

NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST  
CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1988/89



OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT -- RICHARD STONE  
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DAVID HANDS , GREGORY BARNES , JAMES PHILLIPS.

Teams FOR 1988/89 ;

" B1 " Grade	Won	7	Lost	4	Drew	1	Position	3rd
" B2 " Grade	Won	2	Lost	7	Drew	2	Position	11th

NORTH BLABKBURN CRICKET WIDOWS COMMITTEE

1988/89

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

In a surprising turn of events the E.S.C.D.C.A. committee voted in rather controversial circumstances to finally introduce six ball overs for the 1988-89 season. One may never know how many sleepless nights were suffered by Brian Marriott and Fred Ray just pondering that we had finally conformed with other comps.

With the advent of a minimum number of balls to be bowled in a days play both skippers soon learnt that a hurried approach was required as to finish play before nightfall. However one obvious advantage was that when you batted first you'd know you wouldn't be hindered by slow tactics from the opposition. Bad luck Locky and Tiggy.

A satisfactory performance off the field was achieved even though the general committee rarely met. Lets hope we can get our act together by the end of the century.

Our on field results were a mixed bag with the firsts bowing out in the semi-final and the seconds finishing up with wooden spoon like credentials.

Thanks must be given to all participating players, their wives and girlfriends, their various parents and friends for turning up at every possible opportunity. Continued support of the club will ensure its existence in the future. Don't forget that our facilities and on/off field spirit is unmatched. See you all next season.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

This seasons financial situation again looked about as bleak as the NCSC's. A operating deficit was recorded for the trading period August 88 to May 89. This was accounted for due to revenue being well down on previous years efforts. By not having the usual beer raffle and the changing social trend of drinking lite ale instead of normal 4.9 stuff the inflow of funds was lowered.

The costs incurred during the season were mainly attributed to ESCDCA affiliation fees, fines, ground rental, pavilion hire, electricity, cricket equipment including pads, gloves, bats, balls, trophies and a set of mats. As a result of a very late purchase of new mats(\$420-) in May, expenses were at a higher level than anticipated.

## SOCIAL REPORT

The annual golf day was again held at the Chirnside Country Club in mid-february. Due to circumstances beyond his control the organiser arrived late for a change, but just in time to share the longest drive competition with Ken Phillips on the 10th hole. Ossie's shot onto the 12th green netted him the closest to the pin trophy, whilst Handsy blitzed the rather shortish back nine to finish up with the days lowest score.

The double wicket competition attracted some 18 players on a rather hot March afternoon. There was a good blend of both male and female participants, in which the ultimate winners were Handsy and Kate. Gus had the distinction of being the clubs longest throw whilst Greg Barnes, who by the way did receive a very favourable handicap took out the 100 metre dash.

## FIRST XI REPORT

The teams for the start of the 1988/89 season were in disarray, mainly due to the lack of attendance at training. Panic stations on Thursday night and phone calls on Friday night. Of the eleven players picked probably seven hadn't even seen a cricket ball since the previous season! It was lucky that we drew The Barnies first up. A good start from Lax and Stewy and a handy not out call from Clarky as the skipper was short of his ground set up what could have been a big total. But the wheels fell off quickly. With our big hitters out cheaply, it was up to old timers Dick & Wogg to steady the ship. A big start to the season from Tambo - his first scoring shot being a huge six into the pine trees at square leg. Our total 127. After a solid start from the opposition the pendulum didn't swing our way till Big Al was brought on to clean up the weak opposition and give us a well deserved 6 points.

Climatic factors seriously disrupted the second of the one days at Leigh Park. Catweazle uprooted Stewys middle peg early on and Handsys 35 was punctuated with wild slogs lots of luck. Then came Jimmy and also the rain but we played on much to St. Stephens disapproval. Bobheads masterly knock of 80 not out was amazing. Including two sixers off the last two balls of the innings over the top of third man. Our score of 6 dec. 175 was a great effort under trying conditions. After 23 overs of piddle from St. Stephens and from the clouds the match ended in a draw.

Round 3 against our old mates Tony & Nicky Mahon drew a capacity crowd to Koonung to see a repeat of last years blood bath. But it was not to be as we quietly and methodically set about beating them where it counts, in the scorebook. C/M.A. at the close of play a boring 7 for 191. The second week began poorly as Marty lobbed one back to Ronnie. But then Tupps came to the crease and ably assisted by nearly all batsmen the skipper celebrated his ton by giving Nicky his just deserts - 24 off one over. The champagne corks were already popping as Ossies sparring partner put down a lolly off Stoney and the boys on the hill were ecstatic. We couldn't wipe the grin off Jim's face for a week!

Over to the High School for the next round against our traditional rivals - the Bapts. Easy pickings? Yeah. Get 'em out by about 4 o'clock? Yeah. Five hours later and an exhausted Meths team walk off after chasing leather all day. An ordinary effort the next week saw us finish 30 runs short.

Another loss in the next game saw our team sliding from the top of the ladder. Thank goodness we played the worst side in B1 in the following encounter and we were back on the winning list.

Round 7 versus Heathmont was to prove another bonus for us. Losing the toss and being sent in, our two steady openers paved the way for a big total. With Barnesy plodding along at one end, it was up to Muggsy to get the scoreboard ticking over. A fine 68 from the little? left hander and Barnes was still plugging away. Finally, at 5.30 we were put out of our misery as G.B. was dismissed for a Tavare 85. The second week saw Heathmont missing 3 members and seemingly only one bloke who could bat. So by tea time we had scored an impressive outright win.

The one dayer after Christmas, and we just managed to scrape home after some undisciplined batting.

The less said about the game against Trinity the better. Jim made a duck. And the second week saw the opposition lose just 2 wickets for 311.

A stinking hot day at Gordon Barnard really made us wonder why we do this to ourselves. But at the end of the day we had made an excellent total of 279. Mainly due to some top hands by Barrell, Tupps, Bobhead, Al and Dick. Little resistance was put up by Locky's boys and when Alex took the catch on the boundary to give Barnesy his third wicket, we were victors by 120 runs.

The last round against Doncaster turned into a real sledging match. A solid effort by all our batsmen, including Clarky's monster innings of 142 not out, enabled us to reach 347. We knew that we were in for some stirring from the opposition so the skipper insisted on having no mistakes, and the team didn't let him down. And when Jacko threw down the stumps from cover Donny was all out for 171.

