

12E TEAM REPORT

AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDER: LUKE RADFORD
BATTING: BEN CUTLER
BOWLING: MATTHEW PRATTEN
FIELDING: JOHN CLARK
COACH'S: MATHEW CARROLL

It is with the utmost pleasure that I am able to present this end of season report on behalf of the 12E Engadine Dragons.

The season was commenced with five players (plus the Manager) having their first year of competition cricket. Mr. Russ Waddell graciously took on the task of team coach, giving up his precious and limited time for team training each Tuesday afternoon. It would be fair to say that the team started with a mixed bag of talent. Russ was, however, able to impart his knowledge of the game to the players at training and during match play.

The team began the season with a first up win, and was well placed to win the last game until rain intervened.

The team was young, and many players will be able to play in the under 12's again next season. I am sure all players will have gained experience and valuable knowledge from the season just concluded. May I congratulate the parents of the players for the way everyone was turned out for the matches. I thought that every player was smartly dressed and represented their club well.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about the individual members of the team.

EDWINA BEVAN: This was Edwina's first year of competition cricket. She acquitted herself well and took a wicket (bowled) in her first ever spell. Edwina will be a much better cricketer in the 1995/6 season with the experience she has gained this year. Well done Edwina!

MATHEW CARROLL: I guess that every sporting team has

its heroes, but not many are lucky enough to have a gentleman. Cricket is a team game, and regardless of the level of competition, should be played as such. If ever a young man displayed the true team spirit, young Matthew sure did. He trained hard, concentrated at all times and gave his best. Nothing was ever a trouble for Matthew be it putting out or collecting the flags, packing the kit at the end of training or bowling practice balls for the batsman about to go to the crease. He never once pestered me or the coach to have a bat or bowl at training. Matthew, your Mum and Dad can be proud of you. Congratulations, it has been an honour to be associated with you.

JOHN CLARK: It is said that good things come in small packages, this is especially true of Johnny Clark. Not big in stature, but enormous in heart. Had John connected with some of the balls bowled to him in the last two games, he would have easily been our leading run maker. Keep at it John and you will be Engadine's David Boon. This was John's first year and he should be happy with his performance. Keep it up John. Congratulations.

DAVID COOK: All successful teams have all rounders. Engadine's 12E's can boast an all rounder bowler! David bowled off a 2 metre run up, to 40 metre run ups! He bowled fast, slow, spin and some not in the text book. He certainly appeared to enjoy his cricket and always wanted to be involved. David gets 10 out of 10 for the number of ways he was able to ask the coach at practice, "Can I bat?" "Can I bowl?" Thanks for being part of the team David!

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ROSS FERGUSON: Ross was one of the quiet achievers of the team. He was never a fuss, and it was a pleasure to be associated with him. This was Ross' first year, and he was one of the players to show a marked improvement in his game during the season. I hope you enjoyed yourself during the season Ross. Congratulations.

ADAM GRIMA: Adam joined the team late, but his arrival certainly lifted the standard of batting. Adam was another of the first time players and travelled all the way from Bundeena for training and games. Some of your batting was a pleasure to watch Adam. Thank you. I hope that you continue with the game because I believe that with your temperament you can achieve much in cricket. I know it is a long way for you to travel, but I hope you can be with Engadine Dragons next season. Best wishes for the future.

KATE LAWSON: A young lady with a mission. After numerous efforts to get into a cricket team, Kate was given the opportunity to play with the 12E's. The willingness to listen to the coach at training enabled Kate to enter the record books for the club. The first girl to take a wicket for Engadine Dragons! I know that Kate enjoyed the season and the company of the other team members. She made a spectacular exit to the season when in the last game, on her birthday, she took two wickets and bowled two maiden overs. Look out Zoe Goss!! Well done Kate, you made me very proud.

DANE LOGAN: Dane was late starting the season due to a broken arm but once able to play, quickly established himself as one of the better bowlers. With a little more application I am sure that he has a future in the game of cricket. Dane is a very quiet person, perhaps Dane you'll inherit the nickname "Rowdy" as did a great bowler for Australia - Terry Jenner. Thank you for your efforts during the season and try to stay off that skateboard pre-season!

