

Gordon District
Cricket Club

Annual Report

2005/06

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GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC. will be held at the **CHATSWOOD RSL CLUB, 1 Thomas St, Chatswood**, on **WEDNESDAY 19th JULY, 2006, at 7.00 p.m.** You are cordially invited to be present.

BUSINESS

- To receive the Report of the General Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement.
- To receive and consider the Committee's Statement as required by the Association's Incorporation Act, 1984.
- To elect the Office Bearers and General Committee of the Club.
- To transact any other business brought forward in conformity with the Rules of the Club.

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Secretary

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NOMINATIONS

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Mayor of Willoughby

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I. Packman

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M. Rosen & A.J. Falk

Delegate to N.S.W.C.A.

M. Rosen

Honorary Auditors

K. Crocker

General Committee

M. Cant, J. Cattlin, P. Emery, M. Michael, P. Stephenson, A. Wilson

OFFICE BEARERS 2005 - 2006

PATRONS

Mayor of Willoughby

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PRESIDENT

I.C. Carroll

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

M. Rosen & P.A. Emery

HON. SECRETARY

A.J. Falk

ASST. HON. SEC.

T. Conde

TREASURER

I. Packman

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M. Rosen

DELEGATES TO S.C.A.

M. Rosen & A. Falk

HONORARY AUDITORS

W. Havercroft & D. Conde

GENERAL COMMITTEE

M. Cant, I. Hosking, E. Howitt (Snr), M. Michael, P. Stephenson, A. Wilson.
Co-Opted: P. Hughes (Juniors), J. O'Neill-Fuller & J. Packman (Players' Reps),
A. Patrick (Women's Division),

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K. Anthonisz
P. Antman
E.J. Baker
B. Bell
C. Berenger
M. Berman
S. Buono
J. Cameron
B. Cant
J. Cattlin
R. Conolly AM
J. Cosgrove
V.C. Davis
P. Davison
B. Dawson
W. Dellow
B. Eastment
G. Elkan
S.B. Elliott
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T. Gatty
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W. Havercroft
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G. Hendricks
G. Hickman
J. Hickman
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M. Rosen
P. Rowley-Bates
G. Schwartzkoff
C. Stevens
H.B. Taber
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A. Templeman
R. Thomas
Barry Thompson
Brian Thompson
J. Todd
D. Tutton
A. Walsh
A. Wilson
L. Wilson

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| * D.A. Campbell | P. Horwitz | * W.R. Renshaw |
| * S. Carroll | * F.A. Ireland | * G.A. Richardson |
| * C. Coltman | * W.E. Jackson | * J.B. Shea |
| * H. Crow | * C.E. Kelleway | * B.C. Sheidow |
| P. Davison | G. King | C. Stevens |
| * P.W. Dive | * R. Lowing | * S. Smith, C.B.E. |
| * D. Evans | * C.G. Macartney | H.B. Taber |
| M.N. Falk | K.D. McDonald | H. Tebbutt |
| R.H. Guy | * F. Matthews | * S.E. Trumper |
| * deceased | | |

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Ian Carroll
Geoff Cummins
Andrew Falk
Geoff Hickman

Michael Michael
Sue Rosen
Paul Stephenson
Ron Vidler

SENIOR PLAYING MEMBERS

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| Ahmed, Iqbal | Hosking, James | Parfett, David |
| Angus, Hamish | Howitt, Edward | Paul, Richard |
| Archer, Chris | Kannangara, Lasanga | Plummer, Andrew |
| Blake, John | Kelly, Matthew | Rabone, Jack |
| Bombas, Reece | Kennedy, James | Ranney, Sam |
| Bourne, Michael | Kenner, Richard | Rasool, Brad |
| Brand, Stuart | Kleem, Mitchell | Redrup, Danny |
| Brown, Alex | Knight, Craig | Reynolds, Martin |
| Cashman, Jeremy | Lappan, Andrew | Richtor, Daniel |
| Clifford, Tim | Lawry, Charlie | Richtor, Elliot |
| Connell, Dylan | Lee, Chris | Roarty, Tim |
| Crawford, Cameron | Lin, Shayne | Rosen, Brett |
| Cabbage, Adam | Ling, Josh | Russell-Jones, Jason |
| Dowsley, Nick | Livermore, Damon | Sajdeh, Sunil |
| Emerson, John | MacDonald, Rod | Selva, Shivan |
| Evans, Harry | Mahaffey, Daniel | Sherman, Anthony |
| Ellison, James | Makepeace, Matt | Simmons, Craig |
| Evans, Robert | Mallos, John | Slocombe, Stuart |
| Falk, Michael | McDermott, Michael | Smith, Mark |
| Fitzpatrick, Alastair | McDonald, Brendan | Stephenson, Julian |
| Fry, Alistair | Medcalf, Nicholas | Stobo, Richard |
| Garratt, Ben | Michael, David | Storey, David |
| Goldsmith, Dean | Michael, Matt | Sweeney, Will |
| Gray, David | Millar, David | Thomlinson, David |
| Gulaptis, Leon | Nicholson, Matthew | Thompson, Mark |
| Hanlon, Greg | O'Neill-Fuller, John | Turner, Harry |
| Higgins, Ian | Orr, Stuart | Waller, Justin |
| Hinton, Sam | Packman, James | Wiese, Mark |
| Hokin, Rod | Packman, Tim | Wright, Gareth |
| Holmes, Jordan | Parfett, Chris | Zelma, Ed |

JUNIOR MEMBERS

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| AVRAMIDES | Nicholas | GREEN | Hugh | PATTERSON | Darcy |
| BARBERA | Roman | GREEN | Justin | PATTINSON | Mark |
| BARCLAY | Tobias | GREEN | Hugh | PAVELEY | Joshua |
| BARON-HAY | Darcy | GREENE | Marcus | PEGUS | Axel |
| BEE | Jackson | GRELLMAN | Tim | PINNELL | Ryan |
| BENHAM | Tate | GYLES | William | PORTER | Michael |
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| BERSEE | Nicholas | HARPER | Samuel | PREMARATNA | Matheesha |
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| BRODIE | Lachlan | HAYES-BROWN | Patrick | RICHARDS | Tom |
| BROWNE | Cameron | HERBERT | Timothy | ROBERTS | Sam |
| BROWNE | Mitchell | HOUSTON | Michael | RYAN | Matthew |
| BURKE | Liam | HUGHES | Patrick | SANTONE | Dylan |
| BURNELL | Nicholas | HUGHES | Daniel | SCALA | Mario |
| BURNS | Rory | HUTTON | Benjamin | SCOTT | Matthew |
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| CORNAY | Harrison | KELL | Matthew | STOBO | Charlie |
| COYLE | Alexander | KERLE | Blaise | SUTTOR | Samuel |
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| DEMBECKI | Brendan | LYON | Ben | VINCENT | Jack |
| DENYER | Frank | MACGREGOR | Lincoln | WATSON | Alex |
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| DI DIO | Matthew | MARAN | Abhishek | WEISS | Jamieson |
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| ELLIS | James | MARTIN | Jackson | WILCOX | Jock |
| FARRELL | Jordan | MARTORANA | Zach | WILCOX | George |
| FINNIGAN | Dean | MATHEWS | Logan | WILLIAMS | Marc |
| FINNIGAN | Bradley | MCMAHON | Daniel | WILSON | Huon |
| FLOTTMANN | Marcus | MURPHY | Benjamin | WOODS | Thomas |
| FORTI | Matthew | MURPHY | Jackson | WYCHE | Nicholas |
| FORTI | Tim | MURPHY | Thomas | WYNNE | Nicholas |
| FOWLER | Michael | MYERS | Robert | XU | Kerry |
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| FRANCIS | Patrick | O'DONNELL | Mitchell | | |
| FRANKLIN | Nicholas | O'HARE | Liam | | |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jan Carroll

After celebrating its Centenary in Season 2004-5, the Club approached Season 2005-6 conscious of its fine cricketing heritage, and increasingly confident in its ability to achieve on-field success and continue the Club's great traditions.

I am delighted to report that the Club began its second century in fine style in Season 2005-6. First Grade reached its Semi-finals before losing a hard-fought match to Premiership winners Fairfield; Second and Fifth Grades missed their respective Semi-finals by very narrow margins; Colts (formerly Sixth Grade) won the Metropolitan Cup; our Green Shield team reached the Final of the A W Green Shield in which they were defeated by the strong Campbelltown-Camden team; and our Junior Teams performed splendidly with the Under 13 and Under 11 teams winning their Divisions, the Under 14 Blue and Under 10 Red teams being runners-up in their Divisions and the Under 10 Blue team winning a play-off for 3rd in its Division. These results are clear evidence of the continuing strengthening of the club and of the greater commitment and maturity of our players. That the successes were spread across the various competitions is also evidence of the developing depth of the Club, especially in our Juniors, which augurs well for the future of the Club. Unhappily, however, despite these successes the Club finished a disappointing 10th in the Club Championship for Grade, due in large measure to the underachievement of our Third and Fourth Grades teams, which appeared strong on paper but failed too often to translate that appearance into on-field success.

Special mention must be made of our First Grade and Colts teams.

Season 2005-6 is the first time in years, and certainly since the renaissance of the Club began in 2000, that our First grade side has reached the Semi-finals. A club's First Grade side is, self-evidently, its flagbearer and, rightly or wrongly, the yardstick by which a club is measured and its profile determined. The First Grade side, and the members of it, are to be congratulated for their much-improved performances in Season 2005-6 which have had a marked impact on the confidence and morale of the Club, and on the external perceptions of it.

The Colts won the non-Grade Metropolitan Cup by defeating Penrith in the Final. Batting first, Gordon scored a massive 443 (Richie Kenner scoring 112 - his maiden century for the Club) and then dismissed Blacktown for 156 off 32 overs. It was a comprehensive victory by a young team of mainly 17-21 year olds, which was ably captained by the veteran David Gray. Our congratulations are extended to the Colts, a number of whom can be expected to become accomplished Grade players in the near future.

In addition to our on-field playing successes, the Club finished 3rd in the Spirit of Cricket Award demonstrating, yet again, that cricket can simultaneously be played competitively and successfully and in a sportsmanlike manner. I congratulate all players on this commendable achievement.

The Gordon District Cricket Club Academy continues to have a positive impact on the Club, both in attracting talented young players to the Club, and in developing them for Grade cricket. Many members and "graduates" of the Academy are already making their way in Grade cricket, including in First Grade, and many more can be expected to do so in the future. In Season 2006-7, the Academy will be further expanded to comprise 3 rather than 2 squads, namely Academy Under 21 Squad; Academy Development Squad (essentially Under 18) and Academy Junior Development Squad (essentially Under 16). These Squads will provide appropriate pathways to Grade for young players of different ages and stages of cricketing development. The Academy has, and will continue to have, a vital role to play in the future of the Club. Our thanks are extended to all of those involved in the running of the Academy and in the grooming of our next generations of players.

Our thanks are also extended to our Alliance Partner, Macquarie University Sport and Recreation Inc, for its support of the Club during Season 2005-6. In addition to its educational support and advice to our players, it provided invaluable facilities support to the Club by permitting us to use Macquarie's practice grounds while Chatswood Oval was out of action for complete resurfacing. We are very grateful to Macquarie for that support.

Club communications and profile have also been significantly enhanced in recent seasons, especially by the outstanding Club website www.gordoncricket.com. It is widely recognised as one of the best Australian sporting websites on the net. Its quality and the recognition it has received are attributable to the skills and diligence of Paul Stephenson, to whom our thanks are extended for establishing and continually updating this invaluable Club communication and profile-building tool.

In addition to the Club's team successes, there was a number of notable individual achievements during Season 2005-6. First Grade Captain, Matthew Nicholson, was a regular member of the NSW Team, while batsmen Craig Simmons and James Packman were regular members of the NSW Second XI. Of the younger brigade, Harry Evans was selected to captain the Combined A W Green Shield First XI for games against combined country teams, Angus Sinclair was chosen in the Second XI and Hamish Angus was selected as a reserve. Our congratulations to all of these players.

Congratulations also to our Chatswood Classic Cars "Player of the Year", Ed Zelma. Ed is a most deserving winner, having performed superbly with both bat and ball, and been a very significant on-field influence and force, especially when he assumed the captaincy reins of First Grade during the several absences of Matthew Nicholson on State duties. Runners-up in "Player of the Year" were Rod Hokin, who won "Clubman Player of the Year" for his allround service to the Club both on and off the field, and Dylan Connell who finished the Season with 38 wickets, including two invaluable 5 wicket hauls.

Also particularly noteworthy was the performance of First Grade wicketkeeper Brett Rosen. Brett took the Club's First Grade wicketkeeping record with 44 dismissals, breaking the record of 41 dismissals set by Bob Thomas in 1974-5 and equalled by Michael Cox in 1982-3. This is a great achievement by Brett in a Club which boasts a

great wicketkeeping heritage including Bert Oldfield, Brian Taber, Phil Emery and Adam Gilchrist. Congratulations Brett.

On the facilities front, the Club continues to plan for improved on and off field facilities, and hopes to bring a number of its plans to fruition before or during the coming season. We are grateful for the support and assistance we receive from both Willoughby City Council and Ku-ring-gai Council, and for the interest which both Councils and their Staff show in our activities.

We are also grateful for the generous and valuable financial support which our Sponsors have given us in Season 2005-6. Without that support it would be impossible for us to provide the training, coaching, playing, administrative and operational programmes and facilities necessary for us to be, and continue to be, a competitive force in the Sydney Grade Cricket Competition.

As President, I have once again had the support and guidance of a very talented and dedicated Committee to whom, on behalf of the Club and my own behalf, I extend sincerest thanks. I also extend sincerest thanks to those of our supporters who give so generously of their time and skills to carry out so well the myriad other tasks which are essential both for the proper functioning of the Club and for a Grade club to carry out.

I congratulate all of the players on Season 2005-6. The portents are good for a rewarding and happy Season 2006-7. I am confident that, individually and collectively, we have the talents and the commitment to make it even more successful than the last.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND HONORARY TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Andrew Falk, Hon. Secretary

The General Committee has much pleasure in submitting for the members' consideration and adoption, the One Hundred and First Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

This year the operating and reporting structure of the General Committee changed considerably over that of previous years. A number of sub-committees were established, each chaired by a General Committee member, which reported on activities to the main committee at its monthly meetings. The new structure enables non General Committee members to contribute as members of sub-committees.

The new sub-committees include Administration (Secretarial, Finance, SCA, NSWCA, Women's Division, Juniors), Cricket (Coaching and Practices, Selections, Team Management, Recruitment and Retention), Facilities (Grounds, Equipment, Merchandise), Fundraising (Membership, Sponsorship, Social), Communications (Website, Database and Email, Public Relations), Academy (although part of the Cricket Sub-committee, reported separately to the General Committee) and Macquarie University Alliance.

As this section of the Annual Report is a "Report [to the Members of the Club] of the General Committee", it is appropriate that its structure resemble, as closely as possible, the operating structure of the body on which it is reporting.

ADMINISTRATION

Finance

Ian Packman took over from Jim Edington as the Club's Honorary Treasurer this year and, while it took him some time to acquire and comprehend some of the vital information required to completely understand this demanding role, by the end of the season the standard of reporting was considerably clearer and more comprehensive than it had been for years. The Club made a small profit, increased its assets and closed its books at the end of May in a generally healthy position. This was in no small part due to increased grants from Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia and to the Club's various sponsors. Our sincere thanks go to these organisations and individuals, without whom the players' subscriptions would need to be increased several fold for the club to exist. The Annual Luncheon, substantially organised by Phil Emery and his sub-committee, is also vital for the Club's ongoing financial sustainability.

SCA and NSWCA

Marshall Rosen and Andrew Falk continued as the Club's delegates to the Sydney Cricket Association with the latter being a member of the SCA's Committee of Management for a third year.

Marshall Rosen was again the Club's Delegate to Cricket NSW and the Club congratulates him on his election to the Board of Cricket NSW in December 2005. Marshall also continued in his role as a State Selector.

Jessica Henry, the President of the GDCC Women's Division, was also Chairperson of the NSW Women's Cricket Committee and was co-opted to the SCA's Committee of Management during the season.

Women's Division

A full report from the Women's Division appears at the end of this report but Alan Patrick's contribution as a member of the General Committee was important towards the closer integration of the two "divisions". Cricket NSW and the SCA are working hard to integrate Women's cricket into the Men's cricket structure whereby existing and new Women's clubs will be associated with groups of Grade and/or Shires (men's) clubs.

Juniors

The Gordon District Junior Cricket Club and the Gordon Have-a-Go experienced record membership during the past season. Our thanks go to the various managers and coaches of the Junior Club teams and the many organisers of Have-a-Go but especially to Peter Hughes, Michael Berman, Brian Hall, Tony and Anne Batten and Megan Gambi. The huge crowds of children and parents at Beauchamp Park each Saturday morning was an amazing sight. Over 330 young players experienced some form of cricket in these two groups during the season.

CRICKET

The Cricket Sub-committee, chaired by Marshall Rosen, is responsible for most of the club's on-field activities and the improvement in the club's performance this season bears testimony to the hard work of this group. In fact, had the Club experienced a better last round against UNSW, the results for the season may have been described as "outstanding".

The following are the final positions of the various grades in the Sydney Cricket Association competition and their contribution to the Club Championship:

| | Place | Points this Year | Points Last Year |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| First Grade | 5 th (18 th) | 444 | (144) |
| Second Grade | 8 th (10 th) | 275 | (210) |
| Third Grade | 15 th (13 th) | 124 | (112) |
| Fourth Grade | 15 th = (1st) | 90 | (228) |
| Fifth Grade | 8 th (14 th) | 96 | (60) |
| Poidevin Gray | 13 th = (10 th) | 52 | (84) |
| Green Shield | 2 nd (12 th) | 108 | (54) |
| Club Championship | 10th (14th) | 1189 | (892) |
| (2004/2005 points and positions in parentheses) | | | |

Coaching and Practices

In his first year as Club Coach, Ed Howitt Jnr had an excellent year. Pre-season training sessions commenced, as usual, at Knox Grammar School's Gillespie Fields at Warrawee during August and then migrated to the turf nets at Chatswood Oval during September. However, early in October, Willoughby Council set about re-laying the surface of Chatswood Oval and it was unavailable for either matches or training sessions until the end of January.

This unavailability of one of our main grounds caused numerous problems. However, we were fortunate to be able to utilise our relationship with Macquarie University to help us out by providing turf nets, twice a week, during this important period. Also, we increased the usage of indoor facilities in the lead-up to Christmas but this fracturing of training sessions made Ed's job difficult to co-ordinate.

Selections

This year, the Cricket SubCommittee varied the long-standing policy regarding the make-up of the Selection Committee. While team captains were asked to provide input into selections, they no longer had a formal vote.

All selections for all teams were made by a three-member independent selection Committee comprised of Geoff Hickman (Chairman), Tony Wilson (Deputy Chairman) and Paul Stephenson. Michael Falk assisted the Committee with the selection of the Green Shield Squad.

A number of Senior Club members assisted with selection of the various age Representative Teams in the North Shore Junior Cricket Association.

Team Management

Ian Packman and Ken Conway continued as Manager and Scorer, respectively, of the First Grade Team this year. Ken has performed this task for several years for Gordon and his talents were rewarded with his appointment as scorer for a number of representative fixtures. This is quite an achievement in the "closed shop" environment that is the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association!

Ed Howitt (Snr) performed the dual responsibility as Manager and Scorer of Second Grade while Michael Berman scored for home games for Third and Fourth Grades.

Dick Huey did an excellent job running the scoreboard at Killara Oval and scoring for the Poidevin Gray team

The Club acknowledges and greatly appreciates the contribution made by these, and many other dedicated members, to the team management, scoring and afternoon tea-making tasks on match days.

FACILITIES

Grounds – Killara Oval

Last season Killara Oval rated last in the rankings for all first grade ovals. The improvement this year has been significant as the ranking improved to 13th (out of 21 1st Grade grounds across Sydney).

More importantly, the players from both Gordon and opposition clubs have enjoyed much better playing wickets. This was reflected in the marked improvement in performance by the first and second grade teams who finished 5th and 8th in their respective competitions compared to last season's performances when they finished at the lower end of the competition.

No doubt, one of the reasons the wicket square was in better condition this season was due to the significant repair work done during April 2005, giving the new turf time to settle during the off-season and, with some top dressing done during August, the wicket square was ready for the new season.

Thanks go to Ku-ring-gai Council and the groundsmen for their continued support during the season .

Grounds – Beauchamp Park and Chatswood Oval

As indicated in last year's report, Chatswood Oval (including the practice square) was resurfaced during the season and are now in excellent condition. Returfing was to have commenced in August and completed in December. However, due to unforeseen problems, the work did not commence until late October and this delayed our return until February.

Whilst the oval was under repair, practice was transferred to Macquarie University while Third and Fourth grades and the Green Shield team used Beauchamp Park for their home games.

This season saw a marked improvement in the outfield and square at Beauchamp, largely due to the efforts of the groundsmen, with the result that the oval's rating improved from 30th to 13th this season (out of 39 lower grade grounds). Thanks to Willoughby Council's Julie Whitfield, Adam Cole, Liz Paterson, Glen Paul (groundsman at Beauchamp Park) and Michael Lowry (Chatswood groundsman) for their assistance throughout the season.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website

The Gordon Cricket Website is now three years old and we have continually worked to get up to date information for our players and importantly our supporters and sponsors.

The site has a number of database measurement features and the Webmaster is able to monitor the usage, interest in stories, links from our site to our sponsors' sites and details of the various countries who regularly visit the site for updates.

Therefore for those regulars (and not so regulars) who go onto the site here are some interesting facts about our site.

- We are currently running at 15,000 visits to the site every month. These are visits where the user enters the site and goes to a story.
- Other than Australia we have a constant following of readers from the UK and the USA with over 500 visits every month from the UK. We suspect there are a number of clubs who have had Gordon player with them in the past and they are following their performances.
- The most popular sections of the site are the recent news items, the results, statistics and of course the regular match reports with Richard Stobo being the most consistent reviewer to get high numbers of visits, followed by Ian Higgins.
- Many people use the search facility to find stories of their favourite players and these have been Brendan McDonald and John O'Neill Fuller. Maybe they looked them up themselves!!
- We get visits from all over the world, both cricketing and non cricketing nations.
- We regularly get comments from other grade teams that they check our site to read our comments about their matches

The trend for a normal week is around 600 visits on a Monday and a roller coaster ride to the next Monday with the least visits on a Saturday, which makes sense as we are generally playing at that time.

Why then does a cricket club website with 6 teams in its senior club, 4 Women's teams and 9 junior teams get 15,000 visits per month?

We think there are a number of reasons:

- The site is always up to date (How often have you looked at a cricket website and seen it hasn't been updated for over 12 months and the stories are all old).
- We always write stories about the whole club and not just the first grade team.
- The results section, courtesy of our link to "Results Vault", has the results of games in every grade soon after completion.
- If the results are entered then the statistics will always be up to date because they are linked. The statistics cover all players and are very detailed.
- There is every piece of information required by a player to know where they are playing, at what time and who is in the team.
- Team selections are also released as both a story and within the initial database set up of Results Vault that can be viewed through the site.
- We have match reports from every grade for each day's play and while it is very important we are fair and show the correct hospitality to our guests, we need to have some "bite" to our reports or they are bland and uninteresting.

- The report writers have to have a writing skill that attracts readers and gets a laugh about the many unusual things that happen on a cricket field. Writers have to be themselves. You have to be able to hear them saying their report.
- We run human interest stories where players have shown great courage and sportsmanship and we like to thank our supporters and volunteers for enjoying the game with us.
- We don't have a "member private area". Why do you need it? If a story about a player or supporter is not worth viewing by everyone then it is not worth running. Why hide behind a veil of secrecy and write rubbish about other people? You can do that privately via email or don't do it at all.
- We have information about our past players and the history of the club.
- Then we have our very special "review" writers who keep us entertained about various aspects of life not always connected to cricket. Writers such as Dan Frogan, The Hornet and James Clarke and of course our former writer Uncle Fester who is now enjoying the sea breezes.
- And the most important... We must have the best photos possible of all the players in the club when they perform. This means getting photos from almost every match in the senior club, which means a lot of travel by our photographers.

Why do we do this?

To give value not only to our readers but to also to our sponsors who help the club to pay its bills and continue to provide specialist coaching for our players both through the club sides and the Gordon Cricket Academy.

We also don't want to rest on our laurels; we want to provide more for our readers and sponsors.

Some options for the future might be:

- to improve our payment of fees structure through the web and to offer club gear and sponsor product for sale through our website.
- to provide more value to our readers through special offers from our sponsors.
- to provide more "tools" and links from our site to enable you to use the site for more day to day activities. In other words make the Gordon site a portal to other website usage.

In the meantime we have a winter coming up in Sydney to give our cricketers a break and for some to travel overseas to play.

Thanks to all of our website followers for your support and we look forward to another year of communication with our sponsors, players, officials and supporters.

ACADEMY

The Gordon Cricket Academy has completed another successful season with our Under 21 and Under 18 squads both enjoying a high level of coaching and personal development assistance.

The Academy is indebted to Peter Horwitz of Inside Sport Magazine for their sponsorship last season which enabled us to continue the professional use of high level coaches and to organise several games under the banner of the Academy.

The Academy would also like to thank Geoff Hickman for his dedicated services to the Academy Committee. Geoff was the founding Chairman, and then served three years as Chairman and two further years on the committee. Geoff is stepping down from the committee next season. His clear thinking and guidance has significantly helped make the Academy what it is today.

The goals of the Gordon Cricket Academy are:

- To maximize their development of members into a first grade and potential representative cricket level.
- Create a positive impact on club playing performance.
- Let the players know that the club is actively taking an interest in both their cricket and personal development.
- Create a culture from these players that will strengthen our club and assist in the retention of these players to the club.

The Academy achieved these standards during the 2005/6 season and can now report ten players from the Academy have played first grade for the club. These are Matt Michael, Brett Rosen, Julian Stephenson, James Hosking, Matt Makepeace, Sam Hinton, Ty Hopes, Brad Rasool, Nick Dowsley and Jeremy Cashman.

The Academy Committee was able to again vary a lot of the sessions for the Under 21's with visits to the SCG nets, fielding, communication, fitness and specialised "video" sessions to bring as much instruction to the players as possible. The Academy was very pleased to invite Kevin Roberts (former Gordon & NSW player and CEO of Adidas) and Brian Taber to address the Academy on their personal development. Their contribution is most appreciated.

In addition, the Under 18 division was able to play three games last season. Two of the games were against a Macquarie University Invitation XI and the Shore School First XI. The third match was a combined Academy match with the teams captained by James Packman and Ed Howitt.

The Academy would also like to thank our coaches who participated during the season and they included: Steve Smith, Mark O'Neill, Matt Nicholson, Richard Stobo, Ed Howitt, Steve Thomlinson, Michael Falk, Rod Hokin, Tim Packman, James Packman and Phil Emery.

Special thanks also go to the Academy committee for their excellent work in coordinating the events. The Academy committee this year was Geoff Hickman, Tony Wilson, Michael Falk, Richard Stobo and Glynn Lawry.

GENERAL

The General Committee met on 10 occasions and attendances were as follows:

| | | | | | |
|----------------|----|---------------|----|------------|---|
| I. Carroll | 9 | M. Rosen | 9 | P. Emery | 5 |
| A. Falk | 10 | T. Conde | 7 | I. Packman | 9 |
| E. Howitt(Snr) | 9 | P. Stephenson | 10 | A. Wilson | 9 |
| I. Hosking | 4 | M. Cant | 6 | M. Michael | 9 |

Jim Cattlin (2) and Roger Evans (2) were co-opted to the General Committee late in the season while James Packman (4) and John O'Neill-Fuller (3) were the Players' Representatives.

Peter Hughes (6) representing the Gordon Juniors, and Alan Patrick (4) representing the Women's Division also attended meetings during the year.

Thanks

I wish to thank several people for their assistance and hard work throughout the season.

First and foremost, the Club is truly indebted to Paul Stephenson. Not only does he manage by far the best Cricket Club website in existence (he takes the photos and writes many of the articles; the ones he doesn't write he edits), but he fits in time to be one of the three Club Selectors, Chair the Gordon Cricket Academy Committee and sit on the Club's General Committee. Paul also adds to his repertoire vast experience as a former First Grade player (albeit with a certain northern beaches Grade Club) and his continuing efforts over the past few years have been instrumental in the Club's resurgence in the Sydney Grade scene.

Tony Wilson, another member of the General Committee, continues to generously contribute his time, experience, (funds) and mentoring "skills" (not sure if this is the right word) to the Club. "Tiddles" has been involved with the GDCC, one way or another, for nearly fifty years, and his recently-developed passion for the Green Shield group contributed to their success this year.

General Committee meetings this year have again been productive and enjoyable with only one "dummy-spit" of note. The new Committee structure has assisted greatly with the sharing of responsibilities and workload.

While the Committee has been relatively stable for several years, it is important to continue to introduce new blood, ideas, experience and personalities into the mix. We can never have too many volunteers.

