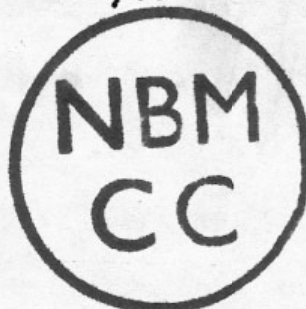


NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1984/85



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D. Hands

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TEAMS FOR 1984/85 ;

"BI" GRADE	: Won 7	LOST 4	Position - 3 rd.
"C2" GRADE	: WON 7	LOST 5	Position - 1 st.
U/ 16	: WON 9	LOST 2	Position - 1 st.
U/ 14	: WON 2	LOST 7	Position - 5 th.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 1984 / 85 was a very successful one for NBMCC. From our 4 sides - 2 senior, 2 junior, we had only one side missing out on a finals berth. The firsts had an excellent year finishing third. With basically the same side as the previous season which last year finished 3rd bottom. New faces in the "1st" eleven were "Big Al" Petrovic, Peter Seaton-Stewart and of course Darren "GOOSE" Sencek.

The seconds started very slowly and after round two and if anybody told you then that they would win a premiership, you would have told them that they were dead-set romancers - fair dinkum. But that is exactly what they did do, and they did it very easily winning the Grand Final by about 60 runs. Well done lads.

The Under 16's were also premiers losing only 2 games for the season. There was 3 new lads in the side and they fitted in very well in the team. Hopefully all the boys will hang around for a few more years with the club as all players showed great promise and it would be good for their cricket if they played in our third team proposed (again) for next season.

The Under 14's didn't have a successful season but this was due to the fact that all but one player had any experience at competition cricket. They were also a very young side. So young in fact that we almost made the side play in under 12's. But I am sure the boys enjoyed their cricket under the guidance of first year coach Mike Jansen. I am sure that with more experience that this team will become a force to be reckoned with.

David Hands.

## FIRST XI REPORT

The 1984/85 season for the Firsts was neatly summed up by our performance in the Semi-Final against Kerrimuir. Batting first we could only muster 141 runs against an average attack. It was an inconsistent batting effort to put it mildly - and as so often was the case during the season, only the lower order saved us from complete and utter embarrassment. The final forty or so minutes on the first day confirmed the value of our opening attack as we ripped through the Kerrimuir lineup to the tune of 4/14. Despite desperate efforts on the Monday, our meagre total proved inadequate and Kerrimuir just scraped home with one wicket to spare. On only three occasions during the season did we pass the 200 mark, and our first innings average was just 168. We can be thankful that we didn't have to face our bowling attack.

In retrospect, bowing out at the Semi-Final stage was an appropriate conclusion to our season. A Grade bowlers might have enjoyed picnic after picnic against our brittle (but entertaining) batting. With the continued improvement of our younger players, and perhaps a return to form by some of the older ones, next season 1985/86 may well be a Premiership Year.

## PLAYER PROFILES

N.B.M.C.C. FIRST XI 1984/85



D.W.D. (Handsy) HANDS (VC) RHB RF

A key member of the Under 14 Allstars in his youth, Dave has quickly established himself in senior ranks as a valuable allrounder. One of the most feared quicks in the ESC&DCA, Dave completed another good season with the ball, highlighted by a fine 7/27 against Deepdene. As a batsman Dave must learn to build on his foundations. Rarely a slip in slips.

FAVOURITE SONG: Michael Jackson's "Spit It"

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON SPORTING CAREER: Doug, Doris & brother Rob.

G.R. (Clarky) CLARK

LHB LF

Twice winner of the Phil Chapman Encouragement Award, this lively little left hand bowler has already made his mark on many 'A' grade and 'B1' thigh pads. As a hard hitting batsman Clarky has also left his mark on Handsy's car. 1984/85 was particularly notable for a thrilling 83 at Leigh Park, and a match winning 5/18 against Wyclif. A real boy.

MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMAN: Gary Foster

MOST RESPECTED OPPONENT: Tamos



R.(Robby) WALSH

RHB LM

Since being recruited from Kerrimuir in the mid-70s, Robby has established himself as something of a legend with the Meths. A great competitor, he would be one of the first players selected in any scratch match. Proved his worth again this season with a couple of fine, gutsy innings under pressure. Most memorable was the unbeaten 30 against Wyclif which rescued us from a rather precarious 5 for 7. Although starved of the ball for much of the season, Robby captured crucial wickets when required. Has added character and style to the art of scoring.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Stan Magro never winning the Brownlow





J. (Crusty, Jimbo) PHILLIPS

RHB WK ROS

Jim continued to be a great contributor behind the stumps, snapping up 15 chances and allowing on average little more than 2 byes per innings. Not one of Jim's best seasons with the bat, but any runs the keeper makes are a bonus. As always Jim's impeccable grooming and natural sense of style drew admiring glances from all quarters. "Australasian Menswear" wrote; "...grants a new dimension to basic white."

DRESSED BY: OPAL  
HAIR BY: Kate of Blackburn

S. (Gus) WARREN

RHB LMF

Like his West Indian counterpart, young Gus Warren, whilst small in stature is big of heart and not short on talent. Bravely assuming the role of opener for much of the season, Steve had to sacrifice his natural aggression in the interests of the team, and as a consequence struggled for runs. A gutsy 32 against Richmond and a free flowing 43 in the last round were good indications of his talent. Brilliant with an old ball in the nets, Steve could not quite capture the same movement in the middle, but bowled some useful overs in support of the spearheads.

