



SYDENHAM CRICKET CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

1996-97

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SYDENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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LIFE MEMBERS (Men)	Messrs R Armstrong, S Burns, D Gallop, J Harliwich, G Harris, T Kerr, H King, J O'Sullivan, K Prusas, F Rice, B Salt, R Thomas, D Wilson OBE, N Moorhead, W Thomson, T White
LIFE MEMBERS (Women)	Mesdames R Martin, T McDonald, P Quickenden, P Carrick, Miss Z Hocking

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The highlight of the 1996-97 season for Sydenham must surely be our senior side's winning of the Trustbank One Day Title. Finals day at Sydenham Park was a great success both playing wise and as an event. For this the club is indebted to the generous sponsorship of what is now Westpac Trust and the great efforts of our own committee and club members in preparing for the day. Congratulations to Greg O'Reilly and his team and also to Mike Dolden who did such a good job with the team after taking over as coach and manager part way through the season.

Congratulations are also due to our other winning team Sixth Grade Blue, formerly the Cavaliers. This team, captained by Kevin Moore, has been consistently one of our best performed and won fifteen out of seventeen games to take the sixth grade title. Our other teams whilst failing to win their grades all had their moments of success. Unfortunately we were forced to withdraw our senior womens team this season due to a number of our top players transferring to East Shirley before the season commenced. Thanks are due to Chris Nichols for managing and coaching our 2nd and 3rd grade womens teams so well and to Brenda Sawyers for her work with the 4th graders.

During the season two of our players Lee Germon and Stephen Fleming played for New Zealand whilst Darrin Murray and Blair Hartland appeared for Canterbury. As we know Lee and Stephen both captained NZ and Darrin led the Canterbury side. This must surely be a unique situation for any club and to have one member of our club replaced as New Zealand Captain by another member must be even more unique. Like most club members however, I can only have mixed feelings about this latter event. I am of course delighted that Stephen, a great cricketer and club member has been appointed New Zealand Captain. I'm sure he'll make an excellent skipper but I'm also disappointed that the selectors have treated Lee so unfairly by replacing him as wicket keeper with a player inferior to him in all respects.

Early in the season our club administration found itself sorely missing the skills of our stalwart treasurer Paul McKenzie and this combined with the fact I as president, had no experience of the clubs administration procedures created some early difficulties. Happily however, Andrew Chisnall stepped in to take on the role of committee chairman and to look after the finances in combination with Richard Tooby. Subsequently we have been pleased to obtain the services of Sandy Salt to take over the position of treasurer and her sister Janet to act as secretary, assisting Jenny. As a consequence our committee is now functioning well and my thanks to all of our committee for their strong commitment to serving the club.

We are fortunate this season that the "Friends of Sydenham Committee" ably led by Dave Gallop has handled our fundraising and sponsorship matters. This has removed a considerable burden from the club committee and we are indebted to them for their efforts on our behalf.

The clubs junior section is proving a real success story for Sydenham. Ivan Thomson and his team have built up player numbers to a point where we are now one of the largest junior clubs in Christchurch. The junior prize giving, for example, has now to be held in the Rugby Club Rooms in order to accommodate all the parents and children attending.

Social events for the season included a Mystery Bus Tour and two more of Bert Walker's wonderful trivia quizzes. Thanks to the social committee and Bert for their efforts which were most appreciated.

Unfortunately our groundsman Eric Arps is not able to continue his work next season and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his conscientious work on our pitches.

Dutch cricketer Maurits Houben was a popular and effective club coach and senior wicket keeper-batsman during the season and our sincere thanks are due to him. Hopefully he will be back with us at some stage.

Like most clubs these days we are increasingly aware of the difficulties clubs are experiencing because of the changing social climate. So during the season some of the committee met with some members of the "Friends" to discuss strategies for the future. As a result talks have been held with the bowling, hockey, tennis and rugby clubs regarding possible co-operative ventures in the future. In an ideal world there would be only one 'Sydenham All Sports Clubrooms' at Sydenham Park and whether that is achievable or not the club believes it is important to look at such options positively in order to improve our long term prospects.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those who have had in any way contributed to the activities of the club during the past season.

R K Dann - President

OBITUARIES

Our sincere sympathies and condolences go to any club members who have suffered bereavements and especially to:

John Lovell-Smith on the passing of his wife Margaret

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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The end of the season at Syds is memorable for having a bit of a do with a few drinks and a good graze, and writing a report covering a season you could barely remember.

The 96/97 year was notable for the changes we all had to be so patient with. It was our first with a substantially new committee and relatively inexperienced club officers.

This, as you probably realized, meant a few disruptions in what had previously been a very smoothly run club.

We had to contend with a very quick initiation period but soon learned how much work it takes to keep on top of the day to day issues which arise within a season.

At this point it would seem appropriate to apologize for the difficulties the average member of our club experienced during this period, but instead I would ask that anyone with complaints stand for the committee at this years AGM as the more who help, the less we each have to do.

I would like to that the committee for the work put in by many of them in fairly difficult circumstances, especially Andrew Chisnall who played a major part in getting us back on the rails.

Looking forward to a new season, a warm welcome to those who have already committed to the next period in our clubs history.

Sandy and Janet Salt are well known to all of us for their presence in the clubrooms on a Saturday afternoon. Both non-playing members have volunteered to become involved in the club at committee level for the coming year as has Kath Lewis who will be our womans cricket representative for the future.

Simon Vincent and Dean Hall you will all know as our new Social Committee who made a great job of putting this years events together after being thrown in at the proverbial deep end.

After my first term as Club Captain I have to admit it has been a rather enjoyable one.

My speeches may or may not have improved, depending on who you ask, but at least they become easier the more experience you have. As I have been at the club for only three years now this position became the ideal way to meet the majority of our members. For those who don't know me yet, look for the one standing at the bar on Saturdays trying to speak over the Cav's team.

The clean-ups were a bit of a struggle, not only because of the Sunday morning wobbles (which could usually be cured by a can of Coke before starting) but by the attendance of duty teams on the day - many thanks to those of you that helped, how many of you did?

Thanks must go to Eric Arps for the many hours spent getting our grounds ready for the Saturday.

Those of you who don't know, Eric is retiring through injury from Grounds this year and it remains to be seen how we will cope without his experienced guiding hand.

Congratulations to our Senior men's team for their accomplishments in the One day final this year and to the club for the fantastic effort in hosting finals day.

The reports we have had from outside the club indicate the success the day was, as those who were there in support or in assisting in the running will testify.

Congratulations also to our women's teams and especially their respective coaches, who although losing our senior team have continued regardless showing all of us the spirit with which cricket should be played.

So with that I wish you all an enjoyable season to come full of runs, wickets and hopefully in the right order.

Deane Fraser - Club Captain

TROPHY WINNERS

TD KERR TROPHY (Most Promising Female Cricketer)

Penny Mitchell

EA GASSON TROPHY (Most Promising Male Cricketer)

Chad Romano

WALLY CHISNALL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Best Individual Bowling Performance in an Innings)

Carlos McGillivray

E A JOHNS TROPHY (Seasons Highest Score)

Tom White 149

COMMITTEE TROPHY (Best Contribution by a non-committee member)

Chris Nicholls & Ian Hill

ZENA HOCKING TROPHY (Best performance overall in the Womens Lower Grades)

Sarah Burke

JIM HARTIGAN TROPHY (Best Allround performance in mens lower grades)

Dion Steiner

P F CARRICK TROPHY (Outstanding female bowler of the season)

Greer Hill

TELFORD BALL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season below Seniors)

Bert Walker

PETER LUBLOW MEMORIAL TROPHY (Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season for Seniors)

Todd Harris

W PATRICK MEMORIAL CUP (Outstanding Batsman Below Seniors)

John Bennett

F J RICE TROPHY (Outstanding Batswoman of the Season)

Sarah Burke

RAY ARMSTRONG TROPHY (Outstanding Batsman of the Season for Seniors)