FIRST GRADE REPORT

Ed Zelma

It was an extraordinary season. We got to the summit of Kilimanjaro, fell short at Everest. But all involved witnessed the birth and development of a first grade team capable of winning a premiership.

I would like to think that I am not one to make unfounded statements. But as I write this report, one cannot suppress the feeling of optimism. This team is like no other that I have played in. The individuals who make up the playing unit are excellent cricketers but, just as importantly, are men of which the Club and the Gordon community can be proud. This I believe to be a fundamental element in the team's formula for success. Each player respected one another, the team management, the principles of the Club and the spectators who supported the team.

I was fortunate to captain the team for much of the season. As captain, I witnessed a group of people who were willing to seek feedback about their game. The success of the team was built around this - we relied on our ability to critically analyse both individual and team performance from match to match. At times this required frank and honest dialogue. To the players' credit they never shirked the truth about their own performance and if a weakness was identified we addressed it and worked around it.

We identified early in the season that the team who sticks to their game plan the longest gets over the line to win. This is not an easy thing to do, especially in difficult and pressure situations. In times of struggle, one may tend to look inwardly and be distracted away from the greater goal of the unit. The players did not do this, and demonstrated an ability to thrive in pressure situations by supporting each other, trying harder for one another and reiterating the game plan at team huddle ups. The sequence of winning matches, starting from Campbelltown and including Sydney University and Northern Districts, were examples of this. This sequence is our benchmark for next season. Each player featured and contributed in some way to win us these tight matches. If we can sustain this brand of cricket throughout next season we will be thereabouts come the first weekend in April.

If you came to watch the first grade team you would often hear the players calling out the team's mantra, - "love the grind". The players built a game plan that was based around mistake-free cricket and unrelenting fielding pressure on the opposition over the full two days of cricket. The fielding, at times, was simply first class and can be considered the team's greatest weapon. We were competitive in nearly all our games, right to the very end of each match. The players believed in the game plan and each other and from that, developed confidence and self-belief in themselves. I hope to see the strut of certain players next season - in doing so, I know the self-belief is high.

I have a strong belief that much of our success came down to our preparation. Matches are not won on a Saturday alone. The team that comes to a match most prepared and knowing the game plan is more likely to execute better than the opposition and hence more likely to succeed. The players are excellent trainers, attendance was good and effort was there at each training session. Team discussions on a Thursday evening were part of the winning formula. The training and preparation went along way to making the Gordon side arguably the best fielding side in the competition. As captain, to have

players demonstrate this commitment and concerted effort over a season is very pleasing.

Also contributing to our success was team management. On behalf of the players I wish to thank Ian Packman as team manager, Ken Conway team scorer, Michael Michael canteen operator / emergency covers, Paul Stephenson for the website, covers, weather reports and everything else cricket related. There are many more who have contributed to the success of the team. The Club is built on community involvement and for those who helped with covers, canteen, transport and communications I hope our performances goes some way in saying thank you for your contributions and remaining faithful to the cause.

The highlights were making the playoffs in the one day and two day competition. I do believe that the sequence of matches just prior to and after Christmas were just beautiful cricket and arguably the best performances of the summer.

Highlighting all the fantastic individual performances would take up more space than the editor of this report would allow. I will name just five that burn in my memory:

1. Dylan Connell taking a 5 wicket haul against Northern Districts to win the match. Dylan's attitude was exceptional given that he fluctuated between first and second grade throughout the season. Others in his predicament may have been distracted by personal frustrations; Dylan was nothing but a positive influence to the team except for some (all?) of his yarns.
2. Julian Stephenson taking 9 wickets against North Sydney and taking 40 wickets for the season. Julian grew in stature and demonstrated he belongs in first grade.
3. Rod "Rocket" Hokin knocking the runs off to beat Mosman in a thriller at Rawson. Rocket steered the team home in a match that needed to be won to make the play offs.
4. James Packman's innings against Fairfield in the semi finals. Under pressure and against quality opposition, he built a score for the team that almost got us home with a win.
5. Brendan MacDonald's spell of bowling at the latter stages of the Sydney University match. Under enormous pressure he landed his leg breaks with unwavering control.

While this report is a good opportunity to reflect on the highlights of the season it is also an opportunity to turn our thoughts to the future. The team finished in fifth place this season, which is commendable, but there remains much room for improvement. The challenge for the team will be playing against opposition who will be prepared for the Stags and the way we play. If we were underestimated this season we will not be next season.

We started the season off slowly. We must learn to play solid cricket for the full season, much of which comes down to fitness. I urge players to start their fitness programs

sooner rather than later and be ready come September to get that winning feeling in round 1.

Congratulations to Dave Gray and the Gordon Colts team in taking out the premiership. An excellent result and one we all will be trying to emulate next season.

In closing, I look forward to next season more so than any other. In returning home to Gordon I could not be happier with the team and the individuals I have found myself amongst. Whatever results fall or don't fall our way, I and the rest of the team will walk away with some great friendships. In the match report against Blacktown in round 3, I concluded that this team is something special and to keep watching. I reiterate this.

1ST GRADE STATISTICS

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C. Simmons | 17 | 2 | 143 | 711 | 47.40 |
| M. Nicholson | 13 | 1 | 118 | 364 | 30.33 |
| J. Packman | 21 | - | 112 | 586 | 27.90 |
| E. Zelma | 19 | 2 | 100* | 470 | 27.65 |
| J. O'Neill-Fuller | 16 | 1 | 74 | 385 | 25.67 |
| M. Michael | 20 | - | 89 | 502 | 25.10 |
| B. McDonald | 18 | 2 | 81 | 292 | 18.25 |
| B. Rasool | 8 | 1 | 40* | 116 | 16.57 |
| S. Hinton | 13 | 2 | 41* | 177 | 16.09 |
| D. Livermore | 10 | - | 44 | 159 | 15.90 |
| R. Hokin | 13 | 3 | 30 | 152 | 15.20 |
| J. Stephenson | 16 | 6 | 35 | 129 | 12.90 |
| B. Rosen | 19 | 5 | 40 | 170 | 12.14 |
| J. Cashman | 7 | - | 37 | 49 | 7.00 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| D. Connell | 4 | 4 | 24 | E. Howitt | 3 | - | 16 |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| C. Simmons | 143, 83, 76*, 68, 53 | M. Michael | 89, 63 |
| M. Nicholson | 118, 62 | B. McDonald | 81 |
| J. Packman | 112, 97, 59 | J. O'Neill-Fuller | 74, 50 |
| E. Zelma | 100*, 63, 62 | | |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 141 | 3 rd | C. Simmons and M. Nicholson | St George |
| 138 | 3 rd | C. Simmons and M. Michael | Manly-Warringah |
| 125 | 1 st | C. Simmons and D. Livermore | Blacktown |
| 118* | 1 st | C. Simmons and B. Rasool | UTS Balmain |
| 109 | 7 th | M. Michael and E. Zelma | Blacktown |
| 92 | 5 th | J. Packman and E. Zelma | Uni of NSW |
| 92 | 8 th | B. Rosen and B. McDonald | Campbelltown |
| 87 | 1 st | C. Simmons and D. Livermore | Manly-Warringah |
| 82 | 9 th | E. Zelma and J. Stephenson | Northern Districts |
| 77 | 2 nd | C. Simmons and J. Packman | Sutherland |
| 77 | 4 th | J. Packman and M. Nicholson | Manly-Warringah |
| 73 | 4 th | M. Nicholson & J.O'Neill-Fuller | St George |
| 71 | 1 st | C. Simmons and B. Rasool | Campbelltown |
| 70 | 1 st | M. Michael and S. Hinton | Randwick-Petersham |
| 68 | 1 st | M. Nicholson and M. Michael | Sydney Uni |
| 66 | 4 th | J. Packman and J. O'Neill-Fuller | Uni of NSW |
| 64 | 3 rd | M. Nicholson and R. Hokin | Sydney Uni |
| 61 | 6 th | E. Zelma and M. Michael | Fairfield-Liverpool |
| 60 | 2 nd | C. Simmons and J. Packman | Blacktown |
| 59 | 5 th | J. O'Neill-Fuller and E. Zelma | Fairfield-Liverpool |
| 54 | 8 th | J. Packman and B. McDonald | Fairfield-Liverpool |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|-------------------|-------|----|------|----|-------|------|------|
| M. Nicholson | 169.2 | 48 | 425 | 25 | 17.00 | 4/31 | 2.51 |
| D. Connell | 84.5 | 20 | 282 | 15 | 18.80 | 5/20 | 3.32 |
| E. Howitt | 35.2 | 7 | 96 | 5 | 19.20 | 3/35 | 2.72 |
| J. O'Neill-Fuller | 27 | - | 127 | 6 | 21.17 | 3/34 | 4.70 |
| J. Stephenson | 257.1 | 44 | 881 | 40 | 22.03 | 6/53 | 3.43 |
| E. Zelma | 312.4 | 61 | 1099 | 37 | 29.70 | 6/15 | 3.51 |
| M. Michael | 143.1 | 17 | 738 | 22 | 33.55 | 4/74 | 5.15 |
| C. Simmons | 54 | 4 | 211 | 6 | 35.17 | 2/9 | 3.91 |
| B. McDonald | 295.2 | 51 | 1046 | 26 | 40.23 | 4/92 | 3.54 |

ALSO BOWLED

J. Packman 2/24

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| E. Zelma | 6/15, 6/91 | M. Nicholson | 4/31, 4/60 |
| J. Stephenson | 6/53, 4/41 | M. Michael | 4/74 |
| D. Connell | 5/20, 5/29 | B. McDonald | 4/92 |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings | Total |
|----------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| B. Rosen | 44 | 2 | 46 |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|-------------|----|---------------|---|
| J. Packman | 17 | M. Nicholson | 5 |
| B. McDonald | 12 | M. Michael | 5 |
| C. Simmons | 7 | J. Stephenson | 5 |
| S. Hinton | 6 | | |

SECOND GRADE REPORT

Ed Howitt

Second grade began the season with a good mix of youth and experience and were looking forward to a successful 2005/2006 campaign. Throughout the season the team enjoyed some incredible victories, some clinical victories and balanced these, especially after Xmas, with some disappointing performances. Seconds were right in the mix up until the last round and victory in the last game would have ensured a semi final appearance. However it was not to be and the season ended frustratingly as a final round loss prevented this goal from being achieved, with the disappointment further emphasised due to our lofty position on the table at Christmas.

The first round saw a crushing loss to Easts by 8 wickets, a reality check early in the season. The game did provide an insight into the talents with the bat of John O'Neill-Fuller (88) and Jeremy Cashman (49). They held the innings together with a superb partnership, and both would continue their form and end up playing in the first grade semi final team. The Stags got their points tally kick started against a not so hot Blacktown outfit, with our new recruit, Brad Rasool, scoring a scintillating 154 and the evergreen Richard Stobo (4/52) running through their top order to record a comprehensive victory. We followed this win with a comfortable, rain shortened victory against Parramatta and then backed up again with a superb all round performance against the very strong Manly outfit. The O'Neill Fuller/Cashman show was on again as they put on a record (to be eclipsed) 226 run partnership, each scoring hundreds and showing great levels of concentration and determination in setting the basis for a massive first innings score. Ed Howitt then backed up the batting taking 5/57 and was terribly unlucky not to be given the opportunity to take his first 6 for in grade when the captain (JOF) elected to take the second new ball. The only saving grace was the skipper not electing to take the new ball himself, as that would not have been out of character.

After 4 rounds, and only one loss, the team was beginning to confirm their ability with results and this was backed up with a win away against Hawkesbury, with Hokin (72), Sherman (65) and Dowsley (54) getting amongst the runs and Dylan Connell (4/49) getting his first bag of the season. However, the next victory against Fairfield Liverpool will be remembered for many a day. Chasing 288 for victory in a one dayer, the Stags were in trouble when Howitt joined Cashman (128*), and the equation had blown out to 88 required off 44 balls. With some friendly advice from the wise Howitt to Cashman suggesting he might want to tee off, the next over went for 21 and the rest is history as the Gordon boys enjoyed a monumental victory with 3 balls and 3 wickets to spare.

Second grade came crashing back to earth with an inept display against Sutherland. A humiliating outright loss was followed by another memorable victory, this time against the always strong St George team. Gordon accumulated 369 on a good Killara wicket, the highlight being Nick Dowsley's first hundred (121) for the club and contributions from everyone, including RM Stobo, who was surprisingly beginning to make a name for himself with the bat. St George looked gone in the run chase but a last wicket partnership of 49 saw the Dragons get within 3 runs of victory and one over to bowl. Captain Howitt took it upon himself to bowl the last over and proceeded to bowl 3 full tosses which were bunted to fieldsman. A let off!! The 4th ball was

another full toss but lower than the previous three balls and the batsmen attempted a match winning sweep shot but was struck in front and the umpire adjudicated in Gordon's favour. Howitt ran off in a similar vein to John Aloisi (with shirt on, luckily for most) on that magical night against Uruguay, except the crowd was limited to a few select individuals in the members stand at Killara. To have two miraculous victories in the space of 3 games seemed to indicate we were destined to be there come finals time. A bonus point victory against Campbelltown-Camden, Rod Hokin starring with both bat (50) and ball (3/21), saw Gordon sitting 4th at Christmas and looking forward to the challenge of maintaining that position throughout the New Year.

The New Year didn't get off to great a start with the skipper losing two important tosses and being sent in on lively wickets. With our batting faltering, the bowlers did well in their attempt to defend small totals, a standout spell of bowling from Will Sweeney (6/36 and 2/26) against Northern Districts (eventual premiers) being a highlight. Tough conditions and the Christmas lay off seemed to have ceased the momentum we had gathered prior to the festive season and another heavy loss to Penrith saw the Stags in a rut and struggling with confidence, particularly with the bat. Another lost toss, however a great fielding and bowling performance (Connell, Stobo and Howitt all 3 wickets) saw Gordon chase a small total at Killara and get back on the winning track against Western Suburbs. Jeremy Cashman (104) returned from his first stint in first grade and proceeded to reel off another century, his third of the season and he was ably supported by Ben Garratt (61) and a whirlwind innings from Will Sweeney (45*). Another comprehensive win against lowly North Sydney side, with unbeaten centuries to Damon Livermore (140*) and Rod Hokin (100* and 4/35) and second grade were in 6th position going into the final round against UNSW. Unfortunately, having restricted UNSW to 231 off their allocated 50 overs, Gordon stumbled in their run chase and the season ended in the shadows of the university buildings.

Although we did miss out on the finals, the season was a success in many ways. We saw the rapid development of young players such as Nick Dowsley and Will Sweeney, the ever growing promise of Reece Bombas being realized and the brilliant batting of John O'Neill Fuller, Rod Hokin and Jeremy Cashman during their sporadic stints in second Grade. Richard Stobo, Dylan Connell and Ed Howitt formed the backbone of the bowling and were supported by many, particularly Will Sweeney, Nick Dowsley and Rod Hokin with his improving leggies. Second grade were a team first grade could rely on to provide players where need be and have confidence they were up to the big step, further underlying the depth Gordon has developed in recent times.

Second grade played to win and victories were always not just for the players but also the support staff. Thank you to the members who populated the hill every Saturday, through both good and bad times. To Andrew Falk, a special thank you for your tireless efforts in your many different roles with the club. To our committee, sub committees and selectors....thank you for handling all the off field processes and enabling the cricketers to remain focused on their roles on the pitch. I'm sure there were times when you wondered how your efforts were being rewarded, but the victories we had amongst the club I hope will bring you back next season. I also know that we as players must take more responsibility within our club and be part of the

processes that make the Stags tick. Hopefully next season, with our increasing culture, players will help contribute to the running of our cricket club. Many thanks To Ed Howitt (Snr) whose knees finally gave up and his days of umpiring were replaced by scoring and managing the second grade team. Hopefully you have seen the light and remain a part of second grade next season. Special thanks to the gate keeper, Dick Huey and the band of helpers (John and Pam Cosgrove, Michael Michael and Jim Cattlin) who manned the canteen during play at Killara.

Congratulations to first grade on a remarkable season with much credit going to Matt Nicholson and Ed Zelma for leading the ship in a superb manner. Furthermore, our sixth grade were crowned champions and this was a credit to Dave Gray and the way he moulded an ever changing team to win the Metropolitan Cup. A victory for the club and some silverware to show for an improved season.

We are a club on the improve and I hope the experiences everyone enjoyed, or may not have enjoyed, will make them better, smarter cricketers next season. Gordon is an extremely proud club and we are commencing an exciting era. I know next season will be full of more victories than losses, more enjoyment than disappointment, possible scandal and tales, and hopefully being able to watch or participate as a Gordon player or club man, in the thrill of finals cricket.

SECOND GRADE

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| J. Cashman | 10 | 2 | 128* | 478 | 59.75 |
| W. Sweeney | 6 | 4 | 45* | 109 | 54.50 |
| D. Livermore | 5 | 1 | 140* | 210 | 52.50 |
| R. Hokin | 8 | 1 | 100* | 365 | 52.14 |
| B. Rasool | 8 | 1 | 154* | 257 | 36.71 |
| N. Dowsley | 15 | 1 | 121 | 429 | 30.64 |
| B. Garratt | 9 | - | 61 | 234 | 26.00 |
| A. Sherman | 16 | - | 70 | 323 | 20.19 |
| J. Hosking | 10 | 1 | 44 | 163 | 18.11 |
| E. Howitt | 12 | 2 | 42* | 174 | 17.40 |
| R. Stobo | 13 | 3 | 42* | 148 | 14.80 |
| M. Kleem | 5 | - | 34 | 70 | 14.00 |
| M. Makepeace | 15 | - | 42 | 157 | 10.47 |
| D. Connell | 6 | 2 | 13 | 36 | 9.00 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| J. O'Neill-Fuller | 4 | - | 241 | J. Holmes | 4 | 2 | 13 |
| M. Wiese | 2 | - | 60 | G. Wright | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| S. Hinton | 3 | - | 57 | N. Medcalf | 2 | - | 9 |
| R. Bombas | 3 | - | 41 | D. Michael | 2 | - | 7 |
| J. Mallos | 1 | - | 34 | A. Plummer | 1 | - | 6 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|----|---------|---|---|---|
| D. Redrup | 3 | 1 | 25 | C. Lee | 1 | - | 4 |
| M. Smith | 3 | - | 24 | J. Ling | 1 | - | 1 |
| E. Richtor | 1 | - | 16 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|
| B. Rasool | 154* | N. Dowsley | 121, 58, 54 |
| D. Livermore | 140*, 68 | R. Hokin | 100*, 72, 52, 50 |
| J. Cashman | 128*, 104, 100 | A. Sherman | 70, 65 |
| J. O'Neill-Fuller | 128, 88 | B. Garratt | 61 |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 235* | 4 th | D. Livermore and R. Hokin | North Sydney |
| 226 | 4 th | J. Cashman and J. O'Neill-Fuller | Manly-Warringah |
| 119 | 4 th | J. O'Neill-Fuller and J. Cashman | Eastern Suburbs |
| 116 | 3 rd | B. Garratt and B. Rasool | Western Suburbs |
| 107 | 4 th | R. Hokin and J. Cashman | Fairfield-Liverpool |
| 103 | 3 rd | A. Sherman and R. Hokin | Hawkesbury |
| 88* | 7 th | J. Cashman and E. Howitt | Fairfield-Liverpool |
| 82 | 2 nd | B. Garratt and M. Wiese | North Sydney |
| 73 | 2 nd | A. Sherman and J. Hosking | St George |
| 69 | 4 th | N. Dowsley and R. Bombas | Uni of NSW |
| 64 | 4 th | R. Hokin and N. Dowsley | Hawkesbury |
| 60 | 5 th | B. Rasool and M. Makepeace | Blacktown |
| 59 | 4 th | R. Hokin and N. Dowlsey | St. George |
| 57 | 2 nd | B. Garratt and J. Hosking | Campbelltown |
| 55 | 3 rd | B. Rasool and J. Cashman | Blacktown |
| 55 | 6 th | B. Rasool and D. Redrup | Blacktown |
| 54 | 2 nd | M. Kleem and B. Rasool | Manly-Warringah |
| 52 | 5 th | R. Hokin and S. Hinton | Campbelltown |
| 52 | 7 th | N. Dowsley and E. Howitt | St. George |
| 51 | 1 st | D. Livermore and A. Sherman | Northern Districts |
| 51 | 8 th | N. Dowsley and R. Stobo | Sydney University |
| 50 | 4 th | J. Hosking and J. Cashman | Sutherland |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|------------|-------|----|-----|----|-------|------|------|
| R. Hokin | 44.4 | 6 | 190 | 11 | 17.27 | 4/35 | 4.25 |
| W. Sweeney | 84 | 13 | 271 | 15 | 18.07 | 6/36 | 3.23 |
| R. Stobo | 233.4 | 57 | 684 | 28 | 24.43 | 4/52 | 2.93 |
| E. Howitt | 226.4 | 55 | 665 | 27 | 24.63 | 5/57 | 2.93 |
| N. Dowsley | 57 | 7 | 233 | 9 | 25.89 | 3/16 | 4.09 |
| D. Connell | 196.3 | 41 | 625 | 23 | 27.17 | 4/48 | 3.18 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------------------|------|------------|------|
| M. Smith | 4/142 | J. O'Neill-Fuller | 2/17 | J. Hosking | 0/32 |
| D. Michael | 3/81 | N. Medcalf | 1/55 | A. Sherman | 0/18 |
| G. Wright | 3/67 | J. Mallos | 1/25 | E. Richtor | 0/13 |
| J. Holmes | 2/135 | D. Redrup | 0/72 | C. Lee | 0/9 |
| J. Ling | 2/94 | A. Plummer | 0/49 | M. Kleem | 0/5 |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| W. Sweeney | 6/36 | D. Connell | 4/48, 4/49 |
| E. Howitt | 5/57, 4/58 | R. Stobo | 4/52, 4/72 |
| R. Hokin | 4/35 | | |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| M. Makepeace | 17 | 3 |
| M. Wiese | 1 | 2 |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|------------|---|------------|---|
| A. Sherman | 9 | R. Hokin | 6 |
| N. Dowsley | 9 | B. Garratt | 5 |

THIRD GRADE REPORT

Matthew Kelly

The third grade team that represented the electoral district of Gordon this season could justifiably describe their collective season as tough, disciplined, patient and competitive. It was a team that was described by both the Minor Premiers, Manly and the ultimate Premiers, St George as one of the best teams that each had encountered in the competition. And yet the report most correctly should describe the season simply as "frustrating".

The previous two third grade end of season reports talks about losing the close games and it was the losing of those close games that was cited in those seasons as the difference between playing cricket in late March and heading down to watch your local football team play in pre-season trials. However, there can be no better illustration of a team's ability to fail to get home in the close games than this season's third grade team. For the sake of six balls this team would have finished second in the competition. Such a "but for" is unrealistic; but with four balls the team would have won enough games that they either lost or the opposition drew whilst nine wickets down, which would have seen this team finish as high as fourth. As it happens, the team finished in 15th position.

There is no excuse. The players, despite their consistency in pushing most teams all the way to the end and their enthusiasm, were simply incapable of taking victories that were seemingly within its grasp. The disappointment is only highlighted because this is one of the best teams for its respective competition that I have had the pleasure to play with. Moreover, the team was one that was great to be a part of and which would have been fantastic to have been more successful with.

There was great camaraderie amongst the team, which is always challenging in the lower grades in a club that is enjoying success. Thirty-three players played in third grade this season, more than for some time, and the constant revolving door was certainly not easy for captains (of which there were three) and the players themselves. However, in a very positive development for this club, selectors' decisions to demote players, which were certainly not easy, were taken with good grace and a resolve to perform in fourth grade to earn a spot back in third grade and beyond. Examples can be made in this regard of the inseparable trio of Mitchell Kleem, Rob Evans and Nick Medcalf. This can only be good for the Club.

Mitchell started the season on fire with three half centuries, belting the ball ironically to every corner of the oval and he was promoted to second grade. Unfortunately, he found the step up a sterner test of his technique and soon he drifted back through third grade to fourth grade. However, to his credit he put his head down, if that that is also not ironic, to carve out a hundred and fight his way back into the team in the last round. His 500 plus run season across all grades was well deserved.

The coming of age of some of the younger players was pleasing. After a patchy start to the season that saw him reach a pass mark but little more, Reece Bombas matured into a grade batsman in his innings against Northern Districts (53) on a wet wicket and at a difficult time and against Penrith (85) in sapping heat at a crucial time of the

innings, where he was robbed of his maiden grade hundred by a tired umpire. Both innings put his side in with a great chance of winning. His mature but crucial innings of 73 against Western Suburbs finally repaid Reece as Gordon chased down a massive 8(dec)/359, largely on the back of a Dean Goldsmith 114. In that game Goldsmith shared a partnership of 180 with Justin Waller who compiled an assured 59 to show that he will soon be knocking on the door for higher honours.

Dean publicly stated over the crunch of floorboards, after the final game of the season, that this would be his last foray with the flannelled fools of Gordon. If it is true it is a loss for the Club as, with his uncompromising and at times over-bearing approach to the game, he brings out the best in his team mates, who are almost scared into commitment and performance. His form is certainly still good enough to warrant a place in third grade with a telling 68 in his first game back against St George, after being sent in on a wet wicket, to go with his hundred against Wests, a prime example. However, I would like to think that he will try to double his number of third grade premierships with one last season. In any event, Dean's assistance and general input during the season was of the highest level and many will have learned if they have listened.

For sheer class, the innings of the season in thirds was not the captain's knock against a hapless Blacktown, the day after the Wests Tigers won the NRL premiership but, without doubt, James Hosking's 150 against Hawkesbury. It was an innings that saw Hosking coming back from injury, building his confidence with each delivery and, with Mark Wiese's first grade half century (53), returning to the form that earned him first grade selection and nearly seeing the side chase down a huge total. Mark came into the side in the game against Hawkesbury and his input and attitude to each game was without reproach. Mark took on the captaincy for a couple of games before Christmas, after the hapless Reynolds was forced to withdraw, after being bitten on the face by a dog; and the experience was vital for a future long-term leader of the Club. I would like to thank Mark for his contribution to third grade and for his assistance throughout the season.

Brad Rasool may have qualified as the innings of the season except for the fact that he was inexplicable given out lbw on 99 in the last round. Brad's attitude after being dropped to third grade, having played in first grade earlier in the season, was magnificent. He is a very good player and we hope that he remains in Australia and fights to regain his first grade spot.

A report for third grade for this season would be remiss not to mention Richtor the Younger, Els, "EMO", Iron Maiden, call him what you will, effortlessly stroking the ball through cover like a modern day (and right handed) David Gower, which returned two third grade half centuries to go with three others collected in fourth and fifth grade. His power however surely fades in comparison to his caress. An emotional approach by a sensitive young man, which is sure to plunder many runs under a maroon cap in the coming seasons. His bowling was also a revelation, for despite looking innocuous, Elliot's economy rate was a handy 2.7, his analysis laced with maidens.

Dan Richtor started the season with a new attitude to punish the bad delivery and he made a number of healthy starts, including a well-made 53 against St George. It was

unfortunate that Dan was unable to capitalise on a number of those good starts; but with this aggressive attitude he must surely prosper. He is a good slip fieldsman and is truly a pleasure to play cricket with. Hopefully he will be back bigger, better and with more body art next season. Third grade owes a debt of gratitude to the Richtors, as their combined efforts in getting the covers on to Beauchamp on Friday afternoons allowed games to proceed that may otherwise have been washed out.

The bowling suffered this year through a lack of consistent combination and by having to bowl on the freeway that Beauchamp Oval resembled. Seventeen bowlers bowled more than 10 overs for third grade and there were many outstanding individual performances.

Will Sweeney's continued development was pleasing to see as he fleetingly played in third grade with two stand-out spells in each of the matches he played in third grade against Sydney University (5/55) and St George (4/48) getting the team within one wicket of victory on both occasions and seeing him promoted, where he continued to impress. Josh Ling's 4/18 in the rout of fierce rivals Northern Districts was, without doubt one of the most brutal and ruthless spells that I have had the pleasure of witnessing from bat-pad; but unfortunately Ling, through a combination of studies, injury and love did not spend nearly as much time in the side as was desired. The Club hopes that he is fit and available for the entire season next year, because he is too talented not to be pushing for higher honours.

The mainstays of the attack were Jordan Holmes, who finished with 25 wickets and bowled beautifully in the back half of the season and Nick Medcalf, who whilst missing the chance to play with his mates such as Rob Evans, was able to concentrate sufficiently to take 16 wickets for the team. Mark Smith and Richie Paul had good individual spells but would surely have profited from the chance to bowl on the green seaming wickets that Chatswood has produced in the last couple of seasons.

A major difficulty that the team could not quite overcome was the chance to maintain the same or a consistently similar attack for any stretch of time. Inevitably, successful teams have a core of two or three bowlers and a regular spinner that play week in and week out. We simply did not have this luxury, due to injury and the level of competition between the quick bowlers.

The story was the same in the spinning department. David Michael was probably the most consistent spinner, despite the fact that his figures are not as flattering as he would like; but he was certainly not helped by a rash of dropped catches off his bowling. Dave learned a great deal about spin bowling this season and it is certainly not an easy lot. As is expected he always chipped in with the bat at 8 and 9. So effectively in fact that, in his seven innings, with two half centuries and a 43 not out in the epic run chase against Wests, he finished with the highest batting average of any player to have played more than four games in third grade.

