

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Sydenham Cricket Club September 2019 issue



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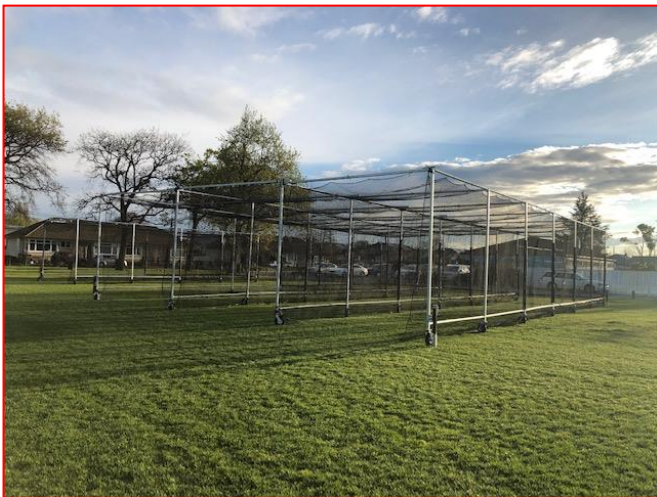
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Graham Harris, President

A very warm welcome back to the 2019/2020 season. It seems such a short time ago that we packed up the nets, and put away our gear and 'wintered' over.



During the winter your committee beavered away with budgets and new seasons plans, and sorting out our teams for the upcoming season. Our adult mens team numbers remain the same as last season, and although we are disappointed to lose one of our three womens team, it is pleasing to note that we continue to grow our numbers with two new male Youth team expected to be created this year taking the total to seven. As a club we know that our future success will be largely measured by our growth in player numbers from Junior club through youth into our Senior club, and it is very satisfying to see this happening.



This season sees another new outdoor net arrive to add to our existing 3 lane net system, all expertly built by Dave and the boys at Cashmere Engineering. With the growth in player numbers it is imperative that we continue to focus on enlarging and improving our training facilities. We are also currently evaluating the possibility of creating an

enclosed indoor net training facility in the astro area to hopefully allow all year round training facilities.

I am aware that a number of new players have joined our club this year. It is not possible to name you all at this time but on behalf of the committee I extend to you a very warm welcome to our club. However, at a senior level, I did want to make specific mention of three new arrivals who have joined us.

- **Matthew Bell** has joined us as Sydenham Premier Coach. Matt will be well known to cricketers as a former Black Caps Player from 1998- 2008 and as a Northern Districts and Wellington player from 1993 – 2010. Matt now resides in Lincoln and is contracted to New Zealand Cricket and is also the White Ferns assistant coach. Matt is delighted to be back in a club set up coaching as well, and we are very fortunate to secure his services as our Premier and Div one teams strive to put some silverware in the trophy cabinet again.
- **Aditya Edeker** has joined us after transferring from Auckland, having played Auckland A cricket, but after missing an Auckland contract, has decided to move south and advance his cricket in the Canterbury set up, and of course score lots of runs for our Sydenham Premier team.
- **Toby Mowat** has joined us from the Lancashire leagues in the UK, and we wish him a warm welcome. Toby is a big hitting batter who also bowls useful seamers and we are looking forward to him contributing strongly to our quest for Premier silverware this season. Both of these boys and the rest of our squad will benefit greatly from the leadership and coaching skills of our new Prem coach Mathew Bell.

I know also that our women have been training hard during the off season and Linda Pettigrew (our women's Manager) has done a great job getting the Prem girls fit and focused on the season ahead.

The youth teams are resuming their season in Mid October and I am hearing that playing numbers are on the increase which speaks volumes for the efforts we have put into caching and mentoring these young boys.

Across the club, and at all levels of cricket competition, I most of all want to say to you that what I want you all to savor, is the fellowship and camaraderie that our great game of cricket brings. I trust you all enjoy your season, and enjoy success at whatever level you aspire to, but most of all, enjoy your season at the Sydenham Cricket Club.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

**Andrew Chisnall,
Club Captain**



Welcome to the new season. I hope you all had a great winter and are ready for another exciting season at Sydenham.

And a warm welcome to all new players (both from overseas and throughout NZ) at the club this season. Premier men and women both have new coaches and we have a new groundsman with vast experience in producing first class pitches. Exciting times ahead this season.

Sydenham continues to be one of the biggest clubs around and will field 17 teams (including 5 youth teams and a chance for up to another two new ones at Christmas), plus the junior club which has close to 40 teams this season.

Bert will be having his early season quiz nite in October/November (date to be confirmed) so please support this social event. And there will be the Christmas Party on the last playing Saturday prior to Christmas. Remember that social events and the bar bring in much needed income for the club, so it's very important to get out and support club events.