Carlos McGillivray

LEE GERMON WICKETKEEPING TROPHY (Keeper Taking the Most Dismissals)

Maurits Houben

DARRIN MURRAY FIELDING TROPHY (Fielder Taking the Most Catches)

Darren Hickson

IAN HARTLAND (Personality of the Year)

Tom White

SOUTHMARK PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Stephen Fleming

TEAM PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Seniors	Carlos McGillivray
2nd Grade	Bert Walker
3rd Grade	Darrin Harris
4th Grade	Darren Hickson
6th Grade	Deane Fraser
6th Grade Blue	Stu Simpson
7th Grade	Stacey Garrett
Presidents A	John Lovell-Smith
Presidents B	Gary Saunders
2nd Grade Women	Erin Hill
3rd Grade Women	Anna Milne

HONOURS BOARD 1996/97

T White (6th Blue)	149*	C McGillivray (Seniors)	8-17
D Murray (Seniors)	129	D Steiner (7th Grade)	7-30
D Murray (Seniors)	123	B Nabbs (4th Grade)	7-43
S Burke (Womens 2nd Grade)	121*	B Walker (2nd Grade)	7-77
J Larter (6th Grade Blue)	121	B Walker (2nd Grade)	6-32
S Armstrong (2nd Grade)	96	D Hickson (4th Grade)	6-32
J Brown (4th Grade)	96	G Hill (2nd Grade Womens)	6-35
S Fleming (Seniors)	94	H Best (7th Grade)	6-36
B Hartland (Seniors)	93	R Sutherland (6th Grade Blue)	6-37
D Hickson (4th Grade)	91	D Steiner (7th Grade)	5-6
J Anderton (Presidents B)	88	G Minns (Presidents B)	5-12
D Steiner (7th Grade)	87	M Freeth (Presidents A)	5-14
M Thorne (3rd Grade)	86	T Little (6th Grade Red)	5-15
P Shanks (6th Grade Blue)	86	T Hamilton (2nd Grade)	5-16
M Thorne (3rd Grade)	85	B Blair (6th Grade Red)	5-20
K MacKey (3rd Grade)	83	D Harris (3rd Grade)	5-23
		P Dillon (6th Grade Blue)	5-24

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Congratulations to the following:

MEN

Stephen Fleming	New Zealand (Captain) Canterbury XI
Lee Germon	New Zealand (Captain) Canterbury XI
Darrin Murray	New Zealand A(Captain) Canterbury (Captain)
Carlos McGillivray	Canterbury B
Chad Romano	Canterbury Under 20

WOMEN

Sarah Burke	Christchurch Black Under 17
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MILESTONES

MENS

Greg O'Reilly	200 Senior Wickets
Bert Walker	600 Second Grade Wickets

TEAMS FINAL POINTS AND PLACINGS

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACING</u>	<u>NO OF TEAMS IN GRADE</u>
<u>MENS</u>			
Seniors - Trustbank Cup	13	1st	10
Seniors - Trustbank Trophy	30	9th	10
2nd Grade - 2 Day Competition	18	10th	10
2nd Grade - 1 Day Competition	6	10th	10
3rd Grade Black	42	8th	10
4th Grade	103	2nd	5
6th Grade (Division 1)	85	1st	8
7th Grade (Division 1)	63	4th	8
Presidents A	40	13th	17
Presidents B	45	11th	17
Petersen Shield	5.13	8th	10
Hadlee Trophy	306	8th	10
<u>WOMENS</u>			
2nd Grade	25	7th	8
3rd Grade (Division 2)	4	6th	6

SENIOR MENS - TEAM REPORT

The Sydenham Seniors had a successful season on the whole and this culminated in the team winning the Trustbank Cup one day competition for the first time. This was a very proud and memorable moment for me and the team.

There were some unusual and down right bizarre events, these are too numerous to mention, but the players involved know what I'm talking about.

This season had some disappointing aspects, lack of player depth being the main aspect. This is an issue the club has to address. Not all the blame can be labelled at the club, the players have to take some responsibility for this, a lot of players have to get their priorities sorted out.

The season had its ups and downs, it started with the team being knocked out of the Press Knockout competition in the qualifying round. Then we won our first three one day games. Then the two day competition started, this was a disappointing part of the season. We got ourselves into winning position only to lose concentration and let the opposition get an opportunity and were not mentally hard enough to stand the pressure. And this showed in our below average standing on the points table in the two day competition. A very pleasing aspect was we only lost 1 one day game which was a very good performance and the team should be proud of this record.

In the batting department last season we struggled when Darrin Murray, Blair Hartland, Stephen Fleming and Lee Germon were lost to representative commitments, they proved very valuable when they were available this was shown in their results.

The outstanding player of the season had to be Carlos McGillvray with both bat and ball, he is a player with great ability and he also showed strength and maturity and I hope he will be back next season.

The batting for the most part of the season was left on the shoulders of Carlos, Andrew Thin, Chad Romano, Kieran White, Richard Casutt, Shaun Cant, Ken Julian and our overseas professional Maurits Houben who all showed great ability and promise at times during the season.

The bowling department was our strength and won us games, Todd Harris is a good prospect and he has a big future. Richard Tooby was valuable and consistent at all times. Chad Romano is a spin bowler with a future, he took wickets at valuable times. Carlos and I filled in the other two places. We had a brief appearance from Sam Martin who performed well.

Last season our overseas professional Maurits Houben was a valuable member to the team and club and his input into games and practicing was much appreciated and I would like to thank him for his efforts.

I was much appreciative to a number of players who played for us this year and proved valuable and not out of their depth, included Nick Mather, Chris Cherry, Tim Hamilton, Gareth Martin, Mike Stocker and a special thanks goes to Mike Richards who was an asset on and off the field.

Last season was particularly difficult, so I called on the assistance of Mike Dolden who provided a great input to our young players giving them confidence and guidance, which is one of the main reasons we won the one day competition, I can't thank him enough for his input. Mike gets a big thank you from me and team.

A big thank you for last seasons efforts has to go to our two scorers. Janet and Stu thank you for giving up your time, the team and I thank you very much for your efforts.

On a final note the team and I would like to thank the club and all the volunteers for all there efforts on the finals day, this was much appreciated by all the players. It made it a special day for all those involved. It will be a day I won't forget. And I hope to see you next season.

Greg O'Reilly - Captain

Please Note:

Senior averages were not available at the time of printing - they will be available soon on request.

SECOND GRADE - TEAM REPORT

Following the previous season's good results (2nd in the 1 dayers, 4th in the 2 dayers) there were expectations in some quarters that we would again feature prominently in a title fight. However the loss of 8 players (through promotion to seniors, transfer to other clubs or unavailability because of work commitments or injury) gutted the base of the team and meant that this season would always be an uphill battle.

What wasn't anticipated was just how hard it would be, as by the end of the season we had used the staggering number of 35 players (but perversely had to default a 2 day match over Labour weekend as not enough players were available at that time), finished last in the 2 day competition without a solitary outright, and also finished down towards the bottom of the 1 day competition.

During the season we came sooo close on occasions but basically just didn't have the bottle at other times, which is shown in our miserable batting statistics. Only one batsman averaged over 17 in the 1 dayers and only one batsman averaged over 21 in the 2 dayers, while the whole team didn't even manage a score of 200 all season.

The bowling was generally penetrating and never collared, the fielding normally good (well backed up behind the stumps) but the batting failed time and again and this lack of runs meant that we were always struggling.

The One Day Competition

The first game of the season unfortunately set the trend for the rest of it, when we were dismissed for 61 in a one dayer against Lancaster Park. We then recovered somewhat with a good win against Marist (with Mike Richards 51 and Tim Hamilton with 5-16 leading the way), but then came the most amazing game of the season and our worst collapse. Woolston batted first at Garrick Park and reached 103/2, but then lost their last 8 wickets for just 9 runs to Bert Walker and Tim Hamilton to only reach 112. However we managed to eclipse even this spectacular collapse, as after reaching 103/5 we then lost our last 5 wickets for 2 runs - both extras! The last 6 batsmen scored 1 run between them as we somehow contrived to lose by 7 runs with 20 overs remaining, a shattering loss.