MATTHEW PRATTEN: Another quiet (very quiet in fact) young man, Matthew's cricket improved markedly during the season. He was always prepared to listen and learn from the coach at training. I hope you continue with your cricket Matthew - teams need dedicated hard workers like yourself. I feel sure that you have benefitted from the season and will be an even better player for the club next time around. Thank you for being part of the team and best wishes for the future.

LUKE RADFORD: Luke certainly wins the award for the most confident member of the team. Luke backed up his confidence with some good performances, both in the batting and bowling departments. Luke added a new line of questioning to the coach at training. "Can I bat?" "Can I bowl?" "Can I wicket keep?" Luke I hope you can maintain your confidence and enthusiasm. Well done!

ALEX MCNEE: Probably the find of the season was Alex, as the team's wicket keeper. Once Alex put on the gloves, the team was able to dispense with long off. Not only did Alex stop the balls with the gloves, but also with his body and on one occasion, his jaw! Congratulations on some great catches Alex! I am sure you can continue to improve as a wicket keeper/batsman so make sure you back up for next season. Thanks for giving me and many other onlookers some very enjoyable moments during the season Alex!

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other supporters who attended the games during the season to lend support to the team. It was great!

Special thanks to those who volunteered to score during the season. I do not have a Masters Degree, and I was terrified at the sight of the score book, let alone at the thought of having to compile all the stats. in it.

Finally, a very special thank you to Roger McNee for all the help you gave me, particularly in umpiring for the team. Without you, panic and confusion would have reigned supreme! I did master "over", but am still struggling with the appropriate hand signals for "wides" and "no balls". Thanks Roger, a job well done.

To Russ Waddell, the Team Coach, thank you on behalf of the players for all your time and effort during the season. Not easy coaching a team when every two minutes you are asked, "Can I bat?" "Can I bowl?" "Can

"I wicket keep?" You deserve an O.A. Russ.

To the team, thank you one and all for putting up with a manager who needed a manager.

RAY CORKERY
Manager

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AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDER: RYAN SHEPHERD
BATTING: RYAN McLAUCHLAN
BOWLING: MITCH DURIE
FIELDING: MATTHEW RUSSELL
COACH'S: CHRIS NELSON

You can't ask more from a team which fielded some seven players, of the thirteen, who had never played in a team before. It was a great season, in which we remained undefeated. Very well done to each team member.

The most important aspect of the season was that the boys always enjoyed themselves and were very good sports. They all played the game hard, but fair.

It was very special to see the great support we received at every game from both parents and grandparents. Thank you very much.

My special thanks to Wally (fellow coach), Ron Shepherd (team manager), Mr. Patel (scorer), and the Russell family for driving me to all matches.

The final turned out to be a very tough one. Having won the toss, we fielded and had the opposition 8 for 70 off 35 overs. This was the lowest total set for us all season. All was going well until we lost our first wicket at 27 (fine batting by Matt Russell). Then the wickets fell rather quickly, no thanks to a very poor decision against Ryan Shepherd being given run out. (Ryan had scored 65 n.o. the week before against the same team.)

The team displayed the determination they had all season to win with five overs to go. Man of the Match, Sanjay Patel scored 24 runs (not out (hitting the winning runs with a beautiful four) and taking 3 wickets off 3 overs for 6 runs. All in all, a great team effort.

Congratulations team, you are a credit to the club.

RYAN McLAUCHLAN: Had a great season, attaining the highest aggregate of 121 without losing his wicket once. If we were to include the first half of the season (average cricket), Ryan would have an aggregate of 200 plus runs not out. I guess he wouldn't have an average. He also bowled well with an average of 3.2 wicket. Ryan can but improve as he gets older. He also showed some fine leadership qualities as captain in the final.

PETER WACKWITZ: The strongest arm in the competition and also the fastest bowler. On his day, there was no equal with the bat and the ball. Peter had a great first half of the season, unfortunately unable to go on in the second half of the season. However, he came good in the final with very good sensible batting and great controlled bowling and fielding.