Now for the semi against the Bapts. The bowling of Norsworthy looked ordinary from the boundary, but at 3 for 50, things didn't seem too good. Bobhead and Barrell to the rescue! Then another slump. We lost our last 5 wickets for just 26 runs. The three overs we bowled before stumps were fiery with near misses for the Doc, but we did not manage to get the wicket that was so desperately needed.

Week 2 and more quick volatile bowling saw the Meths strike back, removing Blakey and Timmy cheaply. At tea things weren't looking too rosy, but shortly after the resumption Handsy had Nikko plumb L.B. and the appeal that went up was deafening. But some lucky sloggling and solid defense was just too much for us and we went down by just two wickets. Although being beaten twice by the Bapts, I still believe that we are the better side. Something that will be proven next season as we go through Undefeated.



BACK Row (L-R) GRANT, OMAR, BOBHEAD, TUPPS,  
BARRELL, DICK

FRONT Row (L-R) MUGGSY, GUS, LAX, WOGG, THE BUS.

G. A. ( JACKO ) CLARK :

After playing the second half of last years season at international ranks, Greg returned to NBMCC with big things expected of him . And he didn't let us down . The highlight of Muggsy's season was his plundering of the Doncaster attack , hitting a lusty 142 not out - including 14 fours and 8 huge sixers , all after tea .That really puts him in the Broddy catagory . With the ball Rowdy again only showed occasional glimpses of his brilliance usually due to stubbed toes , sore back , poor run ups , hangover , sore throat , tiredness , big gut , etc. etc..

J. A. ( CRUSTY ) PHILLIPS :

A fine display behind the stumps this year from Bobhead . As usual copping heaps from various members of the team , but Jimmy nearly always came up with the answers . Can we ever forget the leg side stumping off Dick's bowling - it was like greased lightning. Jim capped off the season with a fine performance at Haywoods Creek, diving to the left , diving to the right . Also a special thanks to Bobby Backstop for his continual efforts of fundraising on Thursday nights . Top season Jim- apart from the 3 catches off Gus!

G. J. ( HYMIE ) BARNES :

A much improved season from Spunky Bum in all aspects of the game . A reluctant opening batsman , Omar's highlight of the season if not his long and distinguished cricket career, came in round 7 when he scored a slashing 85 against Heathmont . Two brilliant grabs in the outfield in the same game had to be seen to be believed . Greg and Rachael are also the latest members of the weekend cowboy club . Lets just hope his 500 game can improve as much as his cricket has this season .

A. ( STEREO ) PETROVIC :

Not one of Big Als big years - in fact he probably drank more cans than he made runs . Spillage at first slip was kept to a minimum and he was unlucky not to pick up more wickets while bowling, many times cutting the batsman in half with his stock delivery - the off cutter . The Booze Bus was promoted to Vice-Captain this year and I would like to say that matured Alex , but it didn't. Several times he turned up to the game looking like a pretty ordinary unit.

T. ( BARREL ) BARNES :

Trevor joined the Meths. in round 9 , after being in the cricketing wilderness for a few weeks , mainly due to a run in with some Blacky north executives i.e. Lenny . He soon settled down into the team and was top scorer in his debut against Trinity. The big fella only batted 4 times but amassed over 200 runs with many great shots and particularly good concentration. Hopefully this big bussling ,brilliant , batsman Barrel Barnes will stay with the Meths.

J. ( WOGG ) TAMBLYN :

What can you say about this living legend that hasn't already been said ? Except that John's season was about as good as last years. Tambo only really got into the swing of things in round 5 against Cappa's boys making a classic 75. Another highlight of Jamcun's year was coming to training once only to leave with a smashed windscreen . I cannot say anything more about John apart from the fact that he's not bad for a piece of fag trash!

S. V. ( GUS ) WARREN :

Steve's workload in bowling increased dramatically this season although he didn't get the rewards he so much deserved. Gus dropped himself down to the seconds for one game, but the selectors knew that a bowler of his calibre should be in the ones .His best performance with the bat was against Trinity making 25 not out, including some classic cuts and several great cuts against Brickers.

A. ( LAX ) LEGET :

Despite breaking several personal records this season Andrew never really got into a big innings. However as an opening batsman, an average of just under 20 is nothing to be sneezed at. Also his sure and safe hands at Gully were another asset to the team. Lax also has the ability to hit the ball to the fieldsman who can't catch .

R. B. ( BIG BIRD ) STONE :

Arguably one of the biggest legends to ever play in the E.S.C.&D.C.A. , Stoney had yet another average year . All too often did the big man from Tyrell Ave. slip into neutral after being in for just a couple of ~~balls~~ overs. Dick , relieved of the pressures of captaincy this year, was supposed to return to some of the form that made bowlers like Lester , Moran and Knott shiver in their Sheffields. But only occasionally did he play the lofted cover drive to the delights of his adoring fans (Doug & Dorry). C'mon Richard, you can do better - maybe next year .

ALSO PLAYED ;

D. ( CHOOK ) SENCEK . Although a reluctant starter this year, Darren proved how valuable to the team he is with his volatile bowling and useful lower order sloggng. Hopefully a full season next year from big Dazza. G. ( THE WHALE ) CAMERON ; Grant played mostly in the twos, but when in the first's he played a major part of the teams makeup. A very reliable close in fielder and also a handy late order tonker. A. ( JEREMY ) HAWKES ; Another reluctant firsts player Andy who only played 4 games, always gave 100% , whether he was batting or fielding- even if he does dive the wrong way ! .

A. ( D.K. ) KEMP ; We tried Athol as an opening bowler in the first four games , however it was it was proved not to be a successful move - but not through want of trying . Ath's express pace often led to a lack of direction . With a few more years of experience in the seconds it will be a pleasure to see Bones opening again in the firsts.

ALSO RANS : G, NEWNHAM . S. MAYBURY , D. OSWIN , T. JONES ,  
N. CLARK , S. DUNCAN , K. PHILLIPS , A. BOOTH ,  
ROBBY WALSH .

