

SEASON 1974/75

YEAR BOOK

ENGADINE DRAGONS CRICKET CLUB

BOYS PRESENTATION

JOHN BOSCO HALL

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our members and guests on yet another presentation night. Our sincere thanks to our guests who have found time to be present to-night and we hope that our players appreciate your efforts in helping to promote our great game of cricket.

Congratulations are in order for the 14D team coached by Peter Royle, and the 12C team coached by Keith Dixon. Both coaches deserved their success, and we hope to see them coaching for many years to come.

The highlight of the season was the clubs' retention of the Shires' Club Championship after a close struggle with Caringbah Sports and X Miranda. With a handy lead coming to the last round of matches we had our worst results for the season and mainly due to our baby side the LOCs in winning outright against John Bosco. This team was defeated outright easily in the first game of the season against the same team.

In conclusion we thank each of you for your participation during the season and hope to see you all back again next season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thanks once again to our kids for their efforts over the season which culminated into the club winning the Club Championship once more.

For our club to be able to provide sport for our youngsters it must have a group of officials and coaches working harmoniously together with the main aim of having our boys enjoying playing cricket, and I hope that this was achieved.

I would like to mention some of those persons in appreciation of their support. First name that comes to mind is young Mike Fordyce who has helped me tremendously over the season and any task asked of him he carried out in a capable manner. Mike looks like he could be the feller I've been looking for to be secretary of our club. I hope other youngsters will follow him and stand for positions on the committee. To our President, Geoff Arnott, although restricted in spare time this season, nevertheless was there when required to help in some way. To the faithful team of Betty and Laurie Crosby, words cannot express my thanks to them for their loyalty to the club and they will be hard to replace when they decided to have a rest.

Ray Noakes, Jim Lees, Peter Royle, Monty Perry and Col Keenan once again were a tower of strength, always willing to help whenever they were required. To our coaches, managers and scorers, a big thanks for your support - it was most appreciated. A special thanks to Merle Robinson for organising our raffle prizes.

In conclusion I hope to see next season a lot of new faces together with the old faces playing a part in helping the Champion Club of the Shire to provide cricket for the boys of our district.

H. Robbins.

PARENTS - If you have not paid for your boy's contribution towards a premiership jacket or cap, please forward payment to a club official when possible.



# SEASONS POINTS SCORE

<u>16A</u> -	Miranda	42	<u>12C</u> -	Engadine	48 (Premiers)
	St. Pats	39		Miranda	41
	Engadine	37		Gymea	39
	C'bah Sports	37		Bulldogs	34
<u>14A</u> -	C'bah Sports	45	<u>10A</u> -	Sylvania	59
	Sylvania	45		Engadine	39
	Miranda	35		Jannali	31
	St. Pats	29	<u>10C</u> -	St. Pats	59
	Engadine	26		Engadine	32
<u>14D</u> -	Engadine	55 (Premiers)		Sylvania	31
	Heathcote	49			
	Miranda	40			
	Cron. RSL	35			
<u>12A</u> -	C'bah Sports	42			
	Sylvania	39			
	Gymea	37			
	Engadine	35			

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Engadine	112.20
C'bah Sports	111.80
Miranda	107.90
St. Pats	106.80
Sylvania	106.27

## REPORTS

16A - This season was an enjoyable one in which we had some good results and saw some great cricket. We finished in 3rd position, some five points behind the winners. The competition was a very even one, and it was not until the last match that the winners were decided.

Against the first two teams we lacked heart and fight after we lost our first couple of batsmen and our bowling lacked any real fire and concentration. In some of our other matches we played some fine and exciting cricket. Against Caringbah Sports we had scores of 186 in 155 minutes and 213 in 150 minutes, and against Caringbah DLS we scored 243 in 180 minutes. This is what cricket is all about, exciting and played in a fine sporting spirit. Some notable individual performances are as follows -

Dean Ferguson - 111 n.o. (C'bah DLS), 104 (C'bah Sports)  
 Peter Noakes - 5-22, 6-35, 5-38  
 Peter Crosby - 4-6, 3-29

Dean Ferguson (Captain). Dean finished his stint in junior cricket with a really fine season. His batting had the power which he lacked in previous years and that coupled with his great ability gave him a fine aggregate of 447 at an average of 56. Dean's fielding and bowling were always of the top order and a more dedicated and helpful cricketer it would be hard to find.

