SYDENHAM CRICKET CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

PRESENTED AT THE 131TH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SYDENHAM PAVILION, SYDENHAM PARK
TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026

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OFFICE BEARERS 2025/2026 SEASON

PATRON	Mr J Harliwich
PRESIDENT	Mr G Harris
PAST PRESIDENT	Mr I Thomson
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr T Agnew
HONORARY SECRETARY	Miss L Pettigrew
HONORARY TREASURER	Mr K Congdon
CLUB CAPTAIN	Mr A Chisnall
CONVENOR MORNING GRADES	Mr M Bell
CONVENOR AFTERNOON GRADES	Mr J Bennett
CONVENOR WOMENS GRADES	Miss L Pettigrew
JUNIOR CLUB	Mrs L Hickford
SYDENHAM YOUTH	Mr P Durdin
HONORARY AUDITOR	Dawn Belcher Ltd
HONORARY SOLICITOR	
COMMITTEE	Mr M Loose, Mr J Bennett, Mr M Owens, Mr L Tutty, Mr M Bell, Mr J Peter, Mr D Fleming, Mr A Yousef
DELEGATES TO THE CMCA	Mr G Harris, Miss L Pettigrew
DELEGATES TO THE SPC	Mr G Harris, Mr M Loose, Mr A Yousef
LIFE MEMBERS (MEN)	Messrs D Gallop, G Harris, K Prusas, F Rice, R Thomas, B Walker, D Heard, P McKenzie, I Thomson, R Dann, T White, A Chisnall, M Pearcy, T Danenberg, K Congdon, K Julian, W Nicholson, J Tucker, J Bennett
LIFE MEMBERS (WOMEN)	Mesdames R Martin, T McDonald, P Quickenden, P Carrick

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the 131st Annual Report to the members of the Sydenham Cricket Club.

On the playing field, our past season has been an outstanding success. Two team grade titles and an honours board full of centuries and five wicket hauls reflect a season of outstanding performances throughout the club grades.

I must make special mention of our Premier Men's team. Winners of the T20 competition, runners-up in the 50-over competition, and then securing the two-day championship trophy was an outstanding effort. Led again by Captain Mitch Gardner they set the benchmark for all teams in the club Premiership grade. It was a fitting season also for the indefatigable Tommy Agnew to reach the milestone of 500 Premier wickets in a fantastic career at Sydenham Cricket Club. His efforts both on and off the field have been remarkable over many years, and I look forward to seeing him progress in a senior leadership role off the field in the seasons to come.

Across all of our teams, whilst we didn't collect a cupboard full of trophies, we were competitive, and individually, the honours board was full of centuries and five-fers.
Jon Bennett's Goats, however, did take out the Division 4 trophy, and whilst all other teams competed strongly, it must be mentioned that having our Championship team relegated was a real blow.

We are working hard now to build a Division One side that is capable of winning that grade and getting back into the Championship as soon as possible. This will be a key focus in the upcoming season, as we need clear and meaningful pathways for our talented youth players to develop into skilled, competent players at Premier level.

It was pleasing to welcome two new teams into the club… the Royal Challengers and the Gujarat Kings, both of whom performed strongly in their respective Div four and T20 Grades.

Our women's teams enjoyed mixed success, and I acknowledge that we are on a journey to build our playing roster and skill sets. I am pleased to announce that, having retired from first-class cricket, Felicity Robertson will take on the role of Women's Cricket Manager, and I am very optimistic that with Felicity's cricket coaching and leadership skills, we will be back amongst the trophies in the seasons to come.

We have also continued our focus on growing our youth playing numbers and player capabilities. We have a strong team management group, and with Matt Bell now leading the coaching group, it is gratifying to see our young players develop into solid, competent cricketers. These young men are the future of our club, and it is so pleasing to see the positive development of all of them as they progress through the age ranks to higher honours.

Our indoor centre continues to underpin all of our coaching and player development work.
The centre is indeed a unique club asset and one which we are enormously proud of.

The work that Matt Bell is doing with youth academy programmes is outstanding and produces not only skilled cricketers but also develops young men and women with personal life skills who are technically capable, mentally resilient and equipped to perform under pressure.

Our off-season has again preoccupied your committee with funding and budget preparation tasks, but also working on our men's and women's morning grade playing rosters for the 26/27 season. Player recruitment and retention continue to be a focus for the senior leadership group on our committee. Now more than ever before, there a number of players within our club and outside, including from other provinces and overseas, who are very transitory, either through work or academic studies, or indeed with just a desire to see more of the world. And this makes managing our player roster very challenging.

I am enormously grateful that we have a committee that sets high-level management and operational effectiveness, and whilst we have a strong committee, I especially want to mention the following.

Matt Bell	Director of Cricket
Mitch Gardner	Morning Grades Manager
Linda Pettigrew	Secretary and Women's Convenor
Jon Bennett	Afternoon grades convenor
Paul Durdin	Youth grades convenor
Andrew Chisnall	Club Captain, Bar Manager, Gear controller, plus more
Ken Julian	I.T. Support

Also Andy Quinn and his able assistant Jordan who do such a great job on our playing and practice wickets throughout the year.

And lastly Kevin Congdon, who is primarily our Finance Manager but is a actually a whole lot more than that. His wise counsel over all sorts of discussions and strategic decisions around the future direction and growth of our club cannot be understated, and as a club and committee, we are very lucky to have someone of his calibre on board.

May I also take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank our sponsors:

Air Rescue Community Services
New Zealand Community Trust
Aotearoa Gaming Trust
Kiwi Gaming Foundation
Christchurch Metro cricket
Pub Charities
Matt Loose Harcourts
The Birdwood Cafe
Cricket Express
First XI - 1 - Fergus Smith Share NZ
2 - Jeremy Brown Navigation Homes
3 - Trevor Watt Athfield Architects
4 - Kevin Congdon
5 - Graham Harris
6 - Lane Tutty
7 - Sam Martin UK
8 - Ivan and Jennie Thomson
9 - Ammar and Lucy Yousef
10 - Matthew Loose Harcourts
11 - James Mckay Hyspec
Harris Family Trust

We are indebted to and grateful for all their support, without which we simply could not provide the facilities, gear and coaching programmes we deliver to our members every season.

As I signalled in our April newsletter, this is my last year as President of our club. Sixteen years is long enough, and it is time to hand the reins over to some new faces, new enthusiasm and fresh ideas to lead us into the future. It has been a very challenging but rewarding time at the helm. The rebuild of our pavilion, new multilane grass facilities, 4 lanes of outdoor nets, a magnificent indoor centre have all been highlights of our asset improvement programme. But equally, the growth in our youth programme, increasing women's player numbers and trophy-winning capabilities, and a Premier side that can consistently win trophies have been equally satisfying.

However, in stepping aside from the frontline, I do intend to take my responsibilities as the immediate past President seriously. The transition to a new President and senior leadership team needs to be seamless to ensure we continue to grow and prosper as a club, and I fully intend to support this new team in every way needed to ensure we do this successfully.

In conclusion, your committee is pleased to present the financial statements for the Sydenham Cricket Club. The accounts illustrate our continuing focus on coaching, player development, and facilities investment and management. We have invested heavily in these activities, and it is pleasing that, particularly with the additional income from community use of the indoor centre, we continue to be in a strong financial position at year-end. It is your committee's hope that, as club members, you will endorse these efforts and approve the 131st Annual report and statement of accounts.

Best wishes for another successful upcoming season.

Graham Harris
President

AROUND THE CLUB REPORT
(Formally CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT)

We ended the season with outstanding performances from the Prem Men winning the two-day competition after winning the T20 competition earlier in the season and losing the 50-over final. The Div 4 Goats won their final on Sydney 1 on the final day of the season, backing up from winning the round robin competition. And the Tamils also won the round-robin competition in 3rd grade, but couldn't back it up, failing to make it to their grade final. Well done to all the teams who provided an outstanding club season.

The Metro awards reflected the clubs outstanding season with numerous awards and Matt Trump walking away with men's player of the year. The Prem Men and Women were both well represented in the respective teams of the year

This season, we brought the social events back to the club, with excellent turnouts at the quiz nights, the last night of the season, and the new format awards night. Certainly went down with a treat having the prizegiving in the indoor centre and the food and drinks back in the clubrooms afterwards. And the golf day proved as popular as usual. Hard to believe this was the 44th club golf day.

Unfortunately, attendance in the clubrooms on Saturday nights was not great at times, prompting us to consider whether to keep them open, but on the other hand, there were some good nights when teams were playing at home. I do think it's important for our teams to embrace the clubrooms as their home of cricket and get involved in such events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the club for their support, care, and respect for the clubrooms throughout the season. It makes maintaining the clubrooms a lot easier. A big thank you to all the captains for their hard work throughout the season in supporting the club. Also, thanks to the committee and helpers for all their hard work throughout the season. A lot goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly, especially given the size of our organisation these days. Please feel free to consider offering to join our committee if you think that you have something to contribute. We are always looking for new talent.

Finally a big thanks to Graham Harris our retiring President of some 16 seasons. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the committee in thanking him for all his hard work. As you will see from the following tribute he has dedicated so much time and effort to getting the club to where it is now. But Graham also had time to stop for a chat about things away from cricket which I know, I really appreciated.

Remember to stay updated on the club scene on the club website, Instagram, and Facebook. Have a great winter and see you all back in October for the start of the season. Stay safe and keep warm.

Andrew Chisnall

A Tribute to Graham Harris

At the Club's AGM on 25 August, President Graham Harris formally tendered his resignation from the role. It marks a significant moment in the history of the Club when one reflects on Graham's remarkable tenure.

Most notably, Graham steps down as the longest-serving President in the Club's 131-year history, having held the role for 16 consecutive years. That surpasses the previous record held by G.T. Booth, who served from 1914 to 1929. The longevity of Graham's presidency is particularly significant given the circumstances under which he first assumed the position. When the committee approached him in 2009, the Club had experienced considerable turnover among key officeholders, with many roles changing hands every two or three years. As a result, the Club was struggling to establish a clear direction and continuity.

Graham quickly set about addressing this by recruiting capable people into key roles, many of whom have remained in those positions throughout his presidency. That continuity is a testament to the culture and leadership he fostered during his tenure.

Over those 16 years, Graham has guided the Club through numerous challenges. Only two or three months into the role, the Christchurch earthquakes struck, resulting in the early cancellation of the 2010 cricket season and leaving Sydenham Park badly affected by liquefaction. A decade later, the Covid pandemic (2020–2022) created another period of uncertainty for sport and community organisations. Throughout his term, there has also been a shift in the funding landscape for community sport. Graham used his considerable people and relationship skills to maintain the confidence of funders, as well as encouraging the club to seek out alternative revenue streams, thus keeping subscriptions at an affordable level and player participation strong.

Despite these challenges, Graham's presidency has been marked by several significant achievements:

Pavilion and Grounds Redevelopment
Graham oversaw the completion of the redevelopment and post-earthquake repairs of the pavilion. It was a project that had stalled for some time, and his leadership helped bring it to completion. He also worked hard with the Council to ensure that the post-quake ground renovations meet the needs of cricket as well as other users of the park.

Women's Cricket
In 2013 Graham made the difficult decision to terminate the shared arrangement with the Lancaster Park Cricket Club and moved our women's players back under the Sydenham banner – with Park retaining its own side this effectively gave the Premier competition an additional team in a competition that even now only has four teams in the grade. Under Graham's leadership the Club strengthened its commitment to women's cricket, supporting the growth and development of the women's programme within the Club.

Sydenham Youth Cricket
Likewise, in 2017 Graham made the decision to close the South West Youth partnership between Sydenham and Halswell, when both clubs recognised that it was no longer working effectively. With Halswell's agreement, Sydenham Youth Cricket was established as a standalone programme. Since then, the youth section has grown strongly, benefiting from the focus and identity of being a single-club operation.

Playing performances
Competition successes had been relatively scarce in the 15–20 years before Graham's appointment as President. That changed significantly during his 16-year tenure. Graham played a pivotal role in attracting outstanding playing talent to both the men's and women's premier teams, successfully promoting the club's proud history, strong culture, and ambitious vision to both local and inbound players.

His leadership has been instrumental in reinstating the club as one of Canterbury's leading cricket clubs, with Sydenham securing multiple Premier Men's, Championship Men's, and Premier Women's titles during his time as President. Graham's ability to recruit talent has extended beyond players, attracting high-quality coaches whose expertise has helped build and sustain the club's on-field success.

The Sydenham Indoor Centre
Perhaps Graham's greatest legacy will be the creation of the Sydenham Indoor Centre in 2023. Sydenham remains the only club in the South Island with its own indoor practice facility. The centre has been an enormous asset, not only for Sydenham players but also for cricketers across Christchurch and for other sports and community groups that use the facility throughout the year.

This project simply would not have happened without Graham. It was his original initiative, and he was personally involved in helping fund and driving the development throughout. The project tested his considerable skills in property development, with numerous challenges arising during its development, including consent issues, financing complexities and construction hurdles. Through persistence and determination, Graham ensured the project was ultimately delivered to the benefit of the entire cricket and sporting community.

Lesser known, is the extensive work Graham has done behind the scenes over his years in mentoring many players through the likes of visa issues, work opportunities and personal struggles.

Graham steps down from the presidency at a time when the Club is arguably in the strongest position it has been during his entire 16-year tenure. It is particularly fitting that this moment comes after one of the most successful seasons for the Premier men's side.

Encouragingly for the Club, Graham has always been very conscious of succession planning and thus will not be stepping away entirely. He has agreed to remain involved by leading a small advisory group which will support the committee in key areas such as fundraising and finance, strategy, infrastructure and player recruitment. This will allow the new President and committee to focus on the day-to-day running of the Club while continuing to benefit from Graham's experience and guidance.

A Life Member since 1991 and a member of the Club for more than 50 years, Graham's contribution is truly unparalleled. The Club also acknowledges the unwavering support of his wife, Linda, throughout his presidency. Sydenham Cricket Club owes them both an enormous debt of gratitude. Graham's legacy will endure for many years to come.

SYDENHAM CRICKET GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again we were blessed to have a sunny day for this year's annual golf tournament at Avondale (although the wind was a bit cool at times). Numbers were a bit down on recent years however, mainly because the Supercars were on in Christchurch at the same time, but we still had 16 teams there. So it was another successful occasion – including thanks to our splendid sponsors, plus excellent support for the raffles.

