

CROYDON HOCKEYERS CRICKET CLUB 1967 – 1998

A trip down memory lane



Introduction

I have been on the RDCA Executive for the past 14 years and during that time have come to see and read publications documenting a club's history to date and/or milestones.

It got me thinking that should the old Hockeyers cricket club scorebooks be lost, that part of our club history would disappear in time. Some four years ago, Brian Gobbi and Bill Stafford did some research into Tommy Derham's statistics and that became the catalyst for me to commence writing the history of the club.

It became a bit of a target to coincide the production of a book with a reunion to be held during the fiftieth season since the cricket club was first formed.

The Hockeyers story started in 1967 and, having joined the club in 1973, I was privy to a lot of Hockeyers history and thereafter the subsequent progress of the merged entity. Hockeyers had a 25 year reunion back in 1992 and a lot of statistical information was extracted for that event. Many thanks for their efforts go to Doug Ford, Brett Haines, Wayne Burgess, and others I have not mentioned, who compiled that senior detail.

That information became the cornerstone of what appears in the book and I then used various resources to expand on that and introduce additional elements to the story.

Although the scorebooks for the first four seasons cannot be located, the retention thereafter has been pretty good, with only the odd one missing, and that has assisted the exercise greatly. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the retention of AGM and Committee meeting minutes, Annual reports etc, so minimal information was able to be sourced in that area and that is a bit disappointing.

In checking with some of the old timers about their ability to fill gaps in early statistics, it came to light, through sighting a couple of trophies, that some of the early detail on the Honour Board, compiled 20 years later without the benefit of scorebooks, was a little inaccurate. A review of the averages in the scorebooks threw up some questions as to the criteria used in determining the winners, in certain cases, over the years.

Whilst every effort has been made to list the full names of near 450 players, who represented the club over 31 years in Senior, Veteran and Ladies competitions, we have come up short in regard to a number of players and we apologise to those for whom we could not track down a Christian name. Nicknames appearing herein come courtesy of Hoggy and Tubby, who were the instigators of most of them.

Gathering information has been challenging in some respects and it has been quite surprising how the passage of time has played with the memory of many (me included) that I have been in touch with. Unfortunately, some photographs in the book are a bit blurry and omit the name of the odd player and again I apologise for this situation.

The exercise has taken a fairly long time to bring to fruition but it has been a labour of enjoyment and it brought back a lot of memories, particularly when wading through scorebooks, remembering those we came up against and certain events.

Finally, I would like to thank my daughter, Kim, for the countless hours that she has spent on the computer, massaging the content into an appropriate format, and we hope you find it an enjoyable read.

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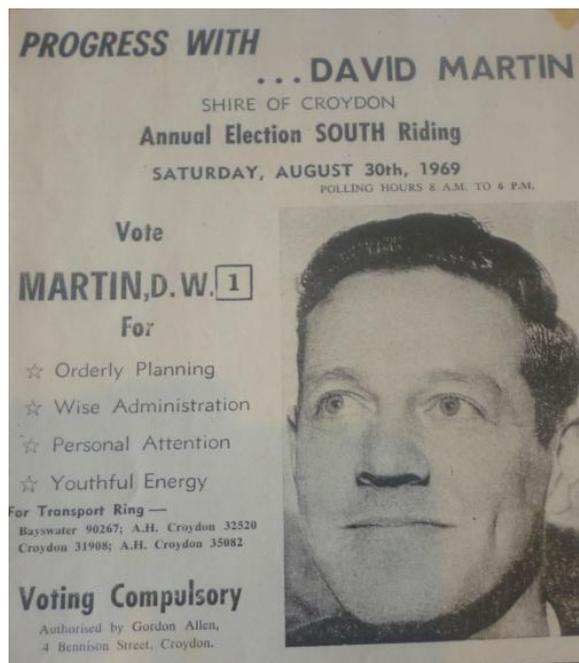
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BACKGROUND TO THE FORMATION OF THE CRICKET CLUB and SIGNIFICANT EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED

In 1963, the Croydon Hockey club won the winter premiership under the playing leadership of Ron Kirner (whose wife Joan subsequently became Premier of Victoria) and an administration led by David Martin, who was a councillor and later Mayor of Croydon.

At the end of each winter hockey season most of the younger players headed their different ways to cricket clubs such as Croydon North, Croydon Footballers, Croydon United and East Ringwood.



The man who started it all

Early in 1963, David was involved in a very serious car accident which left him paralysed from the waist down. That was not to deter him as he got around with the aid of leg braces, crutches and a modified car.

Despite his movement difficulties, David became a bit of a go getter, among other things being involved in the local political scene for about twenty years from the late sixties. He had three stints on council in that time and was Mayor in 1975 and 1986. In 1983, he became publisher and editor of a new local weekly called Croydon City News (Author's note! I've not been able to establish how long it lasted). David passed away in late 2007.

During the summer of 1963/64, some of those who played cricket formed friendships with teammates that saw them try other sporting activities in the next winter season. This led to the start of a "how do we keep the players together mentality" and the seeds were sown, although it took a few years to come to fruition, for the formation of Croydon Hockeyers cricket club.

Originally, the Croydon Hockey club played on a ground located between the Croydon football oval and what was a soccer pitch, now a gridiron facility. Part of the former hockey ground is now a lake.

That ground served its purpose for a period of time but, as the club grew to have three senior and two junior teams, the surface could no longer take the wear and tear.

In 1965, the hockey club temporarily relocated to a ground on Bayswater Road, in what was the property of British Nylon Spinners (Clive Peeters, now out of business, built its headquarters right where the ground was situated).

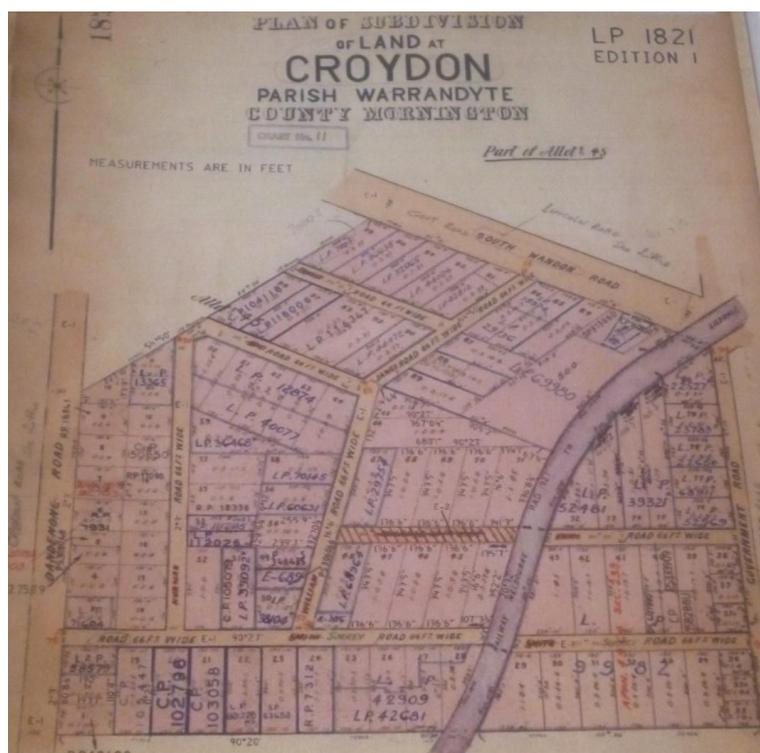
Around this time, Council commenced work to transform what has been said to be a former market garden property and swampy area, bordered by the railway line, Surrey and William Roads into a hockey area that would also facilitate two cricket pitches, in due course.

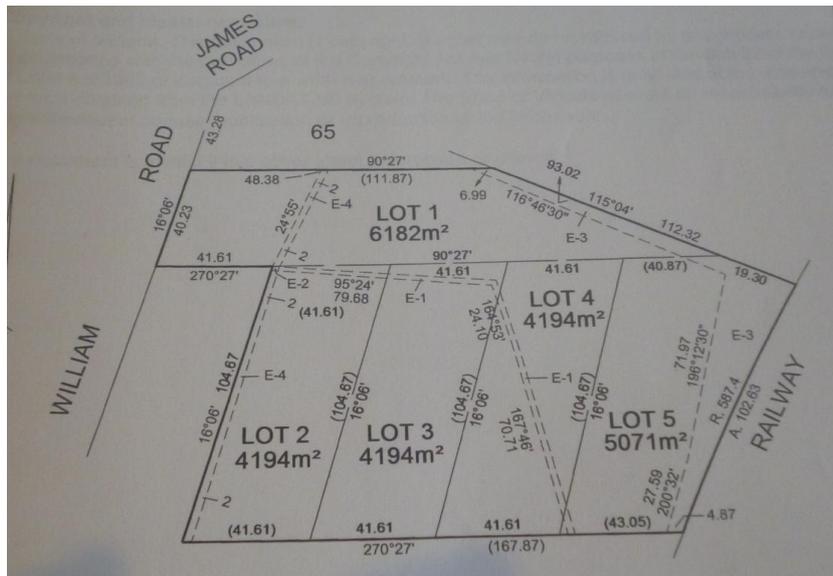
As mentioned earlier, the new grounds were developed in the period 65-66 and the hockey club played its first game at Richard Silcock Reserve on 6 August 1966.

Information in the following two paragraphs was extracted from a book titled “A history of Croydon 1967-1987”, which briefly documents some of the events in which council played a part during the transition from a Shire to a City (1971) and thereafter until a merger saw it become the City of Maroondah.

Council determined that the grounds be named “Richard Silcock Reserve” to honour Richard Silcock, who was a Secondary Schools Inspector and one time principal of Croydon High School. In 1961, he was one of the first councillors of the Croydon Shire and Chairman of the Croydon Shire Proclamation Committee.

The “History of Croydon” book also evidences that Council considered two other names, as submitted by the Croydon Historical Society. They were Julia Rd Reserve and George Smith Reserve and these were linked to George Smith who, from 1881, owned the land on which the reserve stands. George was reputedly the first sub-divider in Croydon, doing so with this land in 1887 which saw it named Township Estate. Two of the roads put in were named Smith (now Surrey) and Julia (named after his daughter). It is also said he opened a clay brick pit on the land.





Following on from the end of the 1967 hockey season, the fact that cricket pitches had been laid on the ovals was the catalyst for the then Hockey Club President, David Martin, to guide some of the members into forming a cricket team. The first cricket team was entered in the Ringwood and District Cricket Association (RDCA) competition for the 1967/68 season.

Whilst the hockey club used the whole of the area in winter, summer tenancy was a shared arrangement with Hockeyers using the South oval and Croydon United cricket club using the oval at the North end.



The cricket section was a sub-committee of the hockey club, which therefore had the responsibility to co-ordinate winter and summer activities in a Constitutional sense.

It was to operate on that basis until the incorporation of Croydon Hockeyers Cricket Club (registration No. A0003112L) on 27 November 1984. That registration was to remain in place until 4 August 1998 when it was cancelled following the merger of Croydon Hockeyers and Croydon United to become Croydon Ranges Cricket Club.

Legend has it that committee meetings were held at David Martin's house. The election process was that if you turned up you were on the committee. It is said David tried to keep a bit of decorum about the meetings, but it was hard work and following completion of general business, meetings usually transitioned to playing pontoon and drinking beer. At least one oldie is not sure how any of them survived.

With the hockey club colours being green and gold (vertical stripes), it followed, along constitutional lines, that the cricket team should adopt the same colours, hence the green and gold cap, as shown on front cover.

Prior to being able to enter and field a team, the club had to acquire the necessary equipment including the portable coir mats, which was the common playing surface in those days. Clive Fairbairn, a stalwart of the Melbourne cricket club, who had a bat making factory on Maroondah highway a few hundred metres west of Kent Ave and ran a sports shop in the city proved to be a very valuable financier in the earlier days but he always eventually got paid.

The facilities that were constructed at the outset were essentially change rooms, mainly for the hockey season, and did not lend themselves to being used for after match socialising in cricket season, particularly when a number of wives, girlfriends and kids also gathered at this time. As such, an alternative was required and the Barrel Bar at the Croydon Hotel it was, so quite a few very young children of the time got early exposure, for a period, to the wonders of the Croydon pub.

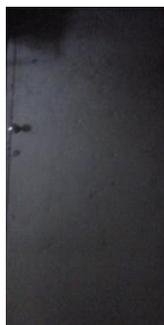
Whilst the change rooms have not changed in size since original construction they have undergone a few makeovers to make them a little more palatable.



A grainy photo of the original pavilion



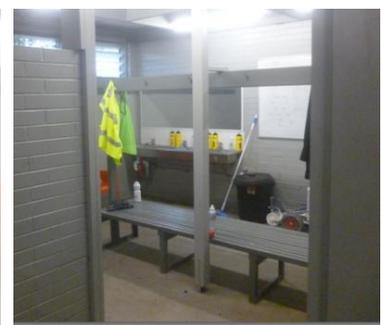
South end nearest carpark



Electrical



What was the North end of original construction.



The above (taken 2016) is a bit of an illustration of what was initially constructed (two change rooms with an electrical and other services room sandwiched between). Outside these rooms was a verandah which now serves as the breezeway access to main social room.

When the club entered the RDCA competition in 1967/68, it was the days of 8 ball overs, One day matches were 30 overs per side, and 55/60 overs per day in two day matches, although sides very rarely were able to bat the whole day.



Things haven't changed much in 50 years at the South end of the Reserve

A gradual influx of players from outside the hockey club saw a second team become a constant from the 1975/76 season, a third team was fielded from 78/79 onwards and a fourth eleven came into being in the 84/85 season. Thereafter, team numbers fluctuated between three and five per season, through to the time of amalgamation. The club fielded a junior team (U.16) for the first time in the 1978/79 season.

The Richard Silcock Reserve Committee of Management was formed on 1 October 1975 and comprised of representatives of user groups and others who were City of Croydon ratepayers. David Hellings and Ian Spencer were the original cricket club representatives on this body.

As is explained in more detail a few pages on, the two user clubs ran, for quite a period of time, separate bars at each end of the main 'social' room, before a bit of sanity came into play with the introduction of the Silcock Sporting Club, which became responsible for composite bar activities.



In the background, the Croydon United bar and beer fridge at the South end of main room.



The western wall had leather bench seating and tables fixed to the wall. A photo of the Hockeys bar is not available.

Much to the dismay of hockey club and cricket club members, and seemingly without consultation with existing user bodies, the then Croydon Council gave the Croydon Dog Obedience club permission, in 1985, to use the Silcock ovals on a Sunday morning.

That decision did not sit well with the then Hockey club President (Thomas Derham) and he wrote a lengthy submission to Council strongly requesting the decision be rescinded due to the immediate issues encountered with dog droppings left on the oval. There was to be no joy from that request.

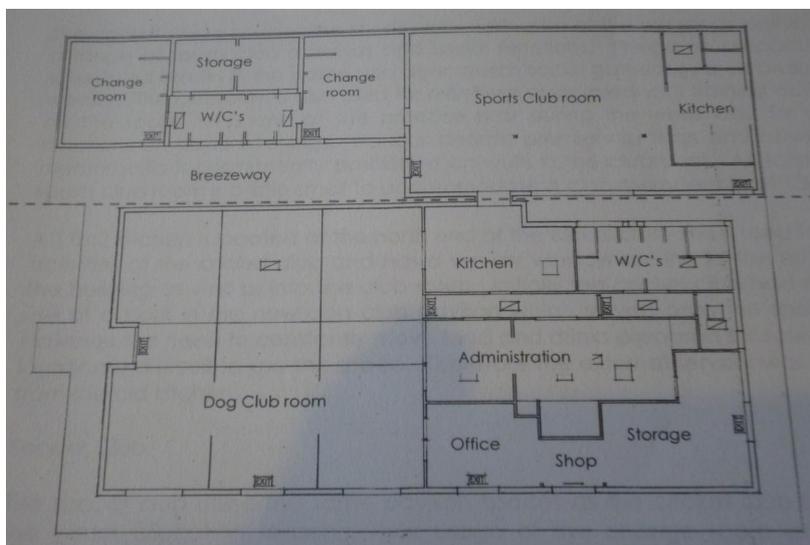
In 1988/89, the RDCA established a Veterans competition, which was aimed at the over forty age bracket. In the first five seasons, to supplement numbers, participating clubs were able to include two players under 40, starting with a minimum age of 35 in 88/89 and increasing by one for each season thereafter.

Hockeys first entered a team in 89/90 and went on to dominate the competition for a lengthy period as you will see when reading through each season's statistics.

For a number of years, around the early 90's, the club ran a stall at the Croydon Festival and many a snag and bags of onions earned the club significant revenue on each occasion.

With the dog club having huge numbers and being flush with funds, Council approved a significant addition to the facilities, which also included renovation of the cricket club areas.

The original plans had to be amended after residents won a VCAT (or then equivalent) appeal and the end result was the Dog club section was plonked at the front of the existing facilities, as can be seen in the drawing below.



Work commenced on this project early in 1992 and Hockeys home base for the 92/93 season was at Griff Hunt Reserve. Croydon United operated out of a big garden shed that was located about 30 metres beyond North end of clubrooms. Both clubs still played their home games at Silcock Reserve.

The end result



View from North end



View from the East



Our gated entry

Following the completion of the renovations to the clubrooms in 1992/93 season, some members of each club, including Gary Hogg and Steve Walsh from Hockeyers, got discussing the bar situation (to that point each club ran separate bars located at each end of the main room). Silcock Sporting Club Inc was registered on 26 August 1993 and a “restricted” Liquor Licence was finally obtained, after a lengthy bureaucratic process, on 21 April 1995.

Council formalised a Lease for the premises in December 1994 in the name of Silcock Sporting Social Club Inc. Gary Hogg was the President of this body at that time and over time the split between clubs ranged from 45/55 to 50/50 (based on number of senior teams fielded by each of the two clubs).

In 1996, Bayswater Park Soccer club applied to Council to become a tenant at Silcock Reserve and this was approved on the basis of a two year trial.

The 1997/98 season was to prove historic for the club, in that it fielded ladies teams for the first time and on 25 February 1998 a Special meeting was held at Griff Hunt Reserve at which members voted (not unanimously mind you) to approve Croydon Hockeyers cricket club merging with Croydon United cricket club for the 98/99 season. Croydon United members held a simultaneous meeting at Silcock and also voted in favour of doing so.

Not a lot has changed since the merger but a sub-committee, comprising members of the cricket club, soccer club and dog club has, since 2010, been working towards having council approve and carry out a major renovation (it could become a total rebuild) of the pavilion.

A design was approved mid 2016 and all indications were that the timing of construction would be dictated by the availability of funding, with Council indicating it is likely to happen within two to three years (hopefully in the 2018/19 financial year).

In December 2016, some council staff met with the club executive and threw a curve ball from leftfield by mentioning that it may be more cost effective for council to build a separate facility for cricket and soccer purposes and modify the current building for the dog club.

As such, that development appears to be back to a holding pattern.

1967/68 SEASON

The sub-committee running the administration side of the cricket team comprised:

Hockey club President: David Martin

Cricket team Secretary: Tony White



After expressing some reluctance to approve the name of “Croydon Hockeyers Cricket Club” (something about having issues with reference to an alternative sport), the RDCA Executive relented and determined that the team play in “E” grade.

It was thought members of the team that took the ground for the first time on 30 September 1967 (I wonder whether the first day’s play has taken place in September since then) were: James (Jock) Brown (Capt), Tom Derham, John Chesters, Ian (Chaddo) Chadderton, William Jeans, Wayne (Tubby) Burgess, Jonathon Wade, Ian Devine, Cliff James, Ian Wood, and Bob Jeans, however, Ian Wood is adamant that Gary Burgess played in that first game.

His words, “I am sure it was Gary (Tortoise) Burgess who played in the first game, batting at no. 11. He had never played a game of cricket before (probably not even in the back yard at his mum’s). We did not coach him before he went out to bat. It probably would not have made any difference. After waving the bat at the ball several times and never putting a foot anywhere near his crease, their keeper finally decided that he should just dislodge the bails. I thought Methodists were supposed to have a strong Christian sense of charity towards their fellow men. They could have at least let him score one run. I was umpiring at square leg at the time and I remember how excruciating it was to watch”.

Now that said, no one can recall having 12 players for the match, Tubby can’t remember his brother playing, Gary has not confirmed one way or the other and Bob Jeans has indicated he may not have played in first game but certainly played during the season and in the Grand final, so make of it all what you will.

A clearance, from Croydon Footballers, for Tony White (Whitey) was in the process of being arranged and when that came through he took over as Captain after round one. Lyn Davies also could not get a clearance from Croydon and he eventually sat out this season and a period of the next before he was registered to play in RDCA.

Of the above, Tom Derham and Jock Brown were leading lights, having played “A” grade for East Ringwood and Croydon North respectively. Ian Chadderton has indicated he was a 15yo child prodigy who played “A” grade with Croydon North at that age, while some of his early Hockeyers teammates have acknowledged that but said he was burned out by 16. John Chesters had played in lower grades with Croydon North, Ian Wood likewise with Croydon United and the remainder had not played competitive cricket previously. Cliff James, a non cricketer, was designated as the wicketkeeper on the logic that he had worn gloves as the hockey goalkeeper.

Others who played during the season were: John Wood (who went on to become a high profile actor, he is also brother of Ian), Tony Geldens and Lewis H Gates.

Many a pre game team meeting was held at the Dorset and that probably did not ensure all were performing to the best of their capabilities come match time. Word has it, Tommy Derham was a terrible arm twister and the only one with a car. Home games were always a rush to get to the ground and lay the mats. It is said there was more than one occasion where the opposition batsmen were standing padded up waiting for the last spike to be driven in.

In the early matches, players did not place a lot of value on their wicket, as evidenced by the following scores, which were extracted from the local newspaper of the time, (Ringwood Mail), as the scorebooks cannot be located.

- Rd.1 CHCC 56 & 5/68 lost to Boronia 99.
- Rd.2 CHCC 165 (Chesters 65) defeated (outright) Croydon 40 (Derham 4/21, T White 4/14, including a hat-trick) & 83 (Derham 4/50, Chadderton 3/13)
- Rd.3 CHCC 179 (T White 87) & 2/29 defeated Ringwood RSL 67 (Chadderton 4/7, Chesters 3/7, T White 2/14) & 217 (Derham 8/58)
- Rd.4 CHCC 229 (T Geldens 52no, T White 46, R Paisley 4/73) defeated (outright) Croydon United (2nds) 73 (Derham 5/33) & 82 (Derham 5/33, T White 3/32)
- Rd.5 CHCC 104 & 1/82 (T White 41no) defeated (outright) Wonga Park 63 (Derham 5/36, T White 3/9) & 119 (Derham 4/28, T White 3/3)
- Rd.6 CHCC 3/81dec (Chadderton 35no) defeated (outright) East Ringwood United Churches 11 – yes a total of eleven runs which is unbelievable but correct, (Derham 7/7, T White 3/3) & 57 (Derham 3/29, T White 3/3), with match over in less than a day. Legend has it that Jock Brown announced before the game that the previous night he dreamt the opposition would be bowled out for 11. Dave Martin immediately responded (incredulously) that if they were dismissed for 11 he would buy a keg of beer, never thinking he might have to actually do so. The keg never eventuated.
- Rd.7 CHCC 220 (T White 74, Chesters 50) defeated Mt Evelyn 160 (Derham 4/33, Chesters 3/19) & 7/125.
- Rd.8 Scores not published.
- Rd.9 CHCC 9/225dec (T White 94) drew Wantirna 8/145
- Rd.10 CHCC 140 & 4/158dec (Chesters 54no) tied Montrose 140 & 1/91
- Rd.11 CHCC 184 & 2/16 defeated Ringwood Salvation Army 109 (T White 4/19) & 131

The end result was a Semi-final berth which resulted in an outright win: CHCC 305 (T White 121, Derham 68) def Wantirna 113 (Derham 5/57, T White 4/48) & 112 (Chadderton 3/36).

The Grand final was against Boronia Methodists and, according to a participant, divine intervention may have played a part in the eventual outcome with the opposition praying in a circle on the ground before play commenced.

A fairytale first season premiership was snatched from the team's grasp when, after leading clearly on the first innings, there was a capitulation in the second innings, when chasing 82 runs, that resulted in being beaten outright by 3 runs and that obviously took some of the gloss off what was otherwise a very successful first season.

Some observations from the man batting No.11 in 2nd innings are as follows: "We were absolutely cruising. I think Whitey looked like hitting the winning score himself. They brought on this old codger who started tossing up the most ridiculous donkey droppers you ever saw. No one could play him along the ground.

I was padded up as no. 11, my rightful position, but still thought I would not have to bat. I can't remember who it was that got run out on a direct hit from a throw in from the boundary. It may have been Tom, so I had to trudge in to join Bill Jeans, who was at the non strikers end. I had a few sighters against the Donkey Dropper who was the most ridiculous thing I have seen in a real game of cricket. With only 4 runs to win, their captain came on to bowl, another old guy who bowled up rubbish but not as spectacular as the other guy. First ball, Bill took a mighty swish and the ball went skywards, for about 10 metres, lobbing gently into the hands of a waiting Methodist. Bill explained that he just did not want to face that Donkey Dropper again”.

In his defence, Bill mounted a case that, No.11 failed to mention, he had seen a few wickets fall and as he was 2nd or 3rd top score in both innings, he was the man to bring home the win.

Bill's brother, Bob, recalls modestly, "I remember taking a great catch in the GF, in the dreaded "slippos", and Peter White ran out on to the ground, shook my hand, and ran off again. This was a gesture not easily forgotten”.

Grand Final details were:

CHCC 241 (T White 123, W Jeans 31, Derham 20) & 79 were defeated by Boronia Methodists 163 (Derham 3/42, T White 2/40) & 160 (Derham 4/42 including a hat-trick, T White 4/58)

Other notable performances were:

Tony White made 474 runs in the home and away matches.

Tom Derham took 89 wickets (it is thought this figure is inclusive of finals but may not be) and was said to be two short of then RDCA record

Tony White won the Association batting average (475 runs @ 52.75)

Batting average: Tony White

722 runs @ 60.17

Bowling average: Tom Derham

89 wickets @ ?

1968/69 SEASON

Hockey club President: David Martin

Cricket team Secretary: Tony White



New players who joined were John Llewellyn Davies, more commonly known as Lyn or Tink (from Croydon), Richard (Dicky) Prior, David (Copter) Hellings, Peter White, Peter Geldens, David Nelson, Roger Walters, Graeme Bettley, Roger Crowe, Dennis Pitts.

Bill Jeans remembers driving Peter White to obtain his clearance and the discussion around it became very acrimonious. Obviously a clearance was not granted easily in those days.

In the absence of scorebooks or other club documentation the following details have been sourced from a local newspaper of the time (The Eastern Gazette). The club fielded two teams, in an RDCA competition that had six grades (Chandler and “A” to “E”) with Hockeyers playing in “C” and “E” grades.

“C” Grade

Captain: Tony White - Results by round were as follows:

- Rd.1 CHCC 142 & 3/42 defeated Bedford Ringwood High School 140 & 5/76dec
- Rd.2 CHCC 5/130dec (Prior 46, T White 45) & 0/37 defeated North Ringwood 69 (Derham 6/15) and 94 (Chesters 4/21, Prior 3/10)
- Rd.3 CHCC 107 (Prior 54) and 6/168 (White 95) lost to Ringwood Salvation Army 233
- Rd.4 CHCC 84 & 109, including last wicket stand of 47 between first gamer David Nelson (28) and Gary Burgess, lost to Johnson Park 5/183dec & 1/13.
- Rd.5 CHCC 151 (Derham 64) & 4/71 lost to Boronia 222 (Chesters 3/21, Prior 3/50) & 2/56dec.
- Rd.6 CHCC 114 (White 39) v St Stephens 4/67. Note! Second day scores not published.
- Rd.7 CHCC 4/195dec (P White 106no) defeated (outright) Croydon North 51 (Derham 4/17, T White 4/31) & 66 (T White 3/20, Chadderton 2/14, Prior 2/5).
Note! This was a one day game.
- Rd.8 CHCC 101 (Prior 38, Walters 24) lost to Knoxfield 5/151
- Rd.9 CHCC 84 lost to Ringwood 6/131 (Davies 3/47)
- Rd.10 CHCC 206 (Prior 83, Chesters 40) & 0/14 defeated Boronia Methodists 83 (Derham 5/30, Davies 5/42) & 133 (Davies 4/44, White 5/29)
- Rd.11 Washout on first day, second day scores not published.

Notable performances not appearing in newspaper:

Tony White made 350 runs for the season and took a hat-trick.

Batting average: Richard Prior

? runs @ 30.20

Bowling average: Tony White

? wickets @ 12.30

(Trophies were sighted for these averages but unfortunately they contradict what appears on the Honour Board – see Note on next page)

Note! When the honour Board was commissioned in the mid 80's, the scorebooks for the first four seasons could not be located so a little guesswork took place as to who had won what. Unfortunately, Tom Derham was incorrectly recorded on the board as bowling average winner, likewise with Tony White being batting average winner.

“E” Grade

Captain: ? The thinking is it might have been Cliff James or Lewis H Gates but Bob Jeans recalls captaining an “E” grade team at some point so it could have been he.

Results by round were as follows:

Rd.1 CHCC v Montrose (scores not submitted by Hockeyers who were fined)

Rd.2 CHCC 52 & 2/14 lost to Ringwood Salvation Army 94 (Devine 4/20, Bettley 4/26) & 28.

Rd.3 CHCC 95 & 9/138dec (Chadderton 42) defeated (outright) Boronia Methodists 106 (Devine 5/38, Chadderton 4/42) & 66 (Chadderton 3/21).

Rd.4 CHCC 77 (Chadderton 24) defeated East Ringwood United Churches 36 (Chadderton 6/13) & 1/5. Note! No play on second day.

Rd.5 CHCC 8/169dec (Wade 78) & 9/98 (Chadderton 23) defeated (outright) Boronia 61 (Chadderton 8/15 including a hat-trick) & 203 (Devine 5/85, Crowe 3/4).

Note! In the 9/98, the last wicket (Peter Geldens and Dennis Pitts) added 27 to win the game.

Rd.6 CHCC 145 v Kilsyth 2/61 Note! Second day scores not published.

Rd.7 CHCC 40 & 48 lost outright in a one dayer to Croydon 2/58dec & 1/33.

Rd.8 CHCC 70 & 64 lost outright to Knoxfield 188 (Wade 4/14, Devine 4/57).

Rd.9 CHCC 73 (Wade 36, Pitts 20no) & 25 lost to Wonga Park 6/125dec.

Rd.10 CHCC 74 lost to Croydon United 6/134 (Wade 3/11). Note! No scores phoned in on second day (CHCC fined).

At this point, Hockeyers were 12th with 22 points.

Rd.11 Washout on first day, second day scores not published

Batting Average: ?

Bowling average: ?

1969/70 SEASON

President: David Martin



Secretary: Ian Chadderton



The club again fielded two teams and new players to join the club were: Gary Pitts, Daryl Pointon, Keith Pitts

Scorebooks or other club records could not be located for this season and details were again sourced from the local newspaper (The Eastern Gazette).

The Hockey club had won a couple of premierships (1sts & 5ths) and it was hoped the success would carry over to the cricket teams but results turned out to be quite the opposite, as can be seen below.

“C” Grade

Captain: Various thoughts put forward but no one could say, with any conviction, who it was.

Results by round were as follows:

Rd.1 CHCC 83 & 199 (Derham 71no, Brown 55, Chesters 42, not many for the rest) defeated (outright) Johnson Park 6/158dec & 49 (Derham 5/22).

Rd.2 CHCC 116 & 6/75 (P White 40) lost to Ringwood Salvation Army 160 (Derham 4/36) & 3/125dec.

Rd.3 CHCC 130 lost to North Ringwood 175 (Wade 4/10) & 6/189.

Rd.4 CHCC 114 & 83 lost outright to Ringwood RSL 139 (Davies 7/34) & 6/165dec. (Brown 3/28)

Rd.5 CHCC 91 (Wade 40) & 49 lost outright to Heathmont 256.

Rd.6 CHCC 110 (T White 59) lost to Montrose 7/187. Note! Second day scores not published.

Rd.7 CHCC 123 & 2/48 lost to Croydon 210 (Chadderton 3/25)

Rd.8 CHCC 28 & 4/99 (W Jeans 40) lost to Mt Evelyn 3/105dec.

Rd.9 CHCC 135 & 84 lost outright to Footballers 4/203dec & 1/119dec.

Rd.10 CHCC 80 & 54 lost outright to East Ringwood 5/209dec.

At this point in the season, Hockeyers were 13th with 6 points.

Rd.11 CHCC 67 & 63 lost outright to Croydon High School 6/135dec (Chadderton 3/44).

Batting average: Peter White ?

Bowling average: Tom Derham ?

“E” Grade

Captain: The thinking is it might have been Cliff James or Lewis H Gates but Bob Jeans recalls captaining an “E” grade team at some point so it could have been he.

Results by round were as follows:

- Rd.1 CHCC 61 & 72 lost outright to Heathmont 73 (P White 5/23, Devine 4/30) & 75 (P White 4/10, Devine 3/32).
- Rd.2 CHCC 43 & 20 lost outright to Ringwood Salvation Army 92 (G Burgess 6/16) & 4/55 dec.
- Rd.3 CHCC 71 & 65 lost outright to Wonga Park 76 (G Pitts 5/28) & 112.
- Rd.4 CHCC 95 (P Geldens 49no) & 37 lost outright to Montrose 129 (Devine 5/65, G Pitts 4/59) & 0/4.
- Rd.5 CHCC 29 & 78 lost outright to Heathmont Methodists 3/116dec.
- Rd.6 CHCC 130 (Pitts 37, D Pointon 37) and 29 lost outright to United Churches 6/146dec (G Pitts 3/36) and 5/158dec
- Rd.7 CHCC 5/150 (Devine 49) lost to Wantirna 5/218.
- Rd.8 CHCC 102 (K Pitts 60) drew Boronia 102 (K Pitts 3/38)
- Rd.9 CHCC 30 & 16 lost outright to Knoxfield 3/189dec (Pointon 4/80).
- Rd.10 CHCC forfeited to South Warrandyte
At this stage of the season, Hockeyers were last (of 14) with 3 points.
- Rd.11 CHCC 110 & 59 lost outright to Croydon United 166 & 6/84dec.

