

ENGADINE DRAGONS SPORTS CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET PRESENTATION

held at

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ENGADINE DRAGONS CRICKET CLUB - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that your Club was able to meet its obligation to the game, to further cricket within its district and it has had a measure of success on the field of play.

Your Club had marked success in our Junior Cricket participation, being Junior Club Champions and Premiers in the 16B and 14A Grades. In addition some outstanding performances were registered by boys in all grades. Perhaps our finest achievement was having 13 players in the various representative shield sides. Six boys gained selection in the Harold Moore Shield and went on to Premiership honours. Representative honours were also gained by players in the Harold Moore Shield No. 2, Cawsey Shield and Foster Shield.

It is our proud boast that all players covered themselves and the Club with glory. It can be pointed out that some of our most outstanding grade players have passed through these junior teams.

It is hoped that these lads continue in the forthcoming seasons with the same dedication and enthusiasm as shown during the season past.

To the following who represented the Sutherland Shire Boys Cricket Association and your Club, we offer congratulations.

Terry Humphries (14A)
 Ian Cranston (14A)
 Graeme Beames (14A)
 Brett Johnson (14A)
 Steven Wishart (14A)
 Peter Noakes (14A)

Harold Moore Shield

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Andrew Waugh (14B)
 Dean Ferguson (14A)

Harold Moore Shield No. 2.

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Greg King (12A)

Cawsey Shield

Wayne Wishart (10A)
 Brett Ferguson (10A)
 Geoff Price (10A)

Foster Shield

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Adrian Bedford (10A)

Foster Shield No. 2.

The position which your teams occupied on their respective competition tables is set out below.

16B	-	Undefeated Premiers
14A	-	Premiers
14B	-	5th position
14C	-	2nd "
12A	-	4th "
12C	-	3rd "
10A	-	2nd "
10C	-	4th "

Only one player Graeme Beames registered a "century" during the season with a score of 100 not out. Four players, Geoff Price (10A), Wayne Wishart (10A), Daryl Elder (10A), and Brad Atkins (12A), had the distinction of performing the Hat Trick during the season.

The Coaches and Managers again carried out their duties in a exemplary manner and to these persons goes our sincere appreciation. To the parents who so faithfully transported our players, the Management Committee, Engadine Dragons Sports Club, Mr. Bill Comans our Publicity Officer, Boys Town for the use of practise facilities and our many

supporters and members without whom your Club could not function, your Committee desires to express sincere thanks.

Whilst our senior teams did not have any marked success in the various grades contested, our A1 side were runners up to Caringbah Leagues Club. The high level of play which has been enjoyed over recent years was again maintained under the guidance of Trevor Jones. It is hoped that the members of this team retain their enthusiasm and participate next season in an endeavour to restore our Club to its rightful position.

Our B2 side which this season provided playing experience in higher grades for our juniors, enjoyed moderate success. With experience derived, players of the calibre of Brian Moodie, Warren Moodie, Gary Pattinson and Greg Hancock will advance in seasons to come to our senior side.

In addition to these teams, a side was entered in the B3 grade. This team was principally made up of "buffers", but the enthusiasm shown was of the highest level. Skills may of played second place, but the approach to the game and the enjoyment derived left nothing to be desired.

Your Committee welcomes these players to again participate in 1972-73 season.

Season 1971-72 is behind us. Some hopes have been realised, some success achieved. We can now look forward with enthusiasm to the coming season and should, each and everyone of us, do the best we can for our Club, our team and above all - play the game.

Good luck in Season 1972-73.

10A GRADE

Congratulations to Miranda on winning the competition and to all teams for making it such an enjoyable season. To you boys my sincere thanks for your enthusiasm in attending training sessions and matches and my congratulations on your behaviour both on and off the field. It has been a good season and in running second, you have acquitted yourselves most admirably.

Some statistics for the season - Of the 187 wickets that fell our bowlers hit the stumps on 117 occasions and 54 catches were held. Hatricks were taken by Brad Atkins, Wayne Wishart and Geoff Price.

Brett Ferguson, Geoff Price, Adrian Bedford and Wayne Wishart were selected to represent Sutherland in the Foster Shield Inter - District Competition.

10A continued.