CORY BLAKE: Magnificent fielder behind the wickets. Cory has a very good bowling action and gets a lot of movement in the air. With some hard practice and determination, he could prove to be a very difficult bowler to play, as he proved at times during the year in capturing some very valuable wickets.

SANJAY PATEL: A very determined and good all round cricketer. Sanjay is a very hard hitter of the ball, has a good arm and is an unplayable bowler when he pitches the ball up. He performed extremely well in the game leading up to the final and especially in the final. Sanjay scored a magnificent 24 runs not out and collected 3 wickets for only 6 runs. You can't ask for any more than that.

SUNIL PATEL: The younger brother of Sanjay is a very good spinner and picked up a number of wickets during the season. He tried very hard in the field and in his batting. Sunil will get much better next season. The important facet of Sunil's game was that he enjoyed every game he played in and he was a lot of fun to have in the team.

TIMOTHY MALL: This was Tim's first season and he showed a lot of potential. Tim was very quick in the field and had a good arm knocking over the stumps side-on on a number of occasions. Tim's bowling and batting improved as the season went on. A number of times he made the all important breakthrough with his bowling. He also played some very important innings.

RYAN SHEPHERD: For his first season, Ryan had a ripper. He took seven catches in the first game, scored 65 not out in the game before the final. Ryan also had a bowling average of 10.2 for the season. A well deserve. All Rounder award for the year. Stick with it Ryan (watch out Mark Waugh).

MATTHEW RUSSELL: Playing in his first season for Engadine, Matt had a great one. He just missed out in the All Rounder award, having a great batting average of 44 runs and a bowling average of 13. Matthew was a very consistent cricketer, always batting, bowling and fielding well. A good team player.

MITCHELL DURIE: For the second half of the season, Mitchell had made up his mind to become a bowler. He took a wicket in every game. Mitchell finished the season as the best bowler taking 7 wickets at an average of 5.8 - not bad for your first season at the game.

JASON RADFORD: Another first season player who would do everything very well from bowling to batting to fielding (and wicket keeping). Jason finished the season with the best batting average of 51 runs. He is a very keen cricketer with a lot of ability. Stay with this Jason and you will go a long way.

MITCHELL LUCOCK: In his first season, Mitchell was trying to find his feet, and that he did as the wicket keeper. Once the 'keeper gloves were on his hands, there was no stopping him. He improved with every game. Looks as though Mitchell left his very very best for the final, not letting a single bye through and taking a good catch.

BRETT BULLOCK: Brett had a mixed season, he started off very well with plenty of runs and wickets. His game seemed to fall away a bit, but came good leading up to the final. Brett has the safest hands in the side and took a crucial catch in the final - and what a catch it was.

CHRISTOPHER NELSON: In playing his first season, Chris was very determined and hardworking. He always gave his best and improved his bowling out of sight. Chris is a good team player. In the final, Chris bowled the opposition's best batsman's middle stump. He had a good season and received the Coach's award.

JACKSON MALL
Coach

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This team came together with 7 new recruits out of its 9 members. They worked hard from the outset to gain good batting and bowling skills. Their fielding skills developed greatly over the season, from being scared of the ball to confidently taking catches, and returning the balls accurately. Over the season, their positive attitudes to the game, their dedication to training and their good sportsmanship helped to create an enthusiastic team spirit.

As the lowest age group in the cricket competitions, they had to overcome the difficulties of poorly kept grounds and even sloping fields. However, team spirit carried

them through. The efforts and support of the parents guaranteed that we always fielded a full team and a special thanks must go to Mark Sheer as our faithful scorer.

The coaches would also like to take this opportunity to extend their apologies to team members and their parents for breaking the strict dress code as umpires at the Illawong matches.

Even though we out-scored the other teams in runs, the boys often found it difficult to actually take as many wickets as they desired. The team played consistently, winning 4 matches, losing 4 and drawing 1.

