

match it with the best of them and when required could take the attack to the bowler. A leg spin bowler who caught more than one batsman by surprise with his turn, and in the field, proved to be a good catcher close to the wicket.

SHAUN HALL: Shaun is the team's big hitter, who within a short period at the crease could force the fielders to all corners of the boundary and scored runs at a furious pace. As a bowler he shows great promise with his strength and speed and was an asset in the field close to the bat.

BEN SHARP: Ben developed into an excellent first change bowler by the end of the season and shows real promise for the future with his smooth approach to the wicket. With the bat, he contributed many an important run at the right time. In the field, he chased hard and saved important runs.

ROSS PURDY: Our tear away opening fast bowler who had most of our opposing batsmen shaking in their boots at the thought of facing him, and as a result, spearheaded many a win. He is also a stylish top order bat who could score runs all round the wicket and an excellent catch and ground fielder, in close or in the outfield.

SIMON ANDREWS: Our other opening bowler who was "Mister Reliable" and could be depended upon to keep the runs to a minimum, as well as take wickets at will with his consistent line and length. He is our opening bat who defied all attacks with his solid defence and was great in the field with a powerful and a safe pair of hands.

HEATH PIPER: An all rounder who could be relied upon to perform with either bat or ball. As a first change bowler, he helped to clean up the tail on many occasions and in bat, scored runs quickly in dashing style, and wasn't afraid to take the long handle. In the field, chased everything and in the final, pulled off the run-out of the year.

CHRIS LOWE: First change bowler who had a good change of pace and can really generate plenty of bounce and speed off the wicket, and as a result proved very hard to score off. As a top order bat, could knock any opposition bowler out of the attack with his aggressive style and in the field, showed real class.

LUKE DAWSON: An attacking bat with a good eye who isn't shy of coming down the wicket to the bowlers and hitting the ball back over their heads. With the ball, he proved hard to score off and managed to upset the stumps on quite a few occasions and is a good close in catcher.

DANIEL LATHAM: A fast scoring opening bat with shots all round the wicket. He was also wicket keeper taking some good catches, but excelling with his ability to stand up to the wicket to the fast bowlers and in so doing, picked up some great stumpings.

REECE PENINGTON: A middle order bat with a good eye who is a fluent stroke-maker both sides of the wicket. In the field, Reece probably took the best two catches of the season, both classics, and proved to be a real worker in the field at either cover or fine leg.

KEEGAN BROWN: A hard hitting left hander and a very handy bowler chipping in with some great performances with the ball at the right time of the game. He also deputised as wicket keeper on a few occasions to great effect. In the field, Keegan proved to be a willing worker, always looking to get into the action.

MATTHEW DANIELS: A solid middle order batsman with a sound defence that figured in many an important partnership. He also had great results with the ball, picking up a swag of wickets with a nice change of pace. In the field, he had the opposition wary of his strong throwing arm and featured in quite a few run-outs.

IAN LATHAM
Coach

10E TEAM REPORT

This was a new adventure for everyone; manager, coach, parents and most importantly, players. This latter came as a bit of a shock to the manager and coach, but we soon found the lads were very keen and many had played over in the park.

Average cricket was a very good introduction to such a new group and they played very well, happy in the knowledge that they were definitely going to get a chance. As it turned out, our batting was nearly always sufficiently brittle for most to get a bat even in proper cricket.

Throughout the season, we tried to give all the boys a fair go, especially at the bowling crease although not all our opponents took the same attitude, which may have cost us a game or two. However, we are sure it was the right approach as the lads understandably got pretty bored if not involved.

The improvement all round, so difficult to detect during the season, by the end of February was quite remarkable and the effect and attitude they displayed in their final game made it all worthwhile. They were very unlucky to beat the leaders in that match but still miss the semis by just a couple of points. As previously stated, had we bowled as per the rules, we would surely have not only made the semis, but possibly won the competition.

We would like to congratulate all the boys for their enthusiasm and effort, hoping they learned and enjoyed. Thanks go to the parents who helped with scoring, ground preparation and player delivery. Thanks too, to the many club Committee people who put in so much behind the scenes to make it happen on the day.

CORY BLAKE: Being left-handed, he gave opponents real problems with bat and ball.

NICK CAMPBELL: Lots of potential as left arm orthodox

and huge improvement as a stylish right hand bat.

MATTHEW CARROLL: A late starter but a great enthusiast and learner. Batted and bowled with great determination.

DAVID COOK: Double hat-trick, all bowled, sums up his year as he bowled very straight and quick. Batting improved with more thought.

MATTHEW CROUGHTON: Has lots of potential with bat and ball and played a couple of very good innings.