As my first year as skipper of the first eleven , I would like to thank several people who made my job much easier in times of crisis. Thanks to Alex- who did a fine job as Vice Captain . To Jim for his timely words of advise . And particularly Dick whose experience, helpful hints and cool head , was another bonus for me ,

DAVID HANDS Captain.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR By Richard Stone

D. W. D. ( TUPPS ) HANDS :

Having served a long apprenticeship as Dick's deputy , Dave finally took the reins this season and thankfully he proved man enough to shoulder the enormous responsibility that comes with the captaincy. Mixing the cordial and tossing the coin were tasks which he handled smoothly and without fuss, and although the chewy and muesli bars were in short supply this year, the oranges at three quarter time were a popular innovation. Setting the field and addressing the troops were performed efficiently and with moments of inspiration( e.g. bringing Dick on to bowl against St. Silas), but checking the scorebooks and writing up match reports were done with some reluctance!

Dave's performance with bat and ball did not appear to suffer too much from the extra weight of responsibility, and as per usual he accumulated the most Championship points. His hold on the John Tombs Memorial Trophy is as firm as ever!

T. F. C. VOTES.

R. STONE - 11	J. TAMBLYN - 7	J. PHILLIPS - 6	G. NEWNHAM - 5	A. HAWKES - 4
	G. CAMERON - 7	A. PETROVIC - 6		A. KEMP - 4
	G. CLARK - 7	S. MAYBURY - 6		
	D. OSWIN - 3		N. CLARK - 1	
	S. DUNCAN - 3		A. LEGET - 1	
			S. WARREN - 1	



B1 STATISTICS

	M	I	H.S	N.O	AGG	AVE.	O	M	R	W	AVE.	C	R.O.	PTS.
HANDS D.	12	12	150	-	486	40.5	213	51	571	41	13.9	8	-	1006
CLARK G.	10	10	142*	1	309	34.3	94	18	329	14	23.5	4	2	494
PHILLIPS J.	12	12	80*	1	334	30.4	10	1	38	2	19	17	3*	459
BARNES G.	9	9	85	1	199	24.9	45	8	159	7	22.7	8	-*	359
PETROVIC A.	10	9	38	1	99	12.4	79	18	247	13	19	7	-	284
BARNES T.	4	4	79	-	209	52.2	22	5	72	1	72	2	-	229
TAMBLYN J.	10	10	75	-	205	20.5	9	2	33	-	-	4	-	225
WARREN S.	10	7	25*	3	56	14	119	19	313	11	28.4	2	-	201
LEGET A.	8	8	32	-	147	18.4	3	-	11	-	-	4	-	167
STONE R.	12	12	28	2	141	14.1	16	2	48	1	48	3	-	166
SENCEK D.	5	5	17*	4	47	47	47	11	110	5	22	1	1	122
HAWKES A.	5	4	25	-	57	14.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
NEWNHAM G.	3	3	42	-	49	16.3	2	-	13	-	-	1	-	54
JONES T.	1	1	52*	1	52	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	52
MAYBURY S.	4	4	20	-	47	11.8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	47
CAMERON G.	6	3	17*	2	29	29	3	1	10	-	-	2	-	39
OSWIN D.	2	2	13	-	16	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	31
KEMP A.	4	1	6*	1	6	-	34	5	115	1	115	-	-	16
BOOTH A.	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	13	1	13	1	-	15
CLARK N.	1	1	0*	1	0	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	0
DUNCAN S.	1	1	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PHILLIPS K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
WALSH R.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

HANDY PARTNERSHIPS

50	2nd	HANDS / LEGET	vs. St. Stephens	Round	2
62	2nd	LEGET/ HANDS	vs. Cant / M.A.	Round	3
89	5th	HANDS / HAWKES	vs. Cant / M.A.	Round	3
105	1st	TAMBLYN/BARNES	vs. Balwyn	Round	5
76	3rd	PHILLIPS/HANDS	vs. B'STH/B'WOOD	Round	6
69	4th	HANDS/JONES	vs. B'STH/B'WOOD	Round	6
55	1st	LEGET/BARNES	vs. HEATHMONT	Round	7
109	4th	CLARK/BARNES	vs. HEATHMONT	Round	7
67	6th	HANDS/BARNES	vs. TRINITY	Round	9
83	4th	PHILLIPS/BARREL	vs. St. SILAS	Round	10
47	2nd	LEGET/HANDS	vs. Doncaster	Round	11
62	5th	BARREL/CLARK	vs. Doncaster	Round	11
81	6th	BARNES/CLARK	vs. Doncaster	Round	11
50	4th	BARREL/PHILLIPS	vs. B'Burn Nth	Semi	
53	6th	BARNES/PHILLIPS	vs. B'Burn Nth	Semi	

Total Mat-ches		2 ND "XI" REPORT													
		M	I	NO	HS	AGG	AVE.	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO	PTS
141	M. JANSEN	11	12	0	104	321	26.75	229	44	773	26	29.73	3	2	691
82	A. KEMP	7	9	0	61	165	19.44	87	13	313	11	28.45	2	1	325
25	D. CLARK	10	11	2	47	*226	25.11	3	0	40	0		1		231
101	D. SENCEK	5	4	1	56	* 86	28.66	79	17	240	14	17.14	2	0	211
82	A. HAWKES	5	4	0	56	104	26.00	11	*1	71	4	17.88	1	2	174
121*	M. WALSH	6	5	1	42	118	29.50	8	2	27	1	27.00	3	0	163
36	G. CAMERON	5	4	1	37	73	24.33						6	3	148
93*	R. WALSH	2	2	1	28	38	38.00	33	11	87	9	9.75	1	0	148
88*	A. PETROVIC	1	1	1	91*	143	143.00								143
6	S. DUNCAN	6	8	2	21	87	14.50	14	3	45	1	45.00	2	1	127
87	D. OSWIN	9	11	0	55	108	9.81	15	1	87	0		3		138
109*	G. CLARK	1	1	0	100	100	100.00	7	1	16	0		1		110
92	S. HACKETT	6	6	0	15	40	6.66	29.4	5	105	5	21.00	0	1	108
38	N. CLARK	10*	9	4	13*	45	9.00	17	2	73	1	73.00	3	0	85
52	J. TOMPKINS	2	3	0	11	12	4.00	24	7	101	1	101.00	3	0	57
44	G. BARNES	2	1	0	11	11	11.00	8	0	45	0		2	1	36
33	A. LEGET	2	2	0	21	22	11.00	10	0	54	0		1		32
65	C. ADAIR	1	1	0	7	7	7.00	10	0	56	1	56.00	1	0	29
94	S. WARREN	1	1	0	14	14	14.00	11	2	21	1	21.00	1	0	29
17	S. MAYBURY	2	2	0	23	45	22.50	2	0	13	0		0	0	45
4	D. MOLLER	4	5	3	5	9	4.50	7	0	47	1	47.00	1	0	24
11	R. CHAMBERS	8	7	3	2*	3	0.75	3	0	22	1	22.00	1	0	23
42	G. NEWMAN	1	1	0	5	5	5.00	2	0	4	0		1	0	15
97	S. HALL	1	0	0	0	0	0.00						1		10
30	D. RICHARDS	1	1	0	6	6	6.00								6
72*	R. HANDS	1													0

