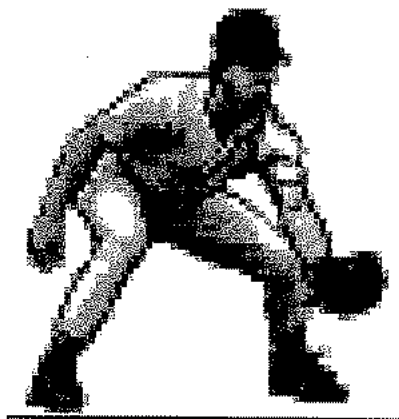




**CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC.  
Summer Season 2000 – 2001**

**SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**Saturday April 7, 2001**



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SEASON 2000 – 2001.**

This season saw the Club fighting hard to remain in Division 1. Player numbers were depleted, however our personnel in the 1's, 2's, 3's & 4's played some solid, if at times, inconsistent baseball and this resulted in the opportunity to play Division 1 in 2001-2.

Our Firsts, Thirds and Fourths played Finals baseball with the 2nds losing a close last game of the season to finish just out off the Final Four. A good effort and we congratulate all those players, managers and supporters.

The performance of our senior teams was greatly assisted with the presence and on field performance of our new Senior Club coach Scott Dawes. Scott, aided by the good advice and knowledge of Assistant Coach John Ferguson was able to constantly place competitive nines on the diamond. Inconsistency and thin pitching depth was seen to be a season long problem, however the manner in which our available personnel were utilised and the game strategies employed was of great credit to Scott and John. I've no doubt that their knowledge of the game, their strategies and maximisation/utilisation of our available players skills, gained us the right to play Division 1 ball next season.

Mika Tossavainen and John Carlisle more than ably assisted with the game day coaching of the 3's & 4's. The efforts of all these men is very much appreciated and we look forward to their future involvement at the Club.

To the Finals results : The Firsts played and unfortunately lost both their finals games, this is unfortunate, however we thank them all for their efforts this season. The Thirds were cut after winning their first Semi in sensational fashion and I must say that I felt our Thirds team were the great improvers of the season. If ever a team went from boiled lollies to chocolates, this was the team. A terrific season for them and we also congratulate you on your seasons efforts. The Fourths played off for the flag and managed to come second. It's a bummer losing a Final but these stoic Clubmen managed it for the second season in a row and I reckon the cause lay in the ever increasing number of light ales [not heavies] being consumed after the game!. Well done and another very good year by our Fours.

People to thank.....All our Committee without which the entire Club would simply not function. There's Tony Jackson in equipment, Jenni Heenan –Club Secretary, Dianne Adams – Club Treasurer, Colin Upfill – Junior Co-ordinator, John Ferguson – Chairman of Selectors & General Member, Graeme Ainscough-General Member.

To our fabulous Social Committee, Julie Marshall, Vicki Middleton and Katrina O'Neill, thank you for a rewarding and much appreciated effort this season. We look forward to your participation next season in what is a most important part of Club culture, an area of the Club that everyone should strive to enjoy.

To the other worker bees Barry Cochrane, Allen Middleton, Kevin Adams, Dava Coppens for line umpiring, Peter Ravesi for ground assistance, John Ferguson for ground assistance, to Tina Cooen our canteen manager - a fabulous job and certainly provides the best canteen in Baseball, to Maureen [Di Adams sister] for assistance in Treasury, Geoff O'Neill for his very fine work with the newsletter, Pat O'Neill for helping out at every opportunity, to Bradley Heenan for his season long efforts as Bat Boy for the 1<sup>st</sup> nine, Jason Cooen for his help and to the many other junior players helping out around the Clubrooms and grounds. And last but not least to Michael Gourlay for his wisdom and week in, week out of fabulous stats. To all these people, I say thank you very much on behalf of the Chalfont Baseball Club members and our Baseball community.

To Travis Blacklay congratulations on your performance during the Season (when available) and to you on being selected to the Mariners. We know you will do yourself proud in the BIG land of baseball.

To our Juniors, Daniel Williams and Adam Blackley who played this Season in the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine – congratulations on a marvellous job, it's great to see. To all the other Juniors who played in the 2's, 3's and 4's baseball this year, thank you and we look forward to climbing up the ranks next Season.

The wrap up - On a Club level, I feel we all need to think about doing and giving more. To be more committed and respectful to the Club, our team-mates and baseball colleagues. Doing our best both on and off the field is and will always be our Club goal, kick arse on-field, grab arse off field! We, the Committee, embrace a reward for effort and appreciation for effort policy. This is the best way forward and we look to your support when training, playing, or at Club functions such as Trivia & Comedy nights, Calcutta's or other special events. Support and make yourselves available for after game activities. Assist with other sections of the Club and enjoy yourselves along the way. The measure of our Club's worth is the sum of its good members and people. I know we have many good people and the Committee looks forward to meeting more helpers, coaches and Club orientated people who will enjoy being part of a bigger, better and enjoyable Chalfont Baseball Club Inc.