The next 2 matches saw us squander more winning opportunities, firstly against St Albans, as after having them 100/7 chasing 179 they got there 9 down in the last over. Then batting first against Old Colls we reached 100/2 off 25 overs, but only reached 135, which they got with 2 overs to spare.

With the other four 1 dayers all being washed out just 2 more wins would have been enough to put us in the semi-finals, instead we finished well down through not capitalising on our chances.

The Two Day Competition

The 2 dayers followed a similar pattern of low scoring and being on the wrong end of close finishes (despite some good rearguards) with the first 4 games being lost outright and the next four drawn. Against Riccarton first up we never looked like getting their scores in either innings (despite Chris Cherry's double of 33 and 51) and when we were 8 down at 4.30 on the 2nd day it looked all over. However 2 gutsy stands took us down to the 2nd last ball of the game, before the captain was bowled to end his lengthy and determined knock.

The next game against BWU saw us blow a whole string of winning opportunities. Batting first, Stu Rooney's 60 helped us reach the riches of 140/2, but we only totalled 190. However it seemed that this might be enough for a handy lead when a spell of 6-10 from Bert reduced Burnside from 50/0 to 80/7, but then came our worst fielding display of the season and a series of dropped catches let them off the hook to get first innings. Our 2nd innings only realised 117, but we had one last chance with them 97/7 and needing another 20. At this stage both their batsmen were dropped behind the wicket and then saw them home, an extremely disappointing loss for us.

Against HSOB a last wicket stand of 20 between Bert and Dave Harrow saw us scrape in for first innings and our first points of the season, however in the 2nd innings chasing 170 we were 78/9 at the start of the last 20 overs, a depressingly familiar collapse. At this stage Bert and Tim came together to put on 40 and almost save the day, before Bert was caught in the gully in the 2nd last over.

In the remaining 5 games after Christmas we did at least show some improvement, starting against the runaway champions East Shirley. Defending only 118 we managed to dismiss them for 116 (Bert 6-32, including 3 wickets in 4 balls), one of only 2 occasions they dropped points during the season. However they then asserted themselves to win outright by 5 wickets, despite an excellent innings of 59 by Nick Buchan in our 2nd knock.

We then got first innings points again, against Old Colls after rolling them for 57 (Nick Mather 13.5 8 6 3) but only Stu Rooney's 50* staved off defeat in our 2nd innings.

Then came easily our best performance of the season, against the strong (3rd place getters) St Albans. Batting first we only managed yet another modest score - 130 - but a tremendous effort in the field saw them out for 121, with 6 bowlers sharing the wickets and every chance being held. This memorable day featured excellent performances in particular from Preston Teehan (41, 2-22 and 2 good catches), Reece Donald (24, 3 caught behind and 2 great leg side stumpings), Steve Armstrong (13 9 6 1) and Manu Donald (a tremendous diving catch to get the last wicket). We left them 200 to win but Tim Hamilton, gaining sharp turn in his 5-29, reduced them to 150/9 before their last pair held out for the last 6 overs to deny us an outright win we richly deserved.

The Marist game saw a boring draw, highlighted only by Steve Armstrong's epic first innings of 96 (out of 156/9, clearly the innings of the season) and Reece Donald's 2nd innings of 60*, while the first day of the last game of the season, against Woolston, saw us trailing by 90 on the first innings (despite Steve Armstrong - to the fore with the ball this time - with 5-25, and Preston's 46). Probably fortunately for us the 2nd day was washed out, perhaps appropriately given the weather during the season and our batting performances.

The Players

There is talent in the team though and it may come out, if some things are done such as compulsory training, helping those players with senior ambitions to move towards that grade and further developing those that do have the talent in 2nd Grade.

There definitely are some that can go all the way and leading them is Tim Hamilton, who can turn the ball square at times and with a better attitude, commitment and training Tim may make some senior batters look as silly as many in 2nd Grade. Chris Cherry showed on occasion an ability to take a bowling attack apart with his clean hitting, and with a more consistent and focused effort Chris will find himself in the thick of it.

Another to shine was Preston Teehan, who on his promotion from 3rd Grade showed what a bit of guts and determination can do, on more than one occasion Preston looked as though he was the senior pro. He hit the shot of the season with a 6 over extra cover on the long boundary against

Burnside, and if he can continue to improve his fielding he has the makings of a very handy all round player.

Nick Mather was another player who did show a determined attitude, and he could be well satisfied with his overall efforts in his first season in 2nd Grade, while in his handful of games Nick Buchan also looks a very good prospect for the future and has an excellent temperament. David Harrow was the quickest bowler we had and he is one player that we need to keep in the team - his fiery 4-18 in a 1 dayer at Burnside showed what he is capable of and with the right encouragement and effort he can go further, while he also showed some tremendous reflexes fielding at short leg.

The newest arrivals to the club were the Donald brothers, and Reece equipped himself admirably with the bat and keeping gloves while Manu took a couple of the best catches of the season and just needs a little more confidence with the bat.

Of the "slightly" older (more experienced) brigade Bert Walker proved his durability by being the only person to play in every game, and he had a tremendously successful season with 50 2nd Grade wickets at only 10 runs each. He was a deserved winner of the club bowling trophy and also featured in a number of rearguard stands with the bat, as well as holding the most catches for the season again.

Steve Armstrong took on the allrounder's role, opening both the batting and bowling in a number of games and played the innings of the season with his 96. This was the only time he went on to a score but in the opening role he almost always batted at least an hour, seeing the new ball off and giving us a start. His bowling form fluctuated before Xmas but he had some very good spells after then and with a little more consistency in both departments he will be an even more important performer next season.

Stu Rooney would have been disappointed with his overall batting return, apart from a couple of 50's. However with his gritty attitude, ability to pick up a quick wicket (despite being the unluckiest bowler in the side from dropped catches) and being the best fielder in the side he was always an asset.

Mike Stocker was another who had a disappointing batting return, and only occasionally showed glimpses of his shotmaking ability. However he generally performed well behind the stumps, especially standing up, and like the very sharp Reece Donald he achieved the impressive milestone of 5 dismissals in an innings (4 ct and 1 stp in a 1 dayer against BWU, that was eventually washed out).

Mike Richards successive hard-hitting innings of 51 and 44 early in the one dayers saw him quickly promoted to seniors. However on his eventual return he didn't recapture this form, and unfortunately we also saw very little of 2 of the batting mainstays of previous seasons, BT and Fins.

Conclusion

Unfortunately the side was let down too often through lack of commitment, desire to win or guts not to let someone else win, almost always in the batting. With a better approach including a more full on commitment to practising and playing cricket next season we will achieve the results we desire.

The talent is there and with fewer players through the line-up (25 players in the 2 dayers alone) meaning a more stable team, then the performances will come.

One last bitch is that the whole season was changed from what we expected from the dates from last season to a whole new set of playing dates. In future if these dates can be advertised or given out at the beginning of the season we would have had a lot less hassles in filling the team, including the unusual event of having to default a game in 2nd Grade because of lack of available players. The

unfortunate thing is that because players have had to change their working habits because of the working week now including Saturdays and Sundays, we find that having the weekend free for sport is fast becoming a luxury that a lot of players cannot afford.

I enjoyed the on the field captaincy and would look forward to having the opportunity again, given the right set of circumstances and that would include not having to chase players on Friday nights and Saturday mornings and also basically having players motivated to a 2nd Grade level, as shown by teams we played during the season.

Many thanks to those that did put in the effort and who shared in the jokes and hard case things that went on during the season, especially a big Thanks to Bert Walker who shouldered the captaincy when I was unavailable and who managed to pull so many almost out of the games that looked dead and buried. Bert, it was a pleasure to have shared in your 600th 2nd Grade wicket during the season and I know that there are many more of those unplayable balls left in you somewhere.