The future batting stars are Chris Moreland, Stuart Dibbs, Tim Russell and Aaron Hall.

Chris Jackson, Mitchell Hatch and Dean Griffith should develop into competent bowlers, and our two good all rounders are Andrew Shee and David Bewes.

It was a successful year in many ways and these boys should continue in future years to become good fair-minded sportsmen.

Congratulations team! The coaches were proud of your efforts all year!

RAY GRIFFITH
Coach

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BEN CUTLER: If raw enthusiasm counts for anything, Ben has a bright future in cricket. All that is needed is for the enthusiasm to be harnessed, correctly directed and controlled. Remember Ben, cricket is a team game. Ben earns 10/10 for the number of times he asked at training "Can I bet?" "Can I bowl?" Keep at it Ben, and congratulations on your season.

SENIOR CRICKET

SENIOR CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the season just concluded, we fielded three teams in the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association competition. They were graded A1, B2 and C2 respectively.

The team reports speak for themselves. While I can state that by and large we had a reasonable year, nevertheless it would have been that much better if the A1's had managed to win the final.

It is encouraging to see the junior players do well and I hope that those under 16 players who have completed their last junior year stay with the game, and more importantly, stay with the club.

This year we did not field many players at the representative level, but both Paul Cameron (Telegraph Shield) and Mark Curness (Durham Shield) did their best to keep the Dragon's club flag flying. Our A1/U16 representative player, Craig Brownscombe, is also to be congratulated on his performance at all levels over the season. Should he go to grade next season, his efforts will be missed.

To conclude, I want to encourage all players who took part this year to come back next season and bring a friend. It would be nice if we could field four or five teams next year.

Also, I should point out to all club supporters that Vince Ridge, Association President, has called it a day after 17 years in the chair. He has always been of great assistance to Engadine, and we will miss his help and guidance.

Hope to see you all next year.

SENIOR CLUB SECRETARY

SENIOR CLUB TEAM AWARDS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>
A1	Drew Lake	Jason Crimlisk
B2	Glen Sutcliffe	Anthony Stanley
C2	Graham Redman	Graham Redman

CENTURIES

Paul Cameron (B2) 130 n.o. vs. Gynea

BOWLING

Paul Cameron (B2) 9-71 vs. Heathcote
Graham Redman (C2) 7-46 vs. Sylvania Heights
Tony Stanley (B2) 7-61 vs. Cronulla Seagulls

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A1 REPORT

So near but yet so far! Another disappointing end to the season for the A1's. Third time lucky for next year boys. After an excellent season in which we were Minor Premiers (only 2 losses), we were outplayed in the final by Gynea. Had a couple of vital things gone our way, it could have been a different story (I think there's a saying about catches winning matches???) Anyway, everyone tried their hardest and that's all that can be asked.

Congratulations must go to Drew Lake for his excellent season with the bat, he really turned things around from last year, relishing the number 4 position. Jason Crimlisk topped the bowling again after a quiet start to the season following a bad ankle injury. Congratulations Jase. Good luck to Craig Brownscombe who will try his hand at grade next season. Craig did a great job in the middle order for us in his first season and will be sadly missed.

It was fantastic that everyone attended the aftermatch party, despite the result. Special thanks must go to Michael Wills (alias Steven Spielberg) and Ross Stuart (Mr. Pizza) for their support for the final. It was certainly a difficult decision to leave anybody out after such a great season. Last, but not least, we must thank Kim White for scoring through the year - great job.

1996 is our year! See you all at training.

BRIAN McKENNA

B2 REPORT

With us moving up to the B2's after our premiership winning season in B3's, we headed into the new season

with confidence and optimism. This was my first season as captain, as Ross Stuart had moved up into the A1's along with Craig Brownscombe.

New members in the side included Adrian Vennan returning to the club after a season in the bush, David Hine and Rodney Forrester moved up from C grade. Rodney retired after the first game to concentrate on competition golf.

We got off to a good start winning our first match comfortably, but from then on we struggled. Poor fielding especially catching, was our main downfall. With our bowling attack limited, this proved crucial. In most matches, we struggled to bowl teams out.