(\* at least)

Following a flag and finishing 2nd last season, the 2 x 1 had a disastrous year finishing 10th position.

With the loss of Adair, Tompkins, Richards and Stuart Hackett (½ season) we consistently went into games short of players. With the team spirit that saw us lose just 5 games in the past 2 seasons, we kept our heads high and in round 4 posted our first win against Canterbury/Mont Albert, which was a top performance, particularly the batting of Grant Cameron who proved he could bat well against good bowling, scoring 37, in a 124 run partnership.

The next game against Balwyn, we lost 2 valuable bowlers and ended up bowling all day in 38° heat and with disastrous batting. the next week we were lucky to avoid outright defeat. The following game proved to be the most important for the year, after batting first

and setting a reasonable target the clouds opened up 15 minutes before stumps and 10 minutes away from victory. It was by far our best fielding performance of the year and if we won it would have avoided us relegation.

After Christmas we won our second game of the year and even Clackers took a catch (first in 15 years) and the way the ladder was we could still make the four if we beat the top 3 sides, this wasn't to be, and we got rolled easy by all 3.

To sum up the year our bowling was just not strong enough, half the time we only had two bowlers, and knew we'd be bowling all day. Also our fielding was poor at times and let the opposition get easy runs. I am sure we can improve next year, hold more catches and concentrate more in the field. Our batting was extremely poor at times especially against Balwyn and also our last three games when we lost concentration far too often.

The good things to come out of this year were the improvement of 4 players in particular.

The first being Athol Kemp who improved his bowling so much on last year, particularly his accuracy and he troubled a lot of batsman. His fielding was excellent at cover. Athol's batting can and will improve in years to come as he proved in the last game when he overcame a lucky start to hit a fine 61 runs. "I dig those John Lennon Glasses Baby.

The second Grant Cameron improved immensely throughout the season in all parts of his game. Instead of just averaging double figures as in previous seasons, he averaged 24.33 which was great. Also when needed Grant had several sprints as a wicket keeper and did an excellent job taking 6 catches.

The third Darryl Clark, a veteran player who began his cricket career just before World War II, had probably his best and most consistent season for some 20 years, which was great to see. This 50 year old plus, night club swinger also took his first catch this decade and was never caught short of some stupid corny jokes. Well batted Darryl.

The fourth player Steven Duncan learnt all his cricket at Box Hill indoor cricket centre being one of the legendary "Stembeaters". Recognise the name! , that's right, the kid brother of Under 16's All Star Johny Duncan. Joan Jett as he is commonly known played many handy innings and as the season progressed he started playing some nice shots and with a bit more improvement could develop into a good batsman and a handy bowler.  
Favourite Song - "I love Rock & Roll" Man?

DAVID OSWIN dropped himself to the seconds this year and expected to have a big season but the pressure of having poor batting line ups, 8 player sides and the captaincy for a few games, took its toll on the big O. His best performance with the bat against Summerhill Rd was Vintage David Oswin scoring a whirlwind 55 and a very doubtful LBW decision cut short a very high score. Unfortunately for Dave he polled a worst on ground performance last game to overtake the very lucky Ross Chamers for the T.F.C. Award. I am sure next season there will be a great improvement.

1988 saw MIKE WALSH (Wal) achieve little on the cricket field because of a broken arm courtesy of his egotistical mate Judgey. But when Michael played after Christmas his experience stood out and he failed to make a score under 12 in the 5 games he played. Remember Wal is the ultimate run machine and foster's lite man.

NATHAN CLARK convinced everybody he is a major shareholder in the "K-Mart Car accessories department" despite being a Myers Pin-Up boy. But coming back to cricket Nathan was wooed back to the club and with the pleasure of hearing those familiar catchcrys like "com'on Blackburn knock him over" and "he's only got one shot", Nath had a promising season fielding well, as well as improving his batting and bowling skills. Unfortunately Alex taught him the umpiring rules (say no more Marty). Highlights of the year included that big Sixe~~x~~ and reaching 13 with the bat three times.

DARREN SENCEK played a handful of games before being promoted to the firsts and proved in between holiday trips to be a demon bowler taking 14 wickets. Chooka also batted well a couple of times particularly against Cant/Mt. Albert scoring 56 not out in very brisk time.

ANDREW HAWKES also played only a couple of games, whilst he batted very well on 3 out of 4 occasions, he deservedly received 2 Tfc votes last game. Honk surprised everyone (~~except~~ Peter Hunt) with his deceiving leg breaks which netted him 4 scalps. I think he'll be deserving a few more overs next season.

ROSS CHAMBERS narrowly missed out on averaging single figures .75. His two highlights of the year were a 40 run last wicket stand with Clarky (who went on to make 100) and capturing the prize wicket of a Blackburn Unit. century maker. Well sucked in Ross!! I'm told that the Buddy chalked up more points in bed, than in the team champion award.

STUART HACKETT only played half a season and as usual was a very handy player, be it batting bowling or keeping. Another victim of the golf game.

DUNCAN MOLLER played in his first season and as the games went by he improved a lot. At least Dunc held the distinction of being the only regular 2 ND's player at training. I'm sure with a little more coaching from the ol' man the 89-90 season will be fruitful.

MIKE JANSEN not to be outdone by being sacked as skipper pre-season again won the 2nd "XI" team champion award. Jano's first ever ton was scored in a match winning effort against Cant/Mt. Albert. Also Mike had the pleasure of bowling virtually unchanged during marathon spells in the field. Not a bad performance considering he bowls hand grenades.