**Alan Gribbin**  
**President**

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**President:** Alan Gribbin

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**Treasurer:** Di Adams

**Junior Co-Ordinator:** Colin Upfill

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## CLUB COACH REPORT

I am pleased to present my first report as Club Coach of Cheltenham Baseball Club.

It has been a season of change for me – coaching in Summer for the first time and playing at a new Club. I have relished my experience at Cheltenham and wish to thank the Club for the opportunity and for the faith that was placed in me on my appointment to this position.

One thing I quickly discovered when I first coached at Club level in 1999 was the importance of having the full support of the Committee. Furthermore, in having a Committee that is dedicated and has a vision. Cheltenham BC is fortunate to have such a Committee and I thank everyone on it for their personal and collective backing.

It was soon obvious to me that our Club is blessed with a very solid foundation. A foundation based upon excellent facilities and an outstanding Junior program. To me, our Club's potential is endless and should not be taken for granted nor should it be assumed that the Club will continue to exist and flourish by simply showing up.

The First Nine went through a period of experimentation during the early part of the season following the loss of some of its more experienced members from the previous year. It also became reliant upon a young and unproven pitching staff.

Through this adversity we were able to be reasonably competitive and missed the cut for Division One by only one game. For some, it was a surprise that we had gotten so close. But, the team had shown glimpses of potential in this period which continued to warrant an optimistic outlook for the remainder of the season in Division Two.

Although there were several frustrating moments in our campaign following the cut, our efforts had secured second place by season's end. This fulfilled our initial goal, which was to get back to Division One for 2001-02 and now we also had the opportunity to play finals baseball.

Unfortunately, with the combination of players being unavailable and lacklustre offensive performances, we were knocked out after the first two games. I have no doubt, however, that all involved will be better for the experience as it made everyone aware of the preparation and commitment required over an entire season if we wish to participate in and be successful come finals time.

I have a number of people that I wish to thank for their support and assistance over the past 6-7 months. To John Ferguson, the Chairman of Selectors and my Assistant Coach, thank you for your time, intelligent insight and support. My job would have been extremely difficult without your presence.

To Lance Blackley, thank you for your assistance as Bench Coach and BP thrower. Thank you also to Michael Gourlay and Bev Blackley for scoring and keeping me up to date with all the team statistics.

To Bradley Heenan, your work as team Bat Boy was greatly appreciated. And to Connie Halliday, thank you for your goal setting sessions with the team.

Thank you also to my players and fellow team mates for your efforts on the field and for making me feel welcome.

Congratulations to all Club award winners and a special mention to Travis Blackley on his signing with the Seattle Mariners and to Adam Blackley and Daniel Williams for their selection to represent our country in the AA National Team.

Finally, a big thank you to my wife for her outstanding support of my playing and coaching career. I could not do what I do without your understanding.

I look forward to next year and beyond in the continuing effort to make Cheltenham the greatest baseball Club in the competition.

**Scott Dawes**  
**April 2001**

# 1<sup>ST</sup> NINE VOTING

Date	Opposition	Win/Loss	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
1/10/00	Waverley	W5-1	D Williams	M Gourlay	
8/10/00	Malvern	L9-10	M Tossavainen	M Gourlay	
15/10/00	Essendon	L0-4	D Williams	S Dawes	
18/10/00	Geelong	L4-7	A Blackley	M Gourlay	
22/10/00	Sunshine	W14-12	C Martin	T Blackley	
29/10/00	Springvale	L8-14	S Dawes	J Ballantyne	
5/11/00	Newport	L2-5	T Dinnie	S Dawes	
8/11/00	Doncaster	W2-1	S Dawes	B Paturzo	
12/11/00	Blackburn	L5-6	S Dawes	T Blackley	
19/11/00	Upwey	L1-3	M Gourlay	S Dawes	
26/11/00	Preston	W15-2	T Blackley	M Gourlay	
3/12/00	Coburg	W18-8	T Dinnie	M Tossavainen	
10/12/00	Sandringham	L9-4	B Wenke	D Williams	
17/12/00	Malvern	W9-3	A Blackley	S Dawes	
14/1/01	Williamstown	W14-11	S Gourlay	M Tossavainen	



