innings this season but managed to pick up a couple of wickets along the way .

About the author - ANDREW HAWKES - The skipper for the majority of the season . Andy has had a very difficult time trying to cope with the likes of Bruce , Ghock , Alex , Hamesy - all louts . He was thrown into the position of captain because no-one else was silly enough to take the job . Andrew made 260 runs at an average of 28.9 which was enough for him to take the batting award - congratulations on a difficult job made to look impossible .

Compiled by Andrew Hawkes (CAPT.)

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIP'S FOR EACH WICKET .

1 st .	55	NEWMHAM /	SENCEK Vs. BALWYN	UTG. Rd. II
2 nd .	55	NEWMHAM /	PETROVIC Vs. B/BURN	RD. Rd. 3
3 rd .	76	DAVE D /	HAWKES Vs. AVENUE / MT	PLEASANT Rd. 10 .
4 th .	65	LAURIE /	SENCEK Vs. BALWYN	UTG . Rd. II
5 th .	92	GIOIA /	SENCEK Vs. BALWYN	UTG . Rd II .
6 th .	70	LAURIE /	WALSH Vs. NTH .	BALWYN . Rd . 4 .
7 th .	93	GIOIA /	WALSH Vs. " "	" "
8 th .	40	DOWN /	WALSH Vs. GLEN	IRIS Rd. 6 .
9 th .	14	DOWN /	HILL Vs. CANTY	SALVOS . Rd. 7 .
10 th .	43	GIOIA /	HAWKES Vs. B'BURN	RD. Rd . 3 .

PLAYERS	M.	I.	NO.	DUCKS	H.S.	RUNS	AVE.	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.	C.	R.O's.	Pts.
M. Jansen	10	15	-	2	52	272	18.13	137	16	517	19	27.21	2	½	97
D. Senceck	7	10	2	1	139	205	25.63	78.3	10	272	19	14.31	3	1	87
A. Hawkes	8	11	2	-	94	260	28.89	12	-	41	2	20.50	7	1	72
M. Laurie	9	13	-	1	45	162	12.46	70.1	5	331	13	25.46	5	½	69
A. Petrovic	6	8	-	2	64	137	17.13	66	12	242	13	18.61	4	1½	64
V. Gioia	9	12	2	3	45	140	14.00	6	1	26	3	8.67	11	2	60
M. Walsh	5	8	2	1	74	167	20.88	32.5	3	189	6	31.50	-	-	45
G. Newnham	5	7	-	1	29	113	16.14	20.6	1	143	5	28.60	4	½	41
S. Down	7	10	2	-	30	129	14.33	39	7	176	1	176.0	1	1½	32
S Hackett	8	11	1	3	35	93	9.30	27	1	145	3	48.33	4	-	32
A. Hill	7	10	1	3	22	62	6.89	2	-	11	-	-	2	1	17
R. Hames	8	11	1	4	26	64	6.40	2	-	16	1	16.00	1	-	16
M. Weekes	8	12	2	6	6*	23	2.30	5	1	8	2	4.00	2	½	13
B. Hollingsworth	4	4	-	1	8	16	4.00	6	-	59	2	29.50	2	½	12
D. Dharumasena	2	1	-	-	38	38	38.00	2	-	21	-	-	-	-	7
A. Sinclair	1	1	1	-	21*	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
P. Farrell	1	2	-	2	0	0	0.00	7	0	33	2	16.50	-	-	4
A. Gray	1	2	1	-	11	14	14.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
A. Kemp	2	1	-	1	0	0	0.00	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-

## UNDER 16 REPORT

The under 16's had a disappointing season in finishing only fourth out of the six teams in our zone. Our failure this season was caused by several things, one of the main problems was in the batting department. Only twice this season did we get a score of over 120, both times being against second bottom side Kerrimur. The main problem with the batsmen was that they had no application. So many times players were getting themselves out trying to play shots too early in their innings. Another reason for poor onfield performances was the number of injuries we had during the season. For example; probably the two fastest bowlers in the comp., Steve Warren and Paul Hancock, both during the season had injuries that were enough to keep them from performing at peak fitness. And in the semi-final we had to do without our other top-line bowler Steve Smith, after falling off his bike on the way home from cricket practice. Unfortunately the injury to Steve Warren back also severely affected his batting form as well as his bowling. When Steve was playing in our 1st eleven this year against Doncaster he was struck a savage and painful blow on his forehead, and ever since then his batting hasn't been the same. Steve had a great season as captain of the side. His captaincy has improved dramatically over the past two seasons, and I am sure he will only improve on his efforts this season.