BEN CUTLER: One of the younger lads, but very talented with bat, ball and in the field. Must have a bright future.

AARON MEYER: Tried very hard all year and played some gutsy innings.

SANJAY PATEL: His bowling action puzzled the opposition as much as the coach, but he took wickets bowling straight. Batted with guts and improved technique.

MATTHEW PRATTEN: Another big improver who enjoyed keeping wicket. Bowled and batted very well all year with good aggression.

BYRCE PURCELL: Took a few knocks which showed what a gutsy lad he is. At times, bowled great leg breaks and will improve next year.

PETER JACKWITZ: Wholehearted player whose bowling, especially, went from average to top class. Excellent first season.

LUKE WATTS: Natural athlete who bowled very quick and batted the same way! Super season and will go well in Under 12's.

MEL CROUGHTON
Coach

UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT

I hope the team enjoyed the season as much as I did. It was a pleasure to see some of their skills develop and even though we only had one win, the name of the game is to enjoy it and to learn the skills of cricket.

It was great to see the parents' support and thanks to the scorers. And nobody squeegees as well as Sunil's Father.

CHRISTINA CUDDY: Our first lady cricketer for Engadine and she was just a delight. She worked hard on her batting and bowling all season. There maybe is a little bit more room for improvement in the bowling, but it is only a matter of time. Her throwing was always good and she started to get the idea as a fielder. Great to have you in the team.

TIMOTHY GREENUAY: Very keen cricketer. Had a great arm and became one of our strike bowlers. Ran well between wickets, sometimes too well. Caught the ball well and returned it to the stumps every time. Liked being wicket keeper and always batted with enthusiasm. I don't think the next season can come any quicker. Was always a pleasure having you at training and the game.

NATHAN BULLOCK: Our best mud pie maker by far. He could also put his arms inside his shirt and still field the ball. His bowling improved all season and it was great to see the bails fall after a concentrated spell of bowling. He always bewildered the bowlers when batting with that dazzling stance he has adopted. Keep at it Nathan.

BRETT BULLOCK: Always bowled well and batted well. Had a good returning arm and stood well behind the stumps. Has the form for a good all round cricketer. Keep practising Brett, it's just a matter of time.

PETER MEALING: His batting and bowling encouraged the others. His fielding was good with a little prompting

from his father. A bit on the cheeky side, but he does that at home. Next year is another season, so keep practising.

JUSTIN CHAMPION: Played a short season, but concentrated with the bat and was getting the swing with his bowling. A pleasant young man and was an asset to the team.

CHRIS MORELAND: A great deal of potential and a menacing left hand bowler. Knows how to play cricket with great batting, fielding and wicket keeping skills. Not long now Chris till the big time.

KURT RIDLEY: Improving every time he got on the field. Concentrated well when batting and kept the run rate down each time he bowled. Keep practising on that bowling and throw the ball well up. A pleasure to be your coach.

MATHEW NEWMAN: A very enthusiastic cricketer. Runs very well between the wickets and started to get his bowling to a fine art. Fields well and I'm sure will go a long way. Well done Mathew.

CRAIG LOWE: A very energetic young man who when he puts his mind to it can produce good results. His batting and bowling have improved out of sight. Don't stop now Craig - you can go a long way.

SUNIL PATEL: Became our strike bowler towards the end with a spin attack. Could bat all day if allowed and always paid attention when fielding. I'm sure your father will guide you through cricket so stay with it, it's there for the offering.

MITCHELL HATCH: Our smallest cricketer, but big at heart. He was certainly our straightest bowler and always scored a few runs. Fielding was never a problem and kept well. Next season is soon here, so see you then.

MENS CRICKET

SENIOR CLUB TEAM AWARDS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>
A1	Brian McKenna	Mark Curness
A3	Robert Smith	Hayden Gilmore
B3	Paul Cameron	Anthony Stanley
C2	Satish Chard	Rodney Forrester

CENTURIES

Robert Smith (A3)	136 n.o.	vs. C'bah Hotel
Tony Stanley (B3)	103	vs. Gynea Bay

BOWLING

Tony Stanley (B3)	7-57	vs. Gynea Bay
Ray Cowan (B3)	7-30	vs. C'bah Hotel

MENS SECRETARY REPORT

1993/94 proved to be a very successful season for the club, with our first premiership victory recorded since the 1985/86 season. Congratulations to Captain, Ross Stuart, and the B3 side on a well deserved victory.

The A1 team also had a successful season compared to recent seasons and reached the final for the first time in 10 years. Things didn't pan out as expected after a great first days play and the side lost. However, Captain Col Berry and the side should feel proud having made the final with the trouble encountered fielding a full side each game.