Date	Opposition	Win/Loss	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
18/1/01	Preston	W11-2	M Tossavainen	S Myles	
21/1/01	Waverley	L6-6	S Dawes	M Tossavainen	
28/1/01	Melbourne	L4-9	T Dinnie	S Dawes	
31/1/01	Coburg	D3-3	M Tossavainen	C Wiltshire	
4/2/01	Preston	W19-9	B Wenke	M Gourlay	
11/2/01	Malvern	L1-11	M Tossavainen	T Blackley	
14/2/01	Sandringham	W4-3	D Smith	T Dinnie	
18/2/01	Williamstown	W14-6	A Blackley	T Dinnie	
25/2/01	Waverley	W3-2	S Dawes	D Smith	
4/3/01	Melbourne	L3-5	L Blackley C Wiltshire	D Williams	

**Winner MVP:** .....

**Runner-Up MVP:** .....

**Winner Batting:** .....

## **2<sup>ND</sup> NINE YEAR IN REVIEW**

This year John Ferguson nominated the coaching role to me after Round 6, as I was interstate working at the Olympics.

The team had a slow start this year losing a lot of games early but were still very competitive. It was hard for the guys to stay motivated and heads hung low. After this low patch, the guys started to play a lot better together as a team. There were a few new faces that helped keep the team together and have enough players each week.

The lack of pitching staff throughout the Club has been a problem this year. At times it was tough, as there was no additional pitching staff to call on when I became overworked. This, I suppose is why we may not have been as successful as we should have been from the year prior. Also the team had no luck fielding making some unnecessary errors.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank all the guys who played in the 2nds this year and the odd few that came into DP. The guys did enjoy the season and some of the highlights were Craig Ballantyne (Jelly) hitting a Grand Slam against Malvern, numerous hits over the fence by Steve Gourlay (G), Steve Kavanagh (Boozeeees), Chris Martin (Marteee) and your truly. Apologies if I have missed anyone.

Special thanks to Matt Gourlay (Matty) and Simon Myles (Smiles) for pitching the odd few to give me a rest. Also thank you to Bev Blackley for scoring this season and the odd few guys that filled in. Not forgetting Matt Keen (Keenez) for paying up being the last out of the season, with a slab of cold ones/

The team came very close to making the Finals but missed out by 2 runs in the final game. Considering the way the season had gone with plenty of ups and downs.

On a final note to all seconds players, thank you for the season again and

**"Let's sink some piss"**

**Mika Tossavainen**  
**Coach**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> NINE VOTING

Date	Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
1/10/00	Waverley	C Ballantyne	A Blackley	
8/10/00	Malvern	B Kavanagh	C Ballantyne	
15/10/00	Essendon	A Smith	C Martin	
22/10/00	Sunshine	C Wiltshire	A Blackley	
29/10/00	Springvale	S Gourlay	C Wiltshire	
5/11/00	Newport	G Sanders	S Kavanagh	
12/11/00	Blackburn	M Keen	C Wiltshire	
19/11/00	Upwey	M Tossavainen	C Wiltshire	
26/11/00	Preston	C Martin	M Tossavainen	
3/12/00	Coburg	C Martin	C Wiltshire	
10/12/00	Sandringham	G Sanders	M Tossavainen	
17/12/00	Malvern	M Coppens	G Sanders	
14/1/01	Williamstown	M Coppens	M Ferguson	
21/1/01	Waverley	C Reece	M Coppens	
28/1/01	Melbourne	C Ballantyne	D Smith	

Date	Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
4/2/01	Preston	M Ferguson	M Tossavainen	
11/2/01	Malvern	J Ballantyne	A Blackley	
18/2/01	Williamstown	J Ballantyne	S Gourlay	
25/2/01	Waverley	M Ferguson	M Tossavainen	
4/3/01	Melbourne	B Kavanagh	S Gourlay	

Winner MVP: .....

Runner-Up MVP: .....

Winner Batting: .....

### **3<sup>rd</sup> NINE YEAR IN REVIEW**

The 3rds were able to put a side on the field this year which was competitive and with a bit more luck might have played off in a Grand Final. Unfortunately, we lost to Malvern 4 –2 in the Preliminary.

At the start of the year Colin Upfill was called upon to go beyond the call of duty, with his many roles in the Club and having played in the 3rds (as the main pitcher) until early November. Thankfully for Colin, Brad Lark was able to fill in pitching a few games and the return of Daniel Ward-Bourton and Luke Paturzo allowed Colin to retire back to the 4ths and have a lot less stressful weekend.

As the side was mainly made up of U16's, the return of Daniel and Luke made a big difference to the make up of the side. They were able to take up some of the more demanding positions and allowed the younger players to find their feet a bit more in what was quite a strong competition. Andrew Coppens also made a big difference to the side with his ability to come up with a hit at the right time, improve his glove work at first base and to generally be a leader out on the field. Derryn Beattie also improved in all areas during the year and his commitment and general enthusiasm were quiet outstanding contributions to the team during the year.

