

BLAKE COUSEMACKER: A good season from a very excitable person. When he hits a ball, it cannot be found. A fine fast bowler, needs a lot more aggression or he's going to get belted all over the park. Besides all that, he had a fine season. Thanks Blake.

MARK VANMAN: An excellent batsman who needs to play his fine array of shots a lot more often. A fine catcher of the ball and a great slips fieldsmen. A very sensible cricketer who can become as solid as a rock and hold an end up all day if he had to. A fine sportsman and a coach's dream. Thanks Mark.

I'd like to say thanks to all the boys and parents who followed us the whole season. We were unlucky not to pull it off.

Every coach would like a team like Greg and I had. Everyone would agree that they are the most mature bunch of 14 year olds you could meet. A fine team spirit all season long. No heroes, they all pulled together to win the games they did. Well done fellas.

I'd also like to thank our scorer, Fay Napper, and the other coach, Greg Heffernan.

A fine season.

DAVID HESSITER

TEAM REPORT 14B

AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDERS: ROBERT BURSILL
BATTING: GLEN WRIGHT
BOWLING: ADAM MEAD
FIELDING: MATTHEW WHITE
MOST IMPROVED: MATTHEW FAUST

The season started slowly losing the first six games on the first innings and at this point, the team was at its lowest ebb. With the last match in 1983, we had our first win and this led to a team revival producing two

more wins and being beaten in our last match by only 3 runs. Thanks for a great effort boys.

Many thanks to Mrs. Coleman, who performed the thankless task of maintaining our score book in an expert manner. Also special thanks to Ron Mead for managing the team while I was unable to attend the games.

ADAM MEAD: Captained our team this year and was one of our most successful bowlers taking 24 wickets. Thank you Adam for a job well done as captain.

JASON SUMMERS: Was a most enthusiastic member of our team and tried hard in all aspects of the game.

GLEN WRIGHT: Started the season slowly with the bat, but as the season progressed, his application and concentration improved, which earned him the most runs scored in the team. Well done Glen.

ADAM COX: Concentrated well on improving his bowling throughout the season, taking 15 wickets at an average of 9.37, obtaining the second best bowling average.

TERRICK COLEMAN: Performed well with a high standard in both batting and bowling and applied himself to the task when the pressure was on.

RODNEY SWAIN: Was our wicket keeper for the year and performed this job with a very high standard. "Safe Hands" Rodney.

MATTHEW WHITE: Our opposite to "Big Bird" tackled all the tasks given to him with extreme determination and diligence.

SIMON CHUDEN: A keen and hard working member of the team, who put effort into every performance.

MATTHEW HAMMOND: Improved in all facets of the game as the season progressed, obtaining consistent scores with the bat, as well as being a back-up in the bowling line.

ROBERT BURSILL: In his first year of cricket, he successfully obtained the highest batting and bowling average. Congratulations Robert.

MATTHEW FAULT: Also in his first year of cricket, he has shown consistent improvement in his bowling and has a very good technique in batting.

MATTHEW WALKER: An enthusiastic member of the team who only played the first half of the season, due to moving out of the area.

JOHN COX

TEAM REPORT 12A

AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDERS: AARON PERKITT
BATTING: GRAHAM MURDOCH
BOWLING: MATTHEW MCGILVERAY
FIELDING: GREG MAITHEL
MOST IMPROVED: MARCUS LOXLEY

Having only 1 boy, who had played 12A's previously and 4 fellows being elevated from the U/10A's, the boys had the job in front of them when graded into the 12A competition.

Although we lacked the aggressiveness displayed by some of the more experienced A graders, the side was never outplayed by any of the opposition and the keenness shown by the boys both at training and on the field was tremendous.

We were fortunate to have so many boys in the side who were able to bowl reasonably well at a moment's notice and it was reassuring to know that we could change bowlers regularly without giving leeway to our opponents.

The only disheartening problem the team had to face was the inability to hold catches in matches - the boys could hold them at training but nerves must have sometimes got to them when the game was on. I was pleased

to have had 11 well behaved and sportsmanlike boys who were regular in attendance at the games and most times at training, when the weather permitted. Thanks for your support fellows.

Sincere thanks must go to Bob Steeles, our Manager/Transport Officer and Scorer, Bob Vannan, for the valuable service they rendered throughout the season and to Mrs. Leonie Perritt for ensuring that the side always had a cool drink at the break. The team was fortunate to have had a large following of parents at each game and I thank them all for their support and interest this season.