Thanks must also go to the likes of John Mallos, who cannot run between wickets but has a great deal of natural talent. Also the incomparable scribe and long-haired wicket keeper Ian Higgins and his sparring partner Andrew Plummer, who had an injury interrupted season and will bat higher than number nine when he puts his head down.

Chris Lee who came into third grade late in the season but has real ability and simply needs to do some work with the Club's running coach.

Thanks must again go to Michael Berman for acting as ground manager at Beauchamp Oval for both third and fourth grade. Michael is a true Gordon man, and his time is greatly appreciated as is his knowledge and perception of the game. Many times it was witnessed that Michael gave his time freely to assist Tony Wilson in coming to grips with the finer points of batting. The batsmen at the Club were truly grateful.

Thank you also to the committee of the Club for doing all things necessary to get the teams onto the park each week; but thanks particularly to the selection committee. It is a difficult and sometimes thankless task and it pleases me that I didn't have to do it!

Congratulations to first grade on a wonderful turn around season. The performances this year certainly fill the Club with a great deal of pride and aspiration for those coming through a great goal to aim for. As a club, we all look forward to another great season next year.

And so to look forward to next year, where the lessons of this season will hopefully be learnt and near misses are not again ruminated. Hopefully the captain can take this into the next season and annoy his wife with three more weeks of cricket in March.

THIRD GRADE

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| D. Michael | 7 | 3 | 53 | 222 | 55.50 |
| M. Kelly | 14 | 1 | 144* | 559 | 43.00 |
| R. Bombas | 11 | 1 | 85 | 368 | 36.80 |
| E. Richtor | 6 | - | 74 | 220 | 36.67 |
| M. Kleem | 9 | - | 72 | 328 | 36.44 |
| J. Holmes | 6 | 5 | 13* | 35 | 35.00 |
| D. Goldsmith | 8 | - | 114 | 259 | 32.38 |
| D. Richtor | 10 | - | 53 | 181 | 18.10 |
| N. Medcalf | 12 | - | 34 | 189 | 15.75 |
| M. Wiese | 7 | - | 53 | 110 | 15.71 |
| J. Mallos | 5 | - | 20 | 50 | 10.00 |
| M. Smith | 7 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 5.67 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|------------|-----|------|------|---------------|-----|------|------|
| J. Hosking | 1 | - | 151 | I. Higgins | 2 | - | 23 |
| D. Redrup | 4 | 1 | 127 | R. Paul | 3 | - | 20 |
| B. Rasool | 2 | - | 117 | A. Cabbage | 1 | - | 17 |
| J. Waller | 3 | - | 100 | M. Reynolds | 3 | - | 9 |
| B. Garratt | 4 | - | 100 | W. Sweeney | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| R. Evans | 4 | - | 66 | D. Parfett | 1 | - | 6 |
| S. Lin | 3 | 1 | 51 | D. Thomlinson | 1 | - | 4 |
| J. Ling | 4 | 1 | 50 | M. Makepeace | 2 | - | 4 |
| N. Dowsley | 1 | - | 49 | C. Archer | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| C. Lee | 3 | 1 | 39 | A. Sherman | 1 | - | 0 |
| A. Plummer | 3 | 1 | 36 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| J. Hosking | 151 | D. Redrup | 73* |
| M. Kelly | 144*, 77, 66 | M. Kleem | 72, 64, 63 |
| D. Goldsmith | 114, 61 | J. Waller | 59 |
| B. Rasool | 99 | D. Michael | 53, 51* |
| R. Bombas | 85, 73, 53 | D. Richtor | 53 |
| E. Richtor | 74, 74 | M. Wiese | 53 |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 180 | 2 nd | J. Waller and D. Goldsmith | Western Suburbs |
| 162 | 8 th | J. Hosking and M. Wiese | Hawkesbury |
| 137* | 3 rd | M. Kelly and R. Bombas | Blacktown |
| 133 | 3 rd | M. Kelly and R. Bombas | Penrith |
| 110 | 5 th | R. Bombas and E. Richtor | Northern Districts |
| 108 | 2 nd | M. Kleem and N. Dowsley | Eastern Suburbs |
| 88 | 1 st | M. Kelly and M. Kleem | Blacktown |
| 79 | 1 st | M. Kelly and B. Garratt | Manly-Warringah |
| 78 | 4 th | D. Goldsmith and D. Richtor | St. George |
| 71 | 1 st | M. Kelly and J. Waller | North Sydney |
| 67 | 6 th | R. Bombas and D. Michael | Western Suburbs |
| 66 | 9 th | M. Kelly and M. Wiese | Sutherland |
| 60 | 7 th | D. Michael and M. Wiese | Penrith |
| 60 | 5 th | R. Bombas and N. Medcalf | Western Suburbs |
| 57 | 5 th | B. Rasool and E. Richtor | Uni of NSW |
| 56 | 2 nd | M. Kleem and D. Goldsmith | Sydney Uni |
| 53 | 3 rd | M. Kelly and B. Rasool | Uni of NSW |
| 53 | 5 th | J. Hosking and D. Redrup | Hawkesbury |
| 52 | 2 nd | M. Kelly and R. Evans | Blacktown |
| 52 | 2 nd | M. Kleem and R. Evans | Parramatta |
| 52 | 5 th | D. Richtor and D. Michael | St. George |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| W. Sweeney | 26 | 3 | 103 | 9 | 11.44 | 5/55 | 3.96 |
| R. Paul | 33.1 | 7 | 125 | 9 | 13.89 | 6/35 | 3.77 |
| J. Ling | 67 | 21 | 156 | 9 | 17.33 | 4/18 | 2.33 |
| J. Holmes | 146 | 17 | 583 | 25 | 23.32 | 4/58 | 3.99 |
| N. Medcalf | 118 | 15 | 433 | 16 | 27.06 | 3/7 | 3.67 |
| C. Lee | 42 | 5 | 162 | 5 | 32.40 | 3/66 | 3.86 |
| D. Redrup | 54 | 8 | 229 | 7 | 32.71 | 3/95 | 4.24 |
| D. Michael | 87 | 16 | 326 | 7 | 46.57 | 2/25 | 3.75 |
| M. Smith | 104 | 15 | 377 | 7 | 53.86 | 2/24 | 3.63 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|------|
| A. Sherman | 4/19 | D. Thomlinson | 3/151 | J. Hosking | 0/41 |
| E. Richtor | 4/122 | R. Evans | 1/37 | C. Archer | 0/29 |
| J. Mallos | 4/145 | N. Dowsley | 1/45 | D. Parfett | 0/14 |
| A. Plummer | 3/112 | A. Cabbage | 1/50 | M. Reynolds | 0/5 |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------|
| R. Paul | 6/35 | A. Sherman | 4/19 |
| W. Sweeney | 5/55, 4/48 | J. Holmes | 4/58 |
| J. Ling | 4/18 | | |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| M. Wiese | 11 | 2 |
| S. Lin | 4 | - |
| I. Higgins | 4 | - |
| M. Makepeace | 2 | - |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|--------------|---|----------|---|
| D. Richtor | 7 | M. Kelly | 5 |
| D. Goldsmith | 5 | | |

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

Stuart Brand

Fourth grade had a big job this year. Attempting to retain the coveted trophy was going to prove difficult as everyone in the competition was gunning to beat us. At the start of the season the circumstances that unfolded through out the year were unexpected to say the least. Missing star performers from the previous year like Stobo and Reynolds was also going to put a lot of responsibility on a number of young players.

Fourth grade is also a grade that is subject to high levels of personnel turnover and this was evidenced throughout the year with players such as Garratt, Sweeney, Ling and young Richtor pushing through the grades and showing great character and ability, creating a strong base for the ongoing success of the stags.

It is no secret that our season was stacked full of games that were either lost to the rain gods or lost in extremely close circumstance with no less than four games going against us by either one or two wickets or less than ten runs. Having said this, the season was a most enjoyable one and one where a number of younger players were taught a lot about how great the game of cricket can be, but at the same time just how cruel a loss can make one feel.

Towards the end of the year we came to appreciate how the game should be played and turned potential loss situations into some very strong and responsible wins.

The great games of the season are always the ones you win and it was in some of these games that the wins revolved around a few stellar performances by a number of differing stars. Mitch Kleem's hundred late in the season to guide the side toward a victory was something to behold. Josh Ling's bowling performance on a low flat deck at Bankstown this year was an amazing effort given the heat and the lifelessness of the sublime pitch. Rob Evans performance in just about every game he played in and Iqbal's spinning fingers were something to behold. His leggies weren't half bad either.

The batting was a little scattered and, as a result, cost the stags a few games. However some good performances were registered and Justin Waller looks a special for higher grade selection in the years to come. Another with a bright future is Elliot Richtor who shows a distinct likeness to Mark Waugh off his legs and a fiery but controlled temperament. In fact all the young bucks in the top order have plenty of talent. It is just taking the opportunities when they come and having patience to stick it out when the going gets tough that will take some of these players to higher levels of cricket.

Having said this, the bowling performances this year generally were top notch and in fact put us in positions to win a few tight games. Every bowler put up their hands through out the year and not one could finish the season thinking that they did not give their all for the fourth grade side.

I said it many times during the year and I do not choose to use it as an excuse because a great side can win in all conditions. However the performances that we put in this year were sometimes rewarded with healthy drubbings, not necessarily due to our performance but the luck of the toss and external conditions.

I have no doubt this side should have finished in the finals and for that there is no excuse. Things however do have a way of evening themselves out over the years and next year just may be the year that a bit of that misfortune turns into fortune for these young cricketers of the Gordon Cricket Club's future. Congratulations is passed on from this side to the Colts who came home with the cash and also first grade whose performance was a credit to the work the boys put in this year.

FOURTH GRADE

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| S. Orr | 6 | 2 | 62* | 144 | 36.00 |
| R. Evans | 10 | 1 | 97 | 299 | 33.22 |
| A. Fitzpatrick | 7 | - | 79 | 229 | 32.71 |
| J. Waller | 8 | 1 | 64 | 177 | 25.29 |
| C. Lee | 7 | - | 60 | 159 | 22.71 |
| R. Paul | 5 | - | 60 | 101 | 20.20 |
| L. Gulaptis | 11 | - | 54 | 219 | 19.91 |
| I. Higgins | 5 | - | 38 | 89 | 17.80 |
| S. Brand | 12 | - | 48 | 197 | 16.42 |
| I. Ahmed | 11 | 3 | 38 | 128 | 16.00 |
| D. Parfett | 6 | 1 | 27 | 75 | 15.00 |
| D. Mahaffey | 7 | 3 | 7 | 26 | 6.50 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| M. Kleem | 2 | - | 145 | D. Livermore | 1 | - | 10 |
| D. Richtor | 3 | 1 | 103 | M. Wiese | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| N. Medcalf | 1 | - | 84 | W. Sweeney | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| E. Richtor | 3 | - | 71 | S. Slocombe | 1 | - | 7 |
| T. Roarty | 4 | 1 | 43 | R. Kenner | 1 | - | 6 |
| B. Garratt | 2 | - | 40 | M. Smith | 1 | - | 4 |
| D. Goldsmith | 4 | - | 39 | A. Lappan | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| C. Archer | 1 | - | 35 | J. Blake | 1 | - | 2 |
| A. Plummer | 1 | - | 30 | L. Kannangara | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| J. Rabone | 3 | - | 30 | D. Thomlinson | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| J. Ling | 4 | 1 | 30 | A. Cubbage | 1 | - | 1 |
| J. Mallos | 2 | - | 20 | M. Bourne | 1 | - | 0 |
| D. Michael | 1 | - | 15 | T. Clifford | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| M. Reynolds | 2 | - | 11 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|-------------|-----|
| M. Kleem | 122 | E. Richtor | 63 |
| R. Evans | 97, 59* | S. Orr | 62* |
| N. Medcalf | 84 | C. Lee | 60 |
| A. Fitzpatrick | 79, 73 | R. Paul | 60 |
| D. Richtor | 69 | L. Gulaptis | 54 |
| J. Waller | 64 | | |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 118 | 3 rd | A. Fitzpatrick and R. Evans | Sydney University |
| 104 | 2 nd | M. Kleem and D. Richtor | North Sydney |
| 98 | 7 th | N. Medcalf and C. Lee | Hawkesbury |
| 94 | 2 nd | A. Fitzpatrick and L. Gulaptis | St. George |
| 77 | 8 th | N. Medcalf and I. Higgins | Hawkesbury |
| 70* | 6 th | S. Orr and I. Ahmed | North Sydney |
| 66 | 2 nd | J. Waller and L. Gulaptis | Campbelltown |
| 65 | 7 th | S. Orr and I. Ahmed | Western Suburbs |
| 64 | 4 th | R. Evans and S. Brand | Western Suburbs |
| 63 | 4 th | D. Richtor and S. Brand | North Sydney |
| 60 | 2 nd | J. Waller and B. Garratt | Blacktown |
| 57 | 1 st | M. Kleem and J. Waller | North Sydney |
| 57 | 4 th | J. Waller and R. Evans | Campbelltown |
| 51 | 1 st | J. Waller and A. Fitzpatrick | Northern Districts |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|-------------|------|----|-----|----|-------|------|------|
| J. Ling | 67 | 15 | 171 | 12 | 14.25 | 5/32 | 2.55 |
| T. Roarty | 25 | 4 | 81 | 5 | 16.20 | 3/11 | 3.24 |
| C. Lee | 74 | 12 | 181 | 9 | 20.11 | 4/48 | 2.45 |
| R. Evans | 81 | 6 | 314 | 13 | 24.15 | 4/21 | 3.88 |
| D. Mahaffey | 80 | 11 | 250 | 10 | 25.00 | 3/36 | 3.13 |
| D. Parfett | 36.4 | 7 | 150 | 5 | 30.00 | 2/2 | 4.09 |
| R. Paul | 57 | 5 | 189 | 5 | 37.80 | 2/36 | 3.32 |
| I. Ahmed | 135 | 12 | 553 | 14 | 39.50 | 6/33 | 4.10 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------------|------|------------|-------|
| J. Blake | 3/55 | L. Gulaptis | 1/12 | J. Mallos | 1/95 |
| E. Richtor | 3/78 | M. Reynolds | 1/14 | M. Smith | 1/130 |
| A. Lappan | 3/111 | D. Richtor | 1/25 | I. Skinner | 0/30 |
| T. Clifford | 2/5 | J. Holmes | 1/34 | A. Cabbage | 0/19 |
| J. Ellison | 2/9 | D. Michael | 1/34 | A. Plummer | 0/16 |
| C. Archer | 2/41 | J. Waller | 1/58 | M. Kleem | 0/6 |
| D. Thomlinson | 2/51 | W. Sweeney | 1/75 | S. Brand | 0/5 |
| M. Bourne | 2/107 | | | | |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|----------|------------|----------|------|
| I. Ahmed | 6/33 | R. Evans | 4/21 |
| J. Ling | 5/32, 5/41 | C. Lee | 4/48 |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|------------|----------------|------------------|
| S. Orr | 6 | 2 |
| M. Wiese | 3 | 3 |
| I. Higgins | 2 | 1 |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|---|
| L. Gulaptis | 6 | B. Garratt | 5 |
|-------------|---|------------|---|

FIFTH GRADE REPORT

Dave Storey

What an enjoyable season, what a heart breaking season, what a frustratingly close season. This was a season that took us to some of the highest moments and just as quickly it brought us right back down to earth again. It would be fair to say that each and every guy who played in 5's last season will understand exactly what I mean. We played ourselves into a position where making the semi finals seemed to be a mere formality. Unfortunately we somehow managed to let the opportunity slip.

I say unfortunate because if there was ever a 5th grade team that could have gone all the way, it was this team. That's exactly what we were – a team. We had a few players come in and out of the side and a few that went up the grades but I can confidently say that it was one of the most enjoyable seasons of cricket I have played and I put that down to the guys I played with. Each and every player can be proud of their performance over the season and for supporting each other, fighting for each other and standing up to be counted. Hopefully next season Gordon 5th grade will go all the way.

In the end we had two matches to go - North Sydney and Uni of NSW. We were in 4th position on the ladder and looked certain to progress to the semi finals. North Sydney were languishing down the bottom of the ladder so we thought we were a certainty to take the points there. Uni of NSW were up the top but we had knocked off the top teams throughout the season and had an undeniable belief in our team's ability to win cricket matches. I think that belief was what hurt us. Our belief was almost arrogant as we faced up to North Sydney and a bad loss had us having to accept our fault in thinking the match was ours before it had even started. Whenever you disrespect the game of cricket it comes back to bite you. We got bitten. Turning up the following week to a wet deck and having the bat first meant a loss against Uni of NSW and the season was over for us.

This season we saw a good balance of experience, raw talent and a fighting desire to win. Looking back there were a few matches that could easily have gone against us. Somehow, with a bit of magic and a total reluctance to give in, we had some of our opposing teams shaking their heads in bewilderment as we belted out the club song with everything we had at the end of the day. No one will forget how we won with a direct hit run out from the boundary in the last over against Parramatta, no one will forget Elliot Richter's hat trick against Fairfield and no one will forget the Slocombe (82) - Kannangara (106) partnership against Blacktown to get us over the line.

It's hard to fit a whole season into one report and make mention of players' averages and statistics. What can be done is to highlight some of the great performances that helped us get near the top of the ladder and make the season worthwhile. Along with that I think it's important to pay tribute to some of the characters that graced us with their presence in 5th Grade as well. When you have got a bunch of blokes who love to play cricket with each other the standard rises and we were lucky to have a number of them.

Ian Higgins, Tim Packman, Stuart Slocombe, Las Kannangara, AJ Fry and Alistair Fitzpatrick are just a few of the great 5th Grade characters. Even when the immortal Plummer turned up, they were still able to command attention as they kept the team entertained. On the other side of the spectrum we had a few guys who were a little more reserved as they watched the circus performing around them. When they did decide to make their mark on a conversation it was always with a well crafted and beautifully delivered piece of wit. Players like Michael Bourne, Elliot Richtor, Jack Rabone and Shivan Selva were a pleasure to have around. The team bonded beautifully. Add to that players like Craig Knight, John Mallos, Tim Roarty, Jason Russell-Jones, Daniel Mahaffey and others and we had a bunch of guys who were always going to have a good time with each other.

We had a special atmosphere in 5th Grade - so much so that when players like Higgins and Fitzpatrick were asked if they would like to come back down a grade to play in the finals they didn't think twice. I can't thank them both enough for making themselves available and I know it was partly because they enjoyed being with the team and because we were a genuine chance for the finals. On top of that the club fitness coach and task master – Tim Packman - joined us and it can't be argued that he is one of Gordon's biggest personalities and great characters of the game. None of us will forget when he reminded us that he got two wickets with the one ball against St George - LBW then bowled.

As far as the whole season goes there are some special performances that need to be mentioned. There is a lot of potential in every player and I am sure I will see some of those players fighting it out in higher grades in the years to come. It's a goal for every player and it was very satisfying to see Jeremy Cashman make 1st Grade this year. He added his special touch to 5's when he was there and I congratulate him on his fine performances this summer.

Easts – Round 1

Stuart Slocombe started off the season for us with a hard hitting 51. After 8 boundaries and some beautiful straight drives, Stuart showed us the potential he wanted to unleash on the season. We did lose that first match narrowly but better things were to come.

Blacktown – Round 2

A hard day in the field produced some very well-earned figures for some of the bowlers. It was hard work for the bowlers but James Kennedy should be proud of his 3 wickets along with Shivan Selva who also picked up 3 wickets. To help out, Andrew Plummer decided he would defy doctor's orders and have a bowl to help his team. His figures of 2 for 14 off 3 may have been a deciding factor as we had restricted them to 249 and gave us a very reachable total to chase. What we were then to witness was a magnificent 169 run partnership between Stuart Slocombe and Las Kannangara. Stuart scored 88 and fell to a batsman's worst enemy - the tea break. Las Kannagara went on to score 106 in what was a gritty innings. Las was pretty tired and was cramping up constantly but batted on well, hitting some cover drives that were a pleasure to witness. Regular stretching got him through it and I am sure that

after reading this, Packers will see him as a prime candidate for the beach runs this winter.

Parramatta – Round 3

Elliot Richtor showed us why he was going to move up the grades quickly when he hit a quick 64 against Parramatta. With eight 4's and one six he had Parramatta on the back foot in our one dayer. When he did get out he was caught while going for quick runs when we were 7 wickets down. A great innings! He followed up with the ball as well and took 2 top order wickets to keep us in the game. Daniel Mahaffey and James Kennedy also put in a fine effort with 2 wickets each. Of course the match will always be remembered for going well into the night when playing with infra red night vision goggles would have been a whole lot easier. The light was offered but Parramatta batted on believing they could win. When I threw down the stumps with a direct hit from the boundary and we had won the game even I couldn't believe it. I don't even hit the stumps that often when I'm fielding inside the circle but I am sure that like myself the pandemonium that followed will be remembered by all for many a year. What a great cricket match to be involved in.

Manly – Round 4

We were unlucky to get washed out against Manly. Ian Higgins put on a fantastic batting display in which his discipline at the crease earned him 71 runs. He was well supported by Stuart Slocombe and Craig Knight who scored 42 runs each. With a quickfire 30 from Andrew Plummer as well, we were in good shape to take another six points. The clouds had been threatening all day but when Manly were batting and we had them 4 down, the skies above Turramurra dropped a lake on top of us and we were left to wonder what might have happened.

Hawkesbury – Round 5

Another tough day in the field for us with their number 3 scoring a ton against us. Still, the guys kept fighting throughout each session. Plummer's persistence and hard work paid off with 4 for 54 off 15 overs. He did work hard but that is one thing that can be said about Plummer. He will give his all and he loves being around his team mates. Tim Roarty bowled a great line and length for his 2 for 15 off 8 and AJ Fry all of a sudden came alive and showed he was going to be a very handy off spinner with 2 for 24 off 14. Elliot Richtor showed once again that he loves to bat and put together a fine 64. His pull shot had a certain authority to it that day and it was wonderful to watch playing through the leg side. Unfortunately no-one could stick around with him and their two spinners took the game away from us.

Fairfield – Round 6

This was another one of those matches that turned out to be an absolute beauty. We didn't adjust well to the pace of their wicket at all well and were 8/161 off our 50 overs. If it hadn't been for a great innings of 90 not out from Alistair Fitzpatrick we would have been in a lot of trouble. Defending 161 was never going to be easy especially seeing that their first three batsmen were throwing the bat at everything and usually connecting. The wickets were shared around between AJ Fry (2), Jason

Russell-Jones (2) and Storey and Bourne with one each but the game was slipping away from us. Then Elliot Richter comes on to bowl. His line and length were impeccable and he was getting some good late inswing. After having the batsmen pinned down for a couple of overs he produced a magical over that resulted in a hat trick. The team went crazy, Craig Knight split his lip during the celebrations and it was suddenly pressure cooker stuff. A win was all the more appreciated after having to endure that level of tension but that sort of stuff really pulls a team together.

Sutherland - Round 7

We had a very good start to the match and were taking wickets every few overs. All the bowlers enjoyed a good deck that was a bit quicker than we had been used to at Turramurra and had a bit of bounce as well. We had Sutherland all out for 109 at tea with Storey taking 4 wickets with both MacDonald and Ellison taking 2 each and Emerson pitching in with 1. Slocombe and Kannangara got us off to a solid start with 31 and 36 respectively but it was Jack Rabone who stole the day as he charged towards his 55. With eight 4's and a 6 he took us to a first innings win very convincingly.

St George – Round 8

A tough day for the bowlers with a very stiff breeze coming from one end. It worked well for AJ Fry however, who took 3 for 37 off 20 coming into the wind. He bowled well to restrict St George and was well supported by Tim Packman and Dave Millar who also both picked up three wickets each. Tim bowled a great first spell with the wind and was bowling with some great fire to get rid of the top three batsmen in quick fashion. We had them all out for 160 and got there with only two wickets down. Las Kannangara played well to get 50 and had a great opening stand with Richard Kenner who got 49. Richard was unlucky to miss out on his half ton after playing a good measured innings.

Campbelltown – Camden Round 9

James Kennedy bowled a brilliant spell to open proceedings for us and ended up with figures of 4 for 16 off 6. He really set us up well. With a late start due to rain the match had been reduced to 28 overs. We restricted them to 9 for 139 but our chase was way to slow and we limped in at 8 for 105 off our 28 overs.

Sydney University – Round 10

I was away from this match with Tim Packman taking the captaincy over. I did hear that it was an inspiring win. The score book tells me that Slocombe again put in with some runs, getting 69, and a guest appearance from the great Iqbal Ahmed resulted in 27 runs. 185 didn't look like many on paper but with AJ Fry picking up 3 wickets, Packman picking up 2 wickets and the guest appearance from Iqbal resulting in another 2 wickets all that was needed were a couple of run outs and we walked away with the points.

Northern District – Round 11

Washed out both weeks which was disappointing considering everyone else in Sydney got on. In retrospect we could have really used six points from this match.

Penrith – Round 12

We knew Penrith were going to be a hard team to beat as they had only lost one match. Las Kannangara got a start with 27 but fell early. So did a few of our other guys. The pitch was doing a bit but Ian Higgins finally settled the ship with Tim Packman. Ian played a patient and well fought 67. Tim at the other end was patient at times but gave us 31 valuable runs with five 4's and one 6. We were all out for 161 and knew we were going to have to bowl really well if we had any chance. For some reason I had a real desire to open with a spinner - it was just a gut feel and with AJ Fry's bounce on the deck doing what it was I thought it might do something and surprise Penrith. After he had been hit for 17 off his first 2 overs I was questioning my idea, as was Geoff Hickman on the side lines but the next two overs only went for three runs. Then it started. He got a wicket in each of his next two overs. AJ ended up with 3/39 and we had the quick wickets we wanted. Packman started to take wickets from the other end and he ended up with 3 as well. With Bourne and Storey pitching in we had them all out for 129 and had another six points for the long journey home. Very satisfying victory which kept us in the hunt for the semis.

Wests – Round 13

Wests was another good all round performance with Ian Higgins standing out with his 71. Higgins was really starting to enjoy his batting and his strong defence indicated that he wanted to bat and he enjoyed getting runs and he wasn't going to give his wicket to anyone. The bowling was quite good early on and he was restricted for a long time before getting going. Once he did, he played a great innings. A bit of help was given by Slocombe 27, Rabone 38, Packman 39, Mallos 34 and Roarty 36 and we declared at 9 for 307. Wests did bat well and the wickets were shared evenly. We were starting to get worried as their number 6 got his century and held us out for quite a while but finally we got our last wicket and they were all out for 255. It was a long day in the field and special thanks must go to AJ Fry's dad who fielded for us for most of the day in very hot conditions.

As for the last two matches - I think I said enough in the opening of this report as to what happened. Now the club moves towards next season. If 5th Grade is anything to go by, the depth and strength of this club has improved out of sight. I thank each and every one of the players for a brilliant season. I enjoyed it immensely and I am sure you will all have great memories. Next season is a new one for 5th Grade and I am sure they will do extremely well.

A big thank must also go to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes for this club. It's hard to mention them all such as Ian Carroll, Andrew and Mick Falk, Ed Howitt Senior and Junior. Our selectors must be thanked for their continuous dedication (I know, I received that many phone calls!) and special mention must go to Paul Stephenson for his work on what is a brilliant web site.