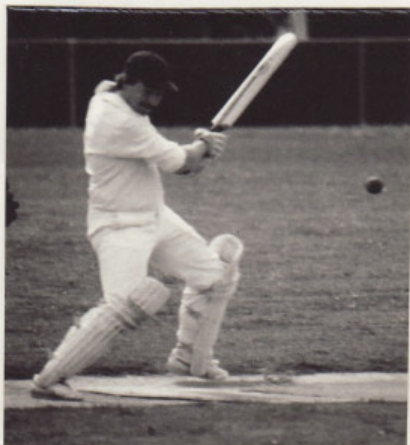
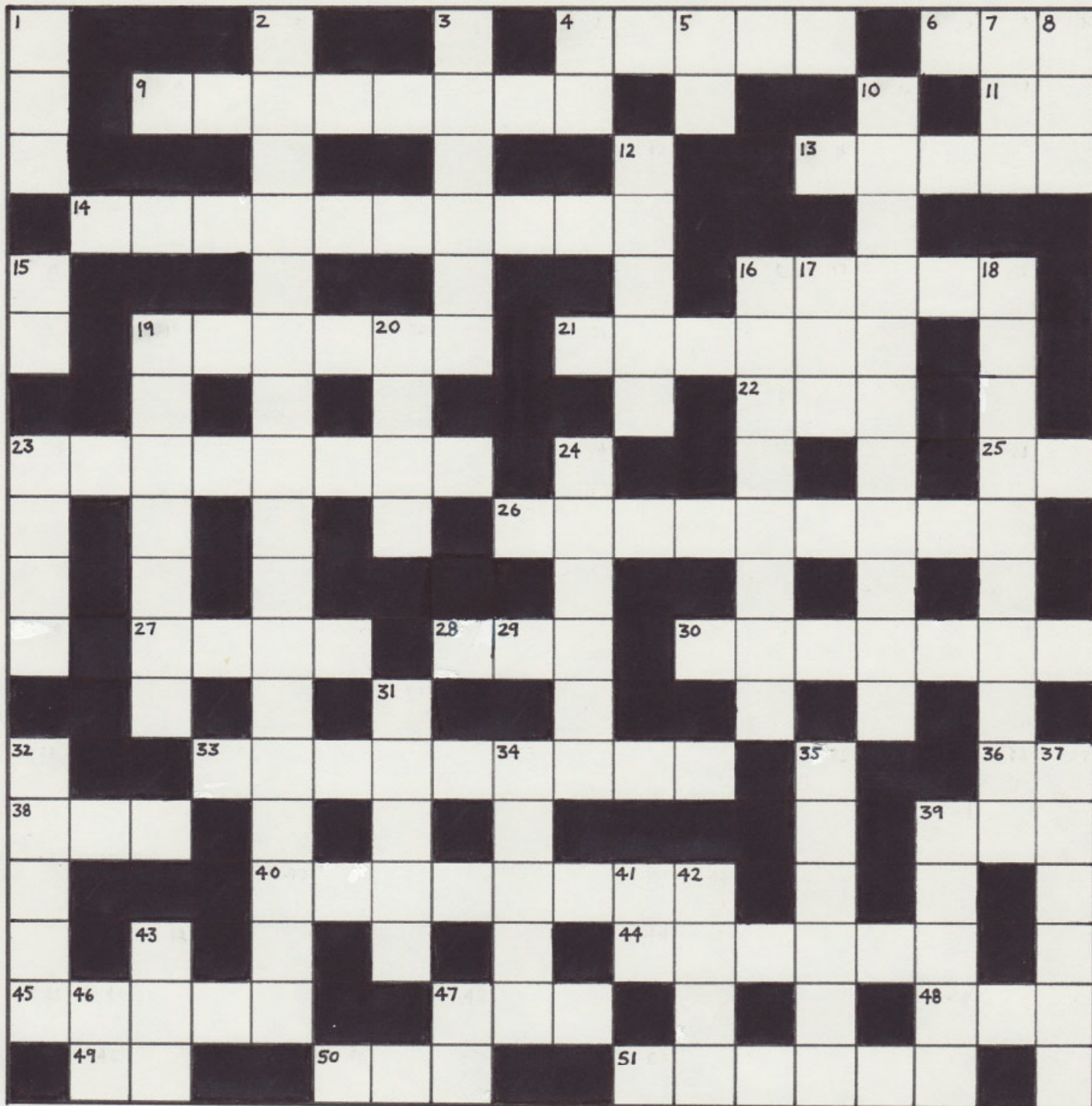
#### THE WHO AM I SEGMENT?

My new nickname is Mork. I am known for my punctuality. I took one catch this season, but dropped at least a dozen including 4 in one match. I use an excuse of course every time whether it be lack of sun, lack of wind or the ball was travelling too slow. Also I bowl a little bit of off spin but due to lack of opportunity I don't get many wickets. I am a batsman of sound defence and if I don't get bowled for a duck I despatch the ball through the slips cordon. My Name is .....

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Round 2	G. CLARK	-	G. CAMERON	73	3rd
Round 2	G. CLARK	-	R. CHAMERS	40	1st
Round 2	D. CLARK	-	M. JANSEN	66	2nd
Round 3	M. JANSEN	-	G. CAMERON	124	4th
Round 4	S. DUNCAN	-	A. PETROVIC	103	4th
Round 5	D. OSWIN	-	S. DUNCAN	54	5th
Round 6	A. KEMP	-	S. DUNCAN	68	1st
Round 6	M. JANSEN	-	D. CLARK	50	4th
Round 7	D. CLARK	-	M. JANSEN	51	4th
Round 8	A. HAWKES	-	D. SENCEK	67	6th
Round 10	A. KEMP	=	D. CLARK	81	1st

TEST YOUR WITS WITH THIS YEAR'S GIANT  
CRICKETERS' CROSSWORD



EXTRA CLUE  
 FOR  
 29 DOWN

SOLUTION ON BACK PAGE  
 (OR THEREABOUTS)



NO CHEATING!