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red



S. (Polly) POLLARD

RHB RF

Returning to the club in 1983-84 after a stint with St. Eddys in the ACT, Polly has developed into a fine allrounder with curly brown hair. Following his initial century late in 1983/84, big things were expected from this tall, elegant strokeplayer but he hasn't been able to recapture his best form in recent times. With the ball Polly continued to provide able support for the dynamic duo. Can produce a wicked bouncer and deceptive slower delivery. A safe pair of hands in the slips.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Brady Bunch  
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN: Herb Alpert

Dr. R.O. (Ron) BLAKE

LHB RM

Forced out of retirement by itchy feet, Blakey rejoined us after Christmas, and while not setting the world on fire, added valuable experience to the team. A living legend in the ESC&DCA, Ron still has much to offer with both bat and ball - a fine 48 against the Barneys being testimony to this.

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Jenny  
CHILDREN: At least 5 - not more than 8



A. (Alexander, Big Al, Stereo etc) PETROVIC

RHB RM

Alex cemented his considerable person into the firsts this season where he gave new meaning to the word 'athleticism'. A lovely mover in the field and a subtle exponent of the art of batsmanship, Alex has always attracted the attention of the connoisseurs of our summer game. Although his quickish offies were used sparingly during the season, Alex was granted the ultimate responsibility of supporting a brittle batting lineup. This he did to greatest effect in the Semi-Final. His quantitative estimations of liquid spillage were unerringly accurate.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Garlic (It's good for the brain)  
FAVOURITE DRINK: Anything with a head



D.M. (Ossie) OSWIN

RHB RM (Occasional)

Ossie produced most of his runs around the top ground on training nights where he set new records in endurance but not speed. Apart from one stubborn knock at Leigh Park Ossie never quite lived up to his fast fading reputation. By contrast, Kim Hughes was in scintillating form all summer. To his credit however, Ossie's fanatical approach to fitness did pay dividends in the field and he developed into a reliable close to the wicket fieldsman. Next season with the bat can only be better.

SPORTING AMBITION: To score 100 runs in a season.

E.J. (Ted) WALSH

RHB RM

The elder statesman of the famous Walsh Trio, the "Little Master" made another of his seasonal comebacks after Christmas, and although he didn't actually trouble the scorers greatly, his very presence on the field boosted team spirit and enhanced the competitive edge.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SPORT: Barracking for Collingwood



R.B. (Dick) STONE (c) RHB RLS (in his dreams)

A worrying season for this living legend. Fronting up for his 17th season with the Meths he was soon wondering whether he'd made a mistake. Two TFC awards in the first two rounds did not auger well... the knives were poised. In a matter of weeks he had to sleep on his stomach so deep were the wounds. Some ground was regained on Election Day, but Polly's words kept ringing in his ears..."At your age Dick, you don't know whether you're just having a bad season, or whether you're over the hill...." (Thanks mate).

D. (Chook, Goose) SENCEK

RHB RF

Chooka was a valuable member of the firsts during the early part of the season, making his presence felt most strongly in the field where he consistently threw down the stumps with opposition batsmen struggling to make their ground. It was a treat to see his eyes light up as his teammates converged to offer their congratulations. Chooka's batting, as usual was high on entertainment value, but not always high in effectiveness. A likeable lout.

FAVOURITE PASTIME: Having a drink (or two, or three, or four....) with the boys (or the girls, or a dog, or a Television set, or anything really)



#### MISCELLANEOUS

At various stages during the season several fortunate young cricketers were invited to rub shoulders with the superstars of the Meths First XI. These included Peter Seaton Hyphenated Stewart, recruited on the rebound from Lenny's C.C.. Peter, despite a tendency to play to the crowd was shaping up into a useful middle order batsman before he was re-recruited by his old mates. As a fieldsman, Peter would have trouble catching a cold. Mike Jansen, Loz and Vinni also added their various talents to the team when required whilst Chris Byrne made a guest appearance against Richmond. Chris (Special Squad) Adair also helped out in emergency situations. Mr. & Mrs. D.Hands again held the Number One Supporters ticket.

A good time was had by all.

*Dick Stone (capt.)*

"1" st X1 ( B1 GRADE ) STATS.

	M	I	NO	HS	Agg	Ave.	O / M / R / W / Ave. C	RO	Pts.
D. HANDS	11	12	1	54	<u>276</u>	25.1	181 / 36 / 463 / <u>32.</u> 14.5	11 4	146
G. CLARK	10	11	-	83	249	22.6	122 / 15 / 452 / 25. 18.1	9 3	121
S. POLLARD	11	13	-	59	228	17.5	89 / 10 / 331 / 17 19.5	5 3	92
J. PHILLIPS	11	13	2	53	222	20.2	4 / - / 50 / 2 25	<u>15</u> 3	81
R. WALSH	10	11	4	<u>85</u>	247	<u>35.3</u>	43 / 7 / 129 / 12 <u>10.7</u>	2 3	80
A. PETROVIC	11	13	3	26	126	12.6	44 / 7 / 167 / 13 12.8	3 3	60
S. WARREN	11	13	2	43	143	13	23 / 2 / 90 / 4 22.5	2 3	43
R. STONE	11	13	1	41	138	11.5	5 / - / 25 / - -	6 2	41
D. OSWIN	10	12	1	35	95	8.6	6 / 1 / 30 / - -	5 1	30
D. SENCEK	6	6	-	27	57	9.5	19 / 3 / 52 / 2 26	5 3	30
R. BLAKE	4	4	-	48	84	21	20 / 4 / 60 / 1 60	1 -	21
P. S STEWART	4	6	-	28	69	11.5	2 / - / 12 / - -	1 2	18
E. WALSH	5	5	1	10*	33	8.2	1 / - / 5 / - -	- -	7

ALSO PLAYED : CHRIS BYRNE <sup>(1)</sup>, VINCENZO GIOIA <sup>(1)</sup>, MICHAEL JANSEN <sup>(1)</sup>,  
MICHAEL LAURIE <sup>(1)</sup>, and MICHAEL "R.M." WALSH .