Accordingly as usual we were very grateful indeed to our principal and most generous sponsors for it – being St Martins New World, The Birdwood Bar & Eatery, Swanndri, O'Shea's Public House, Thai Rendezvous on Barrington, Arlo Bar & Restaurant, and the Avondale Golf Club.

Big thanks are also due to Richard Sinclair and the always friendly staff at Avondale, for hosting us for the 44th year in a row – plus also for again providing sponsorship, plus this year state of the art Sydenham CC scorecards and raffle forms. Thanks are also certainly due a couple of our great club stalwarts for their work on the day, being Ivan Thomson and AC – for compiling the results, selling the raffles and counting and balancing the money.

The winning team was Tom Agnew's one also featuring Lewis Allan, Jonny Lester and Mark Francis, with a very impressive 9 under par – just ahead of Team Distinction at 8 under par then the Ghost Drivers at 7 under par. Thus for Tom it was an appropriately victorious end to a most successful season for him and the senior team. While Lewis Allan also won the longest drive contest, plus several prizes in the raffle!

So once again it was a very enjoyable and successful day all round and we will hopefully do it all again next April :-)

Bert Walker
Organiser

OBITUARIES

JACK HARLIWICH – PATRON

On the 1st April we heard the sad news that our Patron Jack Harliwich had passed away. Jack's association with the Club spanned an extraordinary 73 years, including 57 seasons as a player. His contribution on the field places him firmly among the Club's greats – he remains the third-highest run-scorer in our history with 13,691 runs, and the third-highest wicket-taker with 754 wickets. In recognition of his outstanding performances, Jack was selected to represent Canterbury in the 1951–52 season.

Beyond cricket, Jack was a remarkable allround sportsman. He represented Canterbury in basketball, water polo, football and table tennis, played golf to a six handicap, won Pleasant titles at lawn bowls, and later enjoyed success coaching both the Canterbury men's and women's teams. Jack's long and distinguished connection with the Club leaves a lasting legacy, and he will be remembered with great respect and affection.

In 2020, in anticipation of the celebrations for the Club's 125th anniversary, Jack was asked to write a short article for the expected anniversary booklet. Both the formal celebrations and booklet never proceeded due to Covid, but we thought it worthy of recording the article below as an observation from our longest living member at the time about how the game had evolved over his lifetime.

As the 125th Anniversary of the Sydenham Cricket Club arrives my memory goes back to the 50th Anniversary that I attended 75 years ago. How things have changed. We had to top dress wickets over 6 pitches at Sydenham Park. It took 4 to 6 players to pull the heavy roller.

We had to assemble the Nets each day before practice. Our top player was Len Butterfield. He represented NZ and could have made the 1949 tour had he not retired to become a Stipendiary Steward at the races. Another top Sydenham player was Alan Burgess. He went through the Middle East during the war & turned 100 this year. He played for the NZ Services Team in England in 1945 against Compton & Edrich. He played with Martin Donnelly & Tom Pritchard.

I started playing for Sydenham in 1943 & played continuously until 2000. After becoming a senior player, I had team mates N.V. Burt, A. Burgess, J. Reece, D. Wilson, S Cameron. As a young player I received coaching from C. Olliver, Ces Dacre, Frank Smith, Ian Cromb.

In 1951 – 52 Alan Burgess & I (Jack Harliwich) were the Sydenham players selected for the Canterbury Team. This was the only game I played for Canterbury. We won the Plunket Shield. My only success was bowling J.R. Reid in my first over.

In 1970 I started coaching the Sydenham Women & Canterbury Women's Team. The Sydenham Team proved very strong providing many NZ Players. These included Lesley Shankland, Nicky Turner, Sue Brown, Nancy Williams, Jenny Turner, Maia Lewis. Pat Carrick also became an International Umpire during that period.

Later in 1983-84 I had the job as coach for the Canterbury Men's Shell Trophy Team. Canterbury won the Trophy that year. It was a very strong side that included Sydenham men Ashley Hart & Sir Richard Hadlee.

Cricket has changed since our time.
• We never played 50 over games
• 20/20 had never been heard of
• Covered wickets came in around 1970
• Helmets arrived in the 1980's along with quite a few new rules.

Over the years we had English Pro Coaches like Les Townsend, Michael Bear and later Bob Carter. They were a big help to Sydenham Cricket.

As one of the oldest clubs in NZ I think Sydenham Cricket Club will survive another 100 years.

I hope to see many old friends at the Anniversary but my eye sight is failing and I might not recognise you. I still get to lunch each month with old club members to talk about the old days.

I tried to give away the Patrons job but they tell me you have to die with it! Thank you all for supporting the Sydenham Cricket Club.

Jack.

NEVILLE CHATTERTON

I had a most memorable 1st meeting with Neville, when my Shirley BHS 1st X1 played Sydenham on Sydenham 2, in the 1st game of the 1973-74 season. Neville was captain and had no hesitation in putting us in on a juicy green top, after winning the toss. He and Gary Baxter duly took the first 5 wickets between them, before Roger Curry cleaned up the rest with 5 for 7 as we were all out for only 115.

But then we bowled Sydenham out for 10, including 6 extra's - 2 batsmen got 2 each and there were 8 ducks! Then we put them back in (as then the follow on mark was 100) and this time bowled them out for 9!! Although Neville, unimpressed with the 1st innings collapse, put himself up the order to open this time - and was 1st in and last out for a heroic 5. He could have carried his bat, but holed out when no 11 came in.

And apart from his batting and bowling efforts, he also impressed with his sportsmanship - the way he took this most unexpected heavy defeat (over by 4.45pm on the 1st day of a 2 day game) and warmly congratulated us afterwards.

While I had the pleasure of running into him at Affogato Cafe a few weeks ago, he looked fit and well and we had a nice catch-up. And he was the one who brought up the long ago game, joking that it wasn't one of his longest innings but was one of his best ones, and the closest he ever got to carrying his bat through an innings.

So I was naturally saddened to read of his passing in today's Press. Although as it said, he died doing what he loved - playing golf, with his sons, while on holiday in Australia.

He was 75.

R.I.P. Neville, you were a memorably good guy
Bert Walker

The club records the death of Elizabeth, wife of David Heard.

The club records the death of Tony Danenberg's mother, Marlene Rose.

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

FINAL POINTS AND PLACINGS

TEAM	POINTS	PLACING	NO OF TEAMS IN GRADE
MENS			
Premier - 2 day Trophy	119.37	1st	8
Premier - 1 day Cup (lost final v BWU)	48	3rd	8
Premier - T20 Comp (won final v BWU)	25	2nd	8
Championship - 2 day Comp	65.61	5th	8
Championship - 1 day Comp	15	8th	8
Championship - T20 Comp	5	8th	8
Div 2 Red - 2 day Comp	50.63	6th	8
Div 2 Red - 1 day Comp	47	2nd	8
Div 2 Red - T20 Comp	10	6th	8
Div 3 Tamils - Round Robin	55	1st	8
Div 3 Tamils - Top 4		4th	4
Div 4 - Sydenham Goats - Round Robin	65	1st	6
Div 4 - Sydenham Goats - Top 4 (Won final v BWU Tigers)		1st	4
Div 4 - Sydenham Royal Challengers	50	4th	6
Div 5 - Sydenham Allstars	45	4th	8
Cavs Sec 2 - Sydenham Cardinals	42	6th	8
Cavs Sec 3 - Sydenham Gujarat Kings	73	3rd	8
Masters - Sydenham Cardinals	49	8th	13
Masters - Sydenham Hospital	47	9th	13
WOMENS			
Premier - 1 day Comp	21	3rd	4
Premier - T20 Comp	10	3rd	4
Premier - 40 0ver	11	4th	4
Div 1 - Phyl Blacker Series - Sydenham Red	28	4th	10
Div 1 - Phyl Blacker Series - Sydenham Blue	19	9th	10
Div 1 - Trudy Anderson Series - Syd Red	18	5th	10
Div 1 - Trudy Anderson Series - Syd Blue	5	9th	10
Div 2	64	3rd	10
Spirit of Cricket Premier Men	3.95	5th	8
Spirit of Cricket Premier Women	4.18	2nd	4
Hadlee Trophy - Senior Men's Comps - punctuality, dress and sportsmanship award	28.78	4th	8
Petersen Shield - for best overall club performance	5.58	10th	11

YOUTH			
1st XI	39.58	5th	6
2nd XI	48.80	5th	8
3rd XI	45.88	9th	11
Colts	36	3rd	8
Year 9A		2nd	10
Year 9B		3rd	14

TEAM PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 2025-26

Premier Men	**Tom Agnew**
Premier Women	**Shizuka Miyaji**
Championship	**Adityan Suganthi**
Div 2 Red	**Todd Ward**
Div 3 Tamils	**Jagannath Radhakrishnan**
Div 4 Goats	**Chris Douglas**
Div 4 Royal Challengers	**Shyam Karuthedath Narayanankutty**
Div 5 Allstars	**Jacob Koster**
Cavaliers Cardinals	**James Stokes**
Cavaliers Gujarat Kings	**Yash Patel**
Masters Cardinals	**Phil Walker**
Masters Hospital	**Tim Suddaby**
Div 1 Women Red	**Zoe Derry**
Div 1 Women Blue	**Parneet Bains**

TROPHY WINNERS 2025-26

Committee Trophy *(Contribution by a non committee member)*
Andy Quinn

Norman Lee *(Services to the club over many years)*
Matt McCall

Ian Hartland Trophy *(Personality of the year)*
Dan Urwin

EA Gasson Trophy *(Most promising Male)*
Makenzie Thomson

TD Kerr Trophy *(Most promising Female)*
Stella Cornelius

Wally Chisnall Memorial Trophy *(Best Individual Bowling Performance in an Innings)*
Trusharkumar Desai 7/24

EA Johns Trophy *(Seasons Highest Score)*
Adityan Suganthi 168*

Telford Ball Memorial Trophy (*Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season below Seniors)*
Trusharkumar Desai 47 wickets

Peter Lublow Memorial Trophy *(Outstanding Male Bowler of Season for Seniors)*
Tom Agnew 51 wickets

PF Carrick Trophy *(Outstanding Female Bowler of Season for Seniors)*
Stella Cornelius & Boadicea Lynch 22 wickets

The Brian Salt Memorial Trophy (*For outstanding spin bowler of the year*)
Makenzie Thomson 31 wickets

W Patrick Memorial Cup *(Outstanding Batsman Below Seniors)*
Jacob Koster 568 runs

Ray Armstrong Trophy (*Outstanding Batsman of the Season for Seniors)*
Matthew Tromp 847 runs

FJ Rice Trophy (Outstanding *Batswoman of the Season for Seniors)*
Darcy Rose Prasad 254 runs

Jim Hartigan Trophy *(Best All-round performance in men's lower grades)*
Yash Patel 473 runs 31 wickets

All Rounders Trophy *(Lower Grade Girls)*
Millie Kinzett 315 runs, 22 wickets, 12 catches

The Coaches Trophy *(Outstanding Women's Player)*
Elsie Duncan

Zena Hocking Trophy *(Most Improved Women's Player)*
Elise Dill-Russell

Lee Germon Wicketkeeping Trophy *(Keeper Taking the Most Dismissals)*
Aarush Bhagwat 17 catches & 6 stumpings

Darrin Murray Fielding Trophy *(Fielder Taking the Most Catches)*
Matthew Trump 15

Stephen Fleming Player of the Year
Matthew Tromp

CHRISTCHURCH METRO AWARDS (Sydenham winners)

Premier Men's Player of the Year
Matthew Tromp

Wicketkeeper of the Year
Aarush Bhagwat

Men's Premier Team of the Year
Aarush Bhagwat Mitchell Gardner Tom Agnew Matthew Tromp

Women's Premier Team of the Year
Darcy Rose Prasad Stella Cornelius Boadicea Lynch

Premier Men's T20 & 2-day
Sydenham

Division 3 Round Robin winners
Sydenham Tamils

Division 4 Round Robin & Final winners
Sydenham Goats

HONOURS BOARD

Batting

Adityan Suganthi (Champs)	168*
Nathaneal Paltridge (Champs)	153
Matthew Tromp (Prem Men)	130*
Karamjeet Singh (Royals)	125*
Anthony Wild (Masters Cardinals)	120
Richard McKinley (Masters Hospital)	115
Phillip Walker (Masters Cardinals)	114
Adityan Suganthi (Champs)	113
Dax Babaria (Champs)	112
Wrik Mukherjee (Masters Hosp)	108*
Jinto Mathew (Masters Hosp)	108
Julia Manton (Women Div 1 Blue)	106
Kyle Clark (Goats)	105
Tim Suddaby (Masters Hospital)	104*
Chandhu Kumar (Royals)	104
Millie Kenzett (Div 1 Women)	101*
Matthew Tromp (Prem Men)	101
Adityan Suganthi (Champs)	101
Aarush Bhagwat (Prem Men)	100*
Sam Johns (Div 2)	100*

Bowling

Trusharkumar Desai (Royals)	7/24
James Simpson (Masters Hosp)	7/40
Stella Cornelius (Prem Women)	6/5
Trusharkumar Desai (Royals)	6/10
Makenzie Thomson (Champs)	6/44
Tom Agnew (Prem Men)	6/71
Srirag Harish (Prem Men)	6/86
Stella Cornelius (Prem Women)	5/8
Chris Douglas (Goats)	5/9
Geordie Dann (Goats)	5/10
Stella Cornelius (Prem Women)	5/12
Trusharkumar Desai (Royals)	5/12
Chris Douglas (Goats)	5/12
Udi Upadhyay (Div 2)	5/14
Izzy Fox (Prem Women)	5/16
Geordie Dann (Goats)	5/20
Trusharkumar Desai (Royals)	5/20
Gaurav Jadhav (Div 2)	5/25
Maddie Wright (Prem Women)	5/26
Niranjan Mani (Tamils)	5/28
Matthew Gilling (Masters Hosp)	5/32
Makenzie Thomson (Champs)	5/35
Tom Agnew (Prem Men)	5/45
Isaiah Prasad (Div 2)	5/50

Hattricks

Brad Moore (T20 Cavaliers)	4/11
Tom Agnew (Prem Men)	4/15
Isaiah Prasad (Div 2)	5/50

Achievements

Tom Agnew	500 Premier Wickets
Archie Goodrick	100 Premier Wickets

Last season 2024-25

Tom Agnew (Overall leading wicket taker) 63

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Congratulations to the following:

MEN

Michael Rae	New Zealand Blackcaps
Brandon Mazopolous	New Zealand U19
Jacob Cotter	New Zealand U19
Chad Bowes	Canterbury
Michael Rae	Canterbury
Matt Rowe	Canterbury
Aarush Bhagwat	Canterbury A
Matt Rowe	Canterbury A
Brandon Mazopolous	Canterbury A
MaKenzie Thomson	Canterbury U19
Cullen Crowe	Canterbury U19
Brandon Mazopolous	Auckland U19
Jacob Cotter	Central Districts U19
Kelvin Scott	New Zealand Over 50
Ken Julian	New Zealand Over 60
Bruce Day	New Zealand Over 60 (Div 3)
Julien van Dyk	New Zealand Over 65
David Fleming	New Zealand Over 65
Julien van Dyk	New Zealand Over 70 (World Cup)
Frank Walsh	New Zealand Over 70
Kelvin Scott	Canterbury Over 50
Ken Julian	Canterbury Over 60
Frank Walsh	Canterbury Over 70
David Fleming	Otago Over 60
Julien van Dyk	Otago Over 60
Julien van Dyk	Otago Over 70
Phillip Walker	Canterbury B Over 50
Bruce Day	Canterbury B Over 60
Frank Walsh	Canterbury B Over 60
Mitchell Gardner	New Zealand Indoor Cricket Senior Men
Tom Agnew	New Zealand Over 35 Indoor Men
Carl Hooper	Canterbury Indoor Cricket Premier Men
Charlie Finnie	Canterbury Indoor Cricket Premier Men
Ryan James	Canterbury Indoor Cricket Premier Men
Brandon Mazopolous	Canterbury Indoor Cricket Premier Men
Tom Elliott	Canterbury Indoor Cricket Premier Men
Tom Agnew	Southern Districts Indoor Cricket
Josh Wedlake	Canterbury Indoor Cricket U22 Boys
Noah Dean	Canterbury Indoor Cricket U22 Boys

WOMEN

Emma McLeod	New Zealand White Ferns
Izzy Fox	Canterbury
Stella Cornelius	Canterbury
Darcy Prasad	Canterbury
Felicity Robertson	Otago
Emma McLeod	Central Districts
Izzy Fox	Canterbury A
Stella Cornelius	Canterbury A
Darcy Prasad	Canterbury A
Kate Craig	Canterbury A
Boadicea Lynch	Canterbury A
Sam Petherick	Canterbury A
Molly Loe	Canterbury A
Elsie Duncan	Canterbury U19
Hannah Kidd	Canterbury U19
Hannah Kidd	Canterbury U17
Elsie Dill-Russell	Canterbury U17
Lily Hayston	Canterbury U17
Charlotte Chatworthy	Canterbury U17
Rachel Davidson	Canterbury Indoor Women
Felicity Robertson	Southern Indoor Women
Julia Manton	Canterbury U22 Indoor Women

PREMIER MEN TEAM REPORT

After a string of mixed performances last season where the team showed it had the ability to push for trophy's, the Prems were able to build on that momentum and have one of their best seasons in the clubs history by winning the 2Day Trophy, T20 Trophy, and being runners up in the 1Day competition. Highlights include

- Matthew Tromp match winning knocks on T20 finals day (52* in the semi-final, 74 in the final).
- The return of Jackson Hemingway who had an awesome all round season, highlighted by his 75 in the 1Day semi final.
- Our 3 main seamers of Tom Agnew, Archie Goodrick and Mitchell Gardner combining for 135 wickets across formats which included Mitch taking wicket number 536 to become the clubs leading all time premier wicket taker, and Tom Agnew not far behind claiming his 500th Premier wicket.
- Dylan McArdles 92* and 3-28 on the final day of the season to help secure the 2Day trophy.

The addition of Matthew Tromp this season helped provide the x factor that the premier team needed, especially in the white ball competitions where he really stood up in the key moments, not just with the bat, but also with the ball and in the field. When the season was all said and done he had finished as the competitions leading run scorer and also winner of the Men's cricketer of the year for the whole metro competition. We have enjoyed watching Trompy continue his form in the MLC T20 competition in America where his team won the trophy, and he claimed the u23 player of the tournament, we wish Matt all the best for his future.

Consistency in availability due to a lack of injuries, and also our university students making extra effort to be available during holidays helped the team build their momentum throughout the season.

Senior members continued to impress with Aarush Bhagwat continuing to prove he's the best keeper bat in the grade and also Ryan Wallace sliding down the order to give more opportunity to our younger batsmen also helped provide experience in the back end of innings where he played multiple match winning knocks.

Some exciting young players are continuing to develop with Brandon Matzopoulos and Jacob Cotter being named in the NZ U19 squad for World Cup, and also exciting U19 spin duo of Makenzie Thomson and Cullen Crowe both providing match winning spells throughout the season.

With pre season in the indoor centre fast approaching, and minimal changes to the squad, the team will be looking to push for more silverware in the upcoming season.

Mitch Gardner
Captain

PREMIER MEN T20 AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s
Matthew Tromp	9	9	2	313	44.7	74	3
Ryan Wallace	7	6	1	132	26.4	78	1
Jackson Hemingway	9	6	1	130	26.0	41	
Brandon Matzopoulos	2	1	0	25	25.0	25	
Aarush Bhagwat	9	9	3	109	18.2	32	
Dax Babaria	8	8	0	114	14.3	27	
Tom Agnew	9	5	3	24	12.0	12	
Mitchell Gardner	9	4	0	32	8.0	22	
Matt McCall	5	4	1	22	7.3	17	
Archie Goodrick	9	3	2	4	4.0	3	
Eliyas P Varghese	3	2	0	4	2.0	4	
Dylan Mcardle	2	1	0	2	2.0	2	
Srirag Harish	4	2	0	3	1.5	2	
Cullen Crowe	2	2	2	11	-	9	
Makenzie Thomson	4	-	-	-	-	-	
Akshan Gulati	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Michael Robinson	2	-	-	-	-	-	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	RPO
Srirag Harish	3.0	0	16	3	5.3	5.3
Tom Agnew	31.0	1	168	15	11.2	5.4
Mitchell Gardner	33.3	0	197	14	14.1	5.9
Archie Goodrick	31.0	0	195	9	21.7	6.3
Makenzie Thomson	12.4	0	75	3	25.0	6.0
Matthew Tromp	8.0	0	55	2	27.5	6.9
Cullen Crowe	4.0	0	32	1	32.0	8.0
Michael Robinson	7.0	0	43	1	43.0	6.1

PREMIER MEN ONE DAY AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Matthew Tromp	5	5	1	282	70.5	130		2
Aarush Bhagwat	6	6	2	264	66.0	100		1
Ryan Wallace	6	5	1	147	36.8	51	1	
Jackson Hemingway	6	6	0	180	30.0	75	2	
Jacob Cotter	3	3	0	82	27.3	60	1	
Srirag Harish	6	5	2	69	23.0	35		
Mitchell Gardner	6	3	1	28	14.0	19		
Brandon Matzopoulos	4	3	0	38	12.7	20		
Michael Robinson	2	2	0	24	12.0	20		
Dax Babaria	2	2	0	22	11.0	12		
Tom Agnew	6	3	2	9	9.0	5		
Makenzie Thomson	6	2	1	2	2.0	2		
Akshan Gulati	2	2	0	3	1.5	2		
Archie Goodrick	6	2	0	1	0.5	1		
Cullen Crowe	1	-	-	-	-	-		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	RPO	5w
Matthew Tromp	18.0	1	76	5	15.2	4.2	
Archie Goodrick	54.0	4	246	12	20.5	4.6	
Srirag Harish	24.0	0	174	8	21.8	7.3	1
Mitchell Gardner	52.0	5	217	7	31.0	4.2	
Makenzie Thomson	35.2	1	189	5	37.8	5.4	
Tom Agnew	45.0	3	221	3	73.7	4.9	

PREMIER MEN TWO DAY AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s
Dylan Mcardle	6	4	2	155	77.5	92	1
Chad Bowes	2	2	0	86	43.0	58	1
Matthew Tromp	7	10	2	323	40.4	71	2
Aarush Bhagwat	5	8	2	234	39.0	47	0
Jackson Hemingway	7	9	0	331	36.8	70	2
Jacob Cotter	3	4	0	136	34.0	87	1
Tom Agnew	7	6	4	60	30.0	22	0
Brandon Matzopoulos	3	3	0	84	28.0	45	0
Ryan Wallace	7	8	2	161	26.8	94	1
Michael Robinson	7	9	0	182	20.2	79	1
Matt McCall	2	2	0	35	17.5	34	0
Archie Goodrick	7	5	4	15	15.0	9	0
Mitchell Gardner	7	6	2	46	11.5	28	0
Cullen Crowe	5	6	1	54	10.8	33	0
Akshan Gulati	2	4	0	40	10.0	25	0
Srirag Harish	4	4	1	26	8.7	8	0
Benji Bell	3	2	0	15	7.5	15	0

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	RPO	5w
Dylan Mcardle	22.0	6	57	6	9.5	2.6	
Tom Agnew	146.0	41	457	33	13.8	3.1	2
Srirag Harish	13.0	5	29	2	14.5	2.2	
Archie Goodrick	91.9	18	308	21	14.7	3.4	
Matthew Tromp	52.2	8	179	12	14.9	3.4	
Mitchell Gardner	127.1	25	344	21	16.4	2.7	
Cullen Crowe	52.9	7	237	13	18.2	4.5	
Benji Bell	32.4	4	111	1	111.0	3.4	
Michael Robinson	1.0	0	4	0	0.0	4.0	
Ryan Wallace	4.0	1	8	0	0.0	2.0	

Fielding (Total)

	Catches	Stumpings
Aarush Bhagwat	19	6
Matthew Tromp	15	
Archie Goodrick Mitchell Gardner	14	
Michael Robinson	11	
Brandon Matzopoulos	7	
Dylan Mcardle Ryan Wallace	7	
Srirag Harish	5	
Alex Brown Matt McCall	4	
Charlie Jackson Cullen Crowe	3	
Makenzie Thomson Tom Agnew	3	
Akshan Gulati Chad Bowes	1	
Dax Babaria	1	

PREMIER WOMEN TEAM REPORT

The 2025/26 season was very much a year of growth for Sydenham Cricket Club's Women's programme, with a strong focus on nurturing our secondary school–aged players and supporting their transition into senior competitions. Across all grades, the season highlighted the depth of talent within our club and the strength of the environment around our players.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our supporters and coaching group for their commitment throughout the season. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Shizuka Miyaji, Felicity Robertson (Head Coach), Tim Cridge, Craig Wright and Emma McLeod for the countless hours they dedicate to developing our players.

Our Premier side faced a challenging season, significantly impacted by injuries. While this was difficult, it also created valuable opportunities for younger players to step up. We were proud to see Morgan Smith (Selwyn Wahine), Leah Geary (Pleasant Point) and Sydenham players Willow Ewing, Elise Dill-Russell and Lily Hayston all make their Premier debuts. A special mention goes to Hannah Kidd (Pleasant Point), who joined the squad and became a vital contributor — not only filling the wicketkeeping role but also providing consistent runs at the top order. It was fantastic to have a strong Sydenham presence in the domestic competition this season. Stella Cornelius, Izzy Fox and Darcy Prasad all made their first-class debuts, joining experienced campaigners Emma McLeod and Floss. We were also thrilled to see Lizzy Cohr, who left the club at the start of 2025, make her domestic debut for Central Districts.

At representative level, several players earned Canterbury honours. U19 representatives included Elsie Duncan and Hannah Kidd. Canterbury A selections featured Boadicea Lynch, Izzy Fox, Darcy Prasad, Stella Cornelius, Sam Petherick and Molly Loe. The Canterbury U17 squad included Hannah Kidd (Pleasant Point), Lily Hayston, Elise Dill-Russell and Morgan Smith (Selwyn). In addition, a large number of Sydenham players represented various metro and country/district teams throughout the season — an achievement the club is incredibly proud of.

We also congratulate Floss on her retirement from domestic cricket. After 16 outstanding seasons, she finished her final year as the competition's top run scorer. We are incredibly fortunate to continue benefiting from her experience, professionalism and willingness to share her knowledge with our players.

