

Club Captains Report



Well the season began on a frustrating note with rain, rain and more rain ensuring we lost several Saturdays at the start of the season. Together with a lack of pitches around town, October won't go down as everyone's favourite month. So when we did get some cricket it certainly went down well. The Prem men got off to a great start for the season winning both rounds of the two day competition so far - that's now eight two day game wins in a row continuing on from there two day competition win last season. Unfortunately they missed out on the one day semi-finals after a slow start but finished the round with some outstanding wins. The prem women have continued to grow in confidence with a couple of convincing wins so far this season.

In the lower grades the 2C team made it to the semi-finals of their one day competition only to be denied a chance of getting to the final as weather again washed out their match. And our 2A side missed out on the semi-finals by just one point. In the afternoon grades the wet weather has meant most teams have only played 5 out of 10 games so points tables are still fairly tight.

So far this season the bar has been well supported by teams playing on Sydenham but not so much by teams playing away from home. Please support the bar after the games. It provides valuable income for the club. It's a great place to wind down, chat over a beer about how things went that day and watch some TV – admittedly that will only apply for a couple of Saturday's before work on the ground commences. The first quiz night had less teams but was still a good night by all and a close finish as usual. The first of the club photos have just gone up on the wall in the club rooms showing some of the club history and previous Prem men winning teams including last year's two day title. We are currently scanning all the photos to the website for future reference as many of the original photos are frail and damaged. We hope to down the line copy these scans and have all club photos available for viewing in folders. Thanks to everyone who has helped to get us to this stage so far. Remember to stay up to date with the club scene by following the club's website and Facebook page.

Andrew Chisnall, Club Captain

Premier Squad Report



After a great start in the 2-dayers, those performances didn't transfer well into the 1-day competition were we initially very poor, losing the first four matches straight, and with it any chance to qualify for the semi-finals. However, in contrast we won our first 2- dayers outright, and although taking 1st innings points, unfortunately lost a close one on Saturday, but still sit a very close 2nd to OBC in that competition at Christmas.

With an unduly wet start to the season bowling stats have been understandably good with significant performances from all the Prems bowlers, although the batting and fielding have been less impressive. The outstanding performances came from Chris Cooper [6/16], Stu Naden [6/22], Braden Gardner [5/6], Tom Agnew [5/25], Mitchel Gardner [5/34] and Ryan Wallace [4/7]. Mitch leads the wicket takers with 24 at Christmas and in the top 2-3 in the competition.



Chris Cooper's 6/16 the best pre-Christmas figures

The batting highlights featured Chad Bowes [138], Dylan Goldstone [71 & 70], Ryan Wallace [68 & 61*] and Lane Tutty [50]. The innings of the season to date was played by Chad Bowes with his 138 in the demolition of Marist Harewood at

Redwood Park, an innings that certainly kicked off his season for Canterbury. But to be fair the team's batting has been patchy, with one or two good players struggling for form, and consistency and confidence in being able to chase totals still not yet where we'd like it to be, and as it developed over last season. However, we undoubtedly have the player strength in the side and wider squad for this facet of the game to come right for us in the New Year.



Chad Bowes and Dylan Goldstone 141 opening partnership against Marist

The season also saw us lose Harshal Vyas after the first few matches as he returned to Auckland following the completion of this degree. Harshal has been a real contributor to the Prem team over the past two seasons with both the bat and ball, and although he will be missed we wish him well in his future cricketing career.

So after Christmas we recommence with the T20s competition followed by the balance of the 2- day one which is always our priority. The club is poised to make history if we successfully defend our 2- day Championship title but it will take a lot of commitment, discipline and intelligence, particularly in the batting.

Mike Dolden
Manager

Premier Women's Report

The progress of the **Premier Women** has been put on hold as of late due the 6 a-side Kirsty Bond series. The younger girls have been enjoying the opportunity to have a good bat and bowl while the senior players are away. Bernadine Bezuidenhout has been away playing for Northern Spirit and finding some good form while she's at it. Against Wellington she hit the winning runs in the T20 to finish 14 not out and the next day followed that up with a 40, two catches and a run out. Almost halfway through the season the table doesn't represent the progress the Prem girls are making with two wins out of seven games, one of those wins being against the top of the table Lancaster Park side. The women will continue to keep working towards making the final at the end of season and if we can collect a few wins in the next few games we will be well on our way.



So far this season, the **Div 1 team** has experienced the ups and downs of cricket. Recently experiencing the upside by defeating last year's winners Merivale Papanui last Saturday. The game was set up by the first batting partnership of Pettigrew and McKenzie, which was then strengthened by big hitter Pullan's fresh approach nearer the end of the innings. The bowlers and fielders, despite being short of players, pushed themselves to defend the score of 141 runs, resulting in restricting the batsmen so much so that after the 20 overs were up Sydenham had won by 19 runs. This is owed to the bowlers Hurd, Pullan, Pettigrew, Lynch, and Topping who worked together and put pressure on the batsmen with their range of different approaches. Even though at times the team is disheartened, when determined and enjoying the game we are definitely at our strongest. The rest of the season should be good competition and good fun.



Ashley Cloake - Premier Women's Captain
Isla McKenzie - Div1 Women

Cashmere High School girls first 11 side played in the Secondary Schools Tournament held at Lincoln University on the 2nd-4th of December. The team was made up of current Sydenham players and also some new players to the game. We played five games and won one game against Tauranga Girls at Bert Sutcliffe Oval that came down to the last ball. The team showed great improvement throughout the three days. It was a good experience for the girls and everyone brought a different type of energy to the team.