BRAD ATKINS: Has shown good all round ability during the season and should do well next year. Requires patience when batting and could score a lot of runs. Obtained a hat trick first match of the season.

PETER STANFORD: Peter always tried to improve himself and this stood out towards the end of the season with firstly his batting even though he didn't score many runs and secondly his fielding, which showed a vast improvement.

GEOFF PRICE: A good first season for Geoff. He has plenty of potential in all departments of the game. He will go really well next season.

BRETT FERGUSON: A good aggressive batsman, opening bowler and a fine fieldsman. Out most consistent batsman, who helped us in our hour of need on a number of occasions.

WAYNE WISHART: Another boy with good all round potential. Has the ability to both swing and spin the ball. Capable batsman.

ADRIAN BEDFORD: Our wicket keeper. Performed well in his first year. As the season progressed Adrian showed that he could score a lot of runs if he would settle down and concentrate. Could also develop into a handy stock bowler.

ANDREW MORTIMER: Our long stop and an asset to the team. As we had the fastest opening bowlers in the competition Andrew had a lot of work to do and did it well. He compiled a couple of good scores with the bat when he realised the ball was there to hit.

DARREL ELDER: Can hit the ball hard, but needs to settle himself in first. Held some good catches during the season.

STEPHEN LEAK: A keen player, who showed glimpses throughout the season of potential with the bat, but never seemed to get going. Could develop into a handy bowler. Only bowled in the last match and was the most popular boy on the field when he clean bowled the oppositions' top scorer.

BRIAN ANDREWS: Another keen player, who should do well next season. Showed potential with the bat as the season progressed and also with the ball at training sessions.

DAVID HAMMOND: Tries all the time and whatever the result still has that big grin across his face. The day he took his first catch you would have thought he had won the lottery.

GRAHAM PETERS: Learning the game and is trying to improve himself all the time.

10A continued.

MICHAEL PRICE: First season for Michael and for a lad of his age performed exceptionally well. Has potential with both bat and ball. With the patience he exhibits in his batting he will be a big asset for the Under 10's next season.

TERRY BARNES: If awards were given for keenness and enthusiasm, Terry would collect the lot. Well done Terry and lets hope we see you again next year.

Inclosing, I would like to thank John Ferguson and Ray Price for their assistance during the year and a special thanks to my wife Pat, who acted as Manager - Scorer for the season.

A. Wishart.

10C GRADE

The 1971-72 season was highly successful for this grand little team, who finally finished in fourth place behind the eventual winners, Sylvania, to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations on their well deserved victory.

Our individual trophy winners were, Batting - Ian Perry, Bowling - Eddie Fisher, All Rounder - Michael Bailey, Fielding - Mark Hirst and the Coaches Award went to Gary Stubbs. These players thoroughly deserved their awards, but full marks must go to the remainder of the team, Mark Rodios, Greg Heffernan, Brad Watts, Glenn Phillips, Rodney Baxter, Alan Staggs and Glenn Johnson, whose enthusiasm and keenness on the field certainly helped the bowlers in their task.

Special mention, however, to Ian Perry for some fine individual batting performances and the potential shown by this youngster in his first cricket season stamps him as a player of the future.

The Coach and Manager take this opportunity to remark on the fine sportsmanship shown by the boys during the season, and their willingness to learn cricket will make this team a certain premiership threat next year.

12A GRADE

STEVEN ATKINS: Steve had a good season with the bat also showed ability as an opening bowler collecting his share of wickets, and some very good handling in the field.

12A continued

MICHAEL BLACK: This was a successful season for Mick in all fields of cricket by winning the all rounder award. Also a big help off the field to his coach and manager as a worker.

PETER CROSBY: Always did what was asked of him at all times. Pete is a reliable run getter with the right temperament to make a natural opening batsman. Also his slow spin bowling proved the down-fall of many opposing players. Congratulations on the coaches award "Paddles".

ANTHONY DANIELS: Anthony only playing a few games this season showed the ability to make a future cricketer. Hope to see more of you next year.

CRAIG GEORGE: Always trying, showing some amazing strokes with the bat. Craig on his day is a big hitter for a small boy. Enjoys the game to the fullest.

WARREN MCNEYWELL: Warren didn't commence the season until about half way through, much to our misfortune, showing some brilliant batting and fielding displays. In the last three games proved his ability behind the stumps.