Glenn Hooper - Captain (and contribution from Bert Walker)

2ND GRADE - 2 DAY AVERAGES

BATTING

(Qualification : 5 or more innings)

Name	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average	50's
R Donald	3	6	1	60*	146	29.20	1
C Cherry	4	8	-	51	166	20.75	1
S Rooney	6	11	1	60	194	19.40	2
S Findlay	4	6	-	44	116	19.33	
P Teehan	7	13	-	46	226	17.38	
N Buchan	3	5	-	59	82	16.40	1
S Armstrong	7	13	-	96	204	15.69	1
M Stocker	5	9	-	37	126	14.00	
M Allen	3	6	-	31	68	11.33	
T Hamilton	7	12	5	19*	77	11.00	
B Walker	8	11	4	25	66	9.43	
M Richards	4	8	1	21	61	8.71	
D Harrow	3	6	4	7*	17	8.50	
K Hunter	4	6	-	26	46	7.67	
N Mather	5	7	-	27	52	7.43	
G Hooper	4	8	-	15	41	5.13	
M Donald	3	5	-	20	25	5.00	
R Kelly	3	6	-	10	25	4.17	

Also Batted: G Thom 1 & 1;
J Thin 10 & 3;
M Thorne 10 & 5;
D Seymour 2 & 12;
S Cant 31;
J Brown 8;
D Hickson 26.

2ND GRADE - 2 DAY AVERAGES

BOWLING

(Qualification : 30 or more overs)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	5's	R.P.O.
B Walker	159.1	48	390	41	9.51	7-77	2	2.45
N Mather	85.5	25	230	15	15.33	3-6		2.69
S Rooney	43.2	8	157	8	19.63	2-20		3.63
T Hamilton	148.4	44	450	22	20.45	5-29	1	3.03
S Armstrong	88	29	233	11	21.18	5-25	1	2.65
D Harrow	43.4	10	147	6	24.50	2-37		3.39
P Teehan	88	19	252	9	28.00	3-32		2.86

Also Bowled: C Cherry 21.3 3 65 3
G Hooper 12.2 5 1 0
G Thom 4 0 20 1
M Richards 12 1 70 2
M Stocker 7 1 38 1
D Seymour 4 0 19 1
S Findlay 3 1 21 1
M Donald 5 1 11 0
J Brown 3 0 12 0
D Hickson 3 1 15 1.

FIELDING

Wicketkeeping: M Stocker 9 ct, 2 stp
R Donald 7 ct, 4 stp
M Thorne 1 ct
S Rooney 1 ct.

Catches in Field: 6 - P Teehan, B Walker
5 - C Cherry, T Hamilton, Mather
4 - M Richards
3 - M Donald, D Harrow, S Rooney
2 - M Allen, S Armstrong, N Buchan, R Donald, M Stocker
1 - G Hooper, K Hunter, G Thom

2ND GRADE TWO DAY AVERAGES

BATTING

(Qualification : 3 or more innings)

Name	Matches	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average	50's
M Richards	4	4	-	51	113	28.25	1
N Mather	7	5	2	28*	49	16.33	
G Hooper	6	6	2	24*	46	11.50	
C Romano	4	4	-	17	45	11.25	
S Rooney	3	3	-	24	29	9.67	
M Stocker	5	3	-	19	28	9.33	
S Armstrong	4	4	-	18	33	8.25	
B Walker	7	5	2	7	12	4.00	
K Krammer	3	3	-	9	9	3.00	
T Hamilton	6	4	-	2	3	0.75	

Also Batted: M Thorne 14
 R Krammer 2
 D Harris 0, 0*
 S Findlay 5, 17
 C Harper 6
 A Thin 0
 C Cherry 37, 43*
 R Casutt 8
 M Allen 0*, 3
 D Hickson 4
 J Brown 49
 N Buchan 28, 27;
 K Hunter 0
 R Kelly 7
 P Teehan 7
 T Danenburg 2
 K Mackey 2
 B Seddon 5.

BOWLING

(Qualification : 20 or more overs)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5's	R.P.O
T Hamilton	44	9	112	13	8.62	5-16	1	2.57
B Walker	42	7	111	9	12.33	4-12		2.64
C Romano	23.1	7	69	4	17.25	2-10		2.99
N Mather	38	7	138	7	19.71	2-14		3.63
S Armstrong	21	2	91	2	45.50	2-34		4.33

Also Bowled: D Harris 14 6 21 1
 K Krammer 8 4 1 28 1
 C Cherry 4 0 16 1
 G Hooper 2 1 10 0
 P Teehan 10 2 18 1
 K Mackey 5 2 10 0
 D Hickson 10 1 26 0
 J Brown 5 1 19 1
 D Harrow 8 1 18 4
 S Rooney 4 0 17 0
 B Seddon 4 0 13 0.

FIELDING

Wicketkeeping: M Stocker 5 ct, 5 stp
 S Rooney 1 stp.

Catches in Field: 3 - C Romano
 2 - S Armstrong, N Mather, B Walker
 1 - J Brown, S Findlay, T Hamilton, C Harper, M Richards, B Seddon.

3RD GRADE

The 96/97 season has been one with its fair share of ups and downs with matches lost that could have been won due to lack of players. This problem was short lived as we soon picked up a few guys from Cashmere first eleven. Despite finishing lowly in the grade we really saved our best till last, winning a memorable one day game against East Shirley with eight balls to spare. Rob Kelly_s fifty of eighteen balls and scoring the winning runs.

Although we didn't win many two day games, we came very close. In the batting, a lot of the guys did very well with individual performances (Malcolm Thorne, Matt Allen and Rob Kelly all showing excellence with the bat), but partnerships were hard to come by.

In the bowling department the statistics speak for themselves with three bowlers taking five wicket bags. Darryn Harris finished the season with thirty nine wickets in total including three five wicket bags. Paul Thomson also proved a very handy bowler after being a late arrival to the team.

Jamie Helms also proving to be a very handy allrounder, at times showing devastating pace leaving the batsman thinking what the hell was that.

Kyle Hunter showed good promise as an opening batsman with good starts most of the time. Kyle Mackey, the most consistently late person I've ever met still more than made up for lost time as a handy change bowler with a nagging line and varying pace.

Finally it was a good season and some players will be sorely missed this time round. Many thanks to the guys who filled in from time to time. Hope to see everyone next season.

Dean Hall - Captain

3RD GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	<u>INN</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Malcolm Thorne	10	2	86	336	42.00
Rob Kelly	12	1	55	205	18.64
Jamie Helm	7	0	69	169	24.14
Kyle Mackey	12	0	83	146	12.17
Kyle Hunter	12	0	44	132	11.00
Preston Teehan	7	1	44	114	19.00
Matt Allen	7	1	72*	101	16.84
Dean Seymour	5	0	27	91	18.20
James McKenzie	7	0	28	76	10.86
Darryn Harris	12	2	19	61	6.10
Dean Hall	13	0	26	59	4.54
Paul Thomson	5	3	19	54	27.00
Andrew Stace	6	0	10	16	2.67
Hayden Spatcher	7	4	4*	11	3.67

Also Batted: N Buchan
 H Ditchburn
 C Donaldson
 K McLintoch
 C Banks
 S Holden
 G Saunders
 R Dann
 C Mathews
 D McKerrow
 J Law
 D Chapman
 M Stocker
 Goat
 F Carter
 S Holden
 S Perves

3RD GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>BEST</u>	<u>R/O</u>
Darryn Harris	193	55	529	39	13.56	5-23	2.74
Paul Thomson	78	16	281	15	18.73	4-85	3.60
Preston Teehan	89.2	12	322	13	26.83	3-20	3.61
Dean Hall	40	0	225	12	18.75	3-18	5.63
Kyle Mackey	54	7	209	10	20.90	4-45	3.67
Jamie Helm	52	3	206	7	29.43	5-27	3.96
Hayden Spatcher	25	2	100	5	20.00	5-44	4.00

Also Bowled: A Stace
 D Seymour
 D McKerrow
 G Saunders
 S Holden
 K Hunter
 H Ditchburn
 D Chapman
 C Banks

4TH GRADE - TEAM REPORT

The 1996-97 4th grade side completed a very successful season and managed a 2nd placing which was a good result for the team.