On behalf of the boys, I take this opportunity of thanking the Executive of the Engadine Dragons Cricket Club for carrying out the "taken for granted" duties and making the club run so smoothly - your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

The team comprised of:-

GARTH CARRUTHERS: Is a quiet achiever. He is quite capable with the bat and can swing the ball when called upon. Although his highest score was only 12 he figured in a couple of good partnerships and batted well under pressure against Sylvania to clinch the game for us. Has good potential for the future. 32 runs av. 4.5, 3 wickets av. 24.2, 2 catches.

MARCUS LOXLEY: Had the strongest arm in the side and extremely accurate when returning a ball to the stumps. Marcus is a handy bowler and has a good eye with the bat, but must learn to settle in and not go for the big hit too early. 82 runs av. 8.2, 4 wickets av. 27.3, 2 catches.

MATTHEW MCGILVERAY: A fearless player who never stops analysing his opponent and has great determination which is required for A grade competition. Matthew is a very good all rounder and is destined for bigger things if he wants to keep applying himself to the game. 133 runs av. 16.6, 15 wickets av. 13.9, 3 catches.

GRAHAM MURDOCH: A good aggressive batsman who was our highest scorer this season with 52 not out. Graham is very quick between the wickets and was successful in taking out the batting award. Can also bowl a mean ball with his left arm on occasions and is a boy who never stops trying. 144 runs av. 16, 1 wicket av. 37, 8 catches.

CAMERON MAPPER: Cameron had a nervous start to the season having stepped up from the U/10A's, but he regained his enthusiasm for the game and kept on trying every match. His best feature was as a spin bowler and it was pleasing to see him starting to get runs in the last few matches. Should go well in his second season of 12's with the added experience. 53 runs av. 5.3, 3 wickets av. 75.

AARON PERITT: Sustained a very nasty accident early in the season, which drained his confidence and consequently we didn't see Aaron at his best in the field this year. Aaron's accurate bowling is his best feature as is shown by the bowling figures of 161 overs, 35 maidens, 20 wickets av. 16.9. Consistent with the bat also and had the highest run aggregate in the side with 193 runs av. 19.3. Took 4 catches. Congratulations Aaron on setting a good example as Captain throughout the season.

BRADLEY SMITH: A very keen player with a good arm in the field and can be used as a spin bowler on occasions also. Brad was unable to get enough confidence with the bat until the middle of the competition, but then showed us what he could do when he applied himself. 102 runs av. 9.3, 2 wickets av. 24.1, 7 catches.

GREG RAITHIEL: This was Greg's first year playing competition cricket and he was a little nervous in both batting and bowling, but nevertheless he maintained his keenness and will be a player to watch next season. Greg is very safe in the field and has a powerful left arm for bowling and field. 37 runs av. 6.1, 5 wickets av. 29.8, 4 catches.

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SHLUDON STEEL: Stood in as wicket keeper from round 3 onwards and did a good job behind the stumps. Sheldon is a good stroke player with the bat, but needs to be more aggressive to increase his run rate. Good potential for next season in U/12's. 83 runs av. 6.9, 2 stumpings, 8 catches.

PHILLIP VANMAN: Was the tallest player in the side and able to use his height and strength when opening the bowling. Phillip bowled extremely well towards the end of the season and will be a bowler to be reckoned with next year, if he adopts the same attitude. Took a couple of memorable catches also and showed us that he can handle a bat as well, but must learn to sharpen up his reflexes. 45 runs av. 4.5, 7 wickets av. 21.5, 3 catches.

TIM YULE: Found the going a bit tough coming from U/10A to U/12A competition and was not able to get a good start with his batting except once when the pressure was on in our "cliff hanger" match with Sylvania. Tim knuckled down on that occasion to score a very valuable 10 runs and played an important part in that win. Tim needs to apply himself more now that he is playing in a higher age bracket. 19 runs av. 1.9, 1-wicket av. 10, 2 catches.

GEOFF SMITH

TEAM REPORT 12B

AWARD WINNERS

BATTING: THOMAS MOLANUS
BOWLING: DAVID SAPPARTH
FIELDING: TIM KEANEY
MOST IMPROVED: SLAN STEWART

After our first game of the season, it was obvious that we were going to have some problems being competitive and though the team we played in that game, Sylvania Heights, were by far the strongest in the competition, we did struggle most of the season. However, this was due more to our team being graded too high than through lack of form or effort.

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On the occasions we managed to score a reasonable total, our bowling and fielding responded accordingly, but most of our scores were too low.

The high point for us was undoubtedly our second round win over Illawong, which was really an outstanding team effort of solid batting, accurate bowling and very safe fielding.

Hopefully, all the boys enjoyed the season, even though wins were scarce, and will continue to play next season.

Thanks to Don Stewart for his very competent scoring and also to the other parents who helped lighten the load when required.

