

# BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Sydenham Cricket Club December 2020 issue



Established in 1896

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Graham Harris, President**

Christmas is approaching, and after the year that was, I am sure we are all looking forward to spending some quality time with family and friends. I am sure we all realise how fortunate we are to have kept the covid virus away from being widespread on our community, and as a result we are able to live without major restrictions in our beautiful country.

Since the start of our season we have enjoyed relatively settled and dry weather and as a consequence the skilled batsmen and batswomen among us have enjoyed getting a lot of runs with 50s and centuries already common in our stats. At Sydenham Park we have been helped by the skilled work of our new groundsman **Andy Quinn** with **Ryan Wallace** putting a lot of hours on the roller as well. We thought we would miss the experience of Tom Tamati after he left us to take management role at Selwyn District Council, but Quinny has not missed a beat, and is turning out tracks which are getting better and better. We are indeed very fortunate to have a groundsman of his skill and energy to work on our blocks.



*Sydenham 1 has never looked this hard, this colour, this good*

At the end of the calendar year we conclude our youth cricket season, and celebrated that with an awards night on Saturday 12th December. Our



youth teams under the watchful eye of **Fergus Smith** are becoming a force to be reckoned with around the Christchurch youth grades and we are seeing really talented young men already moving into our Men's grade teams and performing well. Your committee is very encouraged by this because this pathway ensures we continue to grow as a club in both playing numbers and talent. We want to continue to invest in these young players as they really are the future of our club. After Xmas we hope to introduce a new structured coaching and player development programme to ensure our youth players can be the best they can be.



Around the grounds our teams at all levels continue to perform well and I know they enjoy the facilities and camaraderie over a beer or light refreshment back at the bar after each game. My special thanks go again to **Andrew Chisnall** who does a sterling job keeping everyone fed and hydrated. The club is in good heart and this is in no small part due to the efforts of our committee and none more so that **Kevin Congdon** and **Ivan Thomson** who select our morning grade teams with **Matt Bell** and **Kelvin**, but also the work that **Linda Pettigrew** gets involved in with our women's teams to ensure they get the attention and support they do.

I trust that you all will have a restful and enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones and let's do it all again in 2021! Merry Christmas and best wishes to you all.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

**Andrew Chisnall,  
Club Captain**

As we approach the halfway point of the season we find the club in a strong position in many of the grades entered. The Premier women are leading the Kirsty Bond series to date and the Div 1 women are leading their grade in the one day



competition. Other teams doing well approaching Christmas are the Premier men and the Championship men, both second in their two-day competitions. And the Div 6 Allstars are second equal in their competition. The Premier men missed out on the semis finals of the T20 competition on run rate it was that close.

The quiz night saw a small increase in the number of teams that entered. A good night was had by all that attended. It would still be nice to see more teams from the club come along to this great night. Christmas party is this coming weekend as I write and expect another good turnout and some competitive beer pong! I encourage all teams in the club to get behind the social events and get there teams down to these events. Without these events you could see an increase in your subs.



The bar is continuing to be well supported with good turnouts on most Saturdays nights after cricket and after practices during the week. All coming back for a drink and some food and a riff of stories of their encounters with the opposition and sometimes their own teammates!! I would also like to thank everyone for the way they look after the clubrooms and helping to keep it tidy especially at the end of the night. The club is certainly in good heart.

We are again seeing the continued development of the youth section with many players again having the opportunity to play for the senior club over the Christmas holiday period. This is certainly proving a good steppingstone into the senior club.

This year we have a new groundsman in Quinny (Andrew Quinn) who when not working on Hagley oval is down at Sydenham working hard on our pitches and producing great tracks and many high scoring games.

Thanks to everyone who has helped to get us through to this stage of the season - captains,

committee and helpers. Remember to stay up to date with the club scene by following the club's website and Face book page.

The committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all back in the new year for your continued battles on the field.

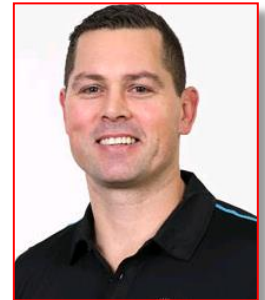
## PREMIER MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

### Matthew Bell, Coach

A new season meant new beginnings for the Premier Team as they got out of the blocks with a big outright win over Riccarton at Hagley Nursery ground. It was solid team batting and bowling performance with every playing their part in the innings and 52 run victory. This was just the start the team needed to get back that winning feeling of what it takes to get across the line after coming so close in a couple of games last season. This was followed up with a tightly contested second game where Burnside West held the upper hand after day 1 having gained 1st innings points but with a declaration the team fought back to put Burnside under pressure and had them on the back foot at the end of day 2 only to run out of overs to get another outright win.