Fielding (Total)

	Catches	Stumpings
Hannah Kidd	9	1
Boadicea Lynch, Felicity Robertson	5	
Emma Mcleod	4	
Darcy Rose Prasad	3	3
Izzy Fox, Stella Cornelius, Anna Swan	3	
Kate Craig, Elise Dill, Maddie Wright	2	
Shizuka Miyaji, Elsie Duncan	1	
Charlotte Clatworthy, Samantha Petherick	1	
Audrey Melhuish, Linda Pettigrew	1	
Megan Meltzer	1	

PREMIER WOMEN 50 OVER AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s
Darcy Rose Prasad	7	7	2	250	50.0	81	2
Megan Meltzer	3	3	0	94	31.3	48	
Samantha Petherick	7	7	3	92	23.0	43*	
Hannah Kidd	9	8	2	110	18.3	44	
Felicity Robertson	7	7	0	125	17.9	40	
Charlotte Clatworthy	7	6	2	71	17.8	56	1
Emma Mcleod	5	5	0	76	15.2	48*	
Kate Craig	9	9	1	109	13.6	21	
Elise Dill-Russell	7	6	1	47	9.4	35*	
Izzy Fox	13	10	1	82	9.1	35	
Shizuka Miyaji	15	11	3	72	9.0	31	
Molly Loe	4	3	0	26	8.7	17	
Boadicea Lynch	13	7	1	42	7.0	13	
Morgan Smith	3	3	0	20	6.7	16*	
Julia Manton	8	7	2	31	6.2	12	
Anna Swan	6	4	1	16	5.3	8	
Brooke Robinson	1	1	0	5	5.0	5	
Maddie Wright	3	3	0	12	4.0	12	
Leah Geary	2	2	0	7	3.5	6*	
Audrey Melhuish	5	4	1	10	3.3	5*	
Lily Hayston	5	3	0	7	2.3	6	
Zoe Ellerton-Kelly	4	3	0	7	2.3	4*	
Stella Cornelius	10	4	1	6	2.0	6*	
Linda Pettigrew	2	2	1	1	1.0	1	
Elsie Duncan	7	1	1	0	-	0*	
Willow Ewing	1	1	1	0	-	0*	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Stella Cornelius	48.5	5	172	21	8.2	6/5	3.6	3
Molly Loe	5.0	1	13	1	13.0	1/13	2.6	
Samantha Petherick	26.0	0	115	8	14.4	3/13	4.4	
Boadicea Lynch	62.1	5	271	18	15.1	3/12	4.4	
Emma Mcleod	9.4	1	32	2	16.0	2/32	3.4	
Felicity Robertson	18.0	1	82	5	16.4	3/11	4.6	
Megan Meltzer	9.0	1	40	2	20.0	1/6	4.4	
Anna Swan	34.0	1	121	6	20.2	2/16	3.6	
Lily Hayston	5.0	0	21	1	21.0	1/10	4.2	
Shizuka Miyaji	56.3	5	232	11	21.1	3/33	4.1	
Audrey Melhuish	16.3	0	75	3	25.0	2/9	4.7	
Elise Dill-Russell	26.0	1	114	4	28.5	1/8	4.4	
Izzy Fox	41.4	4	200	7	28.6	5/16	4.9	1
Elsie Duncan	21.0	2	116	4	29.0	1/17	5.5	
Zoe Ellerton-Kelly	7.0	0	39	1	39.0	1/17	5.6	
Maddie Wright	9.0	0	57	1	57.0	1/23	6.3	
Brooke Robinson	2.0	0	16	0	-	0/16	8.0	
Leah Geary	2.0	0	19	0	-	0/19	9.5	
Charlotte Clatworthy	4.0	1	20	0	-	0/20	5.0	
Linda Pettigrew	3.0	0	22	0	-	0/22	7.3	

PREMIER WOMEN 40 OVER AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s
Hannah Kidd	3	3	0	137	45.7	52	1
Megan Meltzer	2	2	0	61	30.5	50	1
Shizuka Miyaji	4	4	2	43	21.5	15*	
Maddie Wright	1	1	0	14	14.0	14	
Boadicea Lynch	4	4	0	50	12.5	24	
Julia Manton	2	2	0	25	12.5	20	
Charlotte Clatworthy	1	1	0	12	12.0	12	
Izzy Fox	3	3	0	32	10.7	26	
Elise Dill-Russell	3	2	1	8	8.0	8*	
Elsie Duncan	3	2	1	7	7.0	5*	
Kate Craig	3	3	0	16	5.3	14	
Darcy Rose Prasad	1	1	0	4	4.0	4	
Stella Cornelius	1	1	0	1	1.0	1*	
Sandy Mitchell	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	
Linda Pettigrew	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	
Lily Hayston	2	1	1	8	-	8*	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	AV	BB	RPO	5w
Charlotte Clatworthy	3.0	0	8	2	4.0	2/8	2.7	
Maddie Wright	8.0	1	26	5	5.2	5/26	3.3	1
Izzy Fox	19.3	0	79	7	11.3	3/23	4.1	
Elsie Duncan	17.0	0	90	5	18.0	3/43	5.3	
Boadicea Lynch	24.0	1	87	4	21.8	2/16	3.6	
Stella Cornelius	6.0	0	29	1	29.0	1/29	4.8	
Elise Dill-Russell	8.0	0	43	1	43.0	1/18	5.4	
Shizuka Miyaji	24.0	1	93	1	93.0	1/37	3.9	
Linda Pettigrew	3.0	0	11	0	-	0/11	3.7	
Lily Hayston	6.0	0	39	0	-	0/14	6.5	

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM REPORT

A season where our championship team struggled to get any momentum after a decent start, mainly due to injuries to our bowling attack, and a large turnover of players. Highlights include

- Centuries to Dax Babaria, Adhi Suganthi and Nathaniel Paltride with a monster 153 against Burnside.
- Makenzie Thomson impressing with two 5 wicket bags, including 6-44 against Burnside.
- Promising left arm quick Cadell Durdin stepping up from Sydenham youth cricket into adult cricket.

The batting group led by Nathaniel Paltridge and Tom Macdonald, had a successful season but unfortunately due to injuries to a couple of our fast bowlers we were unable to take wickets consistently in order to push for wins.

After a tough season and relegation into Division 1, the focus this season is to get back to winning ways, with a number of experienced players returning after injury, or a couple years away, this team will have what it takes to push for trophies and promotion back into the Championship grade.

Fielding

	Catches
Nathanael Paltridge	10
Tom McDonald	8
Makenzie Thomson	6
Dax Babaria	3
Shevon Perera, Jordin Last-Harris	2
Udi Upadhyay, Dhruv Arvindkumar	1
Adityan Selvan Suganthi, Conway Andrews	1
Jack Smith, Noah Jefferson, Lucky Singh	1
Eliyas P Varghese, Cadell Durdin	1
Cullen Crowe, Benji Bell	1
Pōtiki Hamilton-Morrison	1

CHAMPIONSHIP COMBINED AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Nathan Chin	1	2	1	48	48.0	40		
Akshan Gulati	7	7	2	192	38.4	53*	1	
Adityan Selvan Suganthi	14	15	2	433	33.3	113	1	2
Nathanael Paltridge	19	22	1	624	29.7	153	2	1
Dax Babaria	8	11	2	259	28.8	112		1
Tom McDonald	19	20	3	472	27.7	95	2	
Michael Robinson	1	1	0	24	24.0	24		
Cullen Crowe	4	4	1	66	22.0	40*		
Tom Elliott	2	1	0	21	21.0	21		
Makenzie Thomson	7	7	4	48	16.0	23*		
Shevon Perera	10	9	0	124	13.8	42		
Dhruv Arvindkumar	14	12	1	146	13.3	34		
Jordin Last-Harris	4	5	0	66	13.2	31		
Dylan Mcardle	1	1	0	13	13.0	13		
Lucky Singh	6	6	0	75	12.5	45		
Eliyas P Varghese	6	6	0	71	11.8	59	1	
Jack Smith	9	11	0	114	10.4	43		
Josh Wedlake	9	8	2	56	9.3	22*		
Cadell Durdin	5	4	2	18	9.0	13*		
Conway Andrews	9	7	1	51	8.5	21*		
Quinn Helms	6	4	3	8	8.0	6*		
Noah Jefferson	7	5	1	26	6.5	16		
Udi Upadhyay	15	7	1	26	4.3	15		
Bruno Moriarity	3	4	1	8	2.7	7		
Freddie Winsor	4	3	1	3	1.5	2*		
Benji Bell	3	3	0	4	1.3	4		
Lyle Cupido	2	1	0	1	1.0	1*		
Tanhirdaypal Singh Pannu	2	2	0	1	0.5	1		
Jonathan Bennett	2	2	1	0	0.0	0		
Sam Johns	2	1	0	0	0.0	0		
Riley Lennox	1	1	1	17	-	17*		
Pōtiki Hamilton-Morrison	3	-	-	-	-	-		
Alistair Derry	1	-	-	-	-	-		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Tom McDonald	10.1	1	27	4	6.8	4/16	2.8	
Tom Elliott	13.0	3	31	3	10.3	2/8	2.4	
Tanhirdaypal Singh Pannu	14.0	1	67	4	16.8	2/27	4.8	
Cullen Crowe	35.0	4	157	9	17.4	4/33	4.5	
Makenzie Thomson	111.1	15	404	23	17.6	6/97	3.4	2
Benji Bell	64.2	12	259	13	19.9	7/120	4.1	1
Akshan Gulati	30.3	1	147	7	21.0	3/17	4.9	
Eliyas P Varghese	32.0	3	172	8	21.5	5/47	5.4	1
Conway Andrews	17.0	0	162	7	23.1	3/23	9.5	
Cadell Durdin	28.0	1	188	7	26.9	2/12	6.1	
Dylan Mcardle	11.0	2	27	1	27.0	1/27	2.5	
Dax Babaria	15.4	0	57	2	28.5	2/4	3.7	
Jordin Last-Harris	49.5	9	180	6	30.0	4/58	3.6	
Nathan Chin	14.0	2	60	2	30.0	2/60	4.3	
Bruno Moriarity	15.0	4	63	2	31.5	1/29	4.2	
Pōtiki Hamilton-Morrison	10.0	0	104	3	34.7	1/25	10.4	
Udi Upadhyay	47.0	0	348	10	34.8	2/25	7.4	
Quinn Helms	17.0	1	112	3	37.3	1/19	6.6	
Josh Wedlake	76.5	7	354	8	44.3	3/65	4.6	
Jonathan Bennett	8.0	2	57	1	57.0	1/22	7.1	
Nathanael Paltridge	18.0	1	82	1	82.0	1/18	4.6	
Jack Smith	17.0	1	93	1	93.0	1/54	5.5	
Shevon Perera	13.2	0	138	1	138.0	1/35	10.5	
Riley Lennox	1.0	0	6	0	-	0/6	6.0	
Dhruv Arvindkumar	1.3	0	13	0	-	0/13	10.0	
Lyle Cupido	2.0	0	24	0	-	0/24	12.0	
Adityan Selvan Suganthi	46.0	1	258	0	-	0/13	5.6	

DIV 2 TEAM REPORT

The start of the season saw the Division 2 team go through a period of adjustment similar to last season with new players and a new grade. But we quickly got into our work, set our standards and played some very good cricket through the end of the first half of the 2-day games. Fantastic individual performances such as Adi Suganthi's brilliant 168* against Merivale Papanui, and Isaiah Prasad's 5-for including a hattrick against OBC, showed us that we were up to compete and put together complete performances.

Unfortunately we were unable to secure the crucial first win for the season and went into the T20s not prepared for the change of format. We still played well at times and made close games out of situations that should have been smooth sailing for our opposition. All of that changed in the last Saturday of the T20s when we went up against OBC with a new found mindset. We weren't concerning ourselves with needing to win, but rather to play our best cricket and show our intent. We chased 120 down in 18 overs 5 wickets in hand, perfectly demonstrating the skill and composure we were looking for. Later on in the day we played Merivale Papanui and we were full of confidence. Freddie Windsor starred with 60 off 47 as we chased down 161 in the 19th over to complete our first full good days cricket.

In the new year we picked up where we left off and began a very tidy one-day competition with a win. We went into the final two regular season games needing wins to see us through to the semi finals, and we delivered. We completed two dominant bonus point wins that saw us host a home semi final on Sydenham 1. In the semi final we put up another good fight but it was not our day that day.

From there we finished off the season with a rocky couple of 2-day games, with Gaurav Jadhav's 5-25 against Burnside the only highlight until we met Hornby in the final game. Batting first, Sam Johns lead the batting effort with a gritty 100* to see us post 226 for 3 after our 45 overs. We then put on a master class with the ball as Mackenzie Kirk took a well deserved maiden Sydenham 5-for and the team taking 15 wickets in the day, all but sealing the inevitable innings victory.

That was the perfect end to a season full of growth. We saw the usual switching around of players which is inevitable in a grade that feeds our higher teams, but we had a core group of players who regularly showed up, knew what was expected of them, and played good cricket. That is what lead to our successful second half of the season, a good culture of discipline and playing to our skill set no matter the grade. If this continues as it should into next season, there will be plenty more good cricket played.

Todd Ward
Captain

DIV 2 COMBINED AVERAGES

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Adityan Selvan Suganthi	5	7	1	335	55.8	168*	2	1
Jaxson Moynihan	2	1	0	43	43.0	43		
Sam Johns	9	11	2	279	31.0	100*	1	1
Todd Ward	18	20	2	526	29.2	80	4	
Gaurav Jadhav	13	11	2	222	24.7	60	1	
Richard Howe	8	4	2	45	22.5	20*		
Conway Andrews	4	2	0	44	22.0	39		
Mackenzie Kirk	4	2	1	22	22.0	18*		
Freddie Winsor	15	17	1	319	19.9	60	2	
Finlay Hill	1	1	0	17	17.0	17		
Shevon Perera	1	1	0	16	16.0	16		
Ajith Shetty	17	20	2	285	15.8	49*		
Alistair Derry	3	3	0	45	15.0	29*		
Ryan Lightfoot	8	7	2	70	14.0	25*		
Cameron Spriggs	16	14	3	153	13.9	42*		
Isaac Tutt	3	4	0	54	13.5	52	1	
Benjamin Mason	13	10	2	100	12.5	67*	1	
Noah Jefferson	5	4	0	38	9.5	22		
Nathan Chin	6	5	1	34	8.5	29*		
Lyle Cupido	6	3	2	8	8.0	7*		
Cadell Durdin	3	2	1	8	8.0	6		
Ivon Cheruvathoor	9	6	2	27	6.8	17*		
Pōtiki Hamilton-Morrison	3	2	0	13	6.5	8		
Isaiah Prasad	9	9	0	51	5.7	15		
Tanhirdaypal Singh Pannu	8	7	0	34	4.9	14		
Udi Upadhyay	6	3	1	5	2.5	5*		
Henry Hood	3	2	0	4	2.0	3		
Ollie Smith	1	1	1	17	-	17*		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Noah Jefferson	8.0	0	33	4	8.3	4/33	4.1	
Udi Upadhyay	52.0	10	152	16	9.5	7/41	2.9	1
Richard Howe	39.0	1	179	15	11.9	4/43	4.6	
Mackenzie Kirk	46.0	12	119	10	11.9	5/28	2.6	2
Gaurav Jadhav	59.4	8	255	18	14.1	6/45	4.3	1
Tanhirdaypal Singh Pannu	41.3	4	171	12	14.3	4/29	4.1	
Henry Hood	28.1	3	116	8	14.5	5/89	4.1	1
Cadell Durdin	33.0	6	78	5	15.6	3/24	2.4	
Ryan Lightfoot	36.1	2	228	13	17.5	3/27	6.3	
Nathan Chin	58.0	6	214	11	19.5	3/28	3.7	
Conway Andrews	20.4	2	94	4	23.5	2/33	4.6	
Lyle Cupido	30.0	6	142	6	23.7	3/51	4.7	
Adityan Selvan Suganthi	30.0	2	147	6	24.5	2/18	4.9	
Freddie Winsor	6.0	0	50	2	25.0	2/31	8.3	
Isaiah Prasad	63.3	10	251	10	25.1	5/50	4.0	1
Todd Ward	40.0	0	205	7	29.3	2/32	5.1	
Ajith Shetty	38.0	3	191	6	31.8	2/1	5.0	
Ivon Cheruvathoor	46.5	13	202	6	33.7	3/37	4.3	
Cameron Spriggs	4.0	1	6	0	-	0/0	1.5	

Fielding (Total)

	Catches
Gaurav Jadhav	5
Isaiah Prasad	4
Todd Ward, Ryan Lightfoot	3
Richard Howe, Lyle Cupido	2
Noah Jefferson, Ajith Shetty	2
Cameron Spriggs, Nathan Chin	1
Benjamin Mason, Udi Upadhyay	1
Conway Andrews	1
Pōtiki Hamilton-Morrison	1

DIV 3 GRADE REPORT - TAMILS

The 2025/26 season was a remarkable success for Sydenham Tamils, marked by outstanding teamwork, commitment, and consistent performances. After a strong campaign throughout the Christchurch Metro Division 3 competition, the team finished as Division 3 Champions, earning promotion to Division 2 for the upcoming season—a well-deserved reward for the players' hard work and dedication.