Player Profile -

SEAN STEWART: Showed incredible patience with his batting at times, with the straightest of straight bats.

More than once Sean saved us from outright defeat and if he could develop his attacking shots, could develop into a fine batsman. Very solid fieldsmen and very slow bowler.

ANDREW GELDAERT: One of our two wicket keepers, Andrew is nothing, if not determined. He took three catches in one innings for the highlight of his season. Like many batsmen, Andrew feels there is more room in the air than on the ground and unfortunately this limited his scores.

TROY MOLANUS: Mostly opened the bowling and at times was very fast and dangerous. Concentration was Troy's main problem, although not with his batting. Working on the theory that the ball was there to be hit, he did just that to play many fine innings. He has the potential to be a very good all rounder.

DREW COUSEMAKER: The second of our wicket keepers, who is not beyond using his head to stop the ball if nothing else is available. Drew did not bat up to his potential but scored a memorable 37 runs in our win over Illawong. When not keeping, Drew was quite outstanding in the field taking some great catches.

MATHEW POME: Left handers, apart from standing on the wrong side of the bat, usually have nothing more than a pull shot. Wrong again. Mathew also has a cut shot and loves to play it at every opportunity. The full face of the bat and confidence will see Mathew score many runs in the future. Developed his fielding nicely to be very reliable in the latter part of the season.

LACHLAN KEEPE: Bowled very solidly and unfortunately, suffered badly from dropped catches. Lachlan knew where the off stump was situated and mostly made it his target. His bowling concentration did not extend to his batting, where lack of patience created many abrupt ends. Fielded well consistently.

DAVID SAPPAIRTH: Enthusiasm and ability are a fine mixture and David showed both many times. Solid batting, accurate bowling and safe fielding made him a very important part of the team. We should all enjoy what we do as much as David does. Will be a fine 12th player next season.

PATRICK HELM: Left hand bowlers present special problems to right hand batsmen and Patrick is no exception. If another stump was put outside the off stump, he could have got many more wickets he deserved. The only player to score a "fifty" proved he could get runs, but he must believe it himself. Solid fieldsmen.

BOYD WHITE: One-day cricket on T.V. does not always help boys with more than average ability. It was very frustrating to see Boyd get himself out by unorthodox shots when he plays the normal shots so well. Bowled very well at times and with more concentration will develop into a good all rounder.

TIM KEANEY: I don't think any bowler got Tim out all season, he always seemed to find a way of doing that himself. He hits the ball out of sight and has the right technique. Remember Tim, no runs are scored on the bench. Bowled fast and well at times. Outstanding fieldsmen.

TIM MCBRIDE: Keeness and effort are reflected in everything Tim does on the field. Some good

bowling performances were rewarded with good figures. Lacked power, but not placement when batting to test out many point fieldsmen. A very good team player.

NATHAN BROWN: Nathan suffered from our grading, but certainly did not flinch when under fire from some boys twice his size. Plays a nice straight bat and has the required stubborn streak to become a batsman. Fielding was very determined.

ALAN KEEP

TEAM REPORT 12D

AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDERS:

RYAN BELL
DAVID BIDDLE
BOWLING: TODD McILVEEN
FIELDING: BRETT WATSON
MOST IMPROVED: KANE McMANUS

The boys started off real well, enjoying their cricket. Most of the boys will develop as they get older, as they showed a lot of promise. You could see in their play from their batting to bowling, they improved out of sight and their fielding was A1. They really devoted themselves to the full and enjoyed the game with its great traditions.

BRETT WATSON: A fine all round player who can bowl and bat well and who is also a capable fieldman. In the last few games, I found him to be a competent wicket keeper. Will go on to better things.

RYAN BELL: Really the find of the season, this boy can do anything from batting (has got all the shots), opening bowler (bowls a good line and length) and he is exceptional in the field.

JASON COLLINS: Just starting to find his legs in cricket. Very good in the field and he bats well in defence. Will improve.

TODD McILVEEN: Very fine bowler, keeps a good line and (74)

makes the batsmen play at nearly every ball. This boy is not bad with the bat either. One of the promising ones.

ROBERT HOST: One of our most steady batsmen and when in form could do anything. He is also a very good fieldsmen with a strong arm.

ANDREW HOLLOWAY: He can bat, bowl and will keep, very versatile and well respected player. He will improve out of sight. He has the makings of a good cricketer.

BRADLEY COX: Has only played a handful of games, but showed promise. Discovered he is a good bowler and batting-wise is just starting to get the hang of it. Very steady.

DAVID McILVEEN: David has the all round ability. If he applies himself, he can do anything - field, bat and bowl, has a lot of promise.