STEVEN HAWKE: Steven had an excellent season with the new-ball, taking out the bowling award. His ability to move the ball had opposing batsman confused, making runs hard to get. With your keenness, we expect repeat results next year Steve.

BEVEN HUDSON: Towards the mid-season Beven settled down to his batting and played some fine strokes, showing the temperament of a good batsman, that will develop next season. With his limited amount of bowling Beven showed undiscovered talents, a good season Bev.

GREG KING: Greg always showed his ability with the bat, adding some fine performances to his already established play. Greg also captured his share of wickets from his slow bowling and accuracy. Also Greg congratulations on making the rep side.

WAYNE MCGOVERN: Wayne had an excellent season with the bat, taking out the batting award. This I feel was due to Wayne settling down to his normal game and playing the shots he is capable of. Also showed safe and reliable handling behind the stumps, a good season Wayne.

BARRY NUGENT: Barry had a brilliant season in the field, and by winning the fielding award this speaks for itself. Some of his returns to the wicket would have been a credit to our senior sides. Always consistent with his batting and a usefull bowler. A good season Barry.

12A continued

BRIAN WHITE: Brian joined the team half-way through the season and showed he has the ability to make a consistent good all-rounder. Looking forward to big things next season Brian.

COACH AND MANAGERS REPORT

Well we would like to thank all the boys in the team for making this season as enjoyable for us as it was for them and hope to see you all again next year. We would also like to thank all of the parents who participated in supporting each game, with their help it made our job a lot easier. Two people we would especially like to name in appreciation are Mrs. Marg McGovern for her scoring ability and kind smiles, and also Mr. Laurie ("Paddles") Crosby Senior for his assistance on and off the field. Also I would like to mention that Mr. Warren Atkins, who was the previous coach of this team, was unavoidably transferred in his employment during the season, which resulted with Mr. McGovern and myself taking the boys over. I would like to thank Warren for doing such a fine job with them.

Coach - K. Hawke. Manager - M. McGovern.

12C GRADE

All in all this seasons results were quite good as a great number of our players were newcomers to the game and I feel that they were somewhat handicapped by reason of the fact their coach was a relative beginner as well.

Some of the boys showed a lot of promise, others couldn't seem to care less. I was very disappointed with the spectator response from the parents, as for the most of the season we only saw a couple of old faithfuls. I feel this lack of interest by parents is a major cause of the boys couldn't care less attitude, as they feel, why should I try, there is no one here to watch me.

The following comments on each boy are written with the aim of trying to help them, and do not mean to be critical, they are as I saw it during the season.

MICHAEL HEENAN: An excellent all rounder, took the bowling and batting honours and also took the most catches. However his general fielding could do with a little more effort, and if he took more notice of what the coach asks him to do, he would be a much greater asset to his team than he already is.

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TOM HOLE: (What have I done) A good dependable bowler, however he is also the best grass picker and acrobat we have in the team. A lot more effort required in fielding.

ROD HIRST: A good tryer in all fields and one of the most reliable boys of the team. His bowling this year really prevented the runs and whenever called upon to do anything by his coach, he gave it his best without any complaints.

MURRAY MORRISON: An excellent fielder, wide awake at all times and was responsible for some excellent run outs and stumpings during the season. His batting improved towards the last couple of matches and would be an asset to any team.

MICHAEL HAMMOND: A reliable opening bat, could improve his scores with better running between wickets. His bowling not as good as previous years, however quite a good effort.

STEPHEN DAVIS: Another reliable player who gives the game his best at all times, can play any position on the field and I feel that this boy would be an asset to any team.

JOHN RODIOS: A player that can take any position on the field and do well. Bowling would improve if more attention given to his length. I have no doubt he will improve in future seasons.

ANDREW WINDIATE: (Windy) Wicket keeping down a bit this year also batting could improve. He took the highest batting score of anyone in innings and then went to pieces, much more concentration needed. However I must admit that the keepers gloves were lousy and should be burnt before next season.

PETER HAMMOND: Has the makings of a good batsman, but must learn to play his shots and not go for the big bash all the time. Also a little more sleep before the match would improve fielding.

GREG HENSON: Another player with ability and will have a go at anything he is asked to do and should improve a lot next season.