HANDY PARTNERSHIPS

119	6th	CLARK / OSWIN vs St. Stephens	Round 2
42	9th	R. WALSH / SENCEK " "	"
100	2nd	WARREN / R. WALSH vs Richmond	Round 3
68	3rd	SEATON / POLLARD vs. G.I.E.K.	Round 4
44	4th	POLLARD / HANDS vs. Summerhill Rd.	Round 5
68	4th	POLLARD / PHILLIPS vs. Wycliff	Round 6
40	6th	PHILLIPS / HANDS vs. Burwood	Round 9
50	3rd	BLAKE / HANDS vs. Deepdene	Round 10
45	4th	HANDS / WARREN vs. St. Barnabas	Round 11
57	6th	CLARK / PHILLIPS vs. St. Barnabas	Round 11

TRIVIA

Of 117 wickets lost this season - 40 of these were lost to spinners .  
Including five bags of five wickets or more .

TROPHY WINNERS .

TEAM CHAMPION - DAVID HANDS .  
RUNNER UP TEAM CHAMPION - GREG CLARK .  
BATTING AWARD - ROBERT WALSH .

## C2 ANNUAL REPORT SEASON 1984/85

Premiers..... Half way through the season even Alex wouldn't put odds on us making the finals, let alone winning the flag.

We played fairly ordinary cricket during the first few games and certainly didn't play as a team. We were a young side who weren't really confident in what we could do. We certainly proved ourselves from Christmas onwards.

The turning point of the season was winning the three one day games after Christmas. It did prove that we play one-day games very well, probably because our batting is always aggressive and in one day games we could do this because we weren't required to bat for the whole day. Yet our bowling and fielding was excellent in these games as well. We proved that we could defend a total, no matter how small it was. As a team we were about to put in two really gutsy performances that would bring the club home a premiership. From fourth spot we had to play top team St. Stephens in the semi-final.

### SEMI-FINAL REPORT

On a fairly warm day I won the toss and elected to bat. After a very good start (being 3/104 at one stage) we were bundled out for 170. What a collapse and what a disappointment. I must admit at the fall of our final wicket I thought we'd let our chances slip us by. Generally all our batsman looked confident and then threw their wickets away. The Big 'W' was over-confident and the 'run-machine' only lasted two balls.

We had  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour to bowl to St. Stephens before stumps. I would have been happy to get one wicket in this time. However 'Chooka' was fired up and knocked down three of them, in a fiery display of bowling. You know you have a psychological advantage over a team when they start to complain to the umpire about the bowling being too short, so then 'Chooka' answers with a beamer. It was an exciting 30 minutes, and the whole team grew in confidence, because of this inspiring display from 'the Goose'.

On the second day, after a few tense moments we cleaned them up for a mere 120 runs and thus were victorious. It was a real team effort and one we should all be proud of. Our fielding (other than my own catching in slips) was magnificent. The experience of 'Wal' through to the enthusiasm of the young brigade was beginning to look like a team who were 'hell bent' on winning a flag. We had one more obstacle, Kerrimuir, who were going to be a tough nut to crack in the 'Grannie'. A team who had beaten us convincingly during the year. But Kerrimuir are old rivals, and we knew we had a chance!

NBMCC 170 (Newnham 37, Down 29, Jansen 28, Coldrey 26, Hackett 22) def. St. Stephens 120 (Sencek 19 overs 7/61, Jansen 20 overs 2/55.)

### GRAND FINAL REPORT

Well everything seemed to be going well except the weather. It seemed a real anti-climax to only play for 50 minutes on the first day, and then sit around for two hours waiting to see if play could commence. Still in that 50 minutes we'd made 53 runs for the loss of two wickets.

On the second day the weather was better, but once again we were washed out later in the day. To be consistent we yet again had a batting collapse worthy of the Australians, and went from 2/98 to be all out for 173. We all looked comfortable but we lost concentration and hence our wickets. With batsmen of the calibre of 'Barrell' playing for the opposition, 173 looked a meagre total. We were once again up against it and had to put in a big effort if  
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we were going to have a chance and yes once again the weather was to put more pressure on us. After having Kerrimuir 3/41, play stopped at 4 p.m. However thanks to some smart running from Swooper (and a great throw from Chopper), Barrell was ran out for only 14 and our confidence was on a high. The thing was we'd have to wait until the third day before we could claim the remaining wickets and then victory. On the third day we cleaned up the tail and won by 55 runs. Once again an entire team effort where everyone contributed. We deserved to win because we were a team and really didn't have any individuals, and we played as a team.

NBMCC 173 (Newnham 36, Farrell 34, Jansen 20) def. Kerrimuir 119 (Sencek 21 overs 4/39, Jansen 17 overs 4/42.)

### THE TEAM

Mike Jansen: The workhorse who holds the bowling attack together. A good year with both bat and ball. Well done Mike.

Mike 'Wal' Walsh: The run machine(RM). His experience and expertise really pushed us to winning the flag. What a character.

Vinnie Gioia: The keeper who tried to flick catches on to me in 1st slip.(unsuccessfully). Always a great team player.

Darren 'Chooka' Sencek: 'The Goose' who couldn't bowl until the finals but then tore both teams apart with pace, fire and deadly stares at both batsman and Umpire. Also a renowned smartarse on the field.