FIFTH GRADE

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| I. Higgins | 8 | - | 71 | 291 | 36.38 |
| T. Packman | 6 | - | 73 | 204 | 34.00 |
| S. Selva | 6 | 3 | 40* | 97 | 32.33 |
| L. Kannangara | 12 | 1 | 106* | 355 | 32.27 |
| A. Fitzpatrick | 8 | 1 | 90* | 192 | 27.43 |
| S. Slocombe | 14 | - | 88 | 361 | 25.79 |
| T. Roarty | 6 | 1 | 36 | 125 | 25.00 |
| C. Knight | 7 | - | 42 | 137 | 19.57 |
| J. Rabone | 10 | - | 55 | 148 | 14.80 |
| R. Kenner | 5 | - | 49 | 72 | 14.40 |
| D. Storey | 12 | 2 | 28 | 99 | 9.90 |
| J. Russell-Jones | 6 | 1 | 19 | 35 | 7.00 |
| M. Bourne | 8 | 2 | 24 | 41 | 6.83 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| E. Richtor | 3 | - | 142 | G. Hanlon | 1 | - | 17 |
| J. Mallos | 4 | - | 72 | D. Mahaffey | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| A. Plummer | 4 | 1 | 66 | R. MacDonald | 1 | - | 12 |
| D. Millar | 2 | 1 | 35 | A. Lappan | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| L. Gulaptis | 1 | - | 32 | T. Clifford | 4 | - | 11 |
| I. Ahmed | 2 | - | 32 | AJ. Fry | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| J. Emerson | 1 | - | 29 | J. Kennedy | 1 | - | 4 |
| J. Ellison | 3 | 1 | 18 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| L. Kannangara | 106*, 59 | I. Higgins | 71, 71, 67 |
| A. Fitzpatrick | 90* | E. Richtor | 64, 64 |
| S. Slocombe | 88, 69, 51 | J. Rabone | 55 |
| T. Packman | 73 | | |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 169 | 3 rd | S. Slocombe and L. Kannangara | Blacktown |
| 118 | 1 st | R. Kenner and L. Kannangara | St. George |
| 76 | 4 th | I. Higgins and A. Plummer | Manly-Warringah |
| 72 | 5 th | I. Higgins and J. Mallos | Western Suburbs |
| 69 | 1 st | S. Slocombe and L. Kannangara | Sutherland |
| 68 | 4 th | I. Higgins and T. Packman | Western Suburbs |
| 66 | 2 nd | S. Slocombe and C. Knight | Manly-Warringah |
| 64 | 3 rd | E. Richtor and L. Kannangara | Hawkesbury |
| 64 | 5 th | I. Higgins and T. Packman | Penrith |
| 63 | 1 st | S. Slocombe and L. Kannangara | Eastern Suburbs |
| 63 | 1 st | S. Slocombe and A. Fitzpatrick | Parramatta |
| 57 | 8 th | M. Bourne and D. Storey | North Sydney |
| 57 | 4 th | T. Roarty and I. Higgins | North Sydney |
| 55 | 7 th | E. Richtor and S. Selva | Parramatta |
| 53 | 7 th | T. Roarty and D. Millar | Western Suburbs |
| 52 | 2 nd | S. Slocombe and A. Fitzpatrick | Blacktown |
| 50 | 3 rd | C. Knight and T. Packman | St. George |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| J. Kennedy | 40 | 7 | 118 | 10 | 11.80 | 4/16 | 2.95 |
| T. Packman | 66.4 | 17 | 203 | 16 | 12.69 | 4/42 | 3.05 |
| D. Millar | 41 | 12 | 94 | 7 | 13.43 | 3/14 | 2.29 |
| E. Richtor | 26 | 6 | 81 | 6 | 13.50 | 4/18 | 3.12 |
| T. Roarty | 36 | 8 | 83 | 6 | 13.83 | 2/15 | 2.31 |
| D. Mahaffey | 31 | 9 | 96 | 6 | 16.00 | 2/11 | 3.10 |
| AJ. Fry | 77 | 19 | 259 | 15 | 17.27 | 3/37 | 3.36 |
| A. Plummer | 29.1 | 3 | 121 | 7 | 17.29 | 3/54 | 4.15 |
| D. Storey | 119 | 33 | 305 | 17 | 17.94 | 4/7 | 2.56 |
| M. Bourne | 92 | 20 | 340 | 7 | 48.57 | 2/54 | 3.70` |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------------|------|---------------|------|
| J. Russell-Jones | 4/83 | I. Ahmed | 2/50 | J. Emerson | 1/39 |
| S. Selva | 4/189 | J. Ellison | 2/66 | A. Lappan | 1/95 |
| R. MacDonald | 3/94 | J. Mallos | 2/94 | L. Kannangara | 0/42 |
| T. Clifford | 3/97 | S. Slocombe | 1/30 | J. Rabone | 0/11 |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

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|------------|------|------------|------|
| D. Storey | 4/7 | E. Richtor | 4/18 |
| J. Kennedy | 4/16 | T. Packman | 4/42 |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| I. Higgins | 9 | 1 |
| C. Knight | 6 | 2 |
| L. Kannangara | 3 | - |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|----------------|---|-------------|---|
| A. Fitzpatrick | 4 | S. Slocombe | 4 |
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6th GRADE (“COLTS”)

Dave Gray

Metropolitan Cup Premiers

The Colts, while not a contributor to club championship points, represents a very important grade to the Gordon club as it represents a development area for many talented youngsters to establish a platform to move through to higher grades in future years. Let me assure all club supporters, players and officials that this will be the case from the school of 2005-6.

This competition was comprised of eighteen teams, being 12 grade clubs and six of the stronger shires clubs, covering 17 rounds.

Three major factors confronted the mighty Colts, with the re-turfing of Chatswood oval resulting in (1) Gordon's draw being 17 away games, (2) a captain who hadn't played cricket for 24 years, (3) a grade earmarked to have the highest turnover of players in any team within the club, due to the impact of any changes within grades 1 to 5.

Who would have had any idea about the season's destiny as we assembled at Koola Park in early October for what lay ahead for our first fixture against Lindfield. After formal introductions and a little guesswork about players' abilities, we managed to win convincingly and move forward to round two against the strong Uni of NSW at David Phillips on “Sunday”(something the selectors forgot to mention in preliminary training sessions to the new captain). This game provided early indications of talent we had at our disposal - a century to Craig Knight, 78 to Richie Kenner and good bowling performances from Miller, Fry, Parfett and Ellison. Two wins from 2 starts and even better, the captain still yet to make an appearance at the crease.

Round three was rain affected against Burwood while in a strong position, a draw being the result, and then to round four where we had a terrific win against Auburn which included an outstanding 109 from Jason Russell-Jones and good bowling performances from James Ellison and Mark Thompson who collected 3 wickets each. Additionally after 6 weeks and enduring enormous external pressures, the captain did have to bat and contributed reasonably in a partnership with Jason of 92.

On to round five and a very under strength team overcame the strong Hawkesbury side at Bensons Lane. After being behind all day we came away with the points and defended an ordinary score of 160 with outstanding fielding and accurate bowling. The side then moved into the Christmas period and were fortunate enough to have the benefit of some outstanding youth sitting within the Academy, in Harry Turner, Charlie Lawry, Cameron Crawford, James Kennedy, and Adam Cabbage, along with Green Shield stars Harry Evans and Hamish Angus. Lawry displayed his talent immediately with a majestic 102 against North Sydney and Cabbage mesmerised the batsmen with a leg spin display far beyond his years. Special mention should also be made of Sam Ranney whose off spin in this game in tandem with Adam gained him 5 wickets and was the turning point for Sam in his development this year. We turned at the New Year undefeated and following an early January win, we then suffered our first loss against competition leaders Sydney Uni on a treacherous wicket. In our next

game against Balmain on a turning deck, Cabbage was unplayable, capturing 7 wickets including 3 Harry Evans stumpings and then assembled a solid 52 (what a performance!). Upon the younger brigade returning to school in early February, we struggled through our remaining games, winning all but one which was a disappointing loss to South Sydney where our bowling in a one-day game, for the first time all season, was unacceptable. While we won all the remaining rounds our performances were flat with wins over Randwick, South Sydney (2), Blacktown and Balmain (2). In summary, 17 rounds resulted in 13 wins, two losses and two rain affected draws which left us in third position earmarked for a quarter final against the strong Penrith team who finished fourth.

The selection of the team for what was to be our first home game of the season on the resurfaced Chatswood, was difficult - a core group of 17 players being condensed to 13, and 12th man selection on the morning of the match.

The quarter final was a performance of strong character. After being sent in and struggling at 7/80 on very slow outfield, we scrambled to a total of 200 with an 8th wicket partnership of 107 between Miller and Tweety getting the home side out of trouble. Miller's contribution of 34 was outstanding and highlighted his commitment and determination that had been demonstrated throughout the season. The following day started in excellent fashion with a brilliant spell from Andrew Lappan who had 3-5, terrorising the early Penrith batsmen with pace and lift, being ably supported in the morning session by Kennedy and Parfett. Post lunch, after stubborn resistance, Ellison with three and Cabbage with two finalised the Penrith innings at 132 and we were off to the semi final against second placed Sydney University.

Selections for the semi, to be also played at Chatswood, were even more difficult with the two Green Shield boys, Evans and Angus, included. After the outstanding win against Penrith our confidence grew and we wanted revenge against the team which had one loss all season. After winning the toss we gambled and sent Sydney Uni in to bat on a good wicket, but once again an incredibly slow outfield. We bowled with great patience and accuracy, strangling the Uni batsmen who went to lunch at 3-32 after 32 overs, with our fielding being of the highest quality and Parfett capturing 2 wickets.

Post lunch, Cabbage weaved his spell over the batsmen with 4-27, remarkable accuracy from the young leggie, and two wickets from Russell-Jones finished Uni's innings at 102. We had 30 overs to bat and after being 2-25, we finished at 2-60 at stumps, with Evans and Knight batting with great responsibility. The following Sunday it took the pre lunch session to pass Uni at 5-104, with Knight scoring an invaluable 42, Evans 20 and Angus 15*- a fantastic win and the song was sung with great gusto as we then sat in the dressing room contemplating the grand final (who would it be - Uni of NSW or Penrith?)

We had built great momentum following our two home final wins and were not surprised to find out Penrith had won. A replay of third versus fourth at Blacktown's Joe McAleer Oval was to occur. The same side which demolished Uni was selected and batted first on a good wicket on a fine day. Our goal was to get to lunch with minimal wickets being lost, an objective achieved as we were 1-50 with Kenner 30*. The after lunch session was dominated by Knight and Kenner who posted a partnership of 130 before Knight was dismissed for an aggressive 77 which included

some magnificent driving on the off side. At 2-170 Kenner batted on with great determination, showing excellent concentration and patience to secure his first ton for Gordon, ultimately being dismissed at 4.40 pm for 112, but being responsible for establishing the platform to secure the game. Evans continued on batting with much time and fluency to assemble an impressive 57, which included a wide range of shots, before being caught behind just prior to stumps. At stumps we were 5-294 and batted on until lunch the following day with good contributions from Hamish Angus 40, Dave Millar with an impressive 60 and Tweety 52. What a performance - 443 from the Colts, leaving Penrith the daunting task of 8 per over to achieve victory! After an early onslaught from the opening batsmen, Lappan and Parfett, both claimed two wickets before Cabbage once again demoralised the middle order with 3 wickets and Millar claimed two. Our fielding in these sessions was of a high standard with 7 catches, a run out and a stumping attained without missing an opportunity. Penrith were dismissed for 156 and Gordon were deserving premiers – an outstanding performance from a very good team who played well above the standard of a Colts side. This sentiment was strongly endorsed by the match umpires.

Throughout the season 33 players took the field for the Colts and I would like to thank them for their valuable contributions throughout the season. Special thanks to Cameron Crawford, Charlie Lawry, Harry Turner all displaying enormous potential, and Michael Falk, for their performances in helping us achieve the end goal. A summary of the core squad is as follows:

Richie Kenner – An opening batsman who shows good patience and is prepared to grit it out through the tough periods. He had a good season scoring 419 runs and averaging 41.9, with the obvious highlight being his final score of 112. He is a busy player whose strength is through the point area. He will improve further next year. Enthusiastic in the field and a great team man.

Sunny Sadjeh – Our other opening batsmen who started well with a compact 32* in the first game against Lindfield but didn't really score the runs he is capable of. He finished the season with 220 runs averaging 16.92. Scored a further sequence of 30's post Christmas but didn't go on. Fielding was outstanding at all times - another good team person.

Craig Knight- batting at no 3, had an excellent season, scoring 478 runs at an average of 47.80 and maintained an aggressive approach from the first round through to the final. Highlights of the year were his fantastic 102 against Uni of NSW and his invaluable 77 in the final. His batting is characterised by strong driving through the off side and if he keeps his discipline he should progress up the grades. Craig filled in at keeper in competent fashion when required.

Jason Russell-Jones – batted at 4 during the competition and 5 during the finals campaign. A well balanced player who scored a magnificent century -109 against Burwood, and totalled 253 runs at an average of 31.63. He is a fluent driver who appears to have much time when batting and should go on to convert those 30's into bigger scores. Has plenty of ability and I believe will improve greatly next year. A good all rounder who also captured valuable wickets, including two in the semi final against Sydney Uni.

David Millar – a great contributor to the team. Was the unluckiest bowler throughout the year, constantly beating the bat without desired result. Captured 16 wickets along with his batting of 148 runs averaging 21.4. His batting in the final series was of the highest quality with his 34 in the quarter final and 60 in the final. General fielding was good and his determination and will to win were infectious to the team

Greg Hanlon- first year with the club, good performances as a batsman/keeper, who started strongly with two fifties in the first 5 games. A strong driver but began to get into trouble with the ball just short of a length in the back half of season. Scored 226 runs averaging 22.6, with his keeping being consistent at all times.

Adam Cabbage- genuine all rounder with much potential, batted 5 in competition games and opened in the semi final and final. Scored 165 runs averaging 41.25, including scores of 52* and 76*. He shows good concentration and is strong through the on-side. His leg-spin bowling was of the highest standard, capturing 20 wickets with a best performance of 7-23. His bowling on the back of a strong pace attack was the x-factor in the final series which made us so dominant. He will progress up the grades in future years.

James Ellison- another all-rounder in his first year with the club. Performed admirably with both bat and ball, capturing 20 wickets at an average of 11.5, with a best of 5-5 against Lindfield. James batted at 7 and 8 scoring 100 runs averaging 14.14, featuring in two valuable partnerships against Penrith and Hawkesbury. He is a good team man who gives 100% every time and was a key member of this team.

Andrew Lappan- our opening bowler who improved as the season progressed, capturing 22 wickets at an average of 10.9, with a best performance of 4-21. Lapps never let the opposition get away, and who will forget his opening spell in the quarter final of 3-5 off 8 overs. When batting he looked solid and held up an end when required and fielding was safe with a spectacular slips catch against Blacktown.

Sam Ranney- our young off-spinner who started slowly but developed greatly once Cabbage came into the team. When he bowled in tandem with the leggie he produced higher quality spells and ultimately finished with 16 wickets, averaging 18.9. Sam was our no 11 and featured in a 31 run partnership against Souths and averaged 11.

Chris Parfett- “big Parf” was another opening bowler who was very consistent. Never got the big hauls he deserved but was very economical, built pressure, always capturing 1 or 2. Terrific foil with Lappan, Miller and Kennedy, finishing with 21 wickets averaging 18.5 and bowled beautifully in the semi against Sydney Uni. Much to the other bowlers disgust, Chris averaged 20 with the bat at no 10 with a highest score of 18* and played very straight when required. Also a good team man.

James Kennedy- the third opening bowler who rotated between Colts and fifths, good ability who brings the ball back like natural left armers. Captured 7 wickets in the Colts, very unlucky, but needs to not be so hard on himself (James, it will happen!). Bowled beautifully in the quarter –final, and scored 92 runs with a highest score of 50, and averaged 23.0. Took two catches and attained a run-out with direct hit in the final.

John Emerson- also in his first year, a good all-rounder who captured 14 wickets with a best performance 5-37 against Blacktown, averaging 20.1 with the ball. Also an aggressive no 7 batsmen who averaged 23 with a highest score of 26 against Souths. John was a strong component of the team's success, always giving 100%.

Rod Macdonald- Another all-rounder who scored 114 runs , averaging 19 with a best performance of 43 against Souths which helped us win the game after being 6-109 chasing 160. His medium pace bowling was consistent with 9 wickets averaging 19.5 including 3-19 against Hawkesbury. His fielding was of a high standard at all times.

Harry Evans- Our Green Shield Captain, wicket-keeper and no 4 batsman. He is a player of great potential who appears to have an enormous amount of time when batting, possessing a wide range of shots . His 57 in the final was an innings of class highlighted by some outstanding square cuts, on-drives and excellent running between wickets. Harry averaged 34.33 and his keeping was very solid throughout.

Hamish Angus- our other Green Shield member who batted at 5 and played two strong supporting innings in the semi final and final. He batted with great maturity in these innings holding back his natural instincts to grind out a solid 15* and get us over the line against Sydney Uni, and then consolidate with a patient 40 in the final on day two. Very strong through mid-wicket and point, he is another player with great potential.

Tweety- although reflexes have dimmed he had a reasonable season in his comeback year scoring 284 runs at an average of 71. He would like to once again thank all the players for their fantastic support and contributions throughout the season. I was so proud to be involved with a great group of players, a fantastic club, and to have the support of parents, officials Falk, Hickman, Wilson and Stephenson, ended up making this a year to cherish. "GO THE PREMIERS"

SIXTH GRADE (“COLTS”)

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| D. Gray | 9 | 5 | 74 | 284 | 71.00 |
| C. Knight | 11 | 1 | 102 | 478 | 47.80 |
| R. Kenner | 13 | 3 | 112 | 419 | 41.90 |
| A. Cabbage | 6 | 2 | 76* | 165 | 41.25 |
| J. Russell-Jones | 9 | 1 | 109 | 253 | 31.63 |
| J. Kennedy | 5 | 1 | 50 | 92 | 23.00 |
| J. Emerson | 5 | 2 | 26 | 69 | 23.00 |
| G. Hanlon | 13 | 3 | 50 | 226 | 22.60 |
| D. Millar | 8 | 1 | 60 | 148 | 21.14 |
| C. Parfett | 7 | 5 | 18* | 40 | 20.00 |
| R. MacDonald | 6 | - | 43 | 114 | 19.00 |
| S. Sajdeh | 14 | 1 | 37 | 220 | 16.92 |
| J. Ellison | 8 | 1 | 29 | 99 | 14.14 |
| A. Lappan | 6 | 1 | 8* | 28 | 5.60 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C. Lawry | 3 | - | 178 | M. Allan | 1 | - | 20 |
| H. Evans | 4 | 1 | 109 | S. Selva | 1 | - | 18 |
| H. Turner | 3 | - | 103 | S. Ranney | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| C. Crawford | 4 | - | 94 | N. Gordon | 1 | - | 11 |
| H. Angus | 3 | 1 | 71 | T. Gastineau-Hills | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| J. Rabone | 1 | - | 50 | A. Sinclair | 1 | - | 7 |
| M. Falk | 2 | - | 48 | M. Thompson | 1 | - | 1 |
| M. McDermott | 2 | - | 25 | D. Mahaffey | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| A. Brown | 1 | - | 24 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| R. Kenner | 112, 79, 78, 52 | D. Millar | 60 |
| J. Russell-Jones | 109 | H. Evans | 56 |
| C. Knight | 102, 78, 77, 66 | C. Crawford | 51 |
| C. Lawry | 102 | G. Hanlon | 50, 50 |
| H. Turner | 95 | J. Kennedy | 50 |
| A. Cabbage | 76*, 52* | J. Rabone | 50 |
| D. Gray | 74, 52, 50* | | |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 153 | 2 nd | R. Kenner and C. Knight | University of NSW |
| 151 | 2 nd | C. Lawry and H. Turner | North Sydney |
| 142 | 2 nd | R. Kenner and C. Knight | Penrith (GF) |
| 126 | 2 nd | J. Kennedy and C. Knight | Holroyd-Hills |
| 107 | 8 th | D. Gray and D. Millar | Penrith (QSF) |
| 106 | 2 nd | S. Sajdeh and C. Knight | Randwick-Petersham Green |
| 92 | 7 th | J. Russell-Jones and D. Gray | Auburn |
| 88 | 4 th | R. Kenner and J. Russell-Jones | UTS Balmain 1 |
| 87 | 7 th | D. Millar and D. Gray | Penrith (GF) |
| 84 | 1 st | C. Crawford and C. Lawry | Penrith |
| 79 | 3 rd | J. Rabone and G. Hanlon | Auburn |
| 77 | 2 nd | R. Kenner and C. Crawford | Randwick-Petersham Gold |
| 69 | 3 rd | R. Kenner and H. Evans | Penrith (GF) |
| 67 | 5 th | A. Cabbage and J. Kennedy | North Sydney |
| 64 | 1 st | S. Sajdeh and R. Kenner | South Sydney Red |
| 62 | 3 rd | H. Turner and A. Cabbage | North Sydney |
| 61* | 2 nd | S. Sajdeh and C. Knight | Lindfield Stags |
| 60* | 3 rd | A. Cabbage and H. Evans | UTS Balmain 2 |
| 59 | 6 th | J. Ellison and D. Gray | Hawkesbury |
| 58 | 3 rd | C. Knight and G. Hanlon | Uni of NSW |
| 58 | 5 th | A. Cabbage and G. Hanlon | Holroyd-Hills |
| 58 | 7 th | R. MacDonald and M. Falk | South Sydney Green |
| 56 | 2 nd | S. Sajdeh and C. Knight | Blacktown |
| 54* | 6 th | J. Ellison and D. Gray | Penrith |
| 54 | 6 th | D. Gray and J. Emerson | South Sydney Red |
| 53 | 5 th | J. Russell-Jones and D. Millar | Auburn |
| 50 | 3 rd | R. Kenner and A. Brown | Randwick-Petersham Gold |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|------------------|-------|----|-----|----|-------|------|------|
| M. Falk | 27 | 15 | 37 | 5 | 7.40 | 3/21 | 1.37 |
| AJ. Fry | 17 | 4 | 48 | 6 | 8.00 | 3/5 | 2.82 |
| A. Cabbage | 70.4 | 15 | 167 | 20 | 8.35 | 7/23 | 2.36 |
| A. Lappan | 105.3 | 25 | 239 | 22 | 10.86 | 4/21 | 2.27 |
| J. Ellison | 91.1 | 21 | 231 | 20 | 11.55 | 5/5 | 2.53 |
| M. Thompson | 21.2 | 2 | 88 | 5 | 17.60 | 3/67 | 4.13 |
| D. Millar | 135.4 | 47 | 287 | 16 | 17.94 | 3/31 | 2.12 |
| C. Parfett | 139 | 25 | 383 | 21 | 18.24 | 2/12 | 2.76 |
| S. Ranney | 84.5 | 16 | 298 | 16 | 18.63 | 3/32 | 3.51 |
| J. Russell-Jones | 38 | 12 | 95 | 5 | 19.00 | 2/6 | 2.50 |
| J. Kennedy | 58 | 18 | 136 | 7 | 19.43 | 4/6 | 2.34 |
| R. MacDonald | 46.4 | 5 | 175 | 9 | 19.44 | 3/19 | 3.75 |
| J. Emerson | 91 | 18 | 287 | 14 | 20.50 | 5/37 | 3.15 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----------|------|--------------|------|
| D. Mahaffey | 3/63 | S. Sajdeh | 1/30 | M. McDermott | 0/14 |
| H. Angus | 1/15 | M. Bourne | 0/41 | H. Turner | 0/14 |
| R. Kenner | 1/24 | | | | |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------|
| A. Cabbage | 7/23, 4/27 | J. Kennedy | 4/6 |
| J. Ellison | 5/5 | A. Lappan | 4/21 |
| J. Emerson | 5/37 | | |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| G. Hanlon | 10 | 3 |
| H. Evans | 7 | 4 |
| C. Knight | 6 | 1 |
| N. Gordon | 2 | |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| S. Sajdeh | 7 | D. Gray | 6 |
| R. Kenner | 6 | D. Millar | 5 |

POIDEVIN GRAY

Sam Hinton

It was a disappointing season for the Gordon Poidevin Gray side, as our performances didn't do our talent justice.

Round 1, Gordon 3 for 140 v Fairfield 139

A great start to the competition with a comprehensive win over Fairfield. The win was built on the back of a great early burst by Andrew Plummer, backed up by Josh Ling, Mark Smith and Nick Dowsley. The wickets were shared around and the fielding was crisp. The runs were knocked off with relative ease due to a hard hitting 65 by Ben Garratt.

Round 2, Gordon v Bankstown

Washout – match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Round 3, Gordon 9 for 147 v Randwick-Petersham 4-150

We lost the toss on a pitch that offered assistance to the bowlers, and the top order was unable to deal with the relentless pressure from the Randy Petes bowlers. We slumped to 5 for 15 before Elliot Richtor and Reece Bombas batted beautifully to add some respectability to the score line. Unfortunately by the time it came around for us to bowl the pitch had flattened out and they cruised to victory.

Round 4, Gordon 224 v Sydney Uni 9-235

Will Sweeney was the pick of the bowlers in what was an even contest between bat and ball. Unfortunately, when it was our turn to bat, a lack of ability to build partnerships cost us and a beautiful century from Nick Dowsley went unrewarded. The steady flow of wickets meant that our innings did not get the necessary momentum needed for victory.

Round 5, Balmain 324 v Gordon 200

A disappointing effort with the ball and in the field robbed us any chance of winning. The bowlers bowled both sides off the pitch and the fielding lacked enthusiasm allowing Balmain to well and truly dictate proceedings with the willow. Our run chase got off to a good start but unfortunately the scoreboard pressure was too much and we collapsed badly to be all out for 200 in the 32nd over. Ben Garratt was the pick of the batters with a superb 65.

Round 6, Gordon 132 v Mosman 4-133

Our worst effort of the year and that is saying something. We needed Chris Lee and Will Sweeney to put on over 50 to get us up to that terrible score. The bowlers worked hard but we never had enough runs to give them a chance. The pick of the bowlers was Nick Medcalf who showed what a good little competitor he is, picking up three wickets.

Round 7, Gordon 7-239 v Parramatta 220

A superb hundred by Reece Bombas and a few minor contributions from others managed to get us up to a match winning score. The bowling and fielding was top class and Parramatta succumbed under supreme pressure. Dave Michael was the pick of the bowlers putting in a fine spell of off-spin bowling.

Lastly, I would like to thank Clive Hinton for managing, Dick Huey for scoring, Michael Michael and Jan Hinton for their work in the canteen and preparing of lunches, the Gordon committee for their support, Paul Stephenson in his role as Academy Director and all the players who turned up to support.

POIDEVIN GRAY

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| R. Bombas | 6 | 1 | 106 | 221 | 44.20 |
| N. Dowsley | 6 | - | 94 | 167 | 27.83 |
| S. Hinton | 5 | 1 | 40 | 106 | 26.50 |
| B. Garratt | 6 | - | 65 | 136 | 22.67 |
| M. Makepeace | 5 | - | 35 | 111 | 22.20 |
| E. Richtor | 5 | - | 52 | 94 | 18.80 |
| W. Sweeney | 5 | 1 | 25 | 68 | 17.00 |
| N. Medcalf | 4 | 1 | 15* | 31 | 10.33 |
| B. Rasool | 5 | - | 9 | 24 | 4.80 |
| D. Michael | 4 | - | 8 | 19 | 4.75 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C. Lee | 1 | 1 | 22 | A. Plummer | 1 | - | 1 |
| M. Smith | 2 | 1 | 7 | J. Waller | 1 | - | 0 |
| J. Ling | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------|-----|------------|--------|
| R. Bombas | 106 | B. Garratt | 65, 65 |
| N. Dowsley | 94 | E. Richtor | 52 |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 86 | 4 th | N. Dowsley and R. Bombas | Sydney Uni |
| 83 | 6 th | R. Bombas and E. Richtor | Randwick-Petersham |
| 66 | 1 st | B. Garratt and S. Hinton | UTS Balmain |
| 58* | 4 th | R. Bombas and S. Hinton | Fairfield-Liverpool |
| 56 | 3 rd | S. Hinton and N. Dowsley | Sydney Uni |
| 55 | 3 rd | N. Dowsley and R. Bombas | Parramatta |
| 50 | 10 th | W. Sweeney and C. Lee | Mosman |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| C. Lee | 12 | 1 | 40 | 3 | 13.33 | 2/28 | 3.33 |
| D. Michael | 45 | 7 | 170 | 8 | 21.25 | 3/33 | 3.78 |
| A. Plummer | 18 | 2 | 65 | 3 | 21.67 | 3/45 | 3.61 |
| J. Ling | 32.3 | 2 | 160 | 6 | 26.67 | 2/15 | 4.92 |
| N. Dowsley | 21 | 1 | 111 | 4 | 27.75 | 3/42 | 5.29 |
| E. Richtor | 21 | 2 | 86 | 3 | 28.67 | 3/33 | 4.10 |
| M. Smith | 23 | 2 | 109 | 3 | 36.33 | 3/39 | 4.74 |
| N. Medcalf | 37 | 4 | 179 | 4 | 44.75 | 2/24 | 4.84 |
| W. Sweeney | 37 | 2 | 182 | 3 | 60.67 | 3/43 | 4.92 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|------------|-----|
| R. Bombas | 0/25 | B. Rasool | 0/10 | B. Garratt | 0/8 |
| S. Hinton | 0/13 | | | | |

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| D. Michael | 3/33 | N. Dowsley | 3/42 |
| E. Richtor | 3/33 | W. Sweeney | 3/43 |
| M. Smith | 3/39 | A. Plummer | 3/45 |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| M. Makepeace | 8 | 1 |

MOST CATCHES

| | |
|------------|---|
| D. Michael | 3 |
|------------|---|

A.W. GREEN SHIELD

Roger Evans - Manager

Five Under 16 Development Squad Net/Coaching Sessions, four at the SCG Indoor Centre and the last at Artarmon Reserve, were held during August, 2005.

Expert Coaching was provided by Club Coach Ed Howitt (jnr), Phil Emery, Steve Smith and Michael Falk, and the Club's three Selectors, Geoff Hickman, Paul Stephenson and Tony Wilson.

Green Shield trials commenced in September and a Possibles v Probables game was held at Killara Oval. A final trial game against Barker College unfortunately had to be cancelled due to rain and Willoughby Council closing the ground. In October, a fourteen man squad, including four boys from last year's team, was selected, made up of the following players:-

Harry Evans (C), Hamish Angus (VC), Alec Brown, Paul Campbell, Ben Cannon, Henry Cooper, Tom Drake, Robert Edwards, Tim Fragogianis, Richard Pengelly, Charlie Sayers, William Sierakowski, Angus Sinclair, Seth Tulloch.