The team's success was built on a balanced all-round performance. Monty led the batting with 278 runs, followed closely by Dinesh (258), Jags (244) and Parthipan (239). The bowling attack was equally impressive, with Niranjan finishing as the leading wicket-taker with 31 wickets, while Jags and Vignesh claimed 23 wickets each. Behind the stumps, Dinesh enjoyed an exceptional season with 17 catches/dismissals, highlighting the team's overall fielding strength.

Beyond the statistics, the season was defined by excellent leadership, strong team spirit, regular training, and a shared commitment to improving every week. Players embraced responsibilities both on and off the field, creating a positive and supportive team culture that was evident throughout the season. The WhatsApp conversations reflected the camaraderie, humour, and encouragement that made this group special.

Congratulations to every player, supporter, and volunteer who contributed to a memorable championship-winning season. Winning the Division 3 title is a significant achievement, and the team has now been presented with an opportunity to move up to Division 2. The team is currently considering this opportunity and will make a decision in due course. Whatever the outcome, the team looks forward to building on the success of this season and embracing the challenges ahead.

	Matches	Runs	Wickets	Catches
Arun Ravindranath	13	191	17	4
Chidambaram Palaniappan	14	100	17	4
David Jayapaul	15	151	3	7
Dinesh Raja	16	258	-	17
Gopinath Karuppiah	16	153	-	-
Jagannath Radhakrishnan	15	244	23	9
John Immanuel	17	75	5	2
Mohanasundaram Kumar	16	278	1	12
Naveen Thangavelu	6	18	-	-
Niranjan Ramasamy	14	175	31	6
Parthipan	15	239	10	2
Ramanathan	13	71	-	2
Vignesh Balan	15	43	23	-

DIV 4 GRADE TEAM REPORT - GOATS

The Sydenham Goats had one of their best years ever this past season winning both Division 4 and the top four knockout competition at the end of the season.

Preseason, we found out that two of the team regulars, Andrew Douglas and Jacob Harrington, weren't going to play full-time this year. Jake just being a fill-in and Andrew having suffered a serious leg injury at football so in came club stalwart, Geordie Dann and Andrew's work mate, Joe Stevens.

Unlike last year where we lost our first six games straight we started well this season, only losing one game in the first round to a Burnside West team reinforced by multiple champs players, and that by an inside edge for 2 from their number 11 off the last ball of the match. We continue to lead from the front the whole season and things only got close in the last couple of weeks when we lost on consecutive weekends to Brighton, who were in second place, and Burnside where we had our annual barbecue and draw the batting order out of the hat game. Luckily, we attended the umpiring course preseason and Brighton hadn't, so we always had the one point advantage on them.

In the knockout stage of the competition we played Brighton for the third week in a row and won the game that counted, defending a low total at Bradford Park to make the final. In a significant moment of clarity Metro Cricket placed us on the vacant Sydenham Park 1 against the Burnside West “calendar boys” in what turned out to be the game of the season. On a wet pitch, we put them in and in a top bowling and fielding display bowled them out for 110. However, with Burnside having one of the best bowling attacks in the grade we knew this wouldn't be an easy chase. With the pitch a batting minefield we eked our way to the target with nine balls and three wickets to spare, watched on by a growing crowd as people returned to the club at the end of the day.

For a change the Goats success was built on our batting, especially pre Xmas when the pitches were dry and hard. Joe Taylor had another great year opening the batting, scoring 501 runs at an average of 38.5 with 4 scores over 50 and was well supported by George, Ollie, Kyle and Geordie who all scored over 200 runs as well. Andrew Douglas returned towards the end of the season and looked right at home scoring freely and helping out Kyle keeping. Congratulations to Kyle Clark who scored his first hundred for the club with 105 versus Heathcote.

The bowling was again led by Chris Douglas, who took 34 wickets at an average just over 7 with two 5 wicket bags. With good pace, control and swing he was a handful for all opposing batsman. He was well supported by Geordie and Ollie who both took over 20 wickets each, with Geordie also getting two 5 bags. All the other bowlers contributed as well, picking up wickets and with good economy rates. With Arjun joining after Xmas, his off spin complimented Ollies leggies and Jon and Jessies slow mediums on the slower, damp pitches we started to encounter later in the season. In some of these games the slower you bowled, the harder you were to hit.

It's a normal for the Goats our fielding was a mixed bag, with a range of spectacular catches being taken and some absolute goobers being dropped. Generally though our ground fielding was good and there was always plenty of effort put in. The catch of a season for me, was Arjuns caught and bowled in the final, with a full length dive millimetres from the ground in a must win match. Chris Douglas was again the teams vote as the Goats player of the year.

A new fines system was put in place this year and this proved to be a substantial contributor to our end of year dinner at the Thai Rendezvous, which was a great night and well attended. Thanks to Joe Taylor for acting as fines master. Also thanks to all the players who helped the Goats out filling in throughout the season.

The Goats head to Division 3 next year, probably with a few personnel changes as family life impacts cricket availability but ready to face some new challenges.

Jon Bennett, Captain

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	HS	Runs	Avge	50s	100s
Joe Taylor	16	16	3	77*	501	38.5	4	
Andrew Douglas	5	5	0	43	151	30.2		
Chris Douglas	18	7	2	34	148	29.6		
Kyle Clark	14	12	2	105	250	25.0	1	1
George Wigley	15	15	0	66	344	22.9	2	
Ollie Philpott	16	13	1	56*	272	22.7	1	
Arjun Das	6	4	1	29	54	18.0		
Geordie Dann	15	15	2	38	226	17.4		
Jesse Marks	15	14	3	27	120	10.9		
Joe Stevens	13	13	1	40	125	10.4		
Tony Danenberg	14	14	0	32	125	8.9		
Daniel Laughton	13	9	1	17	39	4.9		
Jon Bennett	14	5	3	6*	7	3.5		
Paddy Wickes	13	6	1	8	9	1.8		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Chris Douglas	103.0	30	247	34	7.3	5/12	2.4	2
Arjun Das	35.0	4	110	10	11.0	2/13	3.1	0
Jesse Marks	30.0	1	128	10	12.8	4/20	4.3	0
Geordie Dann	94.0	16	283	22	12.9	5/16	3.0	2
Jon Bennett	54.0	8	206	13	15.9	3/14	3.8	0
Joe Taylor	35.0	3	140	8	17.5	4/35	4.0	0
Ollie Philpott	98.0	13	392	21	18.7	4/4	4.0	0
Paddy Wickes	74.0	8	358	14	25.6	2/19	4.8	0
George Wigley	10.0	0	57	2	28.5	1/24	5.7	0
Joe Stevens	1.0	0	8	0	-	0/8	8.0	0
Tony Danenberg	2.0	0	11	0	-	0/11	5.5	0
Daniel Laughton	2.0	0	13	0	-	0/13	6.5	0
Kyle Clark	5.0	0	29	0	-	0/11	5.8	0

Fielding

	Catches
Tony Danenberg	9
Kyle Clark (WK)	8
Ollie Philpott , Daniel Laughton	8
Arjun Das	6
Andrew Douglas, Geordie Dann	5
Joe Stevens, Jesse Marks, Joe Taylor	3
George Wigley	2
Jon Bennett, Chris Douglas	1

DIV 4 TEAM REPORT - ROYAL CHALLENGERS

The 2025/26 season was a successful campaign for the Sydenham Div 4 Royal Challengers. Finishing 3rd on the points table with 8 wins and 5 losses, the team once again proved to be one of the strongest sides in the Christchurch Metro Division 4 competition.

The season was filled with memorable victories, including wins over the competition leaders and strong performances against every team in the division. While our finals campaign ended with defeats in the Semi-Final and the 3rd Place Playoff, the team showed tremendous determination, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Our success was built on teamwork, commitment, and players consistently stepping up when it mattered most. The season also provided valuable experience that will serve us well as we look to challenge for the championship next year.

Special Recognition – Trushar Kumar Desai

A special shout-out goes to Trushar Kumar Desai, who was undoubtedly the backbone of our bowling attack throughout the season. Time and again, he delivered crucial breakthroughs, controlled the game with the ball, and played a significant role in many of our victories.

Trushar also contributed valuable runs with the bat, producing several match-winning knocks when the team needed them the most.

His outstanding performances saw him finish as the highest wicket-taker in the Christchurch Afternoon Grade, a remarkable achievement that reflects his consistency, skill, and dedication. To top it off, he etched his name into the season's highlights by claiming a memorable hat-trick—an achievement that very few bowlers accomplish.

Congratulations, Trushar, on an exceptional season. Your commitment, passion, and performances have set a high standard for the team and played a huge part in our successful campaign.

As we close the 2025/26 season, we thank every player, supporter, family member, scorer, and volunteer who contributed throughout the year. We look forward to building on this season's success and returning even stronger in 2026/27.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Trusharkumar Desai	83.3	19	161	36	4.5	6/10	1.9	3
Shyam Karuthedath Narayanankutty	36.2	2	93	10	9.3	3/12	2.6	
Aasif Mir	11.0	3	38	3	12.7	2/19	3.5	
Amrinder Singh	50.0	2	250	17	14.7	4/20	5.0	
Anand Krishnamohan Beena	34.0	3	141	9	15.7	3/32	4.2	
Basil John	13.4	0	47	3	15.7	2/27	3.5	
Arun Venupal Nair	11.5	2	34	2	17.0	1/1	3.0	
Lathish Tm	60.1	7	257	13	19.8	4/14	4.3	
Sivasubramanian Natarajan	29.0	2	119	5	23.8	2/7	4.2	
Ajith Sudhakaran	39.0	4	148	5	29.6	2/27	3.8	
Mandeep Singh	5.0	0	31	0	-	0/14	6.2	

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Eliyas P Varghese	2	2	1	82	82.0	72*	1	
Chandhu Dileep Kumar	11	7	1	146	24.3	104		1
Trusharkumar Desai	13	12	3	179	19.9	37		
Amrinder Singh	9	8	1	131	18.7	77*	1	
Shyam Karuthedath Narayanankutty	14	12	2	160	16.0	65	1	
Ajith Sudhakaran	8	5	1	55	13.8	39		
Sujith Ajayan	13	11	1	129	12.9	40		
Lathish Tm	13	9	0	93	10.3	34		
Mandeep Singh	5	4	0	40	10.0	19		
Sivasubramanian Natarajan	9	6	2	30	7.5	19		
Anand Krishnamohan Beena	9	7	1	30	5.0	10		
Aasif Mir	3	2	0	10	5.0	9		
Arun Venupal Nair	4	3	0	14	4.7	14		
Basil John	5	5	2	7	2.3	6*		
Paulwin Joy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vimal Lukose	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fielding

	Catches
Sivasubramanian Natarajan	5
Lathish Tm	4
Amrinder Singh	4
Shyam Karuthedath Narayanankutty	3
Sujith Ajayan	3
Chandhu Dileep Kumar	3
Trusharkumar Desai	1
Anand Krishnamohan Beena	1
Basil John	1

DIV 5 TEAM REPORT - ALLSTARS

The 2025–26 season was one of growth, resilience and genuine progress for the Sydenham All Stars. While the results on paper tell only part of the story, the season was defined by a group of players who continually fronted up for one another, embraced every challenge and represented the club with pride. Across the summer the team experienced narrow defeats, memorable victories and plenty of hard-fought contests that could easily have gone either way, but the commitment shown by every player never wavered.

One of the defining features of the season was the team's fighting spirit. There were matches where the batting was tested by quality bowling, others where small partnerships or moments in the field kept Sydenham in the contest, and several games that went right down to the closing stages. Even when defending modest totals, the All Stars consistently showed they would never give up, regularly putting opposition sides under pressure with disciplined bowling and energetic fielding. That determination became a hallmark of the team throughout the season.

The bowling attack provided many of the season's highlights. Jacob Koster, Mark Flowerday, Tom Elliott, Cameron Hatcher, Jaedyn Ward, David Te Au, Chase Barnsley and Abraham Atherton all produced important spells during the year, while catches and run-outs often swung momentum back in Sydenham's favour. The team's fielding standards continued to improve as the season progressed, with players backing each other up and creating opportunities through enthusiasm and persistence. One standout moment came with Jacob Koster's outstanding diving catch against Richmond, while several matches were built on disciplined bowling performances that kept stronger batting line-ups within reach.

The 2025/26 included the addition of Andrew Reynolds behind the stumps. Taking on the demanding wicketkeeping role, Andrew provided a safe and reliable pair of hands, finishing the season with an impressive 11 catches and one stumping. His work behind the wicket extended with sharp glovework helping create several run-out opportunities through quick gathers and accurate throws.

The batting group also produced plenty of memorable performances throughout the season, led by an outstanding campaign from Jacob Koster. Batting at the top of the order, Koster was the cornerstone of the All Stars' innings week after week, compiling numerous half-centuries and consistently giving the side strong starts. His ability to score freely while anchoring the innings saw him finish as the leading run-scorer across all of Sydenham Cricket Club's lower-grade teams—an outstanding achievement that reflected both his consistency and attacking intent. Time and again, Koster's innings gave the All Stars a platform to build from and often proved the difference between being competitive and posting match-winning totals.

Importantly, Koster was far from a one-man batting line-up. Tom Elliott played several composed and influential innings, regularly steadying the middle order and producing valuable runs when the team needed them most. Jaedyn Ward complemented Koster brilliantly at the top of the order, contributing an important half-century of his own while forming several productive opening partnerships. Dan Linden was another dependable contributor, providing crucial middle-order runs and helping rebuild innings when early wickets fell. Joel Thomson also made valuable contributions throughout the season, often accelerating the scoring rate and adding important runs in the latter stages of the innings. Towards the back end of the season, Sumedha Senarathna began to find his rhythm with the bat, stringing together several valuable innings that added depth to the batting order and showed encouraging signs of his potential. His growing confidence at the crease bodes well for the future, and the team will be looking forward to seeing him build on that form next

season. Together, this group formed the backbone of the All Stars' batting, with partnerships proving just as important as individual milestones in many of the team's strongest performances.