The third game was away to Heathcote which can be known as Tom Agnew's game as he helped skittled the hosts out for 52 taking a club record for premier cricket 9/22. This set up another emphatic outright win for the team this time by 9 wickets. The fourth match verses St Albans was a good test to see how the team was travelling as Saints is a club that we have struggled recently beat and take the points. Just like the Burnside West fixture it was a tight contest all the way through but with a fine 127 not out by Chad Bowes the team posted a competitive first innings score and held their nerve and focus to come away with first innings points by the small margin of 12 runs.

This has left the premiers in 2nd place 11 points behind East Shirley with the mouth-watering fixture of playing them at the backend of the season to see who will walk away with the 2-day title. Overall,



it's been a great start to the 2-day campaign with runs being scored by everyone including a fine 72 and 70 from Chad & Aditya Edekar first up against Riccarton. Followed by a valuable 85 from Srirag Harish and 51 from Toby Mowat against Burnside West. This was backed up with a very important 56 from Ryan Wallace against Heathcote which was followed up with the superb 127 not out from Chad against St Albans.



The main standout with the ball was Tom Agnew, leading the competition with his 30 wickets claiming 6/66 verses Burnside West, match figures of 11-56 against Heathcote and grabbing 5/49 against St Albans. He has been well supported by the other bowlers with Mitchell Gardner picking up an excellent 5-41 in the victory over Heathcote. Behind the stumps Zack Scott-Howman has done a tremendous job, firstly standing up to Tom Agnew to put pressure on the batters to stay in their crease and working hard to catch everything on offer which is reflected in his 10 dismissals to date leaving him 4th on the fielding list.

In the T20 campaign the side was one win away from making the playoffs and along the way had some outstanding wins over Riccarton, Old Boys Collegians and St Albans. Unfortunately, the close loss to Burnside West and some one-sided results to Heathcote, Lancaster Park and East Shirley pulled the curtains down after a bright start of winning 3 from the first 4 games. Special mention Adi (2nd leading run scorer in the competition) who had a great T20 campaign scoring three 50's with a best 81 not out in the great victory over St Albans. He was well supported with Ryan Wallace at the crease who produced a fine 62 in the win over Saints who ended up winning the competition.

At the bowling crease Adi stood up and took on the responsibility wheeling down some important overs in pressure moments of the games and

ended up taking 8 wickets with an impressive economy rate of 6.71. Also, worth a mention is the cameo performance of Chris Harris for our Thursday evening fixture against Old Boys Collegians where bowling his slow mediums Harry set up a great team win with a fine 2/10 from his 4 overs.

It's been great to see the Championship side to continue to perform at a high standard after earning promotion last season. Their performances have mirrored the Premiers in a way as they are current sitting 2nd in the 2-day competition and again only just missed out on the T20 play offs by a game. With the bat the whole line-up has contributed with Pankaj Bhagat leading the way with 140 runs with an average of 28 which saw him earn selection in the Premier team for the last 2-day match against St Albans. Others to have significant contributions at the crease with the bat have been Tom McDonald 69\*, Josh McArdle 60, Nathaniel Paltridge 84 and Lane Tutty 75.



However, the real shining light for the Championship Team has been the bowling unit which has really given them the edge over teams as they have been able to bowl teams out twice in three of their 4 matches. Connor Williams has been the hero with the ball picking up 22 wickets with a best of 5/45. His performances warranted his selection to play his debut for the Premiers in which he picked up his first Premier wicket against St Albans. Quentin McIntyre has bowled some great spells alongside Connor and was rewarded with a fine 5/20 against Riccarton. The other trio of Carl Hooper, Charlie Finnie and Josh McArdle have done a brilliant job bowling in partnerships and chipping out key wickets.

In the T20's it was awesome to see Lane Tutty find his feet opening and making the most of the power play striking at an impressive 132 with a high score of 52. Taylor Irie was a consistent performer for the side with a best of 64\* against Lancaster Park. A highlight for the team was the win over Burnside West when a fabulous 5th wicket partnership between Josh McArdle 54\* and Zack Scott-Howman 35\* got them over the line in the last over. In the bowling department Kelvin Scott with his slow mediums picked up 6 wickets at an impressive economy rate of 4.40 and combined with the little cameos he made with the bat had him in the top 10 MVP for the competition.