It is important this season that all team results have to be submitted online to Metro Cricket by 3pm Sunday – these must now be [full scorecards which](#)

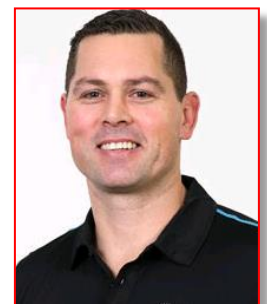
[means that captains can only load details of players who have registered on CricHQ](#). As we understand it, all afternoon grades will now be required to do the same so, although it is the winning captains job, we strongly suggest that you please always liaise with your opposing captain to ensure one of you will input the full details with will be new to some teams. So it is very important that all players are registered and if you haven't registered yet, please do so. Players must be registered before you can play any club cricket anyway and individual subs (non-team subs) for morning grade subs must be paid by 31 October. If paying by instalments these must be also started by 31 October.

The clubs website and Facebook pages will keep you up to date with what is happening in the club. On the website each side has their own page to add photos, team reports and stats (email to Kevin Congdon at kevcong@xtra.co.nz). We encourage all teams to make full use of their page.

Good luck to everyone for the season. Have a great time and enjoy your cricket.

PREMIER MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Matthew Bell, Coach



It's exciting to be involved with Sydenham this season and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at the club over the summer. We have already hit the ground running with 7 weeks off Indoor trainings in the HPC at Lincoln to blow out the cobwebs, get the body and mind ready for the season, and reconnect as a group.

We have welcomed in some new players to the club which will bolster our depth and create healthy competition for places throughout the grades. Three exciting new additions I'd like to introduce are: Toby Mowat, a young English all-rounder who likes to open the batting and bowls a heavy ball. Aditya Edekar joins us from Ellerslie Cricket Club in Auckland who is a top 4 batter, acquired over 1,000 runs in Premier club cricket and earned selection to represent Auckland A where he also scored heavily.

Lastly Tom McDonald who has transferred from East Shirley and is part of the Canterbury U19 Training Squad, he is a top order bat and is more than handy behind the stumps. These three should strengthen our batting stocks which struggled last year to put up consistent big numbers for our bowling attack to really shine with scoreboard pressure put on the opposition.

Unfortunately we have lost a few players in Ryan Jones who has gone off to join the police force, James Hunt who bowled handy off-spin and our professional Connor Marshall is not returning. On the plus side we have the core of the players throughout the grades returning and our top two teams are going to be well lead with Tim Johnston and Kelvin Scott captaining our Premier & Division One side respectively. It's been refreshing to have so many young players join us for our training sessions and their enthusiasm will no doubt transfer into some enjoyable match ups out in the middle.

Looking at results from last year we just missed on making the semi's for the one day, made the semi's for the T/20 series & ran out of steam in the 2 day competition finishing in the bottom half. Aspirations this year will be to make the play offs and go one better and to make a final in one of the white ball competitions as well as being in contention at the back end of the season for the red ball.

Looking forward to having some good cricket stories to share at trainings and in the club rooms over the weekends with everyone heading into the summer ahead.

Matthew's preview of the season for Christchurch Metro Cricket is below:

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MATTHEW BELL SIGNED AS NEW SYDENHAM COACH



As earlier announced via Facebook, the Club is very pleased to advise that Matt Bell has been appointed as the new Sydenham Premier coach for the 2019-20 season.

Matt will be well known to cricketers as a former Black Caps player from 1998 to 2008, and as a Northern Districts and Wellington player from 1993 to 2010. Matt now resides in Christchurch working predominantly at Lincoln as a contracted coach for New Zealand Cricket, and is also currently the White Ferns assistant coach.

The appointment is a reflection of the likelihood that Chris Harris' cricket commentary duties may restrict Harris' ability to play not much more than the white ball forms of the game this season, and as such Chris was equally keen to see a consistency of leadership across the three forms of the game this season.

In this regard we are also delighted to announce that Tim Johnston has been appointed as the Premier team captain for the 2019-20 season. Although Tim is only in his second year with the club his leadership abilities have been clearly evident, and this change is a great development opportunity for Tim with his cricket.

So it is exciting times for the club with an outstanding leadership team of Chris, Matt and TJ now set to take on the new season. To complete the structure around the senior teams, with Mike Dolden stepping back from formal responsibilities with the Club this season, a new selection panel has been appointed lead by Bill Nicolson as Conveyor, with his fellow selectors being Kevin Congdon, Matthew & TJ.