Batting average: ?

Bowling average: ?

In the middle of 1969, Tony White was conscripted into National service, intake No.17, for two years, and spent some of his service in Vietnam.



1970/71 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: David Hellings



It was back to fielding only one team and, after a lowly finish in 69/70, the RDCA relegated Hockeyers to “D” Grade in a competition that went down to “E” grade.

There appeared to be no new additions to the ranks for this season.

This was the last of the seasons for which a scorebook cannot be located so, again, the results have been extracted from the local newspaper (The Ringwood Croydon Mail).

Captain: Another mystery

- Rd.1 CHCC 103 & 155 (T White 44) lost to Johnson Park 204 & 2/21
- Rd.2 CHCC 159 (Devine 86no) lost to Croydon United (2nds) 9/255 (P White 4/48)
- Rd.3 CHCC 107 & 1/63 (Prior 30no) defeated (outright) Heathmont Methodists 39 (Derham 5/7, Brown 5/23) & 128 (Derham 7/47).
- Rd.4 CHCC 177 (Derham 37) & 0/7 defeated (outright) Wonga Park 91 (Derham 7/36) & 89 (Derham 6/53, Chadderton 4/33).
- Rd.5 CHCC 118 & 78 (Chadderton 31no) defeated Norwood High School 104 & 3/23.
- Rd.6 CHCC 74 (Chadderton 32) v Mooroolbark 95 (Brown 4/18, Chadderton 3/25)
Note1 No scores published for second day.
- Rd.7 CHCC 6/117dec. (Gates 40) defeated East Ringwood 80 (Derham 7/21) & 1/50.
- Rd.8 CHCC 9/146 (Prior 40, T White 38, Chadderton 30) defeated Lilydale 62 (Chadderton 7/37).
- Rd.9 CHCC 90 (Prior 31) lost to Scoresby 6/166 (Chadderton 3/55).
It was interesting to note that this was a scheduled two day round reduced to one day (2nd) due to a Test match being played in Melbourne.
- Rd.10 CHCC 165 (Brown 97) defeated (outright) Boronia Methodists 62 & 105.
- Rd.11 CHCC 5/133dec. (White 70, Prior 35) defeated (outright) Wantirna 58 (Derham 4/33, White 4/5) & 57 (Derham 6/19, Chadderton 3/30).

Four outrights and wins in another three matches earned the team a place in the finals.

In a semi-final, against the eventual premiers, Hockeyers finished on the wrong end of the ledger in a low scoring game, as follows:

CHCC 97 (Prior 29, Brown 24) were defeated by Norwood High School 9/118 (Derham 4/27, P White 3/10).

Note! Scores not published for second days play.

Batting average: Jock Brown ?

Bowling average: Tom Derham ?

1971/72 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: David Hellings



The scorebook evidences that new players to play with the club were: Ken Reynolds, Martin Briede and Terry Burgess

The RDCA competition in this season consisted of Chandler, then grades "A" to "F", with Hockeyers fielding only one team, which again participated in "D" grade.

Captain: Tony White

Batting collapses were the norm throughout the season as the following scores evidence:

Opposition teams: 24, 56, 68 (three times), 69, 72, 81, 90, 95 and 98.

Hockeyers: 51, 53, 67 and 103.

The team won the first game of the season, then proceeded to lose the next two outright and the following on first innings. The tide turned with three wins in a row and then it was loss, win, loss, win but the bonus was the last two wins were outrights. At the end of the home and away season, the team sat second on the ladder (on 54 points).

In the semi-final (2nd v 3rd), Bedford-Ringwood High School batted first and were all out for 75 in 15.1 overs (Davies 7/16 & Derham 2/54). Hockeyers responded with 154, in which Ian Chadderton (47) and Wayne Burgess (24) were the main contributors. Bedford RHS had another hit, some of it on first day, and were all out for 137 (Davies 6/73). Needing 59 to win, Hockeyers crashed to 8/25, then 9/50 before number ten, David Hellings (28no), steered the team over the line. Bill Wilkins, after whom Wilkins Cup is named, was one of the destroyers for Bedford.

The Grand final was played at Johnson Park (opposite now EFL headquarters) and the opposition was none other than our very near neighbours, Croydon United, (their 2nds).

Batting first, Hockeyers were soon 5/55, with only Tony White (55) standing firm but some great late order efforts from Derham (70no), Hellings (35) and John Chesters (26) saw the total to 252. In reply Croydon United could only muster 103, with Tom Derham (6/19) completing a fine double, ably supported by Lyn Davies (3/42). That was only the half of it as Hockeyers, batting again, were all out for 156 with Jock Brown top scoring with 29. United, needing more than 300, were then routed for 89 (in 17 overs) with Derham (5/29) having an unbelievable match and Davies (5/50) providing great back-up.

Thus, Croydon Hockeyers had registered its first ever cricket premiership.

Batting average: Peter White

348 runs @ 20.47

Bowling average: Tom Derham

74 wickets @ 7.23

Notable performances were:

Tom Derham had match figures of 13/60 (8/37 & 5/23) against Knoxfield and innings figures of 7/23 (Montrose), 7/34 (Scoresby) and 6/46 (Croydon United).

Tony White took 7/31 and Peter White took 6/10 against Ringwood Methodists.

Peter White 84 (Scoresby) and 68no (Ringwood)

Jock Brown accumulated most runs for the season with 353.

Tom Derham bowled 163 (eight ball) overs for the season.

Lyn Davies only played the last four matches (10 wickets) and then took an unbelievable 21 wickets in the two finals.

Tom Derham won the association bowling average (60 wickets)

Best partnerships for the season and these form the basis for firsts going forward:

1 st wicket	Jock Brown and Ian Chadderton	65	
2 nd	Jock Brown and Peter White	74	
3 rd	Jock Brown and Richard Prior	42	
4 th	Tony White and Tom Derham	38	
5 th	Tom Derham and David Hellings	40	
6 th	Tom Derham and Peter White	33	
7 th	Tony White and David Hellings	41	(Grand final)
8 th	Peter White and Ken Reynolds	75	
9 th	Tom Derham and John Chesters	81	(Grand final)
10 th	Wayne Burgess and Ian Wood	13	



Members of the premiership team (from left): Peter White, Wayne Burgess, Tom Derham, John Chesters, David Hellings, Tony White, Jock Brown, Ian Chadderton, Lyn Davies, Ian Wood (front) Lewis Gates.



Back at the Chesters house with Tommy holding court

1972/73 SEASON

President: Lyn Davies



Secretary: David Hellings



After having won the “D” grade premiership the previous season, the team was promoted to “C” grade. The only new player to the team during the season was Ian Fiedler.

Captain: Tony White

The batting was a bit brittle early on with scores of 42, 95 and 71 but somehow the team managed to win the latter two. Thereafter they lost only once, ending the home and away season in top spot on the ladder (with 66 points) after winning 9 games, including three outright. Whilst the batsmen played their part, the bowlers did the trick, as can be seen from following opposition scores: 23, 65, 78, 86, 96, 98, 99 and 106 (twice).

Joining Hockeyers at the top of the ladder were Croydon United and Bedford-Ringwood High School, both of whom had also been promoted. Yarra Valley Grammar School Old Boys, who won a lot less games during the season, made up the finalists.

Having beaten Yarra Valley outright in Rd 3 (they made 65 and 23), Hockeyers entered the semi-final reasonably confident but the game did not play out as expected or hoped.

Hockeyers made 149, with Hellings (46no) and Peter White (29) the main contributors.

Yarra Valley then put together 320, Tony White 4/80, to bring about a disappointing end to the season.

Notable performances:

Tony White 103 (St Stephens), 101 (North Ringwood), 88 (Boronia Methodists)

Richard Prior 62 (St Andrews)

Lyn Davies took match figures of 10/51 (6/20 & 4/31) against Yarra Valley and 10/70 (6/43 & 4/27) against East Ringwood, 7/43 (Croydon North), 6/46 (North Ringwood), 5/23 (Norwood High School), bowled 184 overs for the season and took 60 wickets during the home and away matches, plus two in the final. Tom Derham took 34 wickets for the season.

Tony White 6/41 (North Ringwood) and 26 for the season

Tony White won the association batting average (486 runs @ 40.50)

Batting average: Tony White

497 runs @ 38.23 (includes final)

Bowling average: Lyn Davies

62 wickets @ 11.05 (includes final)

Record partnerships (based on starting point of 71/72 season):

2nd wicket	Ian Wood and Peter White	95
3rd	Peter White and Tony White	109
4th	Peter White and Richard Prior	51
5th	Richard Prior and Ian Wood	43
6th	Tony White and Lyn Davies	98
10th	Tom Derham and John Chesters	41

1973/74 SEASON

President: Lyn Davies



Secretary: David Hellings



This season saw the start of the Commonwealth bank connection (which will become more evident as you read subsequent seasons). Ian Spencer, having worked with Tony White, and Len Moore, through working with Peter White, were the forerunners to quite a number of non hockey players joining the cricket team over the ensuing seasons.

Quite a number of others, mainly hockey players in Geoff McGowan, Greg Saunders, Robert and Hugh Wyatt, I Jaiswal, Andrew Leech, I Milton and Russell McGowan also expressed an interest in playing, so the club entered a second team, which the RDCA placed in “G” grade.

For some reason, the RDCA saw fit to again promote the first eleven from “C” to “B” grade.

“B” Grade

Captain: Tony White

The season started with a bad loss, making only 38, but then followed three wins and a washout, to be handily placed. Although the team lost four games from that point, two by tens runs, two more wins late in the season, where the team finally posted scores over 200, saw it finish in a respectable 7th place (with 32 points), eight points adrift of the 4th placed team. It was interesting to note that only five bowlers were used during the season.

Notable performances:

Tony White 102no (East Ringwood United Churches), Ian Spencer 93 (Johnson Park), 86 (Olinda), 69 (St Stephens)

Lyn Davies 7/38 (Croydon United), 6/33 (Scoresby), 5/32, including a hat-trick (Heathmont), finishing with 37 wickets (from 135 overs) for the season. Tom Derham 5/18 (Scoresby), 5/52 (St Stephens) and 28 wickets for the season, Tony White 5/28 (Kilsyth), Peter White took most wickets in a game with 8/83 against Wantirna and 4 fa on four occasions.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

409 runs at 31.50

Bowling average: Peter White

30 wickets @ 11.10

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Peter White and Ian Spencer	74
5th	Ian Spencer and Len Moore	52
10th	Tony White and Lyn Davies	64

“G” Grade

Captain: Pretty sure it was Terry Burgess but others who played pretty much every game were Martin Briede, Ken Reynolds and Greg Saunders so they are possibilities.

The season also started poorly for this team, all out for 18, and aside from a win in the second game there was no more joy for the season. Numbers dropped off as the season progressed and playing with less than a full complement made life difficult, particularly with the bat, as evidenced by the following innings scores: 18, 21, 38, 61, 68, 82 and 86 (twice). Peter Geldens batted 17 times during nine games so there was no shortage of opportunities to have a hit.

Notable performances:

Peter Geldens was the highest scorer for the season with 53, **Greg Saunders** 51no (Ringwood) **Gary Burgess** 7/39 (Wantirna), 6/22 (Mooroolbark), **Ken Reynolds** 15 wickets for the season

Batting average: Peter Geldens

291 runs @ 17.12

Bowling average: Gary Burgess

29 wickets @ 13.65

Best partnerships (used as basis for 2nds going forward):

1st wicket	Robert Wyatt and Peter Geldens	54
2nd	Terry Burgess and Greg Saunders	43
3rd	Peter Geldens and Ken Reynolds	49
4th	John Chesters and Gary Burgess	35
5th	Martin Briede and Gary Burgess	21
6th	Geoff McGowan and Gary Burgess	27
7th	Geoff McGowan and Louis Gates	30
8th	Hugh Wyatt and Gary Burgess	24
9th	Gary Burgess and I Jaiswal	9
10th	Terry Burgess and Russell McGowan	11

1974/75 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: David Hellings



It was back to fielding only one team in this season, with Doug Ford and Dennis Downes the new additions to the club.

Again in "B" grade but the season was shortened with no play in the first two rounds due to the unplayable state of grounds and only nine rounds for the season.

Captain: Ian Spencer

In the first actual game, only nine players were available and scores of 75 and 6/57 just avoided outright defeat. Thereafter came five wins in a row but a couple of late season losses saw the team finish in 5th spot, with 36 points, missing a finals place by 4 points.

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 124 (South Croydon), 103 (Croydon United), 88 (East Ringwood)

Tom Derham 64 (East Ringwood)

Tom Derham and Lyn Davies bowled their usual 100 plus (8 ball) overs and took 24 wickets each for the season.

Tony White only played three games but made more than 40 in each, for a total of 145.

Best team effort was 275 chasing Croydon United's 254 in Rd.10.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

472 runs @ 42.9

Bowling average: Tom Derham

24 wickets @ 17.25

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Ian Chadderton and Ian Spencer	74
3rd	Tony White and Ian Spencer	133
4th	Ian Spencer and Len Moore	73
5th	Ian Spencer and Tom Derham	128

1975/76 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: David Hellings



With some old faces returning and new players from banking, footy and hockey connections, numbers were bolstered to the point where the club could re-enter a second team, which the RDCA Executive placed in “H” grade, the association itself having experienced a growth in team numbers over recent seasons, necessitating the addition of a couple of grades.

New players to join the ranks were: Brian Gobbi (which bank), Ken Newton, Bruce Rosel, Michael Kirner (son of Joan Kirner – a Premier of Victoria), Gary Hogg, Greg Cake, Andy Walter, Jeff (Gorilla) Ruddock, Wayne Cornish, William Bass, Robert Jeans and John Geldens.

“B” Grade - Captain: Ian Spencer

Play got under way in the first two rounds but the elements prevented results, one a certain victory with only 18 runs needed. Only three wins were attained (Rds. 3, 7 & 10) and there was a memorable tie. Playing against Yarra Valley Old Boys, chasing 157, Hockeyers were 2/115 and then, with one over to go it was 8/157 (in which only two batsmen had reached double figures). A fast bowler, who shall remain nameless, batting with top scorer, decided to run on the first ball of the over, which had passed through to the wicketkeeper, without first forewarning the person on strike of his intent. It finished as you would expect. Said bowler was dismissed two balls later without adding to the tally. Although there was less than ten runs in a couple of losses, the team battled for most of the season, only twice exceeding 200, and finished 10th (of 12) with 25 pts.

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 112 (Montrose), 65 (Yarra Valley), Tony White 78 (Boronia), 55 (South Warrandyte), David Hellings 53 (St Andrews)

Tom Derham took most wickets in a game (8/51) against Montrose, of which 6/36 was taken in the first innings and most wickets for the season, with 29.

Ken Reynolds 6/43 (South Croydon), Brian Gobbi 13 wickets in 5 games

Batting average: Ian Spencer

418 runs @ 38.00

Bowling average: Lyn Davies

21 wickets @ 14.00



“H” Grade – sometimes referred to as “H” Troop.

Captain: Wayne Burgess

The seconds had an excellent season winning seven games, out of a possible nine, two of which were outright and at the end of home and away games they were in 3rd place (of 14), with 56 points. Whilst the batsmen played their part, the bowlers were the leading lights as evidenced by the following opposition scores: 41, 51, 62, 67, 88 and 90 (twice). It appears the Geldens brothers, Tony, Peter and John, played together for the first time in Rd.3.

Unfortunately, the semi-final saw Mt Evelyn (306), to whom the team had lost earlier in the season, make too many for Hockeyers (173). Highlights in the match were Ian Chadderton taking 6/104 (from 25 overs) and Wayne Burgess making 82.

Notable performances:

Ian Chadderton took 12/52 (6/15 & 6/37) against Heathmont Methodists

Andrew Walter took 7/15, including a hat trick and 4/6, against Scoresby

Ian Chadderton 6/38 (Wonga Park), 5/46 (Montrose), 36 wickets in five matches plus a final

Tony Geldens made 107no against Heathmont Methodists. Wayne Burgess scored 308 runs for the season.

Batting average: Tony Geldens

325 runs @ 54.10

Bowling average: Andy Walter

29 wickets @ 10.40

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Greg Cake and Tony Geldens	90
2nd	Tony Geldens and Wayne Burgess	97
3rd	Peter Geldens and Tony Geldens	80
4th	Wayne Burgess and Doug Ford	48
5th	Doug Ford and Bill Jeans	30
7th	Peter Geldens and Ian Chadderton	52
9th	John Geldens and Lewis Gates	38

Some reflections from a teammate about a guy whose nickname was Gorilla, otherwise known as Jeff Ruddock. He was a goalie in the hockey team and in the early rounds of the season he figured that was how you should field in cricket too, even if you were not keeping. He was placed in the outfield and would squat on the boundary with his arms outstretched, ready to pounce on the ball if it came his way. He would always stop the ball with his legs by sliding, goalie style across the path of the ball. Unfortunately that method did not stand up for many games as he broke his leg or ankle in attempting to field in that manner.



1976/77 SEASON

President: Doug Ford



Secretary: Andy Walter



The RDCA decided that the firsts should go down a grade to “C”, when other teams who finished below Hockeyers the previous season retained their spot, the rationale being that Hockeyers did not field any junior teams at that point in time.

For some reason, the opposite occurred with the seconds as they were promoted to “G” grade, in a competition that now extended down to “I”, on the back of their strong showing the previous season.

The club welcomed new players in Noel Hardwick (which bank), whose son Damian later became an AFL player and coach, Michael Walter, Trevor Gobbi, Robert Gardner, Ian Parsons, Chris Williams, Ian Dawes and K Mahr.

“C” Grade

Captain: Brian Gobbi

The firsts were spurred by the RDCA snub and had an excellent home and away season, where they did not lose a game, winning 8 with 3 draws (washed out or rain impacted) to finish second (56 points). The first game saw a number missing due to wedding of Tony and Di White but Brian Gobbi (8/25) ensured that others who played got to the reception in good time. In another early round, the team managed to defend 77 by dismissing East Ringwood for 65, thanks to Tom Derham (7/27).

In the semi-final, Hockeyers made 289 with Brian Gobbi (75), Noel Hardwick (67), David Hellings (42no) and Ian Spencer (39) the main contributors. Norwood High School could only manage 109 in reply, with Lyn Davies (6/41) and Hardwick (3/2) doing the damage.

The Grand final saw Hockeyers bat first and from 1/116, it became 4/116 and a final score of 183 (Gobbi 58, Hardwick 33, Derham 29). In reply, Johnson Park had been reduced to 9/166 when the skipper decided not to take drinks and instead push on for the last wicket. The two opening bowlers, Derham (5/72) and Davies (5/60) were dying of thirst at that stage and have reminded the skipper ever since that he cost the team the premiership with his decision. The last wicket added 89 and Johnson Park finished with 255. Grand Finals in this era were three day affairs so Hockeyers scored quickly to be 1/94 (Spencer 59no) at end of second day but it was to no avail as the last day was washed out. It was one that got away.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

474 runs @ 39.50

Bowling average: Tom Derham

35 wickets @ 12.65

Other notable performances:

**Tony White 117no (Eastfield), 56 (Wonga Park), Ian Spencer 65 (Eastfield), 59 (Croydon United and Johnson Park), David Hellings 59no (Norwood)
Tom Derham 7/27 (East Ringwood), 7/37 (Eastfield), Noel Hardwick 4/17 (St Andrews),**

Record partnerships:

2nd	Noel Hardwick and Brian Gobbi	138	(Semi-final)
4th	Ian Spencer and Tony White	142	

“G” grade

Captain: Wayne Burgess

The seconds had a season to forget, finishing last of 12. After winning the first game, they lost the following seven games actually played, including three outright, and also had to forfeit on one occasion. Scores of 18, 35, 46, 58, 65, 88 and 99 are evidence that the team really struggled in the batting department.

Notable performances (hard to find many in a poor season):

Ian Chadderton 8/34 and 51 (Mt Evelyn), Wayne Burgess 64 and 62no (Boronia), 50no (Croydon North) and 5/44 (Boronia)

Michael Kirner took 5/22 (Montrose) and 5/35 (Ringwood Uniting) in taking most wickets for the season, with 22 @ 16.00, and might have felt a little aggrieved at not winning the bowling average. Gary Hogg took 4fa on three occasions.

Batting average: Wayne Burgess

273 runs @ 30.33

Bowling average; Gary Hogg

12 wickets @ 13.92 (in 4 matches)

Record partnerships:

5th	Wayne Burgess and Robert Jeans	43
8th	John Geldens and Wayne Burgess	58
9th	Ian Parsons and Wayne Burgess	43

1977/78 SEASON

President: Doug Ford



Secretary: Andy Walter



New players to the club were:

Arthur Mills, Andy Rickards, Les (Butch) Ford, T Fletcher, Rob Jordan, Steve Walter and Andy Cavanagh

The RDCA Executive saw fit to promote the firsts to “B” grade, on the back of a very strong 76/77 season, save for a hiccup at the last hurdle, and the team was very motivated to atone for a lost opportunity.

With the exception of a loss in Rd.3 (to Mooroolbark Baptists) and a narrow escape against Ainslie Park, the team won the other nine games fairly comfortably to finish the season in second spot.

The semi-final was played at Hughes Park (Croydon North) against Ainslie Park who batted first and made 192, with Ian Spencer (4/47) and Brian Gobbi (3/39) taking the bowling honours. In reply, Richard Prior was the star of the show with 115 and he was well supported by Gobbi (54) and Noel Hardwick (24) to see Hockeyers (5/209) home.

In the Grand final, a big second wicket partnership (186) between Spencer and Gobbi (101 each) set the platform, to which Tony White and Andy Rickards each added 30. Despite losing the last 6 wickets for 30, the final total was 337. Wantirna was never really in the hunt, as Davies (5/48) and Derham (3/57) reduced them to 7/75, from where a rearguard action saw a final total of 187. Hockeyers were 2/126 (Peter White 40 and Prior 56) when a halt was called.



**The victorious group (back, from left): Tony White, Noel Hardwick, Richard Prior, Les Ford, Ian Chadderton, Lyn Davies and Tom Derham.
(front) Peter White, Ian Spencer, Brian Gobbi and Andy Rickards**



Keeping an eye on proceedings

Notable performances:

**Ian Spencer 162 (East Ringwood), 75 (South Warrandyte, 70 (Ainslie Park),
 Andy Rickards 90 (Ainslie Park), Tom Derham 78 (East Ringwood),
 Richard Prior 72no (South Ringwood), Brian Gobbi 61 (Croydon North)
 Tom Derham 6/22 (Mt Evelyn) and 5/50, including a hat-trick, (South Warrandyte)
 Lyn Davies 5/39 (South Warrandyte) and 5/49 (Heathmont)
 Ian Chadderton 5/11 (Ringwood Footballers) and 5/29 (Croydon North)
 Tom Derham and Lyn Davies both bowled 141 overs for the season and took 32 and 31
 wickets respectively.**

**Batting average: Ian Spencer 574 runs @ 47.83
 Bowling average: Brian Gobbi 19 wickets @ 12.95
 Ian Chadderton won the Association bowling average (12.44) but finals performances tilted
 club award to Brian.**

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Richard Prior and Peter White	101	(Grand final – 2nd innings)
3rd	Brian Gobbi and Ian Spencer	186	(Grand final)
8th	Ian Spencer and Tom Derham	119	

“E” grade

Captain: Doug Ford

This team did a bit of a Lazarus. After winning the first game, the next four were losses and then someone waved the magic wand. An outright win was followed by five first innings victories to see the team into the finals to finish the season in third place.

They too played Ainslie Park (at Warrandyte) who, after being 7/116, recovered to finish with 189 (Jock Brown 3/66, Andy Walter 3/28 and Ken Reynolds 2/39). Tony Geldens (71) and Doug Ford (36) opened with a partnership of 106 and Brown chimed in with 30, however, there were heart flutters when the score went from 4/175 to 8/181 but victory was secured without loss of another wicket (8/191).

In the Grand Final against Heathmont (at Mooroolbark Heights), the same batsmen came to the party (Tony Geldens 71, Ford 32 and Brown 34) but from 1/141 it fell away to all out 209. Victory seemed almost assured when Heathmont batted and were 8/131 but a partnership of sixty odd swung the balance, before it was broken and then a run-out ended the innings at 197. The innings lasted 94 overs (a marathon for this grade), of which Michael Kirner bowled 28 (5/46), Jock Brown 27 (0/52), Ken Reynolds 18 (3/43) and Andy Walter 16 (1/33).

Andy, Michael and Steve Walter played together for the first time in Rd.2

Notable performances:

Tony Geldens did not play in a losing side and made 128no (Ringwood Uniting).

Jock Brown 73 (Montrose), 70 (Mooroolbark) and scored most runs for the season (439)

Ken Reynolds 62 (Croydon United)

Ian Spencer took 5/35, including a hat-trick (Mooroolbark Baptists),

Michael Kirner took 5/43 (Montrose), Jock Brown took 5/56 (Mooroolbark) and most wickets in a game, with 7/46 (Wonga Park)

Batting average: Tony Geldens

422 runs @ 60.28

Bowling average; Jock Brown

44 wickets @ 14.86

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Tony Geldens and Doug Ford	106	(Semi-final)
2nd	Jock Brown and Tony Geldens	131	
4th	Arthur Mills and Wayne Cornish	68	
6th	Doug Ford and Jock Brown	32	
7th	Trevor Gobbi and Ken Reynolds	78	



The premiership team: (back, from left), Ian Parsons, Wayne Cornish, Peter Geldens, Trevor Gobbi, Andy Walter, Jock Brown. (front): Andy Cavanagh, Ken Reynolds, Doug Ford, Tony Geldens, Steve Walter, Michael Kirner.

1978/79 SEASON

President: Brian Gobbi



Secretary: Andy Walter



New players to the senior ranks in this season were; Eddie Hicks, Gary Norbury, John Dewey (that bank again), Miles Baldwin, Peter Rodgerson, Terry Price, Mark Pease, Paul Murray, Ray Heller, Neville Wathen, Ian Callaghan, Geoff Wathen, Neville Murphy and Brian Gladman.

In a continually evolving structure, the RDCA competition in this season saw the grading become Chandler Shield and Chandler Reserves (2nd elevens of teams in top grade), then “A” Grade and “A” Reserves, followed by “B” through to “I” grades.

Bonus points were also introduced and applied to Chandler Shield and “A” Grade, including Reserves teams.

Clubs continued to phase in the installation of a synthetic pitch surface but no records could be found to pinpoint the timing of the installation at Silcock Reserve.

Following premiership success the previous season, the firsts were elevated to “A” grade and the new structure saw the seconds move into “A” Reserve grade.

With an influx of new players, as listed above, the club entered a third team, which the RDCA Executive placed in “H” grade and that team played its home games at Lipscombe Park.

Back in these days, play in two day matches started at 1.45pm and concluded at 6.00pm (about 55-60 overs). One day matches were 30 overs a side and play started at 12.45pm. Extended overs matches (40 each) were played post Xmas and on Australia Day (Mon) with play starting at 10.30am.

Indications are that the weekly contribution made by the players was \$0.50 (Pretty sure the umpires would have been paid more than \$5.50 for the day so presumably the club made up the shortfall).



This was the normal ritual before the start of a season back in these days. As can be seen, Council provided some quality soil.

“A” Grade

Captain: Brian Gobbi

While Brian was captain of the 1sts he along with a number of others missed the first game back after Xmas when he married Vair Davies, sister of Tink. Those who did play, and won, took great delight in reminding the wedding attendees that they were not missed.

Eight wins and a draw from 11 rounds had the team well placed with two games to play but a two run loss, after losing last 8/57, then another narrow loss in the last round saw the team finish 6th of 14 (98.4 pts) just 5.6 out of the four.

The RDCA had established a turf wicket at Pinks Reserve (now home of Kilsyth) and in each round scheduled a game from one of the top grades there. Chasing a South Warrandyte score of 132 Hockeyers were lucky that rain resulted in a fair bit of play being lost on the second day and the last wicket held on for a bit to scrape out with a draw (9/68 from 38 overs).

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer exceeded 50 seven times (98no, 94, 85, 80no, 80, 60 & 56) in ten matches.

Tony White 84 (Ringwood) 321 for the season, Noel Hardwick 82no (Knoxfield)

Gary Norbury sent down 166 overs (that equates to 222 six ball overs) for the season and took 6/65 (Ringwood Uniting), 5/20 (Wantirna), 5/30 (Ainslie Park) and 5/45 (South Warrandyte).

Lyn Davies 5/13 (South Croydon)

Andy Rickards accumulated 386 for the season, of which 281 came in the last six matches.

Ian Spencer won the Association batting average

Batting average; Ian Spencer

651 runs @ 72.33

Bowling average: Gary Norbury

35 wickets @ 14.74

Record partnerships:

7th wicket Ian Spencer and Noel Hardwick 144

“A” Reserves

Captain: Doug Ford

The seconds also had a reasonably good season winning nine of first 12, which put them in contention for a finals spot, but an outright loss in the last game ended those hopes and the team also finished 6th of 14 (97.5 pts), which was 9.2 out of the four.

Notable performances:

Doug Ford scored most runs for the season (335) and Jock Brown took most wickets (23).

Peter Geldens 89no (Johnson Park), Doug Ford 80 (Ringwood),

David Hellings 75no (Knoxfield) and 73 (Ringwood Uniting)

Jock Brown 5/29 (Boronia United), Ian Chadderton 5/63 (Ainslie Park),

Miles Baldwin 5/65 (South Croydon)

Batting average: David Hellings

232 runs @ 38.66

Bowling average: Jock Brown

23 wickets @ 13.13

Record partnerships;

3rd wicket Eddie Hicks and Doug Ford 90

4th David Hellings and Doug Ford 69

5th Ray Heller and David Hellings 54

6th Peter Geldens and John Dewey 55

9th David Hellings and Ray Heller 131 (undefeated)

10th Michael Kirner and Andy Cavanagh 35

“H” Grade

Captain: Wayne Burgess.

After losing the first four games, where batting was obviously the problem as evidenced by scores of 38, 71, 49, 89 and 99 (the latter outright with three players missing the second day), fortunes turned with three wins on the trot, one of which was an outright. Two wins and two losses after Xmas saw the team finish 6th of 12 (38 pts), which was 6pts from 4th.

Notable performances:

The team finished the season on a high note against Kilsyth, with a score of 4/330, in which Greg Cake made 105no, Tony Geldens 83 and Bill Jeans 52.

Greg Cake took 21 wickets in five games including most wickets in a game being 6/5 & 4/25 (Ringwood RSL) and 6/67 (Johnson Park), Paul Murray 5/37 (Ringwood RSL)

Gary Hogg sent down 157 overs and took 6/38 (Bayswater Park) and 5/44 (Olinda).

Batting average: Greg Cake

338 runs @ 56.33

Bowling average; Gary Hogg

44 wickets @ 15.40

Best partnerships (used as basis for 3rds going forward):

1 st wicket	Bill Jeans and Tony Geldens	138
2 nd	Michael Kirner and Ian Callaghan	54
3 rd	Neville Wathen and Greg Cake	124
4 th	Trevor Gobbi and Neville Wathen	46
5 th	Ian Callaghan and Trevor Gobbi	50
6 th	Gary Hogg and Andy Walter	77
7 th	Wayne Burgess and Terry Burgess	16
8 th	Gary Hogg and Terry Burgess	18
9 th	Andy Cavanagh and Terry Burgess	25
10 th	Terry Burgess and Ian Parsons	12

Twilight Competition

During this season, the RDCA ran a mid-week “Twilight” competition, where it was 18 (six ball) overs per team, max 3 per bowler and batsmen retired at the end of the over in which they passed 25, although they could return once all had batted.

There were two divisions, with Hockeyers in the “B” group. Four wins from as many games saw the team into the Grand Final against Glen Park who, batting first, were dismissed for 71 (15.1 overs). With Peter White (29) and Tony White (27 ret) leading the way the target was chased down (2/74) in 15 overs.

Members of the winning team were: Ian Spencer, Peter White, Tony White, Noel Hardwick, Miles Baldwin, Peter Rodgerson, Eddie Hicks, Andy Rickards, John Dewey, Tom Derham and Ian Chadderton.

JUNIORS

As mentioned in the 76/77 preamble, the RDCA Executive had not given the club many favours in the grading considerations because it did not field any junior teams.

Due mainly to the efforts of Tony White, the club fielded its first junior team in this season in the U.16 (2) section. The scorebook could not be located but some details appearing in the Ringwood/Croydon Mail indicated that there was a forfeit or two, a couple of outright losses and only one win for the season. Runs were generally hard to come by, as evidenced by scores of 18, 36, 39, 58 and 62, but in a late season game against Ringwood, J Coffey made 50.

1979/80 SEASON

President: Ian Spencer



Secretary: Doug Ford



New players to the senior ranks in this season were:

Bill Stafford, Michael Kupinic, Neale Rodgerson, Peter Davis, Andrew Marty (Dr Cyclops), Mark Wilson (Bull Montana), Rod Williams (Spitting lizard), Neil Dart, Geoff McGuigan, Alan Jenkins (The Bear), John Parry, Frank Kirley (Bugs), Ron Parry.

The RDCA established its own indoor cricket centre at Pinks Reserve, in what is now a combined basketball/badminton/table tennis stadium. Records indicate 40 clubs were fielding teams in the Saturday competition at this time.