Look at the second of the season coming up both teams should head into the One Day Competition confident around their abilities that if they play their best cricket, they will beat anyone in their grade. Then with the resumption of the 2-day competition it will be full noise to pick up another outright or two to secure the trophy in both grades. Until then have a great Christmas and holiday with family and friends. Safe travels and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

## PREMIER WOMEN'S REPORT

**Linda Pettigrew,  
Women's Convenor**



Our premier women have continued to build on last season with solid performances in all their matches. The team have really stepped up this year stringing together consistent results with close matches and wins against the other three major premier clubs. Our women finished the Twenty20 competition in a three way tie for second on points, missing out on a finals berth by run rate. The highlight of this competition was a close win over OBC the day before OBC took out the final. In the one day competition our premier women have won three out of their six matches and are sitting middle of the competition table. This is a massive improvement on last season where they only won one match in the competition. The final competition the team plays in is the Kirsty Bond 8-aside. This competition runs when Magician players are away. Our premier women are in a three way tie for the lead, leading on run rate.



There have been several standout performances from our premier women including Gina Aldersley's 6/17 and Jenna Waghorns 5/8. The team is benefitting from a strong team spirit and culture and look forward to building on the solid start to the season during remaining matches.

We have two other women's teams this season: U16 for our year 9 players and div 1 for our older players. These teams are also playing some great cricket. Our Div 1 team are top in both their Twenty20 and 35 over competitions. There are many talented, hard working players in this group. Stand out performances in this grade are Caitlin Davidson's 106 runs, Umayra Ranaweera's 83\* and Dakota Potter's 4/23. Our U16 team has had one win so far this season. They are a young team with great spirit and continue to get better every match. Their most exciting game was against the much older Lancaster Park Div 1 team where they were within one wicket of win. Ruby Turner and Biena Hickford have both reached high scores of 45 runs. Best bowling is Scarlett Amos with 4/8.

We're lucky to have some wonderful support from coaches and volunteers this season. Our coaches Maria Lankeshwar and Paula Winsor are doing a great job building players while our Saturday managers Libby and Allan Hickford and Mike Harrow have devoted so much time to our players. Many thanks to all the parent helpers and supporters who help our players make the most of their cricketing opportunities.



*Sydenham's Casey Liddington (2nd right front row) and Maddie Iro (4th from left back row) celebrate Chch Girls High's national success*

## Representative Achievements

It is a busy time of year for our underage players with many tournaments taking place during December and January. Here are our representative players and achievements so far this season:

## Venus Cup National Secondary Schools Competition

### Maddie Iro and Casey Liddington – Christchurch Girls High School

Casey and Maddie were members of the CGHS which won the National Secondary School competition for 2020. Casey has been playing well (and working very hard) this season and was top run scorer at the tournament with 225 runs.

### Canterbury Under 19 Women

The Canterbury Under 19 Women will play in the national tournament in January. Congratulations to **Casey Liddington** and **Jodie Dean** on their selection.

### Canterbury Junior Magicians Tournament

Congratulations to these players who played in the Junior Magicians tournament last week:

- **Ruby Turner** – Canterbury Country
- **Scarlett Amos** – Christchurch Metro Black
- **Darcy Rose Prasad** – Christchurch Metro Red
- **Maddie Iro** – Christchurch Metro Red

## BUYING OR SELLING A HOUSE?

A reminder that the Club has partnered with Licensed Sales

Consultant, Matthew Loose, whereby the club receives a generous donation towards the Scholarship Program for any sale or purchase of a property that has been referred to Matthew Loose by a club member.

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## PLAYER PROFILE: FINN RAXWORTHY



It will be a return home for Finn Raxworthy when he arrives back in Christchurch in the new year to attend university. Finn was a former Sydenham Junior who moved to Nelson as a youth and developed his game in the region where he has gained both representative honours for Nelson and Central Districts, plus a growing reputation as an outstanding young cricketer. Finn re-joins the Club in mid-February.

Other teams you've played for:	Nelson men's, Nelson college, Central districts U 17s, 19s. Selected for CD A games coming up
Nickname:	Raxy
Favourite all time player:	Matthew Hayden
Favourite venue played:	Saxton Oval
Favourite holiday destination:	Kaiteriteri
Occupation ambitions:	To become a professional athlete.
Best personal performance in cricket:	142 against Canterbury U19
Hobbies:	Fishing, Hunting
Favourite movie:	Transformers
Favourite meal:	Nachos
Favourite other sports:	Golf and basketball

## THE NEXT GENERATION

### YOUTH REPORT

The 2020 Youth season has now concluded as the season tracks the secondary school year. One of the biggest highlights of the season was the progression and development of the players which saw many being selected for representative teams at both U17 and U15 level. These players played in tournaments in North Canterbury, on Sydenham Park and in Timaru. Furthermore, many Youth players have immediately graduated to filling in for the Senior Club's adult men's teams and have put in several notable performances to date and getting their names on the honours board.