ACROSS

4. IN SEARCH OF BARNEY'S TRIO (5)
6. CONCLUDED BY THE DON UPON HIS RETIREMENT (3)
9. A FAMILY OF NOCTURNAL LADIES (8)
11. BOBHEAD'S FAVOURED DESTINATION (2)
13. LOCAL F\_\_\_\_\_ LEGEND (5)
14. AMPHIBEAN DEPRESSION (10)
16. YOUNGER OF A CERTAIN PAIR OF BROTHERS (5)
19. ATTITUDE GOT HIS GINGER UP (6)
21. CARIBBEAN CHANT (6)
22. CONVENIENT RECYCLABLE CONTAINER (3)
23. BARRY, FOUND ALIKE IN THE VAN AND THE GYM. (8)
25. BORING TWO LETTER WORD RHYMES WITH AN OFF SEASON ILLNESS (2)
26. SAMBOYS SIGHTED TO PORT (9)
27. COUNTERS A COMMON DEFICIENCY FOR THE MUPPET AND THE NODDY DOG
28. PERFORMED A BACKHAND PADDLE IN C2 FINAL (3) (4)
30. A CERTAIN CHOOK (7)
33. ARTISTIC BEATLE GIVES LIP (9)
36. NOT A MOLLYDOCK (2)
38. FAVOURED RECEPTACLE FOR 48 ACROSS (3)
39. CAUSE OF BOBHEAD'S PARANOIA (3)
40. BI SKIPPER SECURES A NATURAL RESOURCE (8)
44. SLIPPERY CLOVE HITCH (6)
45. ALIAS THE CRUMPLED DETECTIVE (5)
47. HANDY TO HAVE A GOOD ONE (3)
48. AMBER FLUID (3)
49. YOU CAN HIT ON THIS (2)
50. THE SHOT OF A ONE SHOT WONDER (3)
51. HALF A HYPHENATED BAPTIST (6)

## DOWN

1. WELL KNOWN CRICKETER ORIGINALLY FROM DEEPDENE (3)
2. UBIQUITOUS TRIO OF SUPPORTERS HAVING SOMETHING IN COMMON
3. FIERY WYCLIF ALLROUNDER (6) [WITH AN OCTOPUS (17)]
4. BEST PERFORMANCE WITH THE BAT (2)
5. NEGATIVE RESPONSE (2)
7. THE DOC (3)
8. A GOOD TIME FOR THE GREAT TASTE (3)
10. SHORT PURSUIT ADVISES RETENTION (11)
12. SPORTS TRIVIA BUFF KNOWS ALL (ALL KNOWS) (5)
15. MECHANISED RUNMAKER (2)
16. COP THIS SKIPPER! (8)
17. \_\_\_\_\_ GO YA MUG! (3)
18. ENFORCER SUFFERS A NERVOUS AFFLICTION (10)
19. THIS BOOZERS' DELIGHT IS A HONEY (7)
20. A SLIP IN SLIPS (4)
23. NOT THE KIND OF GRASS IN MICK JAGGER'S POSSESSION (4)
24. CRICKETING GYPSY ASPIRED TO BE ONE LEVEL (6)
29. THE BIG \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
31. NICE GUY HANGS LOOSE (5)
32. ILLICIT ST. SILAS SUBSTANCE (5)
34. \_\_\_\_\_ SPOT (5)
35. BIG BAD BRUISER FROM THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS (6)
37. 19 DOWN FROM HIGHFIELD PARK (EEH EEH!) (6)
39. HARTWELL'S CRICKETING PATRIARCH WAS REALLY A MATRIARCH
41. AFFIRMATIVE (2) (5)
42. TAIL ENDERS' DILEMMA. \_\_\_\_\_ BALL (4)
43. GLOVE PUPPET COMES HOME TO ONE OF THESE (3)
46. MODE OF DISMISSAL (2)
47. ANOTHER BORING TWO LETTER WORD RHYMING WITH A DOMESTIC ANIMAL (2)



This letter was submitted to Cleo magazine for the Hunk of the Year Competition, but unfortunately didn't make the grade.

NAME: Steven Mark Duncan

HEIGHT: 178 cms

WEIGHT: 71 kgs

NICKNAMES: Fashion Boy, Joan Jett, Tinman(No Heart)

FAVOURITE SPORT: Cricket, Indoor Cricket, Table Tennis

MOST ADMIRERD SPORTSMEN: Michael Roberts, 84-85 Essendon Football team

INTERESTS: Soaking up the sun at the beach, solariums, saunas, spas and pumping iron at the gym.

FAVOURITE BAND: Phantom Band

FAVOURITE SONGS: I love Rock & Roll (joan jett)  
Simply Irresistable (Robert Palmer)

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Richard Gere

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Breathless

HOBBIES: Pluckin' a guitar "man"

Trying to beat my brother in all sports

BIGGEST MISTAKE: Pissing on a German Shepherd outside Nicabellas

AMBITION IN LIFE: To become a professional model and spaceman.



The Fashion Boy in action at a Disco.



And here in action in his bedroom. (whats with the hand down the pants).

CRICKET WIDOWS CRYPTIC QUIZ

- 1/ This kid is not made of teak. (4)
- 2/ No need to be stingy about Hawthorn. (4)
- 3/ Why dial Yugoslavia? (5)
- 4/ No Bread in these floppy discs! (6)
- 5/ Good Ale In Light, initially. (4)
- 6/ This Friend is a Perfect Match for the traveller. (6)
- 7/ Midori's a Handy drink! (5)
- 8/ Hail a car, say. (7)
- 9/ Don't lose sight of the secretary in the blizzard. (3)

\*\*\*\*Solutions\*\*\*\*

- 1/ Kate
- 2/ Ingy
- 3/ Lyda
- 4/ Brenda
- 5/ Gall
- 6/ Kerrie
- 7/ Doris
- 8/ Rachael
- 9/ Liz

GRANT CAMERON ESQ.  
IS  
THE COMPLETE CRICKETER



MONOGRAMMED  
HEAD GEAR

HUNGRY  
JACKS  
SMILE

'LE SPECS'

AMPLE  
WAISTLINE

'GUCCI'  
TIMEPIECE

GRASS STAINS

OH!  
WHAT A  
FEELING!



WELL... YOU TAKE  
THIS PIECE OF  
WOOD AND YOU  
WAVE IT AROUND  
YOUR HEAD....