Although there were difficult afternoons where the batting struggled against disciplined attacks, there were also encouraging partnerships and valuable contributions throughout the order. The willingness of players to keep fighting, no matter the scoreboard, reflected the character of the side. Every run was earned, every wicket celebrated, and every game provided another opportunity for players to learn and develop together.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the season was not measured by wins alone, but by the culture that continued to develop within the team. The All Stars remained competitive throughout the competition, finishing with several wins while losses were by fine margins that could easily have been reversed with one or two moments going their way.

A sincere thank you must go to every player who wore the Sydenham colours this season. Cricket demands time, patience and commitment, and every member of the squad contributed, whether through performances on the field, supporting teammates from the boundary, or simply turning up week after week ready to compete. There were tough games, challenging conditions and disappointing results along the way, but the grit, resilience and positive attitude shown by the group never disappeared.

As we look ahead to next season, there is every reason to be optimistic. The foundations have been laid by a committed group of players who have shown they can compete, improve and enjoy their cricket together. If this season demonstrated anything, it is that the Sydenham All Stars are building something far more important than a win-loss record—they are building a team that plays for each other and represents the club with pride.

Abe Atherton
Captain

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO
Jordan McCormick	2.0	0	6	1	6.0	1/6	3.0
David Te Au	11.0	1	43	5	8.6	3/16	3.9
Sumedha Senarathna	3.0	1	11	1	11.0	1/11	3.7
Chase Barnsley	22.0	1	115	10	11.5	3/29	5.2
Abraham Atherton	56.2	11	194	15	12.9	3/17	3.5
Jacob Koster	60.5	7	243	18	13.5	4/26	4.0
Mark Flowerday	35.0	1	178	13	13.7	4/26	5.1
Jashanpreet Singh	4.0	0	18	1	18.0	1/18	4.5
Jaedyn Ward	35.4	5	153	8	19.1	3/17	4.3
Cameron Hatcher	57.1	6	272	14	19.4	4/4	4.8
Joel Thomson	25.1	5	120	6	20.0	3/56	4.8
Tom Elliott	12.0	2	43	2	21.5	1/8	3.6
Dupinder Saroya	8.0	1	25	1	25.0	1/25	3.1
Boadicea Lynch	4.0	0	13	0	-	0/13	3.3
Shizuka Miyaji	3.0	0	19	0	-	0/19	6.3

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s
Dan Linden	2	2	1	95	95.0	53	1
Jacob Koster	10	10	2	370	46.3	92	3
Jaedyn Ward	9	8	2	167	27.8	64	1
Tom Elliott	3	3	0	73	24.3	55	1
Joel Thomson	7	6	1	94	18.8	33	
Chase Barnsley	8	6	0	79	13.2	29	
Cameron Hatcher	9	6	3	35	11.7	16*	
Abraham Atherton	11	7	3	43	10.8	11*	
David Te Au	2	1	0	10	10.0	10	
Andrew Reynolds	6	6	0	34	5.7	11*	
Dupinder Saroya	2	2	1	5	5.0	5*	
Joe Stevens	1	1	0	5	5.0	5	
Sumedha Senarathna	10	7	1	28	4.7	9	
Trevor Cray	3	3	0	11	3.7	11*	
Shizuka Miyaji	1	1	0	3	3.0	3	
Daniel Wright	5	2	0	3	1.5	2	
Lee Johnson	3	3	0	4	1.3	4	
Jordan McCormick	3	1	0	1	1.0	1*	
Savyasaachein Natarajan	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	
Mark Flowerday	6	3	0	2	0.7	2	
Boadicea Lynch	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	
Gourav Saini	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Jashanpreet Singh	1	-	-	-	-	-	

Fielding

	Catches	Stumpings
Andrew Reynolds	11	1
Jacob Koster	11	
Abraham Atherton	6	
Tom Elliott	6	
Jaedyn Ward	6	
Sumedha Senarathna	5	
Dan Linden	4	1
Joel Thompson	3	
Trevor Cray	3	
Chase Barnsley	1	
Dupinder Saroya	1	
Gourav Saini	1	
Mark Flowerday	1	
Daniel Wright	1	
Jashanpreet Singh	1	

T20 TEAM REPORT – CARDINALS

The twentieth season of Cardinals Cricket rolled around with familiar faces once again dusting off the bark-blue, well-worn blazers. Bodies were another year older and a little stiffer, but the enthusiasm to pull on the Cardinals colours remained as strong as ever.

The Cardinals found themselves in Section A for the opening half of the season. As is often the case, the section featured several of the competition's strongest sides, with the usual contenders battling it out near the top of the table.

Unfortunately, the Cardinals finished on the wrong side of the ledger more often than not during the first half of the campaign. It certainly wasn't through a lack of effort—rather, it was another reminder that Father Time remains undefeated.

The competition split into sections for the second half of the season, providing the Cardinals with a more competitive run of fixtures and several encouraging performances. While there were some positive results, the side was ultimately unable to defend its Section Two title.

Individually, Cam Rennell enjoyed an outstanding season, excelling with both gloves and willow to claim the Fielding and Batting awards. Captain James Stokes led from the front, taking out the Bowling Award as well as being named the teams Overall MVP.

Looking ahead, next season marks a significant milestone—the Cardinals' 21st season. Celebrations are already being planned, with all former Cardinals set to be invited to a reunion dinner on the eve of the opening match. Naturally, the festivities will continue after the season opener with a couple (or perhaps a few more) well-earned drinks to celebrate two decades and one year of Cardinals cricket.

Jamie Livingstone

Fielding

	Catches	Stumpings
C. Rennell	7	5
J. Stokes	4	
L. Woolf	3	
M. Robert	3	
B. Moore	2	
G. Dann	2	
J. Ensor	2	
A. Neylon	1	
B. Johnston	1	
F. Wadsworth	1	
J. Livingstone	1	
K. Webster	1	
M. Campbell	1	
N. Barnes	1	

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS
G. Dann	3	3	2	96	96.0	53*
K. Williams	8	7	4	215	71.7	51*
B. Larter	6	6	2	206	51.5	43
M. Robert	15	15	11	101	25.3	17*
J. Livingstone	6	2	0	45	22.5	34
B. Moore	11	10	2	173	21.6	41*
C. Rennell	14	13	0	278	21.4	40
J. Stokes	14	13	3	199	19.9	45*
D. Clark	3	2	1	18	18.0	18
N. Smithson	5	5	1	70	17.5	33
B. Carpenter	4	3	1	29	14.5	24
K. Webster	5	4	1	41	13.7	20*
J. Henderson	4	3	0	38	12.7	18
A. Neylon	6	6	0	64	10.7	25
J. Ensor	11	10	2	80	10.0	29
J. Wieland	2	2	0	20	10.0	20
L. Woolf	11	9	2	68	9.7	29
F. Wadsworth	6	6	0	51	8.5	21
B. Sumner	1	1	0	8	8.0	8
S. Rendall	1	1	0	8	8.0	8
B. Cartwright	1	1	0	7	7.0	7
B. Johnston	1	1	0	5	5.0	5
A. Patchett	7	6	2	14	3.5	6
J. Mitchell	1	1	0	3	3.0	3
W. Heinz	1	1	0	2	2.0	2
J. Chaplin	5	4	0	5	1.3	3
R. Scott	1	1	0	1	1.0	1
A. Gillespie	1	1	0	0	0.0	0
C. Paintin	3	2	0	0	0.0	0
N. Barnes	1	1	1	45	-	45*
J. Dann	1	1	1	8	-	8*
S. Apes	1	1	1	8	-	8*
Frank	1	-	-	-	-	-
M. Campbell	1	-	-	-	-	-

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO
J. Mitchell	4.0	0	24	2	12.0	2/24	6.0
B. Larter	18.0	1	107	8	13.4	3/22	5.9
A. Neylon	12.0	0	67	5	13.4	2/20	5.6
J. Ensor	3.0	0	27	2	13.5	2/6	9.0
B. Cartwright	3.0	0	16	1	16.0	1/16	5.3
S. Apes	2.0	0	16	1	16.0	1/16	8.0
G. Dann	10.0	0	49	3	16.3	2/16	4.9
J. Stokes	22.5	0	172	9	19.1	2/37	7.6
A. Patchett	26.0	1	122	6	20.3	3/9	4.7
J. Livingstone	16.5	0	118	5	23.6	2/25	7.2
J. Henderson	11.0	0	77	3	25.7	2/8	7.0
N. Smithson	14.0	0	113	4	28.3	2/33	8.1
B. Moore	31.0	1	228	7	32.6	4/11	7.4
K. Williams	27.0	1	169	5	33.8	1/39	6.3
M. Robert	29.2	0	247	7	35.3	2/27	8.4
L. Woolf	29.5	1	228	5	45.6	2/24	7.6
K. Webster	14.0	0	142	2	71.0	1/42	10.1
F. Wadsworth	23.0	0	171	1	171.0	1/37	7.4
R. Scott	1.0	0	10	0	-	0/10	10.0
B. Sumner	2.0	0	12	0	-	0/12	6.0
B. Johnston	1.0	0	14	0	-	0/14	14.0
A. Gillespie	1.0	0	16	0	-	0/16	16.0
J. Wieland	1.5	0	21	0	-	0/12	14.0
M. Campbell	3.0	0	22	0	-	0/22	7.3
N. Barnes	2.0	0	31	0	-	0/31	15.5
D. Clark	4.4	0	49	0	-	0/34	10.6

T20 TEAM REPORT - GUJARAT KINGS

Season Overview

The Sydenham T20 Gujarat Kings delivered an outstanding 2025-26 season, finishing 3rd in the Cavaliers Section 3 T20 competition. it was built on consistency, resilience and strong performances across all areas of the game. The team's ability to both post competitive totals and chase down targets demonstrated the depth and versatility within the squad throughout the year.

Season Highlights

- Finished 3rd in Cavaliars Section 3 T20
- Yash Patel - Outstanding all-round season: 473 runs and 31 wickets
- Arya Baxi - 430 runs at an average of 48, alongside 19 wickets
- Dhavai Patel - Team's most economical bowler with an economy rate of 4.9
- Strong finish to the season, capped with a composed win in the final match

Batting Review
The batting group showed real depth and balance throughout the season. Yash Patel led the run charts with 473 runs at an average of 39 and a remarkable strike rate of 147, while Arya Baxi was equally impressive 430 runs at 48. Dhananjay Trivedi contributed a valuable 333 runs at 30, and Dhairya Goswami strike rate of 152 provided the team with explosive firepower throughout the season. The collective batting effort ensured the team regularly posted competitive totals and successfully chased down targets.

Bowling Review
The bowling unit was equally impressive, with Yash Patel leading the wicket taking charts with 31 wickets at an average of 12. Dhavai Patel was the standout in terms of control, maintaining an excellent economy rate of 4.9 across 54 overs - making him the teams most economical bowler by a significant margin. Arya Baxi and Dhananjay Trivedi each claimed 19 and 18 wickets respecitively, while Smit Patel and Milind Thakker provided important support. The groups discipline, control, and ability to apply pressure were key factors in the teams success throughout the season.

Looking Ahead
Overall the 2025-26 season showcased the teams growth, unity and competitive spirit. The focus going into next season will be on building this momentum, continuing to develop the strong team culture that has been established, and pushing even higher up the standings. With the talent, commitment, and depth shown this year, the Gujarat Kings are well placed to challenge for top honours next season.

<u>Yash Patel</u>

Batting

	M	Runs	Avge	S/R	4s	6s
Arya Baxi	18	430	48.0	142	38	11
Yash Patel	19	473	39.0	147	64	14
Dhananjay Trivedi	18	333	30.0	115	42	9
Sagar Patel	8	156	22.0	114	18	5
Ankit Patel	11	167	19.0	98	19	1
Dhairya Goswami	18	258	18.0	152	30	8
Dhavai Patel	17	159	18.0	117	15	2
Keyur Patel	13	153	17.0	93	20	2
Milind Thakkar	17	162	16.0	102	12	3
Deep Patel	15	186	14.0	122	21	8
Smit Patel	11	18	5.0	90	1	0

Bowling

	O	R	W	Avge	RPO
Yash Patel	61.0	385	31.0	12.4	6.3
Dhaval Patel	54.0	264	19.0	13.9	4.9
Arya Baxi	52.0	359	19.0	18.9	6.9
Dhananjay Trivedi	51.0	357	18.0	19.8	7.1
Smit Patel	30.0	215	11.0	19.5	7.2
Milind Thakkar	35.0	289	9.0	32.1	8.3

MASTERS GRADE TEAM REPORT – CARDINALS

This season was severely impacted by many of our core group of players succumbing to a range of injuries. We had a couple that went under the knife and required season ending recoveries. Some games saw a host of injured Cardinals cheering on but outnumbering the on field players. For most games it was a real struggle to get 11 players together. However we only had one default (is only 4 players is not enough for a game of cricket?) where the opposition defaulted to us for not being able to field a team!

Despite challenges in assembling 11 we had a couple of standout performances. Most memorable was a comprehensive victory over usual top of the table Old Boys that was spearheaded by a superb century by Phillip Walker. Also to be commended was Jacob Koster who became a regular and dominant fill in for us (thanks Abe and the All Stars). Otherwise we just missed finishing in the top 6 but probably had a much more enjoyable finish to the season competing in the bottom 7.

We had a number of representatives within our ranks. Julien van Dyke, David Fleming and Kelvin Scott all playing for various NZ and provincial ages group teams and Phil Walker playing Canterbury over 50's.

Thanks to Jeremy Brown for managing the team this season and to Gail for brilliant scoring of at times very average cricket.

We look forward to next season with hopefully a full muster.