TOM O'CARROLL TO RETIRE

This season we will not see Tom around our grounds, at least not in a groundsman's capacity. After many years toiling away on our blocks and outfield, Tom's ageing body and ongoing health issues have finally forced him into retirement.



Sydenham had been fortunate to have secured Tom's services after what seemed a lifetime of service on the various grounds around Hagley Park and I suppose Sydenham was the ideal semi-retirement assignment for him.

After the earthquakes Tom's job was made all the more difficult dealing with liquefaction and cricket blocks that had seen better days. A groundsman's job is a difficult one at the best of times.

Changeable weather, grounds that are used and abused by the general public, and cricketers who demand batting - and bowling friendly wickets make for an interesting life for a groundsman.

Tom took this all in his stride, and on behalf of the committee and all of our cricket membership we give thanks to Tom for all his hard work and our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Graham Harris
President

PREMIER WOMEN'S REPORT

**Linda Pettigrew,
Women's Convenor**



Our premier women's team have had an excellent pre-season and are looking forward to their first game in October. Our squad have had seven indoor training sessions at Lincoln with coaches Katrina Keenan, Nicki Turner and Andrew McKenzie. These sessions were well attended by players who showed great energy and focus.



In addition to this training we have offered players one-to-one training sessions, funded from our The Birdwood sponsorship, to improve in their specialist areas. Eight players from our premier squad met with Nicki Turner in June to discuss their plans for the season and for Nicki to identify the best coach for each player. These sessions have opened players up to the opportunity to have coaching from the best coaches within Canterbury.

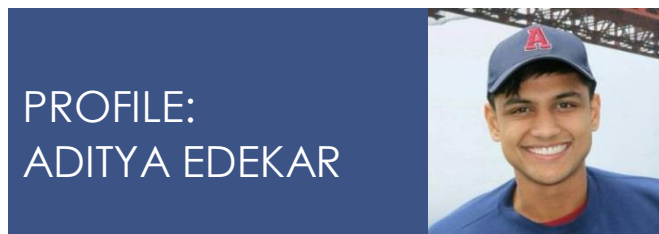
Our player numbers are good this season with the majority of players returning. We have two players coming up from our lower grade teams; Boadicea Lynch from last season's youth team and Hannah Morrissey from our T20 team. Both these players are working hard to make sure they are ready for the step up.

We are excited that our The Birdwood funding is sponsoring Erika Oda to join us for the second part of the season. Erika developed her skills well last season thanks to her dedication and hard work.

We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team in January.

The team is grateful to Andrew McKenzie, Graham Harris and the committee for their support. These people work extensively over the off-season to ensure we are a well run club with access to quality facilities and coaching. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in the season planning.

Linda's women's preview of the season for Christchurch Metro Cricket is below:
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PROFILE: ADITYA EDEKAR

Occupation	Student – Finance and Accounting at The University of Auckland
Other teams I've played for?	Auckland A, Ellerslie CC, Howick Pakuranga CC, Hallam CC (UK)
Other sports played?	Football, table tennis, touch rugby
Favourite all time player?	Sachin Tendulkar and Stephen Fleming
Favourite venue played?	Basin Reserve (Wellington)
Best personal performance?	167 for Ellerslie Prems in Auckland Premier Comp
Hobbies?	Watching cricket and rugby, reading, listening to podcasts, travelling
Favourite quote?	"Nothing worth having comes easy"
Favourite holiday destination?	Barcelona – Spain
Favourite dish?	Homemade crab curry
Favourite TV show?	Suits
Anyone past or present you'd have over for dinner?	Nelson Mandela

PROFILE: TOBY MOWAT



Other teams I've played for:	Barrow Cricket Club, Cumberland County Cricket Club, Box Hill Cricket Club (Melbourne)
Nickname:	Mowwy
Favourite all time player:	Marcus Threscothick
Other sports played?	Football and rugby
Favourite venue played?	Wormsley cricket ground.
Favourite holiday destination:	Las Vegas
Best personal performance in cricket:	101 of 60 balls in T20
Favourite movie?	Remember the Titans
Favourite four people to dine with dead or alive:	Billy Connelly, David (bumble) Lloyd, Paul Gascoigne, Freddy Flintoff
How do I feel about the 2019 CWC Final result	Gutted for NZ
Favourite meal:	Bangers and mash

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Club has made the decision to again hold subs at the previous seasons levels to continue to assist as many as possible to be able to play the game. The requirements are detailed below and are strictly enforced.