SCOTT BARGMANNA: He is a capable cricketer, who always tries and does what he is told. A very willing learner, his mainstay is his batting. Will go well as he gets older.

KANE McMANUS: One of the more willing cricketers in the side. Everything he puts his mind to really shows in his cricket. Should be more of them.

GARY WILLARD: Reliable player, tries to put too much into his cricket at vital stages. Once he calms his nerves and puts a bit more heart into his cricket, he will be a fine player.

DAVID BIDDLE: A fine batsman who can do anything at times. A very good fieldsmen who reads play well, but David has not done real well with the ball this year. Has promise.

ALAN HARRIS
RICK McILVEEN

TEAM REPORT 12E

AWARD WINNERS -

<u>ALL ROUNDER:</u>	<u>PAUL WADDELL</u>
<u>BATTING:</u>	<u>KEIREN SWAIN</u>
<u>BOWLING:</u>	<u>BRETT PENNECOST</u>
<u>FIELDING:</u>	<u>AARON KEENAN</u>
<u>MOST IMPROVED:</u>	<u>HECTOR THOMPSON</u>

Overall, a very pleasing finish to the season after a slow start. The boys got to know their strengths and weaknesses and both the Coach and Manager learnt a lot along the way.

Individually the boys performed as follows:

KEIREN SWAIN: Topped the batting with a total of 115 runs - very pleasing. Shows good results in the field with 8 catches overall and will develop well during next season. Should capture wickets next year if he concentrates. Overall, a top effort.

PAUL WADDELL: Awarded our best all rounder for the season after taking 4 catches, scoring 50 runs and topping the bowler averages with 18 wickets for the season. A very good team player, who will go well next year.

AARON KEENAN: Given an award for sheer determination on the field, for his keen spirit, alertness and team play. Captured 5 wickets, scored 44 runs and was a very good performer at practice.

HECTOR THOMPSON: Given an award for his development during the season - fielder turned wicket keeper, a "sort of" batsman turned into a determined batsman who scored 63 valuable runs, took 8 catches throughout the season and was a good team player.

BRETT PENNECOST: A good team player who shows signs of being a good seam bowler when he comes back for next season. Scored 20 good runs, took 3 catches and captured 15 valuable wickets. An excellent

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effort when you consider Brett spent 2 games out injured. A good effort overall.

STEPHEN CLOTHIER: A hard hitting finish to the season with 60 good runs scored when the team needed them. Shows potential if he puts his mind to it and should develop next year as a batsman and bowler. Showed good results on the field with a strong arm and captured 6 wickets.

PLATE MURDO: Has the determination for a tall boy. Scored 72 good runs, took 4 catches - one the catch of the season - an excellent caught and bowled. Took 4 wickets and will go well in the next season. A good team player and a keen boy at practice.

AARON HONSLIVILLE: Receives our award for guts and determination. Tried very hard all season, practised very hard and shows what practice can do by improving with every game. Captured 1 wicket, scored 4 valuable runs and will be a better player next year. Well done.

AVAN BRADLEY: Unfortunately left the club mid-season on a family holiday, but at Christmas time had scored 37 runs, captured 3 wickets and trained well at practice. We hope Avan returns to the club in 84/5.

SCOTT SULLIVAN: The smallest player with a big heart. Very keen wicket keeper, good bowler, keen batsman who scored 20 good runs, and Scott has the goods to go on next season. A very good team player, who has potential.

GAVIN CRAIG: A strong batsman who has a smashing hook and drive, which enabled him to score 51 very good runs. An adequate slip fielder, taking 2 catches and managed to capture a good wicket to give a sound effort for the season. A gain a player who will do well next year for his club.

ROSS STUART: A very good left hand batsman, who got 59 runs together for his team, took 1 catch, captured 4 wickets with a very accurate bowling effort. Ross

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is a very quiet boy who is always thinking, and will go a long way in cricket.

Special mention to Geoff Waddell for fitting in as scorer when called upon and for his support at practice. Thanks to all the parents for their continued support and also to the club officials for their guidance to both Russ Waddell and myself in our first year with the club.

Thanks to the boys for a marvellous season. Thanks for the experience.

PETER CLOTHIER
RUSS WADDELL

TEAM REPORT 104

AWARD WINNERS - ALL ROUNDER: NATHAN MORANDO
BATTING: PETER FRASER
BOWLING: MICHAEL GLEESON
FIELDING: CLAYTON HANDLEY
MOST IMPROVED: MARK HESSE

POSITION FINISHED IN COMPETITION - RUNNERS-UP

Congratulations boys on a great season of cricket. To finish runners-up when half our side had never previously played before is a terrific performance.