It was around this time that clubs began installing synthetic surfaces to replace the old coir matting but I doubt the club did it at this time as records indicate the opening balance for the season was \$454.51.

The grading structure remained unchanged and the club again fielded three teams, in the same grades, with the thirds continuing to use Lipscombe Park for home games.

“A” Grade

Captain: Brian Gobbi

Seven wins from 13 matches saw the team finish 5th (of 14), 3.1 points out of the four.

A thirteen run loss late in the season, to a team that finished ninth, proved costly.

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 177 and Peter Rodgerson 103 (South Warrandyte), in a team score of 438

Bill Stafford 90 (Boronia United), 386 runs for the season

Lyn Davies 7/64 (Heathmont Uniting), 5/31 (Ringwood Uniting) and most wickets for the season (30), Miles Baldwin took 11 wickets in 33 overs, including 5/15 against Wantirna.

Batting average; Ian Spencer

625 runs @ 41.4

Bowling average; John Dewey

24 Wickets @ 15.79

Record partnership:

3rd wicket Peter Rodgerson and Ian Spencer 225

“A” Reserves

Captain: Doug Ford

5 wins for the season but, in between, there were some heavy losses, including three outright.

The batting obviously fell short of the mark, with scores of 49, 62, 65, 69 (twice), 78 and 82, with the end result being an 11th place finish.

Notable performances:

Miles Baldwin 99 (Ringwood) 80 (Warrandyte), Ray Heller 93no (South Croydon)

Peter White 83 (Ainslie Park), Trevor Gobbi 70 (South Warrandyte),

Doug Ford scored most runs for the season (259).

Jock Brown 6/39 (Glen Park), Eddie Hicks 5/42 (Olinda) and 5/25 (Wantirna)

Miles Baldwin 5/17 (Johnson Park), 5/45 (South Ringwood) and 5/47 (Ringwood Uniting)

Andy Cavanagh 5/41 (South Ringwood), Ian Chadderton 5/96 (Johnson Park)

Batting average: Miles Baldwin

235 runs @ 29.30 (5 Matches)

Bowling average; Jock Brown

13 wickets @ 18.00

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Doug Ford and Neale Rodgerson 95

7th Jock Brown and Trevor Gobbi 84

“H” Grade

Captain: Terry Burgess

The scorebook indicates that the team only played 8 matches and in those there were a number of occasions when the team put less than 11 on the park. Two wins saw them finish 8th (of 11).

In the first game back after Xmas, only 8 players were available the first week and Hockeyers were all out for 14. After South Croydon declared at 4/61, Hockeyers, with 9 players on deck the second week, made 153 and then bowled opposition out for 93 to record an unbelievable outright win. A win in the last round saw the season end on a high note.

Notable performances:

Terry Burgess 86no (Heathmont), Wayne Burgess 77 (Bayswater Park)

Neil Rodgerson took 6/28 and Gary Hogg 5/18 against Mt Evelyn

Ian Callaghan 6/63 (St Andrews), Frank Kirley 5/70 (Bayswater Park)

Geoff McGuigan took most wickets for the season, with 24

Batting average: Terry Burgess

231 runs @ 28.80

Bowling average: Gary Hogg

19 wickets @ 16.47

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Neville Murphy and Terry Burgess 48

7th Terry Burgess and Brian Gladman 83

8th Geoff Wathen and Wayne Burgess 36

JUNIORS

Again the scorebook could not be located, so sketchy details were extracted from RDCA records and the Ringwood/Croydon Mail.

It showed that the club only fielded the one team, in the U.14 (4) section and it finished 10th of 12 teams, with 12 pts. In an early season game against Boronia, the newspaper shows the team was dismissed for 30 and then 6. The very next game saw Jason Rich return the figures of 5/11 but in the following it was back to a struggle for runs (22 and 37). In a topsy turvy period, the next game produced the first win for the season where Clint Hendricks (48) led the way in a score of 139 and South Croydon were dismissed for 98.

1980/81 SEASON

President: Richard Prior



Secretary: Doug Ford



Records indicate there was a ballot for at least one committee position (not sure that happened very often) and other committee members were Ian Spencer (Treasurer), Bill Stafford, Eddie Hicks (Junior co-ordinator), John Dewey (Social Sec) and Brian Gobbi (Registration Sec).

The club commenced this season with a balance of \$387.21 but stepped into the professional era with the appointment of Peter Davis as Captain Coach. Subs were \$25 (Senior), \$10 (Students) and \$10 (Juniors) and it was \$1 per Saturday where there was a paid umpire.

New players to the senior ranks in this season were:

Clint Hendricks, Graeme Solomon, Lee Adamson (yes, the Collingwood footballer), Greg Williams (guess which bank he worked for), Terry Andrews, Craig Gobbi, Phillip Tasker, Peter Sieceniaks, David Lord, Steve Blackey, M McCormack, Bruce Bennett, John Belli, D Thomson, N.S. Jenkin, Chris Barnes, Malcolm Leitch, Jason Rich, Michael Hastings, Mark Bridger, Malcolm Tasker, Mark Penkethman.

The RDCA introduced computerised recording of match information and the grading structure remained unchanged, being Chandler and Reserves, "A" Grade and Reserves and B to I grades. This season saw the introduction of six ball overs.

Increased player numbers saw the club enter a fourth team, placed in "I" grade, with the 3rds and 4ths using Lipscombe Park as the home ground.

"A" Grade

Eight wins and a draw from 12 games saw the team finish 4th of 14 (97.2 pts). Team highlight was dismissing Scoresby for 34 on the turf at Pink's Reserve and the lowlight's were being beaten by Ainslie Park by one run during the season and rain washing out most of the second day of the semi-final.

In the semi, Knox City, after being 5/69, compiled 9/310 (Davis 4/63), to which Hockeyers replied with 2/55, after 21 overs, and Knox City went through as higher placed team.

Batting average: Ian Spencer
Bowling average: Ian Spencer

513 runs @ 39.46
10 wickets @ 9.60

Notable performances:

Richard Prior 115ret (Ringwood United), Ian Spencer 104 (South Croydon), 89no (Ainslie Park) and 5/12 (Scoresby),

Brian Gobbi 80 (Bayswater Park) and took most wickets for the season with 29, including 7/58 (Scoresby), 6/31 (Heathmont) and 6/39 (Heathmont Uniting).

Lyn Davies 5/20 (Olinda), Peter Davis took 26 wickets for the season

“A” Reserves

Captain: Andy Rickards and, in his absence, Les Ford

The seconds also had a good season, with a draw and seven wins, the last two outright, to finish 3rd of 14 (99.3 pts). It was amazing that Hockeyers were dismissed for less than 104 on six occasions but this was balanced over the season by dismissing opposition for less than 100 on six occasions.

In the semi-final, it looked to be on again as Ainslie Park were 7/58 but they recovered to finish with 161. Rain on the second day saw a push for quick runs and a loss of wickets to be 5/45 (19 overs) when the game was washed out and Ainslie Park went through to Grand Final.

Batting average: Eddie Hicks	200 runs @ 25.00
Bowling average: Andy Rickards	20 wickets @ 7.01

Notable performances:

**Miles Baldwin 79 (Bayswater Park), 53 and 5/12 (Ringwood United) and 54 (Knox City).
Miles Baldwin most runs (296) and most wickets (30), Terry Andrews 67 (South Croydon)
Andy Rickards 7/30 (Heathmont) 6/23 (Wantirna), Lyn Davies 5/15 (Bayswater Park),
Graeme Solomon 6/40 (South Ringwood), Mark Wilson 5/32 (Olinda),
Eddie Hicks 5/29 (South Croydon), 26 for the season, Ken Reynolds 5/35 (Heathmont)**

Record partnership:

6th wicket	Doug Ford and Eddie Hicks	77
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“G” Grade

Captain: Andy Walter

The lower grades started back a couple of weeks later than top grades and only 11 rounds were scheduled. With Rd.4 washed out and another curtailed mid game, due to rain, five wins from nine games was a fair effort, particularly so when less than eleven played in some, and the team finished 6th of 12 (64.9 pts).

Batting average: Andy Walter	221 runs @ 22.10
Bowling average; Ron Parry	20 wickets @ 14.75

Notable performances:

**Neville Wathen 76 (Mt Evelyn), Tony White 72 (South Croydon),
Terry Burgess 67 (Glen Park), Rod Williams 58no (Ringwood RSL)
Ron Parry 5/11 (Wantirna South) and Clint Hendricks 5/43 (Olinda)**

Record partnerships:

2nd wicket	Gary Hogg and Terry Burgess	110
4th wicket	Ken Reynolds and Steve Walter	63
5th wicket	Andy Walter and Neville Wathen	62
10th wicket	Andy Cavanagh and Mark Wilson	27

“I” Grade

Captain: Wayne Burgess

Judging by the scorebook, it appears there may have been a couple forfeits as this team only played seven of nine completed rounds, from which came two wins, a washout and a draw to finish 6th of 6 (40.0 pts). The draw seemed a little controversial as the scorebook seemed to show Hockeyers with more runs but for some reason result was disputed and, after being referred to RDCA, the match was declared a draw.

Had the scorebooks for the first four seasons been available it might tell a different story but from those at hand it could be seen the Burgess boys, Gary, Terry and Wayne played together in this team, possibly for the first time.

Batting average: Wayne Burgess

333 runs @ 55.50

Bowling average; David Lord

12 wickets @ 18.17

Notable performances:

Wayne Burgess: 88 (Warrandyte), 87 (Lilydale) and 59no (South Croydon).

Jock Brown 85 (Lilydale), David Lord 5/77 (Warrandyte)

Record partnerships: (these form the basis for the 4ths going forward)

1st wicket	Andy Walter and Neville Wathen	25
2nd wicket	Gary Hogg and Terry Burgess	110
3rd wicket	Tony White and Ken Reynolds	114
4th wicket	Ken Reynolds and Steve Walter	63
5th wicket	Andy Walter and Neville Wathen	62
6th wicket	Craig Gobbi and Clint Hendricks	61
7th wicket	Phillip Tasker and Steve Walter	30
8th wicket	Rod Williams and Clint Hendricks	21
9th wicket	Clint Hendricks and Peter Sieceniaks	12
10th wicket	Andy Cavanagh and Mark Wilson	27

JUNIORS

U.16 (4)

Only a few pages can be found from the scorebook so little detail available.

The team finished at the bottom of the table with only one win for the season.

Steve Blackey made 170 runs @ 18.90 and Clint Hendricks took 22 wickets @ 14.32

Others who played in this team were: Bruce Bennett, Craig Gobbi, Paul White, Mark Penkethman, Thompson, Brendan Krins, Paul Nathan, Symes, Malcolm Tasker

U.14 (4) 9th of 11 (8 points)

Scorebook not available so limited information obtained from local newspaper.

Gary Leech had standout performances with 6/15 (Lilydale) and 6/37 (Croydon)

From RDCA Annual report, it appeared the team had only one win for the season and finished 9th of 11 with 8 points.

1981/82 SEASON

President: Richard Prior

Secretary: Andrew Marty



Photo not available

Other committee persons were: Tom Derham and Ian Spencer (Vice Presidents), not sure why two were needed, Bill Stafford (Treasurer), John Dewey (Social), Trevor Gobbi (Junior Co-ordinator) and Brian Gobbi (Registration Sec).

Subs rocketed to \$40 (Seniors) and \$25 (Students).

Ian Spencer was awarded life membership at AGM and Peter Davis again had the reins as Captain Coach.

New players to the senior ranks in this season were:

Michael Herrald, Brett Haines, Warren Kidd, Terry Fisher, Alex Panagiotidis, Rob Evans, Andrew Johnston (Bruiser), Brendan Krins, Peter Moore, Rob Leach, Tim Grandy, Dermot Hardwick, Dwayne Burmeister, Gary Brown, Paul Ruffles (which bank), Ken Miscamble, Andrew Rosenstraus

The RDCA Executive introduced a new grading structure – Chandler 1 – 4, “A” 1 – 3, “B” 1 & 2 and C to E grades and this saw Hockeyers top three teams rolled into the “A” grade group and the 4ths play in “E” grade. Round 1 was a washout in all grades, so only 10 rounds were played in each grade.

“A” (1)

Off to a flyer, with five wins from first six but a lack of runs (89 on turf at Pinks and 98 in Rd.10) cost dearly as the team finished 6th of 12 with 80.3 pts (1.1 from 4th). A season end highlight was a last round recovery from 8/137, chasing 263, to total 275, with Eddie Hicks (68) featuring in partnerships of 88 and 50 with Tom Derham and Peter Davis respectively.

Batting average: Michael Herrald

270 runs @ 45.00 (6 matches)

Bowling average: Peter Davis

31 wickets @ 14.94

Notable performances:

Bill Stafford 108 (Johnson Park), Mick Herrald 97 (Ringwood Footballers), 60 (Ainslie Park), Richard Prior 84no (Johnson Park), Ian Spencer 61no (Ringwood United)

Peter Davis 7/58 off 27.1 overs unchanged (Knox City), Mick Herrald 6/50 (Mt Evelyn) and Brian Gobbi 5/23 (Olinda)

Record partnerships:

2nd wicket	Bill Stafford and Richard Prior	194
9th wicket	Tom Derham and Eddie Hicks	88

A2

Captain: Andy Rickards

Three wins before Xmas, one an outright after knocking over opposition for 38 and 34. A further three wins, including another outright (the opposition made 78 and 44), saw the team finish 2nd of 12.

In the semi-final, played at Vermont Reserve, against Knox City the lads were knocked over for 43 in 20 overs. Knox City was 7/53 but steadied to occupy the crease for 60 overs and eke out 109. A second innings declaration at 9/158 (29 overs) left 33 overs to bowl and Knox City, after being 4/42, finished 5/81 at stumps.

Batting average: Andy Rickards

420 runs @ 34.75

Bowling average: John Dewey

25 wickets @ 9.10

Graeme Solomon may have been a bit stiff not to win batting average as scorebook shows he made 286 @ 40.85 in playing 6 of 11 games.

Notable performances:

Andy Rickards 123no (Mt Evelyn) and 86 (Vermont), Graeme Solomon 79no (Knox City), 69 (Ringwood Footballers), Eddie Hicks 75no (Ringwood Uniting), 60 (Vermont)

John Dewey 7/9 and 5/13 in same game (Ringwood Uniting) and 5/10 (Ringwood Footballers)

Andy Rickards 5/13 (Ringwood Footballers), 5/24 (South Croydon) and 31 wickets for season

Eddie Hicks 5/48 (South Ringwood), 5/57 (Ainslie Park), 30 wickets for the season

Record partnerships:

3rd wicket Andy Rickards and Eddie Hicks 116

4th wicket Andy Rickards and Eddie Hicks 104

5th wicket Steve Blackey and Andy Rickards 129

6th wicket Tony White and Steve Blackey 96

A3

Captain: Andy Walter

The scorebook could not be located and there were no scores published in local newspaper for this grade for the whole season. That said, the ladder position of 11th of 12, with 33.3 pts, would indicate that there was not a lot of joy during the season.

Batting average: Andy Walter

Bowling average: Ron Parry

“E” Grade

Captain: Wayne Burgess

Five wins for the season, one an outright saw the team finish 8th of 14 with 64.6 pts. A few monumental batting collapses, in one instance an opening stand of 19 turned to all out 34, with the last seven wickets falling for 5 runs. Highlights were big wins over Knox City (at Lilydale No.2 – bet a few went in the creek) and making 7/322 (only 9 batsmen were in attendance) in chasing down Vermont’s 213.

Batting average: Wayne Burgess

375 runs @ 62.50 (6 not outs)

Bowling average; Alex Panagiotidis

12 wickets @ 11.17

Notable performances:

Rob Evans 126no (Vermont), Warren Kidd 103no (Knox City), Wayne Burgess 89 (Vermont) and 65no (East Ringwood), Bruce Bennett 75 (Knox City)

Andrew Johnston 5/48 (Warrandyte) 5/71 (Knox City), Terry Fisher 5/47 (Wantirna South)

Record partnerships:

1st wicket	Peter Geldens and Bruce Bennett	100
2nd wicket	Bruce Bennett and Warren Kidd	176
3rd wicket	Wayne Burgess and Rob Evans	163
5th wicket	Brendan Krins and Terry Burgess	53
6th wicket	Bruce Bennett and Peter Moore	27
8th wicket	Rob Evans and Brendan Krins	44

JUNIORS

U.16 (4)

This team had an excellent season, making the finals, and, courtesy of finishing higher on the ladder, went through to the Grand final when in the Semi-final they made 206 and most of the second day was washed out, with Ainslie Park 0/26 in reply.

The Grand final saw Hockeyers dismiss Vermont for 152, with Brendan Krins taking 4/26. In reply Hockeyers then amassed 4/172 (Clint Hendricks 84no, Bruce Bennett 44no) to win the first junior premiership for the club. This was a three day match and the opposition did not front up on last day. A couple of Hockeyers boys were also missing when the photo below was taken on that third day.



(Standing from left) Trevor Gobbi (Coach), Gary Hogg (A/Coach), Warren Kidd, Ron McGee, Clint Hendricks, Brendan Krins, Steve Blackey, Alex Panagiotidis, Michael Kinneavy, Bruce Bennett, Paul White, Brian Hendricks (Team Manager), (front) Jason Rich, Malcolm Tasker. Absent: Rob Evans and Andrew Johnston.

Other notable performances during the season were:

Warren Kidd 56no, Hendricks 70no and 67, Steve Blackey 44, Paul White 33 and 34, Alex Panagiotidis 6/9.

Clint Hendricks (63.00) and Alex Panagiotidis (5.70) respectively won Association batting and bowling awards.

U.14 (3)

The scorebook was not located but the local newspaper showed the team had 12 points at the Xmas break. A team could not be put on the park in first game back but thereafter came two wins, with Lusley taking 5/40 in one and Murray taking 5/14 in the other. The end result was a 10th place finish, of 12.

U.12 (4)

Again the scorebook could not be located and only one result appeared in the local paper, a win against Kilsyth. RDCA records show the team finished 6th of 12.

1982/83 SEASON

President: Ian Spencer



Secretary: Marg Stafford



New players to join the senior ranks in this season were:

Noel Abley, Brett Marshman, Doug Drew (Dugong), Wayne Wilson, Jeff Nanovich, Steve Furey, B Murphy, Robert Rosenstrauss, Paul White, Paul Nathan, Mark Barrow, Craig Munns, Rohan McPhee, Ron McGee, Russell Ousley

The RDCA grading structure remained much the same, save for the addition of an extra grade: Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-3, "B" 1-2 and C to F grades.

Peter Davis was again Captain Coach. The club was back to fielding only three teams.

A 1

The tone was set in first game when the last five wickets fell for 12 runs, to finish three short of victory. Thereafter, six losses followed in the run to Xmas. Whilst some respectability was restored by winning three of the last four, a disappointing season saw the team finish tenth.

Batting average: Brian Gobbi

366 runs @ 36.60

Bowling average; Andy Rickards

17 wickets @ 12.53

Notable performances:

Andy Rickards 108 (Bayswater Park), Ian Spencer 83 (South Ringwood) and 384 runs for season, Brian Gobbi 63 (Heathmont Uniting) and 63 (Ainslie Park)

Andy Rickards 4/26 (Ringwood United) and 4/47 (Ringwood Footballers)

Brian Gobbi 4/39 (Heathmont Uniting) and 4/46 (South Ringwood)

Record partnership:

6th wicket Ian Spencer and Andy Rickards 105

A 2

Captain: Peter White was in charge for most of the season, with Ray Heller the stand in.

The team won the first game by two runs but won only two more thereafter to also finish 10th.

Runs were pretty hard to come by (there were only two scores over 50 for the season, both in the same game) as evidenced by Peter White having highest aggregate with 171.

Batting average: Robert Evans

115 runs @ 23.00

Bowling average: Peter White

18 wickets @ 21.5

Notable performances:

Peter White 100 (Knox City) and 5/58 (Mt Evelyn), Richard Prior 53 (Knox City)

Graeme Solomon 6/31 (Heathmont Uniting)

Record partnerships:

10th wicket Phillip Tasker and Jeff Nanovich 41

A 3

Captain: Doug Ford

This team kept the uniformity going for the season by winning three games and finishing 10th of 12 and, like the others, there was not a lot to get excited about.

Batting average: Doug Ford

356 runs 27.38

Bowling average: Brendan Krins

12 wickets @ 20.80 (5 matches)

Notable performances:

Doug Ford 79no (Ringwood Footballers), 61 (Ringwood Uniting) and 59no (Mt Evelyn)

Les Ford 78 (South Ringwood)

Mark Wilson 7/39 (Kilsyth), Brendan Krins 5/57 (Bayswater Park),

Gary Hogg 5/61 (Ainslie Park) and 20 wickets in six matches

Record partnerships:

6th wicket Doug Ford and Terry Fisher 87

10th wicket Brendan Krins and Rob Rosenstrauss 62

JUNIORS

U.16 (3)

This team struggled a bit but had a win either side of Xmas to finish 12th of 13 (12pts)

U.14 (3)

Scorebook not available but local newspaper provided conflicting reports in that team was 4th at Xmas with 30 pts and was later 5th with 42 pts but the RDCA annual report shows an 8th place finish of 14 (with 30 pts) and one can only assume points were lost for some reason.

Andrew Rosenstrauss won the Association batting average. During the season he made scores of 160no (Heathmont Uniting), 136 (Croydon United) and 119no (Eastfield).

U.12 (4)

This team played home games at Silcock and had a number of wins for the season, finishing 5th of 14 with 46 points (being 2 pts out of the four).

Among the ranks were a number of the old timer's sons in Chris Derham, Richie Reynolds and Mark Davies.

In one game the boys made 37 but bowled the opposition out for 21.

Notable individual performances came from: Chris Derham (4/5 and 4/15 and 30no twice), Drew Davey (3/4, 33no, 32no, 31no), Hayden Blakeman (3/7, 43no, 39 and 38no) Anthony Miles (32no), Andy Pharoah (32no), Steve Varley (34no), Richard Reynolds 33no, 3/5, Peter Deakin 4/11 and Nick Trennery took 3/9, with the wickets being taken as a hat trick.

1983/84 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford



Secretary: Doug Ford



Other committee members were Brian Hendricks (VP), Gary Hogg (VP), Brian Gobbi (Treasurer), Doug Drew (Junior Admin), Ray Heller (Reg. Sec) and Andy Walter (Social Sec). Fees were \$50 for Seniors, \$25 for Students and \$15 for Juniors.

Norm Osborne was appointed Captain Coach and the club continued to field three senior teams.

New players to the senior ranks were:

Norm Osborne, William (Billy) Westhead, John Day, Ross Greening, Ian Marshall, Paul Baker, John Beale, Phil Danson (Fabulous), Ron Cake, Roy Howard, Jamie McNally, Ross Chambers, Kevin Callaghan, Brian Callaghan, Graeme Chatterton, Steve Derham, Brett Taylor (Pugsley), Brian Paisley.

This time around the RDCA had dropped a grade so it was Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-3, "B" 1-2 and C to E.

A 1

Six wins for the season was ok but a narrow loss (8 runs) in second last round proved costly as the team finished in 5th place (7.1 points out of the four). Two highlights worth mentioning were a win over Scoresby, when chasing 83, the team was 7/31, then 9/74, before John Dewey and Ross Greening brought it home (89). In the very next match, Ross did it again when he combined with John Day for 25, to sneak a win against Olinda.

Batting average: Norm Osborne

308 runs @ 28.00

Bowling average: Brian Gobbi

21 wickets @ 13.90

Notable performances:

Norm Osborne 126 (Montrose), Bill Stafford 84 (Kilsyth), Brian Gobbi 76 ret hurt – had to be a hamstring (Bayswater Park), Ian Spencer 75no (Montrose), Noel Abley 64 (Kilsyth)

Andy Rickards 63 (Boronia) and four wickets on three occasions in a total of 25 for season

Peter Davis 7/65 (Montrose) and 30 wickets for the season

Record partnerships:

1st wicket Bill Stafford and Noel Abley 154

4th wicket Norm Osborne and Ian Spencer 210

A (2)

Captain: Les Ford

Started the season with three wins from first five and finished with a flourish to win last three to end in 8th place. Highlights were a last wicket stand of 19, after being 9/76, by Mark Wilson and John Beale to win by one run against Ringwood Footballers and, after a gutsy declaration (8/216), claiming the last seven wickets for 28 against Montrose to win by six runs.

During the season, Les was not available so Billy Westhead took the reins for a game. After the first day's play, the ball was wet so he took it home and put it in the microwave to dry it out and cooked it to a crisp. Think that might have earned him Hoggy and Tubby's 'gumbo' of the season award.

Batting average: Ian Marshall

309 runs @ 34.33

Bowling average: Bill Westhead

16 wickets @ 18.13

Notable performances:

Ian Marshall 100 (Mt Evelyn), Brett Haines 100 (Kilsyth), Graeme Solomon 83 (South Croydon), Les Ford 66no (Kilsyth), Malcolm Tasker 63 (Montrose), 60no (Bayswater Park), Paul Baker 7/36 (Boronia), Gary Hogg 6/46 (Ringwood Footballers), Steve Blackey 6/70 (Montrose), Peter Davis 5/77 (Bayswater Park)

Record partnership:

5th wicket Brett Haines and Bill Westhead 139

A (3)

Captain: Ray Heller

Still playing home games at Lipscombe Reserve, there was not a lot of joy for the season, save for a big win over Boronia and with only three wins it was a 9th place finish on the ladder.

Batting average: Trevor Gobbi

289 runs @ 32.11

Bowling average: Gary Hogg

26 wickets @ 18.38 (7 Games)

Notable performances:

Trevor Gobbi 155no (Boronia), Ron Cake 68 (Mt Evelyn), Phil Danson 64 (Bayswater Park) Phil Danson 5/56 (Boronia), 20 wickets for the season, Ray Heller 5/62 (Mt Evelyn), Gary Hogg 5/72 (Scoresby) and 4fa on five occasions

Record partnership:

9th wicket Gary Hogg and Alex Panagiotidis 33

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U.16 (3)

Unfortunately the team did not win a game.

Andrew Rosenstraus won the Association batting average but scorebook could not be located and individual performances were not listed in local newspaper.

U.14 (4)

Home games were played at Lipscombe Park.

Many of the boys that were in previous seasons U.12's moved through to this age group and success followed them as they won all bar two games during home and away season to finish 3rd of 12.

In the semi-final, they came up against Ringwood who had beaten them late in the season.

Only Rob Rosenstraus (29) offered any resistance as Hockeyers were bowled out for 66 and Ringwood then compiled 3/127 (Chris Derham 3/38).

Notable individual performances came from Simon Brown (6/27, 5/16, 4/29, 3/27, 38 and 36), Chris Derham (5/31, 3/3 and 39no), Rob Rosenstraus (61), Hayden Blakeman (53, 33no), Andy Pharoah (50), Nathan Villiers (4/4, 3/19, 43 and 39) and T Matthews (47no).

U.12 (4)

This team also had a good season and finished 5th of 14 (with 48 pts, which was 4 pts out of the four).

Anthony Miles won the Association batting average but scorebook could not be located and no individual scores were published in the local paper.

1984/85 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford

Secretary: Gary Hogg



The cricket club became its own entity when incorporated on 27 November 1984. On the financial side, the club traded profitably and finished the season with a balance of \$1780.13.

New players to the senior ranks in this season were:

Steve Osborne, Kevin Smith, Steve King, Mark Drakeford, Bruce Stephen, Peter Kilgour, Kendall Beattie, Garry Neuman, Brendan Greaves (Plastic maiden), Greg Carter, Dean Caldwell, Robert Assmacher, Danny Smith, Tony Smith, Paul Ter, Nathan Villiers, John Villiers.

The RDCA grading structure was Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-3, "B" 1-2 and C to F grades. Round one was a washout for all teams so only ten games were played in the season.

A (1)

Norm Osborne (Captain/Coach)

This was a season where not a lot went right, only two batsmen got more than 200 runs, and the team could only muster two wins to finish 11th of 12.

Batting average: Norm Osborne

396 runs @ 39.6

Bowling average: Kevin Smith

11 wickets @ 23.45

Notable performances:

Norm Osborne 77 (South Croydon), 77 (Scoresby), 61 (Kilsyth), Ian Spencer 73 (Knox City)

Andy Rickards 67no (South Croydon) and 5/45 (Ringwood Footballers)

Steve Osborne 6/108 (South Croydon) and 21 wickets for the season

A 2

Captain: Les Ford

Five wins before Xmas set a good platform and whilst there was a lull on resumption, scores of 375 and 401 to win last two games saw the team enter the finals in good form in 2nd place.

The semi was against Kilsyth, at Kilsyth, and the home team accumulated 9/229, with Tom Derham taking 4/99 (from 32 overs). Bruce Bennett (51) and John Day (52) helped the team to a good position (2/148) but the loss of three for seven and, some thirty runs later, the loss of three for five dented hopes. Some great rearguard action saw last two wickets add about 20 each but it was to no avail when the last wicket fell six runs short.

Batting average: Brett Haines

414 runs @ 46.00

Bowling average: Graeme Solomon

18 wickets @ 18.30

Notable performances:

Rob Evans 100 (South Croydon) and 81 (Bayswater Park)

Brett Haines 82no (Wonga Park), 79 (Scoresby) and 77 (Bayswater Park)

Brett Marshman 77 (Kilsyth), John Day 71 (Scoresby), Warren Kidd 65 (Scoresby)

Tom Derham 6/22 (Olinda), Steve Blackey 6/57 (Scoresby), Gary Hogg 5/51 (Mt Evelyn)

Record partnership:

1st wicket Brett Haines and Bruce Bennett 115

A 3

Captain: Ray Heller

Lyons Rd Reserve (pretty sure it was also known as Griff Hunt Reserve back then) became the home base for 3rds and 4ths. After a couple of early hiccups, one against Wonga Park, the batsmen queued up to make runs, with the team exceeding 250 on six occasions, and this resulted in eight wins from the ten rounds. It must have been a pretty hot grade as this only resulted in a 4th place finish.

The semi was against Wonga Park, at Mullum Reserve, and the opposition posted 8/344 (Mark Drakeford 3/126 from 32 overs, Roy Howard 2/28). This was to prove too big a task to overcome. Despite a good start from Peter Kilgour (44) and Ron Cake (32), a great knock by Ray Heller (81), and some late order contributions from Hogg, Wilson and Drakeford, the team could only muster a total of 260.

Batting average: Ray Heller

472 runs @ 47.20

Bowling average: Gary Hogg

26 wickets @ 25.20

Notable performances:

Roy Howard 91 (South Croydon) and 331 for season, Trevor Gobbi 80no (Bayswater Park)

Ray Heller 81 (Wonga Park), 73 (Montrose), plus four other scores over 50,

Russell Ousley 73 (Kilsyth), Bruce Stephen 62 (Scoresby), Ron Cake's highest score was 50 but he was extremely consistent in accumulating 315 runs for season

Gary Hogg 6/91 (Knox City), 5/92 (Kilsyth) and 5/105 (South Croydon),

John Beale 5/52 (Montrose), Bruce Stephen 5/91 (Scoresby)

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Kendall Beattie and Roy Howard 70

5th wicket Ray Heller and Roy Howard 141

6th wicket Gary Hogg and Trevor Gobbi 88

7th wicket Ray Heller and Terry Fisher 106

8th wicket Bruce Stephen and Terry Fisher 48

9th wicket Ray Heller and Mark Wilson 33

Back in the late 70's, Ray Heller and Mark (Bull Montana) Wilson were neighbours in North Croydon and, after being at the club for a season, Ray persuaded Mark to join the playing ranks. These guys have an enduring friendship that has survived to this day despite the torment and practical jokes that Ray has subjected Mark to over the years.



The tormentor



The tormented

The following stories, as conveyed by Raymond, provide an idea of what he conjured up. “For a number of seasons, Mark used to open the bowling in the seconds and Tommy Derham suggested to Bull that he shorten his run up to 13 steps, instead of the usual 19. Bull would scrape the grass where he was to start his run up.

One Thursday night he was steaming in and bowling what he thought was express and on a good length. He was on cloud nine but I hated this, so, over the next ten minutes, I scraped the grass in different positions. Other players would stand on the previous markings to cover them up.

As Bull was in the habit of counting his steps every time he bowled, this resulted in him almost running on the spot to fit in the 13 steps or almost doing long jumps to get the right number in. Mark kept looking at all the players standing in a line and laughing but it didn’t bother him as he was on a mission. When asked how he was going, Bull replied that he was pumped, Les Ford (who was 2nds Captain and a bit of a mentor) will be rapt in me.

It so happened, that shortly after Mark was picked in the thirds, where Ray was captain. The 3rds had a pretty good side and, before the game, Ray welcomed Mark to the team and gave a rousing speech about the strike bowler who had come down and revved everyone up ready for the kill.

After setting the field, all the boys were yelling “come on Bull” and the wicketkeeper, Peter Kilgour, enquired as to how fast he is (Pete obviously never made it to training too often or Ray is using a bit of political licence in telling the story). Ray responded with “at second slip you’ll be surprised”.

When Mark ran in to deliver his first ball of the day, three metres before he reaches the crease trouble starts with the 13 step run up as all of a sudden his left knee hit the ground, then the right knee did the same, then the left again, all the time his body still moving towards the bowling crease.

To the surprise of teammates, Mark still bowled the ball from his position on his knees and six bounces later it reached the wicketkeeper. The opening batsman looked around at me quizzically as I was rolling around on the ground, in a foetal position, laughing.