THE CRICKET LESSON

YES... I DO A BIT  
OF MODELLING...  
YOU PROBABLY SAW  
ME IN THE MYERS  
SUMMER COLLECTION  
CATALOGUE!

SO WHAT'S  
A CALORIE?

HURRY UP DICK!  
IT'S MELTING!



MMMM!

I'D BE IN REAL STRIFE  
IF IT HAD BEEN MY  
DRINKING ARM!



YAWN!  
I RECKON ANYONE  
WOULD FIND FIRE  
HYDRANTS INTERESTING  
IF THEY HAD TO PLAY  
BACKYARD CRICKET  
WITH PIDDLING ERNIE  
EVERY NIGHT!



I WISH DADDY WOULD  
RECOMMEND ME TO  
THE DRUG SQUAD!

I'M KNACKERED!  
I'VE NEVER RUN MORE  
THAN FIFTEEN SINGLES  
BEFORE TEA! AND THAT  
TWO WAS THE END!



DOUG AND DORIS

STINKY



KILLER WHALE  
BEACHED ON  
ICEBERG!



DON'T LAUGH...!  
THIS IS SERIOUS!

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING,  
IT'S BEEN A GREAT SEASON.  
IN FACT I'VE MADE MORE  
RUNS AND TAKEN MORE  
WICKETS THAN YOU'VE  
PROBABLY HAD HOT  
DINNERS....

MY BRAIN  
HURTS!



IT'S EASY TO SMILE WHEN YOU'RE A HERO!

OH OH!  
I THINK MY  
ARM'S CAUGHT  
IN THE EJECTOR  
SEAT!

SO WHAT'S A  
HEALTH  
HAZARD?



AM I GOOD,  
AM I GOOD,  
AM I ANY....



OH SHIT!  
JIM'S BEEN  
SCORING  
AGAIN!



I HAD A DREAM  
LAST NIGHT...





WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR? OF COURSE IT'S SPIKED!

EASY DOES IT! THREE MORE SIPS AND I'LL BE .0257....

WEDDING? WHAT WEDDING?

THAT LEAVES ME .0243 TO PLAY WITH... AND IT'S ONLY 7 O'CLOCK!

NOW LET'S SEE... HOW MANY OVERS DID JANNO BOWL? 27, 28, 29....

I'D RATHER BE DOING THE HAUNTED STREAM...

WHY DO I BOTHER?

THAT'S THE GUY I THREW THE BALL AT!



I HOPE HE TAKES AMERICAN EXPRESS....



OI!

SLUUURP!

THAT'S MY BOY!



THIS ONE ALMOST HIT THE AIR CONDITIONER

COME ON BOBHEAD!  
YOU COULDN'T PLAY  
GOLF EVERY DAY!



I BET YOU  
I COULD!