Tony was again the pick of the bowlers taking over 30 wickets. Ray toiled hard into the wind and showed great stamina (for an old bloke) bowling more than 20 overs in a match. Adrian chipped in with some handy wickets at first change and Greg was showing great promise with the new ball towards the end of the season. Best figures for the season go to Paul Cameron who took 9-71 against Heathcote in the second match.

Batting was definitely our strong point with us able to set competitive totals whenever we batted first. Chasing runs was another story with us unable to overhaul targets, big or small, whenever we batted second.

Best of the batsmen were Glen, Scott and Tony, with Darren playing well whenever he got a start. Paul Cameron was our only century maker with 130 not out.

Catch of the season went to Jackson Mall, holding on to a full blooded pull shot at square leg. Again Paul Waddell proved consistent in the field and handy with the ball. Finally, thanks to Graham Price for filling in when required and also to Bill for helping out with team organisation and paperwork.

GLEN SUTCLIFFE

C2 REPORT

Another season draws to a close, somewhat disappointingly, with the last game against the eventual Minor Premiers being washed out on the second day with the Dragons in a strong position against Sylvania. The opposition were 2-25 after 10 overs and with the C2's having scored 219 all out (incidentally the only time we had scored more than 200 all season), 5 batsmen getting double figures, a good slice of luck would have had us on the way to our second win over Sylvania. 17 year old Brendan Lofthouse top scored with 48 (his highest ever personal score).

On to the season overall. It was a fairly disappointing effort all round by a team which has so much potential both with the bat and ball, and also in the field. The C2's were only able to bowl the opposition all out on 4 occasions in 12 matches. However, the opponents achieved the magic 200 in 5 games, whereas the Dragons could only achieve the feat on one occasion (the last game). We were bowled out on no less than 11 times in a total of 14 innings from our 12 games.

The most satisfying point to come out of the season was the fact that we beat both the teams that were to play in the final, Sylvania Heights Youth and Gympie Bay. We did it with probably the youngest and most inexperienced team in the competition and we did it with probably the best fielding side with the team achieving some very good catches and some truly brilliant run-outs. We can honestly say that, except for the game against Illawong, our fielding was not the cause of any of our 8 losses.

All in all, the team bagged a total of 42 catches, 5 run-outs, 3 LBW's and 31 bowled in only 81 dismissals for the 12 games played.

It must be said that the small size of both Kingswood

Road and Grays Point ovals was not an advantage, nor was the fact that we had to play on mats, which was new to most of our players who had no experience with the intrinsic conditions that they can cause with the ball hitting the patches etc. they have on them. These patches cause some very irregular bounces causing the downfall of the batsmen and not making the wicket keeper's job an easy one, with most of the byes being from balls that skidded through along the ground.

However, on most occasions, the team was let down when the batsmen were trying to hit the bowling out of the ground, thus being bowled or caught from mis-timed hits that should have probably been played more defensively and with better placement.

Our "Star Player" for the season was undoubtedly Graham Redmen, who shone with the bat, felling in only 3 innings to score double figures. He had 4 scores of more than 50 (the best being 91), and scored a total of 431 runs for the season with an average of 47.888. His bowling was also exceptional, though very unlucky on occasions, taking 19 wickets for 329 runs at an average of 17.316. Showing what a fine all round player Graham is, he also took 4 good catches in the field.

With 15 players to call on for the season, it was very hard for Captain, Dave Kahlefeldt to maintain any consistent team pattern to allow the team to settle down. This is not a criticism of Dave, who did a very fine job in his first year as Captain, by always setting good fields and using his bowlers to good advantage. The "Author" thinks, however, he could have bowled himself more, as Dave is a very fine and economical bowler who should take more wickets than he does.

Although the season could have been more successful for the C2 Dragons, it must be said that win, lose or draw the team played the game hard and in the right spirit

of "Sportsmanship", which some of our opponents could learn a lot about. Most of all, the whole team enjoyed themselves, which is what team sport is all about.

ALLAN LOFTHOUSE