I got the ball and walked up to Bull to hand it back and he said “oh Ray, I’m so embarrassed”. I reassured him it would only get better and bowled him for another three overs that day. He still reckons I ruined him, because he did not bowl again that season”

“D” Grade

Captain: Doug Ford

Aside from the sole win against Olinda, the batsmen really struggled in this grade, as evidenced by three outright losses. Doug Ford provided a couple of highlights by carrying his bat on two occasions. Only two bowlers took more than six wickets for the season.

Batting average: Doug Ford

222 runs @ 31.71

Bowling average: Craig Munns

13 wickets @ 19.61 (4 games)

Notable performances:

Ian Marshall 116no (Olinda), Warren Kidd 67no (Olinda) and Doug Ford 59no (Kilsyth)

John Beale 5/29 (Olinda), Wayne Burgess 5/60 (Mt Evelyn), Rohan McPhee also claimed 13 wickets for the season, Craig Munns 5/71 (Heathmont), 4/60 (South Croydon)

Record partnerships:

1 st wicket	Ian Marshall and Warren Kidd	190 unbroken
6 th wicket	Doug Ford and Brendan Greaves	48
9 th wicket	R Carter and Rohan McPhee	30

JUNIORS

U16 (4)

The team had a very successful season, finishing the home and away games on top of the ladder, with 58 points. From the local paper, it was noted Russell Ousley and Nathan Villiers both got 50's during the season.

In the semi-final, Hockeyers batted first and compiled 9/225 (Andrew Rosenstraus 104) and then dismissed Lilydale for 123.

The Grand final saw Hockeyers again bat first and amass 9/281, with Paul Ter (128) the main contributor. Paul then completed a game to be forever remembered when he took 5/17 as Ainslie Park were dismissed for 77.



Members of the winning team (top, from left): Robert Assmacher, Steve Osborne (Coach), Craig Munns, Russell Ousley, Andrew Rosenstraus, Troy Davy, Paul Ter (bottom): Kevin Callaghan, Simon Brown, Danny Smith, Robbie Rosenstraus, Brett Taylor.



For some reason, John Charnley, who appears third from left in above photo, was not present for team photo on the ground.



You never know what is coming next as a winning coach (the pristine water being a treatment pond at the back of Hughes Park – Croydon North)



Andrew Rosenstraus (84.50) and Craig Munns (6.57) respectively won the Association batting and bowling averages.

U.14 (4)

This team won a handful of games to finish 7th of 14, with 28 points.

Individuals to shine during the season were: Chris Derham (40 and 5/28, which included a double hat-trick), Dallas Gleeson (51), Marcus Sutton (44), Hayden Blakeman (33)

U.14 (5)

This team had to wait until the last game of the season before winning a game and the team finished 13th of 14.

In that last game, John Tibby (26) and Ashley Beckwith (29) had an opening stand of 65 but the team only totalled 93. Paul Skvor claimed 4/36 and John Tibby was the star with 6/9, as the opposition was dismissed for 75. Others to show out during the season were: Mark Howard 42 ret, Peter Deakin 31, Adam Hastings 3/7 and Paul Skvor 3/44.



(Back, from left) A Cooper, Pierre Kensley, John Tibby, Peter Oxenbould, Brian Gobbi (Coach), Brett Setford, Adam Hastings (front) Jamie Wilson, Ashley Beckwith, Arnold Fulford, Tim Hogg, Paul Skvor

The coach recalls this photo being taken at East Ringwood when the team was all out for six (6) but there is no evidence to support that in the score pages that could be located.

U.12 (3)

This team won six games to finish 3rd of 12 (36pts) but did not play finals as only a Grand final was played between the top two in this age group.

Again relying on local paper, those to shine during the season were: Damien Franken (63), Mark Tidd (41 and 32 twice), Mark Goddard (33)

1985/86 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford

Secretary: Gary Hogg



Again the club traded profitably, as evidenced by an opening balance of \$1780.13 and a closing figure of \$3891.50.

New players to the senior ranks were:

Richard Brown, Shaun Ryan, Gary George, Paul McDiarmid, Stewart McNamee, Andy Pharoah, Glen Kilburn, Geoff Potter, Richard Field, Ian Chatterton, Ross Watson, W Morris, Matthew Tonking, Paul Whitehorn, Matt Wilkins.

The RDCA grading structure was Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-3, "B" 1-2, C, D, E and F grades and this season saw the introduction of extended overs games for the 1sts only, starting mid morning, on the first day back in January and on Australia Day (a public holiday).

Late in the season, the RDCA compiled a comprehensive report on the different types of synthetic pitches that were available, to help clubs who were considering going down that path in coming seasons. Wet weather again delayed the start of the season by a week.

A 1

Norm Osborne (Captain/Coach)

Only one win and a draw (rained out) prior to Xmas, where the team did not make 150 in any game until round six. It was a rejuvenated group after the break, when they chalked up five wins from six games, which saw the team finish 6th of 14.

Batting average: John Day

292 runs @ 32.4

Bowling average: Andy Rickards

17 Wickets @ 19.00

Notable performances:

John Day 109 (Ringwood Footballers) 66 (Kilsyth), Ian Spencer 69 (Ringwood Footballers) Brian Gobbi 309 runs for the season.

Andy Rickards 7/36 (Montrose), Kevin Smith 5/25 (Bayswater Park) and 24 for the season

Steve Osborne 6/53 (Kilsyth), 5/49 (Glen Park) and 26 wickets for season

A 2

Captains – Bill Stafford (to Rd 6) then Ross Greening for remainder of season

The season did not start well, with a batting collapse in first game that saw last 5 wickets fall for 13, resulting in a four run loss. In the run to Xmas the team only once scored more than 110, where the game ended in a draw, and it was a winless season until the drought was broken in the last game, which ended season with a ladder position of 13th.

Batting average: Bill Stafford

228 runs @ 45.60 (5 games)

Bowling average: Brett Haines

6 wickets @ 21.80 (6 games)

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 110no (Johnson Park), Bill Stafford 97no (Johnson Park)

Brett Haines 96 (Bayswater Park), Warren Kidd 72 (Ringwood Footballers)

Only two players, John Dewey (14 @ 24.1) and Paul Ter (10 @ 26.2) reached double figures in wickets taken.

Record partnership:

4th wicket Bill Stafford and Ian Spencer 193

A 3

Captain – Ray Heller for a number of games, then Peter Kilgour took over.

Still at Griff Hunt Reserve (Lyons Rd) for home games, this team had a very eventful season.

A couple of early wins, then against South Warrandyte, Hockeyer's final four wickets fell for five runs but the team then managed to take last opposition wicket when scores were level for an exciting tie. A couple of rounds later, the scorebook evidences the scores were in dispute (the veins would have been popping then and again if, as expected, the result went opposition's way). Three good wins after the break had the team in finals contention and, despite a last round loss, they clung to 4th spot.

The semi was against Montrose, at Montrose, and after an opening stand of 30 (Kilgour/Heller) it soon became 7/96. Les Ford (62), with support from Gary Hogg, pushed score past 150 but once that partnership was broken the end was nigh (163). Montrose was 2/25 (from 17 overs) when rain brought the game to a premature end on day two and that was all she wrote.

Batting average: Ray Heller

343 runs @ 38.11

Bowling average: Gary Hogg

23 wickets @ 14.30

Notable performances:

Ian Callaghan 122 (Ringwood Footballers), Rob Evans 88 (Olinda), Terry Fisher 74 (South Croydon), Andy Rickards 69no (South Croydon), Ray Heller 64no (Wonga Park)

Gary Hogg 6/48 (Wantirna), 5/49 (Glen Park), John Beale 5/48 (South Warrandyte) and 5/71 (Scoresby), Kevin Callaghan 5/14 (Olinda) and 21 wickets for the season

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Terry Fisher and Ian Callaghan 88

8th wicket Gary Hogg and Les Ford 58

“D” Grade

Captains – Ron Cake (1st game) and Graeme Chatterton then took over for rest of the season.

The first game saw an opening stand of 24 and a final total of 47. That set a bit of a tone for the season as four more scores of well under a hundred followed. In between there were some good wins, four in total, which saw the team finish 7th of 12.

Batting average: Doug Ford

175 runs @ 25.00

Bowling average: Brendan Greaves

21 wickets @ 16.30

Notable performances:

Ian Marshall 124 (South Croydon) and 203 runs in four games, 5/73 (Bayswater Park)

Terry Fisher 105no (South Croydon)

Brendan Greaves 8/59 (Montrose), Graeme Chatterton 6/15 (South Warrandyte)

Record partnerships:

9th wicket	Andy Pharoah and Terry Fisher	55
10th wicket	Rohan McPhee and Glenn Kilburn	41

JUNIORS

U.16 (3)

This team won a number of games to finish 6th of 14 with 32 points.

Players who got their name in the local paper were: Danny Smith (133, 54, 41, 5/29), Matthew Tonking (46 twice), Simon Brown (76), Nick Freeman (4/54), Chris Derham (4/41, 3/9, 3/27 and 40) and Andy Pharoah (3/7)

U.14 (3)

This team also had a competitive season to finish 5th of 14, with 38 points, which was two points outside the four.

The local paper showed following individual efforts: Anthony Miles (43, 42), Nick Trennery (41, 38 and 4/4), Adam Hastings (5/20), Mark Goddard (41no), Mark Howard (3/16).

U.14 (5)

Finished 8th of 10 with 20 points and the only names to be mentioned in local paper were Mark Tidd (31) and Steve Lauder (27, in team score of 48)

U.12 (3)

Finished the home and away games in 2nd place (of 12), with 45 points.

Those to show out during the season were: Craig Howard (5/11, 4/12), Stuart Baum (37, 4/7) and Damien Franken (3/11).

The Semi-final saw Hockeyers 135 (S.Baum 42, Franken 32no) come up a little short of Ringwood's 4/155.



(Back) Russell Ousley, Glen Mullins, Mark Mullins, Stuart Baum, Craig Howard, Damien Franken, Russell Tonking, Nick Delaney, Craig Munns, (front) Steve Crooks, Michael Baum, Julian Tasman, Brad Greening, Leigh Greening.

1986/87 SEASON

President: Ray Heller

Secretary: Gary Hogg



New players to the senior ranks were:

David Tilker, Rory Jacobs, Martin Riley, Chris Derham, Anthony Miles, Simon Brown, Michael (Mick) Williams, Nick Freeman, Daniel McCubbin, Simon Carroll, Craig Howard (who went on to play for Ringwood and Victoria), Mark Howard and Glenn Spencer

The RDCA grading structure saw an extra grade (G) created. As was the norm, the weather created havoc with the early part of the season and again late in the season. Play eventually started on 18 October and the 1sts played a catch up game on a Sunday (26th Oct). In a scheduled 21 playing days, only 17 full days were completed, with one total washout.

A1

Andy Rickards had been appointed Captain/Coach

An opening round win but then the batting wobbles set in, as evidenced by innings situations of 7/64 and 7/82, and no more wins before the break. Two wins and a tie, Andy Rickards taking a wicket on second last ball of a one day game, got things back on track but the last two games were impacted by rain and resulted in draws, which saw an 8th place finish.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

298 runs @ 27.09

Bowling average: Andy Rickards

21 wickets @ 15.40

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 88 (Bayswater Park) 66no (Academy), Andy Rickards 74 (Olinda) and 5/40 (South Warrandyte), Kendall Beattie 70 (Wantirna), Brian Gobbi 5/43 (Knox City)

A2

Captain – Martin Riley for the most part but appears it was a revolving door in his absence.

Much the same scenario as the firsts but there was a 2nd win before Xmas. Runs were hard to come by and only four players exceeded one hundred runs for the season (Hainsey led the way). A win, the highlight of which was a record breaking last wicket stand, and a draw after the break, saw the team finish 9th of 14. Only two bowlers took ten or more wickets for the season, John Dewey (10) being the other.

Batting average: Brett Haines

126 runs @ 42.00 (3 games)

Bowling average: Paul Whitehorn

14 wickets @ 18.00

Notable performances:

Rory Jacobs 86 (Olinda), Warren Kidd 68 (South Warrandyte), Brett Haines 63 (South Warrandyte) 51 (Johnson Park), Ray Heller 62no (Knox City), Kendall Beattie 59 (Knox City), Les Ford 51 (South Warrandyte), Matt Wilkins 50no (Olinda) John Dewey 5/27 (Wantirna), Miles Baldwin 5/37 (South Warrandyte)

Record partnership:

10th wicket Paul Whitehorn and Matt Wilkins 68

A3

Captains: Peter Kilgour for the first four games, Mark Wilson, for what appears to only be one game, and who knows for the remainder.

Off the mark with a win, thanks to Hainsey, and then a drought until 2nd last game before appearing to be heading for a third win when last game was rained out.

There were some interesting notations in the scorebook for the game in which Bull Montana (Mark Wilson) was in charge. The scorebook has provision for recording captain's name and beside it is a comment – "get rid of him". In the batting column it shows Bull made a duck (notation beside it reads – "a captain's effort") and further down another batsman did likewise, beside which there is an exclamation, which reads "you beauty". Bull did not play next game but returned for the following where he again failed to contribute to the total.

The wash up for the season was two wins and three draws for 9th place on the ladder.

Batting average: Peter Kilgour 132 runs @ 33.00 (4 games)

Bowling average: Stewart McNamee 12 wickets @ 17.83

Only three batsmen exceeded a total of 100 runs, with Peter Kilgour having highest tally while Paul Ter (11 @ 17.00 in 5 games) and Craig Munns (10 @ 17.2 in 5 games) had averages lower than the winner but did not bowl enough overs to qualify.

Notable performances:

Brett Haines 91 (Wantirna), Peter Kilgour 79 (South Warrandyte), Doug Ford 60 (Johnson Park), Stewart McNamee 55 (Bayswater Park), Bruce Bennett 52 (Johnson Park)

Chris Derham 5/69 (Johnson Park), Paul Ter 4/35 (Glen Park),

Stewart McNamee 4/14 (South Warrandyte), 4/17 (Montrose)

Record partnership:

9th wicket Mark Wilson and Craig Munns 42

"D" Grade

Captain – Trevor Gobbi some of the time and not sure who took up the reins in his absence.

Unfortunately these boys did not enter the winners circle during the season and finished last.

Young Craig Howard had a baptism of fire in his first senior game when he top edged a ball into his face and spilt a bit of claret.

Batting average: Trevor Gobbi 200 runs @ 33.33

Bowling average: Brendan Greaves 12 wickets @ 29.17

Notable performances:

Warren Kidd 88 (Templeton) – he was 5th man out with score at 107, Paul Ter 76 (Montrose), Trevor Gobbi 61 (Knox City), 54 (South Warrandyte), Peter Geldens 60 (Boronia),

Paul McDiarmid 59 (Glen Park), Gary George 50 (Boronia)

Simon Brown 4/33 (South Croydon), Mick Williams took 10 wickets, being the only other bowler to reach that figure.

Record partnerships:

3rd wicket Trevor Gobbi and Paul Ter 88

5th wicket Warren Kidd and Mick Williams 56

JUNIORS

The junior section was similarly affected by state of grounds and the weather and the season did not get under way until late October. By this stage, the Association comprised 161 teams plus 19 teams in Under 12 Non comp.

Only the U.12 (3) scorebook could be found for this season and other information was sourced from local paper or RDCA annual report.

U.16 (2)

It was a long struggle for these boys and the team finished last on the table, with 8pts.

U.14 (3)

At the end of the home and away season, the team led the ladder. Those to show out were: Stuart Baum (72no, 42), Mark Goddard (46no, 34) and Damien Franken (43).

The semi-final saw the boys total 175 and dismiss Croydon North for 77.

Unfortunately the Grand Final brought some heartache as, when chasing the Olinda total of 205 (Glenn Spencer 5/69), the boys fell five runs short (Goddard 53, Baum 43).



(Back) Ross Greening, Mark Goddard, Mark Tidd, Steve Lauder, Damien Franken, Christian Miller, Glenn Spencer, Mark Mullins, Craig Howard, Ian Spencer
(front) Russell Tonking, Glen Etheridge, Stuart Baum, Paul Osborne, Leigh Greening.

U.12 (3)

Home games were played at Silcock reserve but unfortunately there were no wins during the season and the team finished at the bottom of the table.

Players to shine were: Colin Geoghegan (26, 4/10, 3/17), Robert Trew (35no, 30no twice, 3/13), Brad Greening (35no, 4/15), Bill Cleary (3/9)

1987/88 SEASON

President: Wayne Burgess

Secretary: Gary Hogg



New players to the senior ranks were:

Michael Gow, Craig Watts, Jamie Beattie, Ross Hamilton, Paul Woodhouse, Marcus Sutton, Shane Albon, Brett Setford, Ross Ferwerda, Adam Hastings (Fluffa), Gavin Holland, S Murphy, Wayne McGregor, Paul Skvor, Paul McKenzie.

The RDCA grading structure remained unchanged and again some disruption to games in October due to the weather. There were 37 senior clubs fielding 171 teams and the junior competition comprised 157 teams.

A (1)

Andy Rickards was again Captain/Coach.

Runs were hard to come by (only three scores over 200 for the season). The first win came in the last game before Xmas but there was an opportunity earlier on with the opposition 9/144, chasing 193, but that was thwarted with an unbroken last wicket stand of sixty. The season highlight came after the break with a win, a tie and a draw but losses in the last three games saw the team finish 13th of 14 with 63.6pts.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

430 runs @ 33.00

Bowling average: Andy Rickards

29 wickets @ 21.07

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 96 (Academy) 86no (South Croydon), Bill Stafford 77 (Academy), Kevin Smith 64 (Wantirna), Rory Jacobs 58 (Wantirna South), Steve Osborne 56 (Templeton) Andy Rickards 6/50, including a hat trick (tied game against Kilsyth) 5/39 (Glen Park), 5/53 (South Croydon), John Dewey 4/20 (Wantirna South), Martin Riley 4/45 (Bayswater Park)

A (2)

Captain: Steve Osborne

Whilst runs were not plentiful (only two scores over 200 for the season) four wins up to Xmas had the team in contention for a finals place. Thereafter, two wins and a draw saw the team finish 7th of 14 with 93.0pts. One of those latter wins saw Stu McNamee and Chris Derham recover the team from 8/53 to get home by three runs (137).

Batting average: Steve Osborne

313 runs @ 39.13

Bowling average: Stewart McNamee

20 wickets @ 15.60

Notable performances:

Michael Gow 85 (South Croydon), Steve Osborne 77no (Bayswater Park) 59 (Scoresby), Martin Riley 70 (Parkwood), Clint Hendricks 69no (Scoresby) Rory Jacobs 68 (Wantirna) Doug Ford 66 (Parkwood) John Dewey 7/22 (Bayswater Park), Stewart McNamee 7/43 (Wonga Park), Martin Riley 6/38 (Glen Park) and 11 wickets in two games

Record partnership:

8th wicket Simon Carroll and Craig Munns 58

A3**Captain: Doug Ford**

Out of the blocks early with four wins and then an outright before the break saw the team well placed for a push towards the finals. The Howard clan, Roy, Mark and Craig, played together for the first time against Kilsyth but there was no joy in this result. The matches after the break were all very close affairs, one a loss by 5 runs where, when chasing, the last three wickets were run-outs. In the 2nd last game, the team held out Parkwood (8/339 v 5/338) and the next game chased down 326 to win by a run and these wins saw the team into the finals in 4th spot (118.8 pts).

In the semi final against Wonga Park (at Wonga no.2), the home team batted first and made 205 with Mark Howard (5/39) leading the bowling and he was well supported by Stewart McNamee (2/51) and Chris Derham (2/58). After a steady start, Hockeyers wickets fell quickly (5/62) and the team was not able to recover, finishing with 154. Terry Fisher, Stewart McNamee and Doug Ford, all with 20 odd, headed the scoring.

Batting average: Roy Howard

261 runs @ 32.62

Bowling average: Chris Derham

15 wickets @ 16.73

Not sure how it played out but it appears Mark Howard may have been a bit stiff in not being awarded bowling average as he took 24 wickets @ 11.29

Notable performances:

**John Day 196 (Parkwood), Jamie Beattie 102no (Academy),
Stewart McNamee 93 (Wantirna), Roy Howard 87no (Olinda), 77no (Bayswater Park),
Clint Hendricks 76 (South Croydon), Rory Jacobs 71 (Scoresby)
Mark Howard 7/20 (Glen Park), 5/21 (Academy), 5/39 (Wonga Park),
Terry Fisher 5/34 (Scoresby), Stewart McNamee 6/92 (Olinda), 5/38 (Wantirna),
Ross Hamilton 5/43 (South Warrandyte)**

Record partnership:

4th wicket Matt Tonking and Roy Howard 90

“D” Grade**Captain: Rohan McPhee**

Two wins and a draw from first four rounds was promising but there was only one more win and a draw thereafter to see the team finish 10th of 12. In one of the earlier wins, Bull strode to the crease to open the batting but was dismissed first ball, whereupon someone took delight in noting the scorebook “golden duck” (Ray wasn’t in that team), however a couple of century makers rescued the day.

Batting average: Robert Assmacher

243 runs @ 22.09

Bowling average: Rohan McPhee

33 wickets @ 13.06

Notable performances:

**Mark Howard 136 (South Croydon), Robert Assmacher 100 (South Croydon),
Trevor Gobbi 52 (Olinda)
Rohan McPhee 6/39 (Wonga Park), 5/38 (Wantirna), 5/58 (Kilsyth)
Mark Wilson 5/61 (Kilsyth) and 20 wickets for the season**

Record partnerships:

3rd wicket	Robert Assmacher and Mark Howard	144
4th wicket	Mark Howard and Shane Albon	77
8th wicket	Ross Hamilton and Paul Woodhouse	52

JUNIORS

U.16 (3)

Appeared to win six games to finish 6th of 10, with 48 points.

Scorebook could not be located and minimal details in the local paper.

Glenn Spencer made 54 in one game and finished the season with an average of 63.80

U.14 (2)

Played home games at Griff Hunt (Lyons Rd) and won six games for the season to finish 6th.

Those to shine were: Stuart Baum (who went on to play at Ringwood), made 352 runs for season @ 39.11, including 114, 55 and 53. Russell Tonking (69, 62 and 263 runs for the season, 4/24), Craig Howard (51 and took 28 wickets @ 11.32, including hauls of 5/24, 5/45, 4/30, 4/44).

U.12 (3)

Played home games at Silcock and had four wins during the season to finish 9th of 12. Sarah Kilgour played a number of games in this team.

Players who showed out were: Sean Torney (31no, 30no, 30no), Brad Greening (36no), Alex Koomen (35no, 5/16, 3/3), Glenn Mullins (63, 33no, 31no), Dwayne (Jacko) Paisley (4/36, 3/9, 3/27)

During the course of this season, the club had a family day to celebrate the opening of the first Honour Board. We obviously didn't rush into these things.

Some photographs taken on the day appear below.



David Martin (then Mayor of Croydon) and Ian Spencer unfurling the honour board

The day saw a social match played with one group comprising: Brian Gobbi, Peter White, Doug Ford, Richard Prior, Noel Abley, Tony White, Noel Hardwick, Jim Brown, Greg Cake, Ian Wood, Tom Derham, Terry Burgess, Lyn Davies, Bill Jeans, Bob Jeans and Andy Walter.

They finished with the bragging rights over: John Day, Brett Haines, Bill Stafford, Norm Osborne, Ian Spencer, Mark Howard, Andy Rickards, Kevin Smith, Danny Smith, Stewart McNamee, John Dewey, Craig Howard and Glenn Spencer.

A number of the above appear in the photo below.



The ladies were taking in the sun and maybe watching the cricket. There was a big roll up for the day as evidenced by packed car park in the background.

1988/89 SEASON

President: Ron Cake



Secretary: Ray Heller



New players to the senior ranks were:

Ross Macauley (Russ), Stewart Cripps, Jon Taylor, Steve Walsh, Neal Davies, Russell Tonking (The muscle), Ewan Cameron, Anthony Sorace, Damien Franken, Gary Moore, John Deveraux, Vlado Magdic, Julian Tasman, Christian Miller, A Ray, S Hodge, Glenn Etheridge, Matt Carroll, Scott Brink.

Veterans cricket commenced in the RDCA (Hockeyers did not enter a team until following season). The RDCA structure was Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-3, "B" 1-2, C, D, E and F grades.

A1

Ross Macauley Captain/Coach

The season promised plenty by midway, having gone to the break winning five of seven games but four losses in a row dented hopes. Whilst a 9th place finish (of 14) was disappointing, the season finished on a good note with a win in second last round and an exciting tie against our next door neighbours, Croydon United, in the last round. United made 9/316 and Hockeyers were reduced to 4/12 after 7 overs. A big partnership between Ian Spencer and Simon Carroll (an inspired selection choice playing first game in the 1sts, having played previous four in the thirds) resurrected the ship and it came down to six needed from last over, with two wickets in hand. John Day, who had opened and retired hurt with an ankle issue (think he was bitten by a bee), had returned with a runner (Kevin Smith) and looked like he might get the team over the line only to be run-out when Smithy attempted a second run with three balls remaining (John still talks about the run-out). Singles were taken from last two balls to level the scores.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

430 runs @ 30.71

Bowling average: Kevin Smith

28 wickets @ 17.18

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 125 (Croydon United), Simon Carroll 82 (Croydon United),

John Day 77 (Glen Park), 73 (Olinda) and 415 for the season, Bill Stafford (302) and

Brett Haines (301) also had good seasons

Kevin Smith 5/51 (Scoresby), Andy Rickards 5/78 (Wonga Park) and 30 wickets for the season

Craig Howard, as a 14 year old, took 18 wickets in his first season in the first eleven.

Record partnership:

5th wicket Ian Spencer and Simon Carroll

192

A2

Captain: Ray Heller

Despite struggling for runs (only four scores over 200 for the season), this team was right in contention at Xmas having had four wins and two draws to that point. Two wins followed immediately after the resumption but losses in the last two games resulted in a 6th place finish, with 94.8 points.

Batting average: Kendall Beattie

327 runs @ 54.50

Bowling average: Stewart Cripps

13 wickets @ 16.15

Notable performances:

Kendall Beattie 139 (Eastfield), 117no (South Warrandyte),

Marcus Sutton 59 (Olinda) 54 (Eastfield), Stewart McNamee 57 (Wonga Park),

Glen Kilburn 55 (South Warrandyte), Ray Heller 53 (Wonga Park)

Craig Munns 4/26 (South Warrandyte), Chris Derham 4/28 (Chirnside Park) 4/55 (Wantirna)

Mark Howard 4/54 (Croydon United), Brian Gobbi 4/70 (Wantirna South),

Stewart McNamee 4/71 (Olinda)

Record partnerships:

3rd wicket Marcus Sutton and Kendall Beattie 142

6th wicket Ray Heller and Stuart McNamee 109

A3

Captain: Terry Fisher, for most of the games.

Three wins, one an outright, and a draw from first five was a promising start. A few losses prior to Xmas (innings scores of 50, 48 and 91) proved costly as despite three wins and a tie from last four it was a 9th place finish with 88 points. In the tie, a one dayer against Olinda (38 overs each), Hockeyers posted 8/164 and Olinda, with plenty of wickets in hand, needed 8 from the last over bowled by Damien Franken. A wicket first ball was followed by seven runs from the next four balls and then a run-out (the 4th of the innings) on the last shared the points. Only two bowlers took double figure wickets for the season.

Batting average: Ron Cake

208 runs @ 29.71

Bowling average: Ross Hamilton

22 wickets @ 9.27 (4 games)

Notable performances:

Ron Cake 126 (South Warrandyte), Steve Osborne 115 (Croydon United),

Neal Davies 70 (Croydon United), John Dewey 55 (South Warrandyte)

Terry Fisher 6/28 (Eastfield), Jon Taylor 5/53 (Glen Park)

Ross Hamilton 4/16 & 5/25 in same game (Scoresby), 5/36 (Wonga Park),

5/39 (Chirnside Park), Steve Walsh took 4fa on three occasions and 18 for the season

Record partnership:

4th wicket Ron Cake and John Dewey 151

“D” Grade

Captain: Rohan McPhee

This team had the misfortune to receive a number of forfeits, the result being only seven completed matches for the season. It took until the second last of those to notch the only actual win and the team finished 9th of 11 with 66.9 points. Fluffa was the only bowler to reach double figure wickets.

Batting average: Russell Tonking
Bowling average: Adam Hastings

252 runs @ 25.2
11 wickets @ 18.45

Notable performances:

Russell Tonking 134 (Knox City), Ewan Cameron 61 (Knox City), Simon Carroll 51 (Glen Park), Adam Hastings 6/25 (Chirnside Park), Gary Hogg 4/45 (Croydon United)

Record partnerships:

2nd wicket	Russell Tonking and Ewan Cameron	183
6th wicket	Simon Brown and Kevin Callaghan	59

JUNIORS

U.16 (3)

This team won most of their games and finished 1st of 10, with 88 points, which put them way out in front.

Players to shine during the season were: Craig Howard 110no (Scoresby), 8/59 (Kilsyth), Glenn Spencer 77 (Montrose), 70no (Kilsyth), 42 (Scoresby), Andre Meyer 4/6 (Scoresby), Damien Franken 4/11 (Olinda), 44 (Scoresby), Russell Tonking 58 (Montrose), Christian Miller 3/4 (Scoresby)

Unfortunately, the Semi Final resulted in a disappointing loss as the team made only 110 in going down to Olinda who compiled 150 (Craig Howard 7/47).

Christian Miller won the Association bowling average (6.48)

U.12 (3)

Home games were at Silcock. A number of the boys in this team were playing their second season but it was a bit of a battle as they registered three wins to finish 6th of 8.

Leading lights were: Sean Torney (33no, 32no), Patrick Perkins (37, 31), Steve Edmonds (37, 30no, 19 wickets @ 8.70, including 5/8 and 7/6, Dwayne Paisley (32, 3/22), Travis Edmonds (4/16)

There was no U.14 team





1989/90 SEASON

President: Ron Cake



Secretary: Trevor Gobbi



New players to the senior ranks:

Mark Goddard, Anthony (Toby) Tatham, William (Bill) Oakley, Steve Kimpton, Phil Collingshaw, Jason Paisley, Lou Sorace, Matt Collier, Craig Gent, Sean Coates, Anthony Williams, Neil Christie, Mark Mullins, Damian Steele, Steve Assmacher, Peter McCall, Greg Nichol, Ben Steele.

Club started the season with a bank balance of \$3697.64 but that had diminished to \$1675.64 by season's end.

The weather delayed the start of the season by a few weeks and the RDCA revamped the fixture that saw Rounds 1 & 2 being played on 24 February and 3 March, with a Saturday Sunday affair to finish the home and away games the next weekend.

A1

Ross Macauley was again Captain/Coach

When the season did start, three losses (innings scores of 68 & 130 – outright, 72 and 150) set the tone. In the outright loss, the team was at one point 7/39 in both innings. A couple of wins prior to Xmas and another towards end of season were the only joy, as the team finished 12th of 14. Despite the dismal season, the team had five players, including Macauley, Craig Howard and Simon Carroll, each score more than 230 runs for the season, while Glenn Spencer and Andy Rickards both took 19 wickets in a close three way tussle for the bowling average.

Batting average: John Day

265 runs @ 26.50

Bowling average; Craig Howard

27 wickets @ 23.15

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 80no (Wantirna South), 75 (Knox Gardens) and 308 runs for season

Craig Howard 72no (Templeton), John Day 71 (Wantirna), Ross Macauley 69no (Olinda),

Kendall Beattie 68 (Glen Park), Simon Carroll 68 (Glen Park)

Craig Howard 5/42 (Chirnside Park), 5/55 (Templeton)

A2

Captain: Terry Fisher

Not a pretty picture. Runs were very hard to come by, as evidenced by innings scores of 32 (6 ducks), 41 (only one duck but no double figures) and 74, and it was a barren season with no wins, which resulted in a last place finish. One highlight was a last wicket partnership of 60 (in a score of 137) between Terry Fisher and Stewart Cripps.

Batting average: Terry Fisher

199 runs @ 24.88

Bowling average: Adam Hastings

9 wickets @ 36.70

Notable performances:

Craig Watts 88 (Templeton), Ron Cake 63 (Wantirna), Damien Franken 63 (Eastfield), Rory Jacobs 61 (Chirnside Park), 51 (Eastfield), Robert Assmacher 55 (Eastfield) Stewart Cripps 5/46 (Knox Gardens), Steve Kimpton 5/64 (Olinda), Chris Derham 4/26 (Glen Park), 4/34 (Wonga Park)

Record partnership:

8th wicket Damien Franken and Matt Carroll 71

A3

Captain: Rohan McPhee took over a few games into the season.

Using Lyons Road as their home ground, this team was the shining light for the season, winning nine of eleven rounds to finish the home and away games in second place (116.5 points). With only three batsmen making more than 200 for the season, a team highlight was a total of 5/420 against Croydon United.

A quirk in the draw (14 teams and only 11 rounds) saw them come up against a team (Kilsyth), in the semi-final, that they had not played against in the regular season.

Unfortunately, it was a bit of a letdown when, batting first, the team could only muster 111, with Mark Goddard (40) and Richard Brown (25) the only ones to offer some resistance.

Kilsyth had reached 6/234 when a halt was called, Damien Franken (3/85 from 23 overs) leading the way with the ball.

Batting average: Neal Davies

313 runs @ 34.70

Bowling average: Rohan McPhee

16 wickets @ 12.50

Notable performances:

Robert Assmacher 197 (Croydon United), Chris Derham 121no (Knox Gardens), John Day 88 (Wonga Park), Mark Goddard 83no (Glen Park), Toby Tatham 81 (Templeton)

Neal Davies 73 (Olinda), 6/68 (Wantirna South) and 20 wickets for the season

Record partnership:

9th wicket Trevor Gobbi and Jason Paisley 53

A4

Captain: Richard Brown

This team only played eight games, with another washed out and another couple appearing to be forfeits for or against. Five of those games resulted in wins, with two big efforts (300 +) to finish the season, one of which was a last over win by two runs (8/318) against the neighbours. The downlow was a score of 39 (9 players) against Montrose in first round. The season saw a 7th place finish (of 13)

Batting average: Richard Brown

257 runs @ 42.83

Note! Lou Sorace actually had the best batting average (71.60) but I'm told the committee played hard ball and awarded the trophy to Brown because Lou did not pay his fees.