Peter Noakes. A fine right-leg spin bowler who had his usual fine season. This also was Peter's last year in junior cricket, and he finished up with 26 wickets at a average of 10.58. His fielding was always great to watch and he will be very hard to replace next season.  
Brett Johnson. Brett made a great return to cricket this year after a short lay off. He proved that a rest for a season can't do nothing but improve your enjoyment from the game. Brett scored 326 at an average of 33 with 6 scores over 40. His wicket keeping was again its usual high standard with an average of 4.31.

Alan Wood. Probably one of the teams most stylish batsmen took a while to get going this year, also after a lay-off. His top score, an exciting 48, was part of a 2nd wicket partnership of 107. Alan was a fine fieldsman, being our top catchtaker.



Peter Crosby was one of our spin twins. Peter had a good year with the ball having an average of 12-86, and was no slouch with the bat with an average of 22.38. A good first 16 year effort. Stephen Atkins is a player of great all-round ability. When batting he looked set to taking the bowling apart but found the breaks go the other way. Steve had a steady year bowling with his best figures of 5.26.

Michael Black, when in form, was the most devastating batsman in the team. He had the power ability to punch the ball to all parts of the ground. Mike's best performance was 62 in 38 minutes and bowling 4.17. Also a fine fieldsman.

George Daley had an exceptionally good year for his first season in cricket. George spearheaded our bowling this year and had the ability to get an awkward bounce. His batting average was also a hard hitting 22.10.

Steve Hawke was another of our very useful cricketers this year. With the number of bowlers we had this year, Steve did not get much of a go, but when he did he proved that he will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Greg King, up until Christmas, was one of our most consistent batsmen. There were no centuries but there were no scores under 20 and this helped the team build good scores. Greg also took some fine slip catches and was a neat spin bowler.

Cowan Spowart shared our 2nd opening bowling end and turned in some good figures. Cowan was a very hard bowler to score from, and next year with a little more practice could be a very hard to handle bowler.

Barry Nugent was one of those very useful players needed by every team. He is a batsman that did not need to be told to have a hit as it came natural. Barry was a very good fieldsman and a great guy to have around.

Michael Cranston was a batsman that did not score a lot of runs but thrived on his ability avoiding getting out and allowing his partner to get runs. Keep it up Mike as it takes all types of batsmen to fill a team.

Geoff Rankin is one of these cricket players whose ability is not great but this is replaced by his love for the game. Always a trier and a very dedicated cricketer.

Wayne McGovern was another of our very dogged batsmen who also had some fine innings. The opposition were always glad to see the end of Wayne's innings. Also one of the best fieldsmen, especially in close.

Laurie Crosby our manager, even with a slight age difference, was just one of the guys. A great bloke to have around, and I wish all my managers could be as helpful in both word and action.

Now that all the words of praise are finished with, I would like to thank Mrs. Noakes for scoring for us, our taxi service of Ken and Wendy Hawke, Warren Atkins, Mick McGovern and Jim Black for helping to give both the boys and myself a most enjoyable season of the best of all sports.

Hope to see you all out there next season.....Mike Fordyce.

14D - Undefeated premiers. From a possible 66 points we finished the season with 55 points, riding roughshod over all other teams but Heathcote who finished with 49. Our record speaks for itself - 6 outright wins, 4 first innings wins, and one draw. Credit for this must go to our excellent team spirit and to each player lifting his standard of play to great heights when the situation called for it. Peter Stanford made a worthy captain although unlucky with the coin. Peter was the only captain in the grade to set his own field and the strength of our bowling attack allowed these to be attacking at all times. His 'keeping improved as the season progressed and he made some good stumpings off the slow bowlers, but may have had a weakness down the leg-side with the quicker stuff. However, he is very quick to learn something new and this ability should make him a good cricketer in the years ahead. Peter has a good batting technique despite a weakness to the ball coming in to him or going down the leg-side, and I feel sure he could have lifted his game and scored more runs if the standard of bowling was higher. He also has good potential as an out-swing bowler and helped beat Heathcote in the last game with his 5-8.