The star recruit of our side was undoubtedly Steve Smith who came from Blackburn South / Bennettswood, when their under 16 side, of which he was captain, couldn't get enough players to make up a side. Steve had a terrific season, although he believed he could have done better. He is most definitely going to be a fine young senior cricketer, and in fact he has the distinction of being the only "A" grade player at our club this season. Next season when Steve returns to the "Meths" he may even play in a grand final side. If only he could keep his tongue in!

This season Paul Hancock continued to develop into the Malcolm Marshall mould, sending down several fiery spells of bowling. Not least the spell in the semi against those good blokes Doncaster. In that particular spell Paul bowled as fast as I've ever seen him. Those Doncaster wimps were really packing. Although he didn't score heaps of runs this season he always looked capable of thrashing the opposition all round the park. Paul is a fine gully fieldsman and he also has one of the strongest arms in our team.



Chopper continued this year the same batting style which brought him fame last year. He was our opening batsman in the first round - a position from which he was quickly demoted. Paul's unorthodox batting style may look a little suspect but Farrell is developing this method and is starting to become more successful. Although 77 runs doesn't sound much, (it isn't really), Paul played a few valuable hands and nearly won the match against the Bapts single handedly. Chopper also picked up 9 wickets bowling his hand-granades. Twice taking 4 wickets against  
Doncaster

Andrew Sinclair opened the batting for the majority of the season where he was not too comfortable. Once moved to the middle order in the semi, Andrew showed his true worth. He loves to hit the ball hard and high. His best shot is probably the big hoiyk over mid-on. Once he can lift his Powerspot "The Giant", who knows how far he will smash the ball. If Andrew is left mid-order next season, I am sure we will see one very exiting batsman - even if he is a Pommy. Jimmy "I am not an animal" Triangolo, with his weird stance and unironed creamers doesn't look like a batsman when he gets to the crease but once in top form, this ~~xxx~~ boy, who has already made a first class century, can dispatch the ball to all corners of the ground. In round 2 this season Jimmy made a masterful 30 retired. This would most definitely have been a score of sixty or seventy not out. The way that Jimmy's batting improved this season, he can only improve even more in seniors next year.

Athol "D.K." Kemp had a disappointing season after showing great promise in the under 14's. Although his bowling didn't get a great chance to show it's true form, his batting had many opportunities. Only once this season did he get into double figures. Ath also had difficulty with his calling, getting run-out on three occasions. But I am Dennis will get this problem out of his game. Perhaps season 84/85 will see Athol back in top form.

Chris Adair took over as our keeper this season and performed most admirably. Especially some of his leg side takes - some of them are real gems. Unfortunately his season was interrupted half way through because of a gummy ankle which kept him on the sidelines for more than two months. A problem he has with his batting is that he has adopted <sup>the</sup> Paul Farrell step away method. Chris has shown us that he can make runs by getting behind the ball, and with a bit of coaching and more experience next season he will make a useful mid-order batsman.

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Chris has had to do many acrobatic dives to stop wides and wayward throws and he has come through with flying colors.

Paul Lumley had an ace season with both bat and ball. Lum celebrated the New Year by hitting a four - his first ever. Although he is unable to take regulation slips catches, somehow he manages to take the real blunders. The catch off Timmy Wannan was one of the most incredible catches I've ever seen. Paul's stock ball when bowling once again this season was the full toss, which netted him four victims.

James Tompkins came to us half way through the season and has showed obvious promise as an opening batsman. He was one of our few batsmen to wait for the right ball to hit, although when the right one came he usually let it go. Seriously though folks, next season might see James develop into one of the most dependable batsmen we have got. He is also one of the keenest fielders in our team, and a real good close in fielder. Remember the catch off Dazza.

Nathan "KHEEBONE" Clark amassed 5 runs this season at an average of 1.25. This certainly would have been more had he not gone walkabout on two occasions and being stumped both times. But he has learnt his lesson now. With his reputation for being a practical joker, Nathan is one of the most popular members of our crew. He was always one of the first at the ground and he always helped to put the mats out.. thanks mate. Unfortunately his knee gave way in the last round, just when he was going to rip through Boronia.

What can I say about Anthony Mercer.....GBFP.

Thanks to all players for a fine effort this season. Also thanks must go to Malcolm Smith for his help in both scoring and umpiring.

David Hands ( Manager )

VALUABLE PERFORMANCES.