RICKY MORTIMER: A player that will improve without doubt. One of the hardest triers I have seen. His concentration whilst batting and bowling leaves little to be desired. Always listens to what he is told and then tried his best to do it.

NEIL STAGGS: A great trier and sportsman; was never the greatest at anything, but at least he tried. Both on and off the field his behaviour and manners are excellent. He was always there to play cricket and at all times was a great help to both myself and our scorer manager.

12C continued

ROSS FRYER: Has ability but does not want to use it. He must learn that the game is not just a great big laugh.

K. DERRICK: Another player with ability but does not seem interested.

In closing my report I would like to thank Kevin Hole, Col Keenan and Harry Robbins, who stepped in and coached the boys whilst I was recovering from the results of my not being able to beat a motor car across George St., Sydney, this time it was the umpire was out because he wasn't looking. Thanks to Mrs. Davis, who always seemed to be around to help transport the boys just when I needed her most, and also to the other parents who helped out when they could.

A special thanks to Hazel, my Manager-Scorer-Assistant Coach and chief critic, who carried on all these duties both on the field and at home. She was a great help and some of her ideas were instrumental in matches being won, and last but not least thanks to you boys because without you none of this would have been possible and to you all best of luck in the coming years.

Harold Windiate - The Lousy Old Coach

14A GRADE

A most successful season, the competition having been secured before the start of the last game, leaving little doubt as to the Dragon's superiority in this grade. It was unfortunate that the last game of the season should be our only defeat, but then it was an anticlimax, where the tension of trying to win was gone and the loss can be readily excused.

A number of fantastic team performances stand out from others throughout the season. The wins against the very strong Gynea side were gallant efforts, especially in the second game when the lesser lights showed the way after the stars had fallen cheaply. The games against Jammali were most feared, yet they were never in any danger of being lost, the first effort in dismissing them for only 56 was excellent, while the batsmen were superb in scoring 197 in the second game. Dismissing Como for only 9 must surely be a highlight that all the team will remember for quite a few seasons, while winning the second game against them with only 3 balls left to bowl helped a few of our supporters to feel their hearts occasionally as a safety check against too much excitement.

14A continued

Individually everyone in the side did a mighty effort proving that the 14A's were truly a team and not just a few good players with some others thrown in to make up the numbers and this is where the games were really won.

IAN CRANSTON: Captained the side well, showing good judgement in a lot of his decisions. Ian bowled extremely well, his effort against Como (6-1) was tremendous, while with the bat his 64 not out against Jannoli would make any batsman feel proud.

GRAHAM BEAMES: I'm glad he was on our side; without doubt the most difficult batsman to dismiss in the shire. Graham scored our only century and backed it up with some beautiful slips catches.

GRAHAM CHAMBERS: Graham's strongest point was undoubtedly his catching, where he was head and shoulders above the rest of the team. Unfortunately Graham's opportunities with the bat and ball were somewhat limited, but with this years experience in the A grade he can look forward to lots of runs and wickets in future seasons.

DEAN FERGUSON: Dean played a number of excellent knocks during the season and with the experience gained and another year left to go in this grade, he will present plenty of problems to bowlers again next season.

PHIL FITZPATRICK: "Fitzzy" proved that hitting a cricket ball is all the game is about as he went about hitting runs as quickly as possible. One of the characters of the team who really enjoyed his cricket and I think that cricket enjoyed itself when he was playing.

JEFF FORD: When "Fordie" can come in at number 10 and score a whirlwind 30 against the best bowler in the competition it proves just how strong the side really was. Jeff will really get amongst the runs next season now that he has had a little more experience.

TERRY HUMPHRIES: Terry played only about half the season, but in that time was a tower of strength, with both bat and ball. It was really a blow when Terry left for Queensland, but it would surprise to hear a lot more of Terry from his new home.

PETER NOAKES: Pete's leg spin bowling was undoubtedly a major reason for our continued success. Now that the opposing batsmen are getting older and more able, more variation will be needed in Pete's bowling, but I'm sure he'll continue to get many wickets.

STEVE WISHART: When the opposing coach continually applauds a boys strokes, then the lad must really be able to bat. Steve would have the most potential of any boy playing cricket, if only he would realise it, all he needs is concentration and this is bound to come in time.