Brian Andrews. Quiet, unassuming, and a match winner. Brian was captain and ever dependable, whether it was batting or bowling he could be relied upon to do well. A few of his credits for the season were hat-tricks, a new association record of 73 wickets at an average of 2. and 230 runs with the bat. His consistency is shown by his average of 23 although only having a top score of 27, being dismissed for less than double figures only once. Brian's hat-tricks came when they were most needed and both allowed us to go on to outright wins. On his day he was unplayable with his swing away and spin back but when he plays 144s next season he could try some variations. A right ball and a slower ball, if he runs into some classy batsmen. He impressed me with his determination to stay in during the last game against Heathcote when wickets were falling all around him. A valuable asset to any team.

Peter Ayers. Although Peter didn't get much of a go in this team he always gave me the impression he was enjoying his cricket and this is the main goal of every coach. He had limited opportunities with the bat but was a safe catcher and fielder in the covers. Peter could be a promising left-arm spinner if he worked on it.

Terry Barnes. Highlights of Terry's season were his 4-1 against Gympie Bay and 38 against Cronulla RSL while sharing a stand of 70 for the 2nd wicket. Terry began the season with a bang by helping to win the first game outright with his leg-spinners but never had the same situation again through the season. He has a good temperament as an opening batsman with a sound defence and may have suffered from the low standard of bowling encountered. When the chips were down it brought out the best in him and he also has the ability to lift his game to meet the higher standard of bowling.

David England. Dave has tremendous potential as a bowler. He is a good bowler now but with his determination to do well he is potentially a great bowler. He is very accurate and can bowl all day. His ability to spin both ways and very his pace as well as being accurate netted him 27 wickets at 3-85 to be second in the averages behind Brian. He shared a stand of 89 with Murray by taking the quick singles to give Murray the strike. Whether it was batting, bowling or fielding, Dave was always trying his hardest and was another to be a valuable asset to the team. When he gets his head together and also learns to swing the ball he will be a cricketer.

Lance Fletcher. Had limited opportunities but was always working hard and didn't complain when he didn't get a bat. Lance bowled very well when given the ball and fielded with enthusiasm. He finished with the third best average of 14.

Greg Harrison. Came ahead in leaps and bounds this season with both bat and ball. His fast bowling had all batsmen back-peddalling but he tended to lose his line rather quickly. All that he needs is plenty of bowling practice and he will be a useful bowler. His batting helped to win one game when he scored 50. He was a good ball to hit. His catching and throws were good.

Murray Keene. Murray just couldn't be kept out of the game - whether batting, bowling or fielding he was usually in the thick of things doing something brilliant. As a batsman he topped the list with 267 runs at a average of 26.7 including an unbeaten century. His bowling netted him 28 wickets at 5.61 and his fielding gave him 18 catches from positions all around the wicket. Murray's talents include being able to swing the ball both ways, to mix aggression with stroke-play and to take amazing catches in slips. It was this catching ability that got him 3 victims in the final game against Heathcote and helped us to win the game. A versatile and reliable player.

David Mills. An accomplished reserve who made several good catches behind the stumps. Dave can be relied upon when he puts his mind to it and has promise as a left-arm spinner but needs plenty of practice. A good team man.

Scott Prideaux. Showed improvement as a powerful but raw batsman with a terrific cover drive. Scott is also a good team player who



off Reynolds. Improved with his batting as the season progressed and has a strong off-drive. Geoff was another to get limited opportunities but always enjoyed himself and was a good team player.

David Sinclair. Always enthusiastic, trying hard and always did as he was told. Dave was a pleasure to coach throughout the season. He developed into a safe outfield catcher and with a little effort could become a sound batsman if he straightens his backlift.

Mark Wakefield. A brilliant fielder at silly mid-off and was rewarded with 15 catches through the season by watching the bat like a hawk. Mark showed quick reflexes in diving under the slightest thing popped up. He has a sound batting technique and was unlucky to miss big scores. He bowled without luck again deserving better figures. He has the intelligence to do well at whatever he takes up.