Steve Down: A late order batsman who so often surprised bowlers when he came out at Number 10. He is capable of swatting the ball all around the park. Downie also holds shares in the Blackburn Hotel.

Paul Farrell: Sometimes I wonder whether 'Chopper' is awake in the field, but like in the Grand Final he sometimes takes spectacular catches. Excellent year with the bat amassing nearly 300 runs.

Michael Laurie: The boy who thinks he's a warrior. Had a good start with the bat but unfortunately couldn't hit all bowlers out of the ground before he got bowled.

Stewie Hackett: A good year with the ball, and deserved to be part of a premiership team. Stewie formed our attack with Mike Jansen and has always seemed to trouble batsman with his inconsistent bounce. A good late order batsman, or is that basher.

Matt Weekes: Although his figures don't show a fantastic year, Matt's contribution to the team was immense. His enthusiasm helped our side, and he almost stole victory for us in round 10 with the bat.

Andrew Hill: If 'Hilly' played cricket half as well as he talks about 'Birds' and 'What he's doing tonight,' he'd be a champion. Andrew tries hard and did put together a good innings against Blackburn Uniting.- those'off drives.' Hilly holds the distinction of being the only person at our club with a tatt.

Rod Coldrey: Due to work commitment Rod missed out being a premiership member, but during the year he batted sensibly and was the only player who could catch in slips.

Glenn Newnham: The captain who never lost faith in his players.'Chuck' proved to be a consistent batsman as well as a very handy bowler. The only things we can hold against 'Marty' is that he is a Swans and absolute work fanatic.

Overall, thanks must be given to all players who played in the team during the year, we did it, and we deserved it.

Compiled by G. Newnham & A. Petrovic.



C2 - STATISTICS

PLAYER	M	I	NO	AGG	AVE	O's	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO	PTS
JANSEN	11	15	-	363	25.9	1	177	35	551	31	17.7	3	½	142
NEWNHAM	12	17	-	414	24.4	-	66	16	224	18	12.4	5	½	130
LAURIE	11	16	2	227	16.2	1	70.4	8	271	14	19.3	8	1½	92
HACKETT	11	13	2	184	16.7	1	92	16	283	22	12.9	2	2	89
FARRELL	12	17	2	299	19.9	1	31	4	120	4	30.0	9	½	87
GIOIA	11	17	1	191	11.9	4	1	-	8	-	-	13	-	64
COLDREY	8	13	3	185	18.5	-	1	-	2	1	2.0	7	-	53
DOWN	10	12	3	180	20.0	1	14	-	98	2	49.0	3	1½	49
SENCEK	6	8	-	99	12.4	-	58	12	160	12	13.3	1	½	47
WALSH M.	6	8	1	122	17.4	2	2	-	9	-	-	2	1½	31
WEEKES	11	15	4	68	6.2	3	6	-	17	-	-	6	-	26
HILL	8	11	-	65	5.9	3	1	-	4	-	-	5	1	25
PETROVIC	1	1	-	5	5.0	-	11	1	35	5	7.0	1	½	14
HOLLIN'TH	4	5	-	33	6.3	1	3	-	4	1	4.0	2	-	13
HAMES	2	3	-	34	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	9
GRAY	3	4	2	12	6.0	1	0.3	-	8	-	-	1	-	4
HANDS	1	1	-	0	0.0	1	1	-	12	1	12.0	-	-	2
SIMPSON	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-

PARTNERSHIPS

1ST	WKT-	61	NEWNHAM-COLDREY	vs St. Stephens	(S.F)
2ND	WKT-	98	NEWNHAM-COLDREY	vs Black. Unit.	(R.6)
3RD	WKT-	61	NEWNHAM-JANSEN	vs Kerrimuir	(G.F)
4TH	WKT-	94	JANSEN-GIOIA	vs RAAF	(R.3)
5TH	WKT-	80	JANSEN-FARRELL	vs Burwood	(R.4)
6TH	WKT-	40	GIOIA-FARRELL	vs Trinity	(R.10)
7TH	WKT-	61*	WALSH-GIOIA	vs Black. Unit.	(R.9)
8TH	WKT-	41	DOWN-FARRELL	vs Kerrimuir	(R.5)
9TH	WKT-	59	DOWN-WEEKES	vs Trinity	(R.10)
10TH	WKT-	18*	WEEKES-HACKETT	vs Doncaster	(R.7)

U N D E R 16 . report

The 1984/85 season proved to be an excellent one for the under 16's losing only two games for the year, and ultimately winning the grand final defeating old rivals Doncaster very convincingly.

In round one we were drawn to play Doncaster and we took to the field with 4 new faces in our side from last season. We performed brilliantly that bright sunny first day and rolled the ethnic boys for just 56 runs -23 of these were sundries. Paul Hancock who was named captain for the season was outstanding with 6 for 7. He bowled with genuine pace and already we could tell that we was in for a fine summer. Good catches were taken by James Tompkins and evergreen Paul Lumley in slips. New boy Simon Adams chipped in for two wickets and a run-out. With only 20 minutes to bat we were quickly in trouble losing Athol with only 6 runs on the board. Much to peoples amazement the manager had expensive international recruit Craig Patrick padded up as night watchman. The bonnie lad lasted until stumps with his very unorthodox style which includes the Paul Farrell backward defensive as his stock shot.

Week 2 saw us lose two more quick wickets and we were reeling at 3 for 16. But it was up to our master blaster Andrew Sinclair to save the day. Sinc batted for most of the day to make 66 n.o. Ring in Pete Sanderson made 4 and special guest star Ken Clark a gutsy 2 n.o.