14A continued

ALAN WOODS: The "mighty mouse" mixes his love for cricket with his zeal for trying to win and the outcome is a fine little cricketer. What Alan lacks in size he makes up for in heart and enthusiasm.

PHILLIP GEORGE: Pippie proved his worth on a number of occasions with the bat and always seemed to come good when needed. It was obvious that Pips really enjoyed his cricket, and this plus an inborn love of the game should give him a number of happy and successful years in the game.

BRETT JOHNSON: As our wicket keeper Brett again played really well with some fine performances. With the bat Brett played some fine knocks, but lost a little confidence when he got a couple of low scores and tried too hard to rectify the faults in his style.

Overall, a very successful season, due not only to the efforts of the boys, but also to the efforts of many others. Much of the success must be due to the many hours of practice with Ray Noakes and Alan Humphries in control and to these two the boys owe a great deal of thanks. To Mrs. Cranston who gave up her Saturday mornings to score and also to Mrs. Noakes for supplying the drinks, a great many thanks. Also to the parents who came along, especially Mr. Beames and Mr. Cranston, the boys and myself owe you a great deal of thanks for your help throughout the season. To all these people the boys owe a great deal, but also these people themselves should feel thankful for having been associated with such a fine bunch of young men. I would like to thank both the boys and the parents for making the season such an enjoyable one for me personally.

R. Rushbourne.

14B GRADE

This season was a mixed up one with our very good, good and miserable performances. We had good outright wins against Grays Point and Jannali, but our matches against Caringbah Sports and Cronulla R.S.L. were a disgrace. Against these better teams it was our batting that let us down. Out batsmen will have to learn to face the bowlers with confidence or don't face them at all. When batsmen like Andrew, Craig and Ian did get going, they were a pleasure to watch. Our bowling department was our main asset. It was very well balanced with our pace attack of Ian, Jeff and Gary ably backed up by the spin of Brian and Stephen. Our fielding had its ups and downs also, but I think at the last count the downs were well ahead.

It was good to see a few of the parents there this year, but next year lets hope to see them all there as it makes the boys strive to do better.

14B continued

ANDREW WAUGH: Our captain this year had probably his best season ever. A powerful hitting right hand batsman compiled an aggregate of 410 runs at an average of 34.4. Andrew is also a valuable medium pace bowler and safe fieldsman.

CRAIG COLLIE: One of the most unorthodox opening batsman around (but most effective). Craig came second in the batting aggregate this year and with his second year in the 14's to come, must go very well next year.

DON CARTER: Don was also rushed into the position of opening batsman this year and found it a hard position to get us to. With more time to settle in and more guidance next year, we should see a better season next year. Also a very fine mid-on fieldsman.

SCOTT BEDFORD: Scott having his first season of cricket, played with great confidence. At first drop this year, he had some neat strokes and given a couple of seasons, will develop into a good cricketer. Concentrate on your wicket-keeping as well Scott.

STEPHEN RALPH: Started the season with a succession of high scores, but then lost confidence and hit rock bottom. Stephen also a fine mid-on fieldsman.

STEPHEN HOLE: Stephen had quite a good all round season, he is an outstanding leg spin bowler and captured some very fine wickets. Also a strong middle order batsman.

IAN HUCKLE: Ian could be a gold find for the Dragons. Having his first year in the 14's and with the club, he had a bumper season. Ian a very stylish middle order batsman is only bettered by his ability as a medium fast bowler. Having a batting average of 24 and a bowling average of 8.2 it was a fine effort from an enthusiastic young cricketer.

PETER KEENAN: One of our slashing middle order batsman, always tried to get runs in the Keenan tradition. Peter a keen fieldsman and team member always played for his team.

DAVID ROBERTS: A stylish young batsman, was one of the boys who always tried to hold one end up. As a medium fast bowler, he sat on a length and tied many batsmen down. Keep it up Dave and lets see a big season next year.

JEFF RALPH: "Big Jeff" never before have we seen such an enthusiastic cricketer. Jeff a good fast bowler always received applause after one of his sizzling bouncers or the downing of our wicket keeper. An excellent fieldsman in any position, so lets keep up the good work next year Jeff.

14B continued

PETER MURRAY: Another boy to have an up and down season. He missed a number of matches at the start, because of his ability to have accidents. Peter also hits the ball hard and we are looking for a big season from him next year.