Bradley Watts. Full of energy although often channelled in the wrong direction. Brad's batting will develop and his bowling has potential if he works on it.

Craig Wheeler. What he lacked in skill he made up in determination and a big desire to do well. When Craig set himself to stay in, no bowler could shift him. His courage was beyond doubt and his fielding was enthusiastic. His bowling will improve with practice as will his batting if he can straighten his backlift. Another valuable team man.

I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did and to the players who didn't get much of a go I apologise to you. With Heathcote so close behind I had to go all out for points and the chance to give you all a go rarely presented itself.

There are some who say they will not continue in the game after next season. To them I say that there is a lot of enjoyment to be had from this game and as you get older you automatically improve. It will be unfortunate for everybody if you drop out so don't make a decision until the time comes.

I hope I was more than a coach to you all. I would like to think that I was your mate. The friendship you gave me on and off the field gave me great pleasure and I will always cherish the cup you gave me at the end of the season. Enjoyment is the ultimate consideration in this game and I believe that it helps to develop something that will enrich your lives for the future.

Special thanks to Barry Willingale for managing the side, Mrs. Reynolds for a great job of scoring and transport, Mrs. Wakefield for transport, and all parents and players.

P. Royle (Coach)

141 - This team, although finishing low down on the points score, fared well in all their matches excepting against the premiership team Caringbah Sports. With more concentration when fielding the team could have finished in 2nd position as several games were lost due to as many as 10 catches in one innings against Miranda went begging and then we lost by only 3 runs. In another match against the leaders five of our players were half asleep, yawning their heads off and wishing they were still in bed. Until parents realise that cricket requires immense concentration in the field and their kids must have a good night's rest on Fridays NOT awake until 1.30 am on Saturday mornings, will a coach of these lads feel he is there as a cricket coach and not as a person in charge of a child minding centre for 3 cheap hours on a Saturday morning. On the brighter side I hope the boys enjoyed playing and will be back again next season.

Brett Ferguson (Captain). As usual his all round ability was excellent. His leadership improved over the season and like a true captain often showed his best when the chips were down. Well done Brett.

Graham Jones was the leading batsman of the side and improved heaps over the season. He has exceptional power in his shots and with his keenness for cricket should do well in A grade cricket.

Greg Henson. His re-appearance with the team gave it the strength we required in our opening batsmen. Greg handled the pace attack well and this enabled later batsmen to have a chance. Greg is going to develop into a good batsman in the next two years.



Geoff Price. Never fared as well as in previous seasons, but his accurate off-spinners were the chief sufferers with our sloppy catching. His own fielding was always safe whether in the air or on the ground.

Adrian Bedford. On occasions his batting was excellent but lapsed concentration when settling in. His fielding after Christmas was exceptional in the gully position.

Peter Johnson. A boy who tries to do his best at all times and in later years will be a handy allrounder. Has excellent potential as a leg spinner.

Donald Spedding. Like Peter never knows when to quit, and is a definite improver. His keenness and willingness to help the team in some way made it a pleasure to have him in the team.

Wayne Wishart. Not the fast bowler of past years, but when in full swing showed that he's capable of destroying any batting line-up. Next season will be his year.

Darren Bromley. Darren improved his technique over the season, but must gain self-confidence in his ability.

Bradley Mulcahy. On several occasions he stood up to the bowling and looked good until a wild swing would lose his wicket. Held several good catches over the season. The club wishes Brad all the best of fortune.

Tom Hole. After being absent half the season due to illness, Tom regained his bowling form and shows promise for next season.

Murray Morrison. Murray never had much success during the season, and his brightest moment was the last match against the premiers. Hope to see him trying again next year.

John Rodios. Improved his batting over the season and with more practise could see him develop over the next two seasons. His slip fielding was excellent.

It was my pleasure to be associated with the boys and I would like to thank firstly Monty Perry who was a great help to the team, also to John Ferguson, Kevin Hole, Frank Johnson and Ray Price for their support.