The A3 team did not enjoy a great deal of success this season and were up against it before a ball was bowled. The team was probably unfairly graded and should enjoy a more profitable season next year when graded a bit lower.

The B3 team had a great season and mixed a blend of youth with some old hard heads (Bill Knowles and Ray Cowan, just in case you want to know what "old" means). The premiership was a great reward for this team and celebrations went long into the night after the victory. Well done fellas.

Lastly, the C2 team had a very slow start to the season, losing the first three games. However, they came home with a wet sail and just missed out on the final. Bill Ziegler and the team should be congratulated on the effort as the side had a limited preparation for the season.

Congratulations go to Tony Stanley from the B3 team in winning the Senior Club Champion award. Tony had a fine season taking 41 wickets at 8.3 and scoring 198 runs. Well done Tony.

Congratulations to all the individual award winners in the four sides. Hopefully competition from your team

mates will ensure even greater success for the coming year.

The job of Mens Secretary was never going to be an enviable job after the outstanding work done by Adrian Vannan in previous years. We would like to thank the Executive for their assistance in getting the job done over the year.

To conclude, congratulations again to all four sides on obtaining our best result in the last 8 years. With the same commitment shown next year, our great result of this year should at least be duplicated.

GREG HEFFERNAN
DREW LAKE

A3 TEAM REPORT

We knew we were going to have a tough year after being graded 'A3' after playing 'B2' the previous season, and this turned out to be true.

Although the number of wins we had were few, we generally had close games, our bowling and fielding letting us down on most occasions. This occurred as we often did not have 11 fielders and no bowler took more than 15 wickets for the season, which probably was related to our poor fielding. The best bowler for the season was Hayden Gilmore who took 14 wickets.

Our batting on the other hand was more reliable, with a number of batsmen scoring more than 200 runs. The best of the batsmen was Robert Smith who made 398 runs for the season at 49.75, including 136 n.o. against Caringbah Hotel.

As always, good support was given to the Captain by Craig Tever, John Ridley, Anthony O'Flynn and Aaron Perritt. However, a change in attitude is needed by

some players if a successful season is to be had.

DAVID PERRITT

B3 TEAM REPORT (PREMIERS)

This was certainly one of the most enjoyable seasons of cricket I have had.

It was my first season as Captain. Thankfully it was a very successful season in which we eventually won the competition. The key to us winning was how well we set competitive totals when batting for our bowlers to defend. Both the top order and lower order batsmen contributed throughout the season, with the new guys fitting in well.

After a great start to the season, we slackened off in the middle. Everyone's game seemed to pick up in the more important games at the end of the season. Our fielding started to improve steadily and our strike bowlers were performing well.

A special thank you to Gordon Scott and Darren Price for filling in when we were short:

The members of the B3 team were : Ross Stuart, Glen Sutcliffe, Scott Rowe, Paul Cameron, Craig Brownscombe, Jackson Mall, Greg Knowles, Tony Stanley, Paul Waddell, Bill Knowles, Ray Cowan, Jason Purdy.

ROSS STUART

C2 TEAM REPORT

With a team of 18 players all hoping to play every game, it was always going to be hard to maintain some

consistency in the C2's. After a slow start to the season, when we could only manage 1 win in the 2-day games, the boys really hit their straps. Once the 1-day games started, they lost only 1 of these which put them right into contention for the Final.

This team went out in every game to have some fun (after all, that is what sport is all about) and to their credit, they upheld the spirit of good sportsmanship and were a credit to the Dragons Club, win or lose.

They certainly showed that they could take catches, 59 in all, with every player taking at least 1, and there were also a couple of good bowlers, the best of whom were Rod Forrester (33 @ 10.8) and Dave Kahlefeldt (21 @ 7.6). However, our batting let us down in most games with not one being able to notch a 50 (too many stroke players who could score quickly, but we lost wickets quickly too).

Pity we couldn't play all one-dayers, we proved almost unbeatable in them, where our fast scoring rate against defensive fields suited our style of game, and also our very fast over rate never allowed the batting side of the opposition to settle down. We proved we were the equal of all teams in the competition, by beating them all at least once.

Thanks must go to skipper, Bill Ziegler, for being able to get 11 players onto the field each week (a thankless task, when there are so many players to choose from), and to our scorer, Judy Lofthouse, who sat there rain, hail or shine and witnessed the highs and lows that this team is capable of. Last but not least, to all the players who made this a most enjoyable season.

We hope you all had fun. It looked like you did because after every game, we could still manage a laugh about the performances, whether we won or lost.