James McKay
Captain

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS
Jacob Koster	3	3	1	163	81.5	69
Paul Rapley	5	5	1	212	53.0	87*
Paul Mathews	4	4	1	140	46.7	61*
Anthony Wild	9	9	0	273	30.3	120
Phillip Walker	14	14	0	373	26.6	114
Kelvin Scott	5	5	0	118	23.6	79
Anak Lumb	13	12	3	197	21.4	66
Sagar Gandi	6	5	0	100	20.0	51
Tim Hannon	9	9	1	151	18.9	69*
Brendan Winder	5	5	3	37	18.5	15
Grant Ross	1	1	0	15	15.0	15
James McKay	14	13	0	192	14.8	51
Ammar Yousef	7	7	4	37	12.3	12*
Paul Smith	7	5	3	19	9.5	9
Jeremy Brown	4	2	1	9	9.0	6
David Fleming	12	9	5	26	6.5	12*
Marc Stevenson	8	6	0	17	2.8	9
Bert Walker	4	4	0	11	2.8	6
Paul Bennett	8	6	0	13	2.2	8
Chris O'Connell	1	1	0	2	2.0	2
Dave Hardy	1	1	0	0	0.0	0
Julien van Dyke	3	1	1	0	-	0*

Bowling

	O	R	W	Avge	RPO
David Fleming	73.0	380	19	20.0	5.2
Tim Hannon	66.0	274	13	21.1	4.2
Paul Rapley	20.0	89	4	22.3	4.5
Paul Mathews	12.0	45	2	22.5	3.8
Jacob Koster	19.0	69	3	23.0	3.6
Kelvin Scott	35.0	139	6	23.2	4.0
Bert Walker	3.0	25	1	25.0	8.3
Anthony Wild	4.0	26	1	26.0	6.5
Phillip Walker	79.0	340	12	28.3	4.3
Julien van Dyke	13.0	65	2	32.5	5.0
Marc Stevenson	31.3	169	5	33.8	5.4
Sagar Gandi	31.0	169	5	33.8	5.5
Brendan Winder	35.0	149	4	37.3	4.3
Paul Smith	28.0	114	2	57.0	4.1
Dave Hardy	6.0	13	0	-	2.2
Anak Lumb	2.0	24	0	-	4.8
Ammar Yousef	2.0	29	0	-	14.5
Jeremy Brown	23.0	94	0	-	4.1

Fielding

	Catches	Stumpings
James McKay	6	**3**
Phillip Walker	6	
Tim Hannon	6	
Paul Rapley	4	
Anthony Wild	3	
Jacob Koster	3	
David Fleming	2	
Marc Stevenson	2	
Ammar Yousef	1	
Bert Walker	1	
Brendan Winder	1	
Dave Hardy	1	
Kelvin Scott	1	
Paul Smith	1	

MASTERS GRADE TEAM REPORT – HOSPITAL

The 2025/26 saw Hospital being part of a 13 team completion, with a first round each team playing each other and then split into 2 grades for the 2nd round.

The first round felt very disjointed for Hospital with a first round bye and then 3 games rained out and no play on the 2 long weekends. So, 9 games were completed in the first round with 3 wins and 6 losses. The wins coming against Ohoka Originals, Lancaster Park-Heathcote and Sydenham Cardinals.

First game of season was against Burnside Foxes at Centennial 1, we batted first scoring 161 before dropping our first 6 outfield catches of the season and allowing Burnside to sneak home 7 wickets down. 2nd up was Ohoka Originals on a damp track at Centennial 2, Ohoka scoring 64 and us staggering to 65/7 to claim the win.

A loss to Merivale at Bishopdale, on another tough pitch with Richard McKinlay getting 4/6 and 42 runs was followed by a game at Hagley against last year's top team OBC. OBC batting first scored a challenging 239/8 with John Hampton the best of the bowling with 3/39. With Jinto leading the way with 108 we gave the target a good chase eventually finishing 17 runs short with an over to go.

A heavy loss to Burnside Robbies in the next game before another win this time against Lancaster Park Heathcote at Garrick Park. Batting first we scored a good 209 with Tim 73 batting with his son Liam 60 scoring the bulk of the runs. Lancaster Park falling short only getting to 185 but strangely still having 6 wickets left, credit to the accurate bowling of Hospital at the end.

A good win in a close game going down to the last over against the Cardinals out at Ohoka on Masters Grade day. Great Bowling by Matt Gilling getting 5/32 after we had scored 190/8 in our 40 overs, Cardinals coming up short with 185/8. Loses to Sumner and Marist to finish the 1st round, placing us in section 2 for the 2nd round.

Two good wins to start the 2nd round, against Cardinals with Wrik Mukherjee getting his first ever century 108 not out and Jim Simpson getting 7/40 off his 8 overs. Then a win over Ohoka Originals at Ohoka, chasing 193, we achieved the win 5 down with Richard McKinlay scoring a dominant 115*.

Loses to Lancaster Park and Ohoka RFC, only highlight from these games was a century for Tim batting through the innings on Hagley 2 for 104 not out against Ohoka RFC for the 4th Individual Century of the season for Hospital.

The season ended with 2 games on horrible tracks at Centennial. Against St Albans we were all out for 55 with St Albans getting the 56 runs, but losing 6 wickets in the process.
Last game was on a flooded Centennial field against Merivale who batted first scoring 105 , we managed to get there in the last over having lost 9 wickets. Finishing with 3 wins in the second round.

Our Club player of the year was Tim Suddaby with 400 runs, and team player of the year was Wrik with his maiden Century and plenty of supporting innings during the season.

Thanks to all the Hospital players for their high availability for games during the season which made things easier for Mark and myself sorting teams during the season.

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Timothy Suddaby	10	9	1	399	49.9	104*	2	1
Richard McKinlay	8	8	1	229	32.7	115*		1
Jinto Mathew	11	11	1	302	30.2	108	2	1
Wrik Mukherjee	12	12	2	258	25.8	108*	1	1
Tristan Pettit	12	11	1	158	15.8	41		
John Hampton	14	12	6	87	14.5	33		
Bruce Day	10	8	0	114	14.3	45		
Mark Crawford	12	11	0	124	11.3	31		
Bryan Bunz	14	12	2	102	10.2	20		
Rahul Mukherjee	13	9	2	67	9.6	21		
Jamie Billings	11	11	1	84	8.4	21		
Frank Walsh	7	4	1	15	5.0	6		
Matthew Gilling	14	9	3	10	1.7	4*		
James Simpson	11	6	4	2	1.0	1*		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO	5w
Richard McKinlay	18.3	2	87	5	17.4	4/6	4.7	
James Simpson	55.1	6	248	14	17.7	7/40	4.5	1
Rahul Mukherjee	82.0	16	268	15	17.9	3/37	3.3	
Frank Walsh	11.0	0	56	3	18.7	1/1	5.1	
Jinto Mathew	57.0	8	215	11	19.5	3/7	3.8	
John Hampton	59.0	6	228	11	20.7	3/39	3.9	
Matthew Gilling	75.2	4	390	18	21.7	5/32	5.2	1
Tristan Pettit	67.2	4	336	10	33.6	3/21	5.0	
Timothy Suddaby	29.0	1	152	4	38.0	3/19	5.2	
Bruce Day	13.0	0	55	1	55.0	1/30	4.2	
Wrik Mukherjee	1.5	0	9	0	-	0/9	4.9	
Jamie Billings	2.5	0	26	0	-	0/10	9.2	

Fielding

	Catches	Stumpings
Bryan Bunz	7	4
Jinto Mathew	5	
Richard McKinlay	5	
Timothy Suddaby	3	
John Hampton	2	
Rahul Mukherjee	2	
Wrik Mukherjee	2	
Tristan Pettit	1	
Jamie Billings	1	
Bruce Day	1	
Frank Walsh	1	

WOMEN'S DIV 1 TEAM REPORT

In Division 1, both teams finished the season midtable, recording a balanced mix of wins and losses. Development across this group was a major positive, highlighted by Millie Kinzett and Julia Manton scoring their first centuries — outstanding milestones in their cricket journeys. Captaincy development was another key focus, with Mya Cridge, Lily Hayston and Liv McKenzie all showing great maturity and leadership in demanding roles. It has been a pleasure to welcome new players into the programme this season, and we look forward to continuing to support them on their cricket journeys. Whether you are new to the club or a long-standing member, we welcome your ideas and enthusiasm as we work together to make next season even better.

DIV 1 BLUE TEAM

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Julia Manton	3	2	0	175	87.5	106	1	1
Lily Hayston	7	7	2	209	41.8	76*	2	
Millie Kinzett	7	7	3	85	21.2	22*		
Greer Hill	8	6	4	37	18.5	27*		
Biena Hickford	8	7	1	110	18.3	41		
Abby Laird	1	1	0	17	17.0	17		
Hannah Watson	1	1	0	16	16.0	16		
Emma Begg	5	5	1	60	15.0	27		
Brooke Robinson	2	2	1	15	15.0	11		
Zoe Ellerton-Kelly	2	1	0	14	14.0	14*		
Linda Pettigrew	11	10	0	115	11.5	36		
Cosette Major	4	3	1	14	7.0	8*		
Sandy Mitchell	3	3	0	19	6.3	10		
Kate Breitmeyer	7	7	1	34	5.7	14		
Parneet Kaur	12	8	2	11	1.8	5		
Charlotte Clatworthy	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Stella English	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Megan Meltzer	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Shizuka Miyaji	1	-	-	-	-	-		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO
Brooke Robinson	10.0	4	23	5	4.6	3/6	2.3
Millie Kinzett	27.2	4	88	13	6.8	3/8	3.2
Stella English	2.0	0	9	1	9.0	1/9	4.5
Linda Pettigrew	40.1	3	165	11	15.0	2/2	4.1
Greer Hill	40.0	3	143	8	17.9	3/37	3.6
Lily Hayston	33.2	3	164	7	23.4	3/13	4.9
Zoe Ellerton-Kelly	9.0	0	30	1	30.0	1/15	3.3
Abby Laird	5.0	0	36	1	36.0	1/36	7.2
Parneet Kaur	28.3	0	207	4	51.8	2/30	7.3
Cosette Major	15.0	0	99	1	99.0	1/32	6.6
Biena Hickford	15.0	0	104	1	104.0	1/20	6.9
Kate Breitmeyer	23.0	1	135	1	135.0	1/21	5.9
Emma Begg	7.4	0	53	0	-	0/17	6.9

Fielding

	Catches
Greer Hill	5
Millie Kinzett	4
Biena Hickford	4
Kate Breitmeyer	3
Parneet Kaur	2
Julia Manton	2
Lily Hayston	1
Cosette Major	1
Emma Begg	1
Sandy Mitchell	1
Abby Laird	1

DIV 1 RED TEAM

Batting

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	HS	50s	100s
Julia Manton	1	1	0	62	62.0	62	1	
Millie Kinzett	9	9	3	230	38.3	101*		1
Elise Dill-Russell	7	7	0	187	26.7	89	1	
Elsie Duncan	2	2	0	47	23.5	46		
Mya Cridge	15	13	2	229	20.8	65*	2	
Lily Hayston	2	2	1	17	17.0	13*		
Ella Dear	12	11	3	124	15.5	59*	1	
Hannah Watson	12	12	3	117	13.0	54*	1	
Willow Ewing	13	13	1	153	12.8	41*		
Olivia Mckenzie	14	13	1	111	9.2	47		
Charlotte Clatworthy	1	1	0	9	9.0	9		
Jessica Fenton	7	5	2	14	4.7	10		
Kate Breitmeyer	4	4	1	12	4.0	11		
Cosette Major	3	1	0	7	3.5	7		
Zoe Derry	13	8	3	13	2.6	4*		
Parneet Kaur	4	2	1	2	2.0	2*		
Kyla Tilson	5	4	0	1	0.3	1		
Brooke Robinson	1	1	1	25	-	25*		
Boadicea Lynch	1	1	1	14	-	14*		
Greer Hill	1	-	-	-	-	-		

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	RPO
Elsie Duncan	13.1	2	35	5	7.0	3/11	2.7
Lily Hayston	9	2	24	3	8.0	2/14	2.7
Greer Hill	3	1	9	1	9.0	1/9	3.0
Brooke Robinson	7	0	24	2	12.0	2/17	3.4
Charlotte Clatworthy	8	3	29	2	14.5	2/29	3.6
Elise Dill-Russell	41.0	2	127	8	15.9	3/15	3.1
Millie Kinzett	40.3	5	161	9	17.9	3/8	4.0
Mya Cridge	24.2	0	170	9	18.9	4/20	7.0
Jessica Fenton	23	0	133	6	22.2	3/30	5.8
Zoe Derry	52.5	2	291	13	22.4	4/17	5.5
Hannah Watson	20.0	0	155	6	25.8	4/13	7.8
Olivia Mckenzie	53.1	2	292	10	29.2	2/23	5.5
Parneet Kaur	9.0	0	60	1	30.0	2/30	6.7
Ella Dear	42.0	0	186	6	31.0	3/10	4.4
Kyla Tilson	7	0	64	1	64.0	1/27	9.1
Kate Breitmeyer	12	2	69	1	69.0	1/4	5.8
Willow Ewing	2	0	22	0	-	0/22	11.0
Cosette Major	11	0	94	0	-	0/23	8.5

Fielding

	Catches	Stumpings
Millie Kinzett	8	
Mya Cridge	5	
Olivia Mckenzie	4	
Ella Dear	3	
Willow Ewing	2	2
Elise Dill-Russell	2	
Jessica Fenton	2	
Lily Hayston	2	
Hannah Watson	1	
Zoe Derry	1	
Kyla Tilson	1	
Kate Breitmeyer	1	
Julia Manton	1	
Brooke Robinson	1	
Boadicea Lynch	1	

THE NEXT GENERATION - SYDENHAM YOUTH

The end of Term 1 marks the halfway point for youth cricket in 2026. Player numbers were strong again with 75 player secondary school-aged boys playing for Sydenham across 6 teams. This is especially encouraging following the departure of 14x Year 13 boys from the club at the end of 2025. We had three teams playing 1st XI Grade cricket, which is a great endorsement of the youth programme that Sydenham has put in place over the last 4 seasons. We also entered a team in the Year 10 competition and teams in both the Year 9A and 9B grades. It's great to see another strong group of Year 9. boys (in terms of numbers and talent) beginning their youth cricket journey with the club.

1st XI

Our 1st XI played in the Cup grade. For the first time in recent history, the Cup Grade format moved from declaration to 2-day cricket. The key objective of the season for the 1st XI was to finish in the top 4 of the grade, which would secure their promotion to a 10-team Championship grade in Term 4. Unfortunately, the 1st XI struggled to produce consistent, high-level team performances across the term and finished 5th of 6 teams in the grade. The loss of seven boys from last year's 1st XI combined with player injuries also had an impact, though the group continued to build throughout the term and blooded a number of new players.