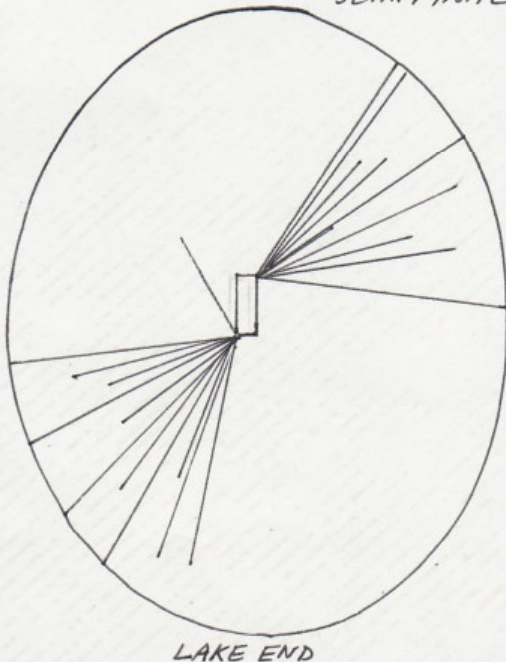


MAYBE  
NEXT SEASON



THREE QUARTER TIME

THE WAGON WHEEL - AS USED  
BY JAMES PHILLIPS IN THE  
SEMI FINAL



CROSSWORD SOLUTION

W	E	X	R	M	M	O	S	S	S	P	O	T	E	E	D
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1988/89 THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...record attendances at the AGM... usual pre-season training woes....the Colliwobblers....Clarkies return... Lardsies absence....Dick retiring from captaincy...Tupps and Alex ,the new brains trust....long grass at Macleay paddock...plenty of room in the air...Barnies jailbird on a weekend pass....Clarkies umpiring- Cavs spitting it....Woggs big sixer....Grants close in catches...Athols erratic debut...Jims sloppy glove work - 5 byes....Alex's 4 fer.... Woggs circus act on the Belmore Road boundary....welcome back Muggsy- 3 T.F.C. votes....victory in the darkness....Barnesys piddling.- 11 out of 53 in the 24 over in a one dayer....talk about getting your eye in.. ..Barnesy and Hawkesy - the suicide twins....Coathies stack hat.... great start to Ossies captaincy...round 2 at Liegh Park...Als heavy night and morning...the rush to the ground....abyssmal weather conditions ....our buddies Catweazle and Turps...and Fred Ray...Bobheads run spree and top edged sixers....the usual Dick innings....Stan Magros' comeback....Catweazles umpiring....footy practice in the rain...robbed of six points....seconds washed out after 11 overs....1sts with only 10 players against Tony Mahons bozos....Andy Maccas absence...bouncing duties....Nickys umpiring...Lax's broken finger...Lax playing & missing (must be taking lessons from Athol)...the " Evil Angel " returns.... Handsys Hall Of Fame innings....Nickys tight over-4 4 2 6 4 4 - thanks for coming Nick- you dog!....Nicks dropped catch off Stoney...Jims dubious umpiring and subsequent laughter....Tonys field placement.... Ossie Green thieving the match ball....Alexs marathon spell-19 overs straight...2nds at Bath Rd. with 7 players....Darrens car break down?... woeful excuse....Jackos virgin ton....100 out of 147...R.Chambers bowled for 0....Brews brief appearance - GOOD BLOKE!....Jannos super human effort- 38 overs....Ross's 4 dropped catches - 3 in 5 minutes.... Ossies coaching clinic...Oktoberfest- boozing at the showgrounds.... the dodgem cars....the scnapps...round 4 at the High School....the woeful mats....Blakeys slashing off drives....Dikscheis pull shots.... Omars darts...the golden given not out....Barnesy making a meal of Timmys catch...old man Nikko vs Dick...!"too old Richard"...!"at least I'm not a 5foot 4 midget"...they'll fold like a deck of cards.... Stevie" Hymie" Wrights batting skills....Clarkys return to the bowling crease....Marty carting Dikscheis straight breaks....Alexs slogs into the pine trees....Handsys lolly to the Doc....Ross finally catching one...Robbys fine bowling spell....Wals broken arm....Jannos virgin ton....big partnership between Mike & Grant....G.C. carting Ronny Costa. ...Chockas breezy half century....R.Chambers-bowled 0....the seconds breaking through....Ossies duck....Tupps playing for the association. Gus's Crownies....Big Al & Chuck looking a little seedy....warm cans of Vic....Peter Hunts pitiful bowling....Frank Morris fuming.... Alex- " I don't really want another can"...Woggs dominating against Balwyn....Chips's day out at our expense....Maccas duck....Handsys long spell-29 overs....seconds fielding in the heat....Steve the Duncs debut...the Big O's two catches....Seconds collapse- 6for 25.... Ossies duck....Stewy and Mollers debut....Alex's run spree....Blacky Souths woeful lineup....the Ken Done lookalike....Woggs duck.... Jonesys debut...going for the outright in the rain...Clarky jumping puddles and dropping catches...4 wheel driving at Namara Primary.... our President imitating D.P. Gumby...the Big O's fifty& unlucky L.B.W. ....Nath's six over cover...consistent batting....washed out close to victory....Heathmonts player shortage....G.B.'s epic innings - I suppose if your out there long enough your bound to make a big score...Jim's plumb L.B....Clarky's sense of urgency....Jeremy's singles....Chook farming the strike....Nathan running impressing his personal fan club. ..Jacko removing the openers for ducks....Darren and Jims copybook runout...outright win by 4.30PM...6 dropped catches in the twos... Hacketts 2 wickets in 3 balls....Athol's slashing 58....Clackers top score for the club- 47 not out...R.Chambers - bowled 0....Als wonderful Weber...the late supper...the late night porno's....Ross in his element. ...Athol's bit of skirt....Boothy's short spell...Muggsy getting lost

Grant's sixer...Chooks winning hit...Kenny's debut....Greg's duck...  
Jim's umpiring....Mr. Wobbly....Big Bad Barry Tobias...Clackers chest  
mark at slip....Janno's winning knock.....Wal's return...Gus's slip  
cordon- Clackers and Ross....Alex Kemp's return....Grant - the standby  
backstop....Brickers...the big fella....Wogg impressing the in-laws....  
Bobhead's hoodoo team...another duck....Barrel's impressing debut....  
the pull shots offthe big guy....Alex's sickening blow...and being  
runout....Gus's enterprising stay...only got one shot- but by gee he  
plays it well...Mitch using Barnesy's helmet....Spicers ton that wasn't  
....out three times....Trinity's pathetic piddle after tea....our  
versatile bowling line up....Hawkesy's match payment...Wal back in form  
Nathan umpiring....R.Chambers- bowled O.....Steven& Buddy's first and  
only wickets...Janno's lightning stumping...Hawkesy's successful leggies  
....Ross - the oil masseur...is that a gun in your pocket?...Wal 's  
demon delivery - skipper K.O.d....good toss to win at Gordon Barnard...  
more Ennie piddle....Locky's frustration...the seering heat...Tiggy's  
lightning reflexs....Barrel delicate dabs through gully....Gregs  
repeated leg side play....the Gelati van to the rescue....their keeper  
spitting it at Locky....the late finish....the fashion boys' forgettable  
first's debut.....Tiggy - sucked in again....Dick's wicket....Omar's  
successful straight breaks....Clarky's wallet blowing away....the  
night at the Loaded Dog...Barnesy's rally driving home...Daggy driving  
the porcelain bus....Robby's 5fer....Grant's snappy keeping....Marty's  
woeful shot....7 players in 38 degrees....round 11 against Yeo's  
dorks....Doncasters sledging- give but no take....Lax's P.B.....Barrels  
loping between wickets....Jim's only scoring shot...behind square...  
Clarky's awesome innings....Al's duck....Yeo's confident quote " lucky  
we bat down to10 "....Doncasters gutless openers...."save your legs"..  
Handsy's bag of 5....Alex's catch saving Jim's embarrassment...  
Amaroso- run out by half a pitch...one to many burgers...Downesy's  
weak arm ...seconds collapse from 0 for 81 to all out 140....Ossie  
wraps up the T.F.C....Nathan & Moller's first wickets for the year....  
Semi vs. the Bapts....Barrel & Bobhead setting up a target...  
undisciplined batting...not enough runs...Nikko's smartarse catch....  
Volatile bowling - at the throat....Timmy the gutless wonder...Clare's  
lucky umpiring break....Wal's comment to Nikko...Nikko- plumb L.B....  
the boys huge appeal...Nikko the sook....the disappointed walkoff....  
seconds facing relagation...the trip to Bali...Bali belly..Jim's  
Tequila....San Miguel...the boys in Perth....nieghbours leaving hotel.  
..Alex's thongs...Rachael's 21st...Kerri blind....Daggy's spaced out  
brother....E.J.'s incoherent speach....Marty's sandwiches....Marty's  
bark in the taxi....Alex scooping up the remains...the double wicket  
day...Al's golden& dicey umpiring....Kenny out of control...Chookas  
well publicised hangover....Jim's comment-"Nicky Mahon is my inspiration"  
....the touring side on the clubroom wall...the card nights at the rooms  
....Nathan's probing tongue...dirty's twitch...Lenny and the beach  
inspector... Arty Pauls lip at the greyhounds...Stevens portfolio....  
Steven " Joan Jett " Duncan....the Golf Day...the usual scrounging dog.  
...the Val boiling over....tickets....New Years in East Gippsland....  
Skins at Cape Schank...the buggy's....Lax's form at the Tambo Valley  
Golf Club...Brenda the cards wizard...Lydia's scones....Bert Cueball..  
..the Telecom connection....Clackers fiftyth birthday - not quite  
making the top of the tower....Athol's John Lennon specs..etc,etc,.....