Round 2 vs. the Bapts. Paul again won the toss and sent them and we bundled them out for only 86 runs. Athol "D. K." Kemp snared 2 wickets and so did Simmo following up his impressive debut. Day two again saw us struggle with the bat but we managed to scrape through to an eleven run victory.

Darren Richards returned to our club for round 3 after having contractual disputes with the Bapts. He was quickly into stride smashing Blacky South's bowlers all around Koonung for a fine 30. However the batting star of that day was big Sinc again with a swashbuckling 75. We made 175 which was an excellent score considering we only had 9 players. Blacky South only had 8 players and were easy meat for our improved bowling line up. They could only manage 66 runs. We put them in for a muck around second dig and nearly got an outright. Occasional bowlers Bob Cavicchia, Craig and Lum all got amongst the wickets.

We ventured to Greythorne Park to play North Balwyn in the next game. Fears that they may be a threat this year were quickly dispelled when we routed them for just 48. Dazza got 4 and Paul 3. We had to bat for 50 minutes that Saturday and we managed to belt 120 for the loss of 4 wickets in just 14 overs. Chris was given L.B.W. as was Simmo whose dismissal brought objection from yours truly who at square leg. I was quickly told by the other jackass umpire that he was making the decision and not me. Anyway amidst all this controversy Sinc was dropped 3 times in his innings of 39 n.o., Dazza was brilliantly runout by a throw from side on by substitute feilder James. Paul Hancock made 58 n.o. in just half an hour including 10x4, 2x6. The second Saturday was unfortunately washed out.

Paul would surely made a ton and we would have won outright.

In round 5 we came up against Boronia at Kingswood College. The surface was not matting but that crummy carpet stuff that doesn't bounce at all. It was a very small ground so keeping them down to 133 was not a bad performance. But it proved to be too much for our inconsistent batting line up. Chris again went L.B.W. plying across the line of the ball, Dazza was frustrated and bowled for 1. Paul was bowled by their opener who was bowling attempted spinners. Nathan only made 6, and superbats Craig made a duck Bob got 2 n.o. All in all a very poor effort.

Kerrimuir was our next opposition. Another poor batting performance with only Chris shining out with 48 in our score of 115. Craig made a duck. However our score was to prove to be more than enough as we rolled the Muirs for only 56 runs. Paul continued his form with the ball taking 4 for 16, Sim got three. Then came the Christmas break and everyone took a well earned rest.

The first game after the respite was a one day affair and really it was a bit of a joke. Our opponents were Blackburn Uniting and their side had to be seen to be beleived. They had about 4 or 5 kids that hardly came up to most of our guys knees. However you can't go too soft on these guys when there is premiership points involved. We got them out for 25 with Dazza taking 6. We batted for 8 overs and made 2 dec.68. In their second innings they offered very little resistance, making just 34. Athol took 5 for 1 off 3overs - even the Roy Boys couldn't face him.

Next game we faced up too Boronia again! but this time on home ground. We got them out for 103. Bob took 4 for 18 in a performance that left the capacity crowd gasping at this new found sensation. Although only having 9 players we won comfortably with Sinc, Paul and Athol all making runs. Craig made yet another duck. James hit a four.

In the last round we played Kerrimuir at that mighty cricket arena Bram Park. Lum came back after inexplicably missing a few games, and Nathan reappeared after having a major knee reconstruction operation. We could only manage 101 against Kerimuirs ordinary bowling attack and of this Dazza made 54 runs. And guess what - yes Craig made another duck. The second week was a bit of a debarcle, thanks to the high school which took away more than half our side on a P. E. camp. However substitute feildsmen Ken Clark took a good catch, Danny D. was still talking and Alex Kemp nearly broke his hand bravely trying to stop a thunder bolt drive. All in all not a good day for our boys and Kerrimuir declared at 4 for 162.

Then came the semi, in which we played the Bapts. Good tight bowling all morning by our bowlers restricted them to 99 runs. The next Saturday was also a fine performance by our batsmen. Athol, Sinc and Dazza all put in solid innings and we ran out very comfortable winners by 73. Even Craig made runs.

And so to the Grand Final against Frankie Varasso's Italian Stallions. Paul won the toss and put them in, a decision which quickly paid dividends when Donny's captain was beautifully caught by Simmo. Next over their other opener was gone - a great catch by Lummo at first slip. Then a bit of a partnership until Sinclair took a beauty to dismiss Felicissimo. It was going like a tracer bullet. A bit later was the one that we really wanted - Moody played a hook shot off Dazza and as Craig ran in from fine leg he tripped over his kilt to take one of the best outfeild catches you will ever see. Then James made a difficult catch look so easy. At stumps on the first day we were 2 for 20, losing openers Chris and Athol. We put in night watchmen Nathan and James. This move proved very beneficial the next week as these two batsmen frustrated the Doncaster bowlers until well into the morning. When Nathan wnt for 19, we were only 28 runs from victory. This was when Sinc took over and the premiership was ours just before drinks and the champagne was flowing. Sinc went out for 36 and was involved in a 61 run partnership with the hero of our innings - little James Tompkins, he steered us to victory and was warmly applauded off the ground at the end of his innings. Everyone went the bash after this and subsequently we lost quick wickets, but it didn't matter then as we knew that we were the supreme team of the season.

A few blokes deserve special mention for some achievements this season. Five of our players represented our association in games against other associations. They were Paul Hancock, Andrew Sinclair, Chris Ada, Athol Kemp and Darren Richards. Chris was made captain of the seconds side for one game - an experience I'm sure he will not forget.

Congratulations to all players in our side this year. Not only did we play well but we had fun at the same time and I must that it was a very enjoyable year for myself. Thanks to all parents and players who supported the team this season, all help was much appreciated.