Bowling average: Steve Kimpton

17 wickets @ 10.70

Notable performances:

Lou Sorace 111no (Wantirna South), 70no (Wonga Park), 358 runs for season. Richard Brown 99 (Wonga Park), Anthony Sorace 70 (Templeton), Gary Moore 62 (Templeton) Phil Collingshaw 6/38 (Wonga Park), Steve Kimpton 7/15 (Knox Gardens), Toby Tatham 5/26 (Glen Park), Steve Walsh 5/50 (Wantirna South)

Record partnerships:

5th wicket	Tony Sorace and Lou Sorace	115
6th wicket	Anthony Williams and Matt Collier	63

JUNIORS

U.16 (2)

Home games were at Silcock and the team won three, along with a draw, to finish 6th of 11.

Those to show out during the season were: Craig Howard (486 runs, including 88no, 84, 78no, 52 and 23 wickets including 5/30, 5/37), Damien Franken (278 runs, 78no and 16 wickets, including 4/35, 4/47), Russell Tonking (4/25). Craig won the Association average (97.20).

U.14 (4)

This team played home games at Griff Hunt and also had three wins and a draw to finish 11th.

Those who featured prominently were: Glenn Brink (46no, 44, 33no, 5/30, 4/14), Glenn Mullins (45, 43no, 38, 4/15 including a hat-trick, 3/18), Paul Gubecka (39, 36), Sean Torney (42no), Matthew Brook (4/16, 3/2), S Oldham (3/34).

U.12 (3)

Home games were at Silcock and the team lost the first four then won their last five games. It was penalised 8 points for some reason and missed a finals place, finishing sixth.

Michelle Paisley played a few games but was not required to bat.

Her brother Dwayne was the standout with both bat and ball (306 runs, including 82no and five 30's, 4/4, 3/6). Others to shine were: Justin Sier (6/10 in the first game of the season), Patrick Perkins (52), Brad Davies (33no), Matt Hanlon (32no, 3/6), Lucas Davies (4/15).

Dwayne also won the Association bowling average and he played in the RDCA Mitchell Shield team in the IACC January carnival, where he took 4/13 in the semi-final.

U.12 (5)

Griff Hunt was the home venue and it was only one win and a draw for a 9th place finish.

Runs were very hard to come by and those who made 20 or more were: Jerry Gubecka (26), Aaron Vine (26) and Wayne Denridder (25 and 32no in only game). Multiple wicket takers in a game were: William Cleary (3/8, 3/17), Sean Stewart (2/12), Ryan Hill (2/7), Luke Sier (2/7), Justin Sier (2/28).

VETERANS

The club entered a team for the first time in Veterans competition (2nd year) and from six games there came three wins and a tie in the last round.

There was no shortage of starters, with the following being the inaugural group:

Brian Gobbi, Bill Stafford, Tom Derham, Jock Brown, Doug Ford, Noel Hardwick, Barry Hahn, Gary Hogg, Roy Howard, Harry Lakeland, Rod Medland, Darrell Mullins, Geoff Outhred, Richard Prior, Rod Roach, Ken Thompson, Andy Walter, Peter White, Tony White, Les Ford.

Tom Derham was the leading run-getter (156) and Billy Stafford headed the wicket takers (9).

1990/91 SEASON

President: Ray Heller



Secretary: Gary Hogg



Other committee members were Ian Spencer (Treasurer) and Brett Haines.

Opened season with a balance of \$1675.64 and that improved to \$3696.90 by season's end.

Fees for the season were \$120 for Adults and \$85 for students and the club was supported by the following sponsors: Ajax Gregson Roofing Tiles (Ringwood), Camberwell Potteries (Burwood), CJ's Pizza (Dorset Rd), Craig's Practical Turning (Munnsy), Dorset Gardens Hotel, Ferntree Gully Sports Store, Hardings Hardware (Reservoir) and Regency Wardrobes (Clayton). Most of these sponsorships came about through Neil Christie.

New players in senior ranks were:

Craig Sutherland, Michael Dellaca, Dwayne (Jacko) Paisley, Glenn Brink, Graeme Hanlon, Rod Paisley, Kurt Brink, Sean Torney, Patrick Perkins, Brad Davies, Andre Meyer, Matthew Brook, A Bartlett, P Elliott.

The RDCA cricket season commenced on 7 October (a Sunday for the first time in history) due to a drawn AFL final resulting in the Grand final being played in October (6th). A new grading structure was introduced that saw Chandler 1-5, "A" 1-5, "B" 1-2, C and D grades and this shuffle up saw the firsts and seconds playing in "B" grade.

B1

Ross Macauley was again at the helm as Captain/Coach.

The season did not start well, with four losses on the trot, as the batting fell short of the mark (no score over 150). The tide turned thereafter with five wins from the next six matches. In the last round, against Knox City, Hockeyers led by 24 runs on first innings only to be bowled out for 92 and suffer a reverse outright when the opposition made 7/118 in 13.3 overs.

The end result was a fourth place finish and another encounter with Knox City in the semi-final. Batting first, the team was on the back foot from early on and, after being 6/53, eked out 132 from 66 overs, with Ian Spencer (53) and Ross Macauley (21) the main contributors. Knox City had responded with 4/190 (Mark Howard 2/29) when the game was halted.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

322 runs @ 29.27

Bowling average: Ross Macauley

23 wickets @ 15.17

Notable performances:

Ian Spencer 85 (Bayswater Park), Brett Haines 76 (South Warrandyte) 401 for season,

John Day 69 (Glen Park) 372 for season, Brett Marshman 62no (Eastfield),

Mark Howard 5/26 (Olinda) and 23 wickets for season

Ian Spencer was involved in 8 dismissals (5 catches and 3 stumpings) in an innings (Olinda)

B2

Captain: Ray Heller

After a couple of losses and a draw, the team strung together four successive wins. Thereafter it was a little indifferent with a loss, a tie, then a big win (team score 5/473 but 6/74 in second dig) before being knocked over in last game for 77, where Matt Wilkins batted through the innings for 44no. The tie saw Hockeyers chasing 208 and scores were level with one ball to be bowled but Rory Jacobs was run-out on the last delivery. Only three batsmen, Dellaca, Sutherland and Heller, scored over 200 runs for the season.

Despite the last round loss, the team clung to fourth place on the ladder and a return bout in the semi-final against Bayswater Park, with whom they had earlier tied.

With inclement weather impacting the first day, this match ran over three days (long weekend). Batting first, Scott Brink (30) and Matt Wilkins (21) put together near fifty but the loss of four wickets for 9 runs set things back. Michael Dellaca (72) and Ray Heller (30) got the innings back on track and Craig Munns contributed 28no to see a total of 9/217 at the compulsory close (75 overs). Bayswater Park was 1/144 at the end of the second day (54 overs) and edged past the target with a few overs to spare, finishing at 5/233 from their 75 overs.

Batting average: Michael Dellaca

304 runs @ 60.80 in 5 matches

Bowling average: Glenn Spencer

11 wickets @ 15.45 in 3 matches

Notable performances:

Michael Dellaca 209no (Olinda), Ian Spencer 159 (South Warrandyte), Craig Watts 115 (Knox City), Craig Sutherland 104no (South Warrandyte), 233 for season in 6 matches, Warren Kidd 97 (Olinda), Brett Marshman 77 (Knox City), Matt Wilkins 71 (Olinda), Russell Tonking 68 (Yarra Valley), Glenn Spencer 4/47 (Yarra Valley), Damian Steele 4/49 (Yarra Valley) and 16 wickets for season @ 24.37, Craig Munns 4/50 (Olinda)

Record partnerships:

3rd wicket Brett Marshman and Craig Watts 148

5th wicket Ian Spencer and Craig Sutherland 239

8th wicket Ray Heller and Ron Cake 126

“C” Grade

Captain: Rohan McPhee

Griff Hunt Reserve was again the home ground. This team, for some reason, did not start their season until Rd.3 (November 3rd) and played only 9 games. In a 12 team grade, it played two clubs twice, one in consecutive games. There was only one win before the break but three in a row thereafter improved the position. Despite two good efforts, the last two were losses and it was a 6th place finish.

Batting average: Peter Kilgour

208 runs @ 26.00

Bowling average: Steve Walsh

24 wickets @ 16.04

Trevor Gobbi 185 runs @ 30.80 in 6 of 9 matches may have been a bit stiff not to win average

Notable performances:

Neal Davies 120no (South Warrandyte) 104 (Ainslie Park), Trevor Gobbi 73 (South Warrandyte), Peter Kilgour 66 (Vermont), 64no (Vermont – another game), Rory Jacobs 66 (Ainslie Park), Steve Walsh 5/51 (Knox City) 5/67 (South Warrandyte), Stewart McNamee 5/62 (Oxley), Gary Hogg 5/63 (Vermont)

“D” Grade

Captain – Steve Kimpton

This team also had a late start and, with a bye later in the season, also only played nine rounds. In the second game, the Paisley clan (Rodney, Jason and Dwayne, better known as Jacko) played together for the first time and this continued for the rest of the season. Only four wins came from the nine games, one in the last round by two runs and the bonus points gained by batting again were sufficient to sneak into 4th spot (of 11).

The semi-final was played against Ainslie Park at Silcock Reserve and despite some rain interruptions on first day it was completed in two days. Glenn Brink (54), Craig Gent (36), Jason Paisley (25) and the Steve’s (Assmacher and Kimpton), with 23 each, were the main contributors in team total of 9/187 at the compulsory close (75 overs). Ainslie Park reached the target (5/191) with nearly 20 overs to spare.

Batting average: Jason Paisley

329 runs @ 36.55

Bowling average: Steve Kimpton

35 wickets @ 19.80 (231 overs)

Notable performances:

Glenn Brink 81 (St Andrews) 261 for season, Jason Paisley 64 (Warrandyte) 60no (Bayswater Park), Steve Assmacher 63 (Bayswater Park)

Steve Kimpton 6/92 (Glen Park) 5/47 (Bayswater Park) 5/92 (Warrandyte)

Jason Paisley and Paul McDiarmid took 14 and 13 wickets respectively for the season

Record partnership:

10th wicket Graeme Chatterton and Paul McDiarmid 43

Unfortunately, the team was 9/43 prior to this partnership.

JUNIORS

It appears an U.16 team was not fielded during this season as there is no record in RDCA Annual report and there was no mention of a team in the local newspaper throughout the season.

U.14 (3)

This team won most of their games to finish 4th of 12 with 67 points.

Details in the local paper showed good performances from: Dwayne Paisley (40, 41no, 87no, 3/17), Matthew Brook (42no), Wayne Denridder (42no), 41, Paul Gubecka (44, 37no, 31), Patrick Perkins (43), Sean Torney (41no), Tom Walter (30no).

The Semi final brought no joy as Hockeyers 7/136 lost to Templeton 221.

U.12 (2)

Home games were played at Silcock and Griff Hunt and a number of boys were playing their second season in this age group. After opening the season with two wins only one came thereafter to see the team finish 6th.

Those to show out were; Matthew Hanlon (50no, 30no), Eamon Costello (45, 4/2), Lucas Davies (38no, 36no, 36, 2/3, 2/14), Chris Spencer (31no, 2/3, 2/6), Michelle Paisley (2/7), David Bailey (30no), Andrew Reilly (30no), Sean Stewart (2/31), Peter McManamon (2/12), Chris Deverell (2/7) and Jordan Reed (2/12).

VETERANS

By this stage there were 12 teams competing in the Veterans.

New members to play in the Veterans ranks in this season were: Ross Fitzgerald, Gary Norbury, Don Simkin and Ian Spencer.

Six wins from the first six games set the season up and, despite losses in the last two rounds, the team held top spot and hosted the grand final at Silcock against Norwood, who they had not played during the season.

Norwood batted first and compiled 6/176 with wickets shared.

In response, it was 2/0 after two balls. At 5/59 things looked a bit grim before Gary Norbury (39) and Rod Roach (20) put together a handy partnership but at 8/117 all seemed lost. Enter Hoggy (Gary), who added a quick fire 30 while Don Simkin batted soundly up the other end and it was 9/153 when Hoggy was dismissed.

Don was on 19 at this point and he was joined by Harry Lakeland. From here Don did the bulk of the scoring and at the start of the last over it was 9/171. Don was on 36, having to retire if he reached 40, so it was felt Harry had to at least get a couple. To that point he had contributed one run and he was on strike. Two runs from the first ball was a good start but then came two dots and the fingernails took a bit of punishment. A single from next ball landed the responsibility squarely in Don's court. He was up to the task hitting a two to tie the scores then a four to win the game.

It was an amazing fight back and those who were members of the team still vividly remember the events of the day..

Billy Stafford was the leading rungetter for the season (243) and also took most wickets (11).



Members of the winning team (from back, left): Gary Norbury, Gary Hogg, Peter White, Tom Derham, Don Simkin, Geoff Outhred, Ross Fitzgerald.
(Front) Harry Lakeland, Bill Stafford, Brian Gobbi (Capt), Andy Walter and Rod Roach

1991/92 SEASON

President: Brett Haines



Secretary: Gary Hogg



The financial position held steady, closing with a balance of \$3432.09

New players to the senior ranks were:

Wally Coppola, Phil Treloar, Michael Denridder, Eamon Costello (Ace), Glenn Mullins, Paul Gubecka, Danny Collins, Russell Kilgour, Paul Kilgour, Wayne Denridder, Alex Land, Mathew Peisley, Nigel Hansen.

Rain and ground conditions saw a couple of councils ban play until 19 October so the RDCA applied that to all games. The indoor centre at Kilsyth had closed, drawing a curtain on that development. The competition had following grades: Chandler 1-5, "A" Grade 1-3, "B" Grade 1-2 and C, D, E and F.

Ross Macauley (Coach) was the utility man for the season, playing first three games in the thirds, then same number in seconds, before completing latter part of season in the firsts.

B (1)

Pretty sure Norm Osborne captained the team whilst Ross was on his roving mission and Ross took the reins when he returned the playing in the firsts..

An early win, then a flat patch, followed by three wins either side of Xmas. Only one more win but it was sufficient to stagger into 4th spot in an 8 team grade. Percentage took a bit of a battering late on when an opposition player (177no) put some bowlers to the sword, chief sufferers being Macauley (64 off his last 5, "I will get him"), Sutherland (32 off last 2) and Dellaca (22 off one over).

The semi final was against Bayswater Park (at Guy Turner or Sasses Ave) and batting first Hockeyers made 185 (70 overs), with John Day (39), Norm Osborne (31) and Stewart McNamee (25) the main contributors. In reply Bayswater Park compiled 4/206 (53 overs) before a halt was called.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

366 runs @ 30.50

Bowling average: Ross Macauley

17 wickets @ 17.82 (6 games)

Notable performances:

Craig Sutherland 108 (Eastfield) and 300 for the season, Ian Spencer 88 (Olinda) and 75 (Eastfield), John Day 74 (Olinda), Jason Paisley 64 (Ainslie Park), 58no (Ainslie Park – different game), Matt Carroll 59no (Ainslie Park) Stewart McNamee 7/73 (Ainslie Park), 5/34 (South Warrandyte), 23 wickets for season Ross Macauley 5/15 (Yarra Valley), 5/81 from 29 overs (Glen Park)

Record partnership:

6th wicket Ian Spencer and Russell Tonking 127

B (2)

Captain: Ray Heller

After three wins from first four rounds, there came only one more to finish fifth of 8 teams. Aside from individual efforts, team highlights were an early round 9th wicket partnership of 77 between Kevin Callaghan (58) and Adam Hastings (48) and a later effort of 201 between Warren Kidd and Michael Dellaca.

Batting average: Russell Tonking 262 runs @ 43.66
Bowling average: Kevin Callaghan 16 wickets @ 15.50

Notable performances:

Ross Macauley 111no (Ainslie Park), Russell Tonking 104 (Ainslie Park), Warren Kidd 103 (Eastfield), Michael Dellaca 101 (Eastfield), Richard Brown 94 (Ainslie Park), Chris Derham 6/51 (Olinda), Damien Franken 6/75 (Yarra Valley), Russell Tonking 5/39 (Bayswater Park)

“C” Grade

Captain: A bit of a revolving door arrangement with Steve Kimpton, Peter Kilgour and Rohan McPhee wearing the hat during the season.

Griff Hunt (Lyons Rd) remained home base for the season. A forfeit first up saw the team not play until November. Only three wins followed and the season ended on a low note, when beaten outright, with a lack of personnel and this team finished 6th of 11.

Batting average: Wally Coppola 249 runs @ 41.50
Bowling average: Rohan McPhee 17 wickets @ 26.41

Notable performances:

Wally Coppola 127no (South Warrandyte) and 60 (Templeton), Neal Davies 51 (Templeton) Damien Franken 117 (Mt Evelyn), Ross Macauley 60 (North Ringwood) Rohan McPhee 5/43 (Bayswater Park), 4/103 (South Croydon), Mark Mullins 4/19 (Mt Evelyn), Tony White 4/24 (Montrose), Steve Kimpton 4/35 (South Warrandyte)

“D” Grade

Captain: Kurt Brink

This team only played 10 rounds for the season, from which came an early win and only one more, where courtesy of Richard Brown (58) the team recovered from 6/47 to reach 7/116 for the win. In the last round, at Griff Hunt, North Ringwood, who must have been chasing bonus points, made 361 in 39 overs, dismissed Hockeyers (175), then made 278 in 23 overs. The end result was a last place finish, of 10 teams.

Batting average: Michael Denridder 231 runs @ 28.88
Bowling average: Michael Denridder 17 wickets @ 19.41 (6 games)

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Sean Torney and Michael Denridder 118
8th wicket Kurt Brink and Phil Treloar 66 (team was 7/39)

Notable performances:

Neal Davies 101 (Templeton), Michael Dellaca 88 (Knox City), Michael Denridder 76 (Bayswater Park), 62 (North Ringwood), Sean Torney 62 (North Ringwood) Gary Hogg 5/53 (Knox City), Michael Denridder 5/21 (Wantirna) and 6/62 (North Ringwood)

JUNIORS

Other than U.14's, scorebooks were not found for this season nor was a copy of RDCA junior annual report so finishing positions unknown for U.16's and U.14's. U.16 details below were gleaned from local newspaper with some input from Sean Torney and Andy Heaton.

U.16 (3)

Sean indicated that this team comprised mainly Croydon United boys and Hockeyers boys supplemented the shortfall. The local newspaper added some confusion by mostly showing the team as Hockeyers but at times listing it as United. The team had a successful season and earned a finals place, with those to show out during the season being: Chris McPherson (4/38, 3/31, 79, 54no, 50), Anthony Poisson (43) and Michael Mobilia (50, 4/15)

In the Semi-final the team made 5/207 (Poisson 56no, Drew Davey 51no) and defeated Wantirna South 9/143 (Andy Heaton 3/32).

Grand final scores were not published but Andy, who is still playing, advised that Boronia made about 180 and that target was chased down for the loss of five wickets, with Poisson and Davey again leading the way.

U.16 (4)

This team was a Hockeyers unit but was often listed in the local paper as United. Limited detail appeared in the paper but it did evidence three wins and those to show out were: Glenn Mullins (78no), Moerth (50no), D Fitzpatrick (4/11), Sean Torney (32no).

U.14 (2)

Home base was Griff Hunt and two wins and points for a Bye saw team finish with 24 points. There were a number of good performances, as follows: Dwayne Paisley (85no, 62no, 50no, 3/48), Wayne Denridder (62no, 50no, 47), Eamon Costello (39, 3/18) and Ben Osborne (up from 12's, 31), Brad Davies (2 for on 5 occasions) and Mat Peisley (4/13). Dwayne Paisley won the Association batting average (307 runs @ 76.7)

U.12 (2)

This team had a good season and made it all the way to Grand final. Those to shine during the season were: Aaron Turnbull (54), Andrew Reilly (41), Lucas Davies (38no), Matthew Hanlon (34no, 33, 31no), Ben Osborne (34, 31no) Chris Spencer (33no) and Brent Crosbie (30no).

Semi final scores unavailable but it was a win against Ringwood.

In the Grand final, Wantirna made 8/163 and the boys came up a bit short with 142 (Chris Spencer 35).

VETERANS

New members to play in the veterans group in this season were: Don Barnett, John Dewey, Chris Heffernan, Peter Kilgour, Frank Myring

The team lost only one of seven games, to Wonga Park, and just managed to sneak in to second place by .003% to earn a spot in the Grand Final against Wonga Park.

Batting first Hockeyers made 8/176, with John Dewey (42ret), Don Simkin (40ret) and Peter White (32) being the main contributors. In response, Wonga (4/178) picked off the target with four overs to spare. Billy Stafford 3/28 was the only bowler to have an impact.

Don Simkin was leading run getter (181) and Brian Gobbi took most wickets (9).

1992/93 SEASON

President: Brett Haines

Secretary: Gary Hogg



New players to join senior ranks were: Tim Johnston, Chris Gellert, Terry Moran, Lucas Davies, William Cleary, Con Kokkinopoulos, Chris (Sidchrome or Siddy) Spencer, Matthew Hanlon, David Epstein, Jeff Munday.

The RDCA competition consisted of Chandler 1-6, "A" Grade 1-5 and "B" Grade 1-3. It was the wettest start to a cricket season in most people's memory. In the pre Xmas period, many playing days were lost and this necessitated the re-scheduling of matches and playing on a number of Sundays.

As mentioned in preamble, home base for this season was Griff Hunt Reserve, due to construction of Dog Club rooms and renovation of cricket social area, but home matches for firsts and seconds were played at Silcock.

"B" (1)

In addition to being President, Brett was also Captain/Coach.

After starting on 24 October, only four games were played before the break. The first game was washed out part way through second day and that was as close to a win as the team came before Xmas. Batting was not a strongpoint during this period, as scores of 50, 67 and 81 evidence. In the score of 67, the last eight wickets fell for 7 runs. Thereafter, another draw was salvaged (this time the rain was a blessing) and the only joy came in the last round when the team made 338 to defeat a fellow cellar dweller and the team finished 9th of 10.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

365 runs @ 33.18

Bowling average: Ross Macauley

35 wickets @ 16.89

Notable performances:

Ross Macauley 87 (Oxley), 55 (Olinda), Ian Spencer 75 (Oxley) 60 (Eastfield),

Tim Johnston 66 (Aquinas), Brett Haines 62 (Olinda)

Ross Macauley 6/28 (Bayswater Park), 6/43 (Chirnside Park),

David Tilker 4/26 (Knox Gardens), 4/85 (Aquinas)

Record partnership:

6th wicket Ross Macauley and Ian Spencer 152

"B" (2)

Captain: Chris Derham

These guys only completed one game in the run to Xmas, with two others unable to be completed due to weather intervention. This team also struggled in the batting department, with a highest of 153 and a number of scores under a hundred. After the resumption, four matches were played but a win eluded the team and it also finished 9th of 10.

Only two batsmen accumulated over 100 runs for the season, Rory Jacobs (103) in two games, being the other.

Batting average: Chris Derham 165 runs @ 33.00
Bowling average: Chris Derham 10 wickets @ 21.00 (7 games)

Notable performances:

Chris Derham 71no (Aquinas), 60 (Eastfield), Rory Jacobs 63 (Aquinas)
Bill Stafford 4/19 (Eastfield), Rohan McPhee was the only other bowler to take 10 wickets.

“B” (3)

Captain: for the most part it was Peter Kilgour

Home base for this team was again Griff Hunt Reserve but it saw little action before Xmas when this team only played one game (12 & 19 December) before the break.

Peter, Paul and Russell Kilgour (Peter’s brother) played together for the first time in a game just after the break.

The highlights of the season, the only wins, occurred in the two games thereafter when Peter Kilgour and Sean Torney put on a century partnership and then, in the next, Glenn Brink hit 18 off the last over to get the team over the line by a couple of runs.

The team finished 11th of 12 and, of those that played at least half of the seven games, only two made more than 100 runs and the leading wicket takers (two) took four each.

Batting average: Craig Gent 105 runs @ 21.00 (4 games)
Bowling average: Mark Wilson 4 wickets @ 32.25 (5 games)

Notable performances:

“Bull” was the second highest run getter with 108, Glenn Brink 79no (Bayswater Park), Peter Kilgour 66 (Croydon), Sean Torney 64no (Croydon), Craig Gent 60 (Knox Gardens), Warren Kidd 8/53 (South Warrandyte), Glenn Brink took six wickets in two games.

“A” (5)

Captain: Michael Denridder

This team was also based at Griff Hunt and played only two games before Xmas, being winner’s on both occasions. Thereafter, four wins from six matches saw the team into second place (of 12) at the end of the home and away season.

The semi final, at Mullum Reserve, was played against Boronia to whom the team had lost earlier in the season. With Hockeyers batting first, Glenn Brink (36) held the innings together for a time but wickets fell steadily and only a late order came from Kevin Callaghan (20) got the final tally to 116. Jason Paisley (3/43) and Michael Denridder (3/32) then reduced Boronia to 6/91 but the next partnership took the game away and it was 7/184 when a halt was called.

Batting average: Glenn Brink 230 runs @ 46.00 (5 Games)
Bowling average: Nigel Hansen 14 wickets @ 16.50

Notable performances:

Wayne Denridder 87 (St Andrews) 61 (South Croydon), 55 (Kilsyth), 299 for the season,
Glenn Brink 82 (St Andrews), Dwayne Paisley 54 (North Ringwood),
Jason Paisley 50 (Wantirna), Nigel Hansen 6/31 (Wantirna),
Jason Paisley 6/32 (South Croydon) and 20 for the season

JUNIORS

U.16 (3)

A combination of wet weather followed by the receipt of two forfeits saw these boys not play a game until late November, another forfeit followed and they only played 3 days (both wins) before Xmas. A win and a forfeit in the last round saw the team finish 3rd of 9, with 52 points.

Those to show out were: Dwayne Paisley (53no), Wayne Denridder (53no and 37), Matt Brook (53, 4/22), Sean Torney (47), Daniel Collins (33no, 4/22) and Brad Davies (4/27 and 3 for in the other 4 games).

The semi-final was against Bayswater Park, to whom the team had lost narrowly in an earlier one day game. Bayswater Park posted 182 (Denridder 2/27) and Hockeyers responded with 164 (Torney 33, Paisley 24, Paul Gubecka 22).

Brad Davies won the Association bowling average (17 wickets @ 7.18)

U.14 (3)

Home games were played at Griff Hunt and two wins, one an outright, saw the team finish 7th of 10, with 20 points.

Players to shine were: Eamon Costello (50, 40no, 5/13), Chris Spencer (43no, 31, 3/15), Lucas Davies (41no, 40no, 35, 3/16), Matthew Hanlon (39), M Slater (3/4) and Mark Bailey 3/0.

U.12 (1)

Silcock Reserve was home base and three wins, from 8 games played, saw a 7th place finish.

Ben Osborne was very consistent (35no, 34no, 33, 31no, 2/11, 2/14) along with Adam Hill (35no, 33no and 31no twice, 2/11, 2/12). Others to show out were: Aaron Turnbull (31no, 30no), Andrew Ford (29no, 3/30), Robert Dinezza (2/0, 2/11), George Haddad (2/17), B Slater (4/9) and David Bartlett (2/3).

Ben Osborne won the Association batting average (90.00)

VETERANS

The competition was continuing to grow with 15 teams across two divisions.

New players to play in the group were: Ray Heller, Ross Macauley and Andy Rickards.

The team did not lose a home and away game but one was washed out mid match.

This saw the team play the Grand final against Parkwood at Silcock.

An extract from the local Croydon Ringwood Post described events as follows:

Parkwood were in early trouble with the loss of three quick wickets. Despite one good partnership, the bowling quartet of Don Simkin (3/21), John Dewey (3/28), Tom Derham (1/10) and Andy Rickards (0/16) remained in control and Parkwood was dismissed in 32 overs for 99. Hockeyers had little trouble passing that score (0/100) with Brian Gobbi (42ret) and Rickards (33no) leading the way.

Billy Stafford (196) accumulated most runs whilst Don Simkin (10) took most wickets.



Members of the winning team: Back Row: Chris Heffernan, Peter Kilgour, Don Simkin, Tony White, Tom Derham, John Dewey, Andy Rickards. Front Row: Peter White, Harry Lakeland, Bill Stafford (captain), Brian Gobbi, Ross Fitzgerald.

1993/94 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: Peter Kilgour



Other committee members were Rohan McPhee (VP), Brett Haines/Stewart McNamee (Treas), Steve Walsh (Social).

The Annual meeting determined that Subs were to be: Senior \$110, Student \$75, Juniors \$45. Weekly subs, where an umpire officiated were an additional \$2. Financial papers showed a healthy opening balance of \$5139.47 but one practice pitch needed to be replaced, the centre wicket at Silcock was to be repaired and the mats used at Lyons Road (Griff Hunt) were to be repaired. In addition, there was a clubroom upgrade (\$1500) and loan repayments to Council (\$2100), such that funds were eroded to \$1368.54 by season's end.

Joint bar with Croydon United and our distribution was 45% (4 senior teams as to their 5).

The RDCA introduced Extended overs matches (50 per innings) for the top grades, in the round following the Xmas break. After two clubs left the Association just prior to the commencement of the season, 33 clubs remained with teams in the top grades. With 12 in Chandler, the Executive rolled the remaining twenty one into two "A" Grade competitions (East and West), with the two winners playing a Grand Final to decide who would progress to Chandler Shield. Hockeyers were placed in the East group.

New players in the senior ranks were:

Andrew Carroll, Michael Foster, Peter Godwin, David Gault, Jason Stafford, Andrew Reilly, John Duck, Rory McManamon, Brent Crosbie, Harry Edmond, Ben Osborne, Adam Hill.

Glenn Spencer (Captain/Coach), David Tilker (VC).

"A" (1)

Despite competitive scores of well over 200, the season started with two losses and the batting then fell away in the next three games to extend that sequence to five, one of which was outright. The drought was broken in the last game before the break but this was to be the only win for the season. A draw followed but it was downhill from there, including two outrights, and the team finished last of 10.

In a season where the group was very young, although there was the odd exception, it was often out of its depth as it came up against strong opposition in most games, none more so than the last round where the game was over before tea on the second day.

The following recollections come from a couple of participants in this game, which was against South Croydon at Cheong Park.

From a very young opening batsman (Jacko), “Andrew Huntington OMG is all I’ve got to offer. As a 15 year old playing his first season in the 1st X1, to see and face this man is the scariest thing I'd come across. It was last game of the year and from memory South Croydon needed an outright to play finals.

They did beat us outright and everyone thought we threw the game. Let me tell you we didn't throw the game, we soiled our pants and got out of their as fast as we could.

I remember facing Huntington and he had about 4 slips, 2 gullies, bat pad. He bowled a short wide one outside off peg and I let it go to the keeper. I then shaped up to practice the cut shot. He looked and stared at me then walked down the wicket and said don't practice if you aren't going to play it. Next ball was in exact same spot and I cut it like a rocket to the fence and nearly killed the gully fielders. He stared at me and I genuinely feared for my life. The next ball I was backing away off the pitch and he bowled a yorker which I jammed the bat down on and got a sneaky 4 through fine leg. I don't remember any more of the innings because I was worrying about getting out of this game alive rather than scoring runs.

Later that day one of our bowler’s had to bat, which is the funniest thing I’ve ever seen. From memory, I think “Fluffa” (Adam Hastings) actually batted with two helmets on, one facing each way in case he turned his head. I remember Fluffer backing away off the pitch and the ball hit the edge of the stump box and went for 6 byes (was 4 byes but the 6 sounds better).Very scary day and I don't know how we all survived it”.

Then from said Fluffa, he who didn’t necessarily know where the next one was going when he was sending them down.

“Entering the last game of the season, most of us were hung over including our great leader, Glenn Spencer, who turned up without the team kit, match ball and score book.

We were sent in to bat first and, as we were getting ready, we heard they had a former district opening fast bowler, Andrew Huntington, in their line up. I remember watching the first few overs, Huntington was 6'4", a massive man, the wicketkeeper was three quarter way to the fence taking balls above his head. At this moment, I started panicking for I was a number 11 of the lowest quality and little bravery. To make matters worse I had to square leg umpire for a few overs and saw how fast this guy was bowling and how much my team mates were struggling against him. I prayed for him to get tired but we were losing wickets too quickly.

It was now my turn to bat. I walked to the wicket wearing a helmet for the first time ever, took block and looked around the field. Don Harris was fielding in close, I looked at Don and said "I shouldn't take up too much of your time". The first ball Huntington bowled me was a bouncer, just missed my head, as I didn't see it. I just looked back at him and said "missed me".

My batting partner, Wayne Denridder, then had a go at Huntington and told him I was quicker and would knock his head off. I had to explain to Wayne that, first, I was nowhere near as quick as this guy and, secondly, that I won't get a chance to bowl at him if he kills me.

Second ball I backed away a mile, ball just missed the stumps. I was very upset at surviving as this was way too fast for a man with no skill. Third ball, I thought, stuff it, I can get in behind this. As stumps went everywhere, I looked to see where I was standing and I was on the grass just off the pitch heading towards square leg. If only backwards running was an Olympic sport. Fastest bowling I ever faced”.

Author's Note! I too played in this game and witnessed proceedings first hand, probably too closely for my own good and he was quick. For the record, the scorebook shows Huntington did not take a wicket in the first innings, where Fluffa made 8no, without appearing to face him, however, he did get bowled by him for a quacker in the second innings, so believe what you will as there is a bit of poetic licence in the recollections.