The clear highlight came in the final game of the season, with the boys producing their most complete all-round performance to beat Christ's College 2nd XI outright by 197 runs. The win was set up on Day One by a disciplined bowling display led by Reuben Williamson (5/25), before Bayley Gardner (5/17) spearheaded the second innings effort to dismiss Christ's for 67 and seal an emphatic finish. Across the season there were encouraging individual moments, including Bayley Gardner's 5/47 against Shirley Boys' HS 1st XI, and the continued development of Liam Beck as a strike spinner (two 4-wicket hauls). With the bat, the boys showed greater resilience as the season progressed, highlighted by Harry Durdin's superb unbeaten 103 to draw the match with St Andrew's 2nd XI.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI played in the Bowl grade and finished 5th. The team showed real character throughout the term, finishing with four wins, one losing draw and three losses, several of which could easily have gone either way. There were some outstanding individual highlights: Liam Kinzett carried his bat for a superb 60* in a dominant 9-wicket win over Ashburton College 1st XI; Eli Helms produced an extraordinary burst of 4/2 off 1.4 overs to rip through Ashburton College in the final round; Om Akash Patel claimed 4/16 as Sydenham bowled Christ's College out for 160; and Daniel Barclay took 4/5 to set up a 48-run win against Shirley Boys HS.

The boys also pulled off a memorable late chase against Christs College and showed tremendous fight to save a draw against Northwest after a dramatic collapse.

3rd XI

The 3rd XI competed in the Plate grade and finished 9th of 11 teams. The season started with a hiss and a roar, when they bowled St Bedes College 3rd XI out for 28 spearheaded by Austen Grant (5/7). The remainder of the season was more challenging – resulting in only one further win against a combined Selwyn and Banks Peninsula Team. Overall, it was pleasing to see a large number of boys make solid contributions with the bat and ball, which bodes well for improved results in Term 4.

Year 10
Our Year 10 had a great Term 1 – winning five of their seven games with the two losses being closely contested. The emphasis for the group is on enjoyment and continued development, while using the competitive results as a platform to lift consistency in both batting and bowling. Key individual performances came from Jay Thakar (5/18) v North West Sharks on the same day where he scored half the team's runs, and Hridayman Sharma's hat-trick against the Heathcote Hyenas.

Year 9A
Our Year 9A team made an outstanding start to their youth cricket journey in a very competitive 9A grade. The team won 5 of their 6 matches, including notable victories over Christchurch Boys' High, Christ's College, and St Andrew's A teams – an encouraging platform for future Sydenham youth cricket seasons. Aside from the awesome team results, it was very pleasing to see all players make meaningful contributions across the games with bat and ball. Lennox Spain, Nico Whitehead, Lachie Haig and Reuben Thorpe all scored half centuries and Lachie Haig went big against St Andrews – scoring 131 off just 65 balls.

Year 9B
Our Year 9B team showed strong growth across the first half of the 2026 season, improving quickly as combinations settled and match experience built. The boys were tested early in the season against strong opposition and, as the term progressed, developed into a competitive, well-drilled unit that ended up winning five of seven games, including the final five on the trot. It was pleasing to see contributions spread across the group and continued improvement in both batting depth and bowling discipline. The boys clicked as a team, supporting each other through tough times, and celebrating great performances.

Overall, it was another positive season for the youth section of the club and the future looks bright.

Before I conclude, it would be remiss not to pass on an enormous thanks to all the volunteers (managers, scorers, helpers and supporters) that give up a lot of time to help deliver cricket for our youth boys. We simply could not provide the boys with the cricket opportunities they receive without your support. Thank you.

Paul Durdin
Youth Convenor

Profit and Loss

Sydenham Cricket Club Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Account		2026	2025
Cricket Club Operations			
	Trading Income		
	Bar Income	6,976	7,484
	Book sales	69	26
	Casual User Fees	34,209	21,020
	Club Raffle	7,819	7,200
	CMC Coaching Grant	0	5,707
	Donations	12,750	55,250
	Full Facility Fees	23,146	28,231
	General Grants	98,479	55,786
	Golf Tournament	1,200	1,391
	CCA Grant	0	1,000
	Ground Hire	1,700	900
	Interest Received	756	749
	Quiz evenings	1,730	1,347
	Raffles	0	68
	Clothing sale	3,485	705
	Sponsorship	7,750	4,500
	Subscription Arrears	417	710
	Subscription Income	40,518	34,877
	Supporters Club	43	43
	Youth Camps	0	0
	Total Trading Income	**241,049**	**226,995**
	Cost of Providing Goods and Services		
	Opening Stock - Bar	680	200
	Bar costs	2,942	2,295
	Bar Purchases	4,627	3,765
	Closing Stock - Bar	(200)	(680)
	Total Costs Bar	**8,049**	**5,581**
	Opening Stock - Cricket	20,686	21,981
	Cricket Balls and Gear	32,396	26,846
	Closing Stock - Cricket	(27,196)	(20,686)
	Total Costs Cricket Gear	**25,886**	**28,141**
	Total Cost of Providing Goods and Services	**33,935**	**33,722**

Operating Expenses		
Accountancy Fees	360	555
Annual Report	275	275
Audit Fee	1,250	2,850
Bank Charges	152	28
Cleaning costs	2,755	1,913
Clothing	12,136	6,924
CMCA Affiliation Fees	13,624	9,334
CMCA Default Fees	0	75
Coaching	56,864	59,496
Compliance	916	1,510
Depreciation	7,805	5,154
Desktop Publishing	304	350
Food	723	261
Gear & equipment	261	750
General Expenses	371	0
Grounds	32,834	34,583
Health & safety	49	0
Honours Board Upgrade	290	0
Marketing Costs	350	104
Pay-to-Play	5,012	3,284
Player Costs	4,261	4,025
Power	4,287	3,945
Prior Year Adjustment	0	2,964
Repairs & Maintenance	12,263	9,287
Rubbish Removal	361	316
Scoring costs	2,910	3,200
SPC annual facility fee	4,200	4,200
Scholarships	8,175	3,500
Sundry	0	0
Technology	909	918
Trophies	1,165	1,172
Website costs	1,515	987
Total Operating Expenses	**176,376**	**161,959**
Surplus for the Year	**30,738**	**31,314**

Balance Sheet

Sydenham Cricket Club Incorporated
As at 30 June 2026

		2026	2025
Assets			
	Current Assets		
	Bank Accounts	116,513	76,325
	Accounts Receivable (Xero)	7,036	10,908
	Bar Stock	200	680
	Cricket Stock	27,196	20,686
	Petty Cash - Bar	0	200
	Sydenham Cricket Club Trust Dist. Received	14,937	14,937
	Total Current Assets	**165,882**	**123,736**
	Fixed Assets		
	Fixed Assets	81,778	88,172
	Total Fixed Assets	**81,778**	**88,172**
	Non-current Assets		
	Sydenham Park Complex 50% Share	1,720,273	1,720,273
	Total Non-current Assets	**1,720,273**	**1,720,273**
Total Assets		**1,967,933**	**1,932,181**
Liabilities			
	Current Liabilities		
	GST	1,260	208
	Unspent Income	15,000	15,000
	Youth Funds	5,797	1,835
	Total Current Liabilities	**22,057**	**17,043**
Total Liabilities		**22,057**	**17,043**
	Net Assets	**1,945,876**	**1,915,138**
Equity			
	Accumulated Funds	194,866	163,552
	Current Year Earnings	30,738	31,314
	Sydenham Park Complex	1,720,273	1,720,273
Total Equity		**1,945,876**	**1,915,138**

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INCOME

Category	excl gst	incl gst	gst
Facility Hire	$12,000.00	$13,800.00	$1,800.00
Grants	$63,815.63	$63,815.63	$0.00
Interest	$1,829.17	$1,829.17	$0.00
Pavilion Hire	$1,015.00	$1,167.25	$152.25
Donations	$3,250.00	$3,250.00	$0.00
Sponsorship	$500.00	$575.00	$75.00
STC Reimb	$1,336.72	$1,537.23	$200.51
SUHC Turf Reimb	$19,922.58	$22,910.97	$2,988.39
GST refunds	$3,202.13	$3,202.13	$0.00
Total Income	$106,871.23	$112,087.38	$5,216.15

Please note that $50,000.00 of the grants is allocated to the replacement of the Turf, Light and Fence. Should there be insufficiant funding, this grant will need to be reimbursed

EXPENSES

Category	excl gst	incl gst	gst
Bank Charges	$6.00	$6.00	$0.00
Electricity	$2,588.07	$2,976.28	$388.21
Fundraising	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Gas Supply	$233.05	$268.01	$34.96
General Exps	$1,378.91	$1,585.75	$206.84
Insurance	$13,846.18	$15,923.11	$2,076.93
Park Rent	$945.30	$1,087.10	$141.80
Phone Line	$1,441.97	$1,658.27	$216.30
Rprs & Maint	$872.83	$1,003.75	$130.92
Security	$7,366.24	$8,471.18	$1,104.94
Donations	$3,250.00	$3,250.00	$0.00
SUHC Turf Costs	$13,569.35	$15,604.75	$2,035.40
GST Paid	$1,883.97	$1,883.97	$0.00
Total Expenses	$47,381.88	$53,718.17	$6,336.29
YTD Profit/Loss	$59,489.35	$58,369.21	-$1,120.14

I declare this to be a true and accurate record of our current financial position Year Ending 30 June 2026

Steve Smith
Chairperson/Treasurer
Sydenham Park Complex Inc
23rd July 2026

SYDENHAM PARK COMPLEX INC. assets and liabilities to 30th June 2026

Assets			
	Cash & Bank Accounts		
	General Account	$	58,920.40
	Major Asset Repl Account	$	61,904.64
	Minor Asset Repl Account	$	1,170.52
Other Assets			
	Astro Turf & Nets & Lights	$	500,000.00
	Contents	$	271,500.00
	Funds Owed - GST	$	73.59
	Invoices Outstanding	$	-
	Machinery	$	18,000.00
	Pavilion	$	1,370,000.00
	Sydenham Training Centre	$	1,220,000.00
Total Assets		$	3,501,569.15
Liabilities & Equity			
	Liabilities	$	-
	Bills to Pay	$	-
	GST owing	$	-
Total Liabilities		$	-
Equity		$	3,501,569.15
Total Liabilities & Equity		$	3,501,569.15

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Notes to Accounts

To the readers of Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated financial statements:

For the year ended 30th June 2026

A Foundation Member of Sydenham Park Complex Inc, The Southern United Hockey Club, have approve consents from the

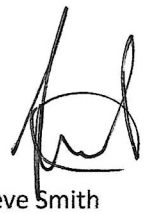
Christchurch City Council to upgrade the Artificial Playing Surface, Lights and Fence on Sydenham Park.

Southern United Hockey Club have begun raising funds in connection with the upgrade, due to the Artificial Playing Surface being on part of the land leased by Sydenham Park Complex Inc. from the Christchurch City Council, both funding and upgrade cost will be directed through Sydenham Park Complex Inc accounts.

For clarity, as this is a one-off situation, all funding and costs will be noted in our Financial Accounts, where they will be itemised separately. The project is due to begin in September 2026 and a more complete picture will reflect in next years accounts. All shortfall costs for the project will be met by Southern United Hockey Club.

It should be noted that an "Operating Agreement" dated the 26th July 2022 between Sydenham Park Complex Inc. and the two Foundation Members, Sydenham Cricket Club and Southern Unity Club, specifies which assets each Foundation Member is responsible for, with regards to ongoing management, maintenance and finances. Southern United Hockey Club are responsible for the Artificial Play Surface.

As in previous years, the Society has received some donations this year, with the donors nominating what purpose their funds were to be applied to, A motion to the effect the funds be passed on to the relevant Founding Members, Sydenham Cricket Club and Southern United Hockey Club has been recorded in our minutes



Steve Smith

Treasurer

Sydenham Park Complex Inc.

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Addendum to Audit Report

In completing this audit, I did not sight the Balance Sheet, however, having undertaken this audit for several years, I am aware of the Assets involved and the Complex's overall position.

In addition, I have not sample checked individual transactions pertaining to the P&L.
I have however, sensed checked total expenses in the P&L, alongside bank statements provided, and in my opinion, the compilation of the P&L Report appears accurate.

Steve Elkins

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AUDIT REPORT

To the readers of Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated financial statements:

For the year ended 30th June 2026

The committee of the Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated has appointed me Steven Elkins to carry out the audit of the financial statements of Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 2026.

Unqualified Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements of the Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated fairly reflect the Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated financial position as at 30th June 2026.

The Audit was completed on 7th August 2026 and is the date at which my opinion is expressed.

The basis of my opinion is explained below. In addition, I outline the responsibilities of the Committee and the Auditor, and explain my independence.

Basis of Opinion

I planned and performed the audit to obtain all information and explanations I considered necessary in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements did not have material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error.
Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that would affect a readers overall understanding of the financial statements. If I had found material misstatements that were not corrected, I would have referred to them in my opinion.
The audit involved performing procedures to test the information presented in the financial statements.

I assessed the result of these procedures in forming my opinion.

Audit procedures generally include:
> determining whether significant financial and management controls are working and can be relied on to produce complete and accurate data.
> verifying samples of transactions and account balances.
> performing analyses to identify anomalies in the reported data.
> reviewing significant estimates and judgements made by the committee.
> confirming year end balances.
>determining whether accounting policies are appropriate and consistently applied.
>determining whether all financial statement disclosures are adequate.

I did not examine every transaction, nor do I guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements.
I evaluate the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.
I obtained all the information and explanations I required to support my opinion above.

Responsibilities of the Committee and Auditor

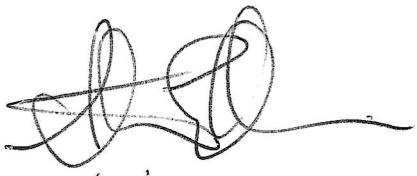
The committee is responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with the generally accepted practise in New Zealand. Those financial statements must fairly reflect the financial position of Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated as at 30th June 2026. They must also fairly reflect the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

I am responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and reporting that opinion to you.

Independence

Other than the audit, I have no other relationship or interest in Sydenham Park Complex Incorporated.

To be read in conjunction with e-mail addendum attached.



7/8/2026