GARY ROBSON: Gary was a little dynamo of a cricketer and was a great loss when he left the district. Up to that time, Gary had produced some fine bowling figures and also showed that he was more than useful with the bat. Keep it up wherever you are Gary.

BRIAN CROSBY: Brian had another good year with the ball, being our highest wicket taker. Brian started the season in grand style taking a greater proportion of his wickets in the first round. Keep up the concentration Brian and your performances will improve ever more.

To DAVID MONAGHAN & PETER WILLIAMSON, thank you for helping us out when we were short.

The team owes a tremendous lot to Mr. Carter, our Manager, for helping us out so much this season. Thanks also to Mrs. Keenan, Mr. Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Collie for their help.

Remember boys that cricket is the best game of them all and to enjoy it, you have to try your hardest no matter what your position in the team and keep striving to improve your game. See you all next year.

Coach - M. Fordyce. Manager - N. Carter.

14C GRADUATE

A great season by this bunch of lads to see us narrowly miss winning the competition by 10 runs. Wet weather seemed to always hinder our chances of winning more matches, but considering the leaders only lost one match and yet we narrowly lost four matches, shows that the lads produced good attacking cricket with outright wins and finished two points behind the premiers. The final match against the equal leaders, saw us in a good position requiring only 60 runs with all wickets in hand, but full credit must go to Caringbah Sports No.1 for being worthy premiers.

LAWRENCE BARRETT: A lad with tremendous potential, particularly his fast-left arm bowling. In the match against D.L.S. he bowled all the batsmen dismissed without conceding a run and again in the final against the premiers he allowed only 4 runs from 12 overs. Lawrence scored some good runs and his fielding is excellent.

MICHAEL CRANSTON: Improved immensely to finish the season as opening batsman after a series of not-out innings. Michael's bowling action changed from medium pace to slow, accurate, well pitched deliveries, which earned him the honour of being our top wicket taker in this side and with a little luck he could have captured many more.

GARY CRADDOCK: Gary will be a good cricketer once he settles down to the task conscientiously and applies some effort to practice. His confidence waned at the middle of the competition, but he finished the season bowling some excellent overs in the final 3 matches.

ALEX CONRADE: Alex possibly didn't get a real good chance to show his wares, but I personally am grateful for his dedication and acceptance of team problems.

CRAIG DALEY: Shows that he is a fine sportsman, but his attitude to the game of cricket is not as positive as that which he exhibits in other sports. With a little effort he could improve immensely.

RODNEY DALEY: Another lad of tremendous ability, hits the ball hard but tends to be a little impatient thus getting himself into trouble by hitting at the wrong ball. Bowls a handy off-break and is excellent in the slips field.

GEOFF GARLINGE: Geoff is an honest toiler, but lacks confidence in himself. He could show out well next season after having found out what it is all about.

MARK HUGHES: Didn't get the opportunities he deserved to show out but it is obvious that he is dedicated and I can remember a very fine innings he played. He is a pleasure to have in any side because of his unselfishness and willingness to help.

BARRY KENNEDY: The coaches dream! Barry will do anything asked of him willingly at any time. He was our opening batsman and towards the end of the season he was batting beautifully. He took over the wicket-keeping from Ross in the latter games and handled the situation expertly. I personally thank you Barry for your keenness and willingness to help any situation, particularly after matches and training.

GLEN LENTON: This lad will improve with more opportunity, his fielding is very good and with more confidence, he should find his batting improving.

DAVID MONAGHAN: Has ability but lacks concentration. He can bowl a good leg-break when he is on his day, but tends to be easily distracted could improve next season.

14C continued

PAUL MAHONEY: For his first season he shows that he has great potential. His anticipation in fielding is fantastic and he was rewarded with 19 very fine catches. Paul bowls a very good medium pace delivery, but tends to pitch the ball a little short of a length and when batting he hits the ball powerfully letting the opposition know what its all about.

ROSS MORRISON: He certainly can hit the ball (when he connects). Ross was our top scorer for the season with 55 not out and he can take a bowler apart without too much effort, when luck is with him. He started as our regular wicket-keeper, but lost confidence after being hit in the face by a ball, but in the field he is very good.

