

Around The Wicket

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB - CRICKET

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2001/2002 Team Leaders

<i>1st XI:</i>	Jason Wall (c) Brett Carson (vc)
<i>2nd XI:</i>	Darren Fisher (c) Jamie Dean (vc)
<i>3rd XI:</i>	Steve Adams (c) Nathan Edwards (vc)
<i>4th XI:</i>	Dean Jeffrey (c)

Chairman
of Selectors: Saul Fernandez

Newsletter

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Leadership 2001/2002

As you can see from the left-hand column of this page, the respective captains for each of our four senior sides have been selected. The selection panel of a Thursday evening will be the four captains (Jason, Darren, Steve, Dean) to be overseen by Saul Fernandez. The Committee of Management wishes all the appointed leaders well, and trusts that the playing personnel will get behind them 110%. Growth in membership and 3 junior sides were highlighted as key aims for this season, and we appear well on our way.

This season, the team management of our Under 16's, 14's and 12's will be rotated through Paul Kelly, David Crowe and Chris Scully. It is the expectation that all senior players will have some direct involvement with the juniors throughout the season, whether that be through mentoring, training or match-day management.

Training

Unless inclement weather descends upon us, indoor training has now ceased for 2001/2002, and going forward the schedule is:

Pre Daylight Savings

- Seniors & Under 16's - Tuesday & Thursday (4.30 pm to 6.30 pm)
- U/12 & U 14 - Wednesdays (4.30 pm to 6.00 pm)

Post Daylight Savings

- Seniors & Under 16's - Tuesday & Thursday (5.30 pm to 7.30 pm)
- U/12 & U 14 - Wednesdays (5.30 pm to 6.30 pm)

In previous seasons, the club's appearance has failed to do our unity and sponsors justice. Going forward, training and warm-up attire is to be club shorts or dark shorts (tracksuit pants in cold weather) together with white cricket shirt/polo. No exceptions will be tolerated.

Unavailability for Upcoming Matches

No matter how far away, knowledge of who's available is imperative to smooth and timely selection nights for the appointed panel. As per previous seasons, a sheet will be placed on the noticeboard for players to add their name and dates for which they are unavailable.

Upcoming Birthdays

Mark Crawford	27 th October
Patrick Granholm	7 th November
Jarrold Dalton	10 th November
Alex Conn	12 th November
David teBoekhorst	11 th November

Cricket Fees

All playing personnel should by now be active, or have active parents, of the Mulgrave Country Club. Outstanding cricket fees must be paid to Darren Fisher by Thursday 4th October. Be sure to approach Darren if you have any concerns.

The "Only at Mully" File

The first contribution to the column comes from an unnamed source and details the return of a club member to the baseball diamond over winter:

"Bob's first blooper came when he scored a single hit and made it safely to first base. He then turned to his coach to get the signal and was a little confused by it and casually stepped off the base, only to be tagged out by the first base. The second incident was a little bit more embarrassing for Bob. Once again he scored a single hit and made it safely to first base. This time he managed to keep an eye on the ball and not get tagged when stepping off the base. The only problem was that he didn't look to see if the other bases were loaded and promptly took off trying to steal second base. Upon arriving at second base he quickly realised that there was already someone on the base. These two embarrassing moments in the one game earned Bob cult hero status at yet another sporting club."

Tennis Update

The tennis boys of **Detractari** soldier on under the Mulgrave Country Club. With Niroj Obeyesekere relocated to country Victoria with his stethoscope and Chris Hawken in Adelaide, there has been more personnel changes. In come Chris Scully, Ross Ginn and Raymond Tong. The lads are yet to miss a finals series, and over autumn finished third after the regular season. They proceeded to win the first semi, but were bundled out in the preliminary final. In B Grade this spring season, Detractari are clinging onto second place moving towards the finals. Relying on four regular players is always tough, hence Michael Cripps would welcome anyone coming forward and expressing an interest in having a swing of the racket. Competition is of a Monday night, and as aforementioned, is B-Grade level.

Annual Reports

The 2000/2001 Annual Reports are now at large in the community. Apologies to anyone that missed out, but ample warning was given through the Country Club mail-out and Nathan Carrick at indoor training of when and how to go about securing a copy. For those that came forward, we take that as a sign of appreciation as to the effort that goes into such a report. Once again, thanks to Mike Jennison and last season's captains for compiling most of the data, and to Jason Wall for putting the final touches on the publication. 24 copies were distributed to interested parties, reaching as far as Albion, Hurstville (Sydney), and retired club icons Jess Verdichizzi, Kevin Reed and John Hinkins.