We only lost two games all season and we can thank the Sutherland Council top dressing for both of those losses.

All the boys contributed to the success of the team and we hope each and every boy will remember the 1983-84 season with pride.

My special thanks to:-

My Co-Coach Steve Morando - a great effort Steve,
(48) you're a credit to the club.

Our Manager Susan Kidd - she arranged everything - including me.
Our Scorer Pam Hesse - a fantastic job Pam - equal to any in the shire
Our No. 1 Supporter Cheryl Morando - thanks for everything

The TEAM -

NATHAN MORANDO (Captain): From a promising beginning last season to a sensation this season. Captain of the side, who sets his own field, and one of the best all rounders the club has produced for years. A mighty hitter of the ball, excellent off spinner and fearless fieldsmen. No. 1 rep. player.

MICHAEL GLEESON (Vice Captain): Being 8 years old and the son of one of the coaches didn't stop this dedicated young all rounder. Great fast bowler and very promising batsman. Excellent fieldsmen. Top prospect for next season as he plays U/10's again. No. 1 rep. player.

PETER FRASER: Finished the season just as he began - patiently and resolutely. A very promising opening batsman. His partnerships with Nathan were match-winners on many occasions. Excellent fieldsmen in most positions and an improving bowler. Looks certain to do well in cricket. No. 2 rep. player.

MARK HESSE: Best bowling average of the team and equal leading catches. A big improver since Christmas. Fine style of a boy who will develop into an equally fine cricketer. A great fieldsmen and vastly improved bowler, patient batsman who will be rewarded with big scores in the near future.

CLAYTON HANDLEY: Superb fieldsmen, 2nd highest number of catches in the team, accurate bowler and steady batsman. Very promising all rounder. First season of cricket and bound to improve. Great prospect in the next year or two.

very good cricketer. Good batsman and wicket keeper.

TONY GLEESON

TEAM REPORT 10B

<u>AWARD WINNERS</u>	-	<u>ALL ROUNDER:</u>	SEAN MORANDO
		<u>BATTING:</u>	BRETT HEADLEY
		<u>BOWLING:</u>	DAVID THOMAS
		<u>FIELDING:</u>	PETER COWAN
		<u>MOST IMPROVED:</u>	MARK MCMANUS

We had a very rewarding season. All boys enjoyed their cricket and improved their skills since the first match played last September. We were always up with the leaders, but with 2 losses - one with 2 runs and one by 10 runs and a draw in the last 3 rounds, we couldn't finish in the top four.

The team comprised of the following boys:

SEAN MORANDO: Had a mixed season with the bat, but developed through the season into a very reliable bowler, taking 19 wickets for 115 runs.

BRETT ADAMS: Tried hard all season and when he improves his footwork, he will be a punishing left hand batsman.

CAMERON CRAIG: Also tried hard throughout his first season. Practice will develop his skills and then we may see repeat performances such as his 3 for 2 against Loftus.

ADAM BRIEN: Had a lean season with the bat, but was an asset in the field. He kept wickets when our usual wicket keeper was not there and was also a reliable back up bowler.

GREG SMITH: Another trier who had a mixed season. The potential is there and when Greg gets the confidence to go to the ball, both in the field and when batting, his true ability will show through.

DAVID KIDD: Very much improved player. From a nervous tentative beginning, to a confident positive young cricketer of to-day. His dedication to learning the skills of the game were unmatched by any other player in the side. Fine attacking batsman and most improved bowler. Good fieldman.

EVAN TIPPET: Very enthusiastic and dedicated all rounder. Shows a lot of promise for the years ahead. First season of cricket and appears to have all the right stuff to make him a top player.

ADAM PASCOE: Another fine young cricketer who was playing at the top of his form when he unfortunately broke his arm late in the season. Front line bowler and vastly improved batsman. Totally committed fieldman. High potential player.

CRAIG HILLHOUSE: Found "A" grade a little demanding at first, but once he settled in to the team he discovered that he was capable of playing against the best. A thoughtful young cricketer who will benefit greatly from his first year in the game.

GREG GOODMAN: Very sound young player. Excellent wicket keeper and highly promising batsman. He is also a brilliant fieldman. Served his apprenticeship this year. Top prospect for his 2nd year in the 10A's next year, where his full potential will blossom.

GREG KNOWLES: One of the most improved players in the team, especially his bowling where he progressed to first or second change bowler. Excellent fieldman and promising batsman. First year of cricket and certain to develop into a top player.

DAVID STEWART: Found 3-hour cricket a bit hard in his first season. However, he has shown enough to suggest that he will gradually improve to become a

CRAIG DEAN: Started the season in great form both with bat and ball, but seemed to lose confidence in himself during the middle part of the season. Happily to say he was back to form in the last few matches.