S.SMITH	34 & 4/32	vs. Kerrimuir	R. 1.	
S.WARREN	11/7/9/6.	all bowled.	vs. Boronia	R.2.
J.TRIANGOLO	37	vs. Doncaster	R. 3.	
S.SMITH	30 & 4 / 33.	vs. Bapts.	R. 4.	
S.SMITH	55 & 5 / 23	vs. Doncaster	R. 6.	
P.FARRELL	4 / 13	vs. Doncaster	R. 6.	C. ADAIR 4 catches vs. Bapts.
S.SMITH	0 & 5 / 18	vs. Bapts.	R. 7.	S.SMITH 37 vs. Boronia R9.
S.WARREN	76	vs. Kerrimuir	R. 8.	A.SINCLAIR 26 vs. Doncaster/Ser
S.SMITH	62	"	"	S.SMITH 26 " " "
P.HANCOCK	36	"	"	N.CLARK Ox " " "
A.KEMP	4 / 19	"	"	
P.LUMLEY	2 / 13	"	"	

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS, 1983/84

CAN WE EVER FORGET...The struggle for players...another mass exodus and the D Grade withdrawal...Blakey and Broddy piking it...the off field merger....Wal's rare appearance at pre-season training...Swooper - almost the Recruit of the Year....Round 1.... Kerrimuir's alternative paddock....Jim's duck (but for the grace of Ossie)....Clarky's co-ordinated fielding - which way did it go?....Polly stoning Macca....Ian Clarke's debut....Ossie's catching....Van Vugt's slogging....Ian Clarke's controversial catch on the boundary....Chuck's rule book and Clarke's advice about where to put it.... Dick's run out - what a throw....Polly's precision hitting...Jim's first official duck.. Cl's first up outright loss....Jansen's three sixers off Father Marriott....nearly caught on the boundary by Artie Paul's lip....the Cl taxi service....seconds off to a good start - 6/26 Off 11 overs...Bruce's indoor running....Kerrimuir's mat swap.... Handsy spitting it....Clarky KO 'ing DelZoppo....Smithy's partial transfer.... his Meths debut....Dazza's only over....the brilliantly stage managed finish....Jim's duck ....Chris Adiar putting his future at risk (Did you forget something?)....Tombsy's comeback....Tombsy's running (the Cliff Young shuffle)....Half time footy demonstration.. ..Blakey out twice...nice catch Jim....Ian's brilliant catching display....Snake.... Handsy's 3 wickets in 4 balls....Jims catching...the seconds first win....Vinnis determined batting....Sharkie....(ask Jansen)....Hawksey on a hat trick....the dismal performance after tea at Nth.Balwyn - take a swab....from 7/117 to 7/300....Loz's power hitting...the scout hall in the firing line....Chooka sucked in again....Bruce on a hat trick (soon to be featured on Ripleys and Thats Incredible)....Steve Warrens six wickets including 6 for 1....Richmonds keen punter wit the tranny on the boundary... Prismall's 6 sixers....Dick's first LBW (around the wicket too!)....Dick and Ossie deserting the sinking ship....Wog tying the knot (to a Pom)...the unhappy head banger... Jim's side on runout....Handys six wickets....Robby Walsh opening the batting (with a hangover)...Dick and Ossie's steadying stand....Wal getting the ball of the day.... Warren's 43....Jims exciting sixers....POOJABBER....Chooka ~~impressing the boys on the hill~~ hill....Alex's captaining debut.... Olly....Jimmy's pull shots....Warrens long spell - (including 12 maidenes)...Alex's first XI debut...Dick's sucker shot off Bishen Baker.... Fozzy's bouncers....the first's flexible batting order....Roy Pist Aza Phart.... Tombsy setting up and catching Bish....Alex's three catches....Alex's impatient approach to the game....Ian Clarke's late arrival and his face saving innings....Gooda smokes, Gooda grog....Cl vs Glen Iris -\$10 over the railway - all out 48....Stewy's lone batting effort - 73% of the score....Choppers comeback - a pair....Lum's catch....Dazzas transfer and subsequent rise to fame....Smithy's 3 wickets in 4 balls....Warrens aggressive second knock....Old Man Nicko....Chokas abusive language....Foley's intelligent looks... Fogs exciting batting....Francis Morris big hitting our tired bowlers...Clarky's acrobatic bowling in the wet....Jim's impeccable cycling record....Ossie spitting it... the skipper spitting it - "I'm batting at eleven - let the other bastards bat where they like!"....Jimmy T's first XI debut and unlucky LB....Maccas the urn to form - a duck.. ..Old Man Sharpe's 3 wickets in 5 balls....Francis' friendly attitude....Clarky's temper.. his abusing the girls....the seconds versus the Hallett XI....Glen and Alex's skulling contests....No spillage, spoilage or wastage....no top ups....Doug Hand's Broom Repairs Ltd....All Saints non appearance....no kit....no brains....Sin on a hat trick.... Eddy Seckers Leggo car....Eddy reading the riot act before the game....Chook and Vinnis first debut....Vinnis good innings....Maccas timely knock....Marty's duck....Vinni's fist catch....Polly's Perlas....Warrens sixer....Longmores 10 wickets for the match.... Crilly - "I made a hundred last week"....Clarky's five wickets....the almost outright... Smithys monopoly - half the total score....Steve Warrens back....Choppers match winning bowling....Pollys fielding at training....look out Dick!....Dick spitting it....The Melbourne Maggots go North....Polly sleeping it off in the gutter....Handsys 21st.... Walthe Flasher....Droschers guest appearance....Phil Maccas Crownies (what class).... Phil Maccas tattoo display....wow, so tough....Chooka sleeping on the front lawn.... Alex's drinking habits - it's only froth....I'm a wimp....POOR EFFORT....Jim the stayer.. ....Jim under the thumb....Doncasters pasta lovers....the little master returns.... Macca's pull shots....Daves big innings -93....Dicks slogging....Ted's stumping - like greased lightning...Robby's tight bowling....Cl's brilliant one day form.... Donnie Salvos - "Do you go to church?"....Jansen's six over slips....Wal;"Get back in your crease Storkhead"....Doncasters collapse - 4 for 4....Alex's pair....Not Happy!.... Wal's aggressive approach to the umpire....the trip to the tribunal....Wal 4, Alex 2... "If I knew I was going to get 4 matches, I would have really thumped him!"...Clarky's return to form....Handys new bat....Ossie's new bat ...Tombsy's sixer,, the run machine out of luck....Hocking the piddler....Steve Bolly's leftearmers....The game next door and our synchronised bowling....Polly's progress reports....Pollys mate Matt....