A new wave of senior stats were due to be incorporated in this Annual Report, however they have been put on hold till next season. To assist this process, the return of the form attached to Nathan Carrick would be much appreciated. Also, there are a series of scorebooks, predominantly from the 1970's, that have gone AWOL. If you know the whereabouts of any, Nathan Carrick would be much appreciative.

Carso's Corner

Grand Final Day

As per recent years, the first social event of the season was the AFL Grand Final. Despite Jimmy's best Scott McLaren center bounce routine, the big screen made it through the day and was enjoyed by the masses. Some of the lads must have thought the Fringe Festival was still on, as they arrived sporting black & red garments, which looked totally out of place on a day we heard Brisbane roar. Whether he could comprehend it at the time is uncertain, but it was otherwise a lucrative day for our esteemed Social Manager, who pocketed a percentage of the \$1,000 draw and may well have pocketed any bets on Opening Goal and Norm Smith, as I don't recall any winners coming forward. The \$1,000 draw came down to Mich Wall, Carso and the club. Words of advice were bellowed from all corners, with a high percentage from Travis Balaam, who never one to hold a grudge, recounted his inability to split the cash last season. Geoff and Butch Prosser finally put everyone out of their misery, Mich & Carso collecting \$400, the club redeeming some cash it spent on ticket purchases and all in attendance scoring an ale on the club.

Social Calendar

Stay tuned for Carso putting pen to paper some time over this Summer and devising a Social Calendar.

Melbourne Cup Day

The club is trying to gauge interest levels in conducting a similar format as Grand Final Day for the first Tuesday in November at the clubrooms. To provide ample preparation time, Mark Prosser and Brett Carson really need to know numbers over the next few weeks. Senior players be sure to touch base with Carso, and juniors let David Crowe know, and he will pass information onto Carso.

Pre-Season Camp

From Friday 21st September to Sunday 23rd September the club's pre-season camp took place for the second year running on Phillip Island. Ten hearty soles met at Michelle Wall's family abode in Vetnor around 3.30pm in time for an afternoon training run at the local nets. These 10 were joined by another 6 for quiet ales and cards Friday night, before embarking on a ropes course from 10am - 4pm Saturday. All then retired to the TV sets to witness Essendon rally late to hold off Hawthorn, and later at The Isle of Wight, the Lions pump Richmond despite the best efforts of Brownlow Bowden. The weather was a treat, the trip home Sunday slow and the photos on their way.

Off-Season Highlights

Last season the little *"Get to Know Your Team-mates"* proved a winner for a few laughs. Going forward, some form of questionnaire will be produced for completion. However for the first few newsletters I was looking to do a very brief *"Off-season"* column. So, when you get a chance please complete the form attached and tell me the highlight(s) of your off-season. Here are the contributions so far:

Gary Webster:

"That's an easy one, St Kilda appointing Grant Thomas as coach for the term of his natural life..... No, seriously, seeing another Ashes victory over the poms & seeing Warnie back on top. I am still sticking by prediction that I made in '97. The poms will not win the Ashes during my lifetime, and I intend to live a long life."

Jason Wall:

"Butch's face after ripping the cord on the Giant Swing!"

Darren Wiseman:

"Trading in the old wheels for a brand new Lancer, and watching the baseball antics of Crippsy from the stands".

Steve Smoothy:

"Not much to tell about my off season. Got engaged to Jo, was wooed by job offer in Sydney and eventually moved up here, played half a season of footy and missed on a third reserves premiership. That about covers it."

and the best for last.....

on David Crowe:

"First of all he has been playing indoor cricket and perfecting his skills in batting (of much needed assistance!) and bowling - which may I say is going very well. Apart from that David has been really, and I mean really, busy at work over the winter season, working 13 days out of a possible 14 day fortnight, so as you can imagine there is not much time for an active social life. Though I guess his highlight of the off-season was getting fit for this coming season of cricket, and I am very proud to say he has lost 11kg's and much better for it. He is really excited about this season especially with being a juniors coach and all and I personally wish him all the very best. P.S. about his indoor cricket - his team won the grand final"

- Inez Trimble (David's better half)



Quiz

As a little teaser, the elder statesmen around the club will be putting their heads together from time to time, to come up with a quiz question to get the brains ticking. Someone may wish to back themselves and put a brew up for grabs, though it's hoped that there won't be a run on Fanta as Mick Jennison cleans up. This issue's question:

"In order of most recent, who were the last two senior club members to take a hat-trick, in what grades, and at what grounds?"