We managed to finish the season unbeaten in competition games and missed out on winning the competition by a handful of runs, not batting quite as well in the games that really counted.

Congratulations to Darren Hickson who was the player of the year and Brent Nabbs who was a close second. Highlights of the season were the friendly game at Rosebank Winery against St Albans Presidents side thanks to Michael Percy. Also the game against 3rd grade on the ladies pitch was enjoyed by both teams. A result that went our way. The team dinner was an enjoyable evening out, with nearly a full attendance.

Some of the disappointments during the season were Saturdays being cancelled when games could have been played, two teams defaulting in our grade meaning we missed out on cricket and endless amounts of raffle tickets to sell.

Basically everyone had an enjoyable season but it was really difficult to fit 15 players on the field. sorry to those players that had to be stood down at times during the season.

Tony Danenberg - Captain

Record stands at: 4 1-day wins
 3 2-day wins
 3 2-day draws

4TH GRADE AVERAGES

BATTING

	<u>INN</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>50s</u>
D Hickson	18	4	551	39.35	2
J Brown	11	1	316	31.60	2
M Paget	16	1	311	20.73	2
T Danenberg	16	2	200	14.28	
M Eddy	14	2	159	13.25	
S Woods	15	1	144	10.28	
L Schultz	5	3	83	41.50	
T Himiona	10	6	81	20.25	
T Pierson	7	2	75	15.00	
M Percy	12	1	68	6.18	
A Chisnall	6	3	66	22.00	
A Barclay	11	2	62	6.88	
B Nabbs	5	2	7	2.33	

Also batted: M Stewart, H Spatcher, D Harrow, J Butler, N Edmonds, D Hall, R Kelly

BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>O</u>	<u>RW</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>BEST</u>	<u>R/O</u>	
B Nabbs	176	571	37	15.43	7-43	3.24
D Hickson	95	364	26	14.00	6-32	3.83
T Himiona	90	328	24	13.66	4-42	3.60
A Chisnall	139	457	18	25.38	5-42	3.28
L Schultz	65	212	14	15.14	4-22	3.26
J Brown	42	141	12	11.75	4-28	3.35
D Harrow	30	71	8	8.87	3-9	2.36
H Spatcher	17	52	4	13.00	2-10	3.00
M Eddy	14	86	2	43.00	1-5	6.14

Wicketkeeping: T Dannenberg 7ct/1st
D Hickson 6ct/3st

6TH GRADE RED - TEAM REPORT

The Sixth Grade Red side can look back on the 1996-97 season with some satisfaction. With the bulk of the previous seasons players back and the addition of some dedicated club players we were able to finish well up in section one of our competition. With the exception of two games we were competitive at all times and managed to beat all the teams who finished above us, except for our cavaliers.

While our batting often left a lot to be desired, our fielding and bowling performances were a huge improvement on previous years and our success was based on bowling tightly in the first innings and chasing a smaller total. The big difference in our bowling was the wicket taking ability of Deane Fraser and the ability of Peter Dillon and Tony Little to bowl extremely tightly.

Batting was another story. Only four players managed an average in double figures and while most people had at least one good innings, we struggled to post big scores consistently. Joel Brittenden scored well all season without going on to get a really big score and Fenton Carter showed that when he applied himself he could score quickly and well.

Congratulations to Kevin and the rest of the 6th Grade Blue team on winning the competition and especially to my team for the support they gave to the club in respect of attendances to the bar after the game, practices and social events.

The season concluded with two memorable social events. Firstly the trip to Hanmer Springs (Tony Little outstanding) and then prizegiving, which included ritual head shaving for many players.

Overall, a good season played in good spirit and I hope to see everyone back next season.

John Bennett - Captain

6TH GRADE RED BATTING AVERAGES

	<u>INN</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
J Bennett	18	1	74	617	36.29	6
K Skein	3	0	61	82	27.33	2
J Brittenden	16	3	49	313	24.08	8
F Carter	17	1	71	319	19.94	4
D LeComte	12	1	45	216	19.64	11/1st
S Sawyers	3	1	21*	24	12.00	-
T Little	14	2	30	118	9.83	2
S Vincent	15	2	22	127	9.77	4
B Stockton	6	0	1	23	54	
R Kingi	11	3	70	8.75	27*	4
J Calder	16	2	117	8.38	46	6
B Blair	8	2	42	7	23	3
D Fraser	12	2	57	5.7	11*	3
P Dillon	8	3	18	3.6	10*	3

Also Batted: R Kelly 18* & 8
 G Nuttal 15
 F Neudorp 5*
 J Boyd 5* & 5*
 Coen 3,
 T Allen 11
 A Chisnall 15

6TH GRADE RED BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>BEST</u>	<u>R/O</u>
D Fraser	129	11	583	33	17.66	5-34	4.52
P Dillon	97.1	17	331	22	15.05	5-25	3.41
R Kingi	96	11	385	17	22.65	2-21	4.01
T Little	68.3	10	234	15	15.60	5-15	3.42
B Blair	52.2	6	225	15	15.00	5-20	4.29
J Calder	58	3	329	9	36.55	3-40	5.67
J Bennett	17	1	80	6	13.33	2-7	4.71
S Vincent	21	4	83	3	27.66	2-15	3.95

SYDENHAM BLUE, 6TH GRADE REPORT, 1996/97 SEASON.

Sydenham Blue, formerly Sydenham Cavaliers, won the 6th Grade competition by two points over another old adversary in the Old Collegians Cavaliers.

It was a grade that, on reflection and with no disrespect to some teams, should have been an eight team competition. However, sixteen teams took part but unfortunately plenty of Saturdays were non-events, playing against teams that should not have been in the grade.

Apart from the mismatched games, it riled us at times with some teams not ready to start play until up to 1.30 pm, the dress standard of some teams left a lot to be desired, and in general it's fair to say that our team, having been used to a good high standard of afternoon cricket, felt at times that we were wasting our time.

The standard did improve in the second half of the season with a top eight, bottom eight format. Teams that we had beaten in the first half of the season were extra determined to reverse the outcome second time around. (We know the other 6th Grade Sydenham side were most disappointed with rain washing out our scheduled March encounter). This part of the season was most enjoyable with most games producing tight finishes.

The playing record for the season shows sixteen wins out of nineteen, with points also being awarded to us after Riccarton gave us a good hiding, only to lose having played an ineligible player.

Our cricket was consistent with everyone contributing during the season. The fact that no batsman reached 500 runs for the season when some were capable of scoring 800 runs plus was a little disappointing, although many games were low scoring affairs, particularly when batting second.

Ash Hart was undoubtedly the best batsman in the grade before Christmas with the bat, and due to work commitments after Christmas wasn't seen executing his exquisite cover drives and pulls. Tom White at times threatened to maim some opposition bowlers with ferocious straight hitting, and his 149 not out was a fine knock on the SCG 1. Generally all batsmen got in on the act at some stage, with John Larter hitting a quick ton at Hagley amid helicopters landing, Paul Shanks hitting a memorable 86 at SCG 3, and his brother Erin knocking a cultured 40-odd on the same ground.

Kevin Moore and Gareth Martin, perhaps having too many late Friday nights out, threatened at times but didn't stay long enough at the wicket to produce really big innings. That is something they will have to work on next season!