Brendan McDonald (known as B-Mac), Gordon's First Grade leg spinner and 'gun' fieldsman, was appointed Green Shield Coach for the season.

During November and December, B-Mac held three Green Shield Squad Training Sessions at Artarmon Reserve. It was the fielding drills that really brought the players together and it soon became apparent that it would be another strong Gordon squad, capable of acquitting itself well.

Also in December, a Squad Dinner, with Parents, was held at The Greengate Hotel. GDCC Officials Ian Carroll, Marshall Rosen and Geoff Hickman each addressed the audience. Players were then presented with their clothing and the formal Squad photograph taken.

On 14 December, a practice game, played to Green Shield rules, was held against St George at our home ground for the season, Beauchamp Park, Chatswood. Gordon, in spite of retiring three batsmen, reached a respectable 6/233 off 60 overs. In reply, St George were bowled out for 161 - further indication that we might well be in for a good season. The only minor injury was to Alec Brown, who slammed into the metal boundary fence when fielding.

On 16 December, two days before the start of the Green Shield Competition Program, B-Mac held the last of his Green Shield Squad Training Sessions at Artarmon Reserve and two players, Alec Brown (hamstring) and Paul Campbell (bowling arm) were injured, the latter seriously. The Selectors' decision to pick a squad of 14 players was vindicated and the team to play Bankstown had just picked itself.

On 18 December, Gordon travelled to Graham Thomas Reserve for its first Green Shield encounter against one of the strongest Green Shield clubs over the last 10 years, and finalist for the last 3 years, Bankstown. Our Coach for the day was Sam

Hinton. After winning the toss, Bankstown made 5/219 off 60 overs due mainly to a fine innings by their Captain. In reply, Gordon scored 2/223 off 56 overs, a commanding victory. Highlights of the day's play were an excellent opening spell (2/5 off 10 overs) by our two strike bowlers Tom Drake and Robert Edwards, two run-outs by Hamish Angus and mature batting by Angus Sinclair (78*), Harry Evans (41) and Hamish Angus (87*). Two more injuries (Ben Cannon – back, Richard Pengelly – finger) were incurred from metal boundary fencing.

On 22 December, Gordon, with Coach B-Mac back on board, travelled to Old Kings Oval to play Parramatta. After a successful coin toss, Gordon made 6/298 off 60 overs in 30 degree heat, with Angus Sinclair (99), Harry Evans (75) and Hamish Angus (38*) again firing with the bat. In reply, Parramatta were all out for 197 off 52 overs. Leg-spinner Charlie Sayers (3/40) and quick Seth Tulloch (2/49) claimed the first 5 wickets, with quick Robert Edwards (3/36) and leg-spinner Henry Cooper (2/29) claiming the remaining 5 wickets. Gordon impressive winners by a margin of 100 runs.

The following day, Gordon was at home to local rival, Mosman. Our top 3 batsmen all made starts then failed and it was left to the middle order of Hamish Angus (36), Tim Fragogianis (29), Tom Drake (28*), Ben Cannon (26) and Robert Edwards (24) to post a total of 216 off 59.1 overs. Opening bowlers Robert Edwards (3/36) and Tom Drake (1/5) bowled with fire and aggression, and Tim Fragogianis obtained innings best figures of 3/17. Mosman scored 129 off 54 overs, an 87 run Gordon victory.

With 3 wins from 3 matches, Gordon headed into the Christmas break lying 3rd on the table of 20 teams competing for the AW Green Shield.

On 3 January, Gordon returned to Beauchamp Park to take on Fairfield-Liverpool. Due to a wet pitch, the umpires reduced the game to 50 overs per side. Gordon won the toss and sent the opposition in to bat on a 'grass top' wicket. Tight bowling, backed up by excellent fielding, confined Fairfield-Liverpool to 9/149, with Gordon needing exactly 3 runs an over for victory. Harry Evans (83) and Hamish Angus (32) enabled Gordon to reach 5/153 off 47.5 overs.

On 5 January, Gordon faced Randwick-Petersham at Coogee Oval. Sound batting from William Sierakowski (28), Harry Evans (68), Hamish Angus (36) and Tom Drake (17*) against a quality bowling line-up enabled Gordon to reach 8/200 off 60 overs. With Paul Campbell still recovering from injury and Robert Edwards reduced to three-quarter pace due to a back strain, it was left to Tom Drake and Seth Tulloch to open the bowling. They acquitted themselves well, as did Tim Fragogianis. Henry Cooper (2/15) made the breakthrough, a catch at mid-on by Richard Pengelly and a caught and bowled soon after.

We went to tea with the match evenly poised but few overs were completed after the break due to rain. After 28 overs, Randwick-Petersham was 2/72 and the umpires decided to bring play to a halt. Unfortunately 30 is the number of overs necessary for a result and the par score Randwick-Petersham needed at that stage was 101 (i.e. 29 off 2 overs) to win. Later in the day we learnt that competition leaders Campbelltown-Camden had managed to record a victory, the only Round 5 game to be completed.

Round 6 on 10 January saw Gordon at home to Sydney University and the return of fast bowler Paul Campbell from injury, which allowed Robert Edwards to take a well-earned rest. Tom Drake and Seth Tulloch again opened the bowling, followed by Paul Campbell. Charlie Sayers (2/31 off 11 overs) kept the runs down and took the two all-important wickets. Our ground fielding was a noticeable improvement, with Hamish Angus and Henry Cooper picking up skilful run-outs, and restricting Sydney University to 8/174 off 60 overs. In reply, Gordon scored 2/175 off 51.5 overs, with Ben Cannon (33), Angus Sinclair (52*), Harry Evans (48) and Hamish Angus (24*) the only four batsmen required.

Round 7 on 12 January saw Gordon back at Beauchamp Park in a quest to maintain their unbeaten record and secure a Qualifying Finals position. Gordon won the toss and sent UTS Balmain into bat on what was a damp wicket. Fast, accurate bowling by Tom Drake (3/11 off 6 overs) and Paul Campbell (3/18 off 12 overs), and excellent ground fielding and catching by William Sierakowski, Robert Edwards and Tom Drake restricted UTS Balmain to being all out for 116 off 52.2 overs. Key to the Gordon innings was a partnership between William Sierakowski (46) and Harry Evans (24). Paul Campbell (6*) and Hamish Angus (5*) saw the innings through for a convincing win in the 33rd over.

On 17 January, Gordon's Qualifying Final, a rematch with Randwick-Petersham at Beauchamp Park, was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

For the Semi-Final on 19 January, a determined Gordon travelled to Waitara Oval to play Northern District. The start was delayed until 12 o'clock and the game reduced to 53 overs per side. Gordon won the toss and sent Northern District in on a damp, seaming track and a wet, heavy outfield, scoring 8/146 off the allotted 53 overs. Tom Drake (3/29 off 9 overs), Paul Campbell (0/9 off 6 overs), Robert Edwards (1/19 off 8 overs), Tim Fragogianis (2/25 off 6 overs) and Seth Tulloch (0/13 off 6 overs) all kept an excellent line and length, but it was Henry Cooper (2/20 off 11 overs) who removed Northern District's two 'gun' batsmen. Due to several rain delays, Gordon's run chase was delayed by 50 minutes and the game reduced to 40 overs. 112 was now needed for victory. Wickets fell consistently and Gordon were soon 9/81 off 36 overs. Tom Drake (42*), however, continued to demolish the bowling attack. New batsman, Henry Cooper (7*), supported Drake magnificently, running hard and, when necessary, hitting some powerful scoring shots. With two balls remaining, Tom Drake eased a shorter ball over the infield for four, sparking a pitch invasion. Gordon was through to the Final.

For the AW Green Shield Final on 26 January, Australia Day, Gordon travelled to Raby 1 to play Campbelltown-Camden. The opposing Captain won the toss and chose to bowl on the soft 'green-top' wicket. Apart from Hamish Angus (16), none of our batsmen fired and Gordon was all out for a disappointing 54 off 32.3 overs. In reply, Campbelltown-Camden scored 5/55 off 20.3 overs. Tom Drake (4/7 off 5 overs) bowled brilliantly, taking the wickets of Campbelltown-Camden's top 4 batsmen, and Tim Fragogianis followed up with the wicket of their No.6 batsman.

Overall results: played 9, won 7, drew 1, lost 1.

I would like to particularly thank the following:

- The Gordon Selectors, Geoff Hickman, Paul Stephenson and Tony Wilson for spending so much of their time ensuring the correct players were selected and for supporting the Green Shield squad throughout all of their games.
- B-Mac for all his fielding drills, net sessions and warm-up sessions and for his coaching of the boys.
- Paul Stephenson for giving the Green Shield squad such good exposure through the Gordon Cricket website.
- Leona Sierakowski for expertly scoring all of the matches and entering the statistics into the Club's Results Vault at the end of each game. Also for preparing the lunches for the boys at all games, both home and away.
- Chrissy Sayers and Pru Sinclair for all the numerous photographs taken.
- Charlie Sayers, Alec Brown, Robert Edwards and Harry Evans for writing the numerous match reports.
- The Sinclair family for allowing us into their home to celebrate a very enjoyable Green Shield campaign.
- All parents for their wonderful support, especially on the six occasions (including the practice game against St George and the abandoned Qualifying Final) we played at home. Playing at Beauchamp Park means the covering of the pitch at least the night before, the putting up and dismantling of sight screens, the preparation of the boys' lunches and afternoon teas for both teams (thanks especially to all the mothers).
- The Willoughby Council groundsmen, Glenn, and his Apprentice, Joel, who worked tirelessly on the centre wicket and outfield. Without them, we would have been unable to play cricket on good wickets with well-grassed outfields within picturesque surroundings.
- All of the boys for the way they conducted themselves during each and every game. They were a credit to the Gordon District Cricket Club and the true spirit of cricket.

GREEN SHIELD

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Inn | N.O. | H.S. | Runs | Aver |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| H. Angus | 9 | 4 | 87* | 291 | 58.20 |
| A. Sinclair | 8 | 2 | 99 | 267 | 44.50 |
| H. Evans | 9 | - | 83 | 358 | 39.78 |
| T. Drake | 6 | 3 | 42* | 108 | 36.00 |
| H. Cooper | 4 | 3 | 8* | 24 | 24.00 |
| T. Fragogianas | 6 | 2 | 29 | 79 | 19.75 |
| W. Sierakowski | 8 | - | 46 | 143 | 17.88 |
| B. Cannon | 6 | - | 33 | 67 | 11.17 |
| R. Edwards | 5 | - | 25 | 54 | 10.80 |
| A. Brown | 3 | - | 13 | 22 | 7.33 |
| S. Tulloch | 6 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 4.00 |
| P. Campbell | 3 | 1 | 6* | 6 | 3.00 |

ALSO BATTED

| | Inn | N.O. | Runs | Inn | N.O. | Runs |
|-------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| R. Pengelly | 1 | - | 0 | | | |

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| A. Sinclair | 99, 78, 52 | H. Evans | 83, 75, 68 |
| H. Angus | 87* | | |

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

| Runs | Wkt | Batsmen | Opponents |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 152 | 2 nd | A. Sinclair and H. Evans | Parramatta |
| 140* | 3 rd | A. Sinclair and H. Angus | Bankstown |
| 91 | 3 rd | H. Evans and H. Angus | Fairfield |
| 78 | 2 nd | A. Sinclair and H. Evans | Bankstown |
| 73 | 3 rd | H. Evans and H. Angus | Randwick-Petersham |
| 69 | 2 nd | A. Sinclair and H. Evans | Sydney Uni |
| 59 | 2 nd | H. Evans and W. Sierakowski | Randwick-Petersham |
| 55 | 1 st | A. Sinclair and B. Cannon | Sydney Uni |
| 51* | 3 rd | A. Sinclair and H. Angus | Sydney Uni |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | O | M | R | W | Aver | Best | R/O |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| T. Drake | 60 | 10 | 169 | 15 | 11.27 | 4/7 | 2.82 |
| H. Cooper | 41 | 4 | 110 | 8 | 13.75 | 2/15 | 2.68 |
| R. Edwards | 61 | 18 | 173 | 10 | 17.30 | 3/26 | 2.84 |
| T. Fragogianas | 58 | 17 | 151 | 8 | 18.88 | 3/17 | 2.60 |
| P. Campbell | 30 | 6 | 63 | 3 | 21.00 | 3/18 | 2.10 |
| C. Sayers | 64 | 9 | 194 | 7 | 27.71 | 3/40 | 3.03 |
| S. Tulloch | 48 | 8 | 149 | 4 | 37.25 | 2/49 | 3.10 |

ALSO BOWLED

| | | | | | |
|----------------|------|----------|------|-------------|------|
| W. Sierakowski | 1/46 | H. Angus | 1/55 | R. Pengelly | 1/97 |
|----------------|------|----------|------|-------------|------|

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| T. Drake | 4/7, 3/11, 3/29 | R. Edwards | 3/26, 3/36 |
| T. Fragogianas | 3/17 | C. Sayers | 3/40 |
| P. Campbell | 3/18 | | |

WICKET-KEEPING

| | Catches | Stumpings |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| H. Evans | 13 | - |
| A. Sinclair | 1 | |

MOST CATCHES

| | | | |
|----------------|---|----------|---|
| W. Sierakowski | 7 | H. Angus | 4 |
| H. Cooper | 4 | | |

GORDON DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

UNDER 9 RED *Alain Brix-Nielsen – Manager*

The Under 9 Reds' season '05-'06 was very successful, exciting and enjoyable for the players, parents and spectators alike.

The team was fortunate to have a great mix of personalities, abilities and ages. With only a handful of players who had played cricket previously, the new recruits and the old hands were enthusiastic, attentive and keen to learn about all facets of cricket, to practice and apply new techniques both during training and match play.

One game in particular (round 11) stands out for their gamesmanship, competitive spirit and overall improvement of skills.

We fielded first with the fall of two wickets to Ali in the first over. Thomas, Abhishek, Alex C. also took two wickets each. The team caught, ran out and stumped numerous wickets throughout their innings with a final tally of 13 wickets taken. Our bowlers kept up the pressure with good line and length. Of special note was Jack V's tremendous bowling improvement, a wicket maiden by James, Mawin's continued consistency, Tobias restricting the run rate, Sebastian's maiden and Tim bowling two sharp overs (one resulting in a wicket).

If it were not for the efforts in the field the runs would have piled up. Jack B. showed how much he had improved, paying special attention throughout the game. Jack C. was very sharp in the field, backing up and returning the ball to the wicket keeper, making their batsmen think twice about running.

Our opposition were short three players, so while we were batting, we rotated players into their fielding side. Two very sharp catches were taken by Sebastian and Tobias and a run out was effected by Mawin's sharp fielding and strong arm. They, along with the other team members who fielded, showed how committed they were to playing their best, even if it resulted in placing our team at a disadvantage. Excellent sportsmanship!

Our batsmen showed how they were able to score more runs off the bat than the extras that were delivered by the opposition bowling. Some great strokes were played, nice fours, quick singles - cheeky singles. Although some risky shots and runs were taken (resulting in the fall of wickets), it was encouraging to see the batsmen push themselves and each other with clear calls, committed running and a show of both defensive and attacking batting - playing each ball on its merit. Mawin, Ali, Jack C. and Tim were the proponents of attacking batting. All other batsmen showed how to play defensive shots while keeping the runs flowing. Thomas, Abhishek, Sebastian

and Tobias brought home the victory not losing any wickets and adding to the run total.

This round was a reflection upon the spirit of the team as a whole. Joshua, Matthew and Alex Di Dio need special mention (absent for round 11), as do Joshua and Matthew for improving their bowling and batting and Alex Di Dio for his contribution on the field as well as being the only batsman hitting two sixes in an innings.

The team had more wins than losses, but more importantly, they remained committed and constantly worked at improving their skills. Their understanding of the game and the importance of teamwork whilst having fun was evident throughout the season.

Special thanks also to our two volunteer umpires, David Watts and Andrew Bee for their contribution to supervising the progress of the games – even if some of their calls (however justly) went against our team and even their own children! To all parents who helped out with coaching and ensuring the boys were present to train and to compete at some remote fields at a constant early hour, thank you.

From myself, I wish to thank the boys for listening and applying themselves and wish them the best of luck and continued success in their cricket careers.

UNDER 9 BLUES *Stuart Martin - Coach*

The Gordon Under 9 Blues came up against some tough opposition throughout the season in a competition that was highly competitive. Despite this, the boys never gave up and put in some titanic battles that resulted in the calculator being called upon a number of times. The team's first and only win came in the second half of the season against Lane Cove, again after an epic struggle. The calculators were fully tested with the boys winning by the narrowest of margins - 1 run!

The improvement in the team's skills throughout the season was terrific and I'm sure the boys will go into next season well equipped for another challenge.

The Team

Liam Burke – Liam showed evidence of the next Shane Warne with the ball while having great patience with the bat.

Tom Jenkins – Another of our up-and-coming spin bowlers with Stuart McGill-like tendencies and made huge improvements with the bat in the second half of the season, culminating in a beautiful pull-shot for 4.

Dean Finnigan – The quiet achiever of our team, trying hard every week. His bowling improved greatly through the season, resulting in some valuable wicket taking for the team.

Ryan Pinnell – Ryan had little experience with cricket at the start of the season but took to the game like a duck to water. He was the live-wire of the team, never still, and always moving in with the bowler. Ryan shows all the characteristics of a potentially good all-rounder.

Pearce Cohen – One of two pocket rockets in our team, Pearce was always bubbling with enthusiasm. Pearce also showed good all round skills with both bat and ball as well as potential as a team leader.

Jock Wilcox – After attending a Shane Lee Coaching Clinic, Jock became one of the team's most consistent and accurate bowlers.

Patrick Hayes Brown – The Adam Gilchrist of the team when it came to batting, Patrick hit a number of 6's during the season. No point in running when you can hit boundaries!

Conor Campbell – Conor became recognized as the safest of the team behind the wicket as the only player to take a catch with the gloves on. Look out, Adam Gilchrist!

Marcus Greene – Steady as a rock, Marcus improved steadily with both bat and ball. In particular, Marcus improved his backing up when running between wickets and as someone with plenty of speed should rack up quite a few runs over the next few seasons.

Samuel Martin – The team's answer to Michael Clarke, Samuel was very consistent with the bat, showing good vision and running between the wicket skills. Sam backed this up with a pretty handy bowling action.

Ben Harris – A bee in a bottle buzzing around the field and between wickets. Ben was notable for his ability to hit 4's just when the team needed a boost. Ben's bowling also showed a big improvement over the course of the season.

Rory Burns - Rory may not have the height of Brett Lee but he certainly could rip the ball down the wicket with both speed and accuracy.

Tom Lewis – Another who starred with the bat consistently hitting 4's and 6's. His speed between wickets was also very impressive.

Adrian Testa - Another of the Shane Warne look-a-likes in the team showed lots of improvement during the season with the ball and plenty of potential and he should be ripping down spinners for seasons to come.

Robert Harrison – The “Andrew Symonds” like all-rounder of the team, batted consistently each week and was the only bowler to achieve a hat trick. The highlight though had to be Robert's brilliant one handed (running backwards) catch against St Ives that resulted in Robert also losing a loose tooth in the celebrations.

UNDER 9 GOLD

It was while giving young Viraj and Jay a batting warm up before the first game that it became clear this would be an interesting season.

We were throwing them soft “dollies” to get their eye in, expecting them to block it back to us, and they were charging at us trying to smash the ball back over our heads.

So it was evident that enthusiasm was going to be one of the strengths of the team.

The boys were also excellent listeners. You could tell them in the field to move around a “little straighter” or “a bit closer to the ump” and they would willingly move about ¼ of a step in the direction you were suggesting.

Probably a better example of their listening skills was when Brendan McDonald (“B-Mac”), the leg spinner from the Gordon 1st XI came down to help the boys with a bit of bowling practice (thanks for coming down Brendan, the boys loved you). Sure enough, next Saturday, there were Logan and Luke, Viraj and Jay all flicking the ball out of the back of their hands in true Shane Warne fashion.

Actually it was the team’s bowling that progressed the most. From Martin’s high bouncing action to Oliver’s half paced off spinners and Viraj’s “slingers” off a long run – they were all pretty effective, and much improved from their early efforts.

One time, Ben Murphy got three wickets in the first over of the day. The boys went crazy that morning.

Their fielding was terrific too. With Luke, Mathew Scott, Jay and Viraj all capable of quick chases and long throws from the boundary their ground fielding often looked mighty impressive. At times their catching left a bit to be desired – but hey – even Ricky Ponting drops catches. We were always enthusiastic enough to get under the ball – but not always quite able to secure it. If the U9 rule was changed so that hitting a fielder on the full meant you were out, we would just about have won every game.

Then we had kids like Ben Curry-Hyde and Mathew Kell who were excellent wicket keepers. Ben Curry-Hyde was clearly one of the most reliable back stops in the whole comp.

The batting improvement was remarkable. Watching Mathew Kell, Ian and Jamieson all walking out with their helmets on full of confidence as the season progressed was terrific.

Special mention should go to Daniel and Nathan who both bowled very straight, fielded well and smashed a few runs when we needed them.

Many thanks to Jol Valentine and Martin Palin for coaching the team with such enthusiasm - this positive spirit definitely rubbed off on the kids. And Steve Pacak did a great job managing and making sure everything ran smoothly. Also thanks to the

parents who helped out with scoring, umpiring, padding up and bringing refreshments.

The kids were a credit to their parents – they were positive, enthusiastic, playful and keen to learn. Great basic ingredients to make playing cricket heaps of fun for everyone.

UNDER 10 Red *Gordon Annakin - Coach*

We had an excellent season culminating with the play off for the championship trophy against the formidable Roseville Crocs.

The Crocs were the victors in a hard fought match. The medal ceremony at the end was a delight with both sides applauding one another with unadulterated good will.

This is exactly the kind of outcome that we parents want for our children - to encourage them to train hard, strive for excellence, play with intensity and within the context of the game, making every effort to win. But when the game is over to emerge into the larger context of real life where generosity and honest recognition of the quality of the other team is more significant.

Our top performers were:

Batting : Lachlan Gillespie

Bowling : Michael Fowler

Wicket Keeper : Matt Forti

All Rounder : Daniel Annakin

Best over bowled: Matheesha Premaratna 4 wickets in one over.

Match winning performance : Gil Sheldon, a run out and hit a 4 for one run victories.

Hardest player to get out and highest average : Robbie Myers.

Most powerful hitters : Sam Suttor and Emerson Adcock..

Most improved stroke player : Aiden Casey

Most accurate bowler : Lincoln McGregor.

Most improved bowler: Jared Ooi

Most significant catch : Blaise Kerle diving forward to dismiss top batsman in 2nd Crocs match.

All in all an excellent season with plenty of fun, improvement and personal growth, for the parents, and the boys enjoyed it too.

Next season we hope to add Steve Irwin to the coaching staff to give us some vital tips on handling crocs.

G.D.C.C. PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PREVIOUS WINNERS

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| 1977/78 | David Fenton | 1991/92 | Luke Mason |
| 1978/79 | Allan Poole | 1992/93 | Mal Hall |
| 1979/80 | Graham King | 1993/94 | Matt Kelly |
| 1980/81 | David Bennett | 1994/95 | Ross Toohey |
| 1981/82 | Andrew Hunter | 1995/96 | Kurt Morrison |
| 1982/83 | Rowan McGregor | 1996/97 | Ed Howitt jnr |
| 1983/84 | Martin Reynolds | 1997/98 | Rhys Soper |
| 1984/85 | Peter Murphy | 1998/99 | James Packman |
| 1985/86 | Simon Rorke | 1999/00 | Rob Radley |
| 1986/87 | Phil Emery | 2000/01 | Ed Zelma |
| 1987/88 | Phil Emery | 2001/02 | Matt Michael |
| 1988/89 | Andrew Martyr | 2002/03 | Chris Fryar |
| 1989/90 | Glenn Hendricks | 2003/04 | Shayne Lin |
| 1990/91 | Steve Milne | 2004/05 | James Packman |

PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS TOP TEN 2005/2006

| | | |
|-----|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Ed Zelma | 1532 |
| 2. | Rod Hokin | 1373 |
| 3. | Dylan Connell | 1361 |
| 4. | John O'Neill-Fuller | 1213 |
| 5. | Nick Dowsley | 1203 |
| 6. | Julian Stephenson | 1199 |
| 7. | Ed Howitt | 1180 |
| 8. | Elliot Richtor | 1179 |
| 9. | Craig Knight | 1174 |
| 10. | Matt Nicholson | 1155 |

PRESENTATIONS 2005-06 SEASON

| Award | Description | Winner/Player |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Victor Trumper | Player of the Year | Ed Zelma |
| Charles Macartney | 1 st Grade Performances | Julian Stephenson |
| W.A. "Bert" Oldfield | Lower Grade Performances | Elliot Richtor |
| Dick Guy | Under 21 Performances | Nick Dowlsey |
| Phil Emery | Green Shield Performances | Harry Evans |
| Clyde Coltman | Junior Performances | Tim Grellman |
| Mal Hall | Junior Player of the Year | Charlie Stobo |
| Brian Taber | All Round Performances | Ed Zelma |
| Charles Harris | Clubman of the Year | Rod Hokin |
| Special Award | Wicketkeeping 44 Catches, 2 Stumpings | Brett Rosen |
| 500 runs in a season | 711 | Craig Simmons |
| | 626 | John O'Neill-Fuller |
| | 615 | Craig Knight |
| | 586 | James Packman |
| | 559 | Matthew Kelly |
| | 543 | Mitchell Kleem |
| | 527 | Jeremy Cashman |
| | 517 | Rod Hokin |
| | 502 | Matt Michael |
| Hat Tricks | versus Fairfield-Liverpool | Elliot Richtor |
| Bowling Awards | 40 wickets | Julian Stephenson. |
| | 38 wickets | Dylan Connell |
| | 37 wickets | Ed Zelma |

EMERGING PLAYERS AWARDS FOR SEASON 2006/07

The following players will receive the 4th “Emerging Players Awards” for the 2006-07 season. Tony Wilson donates the awards to U21 players, who have reached first grade, or possess the ability to play first grade in the coming years. They are awarded after consultation with the Club Selectors and Club Coaches

1) Nick Dowsley:

Nick was a new recruit this season and what a success story. Being a prolific run scorer in schoolboy cricket, he initially had a 2-year stint at Sydney Uni. He was selected in third grade for Gordon and, after one game there, was promoted to second grade and did not look back. He scored a total of 645 runs @ 31 for the season, which included 478 @ 32 in grade and 167 @ 28 in PG's. He is also a very useful med with 14 wickets at 28, which included 10 @ 26 in 2's. Nick scored his maiden century (121) for the club against Saints in 2's. What a magnificent innings - it was a delight to watch! This knock, followed by a 94 in PG's and a 45 in 2's, earned a promotion to 1st grade for the one dayer against Randy-Petes in Jan, where unfortunately he did not bat.

He also finished 5th in the Player of the Year award, which is a superb effort in one's first season with a Club and won the PG's Club player of the comp. Nick is a classical, yet punishing stroke maker with shots all round the wicket. He possesses a magnificent cricket brain, with definite leadership prospects. He is a wonderful clubman and most importantly will push the middle and top order bats next season for a spot in first grade. He works really hard at his game and his fitness, with the only worry trying to fit his law studies and company work duties in with his cricket. He was the find of the season for mine.

2) Reece Bombas:

Reece came of age last season at the tender old age of just 18. I said last year that he was one of the best young bats that I have seen since my return to Gordon and I have definitely not changed my mind. The big difference this year is that he has now learnt to place the ball, whilst building his innings. He came to our club last year as a nervous, skinny little 16yo that always looked the prettiest bat to watch, with classic stroke play, that generally went straight to a fieldsman. He worked on his fitness in the off-season under the watchful eye of Tim Packman and what a difference was noted as this season developed. He played mainly third grade, until late Feb, when he really started to fire and finished up with a well-deserved promotion to 2's. Had an ordinary pre-Xmas period, with a couple of 40's and one 50. He came of age with a magnificent 85 in Jan against Penrith, on a really difficult deck, with uneven bounce.

Reece followed this knock with another classical innings of 73 against Wests, where he showed all and sundry that he had arrived. Yet that maiden Club ton had still eluded him. However this was soon rectified in PG's in Feb, when he scored one of the best tons of the season against Parra, to get the monkey off his back. He totalled 630 runs @ 35 for the season, which included 368 @ 37 in grade. This young man will

settle into 2's next season and hopefully pressure for a spot in 1st grade at some stage. He has the potential to go all the way. He also has that great advantage of a Dad, who is his greatest supporter (and great bloke), yet does not push him too hard and stays in the background.

3) Brad Rasool:

Brad came to the Club from South Africa, where he had represented Western Province from the age of 12, culminating in captaining the U17's in a victory over the England U17's at the Newland ground in 2004. He obviously could play and came to us in late Sept after a brilliant season in the UK, scoring a mountain of runs in 2nd Division. He immediately impressed the selectors with an excellent knock in the trial game against Canberra. Graded in second grade, he soon showed his potential with a brilliant 154 in round 2 against Blacktown. It was a gem of an innings and he absolutely decimated the attack with punishing stroke play to all parts of the ground. By round 5, he was promoted to first grade, where he played the next 6 matches until Jan. Apart from a really promising 40no against Balmain (assisted Craig Simmons to win the match by 10 wickets), he had a miserable introduction to the top grade. His form and confidence dropped in 2nd grade and PG's to such an extent, that he played his last 2 matches in 3rd grade.