DAVID HANDS (manager)

UNDER 16 's STATISTICS .

	M	I	NO	HS	Agg Ave	O / M / R / W / Ave	C	RO	Pts.
P. HANCOCK	11	11	1	58*	181 18.1	152 / 54 / 252 / 36 7	4	5	121
A. SINCLAIR	11	12	3	75	<u>415</u> <u>46.1</u>	30 / 3 / 60 / 6. 10	7	1	110
D. RICHARDS	8	8	-	54	148 18.5	87 / 30 / 186 / 22 8.45	1	-	75
S. ADAMS	10	10	3	21	65 9.3	47 / 10 / 109 / 17 <u>6.4</u>	2	1	54
A. KEMP	11	10	1	27*	106 11.7	48 / 22 / 89 / 12 7.4	3	2	53
C. ADAIR	10	10	1	48	98 10.8	3 / - / 8 / - -	12	3	50
J. TOMPKINS	11	10	3	23	85 12.1	5 / 2 / 9 / - -	3	1	24
R. CAVICCHIA	9	8	1	8	20 2.9	13 / 1 / 66 / 7 9.4	1	2	22
C. PATRICK	11	9	1	19	58 7.3	6 / - / 15 / 3 5	2	1	22
N. CLARK	8	7	1	19	48 8.2	6 / 1 / 13 / 1 13	1	-	14
P. LUMLEY	8	8	2	8*	18 3	9 / 2 / 40 / 2 20	3	-	13
P. SANDERSON	1	1	-	4	4 4	- / - / - / - -	-	-	1

HANDY PARTNERSHIPS

30	4th	HANCOCK / SINCLAIR vs Doncaster	Round 1 .
42	3rd	KEMP / ADAMS vs The Bapts .	Round 2 .
82	3rd	RICHARDS / SINCLAIR vs Blacky Sth.	Round 3 .
31	6th	PATRICK / TOMPKINS vs Blacky Sth.	Round 3 .
79*	5th	SINCLAIR / HANCOCK vs. N. Balwyn	Round 4 .
34	2nd	SINCLAIR / ADAIR vs. Kerrtmuir	Round 6 .
40	3rd	HANCOCK / ADAIR vs. Kerrimuir	Round 6 .
44	2nd	HANCOCK / SINCLAIR vs. Blacky Rd.	Round 7 .
50	3rd	HANCOCK / KEMP vs. Boronia	Round 8 .
45	5th	RICHARDS / SINCLAIR vs Boronia	Round 8 .
46	2nd	SINCLAIR / KEMP vs . Kerrimuir	Round 9 .
49	2nd	KEMP / SINCLAIR vs. The Bapts.	Semi-Final
41	4th	SINCLAIR / RICHARDS vs The Bapts .	Semi-Final
61	4th	SINCLAIR / TOMPKINS vs. Doncaster	Final .

\* - unbeaten partnership .

TROPHY WINNERS .

TEAM CHAMPION - PAUL HANCOCK .  
 BATTING AWARD - ANDREW SINCLAIR .  
 MOST CONSISTENT - DARREN RICHARDS .

UNDER 14 STATISTICS

	M	I	N/O	Ducks	HS	AGG	AVE.	0	M	R	W	AVE.	C	RO	ST	PTS.
J. SHORTHALL	7	12	1	4	57R	157	14.27	48	6	179	10	179	2	3		58
K. CLARK	7	13	1	4	14x	57	4.75	55.1	5	206	16	12.875	0			52
J. DANTINI	7	12	0	3	58	106	8.83	34	2	152	2	76.00	1	4		31
D. DALESANDRA	2	3	1	1	51R	84	42.00	8	1	34	4	8.5	0	0		25
D. DHARAMESENA	8	14	3	6	4	15	1.36	26.4	4	88	8	11.00	0	1		22
M. RICHARDS	7	10	0	3	15	34	3.4	21	2	96	5	19.2	2	0		21
G. HEWSON	8	14	3	6	7x	25	2.27	1	0	6	0		3	2	1	15
G. WILSON	6	9	3	4	4x	8	1.33	2	0	8	2	4.0	2	0		10
A. KEMP	7	12	1	6	11	20	1.81	9	0	52	1	52.0	1	1		9
N. DUDDINGTON	7	12	1	3	3	11	1.00	6	0	36	1	36.0	2	0		8
D. HEWSON	2	2	1	0	14	14	14.00						2			7
S. DOUGLAS	5	6	1	3	13	23	4.6	4	0	34	0					5
P. BONGERS	7	10	2	6	4	7	0.87	5	0	27	1	27.0	0	1		4
R. HAUSBURGER	2	3	2	1	2x	2	2.00									0

TEAM CHAMPION

J. SHORTHALL

BOWLING AVERAGE

D. DHARAMESENA

RUNNER UP

K. CLARK

UNDER 14 REPORT The 1984-85 Season finished with the boys just missing the four (by about thirty points). Unfortunately it took them a couple of rounds to get use to playing conditions, due to the fact that we had only five or six players at the two training sessions before the first match. By round 3 we had picked up some good players and things were looking considerably better. Our first big win of the season was against Blackburn South Bennetswood in which we had an outright victory. It was also our highest score of the year scoring 107, and bowling the opposition out for 27 and 40. Apart from that victory and one other against Boronia, we did not have much success.

Our Captain this year was K. Clark, (brother of the famous Nathan Clark), who by the end of the Season turned into a good captain. Ken was also one of our most consistent bowlers this year, picking up a lot of wickets. Unfortunately his batting let him down somewhat, but with a bit more practice with the bat I am sure he will turn into a useful allrounder in the future.