DANIEL WALTON: Had a good season as our No. 1 keeper. He has the ability to be a strong middle order batsman, but must give more thought and show more application to his batting.

MARK McMANUS: Another boy in his first year who tried hard at all times. Mark will be able to play under 10 for another 2 years and his early start in cricket can only be to his advantage. He was our team's most improved player and his innings of 13 against De La Salle was a beauty.

PETER COMAN: Definitely the "character" player of the team. He has the ability to be a good all rounder and set a good example for his team mates with some great run saving fielding.

DAVID THOMAS: Always smiled whether we were up or down. He was a great asset with his accurate bowling and was very safe in the field.

WAYNE DUNIGG: Never gave up under any circumstances - his two partnerships with Brett Headley in our last two matches were super efforts. As his physique develops, he will develop into a good all round cricketer.

BRETT HEADLEY: A "natural" batsman who was a delight to coach. Brett was extremely nervous at the start of the season, but once he overcame this he became our No. 1 batsman. He was undefeated in his last 3 innings (64, 10, 31) and was another of our top fielders.

JAMES THORNTON: He was our youngest player and is another boy who can play under 10 for another 2 years.

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James tried hard at all times, but could never quite get going.

ARTHUR BRIEN

TEAM REPORT 10C

The team showed much improvement over the season with some close games. They could have won an extra 4 games, with a bit of luck.

JOHN COWAN should be considered for a higher grade side next year. Excellent prospect.

SIMON TREVITT also a good prospect. Plenty of courage and a competitive spirit.

MATTHEW MILLER and JOSHUA POWE (8 year olds) did well for their age and should be pushed along next year.

NICHOLAS CHEESLEY could develop next year.

CHRIS ADAMS, DAVID ABSOLOM and JASON HITCHINGS all showed improvement. Will be playing under 12 next year.

SHANNON WARD, DAVID HINE and COLIN SMART would benefit from another year in the same grade.

A "mixed bag" of boys, with much enthusiasm. Could have been overgraded in "C".

BRIAN POWE

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SENIOR TROPHY AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL AWARDS

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION JOHN RICHARDSON
(Les Johnson Trophy)

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR IN MEN'S GLEN NELSON
CRICKET

TEAM AWARDS

It must be remembered that for a player to be eligible for the all rounder award, he must have compiled 200 runs and taken 20 wickets. Players for both the batting and bowling awards can be judged on either the player's aggregate or average.

TEAM	ALL ROUNDER	BATTING AWARD	BOWLING AWARD
A1	S. Messiter	G. Dwarshuis	
A2	S. Clinch	J. Richardson	
B2	D. Russell	G. Langston	
B6	A. Gotley	A. Vannan	
C1	C. Smith	S. Pye	J. Strickland
Hat Tricks	P. Brosnan	B6	vs. Como
Centuries	C. Gaskell	B2	
	S. Clinch	A2	

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SENIOR CRICKET

The mens teams overall had a disappointing year when compared to our past efforts. Our A2 and B6 sides made their finals after both teams having to win the last round outright.

However, their hopes were dashed due to the wet weather, which washed out the first days play. As neither team were minor premiers, it was a foregone conclusion they would be runners up.

The B6 team tried their heart out and went close to causing an upset. Congratulations to both teams for their fine efforts over the season.

Our top side, the A1 team, struck batting problems and this cost them 2 games they should have won easily and led to them failing to make the final.

One team which was good enough to win their grade, the B2 team, had their moments but a lack of dedication from several players cost them dearly. In one game they could only raise 7 players and naturally lost outright.

The C1 team, which consisted of several new players, fell away over the season and here again, a more dedicated approach by some players is needed for next season.

I would like to thank the two following players, Alf Lemmon and Peter Noakes, for their continued support. Their efforts are deeply appreciated by myself. I hope also this applies to our members.

Thanks also to Ian Napper, Clem Heffernan, Mike Fordyce (A1), Ron Lovett, John Richardson, Doug Stuve (A2), Dean Russell (B2), Bob and Adrian Vannan (B6), Jim Karas (C1), plus the Tever family for their efforts over the season.

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SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION

JOHN RICHARDSON - A2

John, in capturing 50 wickets, had a great season and deserved his success.

John has been a great supporter of our club for a number of years, coaching boys teams in past years and does a terrific job as Club Treasurer.

Congratulations John.

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR PLAYING MEN'S CRICKET

GLEN NELSON - B6

The award this year goes to a wicket keeper, Glen Nelson of the B6 team, who snared 27 wickets - a great effort.