Brad finished the season in grand style with an effortless 99 against Uni of NSW, which showed all how good a bat he really is. He scored 514 runs @ 25 for the season, with importantly 490 @ 35 in grade. Brad volunteered to open and next season he must decide whether to persevere there, or bat down the order. Brad is without doubt a class player that can go all the way, once he settles into the Sydney grade scene. He is only 19, is one of the fittest in the club, a real character and a magnificent clubman. I believe he should work hard in the off-season on his technique and mental approach to grade and life, consolidate in 2's, and then prove again that he is ready to play 1st grade. Has deservedly won a Scholarship to Macquarie Uni and perhaps this is the catalyst that is needed.

He can play!

4) Elliot Richtor:

The younger version from the infamous Richtor brothers was a welcome addition to Gordon this season and he made an immediate impact. After having productive years with his school 1st X1, he was chosen for Combined GPS in the Lord Taverners week. We were told he was something special and he certainly lived up to his reputation. His attitude was exceptional from the moment he attended his first practice and despite studying for his HSC, stated that he wished to play as much as possible during his Year 12 exam period. He missed only 2 grade rounds and despite a disjointed season, still scored 543 runs @ 30, with an excellent debut grade average of 36 off 433 runs. He had 3 early games in fifth grade (between exams) for a couple of brilliant 60's, then quickly moved his way up to PG's and third grade, where he played most of the season. His 74 against ND's was one highlight on a difficult Beauchamp deck and slow outfield and was a character building innings that showed great maturity and fighting spirit.

On his day Elliot is explosive and can destroy an attack in a number of overs, with his wide array of shots. The one problem is that he must learn to build on his innings, as he had 7 knocks between 48 and 74 and many of these should have been turned into centuries. This will come. As with his brother, Elliot is also a useful med. He finished the season with 16 wickets @ 24, which included a brilliant hat trick in round 6. It must also be noted that he finished 8th in the POY, not a bad effort from a 17/18yo youngster who was still at school for half the season and missed a few games. Hopefully Elliot will use the off-season to build on his strength and fitness (needs 6 months under Tim Packman) and on return consolidate in thirds and then aim to push for a second grade batting spot. Another really exciting prospect for next season and naturally being a Richtor, a top club man and very decent character.

5) Will Sweeney:

Will is the most promising young quick in the club. Unfortunately, as with all quicks, he is injury prone. In his first full season with the club (he played half a year last season) a knee operation kept him out of the first 4 rounds and he did not make his season debut until the first week in Nov. It was a tentative start in fourth grade for 3 matches and then 5 and 4 wicket hauls in thirds earned a promotion to seconds, where he stayed for the season. A feature of his season was a devastating 6 for 36 against ND's, the eventual premiers and an outstanding second grade side. If I may borrow Richard Stobo's comments from the match report "a mighty effort and a just reward for a sustained spell of fast bowling. The lad has character and that's the first ingredient of a good quick". Well said and it should be noted that he again took the first 4 wickets to fall, a striking feature of Will's short career with Gordon.

Will is a strike bowler of genuine pace, a beautiful flowing action, highlighted by of course "the Stobo Salute". The knee deteriorated during the season and with the amount of bowling he was doing in seconds and PG's, he eventually had to bowl off a shortened run. Despite the injuries and late start, he still managed 28 wickets @ 22.5 for the season, with 25 @ 18 in grade. Will's batting continues to improve and mature, with a total of 195 @ 24 overall and 108 @ 55 in seconds (including a polished 45 against Wests). It is vital that he works on his overall fitness in the off-season and not only the injured knee. Once fit, he should consolidate in seconds and then with a bag full of wickets, he will push for a first grade position.

6) Justin Waller:

Another Year 12 HSC student who missed 6 grade games between October and December, which severely disrupted his overall season. The selectors have been closely watching Justin's progress since his Green Shield days. He was the premier bat in that side and was then chosen for the Combined Green Shield team. A mountain of runs in school cricket followed, which made him an automatic selection in the Combined Schools week. Another highlight was his selection in the NSW Schoolboys team, which resulted in another milestone of being picked in the NSW U17 squad. He had made his mark when it counted, as a tenacious and gritty opening bat who really looked the part. He could only play the first 2 rounds (in fourths), then exams and back in fourths in the Xmas round against Campbelltown. The side was in all sorts of trouble. However Justin stuck to the task for a really well compiled 64.

It was round 13 against Wests in third grade that Justin showed all of his undoubted ability. Gordon was chasing a massive 359 and at 1 for 5, was not looking too good. Then Justin and Goldy combined for a massive 180 partnership that laid the foundations for a brilliant win. Goldy (an ex first grader) started slowly and then blasted the attack for a wonderful 114. Justin scored 59 of that partnership and really impressed with his never say die attitude and stroke play. He followed this knock with a cameo 32 against Norths, looked a million dollars and then inexplicably ran himself out. In the 9 grade games he scored 277 runs @ 28, a reasonable start to a disjointed grade career. Many good judges really rate this young man and I concur. He has been working hard on his fitness and power since February (again being tutored by Tim Packman) and will keep it going in the off-season. Has just been chosen in the NSW U19 State squad and I am sure you will see him opening in Gordon 1st grade in the not too distant future. He has the ability and the mental toughness to go further.

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GRADE COMPETITION

First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade

Fairfield-Liverpool CC
Northern District CC
St George CC

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Fourth Grade | Randwick Petersham CC |
| Fifth Grade | Randwick Petersham CC |
| First Grade Limited | |
| Overs Competition | Manly Warringah CC |
| Club Championship | Manly Warringah CC |
| Poidevin Gray Shield | Hawkesbury CC |
| A.W. Green Shield | Campbelltown Camden CC |

SHIRES COMPETITION

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st Grade Shires | Burwood Briars CC |
| 2 nd Grade Shires | Lane Cove CC |
| 3 rd Grade Shires | Burwood Briars CC |
| 4 th Grade Shires | Macquarie University CC |
| Frank Gray Shield | Epping CC |
| Club Championship | Burwood Briars CC |

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 st Grade | Wallsend CC |
| 2 nd Grade | Campbelltown-Camden CC |
| 3 rd Grade | St.George -Sutherland CC |
| 4 th Grade | Gordon CC |
| Under 18's (Brewer Shield) | Penrith CC |
| Club Championship | St.George-Sutherland CC |

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT GRADE PLAYERS

BATTING (Minimum of 1,000 Runs in All Grades)

| | No. of Seasons Played | FIRST GRADE | | | ALL GRADES | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------|-------|------------|------|-------|
| | | Inns | Runs | Avge | Inns | Runs | Avge |
| Iqbal Ahmed | 8 | - | - | - | 83 | 1540 | 18.55 |
| Jeremy Cashman | 5 | 7 | 49 | 7.00 | 65 | 2149 | 33.05 |
| Ben Garratt | 3 | - | - | - | 40 | 1001 | 25.03 |
| Dean Goldsmith | 9 | 5 | 35 | 7.00 | 104 | 2581 | 24.82 |
| Rod Hokin | 3 | 24 | 557 | 23.21 | 49 | 1448 | 29.55 |
| James Hosking | 5 | 25 | 326 | 13.04 | 60 | 1342 | 22.37 |
| Ed Howitt | 16 | 28 | 536 | 19.14 | 179 | 4083 | 22.81 |
| Matt Kelly | 12 | 46 | 665 | 14.46 | 156 | 4587 | 29.40 |
| Mitchell Kleem | 4 | - | - | - | 62 | 1869 | 30.15 |
| Shayne Lin | 4 | - | - | - | 43 | 1052 | 24.47 |
| Damon Livermore | 13 | 94 | 2277 | 24.22 | 194 | 5448 | 28.08 |
| Matt Makepeace | 3 | 14 | 197 | 14.07 | 44 | 1113 | 25.30 |
| Dave Michael | 5 | - | - | - | 42 | 1032 | 24.57 |
| Matt Michael | 9 | 74 | 1486 | 20.08 | 130 | 2888 | 22.22 |
| Matt Nicholson | 7 | 59 | 1564 | 26.51 | 62 | 1605 | 25.89 |
| John O'Neill-Fuller | 3 | 16 | 389 | 24.31 | 43 | 1309 | 30.44 |
| James Packman | 10 | 98 | 2905 | 29.64 | 152 | 4508 | 29.66 |
| Tim Packman | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 74 | 1670 | 22.57 |
| Dan Richtor | 5 | - | - | - | 57 | 1148 | 20.14 |
| Richie Paul | 5 | - | - | - | 57 | 1192 | 20.91 |
| Marty Reynolds | 16 | 34 | 606 | 17.82 | 152 | 4713 | 31.01 |
| Brett Rosen | 9 | 22 | 332 | 15.09 | 105 | 2108 | 20.08 |
| Anthony Sherman | 13 | 47 | 702 | 14.94 | 179 | 4462 | 24.93 |
| Mark Wiese | 12 | - | - | - | 88 | 1045 | 11.86 |
| Ed Zelma | 11 | 98 | 2080 | 21.02 | 159 | 3806 | 23.94 |

CAREER RECORDS OF CURRENT GRADE PLAYERS

(Cont'd)

BOWLING (Minimum of 60 Wickets in All Grades)

| | Number of Seasons Played | FIRST GRADE | | | ALL GRADES | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | Wickets | Runs | Avge | Wkts | Runs | Avge |
| Iqbal Ahmed | 8 | - | - | - | 94 | 2869 | 30.52 |
| Michael Bourne | 4 | - | - | - | 94 | 2410 | 25.64 |
| Dylan Connell | 6 | 119 | 3479 | 29.24 | 180 | 4855 | 26.97 |
| Jordan Holmes | 4 | - | - | - | 68 | 1625 | 23.90 |
| Ed Howitt | 16 | 35 | 1357 | 38.77 | 374 | 9087 | 24.30 |
| Matt Michael | 9 | 74 | 2327 | 31.45 | 156 | 4317 | 27.67 |
| Matt Nicholson | 7 | 149 | 2421 | 16.25 | 163 | 2685 | 16.47 |
| Tim Packman | 10 | 1 | 43 | 43.00 | 179 | 3671 | 20.51 |
| Richie Paul | 5 | - | - | - | 75 | 1827 | 24.36 |
| Julian Stephenson | 4 | 60 | 1663 | 27.72 | 110 | 2870 | 26.09 |
| Richard Stobo | 19 | 380 | 8137 | 21.41 | 551 | 11044 | 20.04 |
| Dave Storey | 5 | - | - | - | 77 | 1603 | 20.82 |
| Gareth Wright | 4 | 0 | 48 | - | 62 | 1296 | 20.90 |
| Ed Zelma | 11 | 119 | 3426 | 28.79 | 153 | 4244 | 27.74 |

GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2006

| 2004/2005 | | 2005/2006 |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| \$ | | \$ |
| | <u>INCOME:</u> | |
| 20,660 | Subscriptions | 24,697 |
| 591 | Subscriptions Associate Members | 500 |
| 36,926 | Sponsorships & Donations | 36,467 |
| 64 | Sale of Greengate Merchandise | - |
| | GST Adjustment | 197 |
| | - Cost Recovery Ground Hire & Web Site GDCC Women | 5,576 |
| 28,800 | Australian Sports Foundation Grants | 6,000 |
| 6,500 | General Grant – Sydney Cricket Assoc. | 33,855 |
| 6,000 | Coaching Grant - NSW Cricket Association | 6,000 |
| 8,625 | Capital Grant - Cricket Australia | 8,625 |
| 23,935 | Junior Development Subscriptions & Other Income | 36,523 |
| (5,017) | Profit from Social Functions | 2,298 |
| 19,446 | Profit from GDCC Luncheon | 15,412 |
| (534) | Profit (Loss) on Club Merchandise | 155 |
| (2,682) | Catering & Sundry Income | 2,878 |
| <u>143,314</u> | | <u>179,183</u> |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE:</u> | |
| 5,959 | Travel, Accommodation & Pre-Season Tour Expenses | 8,132 |
| 16,985 | Coaching Expenses | 18,553 |
| 16,187 | Player Development | 12,846 |
| | First Grade Incentive Scheme | 7,858 |
| | Spirit of Cricket Promotion | 4,087 |
| 6,554 | Cricket Academy Expenses | 9,825 |
| 8,800 | Cricket Material | 8,757 |
| 3,365 | Trophies | 1,928 |
| 409 | Insurance | - |
| | Rental Bond & Sundry Debtors written off | 4,018 |
| 22,675 | Ground Hire Charges | 29,447 |
| 23,240 | Junior Development Expenses | 25,226 |
| 4,506 | Sundry Expenses | 6,691 |
| 6,188 | Depreciation on Plant & Equipment | 9,079 |
| 2,797 | Postage, Phone, Merchant Fees & Charges | 500 |
| 1,619 | Printing | 1,816 |
| 19,162 | Shorts, Shirts and Caps | 13,935 |
| 5,285 | Web Site Expenses | 3,634 |
| | Web Site Development | 6,192 |
| <u>143,731</u> | Total EXPENDITURE | <u>172,524</u> |
| (417) | OPERATING (DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR YEAR | <u>6,659</u> |
| 695 | Bank and Other Interest | 188 |
| 278 | TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR | <u>6,847</u> |
| 20,077 | ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>20,355</u> |
| <u>20,355</u> | ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | <u>27,202</u> |

GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY 2006

| 2004/2005 | | 2005/2006 |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 20,355 | ACCUMULATED FUNDS | 27,202 |
| 24,830 | COACHING & JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT RESERVE | 24,830 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 45,185 | TOTAL FUNDS | 52,032 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Represented by: | | |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 18,750 | Cash at Bank – General Account | 12,004 |
| 338 | Cash at Bank – Sponsors Account | 340 |
| 8,535 | Debtors | 56 |
| 2,280 | Rental Bond | - |
| 150 | Key Deposits | 300 |
| Investments | | |
| 6,826 | Hongkong Bank on 24 hour call | - |
| Stock - Club Merchandise | | |
| 887 | At Cost as per stocktake 31 st May 06 | 18,634 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 37,766 | TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 31,334 |
| <hr/> | | |
| <u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 7,469 | Plant & Equipment - at written down value | 23,548 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 7,469 | TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 23,548 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 45,235 | TOTAL ASSETS | 54,882 |
| <hr/> | | |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| - | Creditors & Accruals | 2,800 |
| 50 | Key Deposit - Women's Cricket Division | 50 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 50 | TOTAL LIABILITIES | 2,850 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 45,185 | TOTAL NET ASSETS | 52,032 |
| <hr/> | | |

Auditor's Report to the Members of the
GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.

Scope of Audit

We have audited the Accounts of the Gordon District Cricket Club Inc. for the year ended 31 May 2006. The Committee is responsible for the preparation of these Accounts and the information contained therein.

We have conducted an independent audit of the financial reports in order to express an opinion thereon to the members.

The audit has been conducted in a manner so as to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement.

The procedures included the examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, and on the information supplied to us, the financial report of the Gordon District Cricket Club Inc as at 31 May 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, presents fairly the financial position of the club in accordance with accepted Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting.

SYDNEY
June 2006

W.A. HAVERCROFT & D.J. CONDE
Honorary Auditors

**GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.
STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE**

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee:

- (a) the accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Club for the year ended 31st May 2006;
- (b) the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club as at 31st May 2006; and
- (c) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

I C Carroll

A J Falk

Dated at Sydney this 22nd day of June 2006.

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**GORDON DISTRICT CRICKET
CLUB**

WOMEN'S DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06

G.D.C.C.W.D

WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHATSWOOD RSL

For their continued generous support
throughout the 2005/2006 season

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney Cricket Association, Women's Competition

Spirit of Cricket Award

4th Grade – ***PREMIERS!!***

North Shore Girls Cricket Association

A Grade – Minor Premiers & Runners-Up

B Grade – Minor Premiers and Runners-Up

C Grade – Semi-Finalists

OFFICE BEARERS

EXECUTIVE

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| PRESIDENT | Jessica Henry |
| DEPUTY PRESIDENT | Donna Little |
| TREASURER | Neha Cunningham |
| SECRETARY | Lisa Morley |

SUB COMMITTEES

SELECTION

Vacant

| | |
|----------------|---|
| SOCIAL | Charlotte Anneveld, Neha Cunningham, Anika Balsdon, Hannah Perry, Lauren Hamman |
| SCA DELEGATE | Amy Buttsworth |
| GDCC DELEGATE | Alan Patrick |
| NSGCA DELEGATE | Richard Lyon |
| ARCHIVES | Jessica Henry |
| SPONSORSHIP | Alan Patrick, Murray Rodgers |
| GROUND | Bernard Perry |
| PUBLICITY | Stephanie Rodgers |

POSITIONS HELD IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

SCA

Jessica Henry

Chair, Women's Sub-Committee
Member, Committee of Management

Cricket NSW

Marilyn Brown
Jessica Henry

Selector
Women's Committee
U/17 Team Manager

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

PATRON Vacant

VICE PRESIDENTS

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Bernard Perry | Trevor Gray |
| Alan Patrick | Richard Lyon |
| David Lawson | Michael Williams |
| Ian Carroll | Andrew Falk |
| Phil Balsdon | Murray Rodgers |
| David Cunningham | Ed Howitt Jnr |

LIFE MEMBERS

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Denise Anderson | Karen Hill |
| Marilyn Brown | Erica Sainsbury |
| Jessica Henry | Bronwyn Calver |
| Jodie Davis | Angela O'Neil |
| Geraldine Rieper | |

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS Audrey Annetts
Dr. Haren Sthalekar
Neville Annetts*
(* Deceased)

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Alex Julien | Heidi Cheadle | Nicky Paterson |
| Amasha Wahab | Jesse Maclaine | Nicole Adam |
| Angela Lennard | Jessica Henry | Olivia Berger |
| Anika Balsdon | Joanna Lawson | Paige Edgar |
| Anna Reid | Joanna Lyon | Rachael Giggins |
| Annelie Chapple | June Shrestha | Rajvee Khakar |
| Annika Humphreys | Kaitlin Reidy | Samara Fitzpatrick |
| Brittany Mitchell | Kate Griffith | Sarah Eglington |
| Charlotte Anneveld | Kristy Williams | Sarah Thompson |
| Siobhan Luczak | Krystle Clark | Shannon Heath |
| Donna Little | Lauren Hamman | Stephanie Russell-Jones |
| Elizabeth Kemp | Lauren Ryan | Yvette Joachim |
| Ella Dalton | Leah Williams | Julia Camarsh |
| Emily Butcher | Lia Fayle | Emily Shrubb |
| Emily Williams | Liz Scott | Lisa Morley |
| Emma Sherwood | Mackenzie Edgar | Kym English |
| Georgia Reidy | Melissa Adam | Robyn Pinkard |
| Grace Mowat | Millie Dorn | Mel O'Brien |
| Hannah Perry | Neha Cunningham | |

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Charlotte Anneveld

NEW SOUTH WALES 2nd XI

Charlotte Anneveld

Lauren Hamman

NEW SOUTH WALES U17

Alex Julien

Hannah Perry

NEW SOUTH WALES U15

Rachael Giggins

CITY

Charlotte Anneveld

CITY U17

Paige Edgar

Alex Julien

Kristy Williams

COUNTRY U17

Hannah Perry

CITY U15

Rachael Giggins

CENTRAL COAST

Charlotte Anneveld

Melissa O'Brien

Hannah Perry

Teaghan Whatton

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Without doubt the highlight of the season was the Club earning the Sydney Cricket Association, Women's Competition Spirit of Cricket Award at the Presentation Dinner. This award epitomises the way we play our cricket and every club member should be very proud of this achievement.

We set out this season with the youngest 1st and 2nd Grade teams we have ever put on the park. This was always going to be an enormous challenge. We had lots of new faces across all teams.

1st and 2nd Grade finished in last position on the table. 1st Grade missed the finals for the first time in 9 years. At first glance we may call the 2005-06 an unsuccessful one. However, dig deeper and you will find that it certainly was not lacking in success.

4th Grade took out the Minor Premiership and made their 3rd consecutive appearance in the Final to win their 2nd title in 3 years. After being placed in the middle of the pack at Christmas they played consistently well and deserved to win a nail biting final against Bankstown. Congratulations to Dusty and the Team. Try not to make it so close next time – it's not good for the President's heart!!

In the junior ranks, A Grade again finished as Minor Premiers, only to be defeated by arch rivals Kissing Point in the final. B Grade also took out the Minor Premiership and came up against a very determined and eventually victorious Hornsby in the Final. C Grade finished 2nd on the table and played hard in the semi final, which they unfortunately lost to Castle Hill.

In summary, from 6 teams, we secured 3 Minor Premierships, a 2nd place, 2 runners-up and 1 premiership. That's an outstanding effort.

We have some very fine young talent coming through the ranks – at all levels. Once again, Gordon is one of the only clubs with a pathway from Under 12 through to First Grade. This is something to be very proud of. While still a little short on grade players, our future looks encouraging as a result of our overall structure.

Something that excites me about the past season is that throughout all the teams no single player totally dominated. Certainly there were some outstanding individual performances but at some stage during the season every player in every team made a valuable contribution. This is a little different from some of our challengers who rely heavily on 2 or 3 players. This, I think, was the key to us winning the 4th Grade Premiership with every 4th grade player able to meaningfully contribute while Bankstown relied on possibly 3 key players.

Having said this I would like to highlight some wonderful individual performances. Congratulations to:

- Bronwyn Calver – 1st Grade Captain and 2nd in the 1st Grade Competition Player of the Year, for leading from the front and guiding a very young and largely inexperienced 1st grade team through a challenging season. Bron gave

our youngsters the opportunity to put their hand up and it was great to see them grow as players during the season.

- Charlotte Anneveld - 1st Grade Vice-Captain and 1st Grade Competition Player of the Year. Char lead the attack with both bat and ball, Member of the NSW 2nd XI as well as starring in the third and deciding match of the National League Finals series. Char collected 4 wickets, 2 catches and runs to turn the match and be quoted on the Cricket NSW website the next day as “Rookie and hero”!!
- Alex Julien and Hannah Perry for their selection in the National Championship winning NSW U17 state team. Hannah was the leading wicket taker for the tournament and both contributed heavily in 1st Grade
- Lauren Hamman – selected in the NSW 2nd XI for the first time and opening bat and key bowler in 1sts
- Rachael Giggins – 2nd Grade, selected in the NSW U15 team that easily won the National Title
- Shannon Heath – 4th Grade Club Player of the Year and 2nd place in the competition.
- Kate Griffith – 4th Grade Association Wicketkeeper Award
- Heidi Cheadle in A Grade scored her maiden century – 107 – while playing in the North Shore Rep team

To achieve any success and keep a club running requires lots of dedication and support. I would like to express sincere thanks to:

- Tracy Brooks – Manager of 4th grade
- Lisa Morley – Club Secretary and Captain of 4ths
- Phil Balsdon & Michael Eglington – for wonderful photography
- Michael Williams - Coach of B Grade
- Tim Wawn - Manager of B grade
- David Lawson - Coach of A Grade
- Richard Lyon - Manager A Grade
- Daryl Thompson - Scorer A Grade
- Keith Maclaine - Mgr/ Coach C Grade
- Nicky Paterson - Captain of 2nd Grade
- Stephen Heath & Michael Sherwood - Scorers
- Neha Cunningham - Treasurer
- Alan Patrick, Michelle Knights – Committee Members
- Murray Rodgers – Sponsorship
- Stephanie Rodgers – Publicity
- Lindfield Cricket Club & Stirling Hamman – Turf nets for training at Lindfield Oval
- Loz and the Hamman Family for the Christmas Party!
- Ken & Sylvia Clark – suppliers of raffle prizes
- Bronwyn and Charlotte – Guidance of an inexperienced 1st Grade and for your unrivalled passion for the Reds
- Ian Carroll, Andrew Falk and all at GDCC
- Ed Howitt Jnr – Club Coach
- Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai & North Sydney Councils
- Andrew Hoschke - Chatswood RSL

- Barry Fisher and Chatswood RSL Club – Major Sponsor, provider of meeting rooms and function facilities
- Parents, partners, and siblings for travelling all over Sydney supporting players and our Club

This is a big club and it doesn't run itself. I cannot thank enough Bernard Perry, for the incredible support provided:

- Website
- Grounds
- 1st Grade Manager
- Technology

The support of the Perry family, Bernard, Louisa, Hannah and Liam, plays an enormous part in our ongoing success.

Once again this season I travelled extensively and at one stage was out of Sydney for 11 of 15 weeks. While I could keep in touch via email and SMS, and it was rather amusing to be receiving messages while in Budapest or Perth asking about the weather in Sydney (“Are we playing?!”), there had to be someone on the ground to get the teams on the field every week. Your Deputy President, Donna Little, has once again been my right hand and provided an outstanding level of support across all facets of Club Administration. Donna's enthusiasm and passion for The Reds is matched by very few. Thanks Donna, we couldn't do it without you.

There are so many more people that I should be thanking I'm sure. Let me simply say, thanks, and you are what makes this a fantastic club to be part of.

As I write this report we have received the sad news that Honorary Life Member, Neville Annetts, passed away early in May after a long illness. “Mr D.A.”, husband of Audrey and father of Life Member, former First Grade Captain and International, Denise Annetts (now Anderson), was a long-time supporter of Gordon and will be missed. Our thoughts are with Denise, Audrey and their family.

This season marked my 21st consecutive donning of the Red cap. While the administrative side provided many challenges I had a wonderful time on the field and was honoured to have the opportunity to be part of First Grade for the large part of the season – something I never expected to do. While my on field contributions were nothing to write home about it was a privilege to take the same field with such talent.

The season also marked around my 18th as part of the committee and 11th as President. I'm also Chair of The Sydney Cricket Association Women's Competition Sub-Committee, a member of the Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management, Manager of the NSW Under 17 Women's Team, and a member of the NSW Women's Committee. I believe that wearing all of these hats prevented me from contributing to the standard I expect from myself. The SCAWC is in need of rejuvenation, something that from a bigger picture, I wish to take a lead role in. To do this, something has to give. Therefore, at our upcoming AGM, I will be standing down from my cherished role of President of this outstanding Club. Those of you who know me reasonably well will know that I don't take this decision lightly. However, the time is right for me

to concentrate on leading the change at a higher level – which will be an enormous challenge. Aside from that, I think the time is also right for the Club to have a change at the helm, a fresh face. While I ordinarily wouldn't "anoint" a successor I think there is one ready and raring to go. Donna Little has shadowed me for the past few seasons and now knows almost as much as I do about this club. She also shares my passion for its future success. Donna, should the Club see fit to appoint you to the role of President, you will continue to have my full support and I believe you will do a wonderful job. I'll still be playing – try stopping me. I'll also be around to assist in a lesser capacity from an administrative perspective if needed. It's going to be extraordinarily difficult for me to take a step back from the Club but the time is right.

Last, but not least, Bronwyn Calver, First Grade Captain, 1997/98 (shared with Jodie Davis), 1998/99-1999/2000 and 2001/2-2005/6, very quietly announced her retirement from the Captaincy at the end of the season. Bron's contribution as a player and Captain has been absolutely outstanding and her passion for Gordon is legendary. The last two seasons in particular have been especially challenging however we now have a squad of young and talented players who Bron has encouraged and shared her experience with. Thankfully for us Bron will continue playing, a major commitment given she commutes from Canberra every weekend! Thanks Bron.

Thank you to every single person that has made my time here so wonderful. I hope to be around in some shape or form for many years to come.

The 2006/07 Season will mark Gordon's 25th Anniversary. Let's celebrate it both on and off the field.

GO THE MIGHTY REDS

GO GORDON!!

Jessica Henry
President
1994/95- 2002/03
2004/05- 2005/06

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Can you believe another season has come and gone so quickly! Where does the time go? This season, my 10th now at Gordon, has been one of my most challenging and rewarding both on and off the field – and I can say that I've enjoyed every minute of it. My hope is that you all have enjoyed your Cricket this season as much as I have and that you made many friendships along the way that you will continue and cherish in the future. This is of course one of the main reasons that we play our great game – apart from striving for personal, team and Club success from week to week.

We held our first annual “Come and Try Day” back in August as our major recruitment day for the season and by all reports it was very successful. A great day was had by all who attended. We caught up with one another after the off season, met and welcomed new players and made the most of some specialist coaching to help improve our skills. Thanks to past players Karen Hill and Jodie Davis, retiring First Grade Captain Bronwyn Calver and Club Coach Ed Howitt Jnr for their expertise and everyone who either had a hand in organising the event or assisting on the day. After such a great inaugural event I'm certain that we can hold many more like it, if not better, in the years to come.