Batting average: Ian Spencer 241 runs @ 34.43
Bowling average: Glenn Spencer 23 wickets @ 28.69

Notable performances:

Glenn Spencer 74 (Eastfield), 66 (South Croydon), 57 (Olinda), 409 for season, Ian Spencer 66no (Olinda), Tim Johnston 55 (Glen Park), two U.16 boys, Wayne Denridder and Dwayne Paisley, compiled season tallies of 252 and 232 respectively, with two 50's each. Glenn Spencer 6/85 (South Warrandyte)

A (2)

Captain: Tony White

Matt Tonking and Chris Derham got the season off to a great start but there wasn't a lot of joy thereafter as only one more win followed. In that game, Brian Gobbi and Daniel McCubbin (54) combined for a 9th wicket stand of 73 to get the team over the line. Although Tonking got 270 in four games (didn't play after Rd 5), it was a season long struggle for runs (highest 232 in 1st round) and the opposition posted 400 plus on a couple of occasions. The season was bookended by hundreds, when Wally Coppola made 127 (of 227) to end on a personal high but it was a 9th place finish (of 10).

Batting average; Andy Carroll 206 runs @ 29.43 (5 games)
Bowling average: Tony White 13 wickets @ 17.54

Notable performances:

Matthew Tonking 145no (Olinda), 75no (South Croydon), Wally Coppola 127 (Sth Croydon) Brian Gobbi 67 (Eastfield), Ian Spencer 58 (North Ringwood), Tony White 56 (Olinda), Daniel McCubbin 54 (Eastfield) Chris Derham 5/34 (Olinda), Kevin Callaghan 5/45 (Chirnside Park)

A (3)

Captain: Neal Davies

Griff Hunt remained home ground. The season did not get off to a good start, with an outright loss, but two wins from the next four, one an outright, got things back on track. Three wins from five games after the break, including another outright, ended the season on a good note but it was a 6th place finish (of 10). The Davies clan (Neal, Brad and Lucas) played together for the first time in Rd.5.

Batting average: Michael Denridder 240 runs @ 34.29
Bowling average: Brad Davies 17 wickets @ 17.88

Notable performances:

Ray Heller 89 (Eastfield) 75 (Olinda) and 258 @ 51.60 in 5 games, Neal Davies 84 (South Croydon), Mike Foster 78 (Olinda), Peter Godwin 72 (Olinda) 65 (South Warrandyte), Mick Denridder 70 (Mt Evelyn) 68no (Eastfield), Sean Torney 56 (Glen Park) Mike Foster 7/51 (Olinda), Craig Munns 6/26 (Mt Evelyn), Neal Davies 6/73 (Olinda) 30 for season (from 195 overs), Rohan McPhee 5/27 (Glen Park), 5/33 (Eastfield), Daniel McCubbin 5/68 (North Ringwood)

VETERANS

The only new member of Vets group was Barry Williams.

Six wins and only one loss, to Croydon, saw the team finish in second place and earn a rematch with Croydon in the Grand Final, on the turf at their ground.

Batting first, Croydon scored 8/130, with Bill Stafford (3/16) and Brian Gobbi (2/14) heading the wicket takers.

Hockeyers (6/131) reached the target with an over to spare, in which Ian Spencer (41ret) and Ross Macauley (34) were the major contributors.

Ross Macauley (245) was leading run scorer and Tom Derham (11) the leading wicket taker.



Back Row: Ian Spencer, Don Simkin, Tom Derham, John Dewey, Tony White, Andy Rickards, Ross Macauley.
Front Row: Peter White, Bill Stafford (Captain), Harry Lakeland, Ross Fitzgerald, Brian Gobbi.

1994/95 SEASON

President: Tom Derham



Secretary: Peter Kilgour



Other committee members were Rohan McPhee (VP) Brett Haines (Treas), Steve Walsh (Social), Simon Carroll (Junior Co-ordinator)

**Subs - \$120 for Senior, Students \$75, Juniors \$45.
Players paid an additional \$3 a week where paid umpires officiated.**

After opening with a balance of \$1393.57 and paying \$2k for a new synthetic at Silcock, the season closed with the cricket club having a balance of \$969.16.

New players to senior ranks were:

Brent Smart, Simon Gill, Andrew Barton, Simon Gibson, Brett Crapper, Phil Wake, Matt O'Connor, Anthony James, Trevor Nanscawen, Angus Redfern (Gus), Ben Annowsky (Beast), Leigh Smart, Travis Cameron (Silverchair), Sean Stewart, Bruce Smart, Peter McManamon, Paul Harmer, Daniel Maloney, Travis Lambe.

Late start to season (Footy Grand final 1 October) and the next Saturday was washed out. RDCA Finals became two day matches. Another revamp of the grading structure saw it become Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-4, "B" 1-3 and "C" 1-3, with Hockeyers participating in the "B" section, C (2) and C (3).

In those days, one day games were forty overs per side and there was no limitation on how many a bowler could send down.

"B" (1)

Captain: David Tilker (No official Coach appointed and Tilks ran training)

Off the mark with a win, coupled with two more in the next four games had the season on a good keel but from there it was all downhill, with one exception, which is detailed below. First, it should be explained that the scene was set by events between Hockeyers and Glen Park in the last game before Xmas.

Some observations from "Jacko", who played in that game:

"It was 42 degrees, small fast outfield and Tilker says (David says it was a think tank decision) they can't set a target so after he won the toss, we bowled. Normally our big fast bowler, he said he had a sore hamstring and when he did bowl later on it was leggies. They managed to smash up 410.

The second week we managed to score around 280 and there was about 10 overs left in the day. Tilks decided his hammy was better and bowled thunderbolts. I remember fielding bat pad and he hit two batsmen in the ribs and I could hear them crack. One batsman hit a ball and ran, deliberately running himself out. I remember looking at the shed, no one was padded up and no one wanted to pad up. I think big "Frank" came out thinking he'd take Tilks on. He also copped a cracked rib but hit 20 through swinging in hope".

After the Xmas break, a re-scheduled Rd.1 fixture, against Glen Park, was played on a Sunday mid January, with a number of spectators from both clubs in attendance. The game became a talking point over the years because of a couple of incidents that occurred therein.

Some facts of how things played out, batting first, Hockeyers compiled 9/186, during which an older member of the team, who probably should have known better, was reported for informing umpire Geoff Dick that he had made a grave error in giving him run-out. That was just the appetiser.

With Glen Park 5/83, one of their openers, who had made fifty odd, edged the ball to the keeper (the skipper) who fumbled, rolled and may have dropped the catch. Some may say he or another picked it off the ground but it was claimed and given, by Geoffrey.

The batsman at the non strikers end, let's call him "Frankie", took objection and proffered some strong words to that effect, which did not go down well with umpire Dick, who reported him and thereafter threatened to walk off a couple of times if players and spectators did not settle down. Wickets continued to fall (9/134) but Frankie was still there and he vented his fury by thrashing the attack everywhere in a last wicket stand of 40 before his partner was run-out with two balls remaining.

Frankie was not finished there, as on leaving the car park in his off road vehicle, fitted with two way radio and a speaker, he let it be known that he thought a certain person was less than honest. Later that evening a delivery of 20 pizzas and a number of taxi's arrived at the ground for David "Cheat", courtesy of Frankie.

Another, slightly embellished "Jacko" version of events is: "It was the only game on so the freaks from Glen Park rolled into Silcock whilst the Hockeyers army were liquored up to the hilt. From our innings the only thing I remember was old man Span being past the stumps but Geoffrey Dick gave him run out and he was reported after giving the umpire a fair spray.

In the middle of their innings Jason got a wicket. Next ball was a snick straight down my throat at 1st slip but Tilker thought he was a goalie in the EPL and dove straight in front of me. The only problem with this was on landing he decked the catch and then rolled in front of 2nd slip where he told Sean Torney to put the ball in his pocket and claim it (Author: Tilks says he did not encourage the latter action, it just happened). Geoffrey Dick put the finger up but non striker Frankie went berserk.

When we got together as a group, Tilks told us to shut up and claim it. From here both crowds were going feral with Glen Park going off the lolly and Hainsey, Hoggy and crew were just egging them on. Finally, the new batsman got to the wicket and Jason bowled his hat trick delivery (a wide). Whilst this was happening both crowds were still going off and Geoffrey wasn't happy. He stopped the game and ran to both crowds and said another ball would not be bowled until both groups were silent".

Five losses in the remaining five games saw the team finish 6th of 8.

Batting average: David Tilker
Bowling average: Brent Smart

509 runs @ 46.27
15 wickets @ 24.47

Notable performances:

David Tilker 123 (Knox Gardens) 92no (Knox City) 73no (Olinda),
Dwayne Paisley 80 (Glen Park) 69 (Eastfield) 386 for the season,
Glenn Spencer 64 (Knox City), this in a score of 123 with father making 37 of those.
Adam Hastings 7/79 off 30 (Eastfield) 21 for the season,
Matt Carroll 6/42 (Ringwood) 23 for season, Jason Paisley 5/41 (Knox City)

“B” (2)

Captain: Bill Stafford

This team had the winning feeling from the get go and it was a run feast, until the finals, as it won every game up until the 2nd last round, when beaten by the team that turned out to be the Grand Final opponent. Back in the winners list in the last game, the team finished the home and away season in 2nd place.

In the semi-final against Glen Park, at Silcock, Hockeyers batted first and got into a good position (4/167), courtesy of Anthony James (42), Jason Stafford (42), Sean Torney (41) and Wally Coppola (28) but wasted it somewhat to be all out for 203.

Glen Park got off to a good start but then slumped to 6/160, which became 9/190, before a last wicket stand tied the score on 203, whereupon Brett Haines capped off a fantastic effort by claiming his 8th wicket (LBW) and, as the higher ranked side, Hockeyers went through.

The Grand Final was against Knox Gardens, at Templeton Reserve, and batting first they found runs hard to come by. Wickets fell regularly and the final total was 142, in which there were 30 extras (16 wides). Mark Mullins (4/35), Brett Haines (3/26), Craig Munns (2/38) and Anthony James (1/16) were the wicket takers.

In reply, Hockeyers were on the back foot as the score slumped to 6/57 before Sean Torney (28) and Mark Mullins (14) combined with Chris Spencer to push the total to within 25 of victory. Unfortunately, the team came up 10 runs short when Chris (38) was last man out.

Batting average: Wayne Denridder

378 runs @ 47.25

Bowling average: Brett Haines

25 wickets @ 15.73

Notable performances:

Brett Haines 196 (Croydon), 97 (Olinda), 80 (Aquinas) 469 for the season,

Wayne Denridder 135 (Eastfield), 103 (Croydon), 66 (Aquinas),

Sean Torney 107 (Knox Gardens), 90 (Croydon), 368 for the season,

Simon Gibson 80 (Glen Park), Matthew Brook 75 (Eastfield), Jason Stafford 68no (Croydon),

Bill Stafford 81no (Olinda) 67 (Glen Park) 65 (Eastfield) 352 for the season,

Simon Gill 63 (Knox City), Wally Coppola 63 (Croydon), Anthony James 63 (Croydon)

Brett Haines, after a first ball duck, took 8/50 in the Semi-final, 5/54 (Eastfield)

Brad Davies 5/54 (Olinda) 23 for the season

Record partnerships:

1st wicket Wally Coppolla and Wayne Denridder 193

2nd wicket Brett Haines and Wally Coppolla 138

3rd wicket Brett Haines and Sean Torney 192

6th wicket Simon Gibson and Bill Stafford 113

“B” (3)

Captain: Rohan McPhee

Griff Hunt was still the home ground. In the five rounds before Xmas, the team set themselves up with four wins and the receipt of a forfeit on resumption, resulting in maximum points (20.8), was a bonus. From there it was three wins and two losses. Being well entrenched in the four it gave the skipper the luxury of giving everyone a bat (8/466) in the last round rather than push for an outright that was there for the taking.

A second place finish resulted in a semi-final at Silcock (North oval), against Knox City. Hockeyers batted first and got off to a steady start, courtesy of Ray Heller (37) and Neal Davies (20) but the loss of the latter and four more, soon after, saw the score 5/58. Ray was then joined by Brett Crapper and they added sixty, followed by a quickfire 33 from Phil Wake, but it was 9/171 when Matt Hanlon joined Crapper. A partnership of 52 pushed the total to a competitive 223, with Brett (73) being last man out and Matty contributing 22no.

After surviving three overs on the first day, the Knox City openers were on their way immediately when Stewart McNamee (3/30) took two wickets in the first over and Phil Wake took wickets in each of his first three to have Knox City 5/22. Only one wicket fell in the next ten overs or so before Phil took wickets in each of his last three, to finish with 7/29, and Stewy grabbed another to see Knox City all out for 70.

The Grand Final was played at Walker Reserve (Wantirna South) against Knox Gardens, with the teams having a win each in earlier encounters. Knox Gardens batted first and the openers survived eight or so overs before two run-outs changed the game. Wickets fell regularly to see Knox Gardens 6/73 at tea. From there, they staged a good later order recovery, which occupied another 35 overs, and pushed the total to a challenging 197.

Needing to see out 10 overs, Hockeyers lost a late wicket to be 1/19 overnight. On resumption, the innings went much the same way as that of Knox Gardens and Lucas Davies (31) was the main contributor in a score of 6/98 at tea. Another wicket soon after saw Rohan McPhee join Brett Crapper and they pushed the score to 176 before Brett (51) was run out. The skipper (56no) and Stu McNamee (17no) then saw the team home to finish with 8/225.

This premiership was the club's first senior flag since the dual successes in 77/78.



A photo of the winning group could not be located.

Members of the winning team were: Rohan McPhee, Ray Heller, Neal Davies, Simon Gibson, Lucas Davies, Brett Crapper, Phil Wake, Eamon Costello, Mathew Hanlon, Stuart McNamee, Steve Walsh.

Batting average: Ray Heller

423 runs @ 30.21

Bowling average: Rohan McPhee

17 wickets @ 18.65

Notable performances:

Glenn Spencer 218 (Eastfield), Simon Gibson 81 (Eastfield) 60 (Eastfield – another game), Ray Heller 75 (St Andrews), 63 (Knox City) and three fifties, Lucas Davies 68 (St Andrews) Rohan McPhee 72no (St Andrews), Brett Crapper 62 (Eastfield), Phil Wake 64 (St Andrews) Rohan McPhee 5/25 (Eastfield), Eamon Costello took 16 wickets in only 43 overs.

Record partnership:

2nd wicket Glenn Spencer and Simon Gibson 290

“C” (2)

Captain: Peter Kilgour

This team also played home games at Griff Hunt Reserve. Due to the delayed start to the season (no catch up for this grade) and the receipt of a forfeit late in the season, this team only played eight matches.

A good win first up was followed by an outright loss and another loss before two good wins in the run to Xmas, the latter, against the top side, where the team posted nearly 300 and the top scorer made 40. A narrow loss in the second of the three matches played after the break was to be a heartbreaker. Whilst the last game saw a lot of batsmen cash in (6/495) and an outright win, it was to no avail as the team finished 6th of 12.

Batting average: David Gault

208 runs @ 41.60 (5 games)

Bowling average: Paul McDiarmid

19 wickets @14.10

Notable performances:

Brett Crapper 157 (South Croydon), Russell Tonking 124no (Kilsyth), David Gault 105 (South Croydon), Chris Gellert 100 (Parkwood), Terry Moran 77no (South Croydon), Mark Mullins 67 (Ainslie Park), Paul McDiarmid 7/45 and match figures of 10/98 (South Croydon), 5/93 (Croydon North) Nigel Hansen 7/47 (Wonga Park), Brent Crosbie 7/63 (Mooroolbark)

Record partnership:

2nd wicket David Gault and Brett Crapper 188

“C” (3)

Captain: Kurt Brink

Home ground was Croydon Primary School and this team also played only eight matches.

Player availability was a problem and there were only two or three occasions where the team could muster the full complement.

As can be seen from scores of 24 (first game), 29 (last game), 81 and 91 (twice) runs were at a premium for the most part. The pre Xmas period saw four losses (three outright) and a forfeit. Unfortunately it was more of the same thereafter with four losses, including two outrights, but the last two games provided the highlights with three century makers. It may be hard to imagine that 9/419 will not win the game but for those that have played at the primary school it can be standard fare. Whilst it was a winless season, the consolation was the team finished 9th of 10.

Batting average: Matt O’Connor

211 runs @ 23.44

Bowling average: Bruce Smart

12 wickets @ 29.92

Notable performances:

Angus Redfern 204no (Wantirna South), Matt O’Connor 122 (Templeton), Rory McManamon 106 (Wantirna South), Glenn Brink 84 (Parkwood), Matthew Hanlon 74 (Wonga Park), Andy Carroll 59 (Kilsyth), Paddy Perkins 50 (Parkwood) Ben Annowsky 5/31, in a score of 451, (Wantirna South), Bruce Smart 4/69 (Ferntree Gully)

JUNIORS

U.16 (2)

The season got off to a promising start with two wins and the receipt of a forfeit, from the first four games. Thereafter, wickets were a bit hard to come by and it was a bit of a struggle, with only one more win, in the last round, to finish 8th of 10, with 32 points.

Those to feature were: Lucas Davies (75no, 64no, 51), Brent Crosbie (61no, 48no, 45), Eamon Costello (54), Chris Spencer (70, 49), Travis Cameron (47no, 41no) and Matt Hanlon (3/25).

There was no U.14 team this season.

U.12 (4)

This team played only two “grading” games in the competitive section and after scores of 14 and 53, dropped back to play in the non-comp section.

VETERANS

The veterans section of the Association had continued its rapid expansion and was now up to 26 teams. Additions to the Hockeyers ranks in this season were: David Dupuy and Brett Haines.

With wet weather wiping out the second last round, the team lost only the last of six games to South Warrandyte and they met again for a return bout in the Grand final, which was played on the turf at Croydon. Three injuries in the lead up, one a broken collarbone the day before, saw the opposition agree to Brett Haines, Don Simkin and David Dupuy, who had not played sufficient games to qualify, taking part and this was to have quite a bearing on the outcome.

Hockeyers batted first and compiled 8/118, Haines (34) and Simkin (11no), in a telling partnership of 18 with John Dewey (11no), were significant contributors. In response, South Warrandyte had knocked off half of the target for the loss of only one wicket before Peter White (3/14) changed the game. Some tight bowling, Simkin 0/17 from 6, and wickets to Stafford and Macauley, coupled with two run-outs, saw South Warrandyte all out for 106 in the 35th over.

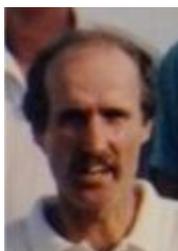
Ross Macauley accumulated most runs (171) for the season whilst John Dewey, Andy Rickards and Peter White each took 7 wickets.



**Back Row: Andy Rickards, Don Simkin, John Dewey, Tony White (injured), David Dupuy,
Tom Derham (injured), Brett Haines, Ross Fitzgerald, Ian Spencer (injured).
Front Row: Peter White, Harry Lakeland, Brian Gobbi, Ross Macauley (Captain),
Bill Stafford**

1995/96 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford



Secretary: Richard Brown



Other committee members were Kim Spencer (Treasurer), Rohan McPhee (Vice Pres), Ian Spencer (Junior Co-ordinator) and Tom Derham.

At the AGM, Bill Stafford, Peter Kilgour and Tony White were awarded Life membership. It was determined subs remain at same level and the club traded profitably to finish with a balance of \$3235.19.

The RDCA entered into an Agreement with Kookaburra for the exclusive use of their balls. As had become the norm, Round one was impeded by rain and not many matches got results. By the end of the season the Executive had concerns with the makeup of "B" section and intimated that the structure would again change for following season.

For this season, the structure saw Chandler 1-4, "A" grades 1-4, "B" grades 1 & 2 and "C" grades 1-4. The Executive determined that the C (4) grade would play one day matches only. Hockeyers fielded five teams across the two "B" Grades, C (1), C (2) and C (4).

New players to senior ranks in this season were: Toby Drummond, Cameron Sisson, Peter Kettle, Scott Dinnie, Brendan Rose, Matthew Welch, Kevin Hassard, W Lim, Michael Schultz, Steve Power, John Charnley, D Lyon, Marcus Redfern, Sean Hansen, John Delaney, F Mileto

David Tilker was Captain/Coach.

B (1)

The team made 85 in the first game but managed to protect this score to win by two runs. Low scores (90, 112, 127) followed in the next three games but an outright in the last of these sort of squared the ledger. A good patch either side of Xmas, with three wins and a draw had the team in finals contention but losses in the last two rounds saw a fifth place finish (of 8), which was 3.3 points adrift of 4th. Lack of runs was the problem, as only three times did the team score 200 or more and only three batsmen exceeded that figure for the season.

Batting average: Cameron Sisson

281 runs @ 31.22

Bowling average: David Tilker

28 wickets @ 12.61

Notable performances:

Cameron Sisson 88 (Knox Gardens) 52 (Wantirna), Ian Spencer 62no (Glen Park), Tim Johnston 62 (Ringwood), Dwayne Paisley 53 (Olinda), Craig Sutherland 51 (Knox City), Jason Stafford 50 (Knox Gardens)
Glenn Spencer 5/41 (Glen Park) 5/47 (Knox City) 26 for the season, David Tilker 5/35 (Wantirna), Matt Carroll 19 and Jason Paisley 18, respectively, for the season

B (2)

Captain: Bill Stafford

Off to a great start, with the Stafford's dominating, and there was only one hiccup in the following five matches. This grade had a break of nearly a month (16/12-13/1), so there were only ten games for the season, from which came seven wins and a draw (washout on 2nd day), to see the team head the ladder going into the finals.

The semi-final was played at Silcock against Knox City who, after electing to bat first, were off to a steady start before two run-outs helped the Hockeyers cause. Wickets fell regularly thereafter and the final total was 152. Eamon Costello (4/51) was the pick of the bowlers, whilst Adam Hastings, Brent Smart and Andy Barton chipped in with one apiece.

In reply, the main contributors were the top three in the order, Brett Haines (26), Anthony James (18), Billy Stafford (37 and 8th man out), but from there a steady loss of wickets had the team on the ropes at 9/140. Enter Adam "Fluffa" Hastings (who had only scored a 2no for the whole season in this grade, in 8 matches, albeit he did not bat in a couple) to join young Matty Hanlon. A nail biting six or seven overs followed as they edged the score to level before Hastings was bowled.

Who would believe two tied semi-finals in consecutive seasons, with the team able to progress to the Grand Final on both occasions by virtue of being higher ranked.

The Grand final was played at Kimberley Reserve (Chirnside Park) against Glen Park, who Hockeyers had beaten on two occasions during the season. Hockeyers elected to bat first and the top three again did their bit (Haines 47, James 25, Stafford 27) but this time they got assistance from Chris Spencer (42) and Andy Barton (34) and the final total was 214.

After losing two wickets late on the first day, Glen Park was always under pressure and they were eventually bowled out for 73 (47 overs) shortly after tea. Brent Smart (4/23) led the way but had good support from Adam Hastings (2/22), Eamon Costello (1/19) and Andy Barton (1/5).



The winning group: (Back, from left): Lucas Davies, Matt Brook, Brent Smart, Chris Spencer, Adam Hastings, Craig Munns, Anthony James (front): Brett Haines, Ian Spencer, Andy Barton, Eamon Costello, Matt Hanlon, Bill Stafford (Capt).

Batting average: Bill Stafford

535 runs @ 44.58

Bowling average: Brent Smart

25 wickets @ 10.70

Eamon won the Association award but finals performances tipped club award Brent's way.

Notable performances:

**Jason Stafford 108no (Knox City), Bill Stafford 88 (Wantirna) 87 (Glen Park) 82 (Knox City), these scores were made in first three rounds, 81 (Eastfield), Matt Brook 67 (Eastfield), Ian Spencer 62no (Olinda)
Brent Smart 5/28 (Eastfield), 5/49 (Wantirna), Eamon Costello 5/28 (Wantirna) 5/30 (Glen Park) and 29 for the season (at 11.10)**

Record partnership:

6th wicket Bill Stafford and Jason Stafford 176

C (1)

Captain: Tony White

Griff Hunt was again the home ground for the thirds and they were off and running from the get go. Big scores were the order of the day as they posted in excess of 300 on four occasions, the highest being 442. The top scorer that day made 64 so it was an across the board contribution.

The team won every game up until the last round, where they faltered to lose by 19 runs. Nonetheless, they entered the finals in top spot and would have started warm favourites to win the flag.

The semi-final was played at Silcock against Knox City. After electing to bat the Hockeyers openers saw off seven overs before the loss of the first wicket at 18. From there it was all downhill, as only Brett Crapper (21) got to double figures and the team was dismissed for 64 in the 27th over.

In reply, Knox City progressed to 45 before Tony White (3/7 from 14) took two wickets in his second over. Whilst the bowling was tight, wickets did not come and when stumps was called, with the score 3/131, the game was conceded.

Batting average: Tony White

210 runs @ 42.00

Bowling average: Tony White

26 wickets @ 13.35

Notable performances:

Andrew Barton 124no (Glen Park) 87 (Knox City) 77 (Templeton) and in the five games he played in this grade he accumulated 320 runs. It should be noted that Andy won the RDCA batting average (80.00) but it appears he did not play enough games to meet club qualifications.

Simon Carroll 111no (Glen Park), Peter Kettle 100no (Glen Park) 98 (Templeton),

Brett Crapper 88 (Knox Gardens), Ray Heller 77 (Glen Park),

Sean Torney 71 (East Ringwood), Terry Moran 69 (Glen Park)

Tony White 6/73 (Glen Park) and there were plenty of four wicket hauls, with Messrs White, Barton, Kettle, Wake, Peisley, McDiarmid and Lucas Davies doing so.

Record partnerships:

4th wicket Sean Torney and Andy Barton 153

6th wicket Matthew Peisley and Tony White 130

9th wicket Leigh Smart and Paul McDiarmid 92

C (2)

Captain: Rohan McPhee

This team also played home games at Griff Hunt. Runs proved difficult to come by and only three players accumulated more than 200. The season did not get off to a great start with three losses but two wins from the next three gave the team a bit of momentum. It seemed the long break stalled that because only one win, an outright, was recorded in the latter part of the season, which saw the team finish 6th of 10.

Batting average: Toby Drummond

248 runs @ 41.33

Bowling average: Rory McManamon

17 wickets @ 14.18

Notable performances:

Rohan McPhee 90 (South Croydon) 347 for the season, Matt Brook 85 (Wonga Park),

Toby Drummond 80 (South Croydon) 52no (Olinda) 51no (Wantirna South),

Peter Kilgour 54 (St Andrews), Scott Dinnie 51 (Kilsyth),

Rory McManamon 50no (South Croydon)

Brendan Rose 7/64 (St Andrews), Rohan McPhee 6/49 (Croydon North) 23 for the season and the following players had four wicket hauls: McPhee, McManamaon, McDiarmid, Drummond.

C (4)

Captain: Ben Annowsky

As mentioned earlier this grade played solely one day games, where batsmen retired at 50 (no return) and bowlers were limited to 7 overs. Home games were at Croydon Primary for the most part but the occasional game was played at Dorset (East). In all, the team played 16 matches and received a forfeit. A quirk of the draw in the pre Xmas period saw teams play each other in consecutive weeks at the same venue. It took until Rd.7 to record a win and it became three in succession to give the team some heart. Two wins from six games after the break saw the team finish 5th of 8.

Notable performances:

Scott Dinnie 50ret (Mooroolbark), Ben Annowsky 51ret (Knox Gardens) 308 for the season,

Travis Cameron 51ret (Mooroolbark) 50ret (Knox Gardens) 50ret (Croydon United), 283 for the season, Simon Carroll 52ret and 51ret (Templeton) 52ret (Knox City)

51ret (Ferntree Gully), Trevor Nanscawen 51ret (Knox City) 50ret (Templeton)

50ret (Ferntree Gully), Angus Redfern 51ret (Ferntree Gully)

Ben Annowsky 4/49 (Knox Gardens) 15 for the season, Bruce Smart 4/27 (Ainslie Park)

3/17 (Knox Gardens) 3/25 (Croydon United) 3/25 (Knox City) 3/37 (Ferntree Gully),

Marcus Redfern 3/17 (Mooroolbark), Angus Redfern 3/21 (Ferntree Gully),

Simon Gibson 3/13 (Knox Gardens), Trevor Nanscawen 3/36 (Templeton) 15 for the season

Batting average: Trevor Nanscawen

406 runs @ 40.60

Bowling average: Bruce Smart

26 wickets @ 19.69

JUNIORS

None of the scorebooks could be located and there were no junior scores published in the local newspaper during the season. The only detail available was that shown in RDCA Junior Annual report.

U.16 (1)

This team had four wins and a draw to finish 6th of 10, with 36 points.

Lucas Davies represented the RDCA in IACC January carnival.

Chris Spencer represented Fitzroy Doncaster in Dowling Shield competition.

U. 16 (4)

Two wins for the season for a 10th place finish, of 11.

U.14 (4)

This team was a composite side with Croydon United and had three wins in finishing 9th of 11.

David Bartlett (a Croydon United boy) played Hatch for Bayswater.

U.12 (3)

Unfortunately this team could not muster a win during the season.

A team was also fielded in Under 12 Non Comp section.

VETERANS

New players to take part during the season were: David Fitzgerald, Ken Fitzgerald and Graeme Biggins.

Only one loss from seven games saw the team into another grand final, this time against North Ringwood at their ground.

North Ringwood batted first and compiled 7/159, with Ross Macauley (2/17) and Bill Stafford (2/33) the most successful bowlers. In reply, only Brian Gobbi (42ret) and Macauley (30) made significant contributions and Hockeys were all out for 124 in 30 overs.

Ian Spencer (227) was leading run getter while Bill Stafford took most wickets (13).

1996/97 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford



Secretary: Richard Brown



Other Committee members elected at AGM were Matt Carroll (Vice Pres), Kim Spencer (Treasurer), Ray Heller (Junior Co-ordinator), Adam Hastings (Social), Glenn Spencer and Craig Sutherland. Brett Haines was awarded Life Membership. Subs were maintained at same level and the financial position improved further to close with a balance of \$5950.27.

New players to the senior ranks were:

Wayne Lee (Harpo), Terry Payne, Troy Lomas, Michael Willingham, Paul Jolley, Nigel Lee, Stuart Lee, D Hodgson, Chris Leriche, Michael Edwards, Ashley Brabham, Greg Bromage, Mark Schulties, Ash Duncan, M Morrison, Paul Attfield, T Deacon, Darren Bromage, Matt Geale, Raghu Rammohan, Anthony Jones, Nick McKenzie, D Fisher, M Walton, Richard Gough, Dale Coffey, Peter Dodgshun, A Geale, Andy Spencer.

The RDCA decided to have a one year only 16 team "A" Grade competition, due to a reduced number of teams being available for "B" grade. The structure became Chandler 1-4, "A" 1-4, "B" 1-3 and "C" 1-2. Hockeyers had teams in the "A" section and C (1). For the "A" section, it was to be a 15 round season but the first two were abandoned due to state of grounds. Some teams in lower grades could not get on grounds until November.

"A" Grade

Wayne Lee Captain/Coach

Due to the weather, the first days play did not occur until 26 October. There were a few Sat/Sun games to try and catch up but only 12 of proposed 15 rounds were played. Once the season was underway the team was off to a flyer, when the first six games yielded four wins and a draw, albeit lucky to escape when 2nd day was washed out with opposition needing only 10 to win. In the latest of these wins, Ian, Glenn and Chris Spencer played together for the first time in the 1sts. After the break, there was little joy as only one win came from five games to see the team finish in 11th place. In this win, the team recovered from 7/129 to post 284 and win by thirty odd runs.

Batting average: Ian Spencer

237 runs @ 33.86

Bowling average: Wayne Lee

27 wickets @ 20.41

Notable performances:

Simon Carroll 85no (St Andrews), Ian Spencer 85 (Olinda), 69no (South Warrandyte)

David Tilker 82 (Knox City), Craig Sutherland 71no (Knox City),

Brett Haines 69 (Glen Park), 65 (Chirnside Park) 301 for the season,

Wayne Lee 61no (South Warrandyte) 333 runs for season, Glenn Spencer three 50's, 329 for the season, David Tilker 6/46 (Olinda) 22 for the season, Wayne Lee 5/24 (Glen Park), 5/84 (St Andrews), Glenn Spencer 20 wickets for the season

Record partnership:

8th wicket Wayne Lee and Ian Spencer

116 unbroken

“A” (2)

Captain: Bill Stafford

It was uncanny how the fortunes of this team virtually mirrored that of the firsts. A loss in the first game was followed by four wins and a draw, when rain intervened (probably fortuitous also). Runs proved elusive in the post Xmas matches and, again, this team was only able to win one game after the break to finish 9th of 16.

Batting average; Wally Coppola

234 runs @ 33.43

Bowling average: Eamon Costello

12 wickets @ 17.58 (6 Games)

Notable performances:

Sean Torney 135no (Knox City) 303 for season, Dwayne Paisley 108no (Chirnside Park), Simon Carroll 97 (Eastfield) 266 for season in 5 games, Ian Spencer 70 (Knox City),

Jason Stafford 69no (Montrose), Matt Brook 65 (Bayswater Park),

Wally Coppola 65no (South Croydon)

Lucas Davies 5/32 (Glen Park), Jason Paisley 5/46 (Chirnside Park),

Bill Stafford 5/54 (South Ringwood), Andy Barton and Adam Hasting took 16 and 15 wickets, respectively, for the season

“A” (3)

Captain: Tony White

The thirds again played home matches at Griff Hunt and somehow started the season on 19 October. A certain win was thwarted in the first game when bad light stopped play with the opposition needing sixty in five overs. The second game saw no one make double figures in a team score of 55. Only one win was gleaned from the next six games but it improved a bit after the break. Up to Rd.9, the team had not made more than 176 (posted in earlier win) but 322, 232 and 278 followed to pick up two more wins.

