

did particularly well and can only improve with experience. A reliable fieldsman and good team man, Russ did well.

PAUL (WALLY) WADDELL: Paul's contribution to the team was as a bowler and fieldsman. His batting was overall disappointing for a player of his experience. This will improve as he realises what he can do if he believes in himself. For the third year running, Paul has taken more than 20 wickets, a fine effort in itself and his ability to break partnerships at critical times was a significant feature. One of the best fieldsmen in the team and one of the few capable of reading the play. Paul was a good vice-captain and did well.

ANDREW GELDART: Andrew had a splendid season. As Captain he led by example with a consistent display of batting at No. 1. His fielding was always excellent but undoubtedly his skills as Captain were a significant reason for the team's strong showing. His mature thinking, constructive positive leadership and ability to lift and drive the team were exceptional.

PAUL ASHTON: Paul was one of the all rounders of the team. He showed great improvement in his batting to make him a very useful middle-order bat. Allied to this, he was probably the most consistent "Line and Length" bowler and could be relied upon to break partnerships or contain. A keen, quick fieldsman with good hands, Paul was one of the most reliable outfielders. A good team man, he never gave less than his best - a pleasure to have around.

ANDREW HOLLOWAY: Andrew tried hard and on occasions bowled very well. Certainly his fielding was his strong point and he took some excellent catches at point. With another season in the Under 16's to come, he will improve as he gains in confidence and concentration. A good team man, Andrew never stopped trying.

DARRIN ROSS: Darrin was a late starter who turned out to be almost the find of the season. A competent cricketer in all aspects, Darrin did well. Through circumstances, he didn't get a chance to show his batting potential, but his ability with the ball swung matches to the Dragons on quite a number of occasions. Darrin did everything that was asked of him, you can't ask for more.

JASON MEAD: The team's opening bowler, slogger, and best slipsman. Jason carried the brunt of the bowling attack and achieved a high success level. Jason took 23 wickets at 8.1 and regularly got the team off to a good start. An exciting batsman in that when he connects the ball stays hit. Jason was always thrown in when quick runs were wanted. Sometimes it worked, sometimes not, but Jason always had a go. A good season Jason - you did well.

STEVEN DIMOPOULOS: Steven's was Jason Mead's opening bowling partner. With no previous experience behind him, Steven did really well. He's got a nice bowling action and is bound to improve with time and experience. A quite capable batsman and reasonable fielder, Steven will do even better as he acquires confidence and concentration.

RUSS WADDELL

MEN'S CRICKET

SENIOR CLUB TEAM AWARDS AND PERFORMANCES

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>ALL ROUNDER</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>
A1	--	Steve Messiter 222 runs at 111	Peter Bland 34 wickets at 11.58
A3	--	Mike Wills 238 runs at 26.44	David Perritt 44 wickets at 8.75
B4	--	John Corps 256 runs at 25.6	Russell Langston 19 wickets at 10.37
B7	--	Richard Long 238 runs at 30.0	Daryl Lindsay 29 wickets at 9.9
C1	--	Glen Jackson 418 runs at 32.2	Mathew Faust 26 wickets at 14.6

TEAM REPORTS

A1 TEAM REPORT

Our A1 side should have finished a lot higher than fourth in the competition. The side, on paper, looked a very formidable combination. However, our inability to field the best 11 players, or in most cases, the bare eleven players proved our downfall. People must realise when they sign on at the start of the season, they sign on for the full season and are letting their team mates down when they are continually unavailable. Hopefully we will be able to remedy this problem next season.

There were some fairly good performances by different players throughout the season. Our batting looked very strong when we were on top of the bowling. However, when quick wickets fell, panic seemed to set in and our problems increased. Our opposition will be sorry on the day when our whole batting line-up fires. Our bowling had the same problem as our batting. When we got a few quick wickets, we looked like world-beaters, however, when the opposition were scoring runs freely, we looked very ordinary. Probably, the highlight of the team's performance was our fielding, which was generally of a high standard.

Although it sounds like a very unsuccessful season cricketwise, this was not the case in the mateship of the players. Everyone got on well with each other and this was probably one of the reasons for the season being successful, even though our results were not. We have the basis for a side ready to win the competition next year, provided the effort is put in by everyone of the players.

GREG HEFFERNAN

A3 TEAM REPORT

I said at the start of the season I would be disappointed if this team did not make the final. In this regard, we certainly achieved our objective, only to draw with Sutherland Soccer in the final. They being Minor Premiers, took out the trophy.

Sutherland Soccer beat us for the minor premiership by 2 points and it was unfortunate that we stumbled in the latter half of the season, losing three games in a row. If we could have won one of these games, we would have been Minor Premiers and in the box seat.

The bowling and fielding of this team was first class, with some great catches and a bowling attack which continually got us out of trouble. Unfortunately, the same could not be said for our batting, which generally let us down, except in two or three games at the beginning of the season.