The bowling department, backed up with good and encouraging support from the field, was the key to winning many games. Stuart Simpson with a consistent line, length, pace & bounce, Julian Van Dyke with his awkward left armers, and Paul Fitzsimmons who really doesn't cease to amaze us with his annoying accuracy and venomous shouts for LBW, formed the nucleus of our attack. Tim Allen had a knack of picking up a wicket every second over, and the other part-timers did their bit as shown in the averages.

The fielding was generally sound, with many brilliant catches taken. Perhaps the pick being Tim Allen's catch at Woolston Park, falling backwards one metre from the longest boundary and holding a vital catch at an important time in their innings. This game was the highlight of the season. Woolston having scored 208 looked to have it wrapped up with our team needing 35 runs off the last three overs. However, in a sensational partnership, Julian Van Dyke and Wayne Pluck with 24 not out and 20 not out respectively, brought us home off the last ball.

Most Saturdays, the team met afterwards back at the club for a drink and it was special that at the season's end of year function, long after most had gone, nine of our team were still together having a yarn and a quiet beer.

Thanks for barbeques held at John Larter's and Tom White's homes over the season, for Ash Hart making it to the team photo, and for Brent Whear's continued support of the team with his meticulous scoring and recording of all data. Thanks also to Paul Shanks (Vice Captain) for all your help and cricketing advice over the year, (this generally fell on deaf ears).

After an enjoyable couple of years as Captain, it's now Paul Shanks and Stuart Simpson at the helm. All the best to all Sydenham cricketers for the 1997/1998 season.

Kevin Moore - Captain

6TH SYDENHAM BLUE - BATTING AVERAGES

BATSMEN	I	N.O.	RUNS	H.S.	AVE.
A. Hart	10	5	309	74	61.80
T. White	12	2	344	149*	34.40
C. Kennedy	3	1	61	40	30.50
K. Moore	14	2	348	77	29.00
J. Larter	10	1	258	121	28.66
P. Shanks	13	2	225	86	20.45
S. Simpson	11	2	175	43	19.44
G. Martin	16	2	268	58	19.14
E. Shanks	10	2	115	40	14.37
I. Thompson	7	1	74	35	12.33
J. Van Dyke	5	2	27	24*	9.00
P. Fitzsimmons	4	2	12	9*	6.00
T. Allen	7	2	18	10	3.60

Also batted: Wayne Pluck (ave 36.0)

R. Sutherland

W. Nicolson

J. Smith

T. Hamilton

E. Spence

G. Martin.

6TH SYDENHAM BLUE - BOWLING AVERAGES

BOWLER	O	M	WIDES	NB	RUNS	W	AVE.
K. Moore	25	6	0	0	63	7	9.00
R. Sutherland	36	4	4	0	138	15	9.20
T. Allen	34	3	2	0	157	17	9.23
S. Simpson	115	16	6	30	382	28	13.64
C. Kennedy	19	6	0	0	76	5	14.00
J. Larter	17	2	4	0	102	7	14.57
P. Shanks	22	4	5	0	75	5	15.00
P. Fitzsimmons	115	27	0	0	366	22	16.63
J. Van Dyke	88	16	4	0	318	14	22.71
T. White	1	0	0	0	2	-	

Also bowled:

T. Hamilton
B. Seddan
A. Hart
M. Loose
J. Smith
T. White.

Fielding/catches

S. Simpson 11,
K. Moore 9,
J. Van Dyke 6,
T. Allen 5,
T. White 3, P. Shanks 3,
G. Martin 2
W. Nicholson 1, R. Sutherland 1, I. Thompson 1, E. Spence 1, W. Pluck 1.

Wicketkeeping:

A. Hart: 6 catches, 5 stumping.
P. Shanks: 6 catches, 1 stumping.

7TH GRADE TEAM REPORT

This year the team built upon the successes of last season to finish a creditable 4th in the competition and had it not been for the final match of the season where we managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of certain victory we would have come 2nd.

Most team members showed an improvement over their previous seasons form which was very pleasing. In particular the likes of Stacey Garrett and John Gower. Stacey had his best season yet taking 23 wickets and scoring 389 runs, in the process being involved in a couple of century partnerships. Justifiably he was named our player of the year.

John Gower began to realise his potential and despite having to open (a dreadful position in 7th grade) he ended up one of the top scorers in the side with over 300 runs.

Dion Steiner was his usual belligerent self in scoring a total of 422 runs made up in part by a number of brutal 50_s. He also took 32 wickets and was his usual, outstanding self in the field. Coen finally brought up his first 100 runs in a season, not an innings! (although his innings against 6th grade looked promising). Hayden Best found form late in the season scoring two half centuries including a fine 80 not out.

Tim Jellie was his usual steady, if unspectacular, self while Steve Steiner showed some skill with the ball. I had a better season than the year before scoring 320 runs and bowling very economically.

I was slightly disappointed we didn't finish second but overall I have to say I was pleased with the way the team played. Undoubtedly the highlights were the three occasions when we scored in excess of 300 runs (not bad in a 40 over game!) but above all our finest hour was the seven wicket thrashing we inflicted upon 6th Grade!

Towards the end of the season we were the "best" team in the competition and hopefully with the same guys back next year we can beat HSOB and win the grade!

Phil Gray - Captain

7TH GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

PLAYER	INN	NO	HS	RUNS	AVGE	50s
D Steiner	15	0	87	422	28.13	5
S Garrett	17	3	73*	389	27.79	3
P Gray	18	4	57*	320	22.86	2
J Gower	18	0	56	311	17.28	1
H Best	16	5	80*	296	26.91	2
T Jellie	14	0	66	236	16.86	1
D Watson	10	0	55	178	17.80	2
L Best	7	2	58*	168	33.60	2
C Suiskens	15	2	35	127	9.77	
S Steiner	9	1	28	101	12.63	
S Fordes	2	0	46	72	36.00	
J Botha	4	3	32*	64	64.00	
S Purves	7	3	6	16	4.00	

7TH GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

Player	O	M	R	W	AVGE	R/O
S Steiner	126	23	513	32	16.03	4.07
S Garrett	94	7	434	23	18.87	4.62
P Gray	116	19	423	21	20.14	3.65
H Best	56.2	2	307	17	18.06	5.45
S Steiner	25.2	2	84	10	8.40	3.32
C Suiskens	34.5	2	195	8	24.38	5.60
J Botha	19.4	2	103	5	20.60	5.24

PRESIDENTS 'A' TEAM REPORT

Presidents 'A' had a patchy season drawing from a large squad of occasionally available players. In a season which saw many games cancelled due to bad weather the record reads, played 15, won 5 lost 10.

While our performances varied there were some particularly good efforts against Hospital, Burnside West and Lancaster Park 'A'.

Once again Richie Thomas was our outstanding batsman followed closely by Bruce Jenkins.

Bowling generally was inconsistent apart from John Lovell-Smith whose efforts against Hospital in particular will be well remembered. Bruce Jenkins also bowled with great accuracy and no luck or fielding support, finishing the season with unbelievably with just one wicket for a cost of 253, someone will no doubt pay next season!! The averages reveal that this was the season that batsman fancied themselves as bowlers and bowlers as batters. Unfortunately we never seemed to have enough of either. Nevertheless off the field activity was exceptional with the Sandridge well attended and most games finishing early enough to support the Clubs bar.

The club will no doubt be relieved to hear that the side survived another mid-winter swim and looks in great form for next season. And finally a thank you to Dave Gallop and Noel Moorehead for their support and assistance and of course to Keith for giving the side the benefit of his captaincy experience - usually from third man.