This tournament was a great experience for all of the girls in the team and we all learned a lot from it. It certainly brought us closer together as a team and after every game we would talk about things we could improve which helped so we knew what to work on. Even though we didn't win the competition, being the 6th best girl's school cricket team in New Zealand is a great achievement for everyone. The whole team would like to thank our coach Andrew McKenzie who put lots of time and effort into the team.

Jenna Waghorn
Cashmere High School girl's team

Sydenham Pavilion Starting to Reflect its Heritage

The committee has been conscious for some time that, although the renovated pavilion is now of a high standard, it has been lacking a cricket focus and certainly hasn't been reflecting our heritage. The recent major upgrade to the honours board, and the installation of the sizable trophy cabinet, have both gone some way towards achieving that, what was lacking was pictures. That was resolved two weeks ago when a series of pictures were hung up the stairway wall.



These start with some dating back to our roots as Addington in the 1800's, then shots of the ground 100 plus years ago, some special events, and then the last four Premier 2-day championship sides which will always be set that way and hopefully updated many times. You will note that there's a space left at the top of the stairway to add this year's one and as such will always make it the last 5 championship winners – and we would like to see a ladies winner up there sometime in the future as well.



A big thanks to Emma Scarf for her work on this initiative.



Player profile
Ryan Wallace

Other teams I've played for

All age groups for Kwa-Zulu Natal Dolphins U19
Dolphins Academy
Bromley Common
Botany Bay
Topham
Kearsney College

What do you bring to your Sydenham team?

I think I bring a lot of energy, passion and the enjoyment of cricket to the team. Whether I'm batting, bowling or fielding I do it at 120% and with a lot of passion. Being an all-rounder I am able to help out through the whole game which is always nice for a team to have. One thing I try do when I'm playing cricket is that I try to help my team mates enjoy the match too.

Nicknames

Wogsy

Other sports played

Hockey, soccer, tennis and I love a game of golf.

Who is your Doppelganger?

The Hobbit / Lord Farquaad

Favourite all time player

Jonty Rhodes

Favour venue played?

Kearsney College – The Oval

Favourite moment at Sydenham so far

Our win against Riccarton

Team mate you most admired

Chad Bowes

Most respected mentor

My Dad

Favourite holiday destination

Portugal, Cascais (On the beach)

Best personal performance

I've scored many hundreds but I've always said my knock of 93 not out against Affies has been my best performance considering circumstances.

Most embarrassing moment in cricket

When I cramp up after playing a sweep

Hobbies

Having a good time with mates
A round of golf
A Bodysurf (Love the beach)
Fishing
Dominating Tom Agnew at a regular basis in soccer.

How did you hear of Sydenham

Through my agency that is called Futura Sports Agency

Favourite sporting moment

Making the SA u19 Hockey Team and then to be named as the midfielder of the tournament.

Favourite inspirational quote

"Work hard quietly and let success be your noise"
Lewis Howes

The Next Generation

What a terrible start to the 2016/2017 season we had with wet weather and ground closures. Thankfully someone flicked the switch and we have enjoyed perfect cricket conditions for the last month.

Many of our players have been performing well and from Year 6 up we have a number of players who have been chosen to represent Christchurch at the Manderville tournament in January and also the Invitational teams that played in December. Congratulations to those players. There will be more opportunities at the summer tournament for those children who are in Year 6 (or Year 5 girls) at school in 2017 upwards. Dates for trials will be sent around closer to the time.

We once again enjoyed the Christmas Party that was held at the club rooms on Saturday 17th December. It was a great turnout and we were able to farewell our Year 8 players who have now finished with SJCC. We wish them all the best for their continuing cricket careers with their High Schools or South West Cricket Club.

Thank you to the senior club players and committee members for hosting us and providing our players and families with sausages and such a welcoming atmosphere. More than expected showed up and so we ate the seniors out of sausages!



Year 8 boys at the Club Christmas Party

(L to R): Ryan Pringle, Thomas Owens, Caleb Manson, Monty Kemp, Harry Bisphan.

The raffle was drawn recently and the winners have been notified – Congratulations to all the winners! We hope there were many junior supporters who won and we thank again all our kind sponsors for their generous donations of prizes. We are very lucky to have amazing support from our community.

We wish all our Sydenham teams, players and families a very merry Christmas and summer holiday break. Take the time to enjoy time with your families playing beach cricket!

We will see you back on Waitangi weekend for the first games of 2017.

Kay Male & Libby Hickford
Sydenham Junior Cricket Club Co-Convenors

SYDENHAM CLUB FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Our key fundraiser for this season was a raffle run across both the Senior and Junior clubs. We had great support from our local community and accordingly were able to offer just under \$5,000 worth of prizes. This fundraiser produced an additional \$12,000 of net income shared by the two clubs to put towards our facilities and player development, and to help keep our player and team subscriptions at the lowest of all the senior clubs in Christchurch.

In spite of a disappointing initial lack of games this season most teams managed to sell their quota of tickets. We are fortunate to have had great support for the raffle from family, friends and work colleagues. Grandparents, parents, siblings, players and work colleagues all featured as prize winners.

Thank you to team captains and managers who arranged the distribution and collection of tickets and to the players who sold them. This process is never as simple as it sounds, and made more difficult by the lack of Saturday games, yet this fundraising is an essential revenue source for our club.

The Club would like to acknowledge and thank the many sponsors who have so kindly donated such an excellent range of prizes. Please support our sponsors.

Linda Pettigrew

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