The highlight of the season was probably the last game, played against the neighbours at the Secondary College. Chasing 273, Brooky was out for plenty, at 253, and then four more fell for twelve runs to be 9/265. Paul Jolley returned, after earlier retiring hurt, to join the skipper and they got the team to the line (9/278). The end result was a 10th place finish (of 14).

Batting average: Tony White

152 runs @ 30.4 (9 matches)

Bowling average: Mathew Peisley

9 wickets @ 29.55 (9 matches)

Notable performances:

Matt Brook 178 (Croydon United) 254 in three matches, the only one to exceed 200,

Tim Johnston 106 (Chirnside Park), Toby Drummond 76no (Chirnside Park),

Brent Crosbie 65no (South Warrandyte)

Paul McDiarmid 6/26 (South Ringwood), Toby Tatham 5/16 (Templeton),

Simon Gibson 5/37 (Chirnside Park), Steve Walsh 5/97 (Montrose)

Matthew Peisley and Toby Tatham were the leading wicket takers for season with nine each.

Record partnerships:

6th wicket Tim Johnston and Toby Drummond 127

9th wicket Jason Paisley and Steve Walsh 59

“A” (4)

Captain: Ben Annowsky

This team was referred to as “Beast’s Army” and also played home games at Griff Hunt. With the delayed start and no play, for some reason, in the first game after the Xmas break, there were only nine matches for the season.

A win in the first game was followed by two losses, a win and another two losses, the latter an outright, to get to Xmas in much the same position as the 3rds. In the three games after the break the team made two good scores (287 and 337) to record wins, the latter against Croydon United, and finish the season on a good note, in 7th position of 14.

Batting average: Angus Redfern	214 runs @ 30.57
Bowling average: Simon Gibson	12 wickets @ 25.83

Notable performances:

Trevor Nanscawen 102 (South Croydon), Glen Brink 91no (Chirnside Park), Angus Redfern 81 (Croydon United), Travis Cameron 80no (Eastfield), Rohan McPhee 68 (Croydon United), 54 (Chirnside Park), Simon Gibson 51 (Eastfield) D Hodgson 5/27 (South Croydon), Brendan Rose 4/32 (East Ringwood), Simon Gibson 4/43 (St Andrews), aside from Simon, 8 wickets was next best for the season

Record partnership:

6th wicket	Glen Brink and Mark Wilson	77
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“C” (1)

Captain: Bruce Smart

Croydon Primary was home base for this team. As was the case with the 5ths in previous season, this grade played solely one day games, with batting and bowling restrictions.

Player availability was obviously an issue at times as there is evidence of playing with 8 and some gaps in playing dates which would indicate the team forfeited a few times. Of eleven games played, the skipper played most, with seven.

The season started with two losses but a good patch of two wins and a draw in next four was promising. After the break, the team was 2/146, chasing 175, but capitulated, losing last four for three runs to come up three short. It all fell away after that with four more losses and it was a last place finish (of 7).

Batting average: Bruce Smart	107 runs @ 21.40 (7 games)
Bowling average: this was not listed on honour board (see below) and might have been too hard to work out but contenders had to be:	
Andy Spencer	13 wickets @ 9.31 (6 games)
Bruce Smart	11 wickets @ 17.90

Not sure what criteria was used to calculate batting average winner but Andy Spencer might have been a bit stiff not to win with 85 runs at 28.33 in 6 games, which was more than half those played.



Notable performances:

Bruce Smart 52ret (South Croydon), Andy Spencer 50ret (South Croydon), Angus Redfern 51ret (Mooroolbark), Ashley Brabham 53ret (Mooroolbark), Michael Edwards 53ret (South Croydon), Tony White 50ret (Montrose) Andy Spencer 4/18 (Montrose), 3/29 (South Croydon), Bruce Smart 3/26 (South Croydon) 3/29 (Montrose), Ash Duncan 3/24 (Ainslie Park), Ashley Brabham 3/51 (Ainslie Park

JUNIORS

Greg Bromage joined the club, having previously been involved at Eastfield, and all of a sudden there was a massive influx of U.12 players. Greg also established the “Vic Hit” (Milo) cricket introductory program for the club and had 50 youngsters register.

A “Big Brother” arrangement was put in place for the first time.

Scorebooks could not be located so the following details were extracted from local newspaper and RDCA Annual report.

U. 16 (3)

Had a reasonably good season to achieve 5 wins and finish 7th of 10, with 40 points.

Players to show out were: Leigh Smart 62 and a hat-trick (figures not available), John Delaney 51no, Brendan Rose 75no, 50.

Brendan Rose represented RDCA in the IACC January carnival.

U.14 (3)

Two wins and a tie saw this team finish in eighth place.

Michael Edwards was a standout, winning the Association batting average (53.83) but none of his individual scores appeared in the paper.

U.12 (2)

Had a good season to finish 4th of 10, with 40 points.

Players to show out were: Steve Howard 4/15, Nick McConnell 2/7.

The semi-final saw Hockeyers (9/156) go down narrowly to Parkwood (9/169).

Nick McConnell played in the RDCA Mitchell Shield team in IACC carnival.

U.12 (3)

Also had a good season to notch up five wins and finish 4th of 10, with 40 points. No individual details were available.

In the semi-final, Hockeyers (145) came up short in pursuit of the South Ringwood tally (6/171).

U.12 (4)

One win for the season, achieved in last game against our next door neighbours, resulted in a 9th place finish, of 10. Bowlers to show out were P May (3/11) and Andrew Maggs (3/8).

A team was also fielded in U.12 Non Comp division.

VETERANS

New players to take part during the season were: Norm Osborne, Mark Wilson, Neville Asquith, Harry Sandford, Rani Mohan and Neal Davies.

Only one loss from seven games, to Parkwood, and the two teams met again in the Grand final, which was played at Silcock.

Batting first, Hockeyers made a very formidable 4/210, in which the main contributors were Spencer (41ret), Stafford (40 ret), Macauley (36), Osborne (32no) and Haines (26).

When the last man came in, Parkwood needed 35 to win but his partner could only make five more before retiring. It got a little close for comfort before Parkwood was dismissed for 198 (Spencer 2/21, Stafford 2/29) to give Hockeyers, playing their 7th straight Grand Final, their 5th premiership win.

The RDCA Annual report made reference to Hockeyers still having seven members of first two grand final appearances playing and this record will remain in Veterans cricket for a long period, as it will be remarkable if any team could emulate this feat.

Brian Gobbi (217) was leading run getter and John Dewey took most wickets (11).



**Back: Alan Duffus (Umpire), Bill Stafford, Ross Fitzgerald, Brett Haines, Don Simkin, John Dewey, Tony White, Mark Wilson, Steve Pascoe (Umpire).
Front: Harry Lakeland, Ian Spencer (C), Brian Gobbi, Norm Osborne, Ross Macauley.**

1997/98 SEASON

President: Bill Stafford



Secretary: Marg Stafford



Other committee members were: Kerrie Spencer (Treasurer), Gary Hogg (Vice Pres), Ray Heller (Junior Co-Ord), Adam Hastings (Social), Trevor Gobbi, Rohan McPhee and Mel Hobbs. Fees remained unchanged and eventually Hockeys was to contribute a balance of \$6560.50 to the merged entity. Subs were \$125/\$75 (Seniors/students), \$45/\$75 (juniors/family)

The RDCA implemented another grading re-structure due to the departure of two clubs, resulting in some clubs having their 1sts playing in “B” grade. Hockeys and United had flagged their intentions to the Executive that a merger was likely in 1998/99 season. The competition was shrinking somewhat with 34 senior clubs fielding 145 teams and the junior section holding up with 147 teams.

This season saw the structure Chandler 1-4, “A” to “G” grades and an “O” grade, where it was all one day games. The Executive determined that bonus points would not be applicable in the one day grade.

New players to the senior ranks in this season were: Greg Walker, Darren Chaplin, Steve Arbuckle, Michael Formoran, John Brewster, James Somers, Martin Sleeman, Andy Guenther, Tony Hackett, Ray Moore, Michelle Paisley, Nick McConnell, Kylie Bromage, S Geale, Ethan Cassidy, J Towers, S Easey

“A” Grade

Wayne Lee captain/Coach

The season did not get off to a good start, with a lack of runs and three losses. The first time a good tally (5/316) was posted it brought about a win but there followed four losses to be one from eight. The big clash of the season, in what became the highlight, took place at that point when, for the last time, Hockeys played against Croydon United in what was a battle of the soon to be merged entities.

Batting first, the Hockeys top order was subjected to a fair bit of heat from Damien Franken, a former Hockeys man, and he claimed two early wickets. Jacko Paisley (61), Billy Stafford (33) and Glenn Spencer (42) then righted the ship and the skipper (57no) capped off that good work to see a final score of 233. United had to bat eight overs and Jason Paisley grabbed two wickets to have them 2/4 at stumps. Two more in the second and third overs of the second day (4/10) created a bit of excitement among the lads. Whilst there was a bit of a recovery in the middle order, the breaking of a solid partnership saw the innings wrapped up for a total of 120. Having to bat for about 30 overs, Damien, with smoke coming out his ears, was at it again and took three early wickets. Rod Sutherland, who was captain of United, had cracked it with his troops. He fielded on the boundary, only coming to the wicket to bowl and, despite getting hammered, he kept bowling right to the end (2/92 off 11) in a total of 6/149. It was a memorable game for those who were part of it.

Pipped at the post in the next game and a good win to finish the season saw an 8th place finish.

Batting average: Wayne Lee
Bowling average: Wayne Lee

343 runs @ 49.00
41 wickets @ 14.75

Notable performances:

David Tilker 118no (Chirnside Park), Wally Coppola 93 (Chirnside Park), Brett Haines 68 (East Ringwood), Dwayne Paisley 65 (Wantirna) 291 for the season Wayne Lee 5/19 (Wantirna) 5/32 (Croydon United), Dwayne Paisley 5 catches, as wicket keeper, in the eight wickets taken against Knox City.

“B” Grade

Captain: Bill Stafford but not sure who took over when he played the last three in the firsts.

It did not prove to be a good swansong for this team as it only once made more than 200 and in doing so (Rd.3) it provided the only win for the season.

The season ended on a fairly low note when it lost two of the last three outright, the highest team total in the four innings being 110, and it was a last place finish (of 12).

Batting average: Bill Stafford
Bowling average: Andy Barton

277 runs @ 46.16
23 wickets @ 16.08

Notable performances:

Bill Stafford 85no (Templeton) 75no (Montrose), Greg Walker 52 (Eastfield), Andy Barton 66no (St Andrews) 55 (Chirnside Park) 50 (South Croydon) 262 for the season, Jason Stafford 50 (Olinda) Andy Barton 7/53 (St Andrews) 6/60 (Chirnside Park) 6/58 (Eastfield), Leigh Smart 5/21 (Templeton), Toby Tatham 4/38 (South Croydon), Paul McDiarmid 4/47 (Montrose), Brendan Rose 4/57 (Baywater Park)

“D” Grade

Captain: Trevor Nanscawen

The scorebook for this grade could not be located so details below are extracted from the local paper or the captain’s memory. He recalls that the team won about five games for the season and was in finals contention until it dropped the last couple of games.

In the game against Olinda, Trevor batted through the innings but contributed just 35 of a third wicket stand of 125 with 14yo Michael Edwards.

In the end, it was a 7th place finish.

Batting average: Trevor Nanscawen
Bowling average: Tony White

414 runs @ 51.80
(he can’t find the trophy)

Notable performances:

Trevor Nanscawen 145 (Croydon United), 104no (Olinda), Michael Edwards 90 (Olinda), Ben Annowsky 90 (Croydon United), Leigh Smart 53 (Lilydale) Paul McDiarmid 6/26 (Lilydale), Tony White 5/ (Olinda) Trevor Nanscawen won the Association batting average

“E” Grade

Captain: Ray Heller

As was the case with the higher teams, this group also had great difficulty in posting a competitive score, evidenced by scores of 39, 45, 77, 97, 103 and 105. Only one win before Xmas and another followed from the three matches after the break.

In the nine games played, two were against Croydon United, from which came no joy. The second of those saw Hockeyers make 9/77 in 40 overs at the Secondary College, in mid January. Billy Lyall and company must have been bowling hand grenades.

Aside from the wins, the season highlight came in the last game played. After being bowled out for 39 (9 players), the opposition were dismissed for 133 and, looking for outright, were thwarted when Hockeyers amassed 378. The receipt of a forfeit in the last round provided an early end to the season and an 11th place finish (of 12)

Batting average: Ray Heller

286 runs @ 35.75

Bowling average: Rowan McPhee

11 wickets @ 22.27

Notable performances:

Chris Spencer 165 (Bayswater Park), Rohan McPhee 81 (Bayswater Park), Ray Heller 82 (South Warrandyte) 62no (Boronia), 50 (Bayswater Park), Trevor Gobbi 69 (Chirnside Park), Mick Denridder took 9 wickets in three matches Michael Edwards 5/34 (Montrose), Garry Hogg 5/41 (Croydon United),

Record partnership:

4th wicket Chris Spencer and Ray Heller 155

“O” Grade (One Day Grade)

Captain: Michael Denridder

Croydon Primary school was home base for this team.

The Bromage’s, Greg, Darren and Kylie, played together for the first time in Rd.4.

Player availability was obviously an issue, particularly after the break.

It appears a team was put on the park for the first five rounds but from there on it became spasmodic and only two games were played after the break. The team recorded wins in Rds 2 and 8 and were competitive in most of the others played.

No one took more than six wickets and only three exceeded 100 runs (top 126).

Unfortunately there were frequent forfeits, pre and post Xmas, with only nine matches being played from a scheduled 15 rounds, to result in a last place finish (of 15).

Batting average: Mick Denridder

126 runs @ 21.00 (7 games)

Bowling average: an average winner does not appear on the honour board but best was:

Mick Denridder

6 wickets @ 37.33

Notable performances:

Cameron Sisson 54ret (Eastfield), Brett Crapper 50ret (Ferntree Gully), Richard Brown 50ret (Parkwood), Simon Brown 52ret (Parkwood), Sean Torney 51ret (Wonga Park) Michael Edwards 49 (Croydon), John Charnley 49 (Kilsyth), Brent Crosbie 48 (Ferntree Gully) Michael Schultz 5/27 (Kilsyth), Jason Paisley 4/38 (Ferntree Gully), Sean Torney 3/23 (Wonga Park), Peter Kettle 3/25 (Eastfield), Richard Brown 3/46 (Parkwood), John Delaney 3/52 (Aquinas)

JUNIORS

Again the scorebooks proved to be like hens teeth and the detail comes from the local paper and RDCA Annual reports.

U.16 (3)

It was a bit of a struggle and the team finished at the bottom of the table with 10 points. Anthony Jones (30) and Jackson (3/32) were the only players mentioned in the paper.

U.14 (2)

This team appeared to start the season in U.14 (3) and then be promoted after grading rounds. The boys obviously coped well with promotion, as they finished 4th of 10.

Those to show out were: Michael Edwards 101no, 45, 4/20, Corey Wright 3/13, Nick McConnell 3/29.

The semi-final did not play out well as Hockeyers (137) lost to Boronia (4/267).

Michael Edwards won the Association U.14 (2) batting average. He also played for Croydon in the "Hatch" competition and for the RDCA against Box Hill Reporter Association, where he scored 59no.

U.14 (4)

Home games were played at Croydon Secondary college and this team also did well to finish 3rd of 11, with 51 points.

Again, the semi-final brought no joy as Hockeyers (78) lost to Wantirna South (113).

U.12 (1)

Benson oval (Eastfield) was home base to this team and three wins resulted in a 7th place finish.

Those to show out were: Tristan Richardson 35no, 31no and Chris Jackson 33no. Matthew Leckie and Chris Jackson both played in RDCA Mitchell Shield team in IACC January carnival and Jackson made 29 in match against Box Hill Reporter association.

U.12 (3)

Also played home matches at Benson and four wins for this team saw it finish 6th of 12.

Players to show out were: Steve Dodgshun 30no and 4/14, Mitchell Fraser 31no, Dean Heller 30no and Lachie McGowan 30no

U.12 (4)

Shared the Croydon Secondary College for home games and there was only one win and a draw for 9th of 10, with 12 points.

Bright lights were Daniel Meehan (3/6) and Scott Pantlin (3/10).

A Non Comp U.12 team played at Griff Hunt and Milo program was conducted at Belmont Reserve.

VETERANS

The RDCA Vets section now had 30 teams, across 4 divisions.

New players to take part for Hockeyers were: Peter Denier and Andy Guenther.

Six wins from seven games, the only trip being at the last hurdle, was enough for the team to head the ladder and host the Grand final at Silcock against old foes in North Ringwood.

Batting first, Hockeyers found runs hard to come by and were dismissed for 109 (34 overs), with Haines (33), Macauley (22), Tony White (17) and Denier (13) making most of them.

In reply, North Ringwood's leading lights batted very slowly and backed the team into a corner from which they could not recover, being dismissed for 91 in 35 overs, with Macauley (2/8 from 6) and Haines (2/13 from 6) the most successful bowlers.

Brett Haines (244) was the leading run scorer and he also took most wickets (13).



Members of the winning team: Back Row: Ross Fitzgerald, Peter Denier, Bill Stafford, John Dewey, Andy Guenther, Tony White, Mark Wilson, Pat Arbuckle and Ron Wilson (umpires). Seated: Harry Lakeland, Brian Gobbi, Ian Spencer (C), Brett Haines, Ross Macauley.



Over the years, Hockeyers and Mt Evelyn veterans participants developed a fairly close affinity, as overseas travel companions, with a pre-season golf and barbeque event and as playing competitors.

LADIES

As mentioned earlier, two ladies teams were fielded for the first time and ladies who played in those teams were as follows: Robyn Williams, Meredith Tilton, Donna Pullen, Debbie Brown, Vicki Mercer, Michelle Paisley, Katy Pether, Jodi May, Sandy Bec, Leonie Precht, Margaret Tilton, Kate Martin, Melissa Hobbs, Elise Vogt, Michelle Willoughby, Heather Downs, Michelle Maggiore, Sue McSolvin, Lindsay Wood, Vanessa Morgan, Belinda Taylor, Emily Taylor, Natalie Lowe, Michelle Bell, Kirsten Peisley, Kirsten Wright, Angela Downs, Sara Newell, Lauren Pope, Lynette Milne, Lorna Stephen, Carly Piggott, Nerida Burgess, Dawn Williams, Sharon Nailon, Vicki Downs.

Little Harry Sandford came as part of the support mechanism and became an integral part of the merged entity over the next ten years or so.

1sts – “A” Grade

Captain: Vicky Mercer up to Xmas but she resigned at that point and didn't play thereafter. Not sure who took over from her. The season return was 8 wins (one outright) from 12 games and that saw the ladies earn a finals spot.

The semi-final was against Burwood District, a team that had beaten them in the last round. Hockeyers, with 6/186 on the board (Debbie Brown 60, Donna Pullen 61), from 86 overs, stalled off Burwood District 8/184, in which Pullen (36 overs) and Brown (30 overs) each took 3 wickets.

In the Grand final, a three day affair, Melbourne Tooronga batted for 114 overs and compiled 286 (one of their players making 150). Marg Tilton (3/75 from 42), Pullen (4/75 from 31) and Brown (2/64 from 26) taking the wickets.

In reply, Hockeyers made 169 (Meredith Tilton 51, Pullen 44) and 5/158 (Jodi May 56, Pullen 52no).

Averages (including Semi and Grand final)

Batting Average: Debbie Brown

349 runs @ 27.78

Bowling Average: Debbie Brown

31 wickets @ 11.06

Notable performances:

Vicki Mercer (85no, 55no and 240 runs, in six hits), Robyn Williams (53),

Debbie Brown (61 twice), Marg Tilton (5/18, 4/42 and 34 for the season),

Debbie Brown (4/8 and 31 for the season) and Donna Pullen (5/5, 4/24 and 30 for the season)

2nds

Captain: Heather Downs

Unfortunately, the season saw very limited success, with only one win and a draw for their efforts. Runs were a bit hard to come by and no batter reached fifty in an innings.

Batting average: Sara Newell

98 runs @ 14.00

Bowling Average: Dawn Williams

10 wickets @ 14.00

Notable performances:

Nerida Burgess was the leading wicket taker with 13, Belinda Taylor and Natalie Lowe both took 12 and Lindsey Wood finished with 10.

CLUB CHAMPION

1967/68	Tony White (In the absence of scorebooks, there was a bit of guesswork when the honour board was created, as to who won what in the first four seasons and it appears Tom Derham is incorrectly listed thereon as Tony received the “CHATTS award’ trophy for best aggregate, which it is assumed is Club Champion)
1968/69	Tony White
1969/70	Tom Derham
1970/71	Tom Derham
1971/72	Tom Derham
1972/73	Tony White
1973/74	Ian Spencer
1974/75	Ian Spencer
1975/76	Ian Spencer
1976/77	Ian Spencer
1977/78	James “Jock” Brown
1978/79	Ian Spencer
1979/80	Ian Spencer
1980/81	Ian Spencer
1981/82	Andy Rickards
1982/83	Brian Gobbi
1983/84	Andy Rickards
1984/85	Ray Heller
1985/86	Steve Osborne
1986/87	Andy Rickards
1987/88	Stewart McNamee
1988/89	Ian Spencer
1989/90	Neal Davies
1990/91	Ian Spencer
1991/92	Ross Macauley
1992/93	Ross Macauley
1993/94	Glenn Spencer
1994/95	Brett Haines
1995/96	Glenn Spencer
1996/97	Wayne Lee
1997/98	Wayne Lee

Ladies

1997/98	Debbie Brown
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LIFE MEMBERS



Ian Spencer
81/82



Tom Derham
84/85



Brian Gobbi
84/85



Andy Rickards
88/89



Gary Hogg
88/89



Doug Ford
88/89



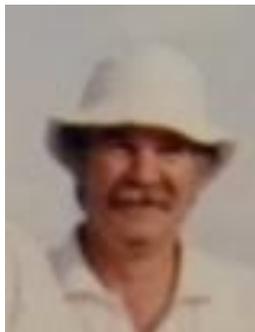
Ray Heller
89/90



Bill Stafford
95/96



Peter Kilgour
95/96



Tony White
95/96



Brett Haines
96/97

ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Batting average - Senior

1967/68	Tony White	“E” Grade	52.75
1972/73	Tony White	“D” Grade	40.50
1978/79	Ian Spencer	“A” Grade	72.33
1988/89	Kendall Beattie	“A2” Grade	54.50
1995/96	Bill Stafford	“B2” Grade	47.10
1995/96	Andrew Barton	“C1” Grade	80.00
1997/98	Trevor Nanscawen	“D” Grade	51.80

Bowling average

1971/72	Tom Derham	“D” Grade	6.53
1977/78	Ian Chadderton	“B1” Grade	12.44
1995/96	Eamon Costello	“B2” Grade	10.50

Batting average - Junior

1981/82	Clint Hendricks	U.16 (4)	63.00
1982/83	Andrew Rosenstraus	U.14 (3)	117.20
1983/84	Andrew Rosenstraus	U.16 (3)	52.00
1983/84	Anthony Miles	U.12 (4)	66.30
1984/85	Andrew Rosenstraus	U.16 (4)	84.50
1989/90	Craig Howard	U.16 (2)	97.20
1991/92	Dwayne Paisley	U.14 (2)	77.25
1992/93	Ben Osborne	U.12 (1)	90.00
1996/97	Michael Edwards	U.14 (3)	53.83
1997/98	Michael Edwards	U.14 (2)	114.50

Bowling average

1981/82	Alex Panagiotidis	U.16 (4)	5.75
1984/85	Craig Munns	U.16 (4)	6.57
1988/89	Christian Miller	U.16 (3)	6.45
1989/90	Dwayne Paisley	U.12 (3)	5.53
1992/93	Brad Davies	U.16 (3)	7.18

Premierships – Senior

1971/72	“D” Grade
1977/78	“B1” Grade
1977/78	“E” Grade
1994/95	“B3” Grade
1995/96	“B2” Grade

Premierships - Junior

1981/82	Under 16 (4)	
1984/85	Under 16 (4)	
1991/92	Under 16 (3)	this was a composite team of Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers

Premierships – Veterans

1990/91	Division 1
1992/93	Division 1
1993/94	Division 1
1996/97	Division 1
1997/98	Division 1

Junior team photographs



U.14 (2) 1987/88

(Back) Ron Cake, Stuart Baum, Russell Tonking, Craig Howard, Damien Franken, Mark Mullins
(Front) Sean Torney, Adam Tidd, Julian Tasman, Steve Assmacher, Michael Baum



U.16 (3) 1987/88

(Back) Steve Osborne, Adam Hastings, Christian Miller, Mark Howard, Marcus Sutton, Simon Carroll, Ian Chatterton (front) Glenn Spencer, Nick Trennery, Mark Tidd, Paul Osborne (I'm told there were more but they were obviously missing this day)



U.12 (3) 1989/90

(Back) Eamon Costello, Jerry Gubecka, Brad Davies, Dwayne Paisley, Peter Mathieson, Wayne Denridder, Chris Spencer, (front) Patrick Perkins, Mathew Peisley, Matthew Hanlon, Michelle Paisley, Lucas Davies



U.12 (2) 90/91 - How many of these little tackers can you identify?



U.12 (2) 91/92

(Photo taken at Mt Evelyn): (Back) Ian Spencer and Graeme Hanlon, Brent Crosbie, Peter McManamon, Lucas Davies, Chris Spencer, Adam Hill, Aaron Turnbull (front) Andrew Reilly, Robert DiNezza, Travis Cameron, Matthew Hanlon, George Haddad, Ben Osborne, Andrew Ford.



U.16 (2) 93/94

(Back) Dwayne Paisley, Mathew Peisley, Jason Paisley, Rory McManamon, Wayne Denridder, Brad Davies, (front) Bill Cleary, Michelle Paisley, Patrick Perkins, Eamon Costello, Sean Stewart, Alex Koomen



U.12 (4) 1996/97

(back) Nick Hughes, Ben Forsyth, Ryan Rantall, Dean Heller, Andrew Leckie, Carl Easy, Zane Crimmens, Mathew Peisley (Coach), (front) Perry Higgins, Jamie Bell, Matthew Leckie, Andrew Maggs, James Gobbi



U.12 (4) & (5) 1997/98

(Back) Michael Newman (Team Manager), Richard Gray, Callum Richardson, Steven Newman, Nathan Ashton, Mark Gibbons

(Middle) Trevor Barkla, Douglas Fountain, Mark Plucinski, Shane van Florestein, Kylie Bromage, Bill Richardson (Team Manager),

(Front) Scott Pantlin, James Fox, Rodney Fountain, Luke Muhlhan, Cameron Fraser (absent) Rob Haines, Tim Valentine, Scott Ahern, Brendan Lane, Stuart Hawker, Matt Sleeman

Young “Hockeyers” who progressed to a higher level

Craig Howard



Craig commenced his cricket career with Hockeyers (U.12's) in 85/86 and as you may have noted his name appears frequently in earlier pages from that time onwards. He played his first senior game in “D” grade in 86/87, where he top edged a ball into his face and got a bloody nose but that was not to deter him..

In the following season he, along with dad, Roy, and brother, Mark, played together for the first time in the thirds. Craig debuted in the 1sts, as a 14 year old, in 88/89 and won the bowling average the following season. As documented, he won many club and association averages in his time with the club.

In the 90/91 season, Craig went to Ringwood and rapidly rose to prominence, as the following articles, extracted from his “Google page”, evidence.

(Written by Greg Baum, on 31 October 2002).

Craig Howard is not a wrong'un, but he has come back from the off in a way that few could have picked. His is a story with a different spin. Nearly seven years since a succession of crippling injuries ruined his promising career as a leg-spinner, Howard has re-emerged as an off-spinner good enough for Victoria to have sent to the cricket academy for fine-tuning during the winter, and to have been speculated upon in selectors' casual conversations. Last season, he took 36 wickets at 22 for Ringwood. In one game this month, he took 3/32 and made a half-century, adding more twist and turn.

"I'm enjoying the challenge," Howard, now 28 and married with an infant son, said. "I always thought when I was bowling leg-breaks that anyone could bowl off-breaks. Now I'm finding it's easier to do, but harder to do well. You need to be a lot more patient. I've never had a lot of patience but I'm learning. "I still try to spin the ball as hard as I can. I'm still quite attacking. But I know that you're not going to bowl as many wicket-taking balls as you do when you bowl leg-breaks and you don't have the variety but with his leg-spinner's temperament, he will not settle for stock bowling. Anyone can just roll them out and land them on the spot, he said. "If you're going to be any good, you can't mollycoddle yourself."

At the academy, Howard was tutored by former Test offies Ashley Mallett and Gavin Robertson. "I did a lot of work with those guys back when I was bowling leg-breaks," he said. "They were a bit shocked to see me. But I think they were pleasantly surprised."

Howard's way has been anything but on with the arm. In 1993, he had the world at his feet before he was fully on them. He was 18, had just left Croydon High and was playing for Victoria. Shane Warne was emerging into his pomp and leg-spin was all the rage. Howard's first wicket was that noted slayer of spin bowling, Jamie Siddons, lbw to a googly, for 100.

Howard took 35 wickets in his first 13 matches, although he now struggles to recognise himself as the same man, let alone bowler. "It feels as though I was almost a different person back then," he said. "They were quite turbulent times for Victoria. It probably affected my performances a bit. I was only 18 or 19. Physically I was ready, but maybe I was a bit young."

He got on well with Warne, but bridled at the hierarchy's attempts to reinvent him as a bowler in Warne's image. He was taller, slighter and a different bowler. "I put more overspin on the ball, whereas he put a lot more side-spin on it. I had a wrong'un which I bowled a lot.

The line I bowled was different from Warney because of the way I spun the ball. "I tried (Warne's way) but it didn't suit me. I argued a bit. Looking back now, I should have stuck to my guns but I was 19, and you pretty much do as you're told then."

After returning 5/42 against South Africa the next season, Howard read a headline suggesting that, since Tim May was injured, he might play in the next Test. "The next game I went up to Queensland. It was humid, really sweaty, and the ball was wet," he remembered. "I was thinking: 'If I do all right in this game, I might be playing Test cricket.' I was 19. I felt a bit of pressure there. Then it all went belly-up."

Quickly, Howard's dream run became a nightmare. His body did not stand up to the exertions and contortions needed to bowl wrist-spin. Variously, he injured his shoulder, wrist and both knees, suffered stress fractures to his shins and at length did damage to his spinning finger, which to this day is as floppy as a length of rubber.

A winter at the academy, another playing in Scotland, and youthful eagerness to bowl all day and night took its toll. "Looking back now, I think it was maybe too much," he said. "But you don't know it at that age. I was bowling two hours a night, three nights a week. You just do it and you feel great. You try to spin the cover off the ball. It does put a lot of stress on your joints."

Howard had operations on his wrist, knees and shoulder but not the finger. "My finger was cactus, like Warne's was. It required microsurgery, like he had," he said. "but I couldn't afford the operation and all the physio that comes afterwards."

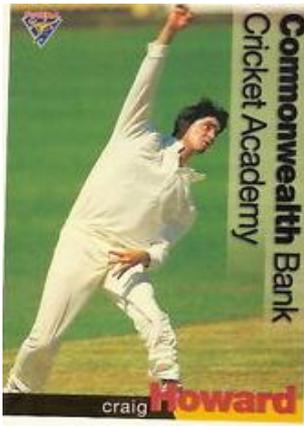
Howard missed the best part of three seasons. He made two attempts to make a fresh start with a new club but both were aborted by injury. He played the odd game, unhappily. Not being able to bowl the way I knew I could bowl was frustrating. I was going into games not being competitive.

In despair, Howard took up an offer to coach at sub-district club Balwyn. "I ended up playing, coming off a few steps and bowling off-breaks. I got 30-odd wickets and made 400 or 500 runs," he said. "That season helped me to become a winner again. I'd had three or four years of failing, and now I was contributing to the side. I got a bit of confidence back."

Duly, Howard returned to Ringwood. He experimented with the actions of May and Greg Matthews before finding his own. He has learnt most of the tricks and subtleties, but not the Saqlain Mushtaq delivery that breaks the other way. "I haven't mastered the doosra yet," he said. "I can't do it without throwing."

He is proud to have grown the beginnings of a genuine off-spinner's callus on one finger. His batting has improved and for the first time in six years, he can throw from the outfield, courtesy of an acupuncturist.

Howard said his coaching obligations at Balwyn and Ringwood had helped him lift him out of an introspective gloom that might otherwise have thwarted his comeback. Marriage, fatherhood and a career in accounting also had given him grounding and perspective.



(An article from Cricinfo (Wisden) written in 2012)

Shane Warne's first real victim wasn't a batsman, but a fellow leg spinner, a fellow Victorian leg spinner, in fact, with a wrong 'un so brutal it would crash into the chest of those who lunged blindly forward; a leg spinner who ran in like a graceful 1920s medium-pacer, but who then produced a dramatic twirl of his long arms and ripped the ball off the surface like few teenage leg spinners before or since.

This leg spinner was so good that Warne said he had more talent than he did. His name was Craig Howard. And if you've never heard of him, it's probably not your fault: Howard doesn't even qualify for a single-line biography on ESPN Cricinfo.

By December 3, 1995, Warne, who was by then closing in on 200 Test wickets, had already saved leg spin. If the date sounds random, then for Howard it was not, it was his final day of first-class cricket. He was 21. Howard retired with 42 wickets in 16 first-class games (92/93-95/96) at 40 apiece, which was no great shakes. But to understand how good he was, you had to be there, you had to see him hit a batsman with his wrong 'un. Aged 19, he had returned second innings figures of 24.5-9-42-5 at the MCG against the South Africans.