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Danny Dharamesena, Vice Captain, who was one of the hardest triers this season, bowled tightly when given the chance, and was rewarded with a trophy. Danny also opened the batting, without much success. (If he concentrated more on using the bat instead of thinking about which one of his women he was going to take down the banks he might score some more runs).

Jason Shorthall took out the team champion award this year, after a top display of batting before Christmas. He also bowled extremely well taking wickets by straight and tight bowling. A big future predicted for this boy if he keeps his head down.

Joe Dantini bowled and batted well in patches, his big effort this year was against Kerrimuir, when he scored a big fifty (four 6's seven 4's). A bit more consistency and he could turn into a good allrounder.

D. Dalessandra (alias R. Hausburger) an unregistered player with obvious ability lured away from the club late in the season.

M. Richards was another useful allrounder who contributed well during the season, with a bit more work on that leg spin he could develop into another "DICK STONE".

Fabulous "Phil Bongers" our swashbuckling middle order batsman unfortunately could not get his batting average up to 1.00. Seriously though Phil tried hard and was a valuable member of the side on the field when not clowning around. He also got a wicket with a hand grenade.

Greg Hewson was our keeper this year and by the end of the season he was doing a top job. With another three years of Under 14's to go I can see Greg taking a lot more catches and getting a lot of runs.

A Kemp, one of our most enthusiastic players at practice. At the start of the season Al looked as though he could be one of our top bowlers like his speedster brother "Athol", but he had a bit of trouble with his accuracy and wasn't given much of a chance.

S. Douglas was a solid opener when given the chance. His best game was against Boronia when he batted for an hour and a half after getting hit by a bouncer.

N. Duddington was a valuable team member, with a bit more practice he could turn into a useful cricketer.

G. Wilson unfortunately wasn't given much of a chance. When given a bowl against Doncaster he picked up a quick couple of wickets. He also left it to the second last game to get his first runs.

R. Hausburger tried very hard, but unfortunately I dont think Richard is very well suited to the game.

UNDER 14 REPORT CONTINUED

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Joe's Dad for providing transport and a special thanks to the big "GOOSE" for being a tremendous help this season by taking the boys and equipment to the grounds, for umpiring, scoring and doing burn outs in various carparks.

To sum up I think all the boys gained valuable experience throughout the season, especially in the teamwork area and considering it was everyones first year, I think they did a fine job. The Club looks forward to your continued support in the coming season.

MANAGERS

MIKE JANSEN  
DARREN SENCEK

TREASURER'S REPORT

Season 1984/85 yet again resulted in a real financial struggle for the club. It seemed to stem from the old problem of players not paying Annual Subs. early in the season as well as not paying weekly Subs. on a regular basis. As usual it is left to too few to organise social events and even when events are organised numbers are well down.

However, through numerous beer(Ahh! I feel like a VB now) sales on Thursday and Match Nights some profits were made.

Thanks must be given to Chooka and Mike for supplying transport to and from the Whitehorse Bottle Shop.

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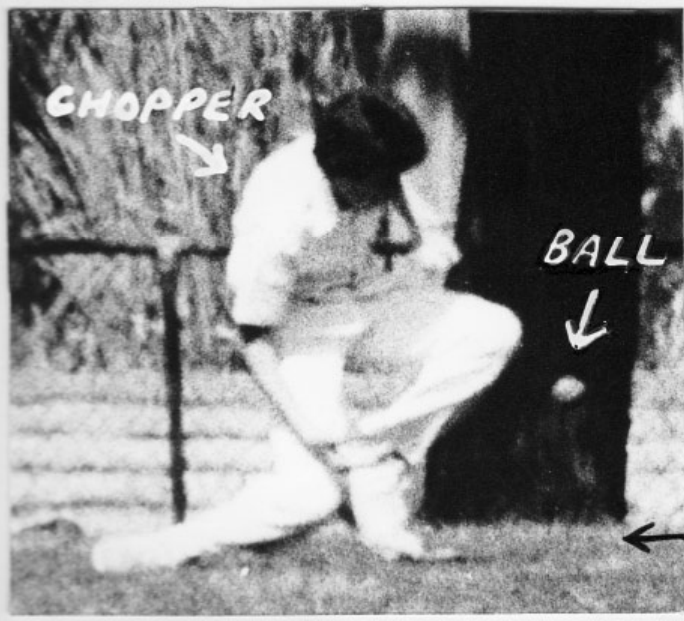
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DAVID HANDS