Mike Dolden - Captain

PRESIDENTS A - BATTING AVERAGES

BATSMAN	I	N.O.	H.S	AGG	AVE
R Thomas	14	1	62	393	30.23
B Jenkins	8	2	33	172	28.67
M Freeth	7	4	25	85	28.33
D Heard	6	1	46	127	25.40
W Thomas	14	-	44	333	23.78
K Thomson	8	-	48	161	20.13
J Harlwich	11	3	43	130	16.25
B Ferguson	5	1	30	71	17.75
M Dolden	12	1	45	145	13.18
B Fraser	11	-	38	127	11.55

PRESIDENTS 'A' BOWLING AVERAGES

BOWLER	WKTS	RUNS	AVE
N Moorehead	3	35	11.67
M Dolden	4	55	13.75
M Freeth	14	271	19.36
B Ferguson	5	104	20.80
K Thomson	4	88	22.00
M Abells	5	123	24.60
J Lovell-Smith	12	318	26.50
J Harlwich	5	139	27.80
W Thomson	9	280	31.11
R Dann	8	272	34.00

Also Played: D Burrell, G Carnoustos, J Cossins, A Direen, D Gallop, A Hayward, W Higgins, B O'Sullivan, B Thomson.

PRESIDENTS 'B'

Not the best of seasons for us with 6 wins and 9 losses, but there were many good individual performances to brighten things up.

Gary Saunders ended the season on a high note with scores of 46, 63*, 59, and 39 in the last 4 matches - he was our best allrounder scoring 316 runs and taking 19 wickets. Jim Anderton topped the batting averages with 37.29 scoring 261 runs in 7 innings. Jim has talked of retiring from the game - we sincerely hope not.

Graham Wilson had two good knocks in his 239 run tally and would likely have done much better had 4 of his 'Not Out' innings had a chance to continue. By his standards Steve Holden didn't really fire this season though still scored 244 runs and took 12 wickets, and the same could be said for Steve Miller, Barry Straight, Malcolm Parker, Scott Holden, Brian McAllister, Graham Harris, and Clive Aldridge. They all sparked on occasion but it just wasn't their year!

Of the other players Grant Benns did very well topping the bowling averages with 13.67 taking 24 wickets including a 5 for 12, the skipper managed 19 wickets highlighted by a 6 for 38; Barry White had one magic bowling spell of 4 for 14; and Lyall Percasky did well behind the stumps taking 6 catches and 5 stumpings.

Every cricketer has 'off seasons' so we are not alone in this. Thanks to everyone for their support and let's make the 1997/98 season the best ever.

Gordon Minns - Captain

PRESIDENTS 'B' BATTING AVERAGES

PLAYER	I	R	N.O.	H.S	AVE	50's
Jim Anderton	7	261	-	88	37.29	2
Gary Saunders	11	316	1	63*	31.60	3
Graham Wilson	12	239	4	55*	29.88	1
Barry Straight	7	118	2	50*	23.60	1
Steve Holden	13	244	2	54*	22.18	1
Graham Harris	6	123	-	37	20.50	
Malcolm Parker	11	206	-	56	18.73	1
Barry White	10	42	7	12*	14.00	
Steve Miller	12	146	1	59	13.27	1
Gordon Minns	4	13	3	5*	13.00	
Lyall Percasky	8	89	1	17	12.71	
Brian McAllister	8	78	1	42*	11.14	
Grant Bennis	8	60	2	18	10.00	
Scott Holden	5	29	-	20	7.25	
Clive Aldridge	7	24	2	8*	4.80	

Also Batted: J Donaldson, D Adamson

PRESIDENTS 'B' BOWLING AVERAGES

PLAYER	O	M	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST
Grant Bennis	92.2	15	328	24	13.67	5-12
Gary Saunders	96.3	15	338	19	17.79	4-29
Graham Harris	14.4	-	76	4	19.00	2-6
Gordon Minns	77.2	8	376	19	19.79	6-38
Steve Holden	62	8	247	12	20.58	3-25
Graham Wilson	25	1	112	5	22.40	4-14
Barry White	46.1	5	233	9	25.89	4-40
Clive Aldridge	37.1	4	175	4	43.75	2-44
Scott Holden	64	15	188	4	45.00	1-18

Also bowled: B McAllister, S Miller, M Parker, J Anderton

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE TEAM REPORT - 1996/97

The team had only 10 players (8 regulars) throughout the season, and it is commendable that of the 16 games played 3 were won. Even though there were 13 losses there were some very close games which could have gone either way.

The highlight of the season was chasing East Shirley Blue's 177 and getting 181/1, with a 181 run partnership between Sarah Burke (121*) and Erin Hill (29*).

Under the guidance of Maurits each player improved in some aspect of the game throughout the season. Some of this was also attributed to the extra practices that were put in after games or on Sundays at the players' instigation.

Providing that we can have a full team next season and continued professional coaching I am sure that those who desire will improve from last year and we should see some good results.

They were a happy bunch of young people that looked well presented in club gear. Although the results were not always as they would have liked, they never gave up and made the other teams earn their wins.

TEAM AWARDS:

Best Performance Overall (women's section)	Sarah Burke
Best Batting	Sarah Burke
Best Bowling	Greer Hill
Most Promising Player	Penny Mitchell
Team Player (voted by the players)	Erin Hill

Congratulations to Sarah Burke for making the Christchurch Black Under-17 Tournament Team. Also to Greer Hill for making the unofficial Under-17 Invitation Team.

A special thanks to the women of the Selwyn 1st Grade hockey team and the 3rd Grade cricket girls who often made up the numbers so that we fielded a full team.

BATTING AVERAGES - WOMEN'S 2ND GRADE

PLAYER	INNINGS	N/O	RUNS	H.S.	AVERAGE
Sarah Burke	15	1	340	121*	24.2
Juliann Simeonidis	7	1	78	28*	13.0
Penny Mitchell	15	1	113	22*	8.0
Chontelle Tie	12	1	89	21	8.0
Greer Hill (2 nd G)	16	-	118	25	7.3
Greer Hill (3 rd G)	1	-	4	4	4.0
Greer Hill (Total)	17	-	122	25	7.1
Emily Hillery	10	2	53	26	6.6
Erin Hill	15	1	76	29*	5.4
Sarah Leys	12	2	32	12	3.2
Tiana Raynes	3	1	6	4*	3.0
Kath Lewis	13	3	11	3*	1.1
Jo Hyde	12	1	9	3*	0.8
Liz Peoples	1	1	6	6*	-
Elizabeth Hill	1	1	1	1*	-
George Mitchell	3	-	-	-	-

BOWLING AVERAGES

PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVERAGE
Erin Hill	0.5	-	7	1	7.0
Greer Hill (2 nd G)	119.4	14	412	38	10.8
Greer Hill (3 rd G)	10.0	1	45	2	22.5
Greer Hill (Total)	129.4	15	457	40	11.4
Jo Hyde	17.0	-	93	7	13.2
Juliann Simeonidis	49.0	6	158	11	14.3
Penny Mitchell	11.0	-	74	5	14.8
Emily Hillery	24.3	-	112	7	16.0
Chontelle Tie	67.2	5	232	11	21.1
Sarah Burke	109.0	11	349	15	23.2
Sarah Leys	14.5	-	69	-	-
Kath Lewis	7.0	-	26	-	-
Tiana Raynes	4.0	-	20	-	-

Three or more wickets in an innings:

Greer Hill	6 for 35	v	East Shirley Blue
Penny Mitchell	4 for 6	v	Lancaster Park
Greer Hill	4 for 9	v	Marist
Greer Hill	4 for 15	v	Lancaster Park
Greer Hill	4 for 39	v	East Shirley Gold
Sarah Burke	3 for 17	v	St Albans Blue
Greer Hill	3 for 22	v	Marist
Greer Hill	3 for 22	v	St Albans Blue
Sarah Burke	3 for 27	v	East Shirley Gold
Juliann Simeonidis	3 for 45	v	Harewood

WOMENS 3RD GRADE

It was a pleasure to coach this team of young women. They were all committed to both playing and practising even if the odds were totally against them at times they still gave it their best.

Whilst they never won a match the improvement from the first game of only 10 runs to 160 in the last was a great morale booster. I am sure they will improve greatly in the coming season.

A special thanks to both our captain Tiana Raynes and Maurits for his efforts in improving the teams skills.