Also please note that the \$40 of Club raffle tickets that will handed to each player and team before Christmas are not a discretionary matter – **they are to be considered part of your subscription and we do not expect any to be returned to the club, just the \$40 per player.** Our other option which we'd prefer not to run with the following season is to

increase the discounted subs to \$300 per player (and the \$400 equivalent per team) and you retain the \$40 sub sales to cover your cost. The details of subscriptions for the 2019-20 season are as follows:

Subscription amounts:

- **Morning grade adult Men's players** – \$350 discounted to \$260 if paid by 31-Oct-19.
- **Women's players** – \$250 discounted to \$150 if paid by 31-Oct-19.
- **Sydenham Youth** – \$200 discounted to \$150 if paid by 31-Oct-19.
- **Students playing half a season** – \$175 discounted to \$130 if paid by 31-Oct-19.
- **Team subs** – these remain at \$2,530 and the team captain will be responsible for how he allocates that across his team for full payment by 31-Nov as per last season. A team should only be entered on the basis of having sufficient players available to pay the subs on time, and players should acknowledge their shared responsibility with their team mates to fund this amount as a collective.

Subscription payment terms:

- **The final date for the discounted subscription** is on 31-Oct-19, and strictly from 1st Nov the full subscription amount will apply without exception.
- **If the full sub amount is then not paid by 30-Nov-19** the player will become ineligible for selection in the Club or elsewhere
- **Automatic payments** – we thank the bulk of players who plan for, and always get on and pay the lump sum requirement ASAP to assist the club. However, if a player is in a position where they feel that they need to pay progressively over the season this is only permitted by setting up an automatically payment with your bank (probably through online banking). It must strictly comprise 10 fortnightly payments divided by the discounted amount e.g. if you're in a Men's morning grade team, 10 payments of \$26 each. Most importantly note, if paying by AP **the first payment must be paid into our account by 31-Oct-19 otherwise from that point no new AP arrangements will be accepted** and the full sub amount will then be payable by 30-Nov. Any early cancellation of the sub will see it revert to the full lump sum amount requirement.

Subscription payments are to be paid to the following account:

Sydenham Cricket Club (Westpac), 03-0802-0095195-00

Please ensure your name and team is recorded in reference fields).

THE NEXT GENERATION

Sydenham Youth

After its winter hibernation the Youth cricket season recommences in Term 4, with teams reforming and playing through until early December.



The Youth First XI and Year 10 Colts move into one-day mode having played two-day cricket in Term 1. It's the reverse for the 9A team who play two-day games in Term 4 having played one-day cricket in Term 1. Our Second-Grade side are going to try something new and move from afternoon 40 over cricket to the fast paced T20 style competition that is played on Saturday mornings. These boys will now have their Saturday afternoons free. The combined Year 9-10 team will continue in their Saturday afternoon Grade. We are also delighted to be able to announce the formation of a new Year 9B team in Term 4 following the arrival of eight players from the Lincoln/Tai Tapu area who are keen to join the Club.

The Youth season tracks the school year, so is only 7-9 weeks long before high schools break up. Fingers crossed the weather gods are feeling friendly and all games can be played across this short timeframe.

Sydenham Juniors

The Juniors had a very early start to our preseason with planning getting underway for the season in June. Come July/August we visited 12 schools in the local area for our school programme and as a result of that, we have seen a huge growth in players numbers for the club.

With the very unpredictable weather our preseason trainings and trials got off to a rocky start, but with some very strategic planning from our Director of Coaching and Player Development Maria Lankeshwar, we managed to ensure that all our hardball players got the necessary preseason training and were able to trial.

A great afternoon tea held in September for our girls teams this season, and we saw an increase in our year 4/5/6 girls for the club and will be able to have two teams this year for this age group, a huge thank you to Paula Winsor for working very hard in increasing numbers, but also providing exceptional and very experienced coaching for these girls. Thanks to Tracy Hurrell for organising our afternoon tea, which I must say that I personally enjoyed immensely.

Looking forward to a great season, meeting our new families, seeing familiar faces and watching some great cricket.

MILESTONES LOOMING

The list below are some of the players who have the chance to reach some significant career milestones this season (e.g. another 1,000 runs ticked off, or 100 wickets etc):

BATting		
Matthew Loose	Presidents	4756
Andrew Douglas	Division 4 Goats	1873
Anthony Wild	Presidents	1819
Ryan Wallace	Premiers	1640
Phillip Walker	Presidents	1607

BOWLING		
Scott Grose	Division 1	196
Alex Bailey	Division 4 Goats	189
Cameron Hatcher	Division 6 All Stars	187
James Simpson	Division 2	175
Patrick Wickes	Division 2	99
Carolyn Esterhuizen	Premiers	96
Ryan Wallace	Premiers	193
Charles Finnie	Division 1	84

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