1984/85...THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS....CAN WE EVER FORGET.....  
World record attendance at the AGM....Major displacement of Office Bearers...  
Dick's retirement....Indoor training (only for the enthusiasts).....Alex's  
trip to King's Cross....who was the anonymous hussy....the thirds team  
failing to take the field again....Pre-season training at Koonung - at last..  
..Mike Jansen's debut as Under 14 Coach - All out for 9 + 18....C2's first  
game tie...thanks Rosco....The first's impressive batting performance -  
all out 65 (but the grass was long...)....Clarky and Alison - love at first  
bite....Dick taking out the first TFC award....Loz's attitude....Under 16s  
revenge against Doncaster....Steelo's 6/7....Alex's auspicious bowling debut  
for the firsts....the action packed game at St. Stephens....  
the usual collapse - 5/35...."Could have been 6 for or 7 for..."...Oh yeah  
Turps....Ossie's temporary return to form....Clarky's refined batting -  
swish, dropped, swish, six, swish, dropped....the wily old spinner 1/87 off  
10....John Holmes wielding the long handled bat....Jim's bowling 1/27 off 2..  
..Chooka and Alex getting boisterous...."Cut it out or I'll report you".....  
Jansen's coaching paying off - the U/14s win outright....truly amazing...  
Seaton and Lenny having a tiff....his loss was our gain (but not for long)..  
Byrne's brief whingeing comeback....Polly's abbreviated opening knock -  
first ball....the century stand between Walshy and Gus....Byrne being  
protected from the bowling by Alex....Ronny Brown emulating Polly's feat....  
Chooka's timely run out - one stump to aim at....Dick's scintillating  
second innings - 15 runs in 22 overs - TOO SLOW DICK....Sinc's swish 75....  
Chooka's Under 14 coaching debut - not a success....the great soft drink  
robbery....a smelly donation in the tub....The seconds breaking the ice...  
Stewy Hackett's 5 for....Jansen's first over - 6 no-balls....Jansen's sixty-  
niner against the RAAF....The first's inverted batting order against GIEKs  
....our inconsistent fielding - 4 runouts and 8 dropped catches....Seaton's  
sitter....Dick's rare catch in slips....Alex setting the strike rate -4,4,4..  
...Polly coming good....Fogerty's straight breaks....Handsy hogging a catch..  
.. sorry Chooka....Handsy's brilliant captaincy....C2 versus Kerrimuir....  
Trevor "Tickets" Barnes....Vinni's 4 grabs....Election Day at Jordanville  
Tech....the biggest attendance at a Meths game for years....Dicks rare return  
to form....Handsy's laborious half century...Summerhills edgy opener....  
reminiscent of Gary Cosier....Tamos' off drives....Polly's blinder....  
Sorry Tame... C2s outright over Blackburn Rd....thanks to a generous declar-  
ation....B1 versus Wyclif...Drummo's day out....our top order capitulating-  
5 for 7....the top 5 batsmen ? - 1,0,2,0,2.....Robby leading a fightback....  
"There's three ways of getting this guy out..."...we find that there's one  
way of getting Wyclif out - EASY....ALL OUT 37....Clarky's 5 for....Jimbo's  
half century....Payet working up a turn of speed....Clarky's tight spin  
bowling - 1 over, 0/25....The Christmas break....The boys at Portsea....  
The temporary accomodation... Alex and Mike on a Trampoline ... Greg under  
Polly's car....Hawkesy and Polly eerie night on the verandah....Chooka  
flaking it on the hill....The girl's on the beach....Percy....Stud Clarky....  
Marty's first big score....Well done Chuck...."R.M"'s debut ....Matt Weekes's  
big score....B1's tardy arrival at Trinity....Seaton dragged from slumber....  
Jim's navigating....Ken Smith - "Dick who".....Michael likes you....Ted and  
the intersecting circles....Handsy's bullseye from the boundary....Seaton's  
actually holding a catch....Gus stiff....Dick's pull shot....Kerrimuir  
losing 5 for 0.....Goose sconnning heads....Choppers 3 catches....Chuck....  
Mister Farsby bowls nasty bowncers....The Doc's stumbling return....Bishen  
Baker....Ossie - POX....Coldrey's wicket....Deepdene's collapse....Stilly...  
Dick's big bird catch....Handsy's spell-from 1/20 to 7/27.....Ossie's  
engagement....Handsey-just a boy with a mans body....Alex- unhappy alco.....  
Blakey's return to form ...Gus's gutsy innings....Tony O'Dowd....Wally's  
donkey drops....Jim's fine knock....Alex's catch-NO SPILLAGE....Wal's green  
can catch....Cavanagh's shoulder....Ossie's chest mark to win the game....

Matt's and Downey's partnership.... Ordinary batting against Kerrimuir.  
Alex's controlled effort.... Robby's gutsy performance.... The fight back  
on the first day.... 4/14.... Harrison plumb first ball.... Harrison's 45  
Dave Van Vught's responsible batting.... Ken Smith's directions to Hart  
.... Payney's boring innings (again).... Chooka's beamer.... Wal's duck....  
Loz's backhand sweep.... Goose's seven victims.... The on again off again  
final.... Wal's yahoo mates.... Farrell's clayton's catch- Polmear not ha  
.... Neandotal man Grant Peters.... 2'nds Premiers.... U/16's premiers...  
Pizza bandits.... Return to Borie Hill.... washed out.... Chooka's chuck..  
The dreaming Cowboys.... Gus the stayer.... Marty Feldman-Captain Catchle  
.. Under 16's Special Squad-what's your name son.... Alex-the 24 can man...  
or was it 26 plus?.... Alex doing laps for cans - chased by Clakkers....  
Hilly's chuck.... Sarge the rapist.... The Mitre night's.... Chooka the th  
..... Laurie the Warrior.... Lennie's politics.... Dirty's twitch.... The  
second storey.... The strip night.... Good on ya.... Arc up.... Handsey  
under the thumb.... Alex's 21st.... Bongers desert boots,,,, Shorty's tai  
Nathan's kneecap.... Premiership celebrations .... Alex soaked.... Brian  
Colleyer's bingo tickets, Dim Sims & Hot Dogs.... Brian at Kerford Road..  
Brian the beach inspector.... Tony "tickets" Henshaw.... Len F.... Hilly  
and Coldrey skinny dipping.... The WOW party.... Alex's broken finger.... The  
double wicket competition... good fun.... Woody's Motor Bike Skills.... Hamesy's retirement  
.. The Huge Turnup at the strip night.... Clarkey driving Dick's car.... Chooka's Coocee  
..... Washed out tents.... Hilly's mate-"If you want smack".... Angus's walk.... etc.. etc...

#### OBITUARIES

Unfortunately Mr. Mervyn Shaw passed away in mid April 1985.  
Merv. had been with the association for many decades and will  
be sorely missed by not only the association but by everyone at  
N B M CC .