His fearless diving on both sides of the wicket enabled him to take several catches that Rod Marsh would have been proud to hold. With more practice taking spin bowling, he can become a keeper up to grade standard.

CLUB NOTES

Last season, we had problems placing 11 players on the field due to several players not wishing to fulfil their commitments.

We realise players having to work, or youngsters trying to gain employment come before cricket, but players who take a weekend off to go away with their mates or girl friend does not help their team. The club receives criticism from players in teams that have 15 or more players registered, when they are stood down by their captain.

The teams last season, whether they had 12 or more players all had problems fielding a full team.
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Next season, we hope to see all players who register make themselves available for all matches and only miss games when something of an urgent nature occurs.

The B6 team had a poor season with the bat, no player making 50 runs until the final, when Brett Allen, against a good pace bowling attack, scored a brilliant 50 unconquered to give his side a chance. Evidently he's a player who likes the big one to perform well. His bowling and fielding also was of a good standard. His shocking umpire's decision, a simple caught and bowled, thwarted Brett's outstanding efforts for his team to become premiers.

TEAM REPORT A1

The 1983-84 season can only be described as disappointing.

After starting the season as the team to beat, we continually let ourselves down due to bad batting when chasing a moderate score.

Our bowlers had quite their share of success, with Steve Gorry and Gerard Dwarshuis both taking 39 wickets and Paul Meddings 24. Indeed, for Gerard and Paul this was a fine effort in their first season in A1 cricket. Only twice did we have to chase scores in excess of 200, which was indicative of the way our bowlers generally toiled and stuck to the job.

Steve Messiter once again performed well as our wicket keeper, taking some great catches and generally handling some difficult returns well.

As mentioned earlier, our batting let us down with the only six scores in excess of 50 being recorded for the entire season. Kevin Dolan-Brown 95, Greg Heffernan 77, Ian Napier 69 n.o., Steve Messiter 67 and 63 and Clem Heffernan 61, all showed they were capable of high scores, but unfortunately as a team we could not
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get our batting to click, especially when batting second.

Of our other batsmen, Mike Fordyce, Darren Broughton, Ian Cranston and Steven Wearne all recorded scores of 30 or better during the season, which only endorses the fact that we certainly had the talent in the team, but perhaps not the right attitude and application to our batting.

Of the younger players Gerard Dwarshuis (leg spin bowler), Paul Meddings (opening bowler) and Greg Heffernan (middle order batsmen), all showed in their first season in A1's that they have the ability to develop into fine cricketers, if they are prepared to put in the necessary work required.

To all players, thank you for your support throughout the season and I wish you all every success in your cricket next season.

IAN NAPPER

TEAM REPORT A2

A most enjoyable and successful season in which we made the final, where we earned an honourable draw due to losing the first day's play due to rain.

Our batting was generally reliable, particularly in the middle part of the season and only in one game, against the wooden spooners, did it fail.

Our bowling was tight, only on 2 occasions did we not dismiss the opposition for less than 175.

The big fault with our play this year was our catching, with up to 8 catches being dropped in one afternoon. This made getting to the final that much more difficult.

For me, the highlight was our performance in the last (60)

round when we scored an exciting outright win, which we needed to finish in second place.

We had 3 new players in the team this year, Pucky Gordon, Tony Smith and Trevor Roberts. I hope you enjoyed your first season with the club and will be back next year.

SHANE CLINCH: had a great first half with the bat scoring 315 runs by Christmas, including scores of 44, 102 n.o., 66 and 77 in consecutive innings. Unfortunately, he did not continue in the same fashion in the new year, but still took out our batting double with 382 runs at 42.4. Well done Shane. I hope you can play with us again next year.

RAY COWAN started the season with a 6 wicket haul in the first game, then struggled a bit taking only 6 more wickets in the next 8 games before regaining form and taking 13 wickets in the last 3 games. Ray probably suffered the most of all our bowlers from dropped catches. He is a real thinking bowler, who fights hard all the time. Conceded less than 2 runs per over, a remarkable performance.

PETER JOHNSON started the year slowly, scoring only 21 runs in his first 4 innings. Got away to a start in most innings after that and put together a fine 74 to show that he has got the ability to score plenty of runs, if he can maintain concentration. I would expect Peter to score 400 runs next year.

NEIL LOVELOCK, an outstanding young all-round cricketer who did not have the success this year that he had the right to expect, due to lack of opportunity with the ball in the second half and some bad luck with the bat. A top score of 44 against the subsequent premiers proved he has got the ability and I'm sure with the maturity he has shown during the year, that next year will be a real big one for him. The best fieldman and catcher in the team by a long shot.