So we had got to the competitive stage, now we needed the extra boost to win more than we lost. Along comes Kevin (Snowy) Russell out of retirement (I last played with Kevin about 12 years ago winning a Grand Final) and Ben Ward-Bourton comes back from injury. We are now winning against the top sides and look very good. We beat Melbourne in the first Final by the 10 run rule in the 5<sup>th</sup> but just fail in the Preliminary. With an extra 12 months experience with the same side we would have been very very close to winning he lot.

Next Year!

#### ***Thanks to:***

John Ferguson	Chairman of Selectors - Cheltenham
Colin Upfill	For being Colin
Brad Lark	For committing to the 3rds
Andrew Coppens	Looking after the side when I was away (future Manager/Coach)
Katrina O'Neill	Scorer extraordinaire
All parents	Who got the kids to U16 games and then back for the 3rds – great effort.

**John Carlile**  
**Coach**

### 3RD NINE VOTING

Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
Waverley	D Beattie	D Olsen	
Malvern	M Coppens	L Paturzo	
Essendon	P O'Neill	D Ward-Bourton	
Sunshine	D Ward-Bourton	C Upfill	
Springvale	P O'Neill	J Carlisle	
Newport	D Beattie	D Olsen	
Blackburn	D Ward-Bourton	A Coppens	
Upwet	P O'Neill	D Ward-Bourton	
Preston	L Kasperczyk	B Lark	
Coburg	A Coppens	L Kasperczyk	
Sandringham	B Lark	A Coppens	
Malvern	B Fitzgerald	P O'Neill	
Williamstown	D Ward-Bourton	B Lark	
Waverley	P O'Neill	D Olsen	
Melbourne	K Russell	L Paturzo	

Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
Preston	D Ward-Bourton	P O'Neill	
Malvern	L Paturzo	B Ward-Bourton	
Williamstown	B Lark	P Burnett	
Waverley	M Coppens	P O'Neill	
Melbourne	A Coppens	M Coppens	

Winner MVP: .....

Runner-Up MVP: .....

Winner Batting: .....

## **4<sup>TH</sup> NINE YEAR IN REVIEW**

The 4ths again had to put up with losing a Grand Final to Moorabbin.

During the year the team had lots of movements in and out until after the cut in November and the 3rds started to get some regular numbers together. Most of the players from the previous year were again out on the field and long time absentees Allen Middleton and Peter Burdett (not Burnett) were back in the Cheltenham uniform. We had some new senior players in Simon Hill, Chris Hill, Mark Vella, Rick Atkins and a couple of U16's in Stuart Simpson and Simon (can hit a cut off) Middleton.

I would like to thank all players for their year and commitment to the 4ths as part of the Cheltenham Baseball Club.

As it became impossible for me to do both jobs every week after the split in November, I would like to thank Bruce Fitzgerald for his help in my absence.

Many thanks to Vicki Middleton for scoring and the Pres for his many fine efforts in umpiring. Hope every body enjoys their Winter ball and see you again next year.

To our families, I would like to say thanks on behalf of the players for your support during the year and letting us old fellows have a bit of fun on Sundays!

**John Carlile and Bruce Fitzgerald**  
**Coaches**



## 4th NINE VOTING

Date	Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
1/10/00	Waverley	K Williams	L Hall	
8/10/00	Malvern	A Coppens	M Banath	
15/10/00	Essendon	K Williams	B Lark	
22/10/00	Sunshine	B Fitzgerald	L Hall	
29/10/00	Springvale	B Lark	L Hall	
5/11/00	Newport	L Hall	A Middleton	
12/11/00	Blackburn	A Middleton	M Vella	
3/12/00	Upwey	B Fitzgerald	P Burnett	
10/12/00	Chelsea	C Upfill	A Middleton	
16/12/00	Berwick	P Burnett	A Middleton	
14/1/01	Sandringham	P Burdett	P Burnett	
21/1/01	Waverley	M Vella	A Middleton	
28/1/01	Moorabbin	A Middleton	P Burdett	
4/2/01	Bonbeach	L Hall	C Upfill	
11/2/01	Berwick	B Lark	C Upfill	

Date	Opposition	1 Vote	2 Votes	3 Votes
18/2/01	Sandnringham	B Fitzgerald	R Atkins	
25/2/01	Waverley	WALK OVER	WALK OVER	WALK OVER
4/3/01	Moorabbin	A Middleton	R Atkins	

Winner MVP: .....

Runner-Up MVP: .....

Winner Batting: .....