H. Robbins.

12A - The team put in a good effort to finish 3rd in a very strong competition. Worth noting is the fact that the team actually defeated all the sides in the competition either in the 1st or 2nd rounds.

The team forfeited its chance in the competition due to a loss in the 2nd round match against Miranda whom we had defeated easily in the 1st round.

Some good bowling efforts by all of the side, notably G. Wiseman 26 wickets-season, S. Wearne 16, B. Atkins 19, G. Roberts 13, was unfortunately not supported by the fielding.

I felt this part of the game held the side back and it is hoped all players work on their fielding for next year.

Fine batting all of the season (forget the last game) was pleasing for the Coach, Manager, and spectators. Notable in this part of the game was G. Heffernan average 13, G. Wiseman 12.1, M. Bailey 11.6, G. Roberts 11.2, M. Price 11.2 and B. Atkins 10.0.

My appreciation goes to the following boys whose team support made the season easier for the Coaches and Manager - S. Gorry, M. Gorry, V. Johnson, M. Elder, M. Hirst, M. McGaw, A. Hampson and M. Mitchell.

Top fielding efforts were noted from M. Gorry and M. McGaw. Big improvers for the season were M. Gorry, V. Johnson and M. Price. I am sure we will hear a lot of these boys' efforts next season.

Finally, my sincere thanks to John Wiseman who managed the team affairs, Stan Howlett for accurate and neat scoring, Ray Noakes for training the boys at practice and to all the supporters who followed the boys and assisted me at various times.

T. Jones



- Gary Robinson (Captain). The complete allrounder with a big future in cricket. Gary topped the bowling averages and came in second with the bat. His bowling was yards faster than any other boy in this comp and probably equal to that of any U-12. A fine batsman with good footwork and strong strokes. Gary was a great captain and willingly put others before him to give them a go. To complete a fine season he held some magnificent catches especially in slips - a tribute to his athleticism.

Steve Melrose (Vice Captain). Another fine allrounder, perhaps a bit more inclined toward the bat than the ball. Steve topped 50 n.o. twice in the season due to the power with which he hits the ball. Sometimes he lacked complete concentration but when he learns to apply himself all the time he will undoubtedly rattle up many big scores because of his quick eye and sure footwork. A good bowler either as opener or change and also a magnificent fieldsman.

Craig Alewood. Opening bat who made many good scores. Craig tends to get himself out due to nerves but once he gets going is the most technically correct batsman you could wish to see. His cutting and cover driving really were a pleasure to watch because of his excellent timing. Sure to succeed in the future as he can bowl well and was the best fieldsman in the team with safe hands and accurate returns.

Nev French. Opening bat and wicketkeeper. Fine concentration saw Nev carry his bat on a number of occasions. Next year will be his year with the bat when he learns to hit the ball a bit harder. A fine 'keeper with good anticipation who completed some fine stumpings and runouts, and also held some excellent catches.

Bruce Dixon. Batsman who only showed 3 times in the year how good he is with 3 big scores. Like Craig he has excellent defence and technique but tends to get out with his score around 10-20 due to impatience. When he learns to wait a bit longer he will develop into a really good bat. Excellent year in the field including 4 catches in one innings.

Stuart Reynolds. Started the year without any application or interest, but when he decided to apply himself bettered 35 in 3 consecutive innings and came close to topping the averages. Stuart, when you realise how good you are with the bat you will hold your place in any team. A good fieldsman and competent stand-in wicketkeeper and bowler. A very talented cricketer when he wants to be.

Ken Robbins. A fine allrounder and sportsman. Ken was our chief spinner but didn't gain as many opportunities as he might have. Bowled excellently at all times as some of his figures indicate, 4-0 and 5-1. A strong middle order bat who made a few good scores and also a very fine fieldsman.

Scott Lucas. Another fine allrounder who took over 25 wickets for the year with his left arm cutters. 1st change bowler who was fast and accurate as his fine performance with the ball indicates. A competent bat who like to have a hit. A bit more patience would see bigger scores.

John Innes. Opening bowler. What a good bowler John is. Never conceded more than 1.5 runs per wicket and captured over 30 in the year. Never bowled a bad one all year and kept immaculate line and length. A big hitting batsman and strong fieldsman, John has a big future in cricket if he keeps it up which I hope he does.