Part of my role as Deputy President is as Junior Co-ordinator, acting as a contact between both the senior and junior divisions of our Club. This is something that I have thoroughly enjoyed, being able to get out to several of the juniors games to cheer them on and meet our future generation of grade players. It is obvious to anyone that witnesses our juniors in action that they really are a lively and talented bunch of young cricketers that strive to do themselves, their families and the Club proud each time they take the field. Congratulations girls on a fantastic season across all teams – the Club is very proud of you! I'd like to thank in particular David Lawson, Richard Lyon, Michael Williams, Tim Wawn and Keith Maclaine for all their dedication, help and support and also the many parents who assist in so many ways throughout the year. Not to mention those players who also gave their time to helping out our Grade teams when they were short on several occasions throughout the season – thanks and we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Whilst 1st and 2nd Grade might not be overly happy with their final placing this year, I'm sure they will agree that not only did they have fun each week but also improved along the way. There is always next season and I'm sure we'll bounce back bigger and better for the experience. Congratulations to 4th Grade and their Premiership – it was a great experience being there to witness you triumph in the Grand Final.

There are many people that I'd personally like to thank for their assistance to me, and of course the Club, over this past season and, in particular, during the time that Jess our President has been travelling. A number of these individuals I have already mentioned in this report so thanks once again. To keep our Club operating it is necessary to have a team of devoted persons on hand each and every week, and my genuine thanks goes to each and every one of them – Neha Cunningham, Lisa Morley, Charlotte Anneveld, Nicky Paterson, Annelie Chapple, Anna Reid, Tracy Brooks, Murray Rodgers, Stephanie Rodgers, Alan Patrick, Phil Balsdon, Stirling Hamman, Lauren Hamman and Andrew Falk. I have learnt in different ways from you all over these past few months and appreciate your help.

I would like to say a huge thank you also to Bernard Perry for his wonderful effort in assisting me all throughout the season. Whether it have been in making phone calls or sending emails to get players on the field each game, assistance at training or when Jess was away, Bernard has played a massive part in the administration of the Club and is always available to lend a hand with anything. Your efforts are extremely valuable to me Bernard so I thank you so much and look forward to continue working with you in the future.

To Jess, once again this season you have done an incredible job as President and you should be very proud of what you have achieved. Whilst you will be saying to yourself that you have not been around as much as you would have liked for various reasons, these cannot be avoided and they definitely should not overshadow all the fantastic work that you have put in. It is obvious to all of us that work with you that you have an enthusiasm and drive for this Club that is near impossible to match, and it shows in the way that you get things done throughout the season. I feel truly fortunate to have worked alongside you over these last two seasons and I can say, without doubt, that I have learnt a great deal and have been privileged to assist you. Congratulations on your retirement as President after an amazing 11 years – an unbelievable effort! I'm sure everyone who has been part of our Club over your time in the role will agree that we would definitely not be in the healthy position we are in today without your commitment. I'm sure you will continue to show unselfish assistance to the Club in many more ways over the years to come. Best wishes with your roles at both SCA and NSW level and we have faith that you will do as well in these as you have done and still continue to do for The Mighty Reds. Thank you Jess!!!

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you all back again in 2006/07 for a successful 25th Season for the Club.

Donna Little
Deputy President

GORDON DCC Women's Division
Profit & Loss Account

2005/06

for the Period 01/07/2005 to 09/06/2006

Jun-06

INCOME:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Subscriptions | 6,727.26 |
| Association Fees | (1,309.09) |
| Donations | 580.00 |
| Sponsors' Donations | 8,000.00 |
| Bank Interest & Other Interest | 0.73 |
| Social Functions & Catering | 1,212.36 |
| GST | 631.82 |
| | 15,843.08 |

EXPENDITURE:

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Advertising & Publicity | 731.14 |
| Coaching Expenses | 545.45 |
| Cricket Material | 2,728.73 |
| Website Development | 2,443.50 |
| Ground Hiring Charges | 5,951.12 |
| Miscellaneous | 350.90 |
| Postage, Telephone, Duties, etc. | 72.29 |
| Printing | 179.73 |
| Shorts, Shirts & Caps | 68.20 |
| Trophies | 768.45 |
| GST | 1,312.60 |
| | 15,152.11 |

Surplus (Deficit)

| |
|---------------|
| 690.97 |
|---------------|

Bank Reconciliation

Jun-06

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash Book Balance 30/06/2005 | 8,621.26 |
| Movement - Year to Date | 690.97 |
| Balance - 09/06/2006 | 9,312.23 |
| Bank Statement Balance - 9/06/2006 | 9,312.23 |

FIRST GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Our consecutive run of finals appearances was halted at eight after we finished as "wooden spooners" for the first time in my 14 seasons with the club.

However, we now have a relatively young side and it will take time to return to the top of the ladder.

This season we played 18 matches for 5 wins with a win over every team in the competition.

Twenty eight (28) players played first grade this season with at least nine getting their first taste at this level - Mel Adam, Rachael Giggins, Shannon Heath, Lauren Kelly, Angela Lennard, Jess Moyes, Robin Still, Teaghan Whatton & Kristy Williams.

We also had several cameo appearances from new life member Jodie Davis (4) and Suzanne van Strien (3) – Suze notched up her 50th first grade appearance during one of these matches. Evergreen President, Jess Henry, also became a semi-regular player as the club tried to balance all three senior sides.

We lost makeshift opener Amy Buttsworth halfway through the season as she was able to pursue her desire to become a member of the NSW Police. This enabled Hannah Perry to move up the order and form a solid partnership with Lauren Hamman.

Two highlights of the season for me were:

- Cha's 7/14 against Bankstown at Bankstown when we won by 155 runs; and
- defending 116 against Wallsend at Chatswood to win by 4 runs (the second consecutive season we have beaten them by that margin).

Our batting was very inconsistent – out of 18 matches, we had eight innings of 110 or less and only three in excess of 180 (the minimum we should aim for each week).

On the other hand , we had three batters pass 300, one pass 200 and one pass 150 for the season – an improvement on last season.

- Charlotte, 386 @ 25.73 (3 fifties) with a highest score of 72 against UTS Balmain (Rd 1);
- Lauren, 370 @ 21.76 (2 fifties) with a highest score of 74 against Universities (Rd 9);
- myself, 330 @ 33.00 with a highest score of 45* against Universities (Rd 15);
- Krystle, 205 @ 13.67 with a highest score of 47 against Bankstown (Rd 5);
- Hannah, 180 @ 11.25 with a highest score off 33 against UTS Balmain (Rd 18);

We had a much more settled line-up in the second part of the season, particularly with Hannah moving to the top of the order. However, while the batters above did perform there was the potential for even more runs as several innings were thrown away just as the batter was getting into position for a big score.

As with last season, if the top order failed with the bat, the team failed. In first grade, each and every player, no matter their position in the order must be able to build an innings. Everyone will get a chance to bat at some stage and it is up to each player to use that opportunity wisely. We must take a more positive approach against the spinners and negative thoughts, particularly voicing them to team-mates, must be avoided.

Our bowling was again quite balanced and reasonably reliable. Our main bowlers were:

- Charlotte, 26 @ 11.00 with a best of 7/14 against Bankstown;
- myself, 22 @ 15.00 with a best of 3/14 against Bankstown (Rd 11);
- Hannah, 21 @ 24.00 with a best of 4/25 against UTS Balmain (Rd 1);
- Lauren, 14 @ 27.14 with a best of 3/19 against St George Sutherland (Rd 10);
and
- Alex, 11 @ 29.09 with a best of 3/30 against St George Sutherland (Rd 8).

As with last season our fielding was quite erratic and we also lacked a committed full-time 'keeper – this season we used six different 'keepers, including three in one match.

In all aspects of the game, training is the key – you cannot expect to simply turn up to a first grade match without training and expect to perform at the level required. You owe it to yourself and your team-mates to ensure that you are as well prepared as you can be.

Representative selections

Congratulations to the following players who represented at various levels throughout the season:

Charlotte – NSW A, NSW Breakers

Lauren – NSW A

Alex – U17 City, NSW U17

Jess Moyes – ACT U19

Hannah – U17 Country, NSW U17

Kristy – U17 City

Thanks

I'd like to thank my manager Bernard Perry who worked tirelessly in combination with Donna Little to ensure that we had a full team nearly every week saving me countless phone calls. I know I'm repeating my words from last season but Bernard's assistance certainly made my job a lot easier and allowed me to get on with doing my job of captaining the side.

Thank to the players' families and friends for their support of the team throughout the season.

As always I truly appreciate the efforts of the Executive, in particular, Jess and Donna.

Thanks to Chatswood RSL and the Gordon Cricket Club for their continued support. Killara continues to be one of the best venues in the competition.

Congratulations to 4th grade – three seasons, three grand finals and two premierships.

Congratulations to our three junior sides who all figured in finals – I look forward to seeing some of those players make the step up to grade in the not too distant future.

I would be remiss in not making mention of the retirement of Jess Henry as President. While her presence will be sorely missed, I'm sure she will still make many meaningful contributions to the club. As I said at the presentation night, she's been a much valued fixture of the club since I joined way back in 1992/93 and I greatly value her support and friendship over that time. She might end up with a little spare time now but I doubt it!

Finally, I have (for the most part!) enjoyed my time as captain but it's now appropriate for me to step aside and let the younger generation take charge. I have every confidence that Cha will successfully grow into her new role and hope the players support her as much as they supported me.

While I may not be captain, I will return for at least one more season – see you all at pre-season training!

Bronwyn Calver

Captain

1997/8 (shared with Jodie Davis)

1998/9-1999/0

2001/2-2005/6

STATISTICS FOR FIRST GRADE FOR SEASON 2005/2006

| Batting & Fielding | Mch | Inn | N O | Agg | Ave | HS | 50s | C | WCt | St |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Adam, M | 3 | 0 | | | ---- | | | 2 | | |
| Anneveld, C | 15 | 15 | 0 | 386 | 25.73 | 72 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Balsdon, A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ---- | 2* | | | | |
| Butler, S | 5 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 6.75 | 17 | | | | |
| Buttsworth, A | 8 | 8 | 1 | 71 | 10.14 | 27 | | | | |
| Calver, B | 17 | 17 | 7 | 330 | 33.00 | 45* | | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| Chapple, A | 1 | 0 | | | ---- | | | 1 | | |
| Clark, K | 15 | 15 | 0 | 205 | 13.67 | 47 | | 4 | | |
| Cunningham, N | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ---- | 0* | | | | |
| Davis, J | 4 | 4 | 0 | 83 | 20.75 | 46 | | 2 | | |
| Giggins, R | 1 | 0 | | | ---- | | | | | |
| Hamman, L | 17 | 17 | 0 | 370 | 21.76 | 74 | 2 | 7 | | |
| Heath, S | 1 | 0 | | | ---- | | | 1 | | |
| Henry, J | 9 | 7 | 3 | 35 | 8.75 | 14 | | 2 | | |
| Julien, A | 13 | 13 | 1 | 137 | 11.42 | 32 | | 3 | | |
| Kelly, L | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5.00 | 5 | | | | 2 |
| Lennard, A | 1 | 0 | | | ---- | | | | | |
| Little, D | 14 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 3.33 | 11 | | 1 | | |
| Luczak, S | 13 | 8 | 4 | 23 | 5.75 | 8* | | | | |
| Moyes, J | 2 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 20.00 | 19 | | | | |
| Patterson, N | 1 | 0 | | | ---- | | | | | |
| Perry, H | 17 | 17 | 1 | 180 | 11.25 | 33 | | 14 | | |
| Reid, A | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | |
| Sherwood, E | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | ---- | 3* | | 1 | | |
| Still, R | 3 | 3 | 1 | 46 | 23.00 | 33 | | 1 | | |
| van Strien, S | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | ---- | 4* | | | 2 | |
| Whatton, T | 8 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0.50 | 2 | | | | |
| Williams, K | 17 | 14 | 1 | 91 | 7.00 | 25 | | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Bowling | Ov | Mdn | Agg | Runs | Ave | Best | 5I | ER | SR | |
| Adam, M | 3 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 17.00 | 1 for 17 | | 5.67 | 18.00 | |
| Anneveld, C | 108.4 | 29 | 26 | 286 | 11.00 | 7 for 14 | 2 | 2.63 | 25.08 | |
| Butler, S | 38 | 4 | 4 | 101 | 25.25 | 2 for 19 | | 2.66 | 57.00 | |
| Buttsworth, A | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | ---- | 0 for 26 | | 13.00 | ----- | |
| Calver, B | 133.3 | 28 | 22 | 330 | 15.00 | 3 for 14 | | 2.47 | 36.41 | |
| Hamman, L | 134.4 | 27 | 14 | 380 | 27.14 | 3 for 19 | | 2.82 | 57.71 | |
| Henry, J | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ----- | 0 for 1 | | ----- | ----- | |
| Julien, A | 78 | 7 | 11 | 320 | 29.09 | 3 for 30 | | 4.10 | 42.55 | |
| Little, D | 46 | 6 | 5 | 221 | 44.20 | 3 for 48 | | 4.80 | 55.20 | |
| Luczak, S | 34 | 2 | 3 | 188 | 62.67 | 1 for 29 | | 5.53 | 68.00 | |
| Moyes, J | 6 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 25.00 | 1 for 12 | | 4.17 | 36.00 | |
| Perry, H | 125.2 | 9 | 21 | 504 | 24.00 | 4 for 25 | | 4.02 | 35.81 | |
| Still, R | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 | ----- | 0 for 5 | | 6.00 | ----- | |
| Whatton, T | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 | ----- | 0 for 14 | | 14.00 | ----- | |
| Williams, K | 28.2 | 1 | 4 | 107 | 26.75 | 3 for 23 | | 3.78 | 42.50 | |

First Grade Player of the Year

| Name | Points |
|---------------|---------------|
| Anneveld, C | 1111 |
| Calver, B | 985 |
| Perry, H | 815 |
| Hamman, L | 760 |
| Julien, A | 372 |
| Williams, K | 281 |
| Clark, K | 280 |
| Little, D | 135 |
| Davis, J | 128 |
| Butler, S | 87 |
| Buttsworth, A | 71 |
| Luczak, S | 68 |
| Henry, J | 65 |
| Still, R | 61 |
| Kelly, L | 50 |
| van Strien, S | 49 |
| Adam, M | 45 |
| Moyes, J | 35 |
| Sherwood, E | 18 |
| Chapple, A | 15 |
| Heath, S | 15 |
| Balsdon, A | 2 |
| Whatton, T | 2 |

Award Winners

Player of the Year: Charlotte Anneveld

Batting:

Aggregate: Charlotte Anneveld (386)
Average: Bronwyn Calver (33.00)

Bowling:

Aggregate: Charlotte Anneveld (26)
Average: Charlotte Anneveld (11.00)

SECOND GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Where to begin? Well, if someone had told me when I joined the club that I would be writing a Captains Report at the end of the season I would have asked what the next joke was. Me - Captain? I guess stranger things have happened – take Dizzy Gillespie's recent unbeaten double century or when Bangladesh beat Australia last year in a very exciting and enjoyable one-dayer (as a South African that brings me much happiness!). My Captaincy really was only meant to be fleeting. "A couple of games" Jess said "while I flit around Europe with my mum and sip expensive Moet on the Riviera". Somehow my berth as Captain, a.k.a 'purchaser of snakes and lollies', became a little more permanent.

As was the case last year our team consisted of new players – some coming up from 4th Grade, some joining the club or others returning after a few seasons away. As such we all needed to get to know each whilst also trying to play as a team and perform well. In all, 34 players donned the 2nd Grade Baggy Red. If Mick and Jason had their way it would have been 36. Sorry boys, the facial hair was a bit of a give-away.

Unfortunately our season only consisted of 3 wins and we were awarded the 'wooden spoon'. I don't believe it is because we were weakest team in the comp. Before every game I told the girls that I thought we had a really good team. No matter who played in the days 'eleven' I was confident we could win. Even though there were always individual performances I believe the old adage of 'catches win matches' applies to us. We simply didn't hold onto our early chances often enough and allowed the opposition to build a score and develop partnerships. This then mean't that we were either left to chase a bigger score or we walked off the field early wondering 'what if'. I also believe that holding onto a catch is just reward for the bowler who is pounding away at the pitch.

Stand-in captain, Donna Little, started our winning ways in Round 7 vs St George-Sutherland. That game really was a team effort. Paige Edgar 44 n/o and Donna 30 n/o combined for an unbeaten 8th wicket partnership of 63 runs to steer the team to victory. Our bowlers were also outstanding – Donna 2/5, Mel O' Brien 2/10, Sally Butler 2/14, Anna Reid 2/17 and Alex Julien 2/32.

Our second victory was against Universities in Round 14. This game was payback as we had narrowly lost the game against Universities the week before. We managed to keep Uni's to 98 thanks to performances from Emma Sherwood 3/24, Mel 2/13 and my own personal best of 3/13. Again it was down to the last partnership but we held on for a very exciting win.

Our third win was against Bankstown in Round 16. Another team effort, with performances from Rachael Giggins 3/24, Mel 2/12 and Angela Lennard 2/18 we kept the opposition to 128. Mel anchored the team with an unbeaten 50 n/o and with only 6 wickets down we reached 129. It was by far our most comfortable victory. Who knows what would have happened had we started the season then!

Other notable season highlights:

- Paige Edgar – 3/40 (Rd 1 vs Bankstown), 31 n/o (Rd 9 vs St George-Sutherland), 2/24 (Rd 10 vs Wallsend) and 37 n/o (Rd 20 vs St George-Sutherland).
- Emma Sherwood – 40 (Rd 6 vs Wallsend), 70 (Rd 9 vs St George-Sutherland), 2/40 (Rd 11 vs Campbelltown-Camden) and 2/12 (Rd 17 vs Northern Districts)
- Angela Lennard – 2/23 (Rd 9 vs St George-Sutherland) and 2/14 (Rd 17 vs Northern Districts).
- Mel O' Brien – 66 n/o (Rd 13 vs Universities) and 2/16 (Rd 15 vs Northern Districts).
- Rachael Giggins – 4/26 (Rd 20 vs St George-Sutherland).

In Round 13 (vs Universities) Shannon Heath and Mel Adam stepped up to the plate filling in from 4th Grade. Shannon took 2/21 which included a brilliant one-handed caught & bowled. Her excitement was priceless. Mel contributed with an equally brilliant 2/18. Both girls were also outstanding in the field.

Three of our girls also represented other teams this season.

Rachael represented Sydney North (outdoor), NSW u/15 (outdoor), NSW u/16 Indoor and NSW u/19 Indoor. Paige – Sydney North Secondary Schools, NSW u/17 Emerging Blues training squad, NSW City u/17 and NSW u/19 Indoor. The Indoor Tournament will be held in June and on behalf of our team I'd like to wish them both good luck. The Australian u/19 squad to tour England next March will also be selected so we'll be holding thumbs for them. Well done to Anika Balsdon who also made the Sydney North team.

Rachael will unfortunately be leaving us as her family is heading back to WA. Our loss is certainly their gain and we wish the Giggins family all the best. Anna will also be absent next season as she is heading to the UK for 6 months with work. We wish her safe travels and a speedy return.

As I draw this report to a close there are a few important thank you's. Thank you to...

- Donna and Jess for constantly helping and reassuring me along the way.
- Annelie (Vice Captain) who supported and assisted me both on and off the field.
- Bron for guiding me in the right direction regarding inputting the results on the net (every Monday!)
- Mick Sherwood for always scoring.
- John Giggins for warming us up.
- Phil Balsdon for capturing the good and not-so-good moments on film.

Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to my team. We have now set the foundation for next season and had much fun along the way. Bring on 2006/2007!

Nicky Paterson
Captain

STATISTICS FOR SECOND GRADE FOR SEASON 2005-2006

| Batting & Fielding | Mch | Inn | N | O | Agg | Ave | HS | 50s | 100s | C | WCt | St |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Adam, M | 1 | 0 | | | | ---- | | | | | | |
| Balsdon, A | 14 | 14 | 0 | 95 | 6.79 | 21 | | | | | 1 | |
| Brooks, T | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1.00 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Butler, S | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | 2 | | |
| Chapple, A | 13 | 13 | 1 | 126 | 10.50 | 23 | | | | 2 | | |
| Clark, K | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Coleman, V | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ---- | 1* | | | | | | |
| Culey, R | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ---- | 0* | | | | | | |
| Cunningham, N | 17 | 15 | 0 | 89 | 5.93 | 16 | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Edgar, P | 13 | 13 | 4 | 179 | 19.89 | 44* | | | | 3 | | |
| Fayle, L | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 7.00 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Giggins, R | 12 | 8 | 0 | 31 | 3.88 | 20 | | | | 2 | | |
| Griffith, K | 1 | 0 | | | | ---- | | | | | | |
| Heath, S | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5.00 | 5 | | | | 1 | | |
| Henry, J | 4 | 4 | 0 | 46 | 11.50 | 29 | | | | 1 | | |
| Julien, A | 3 | 3 | 0 | 69 | 23.00 | 52 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Kelly, E | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Kelly, L | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 12.00 | 12* | | | | | | |
| Lennard, A | 12 | 11 | 5 | 48 | 8.00 | 14 | | | | 2 | | |
| Little, D | 4 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 11.00 | 30* | | | | 1 | | |
| Luczak, S | 5 | 5 | 0 | 38 | 7.60 | 16 | | | | 1 | | |
| O'Brien, M | 13 | 13 | 2 | 204 | 18.55 | 66* | 2 | | | 5 | | |
| Paterson, N | 13 | 13 | 3 | 148 | 14.80 | 32* | | | | 5 | | |
| Pruys, M | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | 1 | | |
| Reid, A | 14 | 13 | 1 | 67 | 5.58 | 19 | | | | 1 | | |
| Rodgers, S | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1.00 | 1* | | | | | | |
| Scott, L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ---- | 1* | | | | | | |
| Sherwood, A | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 | 2 | | | | 1 | | |
| Sherwood, E | 13 | 13 | 0 | 217 | 16.69 | 70 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Thompson, S | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3.00 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Trewethy, A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Whatton, T | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0.67 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Williams, K | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 16.00 | 16 | | | | | 2 | |

STATISTICS FOR SECOND GRADE FOR SEASON 2005-2006

| Bowling | Ov | Mdn | Agg | Runs | Ave | Best | ER | SR | POY |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Adam, M | 8 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 9.00 | 2 for 18 | 2.25 | 24.00 | 30 |
| Brooks, T | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | ----- | 0 for 16 | 8.00 | ----- | 2 |
| Butler, S | 8 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 7.00 | 2 for 14 | 1.75 | 24.00 | 75 |
| Chapple, A | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | ----- | 0 for 7 | 8.40 | ----- | 156 |
| Cunningham, N | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | ----- | 0 for 4 | 12.00 | ----- | 164 |
| Edgar, P | 111 | 11 | 11 | 357 | 32.45 | 3 for 40 | 3.22 | 60.55 | 429 |
| Giggins, R | 76 | 8 | 8 | 284 | 35.50 | 4 for 26 | 3.74 | 57.00 | 231 |
| Heath, S | 7 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 10.50 | 2 for 21 | 3.00 | 21.00 | 50 |
| Julien, A | 28 | 3 | 4 | 106 | 26.50 | 2 for 32 | 3.79 | 42.00 | 169 |
| Kelly, L | 8.1 | 1 | 0 | 30 | ----- | 0 for 12 | 3.67 | ----- | 12 |
| Lennard, A | 85.2 | 16 | 8 | 252 | 31.50 | 2 for 14 | 2.95 | 64.00 | 198 |
| Little, D | 37.5 | 14 | 5 | 70 | 14.00 | 2 for 5 | 1.85 | 45.40 | 123 |
| Luczak, S | 37.1 | 6 | 2 | 118 | 59.00 | 1 for 8 | 3.17 | 111.50 | 83 |
| O'Brien, M | 103 | 18 | 12 | 305 | 25.42 | 2 for 10 | 2.96 | 51.58 | 524 |
| Paterson, N | 41.5 | 3 | 8 | 145 | 18.13 | 3 for 13 | 3.47 | 31.38 | 383 |
| Pruys, M | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | ----- | 0 for 13 | 4.33 | ----- | 15 |
| Reid, A | 50 | 1 | 2 | 278 | 139.00 | 2 for 17 | 5.56 | 150.00 | 112 |
| Rodgers, S | 2.4 | 0 | 0 | 20 | ----- | 0 for 20 | 7.50 | ----- | 1 |
| Sherwood, A | 5 | 0 | 0 | 31 | ----- | 0 for 31 | 6.20 | ----- | 17 |
| Sherwood, E | 79 | 10 | 7 | 267 | 38.14 | 3 for 24 | 3.38 | 67.71 | 387 |
| Whatton, T | 3 | 0 | 0 | 16 | ----- | 0 for 16 | 5.33 | ----- | 2 |
| Williams, K | 5 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 9.00 | 1 for 9 | 1.80 | 30.00 | 76 |

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

| Name | Points |
|---------------|---------------|
| O'Brien, M | 524 |
| Edgar, P | 429 |
| Sherwood, E | 387 |
| Paterson, N | 383 |
| Giggins, R | 231 |
| Lennard, A | 198 |
| Julien, A | 169 |
| Cunningham, N | 164 |
| Chapple, A | 156 |
| Little, D | 123 |
| Reid, A | 112 |
| Balsdon, A | 110 |
| Luczak, S | 83 |
| Williams, K | 76 |
| Butler, S | 75 |
| Henry, J | 61 |
| Heath, S | 50 |
| Adam, M | 30 |
| Sherwood, A | 17 |
| Pruys, M | 15 |
| Kelly, L | 12 |
| Fayle, L | 7 |
| Thompson, S | 3 |
| Brooks, T | 2 |
| Whatton, T | 2 |
| Coleman, V | 1 |
| Rodgers, S | 1 |

AWARD WINNERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Melissa O'Brien

BATTING

Aggregate: Emma Sherwood (217 runs)
Average: Paige Edgar (19.89)

BOWLING

Aggregate: Melissa O'Brien (12)
Average: Nicky Paterson (18.13)

FOURTH GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Fourth Grade welcomed many new additions to the team this year with representation delivered across all the age groups. We began methodically, regrouping, utilising regular players with demonstrated ability, interchanging responsibilities and positions to introduce newer players to the different aspects of the game. By the Christmas break, our research and patience began to pay off and we started to reap the rewards consistently on the points table and become serious contenders for the finals series.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing. As with any team, player availability is always a challenge and it was a sad day for all when our resident Kiwi Nicky was required to return to NZ Navy duty and played her last game. Likewise, our crack 'bodyline' bowler Miranda was limited to the 'odd game' later in the season due to family illness. Our manager, Tracy, unperturbed in the face of adversity continued to diligently focus on delivering competitive numbers to take the field utilising all her guile to talk female relatives and friends of all players into taking the field. From all of fourth grade a big thank you from everyone in the team to the sisters, mothers, friends and grandparents (fans) who donned the red and blue and contributed to our excellent success this season.

As I reflect on the season as a whole and look through the line-up of the team, I'm assured that Fourth Grade will continue their good fortune well into the next season. Each of our players is a contributor and each understands their responsibility in the game and I can say that without exception. Newcomers Lia and Kate brought variety to the bowling and wicket keeping duties respectively, with Lia finishing within the top-ten bowling statistics and Kate taking away wicket keeper of the year for the entire grade. The tenacity of the all-rounders in Robyn, Julia, Sam and Kim to play every ball, field according to the player and either put their bodies on the line or turn themselves inside out to snatch a sharp catch, consistently lifted our spirits and prove to ourselves that it's not over till it's over distinguished Gordon against the opposition. There could be no better example than in the final where with only 10 or so overs to go, we took seven wickets to snatch the match and win by just over twenty runs. An amazing team effort, because we never gave up.

Individual achievements were outstanding during the course of the season. Opening bowler Shannon, almost our hero of the final claiming the final wicket had a memorable season with excellent statistics achieved in all areas of the game and establishing herself as a true all-rounder. Second in the Player of the Year award, Shannon will go on to have many successful seasons with Gordon. I've mentioned Lia and Kate, but our most humble Kim who began the season as a 'ring in' gave us the much needed firepower in the top order when a little 'slamming' was required. To that end she was relegated to 'regular' and some very handy innings and a bag of wickets across many games certainly made the opposition stand back whenever she took the crease. We've collectively decided that Kim and Liz should bat together to provide the balance we need to turn the tables on the opposition. Cool as a cucumber Liz no matter what calamity awaited appeared to be never fazed by the situation and I should point out never seems to drop catches at mid-on (maybe I should try that

position). Liz will be 'on time' to bat next season without a doubt following receipt of that shiny new watch on presentation night.

The dark horse of the season emerged as Mel, in fact the whole Adam family. Not many teams can boast having the entire female members of one family play in the same game at the same time! Mel was a quiet achiever. She began in the middle order until we realised that her true expertise was supporting Emily in opening the batting. By the end of the season, Mel could be counted on to set the tone of our innings. Emily's watchful discovery of the attack provided a sound anchor for the both of them to keep the score ticking over in even the most savage attack. Seeing off the opening bowling and 'hanging around' to set up the innings is always the first priority for our openers and until Mel was 'discovered' we were at a loose end to fill the role. Many thanks to both Mel and Emily for getting us off to the great starts we came to count on later in the season.