GARY NAPIER: Gary is another lad who hits the ball hard when he wants to (most times he doesn't). He is a very handy bowler who concedes very few runs as is evident in the overs he bowled. Gary lacks confidence at this stage, but will be a good cricketer with more application.

PETER WILLIAMSON: A boy who shows good all round ability especially in the field. Peter is a useful bat when he keeps his mind to the task as was the case against the leaders in the first round, when he saved the side from possible outright defeat.

NIGEL WRIGHT: Nigel would have been an asset to the side if he had stayed on, but apparently lost interest and pulled out after the first couple of games.

My thanks to Col Keenan, Don Cranston, Bob Beer and Ken Lenton for their help throughout the season along with the very few parents who came to cheer the lads each match. I know that the lads appreciated your interest.

G. Morrison.

16B GRADE

In a competition consisting of 3 teams, we were undefeated despite some close games against our friends from Miranda and De La Salle. This was a competition where sportsmanship came first and the better players learnt that each member of a team can play his part if given the opportunity. Each player willing to bowl had his turn at the crease. A great bunch of lads and I hope they continue playing and enjoy their cricket with the Dragons. My thanks to J. McPhee and the parents who helped during the season.

16B continued.

T. BAILEY: Possibly the best all rounder in the competition. Always stood down from bowling and batting to give his players a go. He was the best bowler by far, but he took on wicket keeping on several occasions. Well done Trevor you are a credit to our club and certainly live up to what a club champion should be.

PAUL BENNETT: Paul had a good season with the bat and will develop into a useful bowler, should acquit himself well in his first year of senior cricket.

GREG HUGHES: Our most solid batsman always coming good when we were in trouble, when he gets more power in his strokes, will score a lot of runs. Quite a good slow bowler.

ROBERT MCPHEE: After achieving the best bowling figures in the first game, bowled well without much luck, but his keenness to try flat out will see him come good in later years. A boy who would always obey instructions without a murmur.

RODNEY LOMBE: Rodney was our most improved batsman over the season converting to an opener, waiting for the right ball to punish, always willing to do whatever required of him.

PHILIP ROBBINS: Had reasonable success with bat and ball, but his fielding was superb. He held the most number of catches, some which were a great effort.

NOEL RALPH: This season Noel really developed into a bowler. Once he learns to use his body in cohesion with his arms, will be a bowler with a lot of pace.

GRANT COLLIE: Grant had a good all round season and won his award with medium pace cutters, when he used his feet when batting, he drove strongly and should do very well next season.

STEPHEN MURRAY: Always tried hard and had his moments, but must learn to relax when bowling. He bowls some unplayable balls, but then lapses in direction. His fielding was top class and a boy who is a pleasure to coach.

DAVID HATTE: When concentrating, batted as well as anyone, his innings of 40 odd on the turf proved his ability, with more effort could be a sound batsman.

DALLAS WOODS: Enjoys playing cricket and accepts its ups and downs in the right spirit. He compiled his highest score in the first match when we looked like being beaten. His fielding was good and took three catches in one innings.

MARTIN MEREDITH: A new player to our club, and fitted into the side well, captured several handy wickets with his cutters and a pleasure to coach.

I thank you all for a very enjoyable season. Well done.

Coach - H. Robbins

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After a steady start to the season, the team finally found its legs and proceeded to defeat every team in the competition, losing only three games up to the final.

The most nagging problem for the season seemed to be the batting. Most opposition teams were dismissed cheaply, but the Dragon's at times struggled to pass these totals. However, considering the loss of key men from the previous premiership teams, the side was able to reach the final of the competition.

The new team members for this year performed with distinction to enable us to reach this position. My thanks to Vice Captain - Dornis Pullen and 3rd Selector - Ray Noakes for their support on the field, and selecting the teams for the season; (selections proved a most difficult problem over the season).

It is now history how the side performed in the final. Batting against Cronulla-Sutherland Leagues the team was only able to score 100 runs against excellent bowling. The Leagues found it no easy task to pass this total, which speaks highly of the ability of our players and were 8 for 103 at the end having been 5 for 42 at one stage.

I must thank the efforts and support of the players in the time I was captain and I am quite convinced that, had the team played to their true ability, the premiership would once again have come to the Dragons.

Captain - Trev. Jones.

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