PETER NOAKES had an up and down year with the bat, getting away to a start in most innings. Filled the role of opener very well and is another player that I would expect to score 400 runs next year. Didn't get any chance to bowl this year, but should look forward to that situation being remedied next year also. Unfortunately, couldn't play in the final due to a broken wrist. Bad luck Pete. I know exactly how you felt, having missed out on last year's final for a similar reason.

JOHN RICHARDSON had his best year since joining the club, taking 50 wickets at 11.2 to take out our bowling award. John often bowled around 20 overs non-stop and never got hit, conceding only 2.5 runs per over. His best figures were 6-32 off 27 overs against St. Pats., a great effort. John is a great team man, always reliable, and richly deserved his success this year.

TREVOR ROBERTS, in his first year with the club, proved a great acquisition, taking some great catches behind the stumps, the odd brilliant stumping and scoring 200 runs including a couple of 50's, plus a good 35 in the final. I appreciated having the benefit of Trevor's experience this year and hope he is available and inclined to play again next year.

DENNIS (BUCKY) GORDON, another player in his first year with the club, scored 269 at 20.7 to finish second top score for the year. A really punishing batsman, Bucky's 54 in 54 minutes in the second innings of the last round played an important part in getting us into the final. Always gave 100% in the field, setting a good example to younger (and older) players. See you next year Bucky.

GREG HERRNE, another young (to me they're all young) all rounder, joined us a third of the way through the competition and enjoyed success in each game either with bat or ball. Best bowling performance was 5-27 and highest score was 49. Another player with a big future, who should have benefited from his first year (62)

in A grade cricket.

TONY SMITH, the third of our new players, suffered a bit from being our fourth pace bowler in a season when John, Kay and Greg all performed well. However, fitted into the team very well and retained his interest despite being given limited opportunities. Showed the benefit of his previous grade experience by fielding extremely well. Also can look forward to a better season next year.

DOUG STUVE and PAT EGAN both missed a lot of games, so did not perform to their normal standard. I believe both players will be available for the full season next year and that is good news for the club. Indeed, I hear that Doug, determined not to let his old friend Bucky get the better of him, has already gone into training!

HON LOVETT had another bad year, winning only 4 tosses in the whole of the season. However, showed superb judgment in only bowling 2 overs all year and this, as much as anything, contributed to the team making the final. This fellow's place in the team must be in doubt the moment his wife decides she's got better things to do on Saturday afternoons than score at cricket. (Thanks honey)

HON LOVETT

TEAM REPORT B6

The team members for 1983/84 were: Brett Allan, Paul Brosnan, David Crane, Rod Entwistle, Andrew Gotley, Phil Hefferman, Russell Langston, Glen Nelson, Harry Robbins, John Rossiter, Grant Rossiter, Craig Tever, Adrian Vannan.

We had a very enjoyable, but mixed season, with two outright wins, five first innings wins, a tie, a draw and three first innings losses. We were runners

up to Como and, if the weather had been a little kinder to us, we would probably have defeated them in the final, instead of having to be satisfied with a draw. The game was washed out on the first day and on the second day, after losing the toss and being sent in to bat, we closed at eight for one hundred and Como were seven for seventy five when time ran out.

A high standard of sportsmanship and team spirit was displayed by the team all season and this was most evident in the way they played in the final. Their behaviour at all times, both on and off the field, was a credit to the club.

Thanks to all our supporters and everyone else who helped us during the season. Our special thanks to Harry Robbins whose guidance and encouragement were appreciated by us all. Thanks also to Bob Vannan, who so efficiently scored for us during the season.

Thanks also to James Gleeson and Anthony Lovett for standing in for us when we were short.

It is usual each year in this report to comment on each individual player's performance, but we have not done this as our success has been solely a team effort and could not have been achieved without each and every one of the players involved.

TEAM REPORT C1

This was not a very good season for the side, as there was no way we could put the same side on the field for any two games in a row, owing to 18 players having been registered for C1.

Our position on the table at the end of the season was equal fourth, which, even with the side changing every match, was not good enough.

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All the bowlers had a fair season with the three main bowlers taking 100 wickets between them. The batting let us down in every match as you have to score runs in the first innings. It is no good scoring two hundred in the second innings when there is no pressure. The first couple of batsmen would give us a good start, but from then on there was a complete loss of application and a hit or miss attitude prevailed.

The fielding at times was a complete disaster, as players were too lazy to move to the ball.

My thanks to Jim Karas and Steven for looking after the side when I was unavailable. Special thanks also on behalf of all players in the side to John McDonnell for transporting the mat and kit all season.

ALF LEMMON

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