Before I close I'd like to thank Tracy for her excellent spin bowling, something that Sam and Robyn will be expanding on next season, fantastic team management and vigorous team spirit. Steve, Shannon's dad for his enduring scoring and support (Tip – stay away from Steve when the score is close!), Shannon's grandparents who were just fantastic in boosting the morale, our wonderful team, parents, car poolers, kit carriers, Emily for great support captaining the team with me and last but not least, Roley and Jett the apples of my eye.

A memorable season to remember, some great friendships made and I hope we can continue it all next season. If I've forgotten to mention anyone my sincere apologies, everyone was just outstanding.

Lisa (Dusty) Morley
Captain

STATISTICS FOR FOURTH GRADE FOR SEASON 2005-2006

| Batting & Fielding | Mch | Inn | N | O | Agg | Ave | HS | 50s | 100s | C | WCt | St |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Adam, K | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ---- | 0* | | | | | | |
| Adam, M | 15 | 14 | 2 | 260 | 21.67 | 55* | 1 | | 4 | | 1 | |
| Balsdon, A | 4 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 5.67 | 10 | | | | 3 | | |
| Brooks, T | 18 | 8 | 3 | 39 | 7.80 | 13* | | | | 5 | | |
| Camarsh, J | 15 | 13 | 2 | 150 | 13.64 | 34 | | | | 5 | | |
| Carter, M | 7 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 5.33 | 7 | | | | 1 | | |
| English, K | 9 | 8 | 2 | 174 | 29.00 | 39 | | | | 4 | | |
| Fayle, L | 16 | 14 | 3 | 172 | 15.64 | 50* | 1 | | | 4 | | |
| Fitzpatrick,S | 17 | 13 | 5 | 130 | 16.25 | 28 | | | | 8 | | |
| Griffith, K | 17 | 14 | 2 | 108 | 9.00 | 20 | | | | | 12 | 1 |
| Heath, S | 19 | 19 | 6 | 347 | 26.69 | 58* | 2 | | | 10 | | |
| Morley, L | 14 | 13 | 6 | 154 | 22.00 | 44* | | | | 2 | | |
| Nienhuis, J | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Pinkard, R | 16 | 11 | 3 | 76 | 9.50 | 25 | | | | 4 | | |
| Rieper, G | 6 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 23.00 | 20 | | | | 4 | | |
| Ryan, L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | ---- | 51* | 1 | | | | | |
| Scott, L | 16 | 13 | 3 | 256 | 25.60 | 55* | 1 | | | 7 | | |
| Shrubb, E | 17 | 17 | 2 | 301 | 20.07 | 53* | 2 | | | 10 | | |
| Sinclair, N | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3.00 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Vandara, A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | |

| Bowling | Ov | Mdn | Agg | Runs | Ave | Best | 5I | ER | SR |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adam, M | 43.4 | 4 | 2 | 162 | 81.00 | 1 for 1 | | 3.71 | 131.00 |
| Brooks, T | 81.2 | 10 | 22 | 241 | 10.95 | 3 for 18 | | 2.96 | 22.18 |
| Camarsh, J | 61.2 | 7 | 25 | 195 | 7.80 | 5 for 7 | 1 | 3.18 | 14.72 |
| Carter, M | 3 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 29.00 | 1 for 12 | | 9.67 | 18.00 |
| English, K | 29 | 2 | 8 | 119 | 14.88 | 3 for 4 | | 4.10 | 21.75 |
| Fayle, L | 78 | 19 | 14 | 173 | 12.36 | 3 for 1 | | 2.22 | 33.43 |
| Fitzpatrick,S | 21 | 6 | 5 | 49 | 9.80 | 2 for 8 | | 2.33 | 25.20 |
| Heath, S | 110 | 18 | 27 | 236 | 8.74 | 5 for 7 | 2 | 2.14 | 24.48 |
| Morley, L | 31 | 2 | 3 | 128 | 42.67 | 2 for 18 | | 4.13 | 62.00 |
| Pinkard, R | 5 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 12.50 | 2 for 20 | | 5.00 | 15.00 |
| Rieper, G | 9.5 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 10.67 | 2 for 6 | | 3.25 | 19.67 |
| Ryan, L | 6 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 11.00 | 1 for 11 | | 1.83 | 36.00 |
| Scott, L | 34 | 7 | 6 | 86 | 14.33 | 2 for 7 | | 2.53 | 34.00 |
| Shrubb, E | 69.2 | 11 | 24 | 230 | 9.58 | 4 for 11 | | 3.32 | 17.33 |

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

| Name | Points |
|----------------|---------------|
| Heath, S | 1122 |
| Shrubb, E | 966 |
| Camarsh, J | 785 |
| Fayle, L | 507 |
| Scott, L | 506 |
| Brooks, T | 494 |
| Adam, M | 420 |
| English, K | 409 |
| Griffith, K | 348 |
| Fitzpatrick, S | 325 |
| Morley, L | 229 |
| Pinkard, R | 166 |
| Rieper, G | 128 |
| Ryan, L | 91 |
| Balsdon, A | 77 |
| Carter, M | 46 |
| Sinclair, N | 9 |

AWARD WINNERS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Shannon Heath

BATTING

Aggregate Shannon Heath (347)
Average Shannon Heath (26.69)

BOWLING

Aggregate Shannon Heath (27)
Average Julia Camarsh (7.80)

A GRADE (STHALEKAR SHIELD)

Fifteen girls played A Grade for Gordon this season. Once again, we had a mixture of new arrivals and “old hands”.

There were four teams in the A Grade competition, so we saw quite a lot of each team. We have still not lost to any team other than Kissing Point. Unfortunately, we have developed too much of a habit of losing to them! More on that later.

Round 1 – Castle Hill 7/98 lost to Gordon 5/102

In a “rusty” display, with 29 wides & no balls and three dropped catches, Brittany[2/16] and Sarah[1/0] had the best bowling figures. A quick chase saw Heidi set the tone for her season, retiring with 30.

Round 2 – Gordon 6/111 def Warringah 48

With our two best batters dismissed cheaply, it fell to Jo[31**] and Sarah[20] to steer the team to a decent total. Tighter bowling saw Jo[3/6], Amasha[2/6], Steph[1/1] and Raj[1/3] all getting their season-best figures and Warringah were dismissed in the 25th over.

Round 3 –Kissing Point 6/143 def Gordon 74

A clear-cut win to Kissing Point owed much to a very ordinary performance in the field, with five dropped catches and countless misfields, although Kaitlin picked up two catches in her debut performance behind the stumps. When we batted, only Heidi[29] got past seven. Enough said.

Round 4 – Gordon 6/104 def Castle Hill 4/81

What a contrast, with great fielding after Sarah[29] hit her season’s best score and Lauren[33**] got her batting going at last. The bowling was economical and well-supported with two run-outs.

Round 5 – Warringah 6/70 lost to Gordon 3/74

Lauren[30**] led a barnstorming 19-over run chase, after she[2/6] and Simone[2/9] had got their season-best bowling figures and Simone had taken a fine reflex catch.

Round 6 – Kissing Point 114 def Gordon 8/70

Heidi[4/16] had her season-best figures as we bowled out KP for the first time in ages. Sadly, the batting wasn’t up to the task, although Brittany[19no] equalled her PB yet again; when will she get to twenty?

Round 7 – Gordon 5/129 def Castle Hill 3/86

Heidi[30**] and Lauren[29] shared a 56-run partnership from which we built a good total. Economical bowling was let down by six dropped catches, but it was still a comfortable win.

Round 8 – Gordon 5/104 def Warringah 8/86

Heidi[30*] and Lauren[31**] shone again, though the total could have been higher with more hitting down the order. The bowling was a bit loose, but the fielding was tight and the win was never in doubt.

Round 9 – Kissing Point 79 lost to Gordon 1/83

Joanna[1/0] and Sarah[1/0] had season-best bowling figures as a depleted KP was put to the sword. Joanna also took a great catch at point, before Isobel marked her debut with a season-best 28* in support of Lauren's quickfire 32**. The chase took just 14 overs.

Round 10 – Washout: Gordon drew with Castle Hill

Round 11 – Gordon 5/126 def Warringah 6/92

Heidi[31**] was well-supported by Jo[21] as we set Warringah a tough total. Accurate bowling and tight fielding kept the game out of Warringah's reach. Debutante and youngest player Mathilda[2/11] made her one appearance count.

Round 12 – Gordon 59 lost to Kissing Point 4/60

Simone[19*] was the stand-out in an innings that saw us 5/14 at drinks (16 overs). Fabulous, aggressive bowling and fielding almost made the total look defensible. Lauren[2/8] and Jo[2/20] got the wickets.

Round 13 – Castle Hill 44 lost to Gordon 2/47

Brittany[4/15] had the team's season-best bowling figures (and almost took a hat-trick) and Kaitlin took three great catches behind the stumps as Castle Hill were blown away in the fourteenth over. Ten overs later, Lauren[31* from 7 scoring shots] had led us to an easy win.

Round 14 – Washout: Gordon 5/145 drew with Warringah 0/16

Another retirement for Heidi[30*] and top scores for Kaitlin[30**], Georgia[11], Amasha[10] and Joanna[4] as the team had its best total for the season, but all to no avail because of the rain.

Round 15 – Kissing Point 3/113 lost to Gordon 4/116

After KP were 0/63 at drinks, fine bowling and fielding gave us an achievable target. Steph[19] hit her top score in support of Heidi[30**] and Lauren[30**].

SEMI-FINAL – Gordon 5/119 def Warringah 8/69

We were 3/14, with Heidi out, but Lauren[30**] and Isobel[27] were well supported by Jo[16] and Brittany[15*] in posting a healthy total. Heidi[2/1] led a bowling attack where the other six wickets were shared by Brittany, Steph, Sarah, Lauren, Joanna & Jo.

GRAND FINAL – Gordon 5/120 lost to Kissing Point 6/121

Perhaps we scored a little too slowly in the first half of the innings? After Lauren[34**] hit the team's season-best score, supported by Heidi[27*] and Kaitlin[21], it seemed that we may have done enough. Halfway through the KP innings, we were still on top, with our leading bowlers ready to shut the game down. Unfortunately, we allowed just too many gaps in the wrong places in the field and suddenly KP were 3/120. A magnificent over from Heidi[3/18], removing two batters with lethal accuracy and running out a third, turned out to be just too late to save us. Once again, the Minor Premiers had lost to Kissing Point in the Grand Final.

And once again, the girls partied afterwards [thanks, Jane & Chris Cheadle] as if they had won. It really is only a game, isn't it?

Despite the disappointment of the Grand Final, David “Nigel” Lawson can again feel proud of the huge improvement in many of the players over the season. Many thanks, David! Thanks, too, to Darryl Thompson for scoring whenever he could get away from painting the house. As ever, the biggest thanks go to the girls themselves for making it another enjoyable season – and to the parents for getting them to every game!

Richard Lyon
Manager

A GRADE STATISTICS

| Batting/Fielding | M | Inn | NO | Runs | Ave | Ret | HS | C | RO | WK Ct/St |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| M Carmichael | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| H Cheadle | 15 | 15 | 9 | 275 | 45.8 | 5 | 31** | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| A Humphreys | 15 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 9.3 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| R Khakhar | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2.0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| J Lawson | 14 | 13 | 2 | 140 | 12.7 | 1 | 31** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| J Lyon | 13 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 1.5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B Mitchell | 15 | 8 | 3 | 51 | 10.2 | 0 | 19* | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| I Pritchard-Davies | 4 | 4 | 1 | 65 | 21.7 | 0 | 28* | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| G Reidy | 13 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K Reidy | 14 | 12 | 3 | 94 | 10.4 | 1 | 30** | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| S Russell-Jones | 15 | 14 | 2 | 96 | 8.0 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| L Ryan | 13 | 13 | 8 | 296 | 59.2 | 8 | 34** | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| S Thompson | 16 | 15 | 2 | 93 | 7.2 | 0 | 29 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| S Tobin | 12 | 9 | 5 | 87 | 21.8 | 0 | 19* | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| A Wahab | 14 | 9 | 3 | 37 | 6.2 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 17 | 130 | 45 | 1283 | 15.1 | 15 | 34 | 25 | 13 | 18 |

* Not Out

** Retired

| Bowling | Matches | Overs | Wickets | Runs | Average | rpo | Best |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| M Carmichael | 1 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 2/11 |
| H Cheadle | 15 | 51.1 | 17 | 128 | 7.5 | 2.5 | 4/16 |
| A Humphreys | 15 | 28 | 1 | 94 | 94.0 | 3.4 | 1/4 |
| R Khakhar | 9 | 9 | 2 | 33 | 16.5 | 3.7 | 1/3 |
| J Lawson | 14 | 63 | 10 | 203 | 20.3 | 3.2 | 3/6 |
| J Lyon | 13 | 14 | 2 | 46 | 23.0 | 3.3 | 1/0 |
| B Mitchell | 15 | 43 | 7 | 154 | 22.0 | 3.6 | 4/15 |
| I Pritchard-Davies | 4 | 18 | 1 | 57 | 57.0 | 3.2 | 1/28 |
| G Reidy | 13 | 10.2 | 0 | 33 | | 3.2 | 0/0 |
| K Reidy | 14 | 5.2 | 1 | 29 | 29.0 | 5.4 | 1/7 |
| S Russell-Jones | 15 | 37 | 9 | 90 | 10.0 | 2.4 | 1/1 |
| L Ryan | 13 | 67 | 13 | 133 | 10.2 | 2.0 | 2/6 |
| S Thompson | 16 | 14 | 4 | 44 | 11.0 | 3.1 | 1/0 |
| S Tobin | 12 | 44.2 | 10 | 118 | 11.8 | 2.7 | 2/9 |
| A Wahab | 14 | 21 | 4 | 65 | 16.3 | 3.1 | 2/6 |
| | | 431.1 | 83 | 1238 | 14.9 | 2.9 | 4/15 |

B GRADE (BLACKWELL SHIELD)

This year we introduced a Gordon B grade team into the competition and this completed the plan of some years ago to have a representation in all 3 junior grade teams from which to grow a strong and enduring club base from.

With a lot of last years C grade minor premiers making their way into a higher grade and being joined by a number of quality girls from St Ives the scene was set for another good year ahead.

We certainly were not disappointed with a first up win where the girls bonded extremely well which flowed through for the rest of the season, only losing 2 competition games and unfortunately the final to a fast improving Hornsby side and well deserved winners.

There were a number of girls who were selected for their respective age group rep teams throughout the year which was testament to their skills and attitude to the game. Also special mention to Nicole Adam who was selected in the winter train on squad for the Emerging Breakers Under 13s.

With all the girls getting older and moving into high school, if not already there, we look forward to an ever improving group of young ladies enjoying one of life's great sports.

See you all in 2006/07.

Michael Williams
Coach

B GRADE STATISTICS

Batting

| Player | Total Runs | Total Outs | Average |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| R. Khakhar | 28 | 0 | N/A |
| Y. Joachim | 58 | 8 | 7.3 |
| N. Adam | 131 | 6 | 21.8 |
| M. Wawn | 188 | 5 | 37.6 |
| J. McClelland | 220 | 4 | 55.0 |
| E. Williams | 10 | 2 | 5.0 |
| K. Levy | 53 | 2 | 26.5 |
| M. Edgar | 119 | 8 | 14.9 |
| A. Wawn | 36 | 3 | 12.0 |
| S. Eglington | 10 | 2 | 5.0 |
| W. Wawn | 15 | 2 | 7.5 |
| S. Chauhan | 66 | 4 | 16.5 |
| E. Butcher | 34 | 7 | 4.9 |
| J. Lyons | 24 | 2 | 12.0 |
| L. Williams | 16 | 1 | 16.0 |
| O. Berger | 89 | 3 | 29.7 |

Bowling

| Player | Total Runs | Total Outs | Average |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| R. Khakhar | 7 | 0 | N/A |
| Y. Joachim | 72 | 4 | 18.0 |
| N. Adam | 68 | 6 | 11.3 |
| M. Wawn | 135 | 5 | 27.0 |
| J. McClelland | 121 | 15 | 8.1 |
| E. Williams | 43 | 0 | N/A |
| K. Levy | 101 | 4 | 25.3 |
| M. Edgar | 102 | 8 | 12.8 |
| A. Wawn | 98 | 3 | 32.7 |
| S. Eglington | 104 | 2 | 52.0 |
| W. Wawn | 108 | 9 | 12.0 |
| S. Chauhan | 160 | 0 | N/A |
| E. Butcher | 89 | 4 | 22.3 |
| J. Lyons | 17 | 1 | 17.0 |
| L. Williams | 46 | 0 | N/A |
| O. Berger | 79 | 0 | N/A |

C GRADE (POULTON SHIELD)

Poulton Shield is an introductory grade to women's cricket and prior to this season the majority of our girls had never before played the game competitively. Despite this relative inexperience the side was very successful, finishing the regular season in 2nd position after a very solid 10 to 4 win/loss record.

Due to the format and scoring method of C Grade matches, the statistics don't always reflect the genuine contribution each player makes. However, for the record, the individual batting & bowling figures are added below, including the average no balls per over bowled (very important factor in C Grade matches).

Roughly in batting order I would like to summarise my impressions of the girl's performances:

Millie Dorn - the social glue of the team, Millie was our regular opening batter. Despite her jovial nature she would always knuckle down when batting and significantly lost her wicket only twice during the entire season. Although initially reluctant, Millie was also forced to bowl an equal number of overs as the others girls (due to the format), but genuinely improved in this area during the year (took 4 wickets).

Jessie Maclaine - performed well with the bat each week (average 39), forming a very solid opening partnership with Millie each game. It was Jess' bowling however that probably contributed most to the team. Her best feature was the low economy rate, averaging less than 1.5 no balls per over. Jess also took a couple of very good catches.

Lauren Cambitzi – coming from a softball background, Lauren soon learned the importance of a straight bat to the good ball, making her a very effective and secure batter in the 2nd half of the season. We soon also discovered Lauren's skill as a fielder and I often used her in the high workload midfield area. Late in the season, she also kept wickets to the opening bowlers. A tidy leg break bowler, Lauren clearly is a player with potential.

Emily Williams - Emily exudes confidence and enjoyed fielding in the close to the bat, taking a number of sharp catches. Being the most experienced cricketer in the group, her presence would lift the team whenever available for C Grade. Effective opening bowler and aggressive batter, Emily would regularly slug fours off the unsuspecting opposition bowlers.

Ella Dalton - our regular opening bowler, Ella possesses a genuinely smooth left-arm action and was able to bowl with good economy and at times swing. A player to watch for the future.

June Shrestha - the youngest member of the side, June is another young lady with potential. With good hand-to-eye coordination, June was able to hold out against many bowlers older than her. A big improver with the ball, it wasn't long before June could toss the ball down the pitch with much more confidence and accuracy.

Grace Mowat - Grace made big advancements during the year. She hadn't played the game before, yet through sheer determination was able improve her game to the point where she could bat, bowl and field with confidence. Well-done Grace.

Liz Kemp - another newcomer to the game, Liz quickly learned the basics and had a very successful first season. Was our highest wicket-taker (11) with the highlight being a rare hat trick against Warringah in Rnd 6.

Leah Williams - Only played two games for the C's, but was a mature, confident player to have in the side when available.

Lastly a big thanks you to all the parents, whom supported their daughters right through the season. A special mention also to Creon for prepping the girls to bat and running fielding drills each week. Further thanks to regular scorers Babita & Tony.

Hope to see you all next season.

Keith Maclaine
Coach/ Manager

C GRADE STATISTICS

| | Matches | Runs | Wickets conceded | Batting Ave | Overs | Wickets Taken | Runs conceded | Bowling Ave | No Balls / over |
|---------------|---------|------|---------------------|----------------|-------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Millie | 13 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 | 26 | 4 | 25 | 6.3 | 3.9 |
| Jessie | 15 | 78 | 2 | 39.0 | 49 | 9 | 49 | 5.4 | 1.4 |
| Emily | 9 | 51 | 4 | 12.8 | 26 | 0 | 41 | N/A | 2.1 |
| Lauren | 15 | 27 | 5 | 5.4 | 43 | 4 | 56 | 14.0 | 2.6 |
| June | 13 | 6 | 6 | 1.0 | 34 | 3 | 31 | 10.3 | 3.5 |
| Ella | 11 | 28 | 7 | 4.0 | 34 | 6 | 46 | 7.7 | 2.2 |
| Grace | 14 | 34 | 8 | 4.3 | 37 | 5 | 41 | 8.2 | 2.9 |
| Liz | 13 | 40 | 7 | 5.7 | 32 | 11 | 44 | 4.0 | 2.4 |
| Leah | 2 | 5 | 0 | N/A | 4 | 0 | 3 | N/A | 4.3 |

CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2005-2006

| Name | Grade | Points | Name | Grade | Points |
|----------------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| Heath, S | 4 | 1187 | Lennard, A | 2 | 198 |
| Anneveld, C | 1 | 1111 | Balsdon, A | 2 | 189 |
| Calver, B | 1 | 985 | Chapple, A | 2 | 171 |
| Shrubb, E | 4 | 966 | Pinkard, R | 4 | 166 |
| Perry, H | 1 | 815 | Cunningham, N | 2 | 164 |
| Camارش, J | 4 | 785 | Butler, S | 1 | 162 |
| Hamman, L | 1 | 760 | Luczak, S | 1 | 151 |
| Julien, A | 1 | 541 | Davis, J | 1 | 128 |
| O'Brien, M | 2 | 524 | Rieper, G | 4 | 128 |
| Fayle, L | 4 | 514 | Henry, J | 1 | 126 |
| Scott, L | 4 | 507 | Reid, A | 2 | 112 |
| Brooks, T | 4 | 496 | Ryan, L | 4 | 91 |
| Adam, M | 4 | 495 | Buttsworth, A | 1 | 71 |
| Edgar, P | 2 | 429 | Kelly, L | 2 | 62 |
| English, K | 4 | 409 | Still, R | 4 | 61 |
| Sherwood, E | 2 | 405 | van Strien, S | 1 | 49 |
| Patterson, N | 2 | 383 | Carter, M | 4 | 46 |
| Williams, K | 1 | 357 | Moyes, J | 1 | 35 |
| Griffith, K | 4 | 348 | Sherwood, A | 2 | 17 |
| Fitzpatrick, S | 4 | 325 | Pruys, M | 2 | 15 |
| Clark, K | 1 | 280 | Sinclair, N | 4 | 9 |
| Little, D | 1 | 258 | Whatton, T | 1 | 4 |
| Giggins, R | 2 | 231 | Thompson, S | 4 | 3 |
| Morley, L | 4 | 229 | Coleman, V | 2 | 1 |
| | | | Rodgers, S | 4 | 1 |

SCAWC AWARDS

1st Grade

Bowling Aggregate: Charlotte Anneveld

Player of the Year: Charlotte Anneveld

4th Grade

Wicketkeeping Kate Griffith

Outstanding Individual Achievement

Bowling (5+ wickets in an innings):

Charlotte Anneveld 7/14 v Bankstown 13/11/2005

TROPHIES

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Club Player of the Year – to be decided by statistical records of the seasons performances by each individual player, to include all performances by an individual regardless of the grade in which the performance was attained.

Club Woman of the Year – to be decided by the club with one vote to each member of the club. It is envisaged that this award will go to the person who has done the most for the club over the past season through assistance in club administration, assistance offered to other club members to help them in their cricket careers, a person who displays club loyalty and who supports club social functions. Player performance, though it should be considered, is not to be rated above the fore-mentioned.

Most Promising Player – to a young member of the club the Executive believes shows the most promising future; the current seasons performances and representative honours compared to the previous season are to be the main criteria.

Encouragement Award – to the person judged by the Executive to be the most improved player. All aspects of their game are to be considered, and current seasons form compared to the previous seasons is to be taken into account.

NON-PERPETUAL TROPHIES

To be awarded in each grade:

- 1 – batting average
- 2 – batting aggregate
- 3 – bowling average
- 4 – bowling aggregate
- 5 – Player of the Year
- 6 – Player's player (judged by each team)

Guideline for eligibility for awards:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Wickets</u> | <u>Runs</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 st | 10 | 100 |
| 2 nd | 10 | 100 |
| 3 rd | 10 | 100 |
| 4 th | 10 | 100 |
| U18s | 10 | 100 |

WINNERS OF THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES 1991/92 – 2005/06

Club Woman of the Year

| | |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 1991/92 | Jessica Henry/Vicki Selden |
| 1992/93 | Denise Annetts |
| 1993/94 | Sue Heard |
| 1994/95 | Geri Rieper |
| 1995/96 | Chris Corbett |
| 1996/97 | Therese Pares |
| 1997/98 | Jane Warrilow |
| 1998/99 | Chris Corbett |
| 1999/00 | <i>None awarded</i> |
| 2000/01 | Jessica Henry |
| 2001/02 | Jessica Henry |
| 2002/03 | Therese Pares |
| 2003/04 | Donna Little |
| 2004/05 | Donna Little |
| 2005/06 | Donna Little |

Most Promising Player

| | |
|---------|--------------------|
| 1992/93 | Angela O'Neil |
| 1993/94 | Taryn Keir |
| 1994/95 | Martha Winch |
| 1995/96 | Michelle Reed |
| 1996/97 | Gen Whitlam |
| 1997/98 | Charlotte Anneveld |
| 1998/99 | Narissa Dolbel |
| 1999/00 | Susan Daniel |
| 2000/01 | Kate Blackwell |
| 2001/02 | Krystle Clark |
| 2002/03 | Tegan Clarke |
| 2003/04 | Hannah Perry |
| 2004/05 | Alex Julien |
| 2005/06 | Lauren Hamman |

Club Player of the Year

| | |
|---------|--------------------|
| 1991/92 | Robyn Culey |
| 1992/93 | Lisa Sthalekar |
| 1993/94 | Bronwyn Calver |
| 1994/95 | Jane Warrilow |
| 1995/96 | Debbie Collins |
| 1996/97 | Debbie Collins |
| 1997/98 | Cathie Elsworth |
| 1998/99 | Jenny Baldwin |
| 1999/00 | Robyn Culey |
| 2000/01 | Bronwyn Calver |
| 2001/02 | Melissa O'Brien |
| 2002/03 | Amy Buttsworth |
| 2003/04 | Bronwyn Calver |
| 2004/05 | Bronwyn Calver |
| 2005/06 | Charlotte Anneveld |

Encouragement Award

| | |
|---------|--|
| 1993/94 | Megan Payne |
| 1994/95 | Elanore Drynan |
| 1995/96 | Therese Pares |
| 1996/97 | Donna Little |
| 1997/98 | Hilary Stiel/Susan Daniel |
| 1998/99 | Frances Dickson |
| 1999/00 | Vicki Heydon |
| 2000/01 | Melissa O'Brien |
| 2001/02 | Ellie Bradshaw |
| 2002/03 | Neha Sharma/Alex Vaughan |
| 2003/04 | Stephanie Lum Siobhan Luczak/ Anna Reid/ |
| 2004/05 | Jessica Lamb Kristy Williams/ Lia Fayle/ Kate Griffith/ Angela |
| 2005/06 | Lennard |

SCAWC RESULTS

| <i>Final</i> | <i>Points</i> | | <i>Table</i> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1ST GRADE | | 4th GRADE | |
| Bankstown | 109 | Gordon | 110 |
| UTS Balmain | 90 | Bankstown | 105 |
| Wallsend | 70 | Campbelltown-Camden | 99 |
| St George-Sutherland | 48 | St George-Sutherland B | 75 |
| Universities | 39 | Northern Districts | 60 |
| Gordon | 38 | UTS Balmain | 43 |
| | | Parramatta | 36 |
| | | St George-Sutherland A | 35 |
| 2ND GRADE | | Brewer Shield | |
| Campbelltown-Camden | 110 | Penrith | 36 |
| St George-Sutherland | 105 | Northern Districts | 34 |
| Northern Districts | 91 | St George-Sutherland | 22 |
| Wallsend | 88 | Campbelltown-Camden | 19 |
| UTS Balmain | 64 | UTS Balmain | -6 |
| Universities | 32 | | |
| Bankstown | 28 | | |
| Gordon | 26 | | |
| 3RD GRADE | | | |
| St George-Sutherland | 87 | | |
| Northern Districts | 78 | | |
| Parramatta | 35 | | |
| Universities | 25 | | |
| UTS Balmain | 23 | | |

ANN MITCHELL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

1984/85 – 2005/06

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1984/85 | GORDON |
| 1985/86 | BALMAIN |
| 1986/87 | GORDON |
| 1987/88 | CAMPBELLTOWN |
| 1988/89 | GORDON |
| 1989/90 | UNITED |
| 1990/91 | UNITED |
| 1991/92 | UNITED |
| 1992/93 | MARRICKVILLE UNITED |
| 1993/94 | GORDON |
| 1994/95 | GORDON |
| 1995/96 | GORDON |
| 1996/97 | GORDON |
| 1997/98 | BALMAIN |
| 1998/99 | BALMAIN |
| 1999/00 | BALMAIN |
| 2000/01 | BALMAIN |
| 2001/02 | UTS BALMAIN |
| 2002/03 | UTS BALMAIN |
| 2003/04 | UTS BALMAIN |
| 2004/05 | ST GEORGE-SUTHERLAND |
| 2005/06 | ST GEORGE-SUTHERLAND |