Overall, a good team spirit both on and off the field made it a most enjoyable season and I would like to thank our supporters for their attendance, which helped our performances no end, and for me, it was a great pleasure to be part of this team.

DAVID PERRITT: Great bowling all season, 44 wickets at 8.75. Took 6 wickets in an innings three times and at one stage looked like he was going for the batting award.

JOHN RICHARDSON: Another solid bowling performance by John, who I think is bowling better than ever and managed 30 wickets through the season at 9.07.

COL. BERRY: Not the greatest season with the bat for Col. by his standards, but looked back to his best in the final. Also a great job as wicket keeper.

CRAIG TEVER: Craig also had an ordinary season with the bat, due I think, to missing a number of games. A good fieldsman and team man.

JOHN RIDLEY: John started the season well, lost form but came back to notch some good scores during the last two games. Tremendous close to the bat fieldsmen and general motivator of the team.

DARREN BARRATT: Darren had a good all round season scoring 293 runs and taking 14 wickets, when he fired with his batting, so did the team. His consistency was relied upon very heavily. A top performer every game.

MIKE WILLS: Mike has won our batting award with an average of 26.44. Along with his 15 wickets, he enjoyed a great season, often helping out his team by breaking a partnership or chipping in with a score.

DREW LAKE: Drew certainly made a great impression in his first A grade season, making a number of scores, picking up wickets with his left arm spinners and his fielding was superb, holding 15 catches. A great season Drew.

KEITH HUGHES picked up 11 wickets with his bowling. Did not fire with his batting until the latter part of the season. A very important member of this team.

MARK CURNESS: Mark picked up 18 wickets with his "offies", averaging 11.06, which was a fine performance and showed his consistency. Good fieldsmen, showed flashes of form with the bat.

ADRIAN VANNAN: Adrian became our captain during the second half of the season and showed a fine capacity to handle the job. With his batting, he quite often had to open, a position which did not suit him, but still made a good fist of the job.

MIKE STEVENSON: Mike failed to finish the season.

DOUG STUVE: "Old Warhorse" came good in the final. He specialises in run-outs, both in fielding and also when batting.

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DOUG STUVE

B4 TEAM REPORT

A disappointing season saw us win only 4 games. There were however, some highlights, which should be noted.

John Corps' brilliant 116 against Leagues, Russell Langston's 111 n.o. against Miranda, Gary Benson's 75 in the same match, which saw a partnership of 181, Bradley Stuve's 81 in the first round, Russell Langston's 5-28 in Round 7 and his 3-1 from 10 overs in Round 11, when he bowled 59 consecutive balls without a run being scored and Grant Rowe's 5-25 in Round 2.

They were the statistical highlights, the great team spirit that developed throughout the season and the emergence of four young players, Brad Stuve, Mathew Handley, Peter Chudleigh and Grant Rowe as future fine cricketers were the intangible highlights.

Many thanks to all the team for a wholehearted effort throughout the season. I hope you enjoyed your cricket and especially hope you all come back to play with the Dragons next season.

JOHN CORPS: An aggressive opening batsman, John has topped our batting aggregate with 256 runs at 25.6. Highlight of his season was the great 116 against Leagues in Round 8. 16 wickets at 11.44 with his medium pacers added to his worth as a valuable team member.

GARY BENSON: Our other regular opener, Gary was always willing to "put on the pads", a task he handled well to score 250 runs at 19.2. Gary also opened the bowling most times and snared 15 wickets at 16.9. 9 good catches rounded out a fine season. I hope we see him back next season.

ROBIN DODD: High order batsman, Robin was another to top 200 runs, scoring 204 at 20.4. Given limited

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opportunities with the ball, he captured 10 wickets at 17.1. His aggressive fielding was an inspiration to us all. Robin supported his Captain well all year and was always plotting ways to bring about a batsman's downfall. Thanks Robin.

RUSSELL LANGSTON: Batting at No. 3 most of the season Russell scored 239 runs at 29.8 to top the batting averages. His 111 n.o. against Miranda in Round 5 was a top knock. Equal leading wicket taker, Russell troubled all batsmen with his accurate medium pacers, a brilliant fieldsman he was an invaluable member of the team.

PETER CHUDLEIGH: Batting in the middle order, Peter often steadied the innings with a determined knock when most required. I am sure his 184 runs at 15.3 will be bettered next season. A good leg spin bowler, Peter suffered from the disadvantage of bowling on small grounds, but nevertheless, captured 7 wickets at 24.28. A good fieldsman, Peter took many top catches during the season.

BRAD STUVE: High order batsman, Brad had a good season scoring 237 runs at 26.3. Being associated with Brad throughout his junior cricket, I was delighted to watch his batting and his confidence improve throughout the season, his hook shots especially were a delight to watch. A good season Brad.