....Fire it in Bruce....Alex's drinking cap....The Lenny chant....Glen's driving....  
Ossies promotion....Wally's hand grenades....Greg and Robbys partnersh p...Ted's sixer..  
Eddys constant clock watching....Dick's Big Bird catch....Polly's enterprising second  
knock - 3 sixers....Fraser Jeffreys girl friend - a victim of Jansens horn... Loz's tight  
bowling - 4 overs for 57...Wal's extended run up...Alex's judgement and co-ordination in  
the field....Jansen losing the ball...Smithy's golden....Polly's maiden century...  
Ossie's fan club in the sky...Handsy picking the fieldsman...Ted's masterly little knock...  
Jim pulling off off stump (again)....the thrilling tie at the MCG...was it rigged?.....  
Balwyns piddlers....Ted's hammy,,,,,the instant replay dismissal of Chinny...Doug'd  
fielding....Clarkys catchshg....Sin's impressive senior debut....Dave D's comeback....  
"A more stylish batsman than Richards" (The London Times)...."A superb performance;  
the way he moves the bat before facing is a delight to watch.".....Voliotis finishing  
note - a six over the air conditioner...Warren and Smith, 137 partnership...Athols fine  
spell....irresponsible hitting at training....the Clifts Dog....Alex's nasty bite...  
Jims skilful decoy trick...Ossies monster hit...free air conditioning service....  
the usual firsts batting collapse....Jim's duck....Handsys ankle....Danny boy's  
unplayable ball....quote of the Coath; "Rubbish Ball"...scoreboard...Vasilas coaching  
clinic...Hewitt; what a nice guy....Ossies welcome return to form...Russells brilliant  
timing...the thrilling grandstand finish....the Under 16s embarrassing finals effoet , ,  
Smithy's untimely accident....Nathans kneecap....warm up Nath....Sinc the aggressor...  
Chopper's stylish batting....Chris getting aggro....Chookas ton - with the aid of nine  
dropped catches....Balwyns fielding - 20 missed chances, 5 missed runouts...and countless  
misfields...Chookas full tosses and rude comments....Balwyns selfish second innings...  
the end of season trip....the litterbugs...early morning starters....Alex's esky...  
Chookas approach to the fourth green....Chookas tent....Loz's drinking record....  
Loz getting paro....Quick lock the doors, the Abos are coming....Stubby lobbing co est...  
Greg the stayer....BORIE HILL....Vinni - "Whats that smell? Who are those lovely girls"  
...the perfect picture...Sigrid Thornton...the Thursday night team meetings....  
the nights at the Mitre....Clarky the double wicket champion....Sarge's Austin Tatiou  
impersonations....Dirty's twitch....Lennys habits..."Nothing wrong witha bit of bum"...  
the late night raid on the beer room...and the kitchen....the paraplygic table tennis...  
Sams bowling action....Ted Nugent....free Frogga games....the stolen bikes....Herb  
Alperets and the Tijuana Brass...."A ware tweek, Rodney"... The Phantoms that weren't ....  
" I feel like some senseless vandalism ".... A drinking bonanza .....etc. etc .