Wisden noted: "Only Rhodes, with 59, made much of Howard's leg-spin second time around." Darren Berry, who kept to Howard for Victoria, said he would have named him in his all-time XI of those he had played with or against if it hadn't been for Warne. Yes, Craig Howard could definitely bowl.

Plenty of others have been bit parts in the story of Australia's post-Warne spin apocalypse, but no one has been a more intriguing bit part than Howard. He is the only Australian bowler to go through the Cricket Academy twice, once as the artistic leg spinning prodigy, later, after one of his fingers packed in, as a 28-year-old, made-to-order journeyman off spinner.

Now Howard is back, plucked from his office job in telecommunications, to coach Nathan Lyon, currently Australia's No. 1 tweaker.

Howard, as it happened, did play alongside Warne in four Sheffield Shield games in 1993-94. The comparison is unflattering, Warne took 27 wickets at 23, Howard, who bowled 100 overs to Warne's 247, three at 108. But in between, with Warne away on international duty, Howard finally got a decent bowl, he took 5 for 112 against Tasmania, including the wicket of Ricky Ponting. More than 15 years later, when another leggie, Bryce McGain, who was almost 37, was making his Test debut for Australia, the 34-year-old Howard was playing for Strathdale Maristians in Bendigo, up-country Victoria.

He is philosophical now, "had I played Test cricket, my life would have turned out different," he says. "I probably would have ended up in some sex text scandal and lost my wife and kids and ended up a lonely bum. Although, yes, playing Test cricket was the dream."

There are many reasons why Howard didn't make it, injuries, bad management, terrible advice, over-coaching, low self-confidence. But had he played in an era when Australia was desperate for a spinner, he might now be a household name,- or at least someone with a decent blurb on the internet.

"At one stage, there were headlines saying I was going to play for Australia," he says. "I remember being about 20, and at the top of my mark at the MCG. Instead of thinking, 'How I am going to get out Jamie Siddons or Darren Lehmann?' I'm thinking about a small group of men in the ground who are judging me. It wasn't like that all the time, but when I was struggling this is how I felt. In the back of my mind I know the captain of my side doesn't like me, and has told me to head off to Tasmania. The coach believes that, because I can't bat or field, I am never going to be that useful. It was a dark time."

In the mid-1990s, no one needed to look for Warne's replacement, because he would play for ever and inspire so many kids to take up leg spin that any who fell through the cracks wouldn't be missed. Junior sides each had four or five leggies, often with peroxide hair, and they all walked in slowly, ripped the ball hard, and barely bowled a wrong 'un but they weren't Warne. None had his physicality. Warne was built like a nightclub bouncer, not a spinner. Massive hands led into awe-inspiring wrists, the whole lot powered by an ox's shoulders. But kids who try the same quickly wear themselves out.

Howard knew how they felt: "My body never backed me up. I couldn't feel my pinky finger, had part of my right arm shortened, tendinitis in my shoulder was operated on, a wrist operation, stress fractures in my shins, tennis elbow in my knees from excessive squat thrusts, a spinning finger with bad ligaments and barely the fitness to get through a two-day game, let alone four. There was no million-dollar microsurgery in the US for me. In the '90s, you still had to pay for a massage and work a day job.

"There were suddenly leg spinning experts everywhere, not ex-spinners just ex-cricketers, coaches and selectors who spent years ignoring leg spin. No one ever came up to you and said, 'You should be more like Warne.' But every bit of advice seemed to be about making you more like him. It wasn't subtle. Everything just created doubt in your mind and with leg spin, if you have an ounce of doubt, you're cactus."

The first anyone in Australian cricket heard of Nathan Lyon was when Kerry O'Keeffe mentioned him on radio. At that stage, Lyon was part of the Adelaide Oval groundstaff, and was travelling to Canberra to play for the second XI. After some good performances in the nets, Darren Berry, then Adelaide's Twenty20 coach, took a punt on him. Lyon suddenly looked like the best spin prospect in the country, which wasn't saying much.

Howard really had come along at the wrong time. But there were moments, before I finally spoke to him, when I wondered if he actually existed at all. Finding someone who remembered his name was hard enough; finding someone who'd seen him play next to impossible. I'd talk to a guy, who'd tell me to contact a guy, but that guy would also tell me to contact a guy. The leads never went anywhere. Craig Howard wasn't the missing link of Australian spin bowling, he was just missing.

When I asked Gideon Haigh about Howard, and he gave a long stare, as if he was searching through his billion-terabyte memory. I had my breakthrough, Haigh talked about how Howard looked like an otherworldly artist, long shirt buttoned to the wrist, billowing madly in the wind, incredibly gawky, like a schoolkid. Howard didn't fit into Haigh's, or anyone else's imaginings of an athlete but it was the Howard of my youth. Someone else remembered my poet leggie.

After that, I cornered O'Keeffe, leg spin's court jester. He had coached Howard at the Academy, probably twice. O'Keeffe's eyes were full of regret, he said Howard had a biomechanically flawed action and O'Keeffe hadn't tried to fix it but that didn't stop him happily reminiscing about "a wrong 'un batsmen had to play from their ear hole".

I also collared Damien Fleming, Howard's Victoria colleague. Fleming seemed surprised to hear the name again. He told stories about how he thought Victoria had a champion on their hands but said his skin folds were thicker than those of Warne or Merv Hughes, "Basically bone and fat." He could have gone further with a more supportive coaching structure, said Fleming. He added, almost lustfully, "The best wrong 'un I've seen." Then came the clincher, "If someone like him came on the scene now, he'd be given everything he needed to succeed".

Haigh, O'Keeffe and Fleming all seemed to think Howard was a Test spinner we had missed out on. They could be right but Howard was caught between two eras, relaxed and regimented and Australia had Warne.

"My career is long over," says Howard. "It finished with me out of form and mostly injured. It wasn't one thing that ended my career, and I'm not coming up with excuses, but this is what happened to me. Due to my finger, I can't even bowl legspin any more, I have to bowl offspin, but nothing can ever compare to being a legspinner. I'm younger than Hogg, McGain or MacGill and instead of preparing to play in my 100th Test and thinking about retirement, I am working in an office in Bendigo."

Ben Osborne



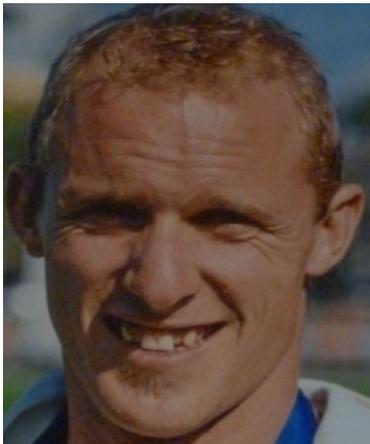
Ben commenced his cricket career with Hockeys (U.12's) in 91/92 season, his dad, Norm, having been Captain/Coach of the club in earlier seasons. He played for three seasons, which included one senior game in 93/94, but went to Croydon juniors the following season, when Hockeys did not have the numbers to field an U.14 team, and remained there until the completion of his U.16 days.

Whilst playing juniors at Croydon, Ben played seniors with his dad at Aquinas and South Croydon. He moved to Ringwood in 97/98 and was selected in the Victorian U.17 team as a left arm off spinner (8 wickets for the carnival, 5 against ACT). He returned to play with Croydon Ranges in 03/04 and 04/05, when his mother was very ill. In the latter season, he was a member of the "B" grade premierships team.

It was back to Ringwood in 05/06 and Ben played there until the end of 12/13 season.

In this period, Ben was a member of Ringwood's first ever premierships in District (Premier) cricket (see photo's below) and that success was repeated in the following season.

He was appointed Captain of the 1sts in 2011/12 and held that role when the team was runner-up in 2012/13.



In his time at Ringwood, Ben played close to 250 games, 180 odd of which were in the first eleven, making well in excess of 4,000 runs, more than 3,000 of those in the 1sts, and he took more than 100 wickets, half of those being at the top level.

Unfortunately, he was relieved of the Captaincy in the 13/14 season and elected to move to Bayswater (in the Sub-district competition), where he joined with his predecessor as Ringwood captain, Sean Flynn. He took over the captaincy in 14/15 and remains in that role after leading the team to runner-up position in the 15/16 season.

Bayswater stats are: close to 50 games, 1500 runs

In 2015/16, Ben was engaged to perform the role of Croydon Ranges junior club coach.

Statistics 67/68 to 97/98 - Seniors, Ladies and Veterans ("S" column reflects season started)

Surname	First	S	G	R	W
Abley	Noel	82/83	16	223	16
Adamson	Lee	80/81	3	40	0
Albon	Shane	87/88	3	51	3
Andrews	Terry	80/81	17	247	5
Annowsky	Ben	94/95	44	748	39
Arbuckle	Steve	97/98	8	64	0
Asquith	Neville	Vets	1	0	0
Assmacher	Robert	84/85	60	1233	4
Assmacher	Steve	89/90	22	258	17
Attfield	Paul	96/97	1	24	1
Baker	Paul	83/84	2	71	8
Baldwin	Miles	78/79	49	1060	94
Bartlett	A	90/91	3	11	1
Barnes	Chris	80/81	5	36	4
Barnett	Don	Vets	1	1	0
Barrow	Mark	82/83	1	0	0
Barton	Andy	94/95	37	988	66
Bass	Bill	75/76	3	10	1
Beale	John	83/84	25	134	30
Beattie	Jamie	87/88	14	290	0
Beattie	Kendall	84/85	55	1045	9
Bec	Sandy	97/98	12	84	3
Bell	Michelle	97/98	7	27	0
Belli	John	80/81	1	19	0
Bennett	Bruce	80/81	58	1039	5
Bettley	Graeme	68/69	5	77	10
Biggins	Graeme	Vets	1	1	0
Blackey	Steve	80/81	48	577	25
Brabham	Ashley	96/97	8	181	8
Brewster	John	97/98	8	35	2
Briede	Martin	71/72	27	276	0
Brink	Glen	90/91	30	1092	30
Brink	Kurt	90/91	62	483	35
Brink	Scott	88/89	39	640	2
Bromage	Darren	96/97	6	57	1
Bromage	Greg	96/97	6	104	0
Bromage	Kylie	96/97	1	3	0
Brook	Mathew	90/91	68	1668	7
Brown	Debbie	97/98	14	349	31
Brown	Gary	81/82	37	281	36
Brown	Jim	67/68	136	2462	135
Brown	Richard	85/86	76	1261	10
Brown	Simon	86/87	19	370	10
Burger	N	97/98	1	0	0

Surname	First	S	G	R	W
Burgess	Gary	67/68	37	281	36
Burgess	Nerida	97/98	9	96	13
Burgess	Terry	71/72	68	1005	1
Burgess	Wayne	67/68	121	2136	24
Burmeister	Dwayne	81/82	3	11	0
Cake	Greg	75/76	12	561	22
Cake	Ron	83/84	53	1184	19
Caldwell	Dean	84/85	4	13	2
Callaghan	Brian	83/84	3	4	0
Callaghan	Ian	78/79	68	1100	22
Callaghan	Kevin	83/84	70	568	74
Cameron	Ewan	88/89	9	260	3
Cameron	Travis	94/95	23	548	3
Carroll	Andy	93/94	30	664	3
Carroll	Mat	88/89	59	630	81
Carroll	Simon	86/87	76	1782	8
Carter	Greg	84/85	11	44	0
Cassidy	Ethan	97/98	2	8	0
Cavanagh	Andrew	77/78	38	244	35
Chadderton	Ian	67/68	121	1775	216
Chambers	Ross	83/84	30	28	0
Chaplin	Darren	97/98	10	47	16
Charnley	John	95/96	21	190	1
Chatterton	Graeme	85/86	68	542	35
Chatterton	Ian	83/84	31	341	2
Chesters	John	67/68	67	692	39
Christie	Neil	89/90	20	326	10
Cleary	William	92/93	16	159	19
Coates	Sean	89/90	4	56	1
Coffey	Dale	96/97	1	1	0
Collier	Matt	89/90	4	101	0
Collingshaw	Phil	89/90	6	38	10
Collins	Danny	91/92	6	77	1
Coppola	Wally	92/93	70	1512	15
Cornish	Wayne	75/76	26	250	7
Costello	Eamon	91/92	41	564	84
Crapper	Brett	94/95	38	834	9
Cripps	Stewart	88/89	16	62	24
Crosbie	Brent	93/94	21	313	17
Crowe	Roger	68/69	1		3
Danson	Phil	83/84	17	362	20
Dart	N	79/80	1	1	0
Davies	Brad	90/91	35	95	56
Davies	Lucas	92/93	52	793	33

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Davies	Lyn	68/69	121	402	346
Davies	Neal	88/89	65	1887	108
Davis	Peter	79/80	54	401	124
Dawes	Ian	76/77	3	1	0
Day	John	83/84	90	2900	15
Deacon	T	96/97	1	13	0
Delaney	John	95/96	7	110	4
Dellaca	Michael	90/91	20	738	13
Denier	Peter	Vets	6	95	0
Denridder	Mick	91/92	37	1010	56
Denridder	Wayne	91/92	35	1097	4
Derham	Chris	86/87	53	1055	84
Derham	Steve	83/84	10	15	1
Derham	Thomas	67/68	239	2676	629
Deveraux	John	88/89	1	19	0
Devine	Ian	67/68	24	300	44
Dewey	John	78/79	182	1718	252
Dinnie	Scott	95/96	18	303	12
Dodgshun	Peter	96/97	8	30	2
Downes	Dennis	74/75	13	229	16
Downs	Angela	97/98	10	35	4
Downs	Heather	97/98	10	94	5
Downs	Vicki	97/98	2	57	3
Drakeford	Mark	84/85	11	62	15
Drew	Douglas	82/83	15	218	6
Drummond	Toby	95/96	21	455	8
Duck	John	93/94	3	64	2
Duncan	Ash	96/97	4	58	3
Dupuy	David	Vets	4	19	2
Easey	S	97/98	2	1	0
Edmond	Harry	93/94	2	1	1
Edwards	Michael	96/97	13	351	12
Elliott	P	90/91	3	16	0
Epstein	David	92/93	12	23	0
Etheridge	Glenn	88/89	1	0	0
Evans	Robert	81/82	55	1222	2
Ferwerda	Ross	87/88	4	20	0
Field	Richard	85/86	3	16	5
Fielder	Ian	72/73	6	51	5
Fisher	D	96/97	4	17	0
Fisher	Terry	81/82	74	1091	43
Fitzgerald	David	Vets	1	2	1
Fitzgerald	Ken	Vets	2	5	0
Fitzgerald	Ross	Vets	49	737	0
Fletcher	T	77/78	2	1	0
Ford	Douglas	74/75	137	2780	1

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Ford	Leslie	77/78	67	1153	9
Formoran	Michael	97/98	2	18	1
Foster	Mike	93/94	5	117	8
Franken	Damien	88/89	38	560	55
Freeman	Nick	86/87	3	3	4
Furey	Steve	82/83	3	83	6
Gardner	Robert	76/77	5	24	0
Gates	Lewis	67/68	34	202	3
Gault	David	93/94	25	512	0
Geale	A	96/97	1	5	0
Geale	Matthew	96/97	7	60	1
Geale	S	97/98	1	0	0
Geldens	Anthony	67/68	43	1351	24
Geldens	John	75/76	10	37	0
Geldens	Peter	68/69	69	1429	7
Gellert	Chris	92/93	12	113	4
Gent	Craig	89/90	32	527	5
George	Gary	85/86	15	158	2
Gibson	Simon	94/95	30	758	31
Gill	Simon	94/95	12	258	0
Gladman	Brian	78/79	14	177	13
Gobbi	Brian	75/76	209	4398	276
Gobbi	Craig	80/81	11	280	7
Gobbi	Trevor	76/77	168	2906	20
Goddard	Mark	89/90	12	248	11
Godwin	Peter	93/94	7	255	0
Gough	Richard	96/97	11	30	8
Gow	Michael	87/88	13	263	4
Grandy	Tim	81/82	3	1	0
Greaves	Brendan	84/85	48	291	63
Greening	Ross	83/84	34	127	30
Gubecka	Paul	91/92	5	11	2
Guenther	Andy	97/98	9	71	0
Hackett	Troy	97/98	1	11	0
Hahn	Barry	Vets	2	104	0
Haines	Brett	81/82	218	5096	131
Hamilton	Ross	87/88	12	84	28
Hanlon	Graham	90/91	48	450	20
Hanlon	Mathew	92/93	53	555	1
Hansen	Nigel	91/92	32	239	65
Hansen	Sean	95/96	1	1	0
Hardwick	Dermot	78/79	2	2	0
Hardwick	Noel	76/77	39	649	23
Harmer	Paul	94/95	4	3	0
Hassard	Kevin	95/96	3	28	1
Hastings	Adam	87/88	89	559	121

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Hastings	Michael	80/81	4	4	0
Heffernan	Chris	Vets	20	29	5
Heller	Ray	78/79	219	4893	57
Hellings	David	68/69	90	1259	1
Hendricks	Clint	80/81	31	425	31
Herrald	Mick	81/82	6	275	12
Hicks	Eddie	78/79	52	1073	94
Hill	Adam	93/94	1	3	0
Hobbs	Melissa	97/98	13	93	0
Hodge	S	88/89	2	9	0
Hodgson	D	96/97	2	0	5
Hogg	Gary	75/76	133	1352	282
Holland	Gavin	87/88	7	31	9
Howard	Craig	86/87	30	353	53
Howard	Mark	86/87	54	707	72
Howard	Roy	83/84	53	1105	11
Jacobs	Rory	86/87	40	1276	2
Jaiswal	I	73/74	4	17	0
James	Anthony	94/95	19	386	8
James	Cliff	67/68	18	142	0
Jeans	Robert	67/68	36	176	3
Jeans	William	67/68	69	714	0
Jenkins	Alan	79/80	14	29	0
Jenkins	NS	80/81	3	10	4
Johnston	Andrew	81/82	10	236	2
Johnston	B	82/83	1	5	0
Johnston	Tim	92/93	42	1000	0
Jolley	Paul	96/97	11	191	0
Jones	Anthony	96/97	12	97	21
Jordon	Robert	77/78	4	53	0
Kettle	Peter	95/96	10	344	16
Kidd	Warren	81/82	79	1802	20
Kilburn	Glen	85/86	24	471	3
Kilgour	Paul	91/92	18	64	3
Kilgour	Peter	84/85	129	2246	1
Kilgour	Russell	91/92	7	134	2
Kimpton	Steve	89/90	22	124	65
King	Steve	84/85	3	56	1
Kirley	Frank	79/80	2	1	5
Kirner	Michael	75/76	57	823	60
Kokkinopoulos	Con	92/93	2	21	0
Krins	Brendan	81/82	19	109	16
Kupinic	Michael	79/80	5	74	8
Lakeland	Harry	Vets	67	590	26
Lambe	Travis	94/95	7	48	1
Land	Alex	91/92	5	2	1

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Leech	Andrew	73/74	4	51	2
Leach	Rob	81/82	6	17	0
Lee	Nigel	96/97	2	14	2
Lee	Stuart	96/97	2	16	2
Lee	Wayne	96/97	23	676	68
Leitch	Malcolm	94/95	1	4	0
Leriche	Chris	96/97	7	96	3
Lim	W	95/96	3	22	0
Lomas	Troy	96/97	6	30	11
Lord	David	80/81	13	35	18
Lowe	Natalie	97/98	10	27	12
Lyon	D	95/96	1	0	0
Macauley	Ross	88/89	94	2093	119
Magdic	Vlado	88/89	5	34	1
Maggiore	Michelle	97/98	1	1	0
Mahr	K	76/77	3	1	0
Maloney	Daniel	94/95	1	0	0
Marshall	Ian	83/84	25	837	19
Marshman	Brett	82/83	39	658	16
Martin	Kate	97/98	12	46	1
Marty	Andrew	79/80	23	103	13
May	Jodi	97/98	10	135	7
McCall	Peter	89/90	2	24	2
McConnell	Nick	97/98	6	26	2
McCormack	M	80/81	3	98	3
McCubbin	Daniel	86/87	7	149	10
McDiarmid	Paul	85/86	91	913	124
McDonald	D	95/96	1	0	0
McGee	Ronald	82/83	2	12	0
McGowan	Geoff	73/74	11	29	9
McGowan	Russell	73/74	4	8	0
McGregor	Wayne	87/88	1	0	2
McGuigan	Geoff	79/80	9	74	26
McKenzie	Nick	96/97	10	27	3
McKenzie	Paul	87/88	2	5	0
McManamon	Peter	94/95	6	31	2
McManamon	Rory	93/94	24	408	21
McNally	Jamie	83/84	12	47	6
McNamee	Stewart	85/86	73	1009	124
McPhee	Rohan	82/83	140	1803	209
McSolvin	Sue	97/98	2	1	0
Medland	Rod	Vets	3	47	1
Mercer	Vicki	97/98	6	240	9
Meyer	Andre	90/91	2	42	0
Miles	Anthony	86/87	6	40	0
Mileto	F	95/96	5	3	0

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Miller	Christian	88/89	31	69	32
Mills	Arthur	77/78	5	126	0
Milne	Lynette	97/98	1	11	1
Milton	I	73/74	3	11	0
Miscamble	Ken	81/82	2	1	1
Mohan	Rani	Vets	1	0	0
Moore	Gary	88/89	10	176	12
Moore	Len	73/74	19	241	4
Moore	Peter	81/82	1	11	0
Moore	Ray	97/98	5	4	0
Moran	Terry	92/93	28	606	1
Morgan	Vanessa	97/98	2	2	7
Morris	W	85/86	1	0	0
Morrison	M	96/97	1	8	2
Mullins	Darrell	Vets	10	40	1
Mullins	Glen	91/92	12	98	0
Mullins	Mark	89/90	28	427	15
Munday	Jeff	92/93	1	4	1
Munns	Craig	82/83	77	491	139
Murphy	B	82/83	6	57	0
Murphy	Neville	78/79	24	187	6
Murphy	S	87/88	6	30	1
Murray	Paul	78/79	7	114	19
Myring	Frank	Vets	1	4	0
Nailon	Sharon	97/98	1	0	0
Nanovich	Jeff	82/83	8	66	0
Nanscawen	Trevor	94/95	39	1133	22
Nathan	Paul	82/83	2	7	0
Nelson	B	82/83	1	3	0
Nelson	David	68/69	1	28	0
Neuman	Gary	84/85	4	51	0
Newell	Sara	97/98	9	98	8
Newton	Ken	75/76	6	50	0
Nichol	Greg	89/90	4	32	2
Norbury	Gary	78/79	20	370	36
Oakley	Warren	89/90	5	27	2
O'Connor	Matt	94/95	15	326	10
Osborne	Ben	93/94	1	0	1
Osborne	Norman	83/84	50	1252	5
Osborne	Steve	84/85	57	1250	104
Outhred	Geoff	Vets	7	20	4
Ousley	Russell	82/83	30	397	2
Paisley	Brian	83/84	3	7	1
Paisley	Dwayne	90/91	75	1747	22
Paisley	Jason	89/90	94	1713	126
Paisley	Michelle	97/98	16	133	7

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Paisley	Rod	90/91	11	62	3
Panagiotidis	Alex	81/82	10	30	4
Parry	John	79/80	10	45	1
Parry	Ron	79/80	49	58	28
Parsons	Ian	76/77	28	58	0
Payne	Terry	96/97	12	263	1
Pease	Mark	78/79	13	96	2
Peisley	Kirsten	97/98	10	17	1
Peisley	Mat	91/92	40	594	41
Penkethman	Mark	80/81	1	0	0
Perkins	Paddy	90/91	25	424	11
Pether	Katy	97/98	7	22	0
Pharoah	Andy	85/86	3	40	0
Piggott	Carly	97/98	1	0	0
Pitts	Dennis	68/69	5	37	3
Pitts	Gary	69/70	5	64	15
Pitts	Keith	69/70	6	120	0
Pointon	Daryl	69/70	8	74	4
Pope	Lauren	97/98	2	3	0
Potter	Geoff	85/86	8	8	5
Power	Steve	95/96	23	60	2
Precht	Leonie	97/98	2	1	0
Price	Terry	78/79	3	36	6
Prior	Richard	68/69	107	2656	31
Pullen	Donna	97/98	13	309	30
Rammohan	Raghu	96/97	12	113	2
Ray	A	88/89	1	0	0
Redfern	Angus	94/95	27	887	15
Redfern	Marcus	95/96	16	96	11
Reilly	Andrew	93/94	1	1	0
Reynolds	Ken	71/72	79	887	93
Rickards	Andrew	77/78	174	3544	260
Riley	Martin	86/87	19	291	23
Roach	Rod	Vets	22	246	12
Rodgerson	Neale	79/80	20	305	10
Rodgerson	Peter	78/79	53	824	24
Rose	Brendan	95/96	30	327	34
Rosel	Bruce	75/76	9	112	0
Rosenstraus	Andrew	81/82	32	387	4
Rosenstraus	Robert	82/83	14	68	0
Ruddock	Jeff	75/76	18	35	0
Ruffles	Paul	81/82	1	1	0
Ryan	Shaun	85/86	33	259	47
Sandford	Harry	Vets	1	0	0
Saunders	Greg	73/74	9	112	10
Schulties	Mark	96/97	13	82	0

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Schultz	Michael	95/96	6	2	15
Setford	Brett	87/88	6	45	0
Siecenieks	Peter	80/81	17	54	1
Simkin	Don	Vets	36	493	31
Sisson	Cameron	95/96	14	429	20
Skvor	Paul	87/88	10	65	1
Sleeman	Martin	97/98	4	64	4
Smart	Brent	94/95	26	221	56
Smart	Bruce	94/95	38	357	57
Smart	Leigh	94/95	27	440	12
Smith	Danny	84/85	36	277	3
Smith	Kevin	84/85	54	929	76
Smith	Tony	84/85	4	44	0
Solomon	Graeme	80/81	35	832	68
Somers	James	97/98	4	6	1
Sorace	Anthony	88/89	8	227	9
Sorace	Lou	89/90	7	358	0
Spencer	Andy	96/97	8	102	15
Spencer	Chris	92/93	54	918	23
Spencer	Glenn	86/87	96	2235	147
Spencer	Ian	73/74	320	10748	102
Stafford	Jason	93/94	51	981	4
Stafford	William	79/80	216	5511	106
Steele	Ben	89/90	6	73	4
Steele	Damian	89/90	19	118	36
Stephen	Lorna	97/98	1	0	0
Stephen	Bruce	84/85	11	204	19
Stewart	Sean	94/95	18	319	4
Sutherland	Craig	90/91	44	809	26
Sutton	Marcus	87/88	17	305	0
Tasker	Malcolm	80/81	27	355	7
Tasker	Phillip	80/81	12	108	0
Tasman	Julian	88/89	2	1	0
Tatham	Anthony	89/90	27	580	38
Taylor	Belinda	97/98	12	67	12
Taylor	Brett	83/84	10	49	7
Taylor	Emily	97/98	13	132	1
Taylor	Jon	88/89	9	197	19
Ter	Paul	84/85	14	112	26
Thompson	Ken	Vets	4	42	0
Thomson	D	80/81	2	7	0
Tilker	David	86/87	69	1548	102
Tilton	Margaret	97/98	14	50	34
Tilton	Meredith	97/98	14	301	14
Tonking	Matt	85/86	23	596	11

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Tonking	Russell	88/89	56	1442	29
Torney	Sean	90/91	67	1593	6
Towers	J	97/98	1	1	0
Treloar	Phil	91/92	7	116	2
Villiers	Nathan	84/85	2	38	0
Vogt	Elise	97/98	11	37	5
Wade	John	67/68	15	289	11
Wake	Phil	94/95	10	220	20
Walker	Greg	97/98	8	243	1
Walsh	Steve	88/89	57	303	121
Walter	Andy	75/76	93	1136	86
Walter	Michael	76/77	11	18	0
Walter	Steve	77/78	23	159	2
Walters	Roger	68/69	1	24	0
Walton	M	96/97	2	6	0
Wathen	Geoff	78/79	41	215	1
Wathen	Neville	78/79	43	622	16
Watson	Ross	85/86	2	55	0
Watts	Craig	87/88	55	989	7
Welch	Mathew	95/96	14	120	6
Westhead	William	83/84	11	112	21
White	Paul	82/83	1	3	0
White	Peter	68/69	206	3655	195
White	Tony	67/68	220	6270	279
Whitehorn	Paul	85/86	22	66	36
Wilkins	Mat	85/86	35	561	5
Williams	Anthony	89/90	5	29	0
Williams	Barry	Vets	4	49	1
Williams	Chris	76/77	11	16	2
Williams	Dawn	97/98	9	109	10
Williams	Greg	80/81	9	74	11
Williams	Mick	86/87	7	65	11
Williams	Robyn	97/98	11	225	3
Williams	Rod	79/80	17	186	2
Willingham	Michael	95/96	10	69	9
Willoughby	Michelle	97/98	5	20	0
Wilson	Mark	79/80	151	1126	129
Wilson	Wayne	82/83	5	10	0
Wood	Ian	67/68	92	867	9
Wood	John	67/68	2	0	0
Wood	Lindsay	97/98	9	8	10
Woodhouse	Paul	94/95	10	173	3
Wright	Kirsten	97/98	7	5	1
Wyatt	Hugh	73/74	6	22	1
Wyatt	Robert	73/74	2	23	0

Note: score books were missing for some seasons, in these years best estimates have been made in above.

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YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CLUB CHAMPION	1 ST XI BATTING	1 ST XI BOWLING	2 ND XI BATTING	2 ND XI BOWLING	3 RD XI BATTING	3 RD XI BOWLING	4 TH XI BATTING	4 TH XI BOWLING
1967/8	DMARTIN	A WHITE	TDERHAM	AWHITE	TDERHAM	PGELDEN	G BURGESS	G CAKE	G HOGG	W BURGESS	D FORD
1968/9	DMARTIN	A WHITE	TDERHAM	AWHITE	TDERHAM	AGELDEN	AWALTER	T BURGESS	G HOGG	R PARRY	R GHEWES
1969/70	DMARTIN	ICHAMBERSON	TDERHAM	P WHITE	TDERHAM	W BURGESS	G HOGG	AWALTER	G HOGG	R PARRY	R GHEWES
1970/1	TDERHAM	DHELLINGS	TDERHAM	J BROWN	TDERHAM	W BURGESS	G HOGG	AWALTER	G HOGG	R PARRY	R GHEWES
1971/2	TDERHAM	DHELLINGS	TDERHAM	P WHITE	TDERHAM	AGELDEN	G HOGG	AWALTER	G HOGG	R PARRY	R GHEWES
1972/3	L DAVIES	DHELLINGS	AWHITE	AWHITE	L DAVIES	PGELDEN	G BURGESS	G CAKE	G HOGG	W BURGESS	D FORD
1973/4	L DAVIES	DHELLINGS	AWHITE	AWHITE	L DAVIES	PGELDEN	G BURGESS	G CAKE	G HOGG	W BURGESS	D FORD
1974/5	TDERHAM	DHELLINGS	AWHITE	AWHITE	L DAVIES	PGELDEN	G BURGESS	G CAKE	G HOGG	W BURGESS	D FORD
1975/6	TDERHAM	DHELLINGS	AWHITE	AWHITE	L DAVIES	PGELDEN	G BURGESS	G CAKE	G HOGG	W BURGESS	D FORD
1976/7	D FORD	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	D FORD	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1977/8	D FORD	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	D FORD	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1978/9	B GOBBI	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	D FORD	AWALTER	AWALTER	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1979/80	ISPENCER	D FORD	ISPENCER	ISPENCER	J DEWEY	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1980/1	R PRICER	D FORD	ISPENCER	ISPENCER	J DEWEY	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1981/2	R PRICER	A MARTY	A RICKARDS	WHERRALD	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1982/3	ISPENCER	M STAFFORD	A RICKARDS	B GOBBI	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1983/4	ISPENCER	D FORD	A RICKARDS	N OSBORNE	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1984/5	W STAFFORD	G HOGG	R HELLER	N OSBORNE	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1985/6	W STAFFORD	G HOGG	R HELLER	N OSBORNE	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1986/7	R HELLER	G HOGG	R HELLER	N OSBORNE	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1987/8	W BURGESS	G HOGG	A RICKARDS	J DAY	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1988/9	R CAKE	R HELLER	S M NAMEE	ISPENCER	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1989/90	R CAKE	T GOBBI	ISPENCER	ISPENCER	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1990/1	R HELLER	G HOGG	L SPENCER	J DAY	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1991/2	B HAINES	G HOGG	L SPENCER	J DAY	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1992/3	B HAINES	G HOGG	L SPENCER	J DAY	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1993/4	T DERHAM	P KILGOUR	G SPENCER	D TILKER	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1994/5	T DERHAM	P KILGOUR	G SPENCER	D TILKER	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1995/96	W STAFFORD	R BROWN	G SPENCER	C SISSON	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1996/97	W STAFFORD	R BROWN	G SPENCER	C SISSON	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
1997/98	W STAFFORD	M STAFFORD	W LEE	W LEE	AWALTER	E HICKS	A RICKARDS	AWALTER	G HOGG	AWALTER	AWALTER
LADIES											
1997/98			D. BROWN	D. BROWN	D. BROWN	S. NEWELL	D. WILLIAMS				

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T DERHAM
G HOGG
D FORD

A PICKARDS
R HELLER
T WHITE
W STAFFORD
P KILGOUR

PRE MEMBERSHIPS

1971/2 D CAKE
1977/8 B GRANT
1977/8 C GRANT
1977/8 E GRANT

1990/1 VETERANS
1992/3 VETERANS
1993/4 VETERANS

1994/95 B & J VETERANS
1995/96 B2
1996/97 VETERANS
1997/98 VETERANS