MATHEW HANDLEY: Another of our good juniors now playing cricket with the senior teams. Mathew also performed well with the bat this season, scoring 211 at 21.1. He often steadied the batting when required and figured in some good partnerships. Asked to take over the 'keeping duties, Mat. took up the challenge and did a great job. Well done.

BOB BELL: Having his first season with the Dragons, Bob showed his ability with a good 44 against RSL when our backs were to the wall. Bob scored 85 runs at 17.0 in a shortened season. Always keen and

enthusiastic in the field and behind the stumps, he gave 100% effort at all times. I hope Bob plays with us again next season.

BILL ZIEGLER: Our other leg spinner, Bill also was disadvantaged by the size of the grounds, but nevertheless captured 11 wickets at 17.4 including 3-wicket hauls three times. Mostly batting down the order, Bill scored 55 at 6.1. Always keen in the field, "Big W" gave a full effort at all times and was an invaluable team member.

GRANT ROWE: An aggressive medium/fast bowler, Grant gained good experience in the higher grade this season. His bowling toward the end of the season showed greater maturity to the point where his spell in the last match to capture 1-10 from 9 overs against good inform batsmen was his best effort. Grant captured 18 wickets for the season at 14.7 and scored 57 runs at 8.1.

DARREN BROWN: Unfortunately "Brownie" was forced to miss half the season due to a work transfer. Always at his best when attempting to score quick runs, his innings against Leagues in the first round was a delight to watch....24 runs in even time, including 4 massive "fours" had the opposing captain and bowlers tearing their hair out. Darren was missed later in the season for his batting, his 'keeping and his good humour. Good luck "Brownie".

DARREN PARKES: Darren was another unfortunate withdrawal because of work commitments and another player sorely missed by our team. Playing only 3 games, Darren scored 98 runs at 32.6 including a delightful cameo performance against Miranda at Waterfall, where he smashed 22 runs in less than even time to perform a personal demolition job on the opposition bowling.

BOB WOODHILL: A less than impressive season with the bat, however redeemed himself by capturing 19 wickets at 17.2 to be equal leading wicket taker. Highlights of

his season were watching John Corps score his first ton and seeing the younger players develop their talents.

OTHER PLAYERS WHO APPEARED DURING THE SEASON - My thanks to Bryce Paton, Craig Sheehy, Paul Waddell, Scott Lindsay, Darryl Lindsay, Andrew Cowland, Aaron Perritt and Cameron Napper for helping us out. A special mention to Aaron for his two good innings late in the season, 41 and 31, both compiled with skill and confidence, which augers well for the coming seasons.

BOB WOODHILL.

B7 TEAM REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank the team for the effort they put in this season. With a few more players turning up to matches, we could have had a much more rewarding season. Even due to this factor, there were more than a few outstanding performances. Richard Long was far ahead our best batter, with help from Hilton Lees, Shaun Hurley, Bart Thornthwaite and Daryl Lindsay.

When it was our turn to bowl, we looked at our best with our fielders backing up our bowlers. Geoff Waddell always tried and was our leading example to the rest of the team, who gave their full support.

Daryl Lindsay was our best bowler with a great effort each game, seeing it was his first season he did very well. He was well supported by Marc Jenkins, Hilton Lees, Richard Long and a great end of year effort by Geoff Waddell.

On finishing, I would like to thank the team for their support throughout the season, even though we didn't do too well, we all had fun and we always tried. Thanks for the year.

C1 TEAM REPORT

The C1 season was a mixed one of ups and downs and the outcome was influenced by luck and rain. The final result was to come in 3rd, though on our day the team was capable of beating Miranda, the eventual premiers.

Glen Jackson's 418 runs at 32.2 was a fine effort and the backbone of the team's performances. Bryce Paton (223) was the only other batsman to score more than 200 runs, but Michael Gotley (174), Mat Faust (169) and Mark Vannan (134) playing their first year as seniors did well. Mat. Faust carried the lion's share of the bowling and his 135 overs realised 26 wickets at 14.6, a good effort. Dale Hansen despite a lot of short bowling made a good contribution and managed 21 wickets at 9.4. Craig Sheehy took on 'keeper's duties for most of the season and handled the responsibility well. Ian Evans and Andrew Cowland playing their first ever season of competitive cricket, did it tough but never stopped trying.

Aaron Perritt, Phil Vannan and Paul Waddell fitted in as emergencies and all three did well. My thanks to these U16 players for helping out. The team benefitted from their presence and I'm sure the lads gained useful experience.

The fielding was not always up to scratch, though the likes of Michael Gotley, Mat. Faust and Ashley Hitchings were always totally reliable and committed.

Alf Lemmon's experience was always a valuable contribution and if this team stays together next year, I believe it will be capable of winning a C grade premiership.

My thanks once more to Bob Vannan for looking after the mat and scorebook.