Glenn Beames. A good spin bowler and batsman without many opportunities but always willing to play his part in the team. Good in the field and a real team player.

Greg Glover. The biggest "improver" in the team. Due to his keenness at training and willingness to learn, Greg turned into a reliable fieldsman and a competent bat. He should know what perseverance and dedication can mean and this should pay dividends for him later.

Craig Scott. Excellent fieldsman with some magnificent throws from the boundary which led to run-outs. Competent with the bat and could be consistently relied on to hold up his end and score runs as well.

Geoff Arnott. Another excellent fieldsman. Very fast in the field with quick reflexes. Geoff also showed promise with the bat and was a good "stop" to any attack due to his patience.

Darrin Brown. "Smiley" was a pleasure to coach, always keen and willing to learn. Reliable in the field and competent with the bat, but needs a bit more confidence in himself. His innings in the last game of the year was his best and showed what he is capable of.



Gary Beams. Gary was also a pleasure to coach and was a dedicated cricketer. Tried at all times and gave his best in the field and with the bat. A few not-outs during the season were a tribute to his dedication.

Robert Browne. Robert didn't quite complete the season which was a pity as he is a natural athlete with very fine reflexes and an excellent fieldsman and competent bat.

We had a big squad but they were a team in every sense of the word. Not everyone can be endowed with natural ability but our team was loaded with it. The pleasing feature was that those boys who didn't have the ability realised and accepted it and still gave of their best.

Thank you to the parents for their support, especially Mr. Glover, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Alewood and Mr. French, and a special thankyou to Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Reynolds for scoring during the year.

Winning the premiership was incidental - the way the boys represented their club took precedence and they were magnificent.

Keith Dixon & Pat Egan.

10A - The team performed very well throughout the season but unfortunately were not quite good enough to topple the strong Sylvania side who took out the competition. On behalf of the boys - Congratulations to Sylvania.

I must say that I was very proud to see all our team shake hands with the Sylvania side when beaten. Part of the purpose of playing the game is learning to accept defeat as well as victory and the 10A side at all times conducted themselves in a manner that could only enhance the reputation of the club.

Congratulations first of all to the trophy winners - S. Johnson (Allrounder), D. Russell (Batting), S. Fletcher (Bowling), S. Longmuir (Fielding) and P. Wearne (Coaches Award). Mention must also be made of S. Johnson's and D. Russell's selection in the District Team - congratulations boys on some outstanding performances.

On behalf of the team thank you Ted Russell for your assistance throughout the year. Ted's knowledge of the game and his willingness to impart it was very much appreciated by myself and all the boys. Thank you also to the parents who were most co-operative, and finally on behalf of the side thank you Mrs. Robin Nicholls - our scorer - for your efforts throughout the season.

J. Longmuir.

10B - The boys had a good season finishing second to a very strong St. Pats side. We were a little slow to start but once the boys got the idea of it they went extra well for their first season.

G. Langston (Captain). A very good opening bowler who captured many wickets. Greg's batting was solid and also his fielding.

A. Short. A real run-getter when he got going but tried to hit too many fours off the first couple of overs. His bowling improved remarkably, and his fielding always solid.

M. Cuddy. Mark was our wicketkeeper and he did a great job taking some nice catches.

J. Westlake. John was our other opening bowler and he bowled with quite some pace which unsettled the batsmen. His batting was good as was his fielding.

S. Organ. A very keen competitor who tried all season with his batting and bowling. Stuart's fielding in close was great as he took some fine catches.

M. Dries. Much improved cricketer by the end of season. He often opened for us and stood up to the quickies with no trouble. His position at longstop saved us many runs.

F. Bland. A boy that will improve every year. He will listen and his straight bat would match the best.

M. Bodor. Improved with every game. In the later part of the season he was a very stubborn batsman.

D. Willemson. Dale was very keen to learn always listening and trying what he was told. Also a very capable slips fieldsman.

P. Bodor. Pete was awkward at first but by the end of the season his hook shot was working extra well.

B. McManus - Coach

Mrs. J. Westlake - Manager.