Chris Nicholls - Coach

SYDENHAM JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

This was another successful season for the Junior Section and, as with other years, a lot credit is due to Ivan Thomson who devotes an amazing amount of time and effort to the Junior Cricket.

We were fortunate this year to have Barrie White nominated onto the Canterbury Junior Cricket Association as our Club Delegate. This helped keep our Club fully informed, and also to be part of the running of Junior Cricket in Canterbury.

Other committee members - Gill Shanks, Yvette Southorn, Catherine Fuller and Jill Lowe- continued in the background with support and enthusiasm for the Junior Section.

Our membership growth continues - 275 members this season. We fielded 26 teams, spread over all grades from Kiwi right through to 2-day Senior Traditional.

This year was very successful as far as Representative Games were concerned. We were well represented in the November and March Zone Tournaments at both Junior and Senior Level. Our players were also part of the Emerging Players Tournament in October, the Hutt Valley Tournament team in January, and the South Island Tournament in December.

Our financial position is sound due to the continual work of the committee in gaining sponsorship from the community. This was also boosted by the funds received from the Club Raffle. We were thankful for the opportunity of being part of this and would be very keen to be included in future raffles.

We paid a levy to the Senior Club of \$500.00 and consider this to be annual payment to go towards upkeep of the grounds and equipment necessary to do this. However, some involvement by Senior players would be appreciated especially if you are hopeful, as we are, of our members returning to Sydenham Cricket Club after their secondary schooling.

Coaching was offered to all our teams during the season at both senior and junior level. Several of our parent coaches attended coaching courses and gained their Level 1 Coaching Certificate.

We ran another successful night at the Halswell Pool in February. This was a family social outing rather than a fundraising event, although with the sale of sausages on the BBQ, and cans of drink, we did make a small profit.

Our prizegiving at the end of the season was well attended. This was run in two sessions, and we were fortunate to have Lee Germon attend to present some of the awards. Wyatt and Wilson Print donated a trophy for the Sportsman of the Year which was awarded to one of our very successful senior players. We are hopeful of receiving sponsorship from another sector this season to have a Sportsman of the Year Award for the younger cricketers.

Our Club continues to grow, and continues to succeed. We have some very talented players through all our grades and we as a committee and parents, are very proud of the members of the Sydenham Junior Cricket Club.

Tribute to Jim Anderton

Sydenham Cricket Club – President's Grade 1987 to 1997

Presented by Peter Gould - Team Statistician

Jim Anderton joined us in 1987 and despite the heavy demands of political life managed to play in enough matches each season for his skills with the bat to be of great benefit to our team.

As an opening batsman, Jim has faced the best bowling attacks and for the most part has had to achieve his batting averages without the assistance of 'Not Outs' – his tally of 3232 runs (including 2 centuries and 23 scores over 50) and 43 catches being clear testimony of his ability and accomplishments.

Jim has also played a leading role in many of our social activities and enjoyed the camaraderie associated with these events away from the public eye. He has expressed an interest to retire from the game – we sincerely hope not, but whatever his decision we wish to thank him for his friendship and contribution to our team efforts during the past 10 years. The statistics of his performances are as follows:

SEASON	INNS	RUNS	N.O.	H.S.	100's	50's	AVERAGE	CATCHES
87/88	15	295	2	59*	–	2	22.69	5
88/89	17	228	–	61	–	1	13.41	12
89/90	12	336	1	79	–	2	30.55	2
90/91	12	374	–	79	–	4	31.17	3
91/92	16	612	1	105	1	5	40.80	6
92/93	10	253	–	101	1	1	25.30	3
93/94	6	194	–	73	–	2	32.33	–
94/95	13	413	2	91*	–	3	37.55	3
95/96	13	266	1	85*	–	1	22.17	6
96/97	7	261	–	88	–	2	37.29	3
TOTALS	121	3,232	7	105	2	23	28.35	43

Tribute to Steve Holden

Sydenham Cricket Club – President's Grade
1987 to 1997

Presented by Peter Gould - Team Statistician

Steve Holden joined our team at the commencement of the 1987/88 season. In his first game he scored a duck and took no wickets in a 7 over spell, which raised the question ... 'Is this chap good enough?'

Ten seasons later with 5,473 runs at an average of 41.46 (including 6 centuries and 42 scores over 50), 66 catches, and 210 wickets at an average of 23.29 under his belt, perhaps our answer to this question is ... 'We need a few more seasons to be sure!'

Outside of his tremendous abilities with bat and ball, Steve has also captained the side for several seasons and been a central figure in all team social events. It is easy to forget past performances so in offering our thanks for his support, and congratulations on his achievements during the past 10 years, let the records speak for themselves:

SEASON	INNS	RUNS	N.O.	H.S.	100's	50's	AVERAGE	CATCHES	WKTS	AVERAGE
87/88	19	499	8	100*	1	3	45.36	5	16	24.25
88/89	17	542	1	114*	1	3	33.88	10	34	16.00
89/90	17	600	3	100*	1	5	42.86	11	35	19.54
90/91	22	957	4	105*	1	7	53.17	10	31	22.84
91/92	16	674	3	89	-	8	51.85	10	22	29.64
92/93	17	630	3	120*	1	5	45.00	7	21	23.10
93/94	16	491	6	89*	-	5	49.10	6	20	27.90
94/95	15	489	1	167	1	3	34.93	4	11	39.73
95/96	12	347	1	79	-	2	31.55	2	8	23.50
96/97	13	244	2	54*	-	1	22.18	1	12	20.58
TOTALS	164	5,473	32	167	6	42	41.46	66	210	23.29

Tribute to Gordon Minns

Sydenham Cricket Club – President's Grade
Bowling Statistics 1987 to 1997

Presented by Peter Gould - Team Statistician

Gordon Minns joined our team a season or two prior to 1987 so full details of his bowling performances are not presently available.

Gordon started out as a medium swing bowler but changed to slower more flighted deliveries during the 1987/88 season which proved to be a highly successful move. President's Grade cricket in Christchurch is of a high standard with a fair number of past New Zealand and Canterbury batsmen taking part. During the past 10 seasons Gordon has had the best of them in difficulty with many a 'prize scalp' to his credit, and has taken 181 wickets at an average of 24.85 including several 'bags of 5' – a number of them being match winning performances.

He has also played his full part in the team's social events and has captained the side on several occasions using his artistic skills to great effect. Congratulations and thanks Gordon for your contribution to our team and we look forward to your participation in the seasons ahead.

SEASON	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	BEST BLG	AVERAGE
87/88	119.4	12	499	20	5 – 38	24.95
88/89	106	7	447	15	3 – 20	29.80
89/90	109	17	376	17	4 – 37	22.12
90/91	53	3	270	9	4 – 53	30.00
91/92	137.5	16	570	33	5 – 18	17.27
92/93	111	16	483	16	3 – 35	30.19
93/94	84.2	4	469	10	3 – 52	46.90
94/95	110.1	18	421	19	4 – 20	22.16
95/96	140	15	587	23	4 – 36	25.52
96/97	77.2	8	376	19	6 – 38	19.79
TOTALS	1048.2	116	4498	181	6 – 38	24.85

FRIENDS OF SYDENHAM CRICKET COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1-4-96 TO 31-7-97

INCOME

Sponsorship	6,225.00
Golf Tournament	142.50
Centennial Books	30.00
First Raffle	1,456.50
Second Raffle	1,520.00
Major Raffle	3,883.20
Lotto	420.00
Sausage Sizzle	54.60
Willis, Botham Luncheon	3,375.00
Interest	1,029.28
Pub Charity Sponsorship	1,000.00

Opening Balance 7,044.27

26,180.35

EXPENDITURE

Booklet (Photographs)	225.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	354.10
NZ Post Box	105.00
Fleming Video	40.00
Sydenham Cricket Club	11,400.00

Cash on Hand 14,056.25

26,180.35

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- South Canterbury Finance \$10,000.00

- Westpac Trust \$4,056.25