In Term four six teams competed across the First XI (Cup), Year 10 Colts, T20, Year 10 and Year 9 grades. The First XI were chasing promotion for the 2021 season however a tie in one game cost them the chance to secure enough points for this to be achieved and they will again chase this opportunity in 2021. The Year 10 Colts proved competitive in their grade and achieved some positive results against very strong opposition teams. The T20 side's biggest hurdle was getting the opposition teams to commit to playing their Saturday matches and were only successful in playing four games across eight weeks, achieving victories in all of them, winning the other four by default. The Year 10 (A and 9B) teams competed well in their respective grades and it was great to see several players achieve great personal milestones in games, including Griffin Buchanan who took 5- 2 (including a hat-trick) for the 9As. On Saturday December 12th the Youth Prizegiving was held in the clubrooms. This was a great opportunity to acknowledge both the players for their performances throughout 2020 and thank the Managers and supporters for the time they give up. We were fortunate to have Past-President Ivan Thomson present our awards this year.



Notable performances included:

- Billy Duncan 6/40
- Griffen Buchanan 5/2
- Sam Stalker 5/18
- Zack Howe 5/23
- Daniel Watt 5/30
- Ghofran Shasawar 5/24
- Ghofran Shasawar 5/6
- Ben Cranefield 5/40
- Murphy McMillan 5/26

First XI Captain Daniel Watt was awarded the Manly Cup. This Cup is awarded on an annual basis to the player identified as playing the game in the right spirit and being "a good club man". Daniel has now graduated from the Youth section and has immediately been selected in the Senior Championship side. We wish him all the best with his future cricket endeavours.

Looking forward to the 2021 season, we intend to again enter six teams across the youth grades ranging from the First XI through to the Year 9 grades. The Junior section of the Club has a strong intake of Year 8 cricketers who have indicated that they will register with the Youth section in 2021 and we look forward to welcoming them.

We wish all players and their families a safe Christmas and look forward to seeing them back on the field in 2021.

**Fergus Smith**  
Youth Convenor

## JUNIOR SECTION

It is hard to believe we are halfway through our season, and it seems way too soon, that we have to say farewell to our year 8 boys. Many of these boys have been with the club since they started in our Superstar programme, as young year 0 and year 1 boys. It is amazing to see how much they have grown in their cricket, and they are now young men ready to tackle their next journey in their education. I hope that many of them will continue with their cricket and that those not playing for their high schools will continue with the Sydenham Youth.



**YR8 Premier Boys getting their caps presented from Chad Bowes**

I want to thank our wonderful year 8 coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, and supporters, who have taken these boys on their junior cricketing journey. You have all been incredibly amazing and we thank you so much for the time you have given in helping the club, to support these amazing boys. Our season so far has been incredible with some outstanding team and individual performances, and I look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very safe and happy new year.

**Libby Hickford**  
**SJCC Convenor**

## PLAYER PROFILE: AARUSH BHAGWAT



Aarush is an accomplished wicket keeper batsman for Christchurch Boys High School and just finished playing for Canterbury in the Under 19 national tournament at Lincoln. He has played one or two matches for us in the Championship and Premier teams in December but will now be available full time to play for Sydenham immediately in the new year.

Other teams played for:	Kowloon Cricket Club, Hong Kong U16s, U19s, HK "A", HK National team, CBHS, Marist Harewood, Canty U19s.
Nicknames:	Rush, Rushy, Bagsy,
Favourite all time player:	Never really had one but I do admire how AB De Villiers plays
Favourite venue played at:	Sheik Zayed Stadium (Abu Dhabi) and Dubai Stadium
Occupation ambitions:	Become a pro cricketer and play for the blackcaps
Best personal performance:	132* in a T20
Hobbies:	Any sort of outdoor activity, cooking, tv (and many more)
Favourite other sports:	Golf and Hockey
Other teams played for:	Kowloon Cricket Club, Hong Kong U16s, U19s, HK "A", HK National team, CBHS, Marist Harewood, Canty U19s.

## CHRISTCHURCH METRO MORNING GRADE PERFORMERS

### MPV

Player		
Tom Agnew	117.54	3rd Premier Men
Jono Bennett	78.66	5th Division 2
Adi Edeka	73.89	8th Premier Men
Kelvin Scott	72.26	8th Championship
Connor Williams	72.07	9th Championship

### BATTING

Player		
Casey Liddington	218 runs	3rd Premier Women
Aditya Edekar	392 runs	4th Premier Men
Jodie Dean	168 runs	5th Premier Women
Ryan Wallace	342 runs	8th Premier Men
Taylor Irie	261 runs	9th Championship

### BOWLING

Player		
Tom Agnew	32 wickets	2nd Premier Men
Connor Williams	28 wickets	2nd Championship
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Jenna Waghorn	12 wickets	4th= Premier Women
Gina Aldersley	12 wickets	4th= Premier Women
Paddy Wickes	18 wickets	5th Division 2

# A Very Merry Christmas



# and Happy New Year

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