

CHELTENHAM

BASEBALL CLUB

(SUMMER)



ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT & DINNER 1995-96

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Entrée

Chicken and Mushrooms Vol au vent

Tender pieces of chicken sauteed with shallots,
fresh mushrooms in a creamy white wine sauce

Flounder

Grilled tender fillets in a lemon butter parsley sauce

Main

Prime Roast Beef

Juicy thick slices of scotch fillet with Chef's special gravy

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Succulent chicken fillet filled with ham and cheese, crumbed and roasted

Dessert

Appel Strudel

Served with fresh cream

Cheese Cake

Delightfully flavoured cream cheese

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome club members and visitors to our 1995/96 Summer Presentation Night.

Our playing season was successful although not all our objectives were completed. This season saw our five year strategy kick off into the second year with Terry and our team of senior and junior coaching staff well focussed on the outcomes the club required to be a Division 1 force long term. I must say that this team of people managed the on field philosophy, strategy and club leadership well on the field.

I thank every member of the committee for the management of the club and particularly the blood sweat and sometimes tears which were experienced by most members, but particularly by two. The financial systems of the club are now benchmarked and I feel it is up to each and everyone of you to ensure every year this is improved.

In 1996/97 we will lose four members from the committee who were the backbone of the management team. We will also require a leader for the social team which everyone was aware, was missing this year.

Congratulations to all of you on your own personal goals which you achieved this season and please ensure the growth and philosophy of Cheltenham continues.

Enjoy your evening.

Dirk Beven.

CLUB COACH REPORT 1995/1996

Another very successful year was made possible by hard work and commitment from many people. The committee once again worked very professionally which made the on field program so much easier to run.

Thank you to Dennis Brasher whose role as Ground Manager made very coaches job easier. To Mick Trevonah who as Chairman of Selectors made sure coaches and players were always there in correct numbers, thank you.

To all coaches who made my job easier by being at selection every Thursday night, I would like to say thank you and are proud of our achievements of multiple premierships this season.

After being present at junior presentation night, the club's future is very bright. A big "WELL DONE" must go to Lance Blackley who was Junior Co-Ordinator, U12 Coach and a Senior Coach, all in the same season.

Regards,
Terry Reid.

FIRST NINE REPORT 1995/1996

Our main objective this year was to qualify for Division 1 and give our U16 and U18s some senior experience. The loss of Phil O'Toole, Dac Conner and Steve Babidge at short notice put us on the back foot but we pressed on. Winning the first two games gave us great confidence but losing the next two by one run brought us back to earth. Three washouts turned into three double headers (Saturday-Sunday) which our pitching did not cope well with and we finished 4-7 at the cut, same as last year and missed qualifying by one game.

In 2nd Division we were 2-2 at Christmas and in a position to give our juniors more experience which they were coping with well. We finished the home and away season on top of the ladder for the second year in a row.

Undefeated in the finals, we pressed on to the Grand Final against Melbourne with a double chance, and took the premiership in a nail biting final.

I would like to pay tribute to our new club members this year who fitted in so well so quickly and include: Anthony Bowley, Chris Cox, Trevor Johansson, Craig Blackley and Michael Kingler.

Thank you to Kevin Williams who is the most humorous Assistant Coach you could have. To Val Bailey and Adam Blackley thank you for jobs well done. Congratulations to trophy winners and all players for their dedication in what was a very long season. To Olivia, Matthew and Zoe, once again thank you for your full support which allowed me to continue in this role.

Terry Reid.

SECONDS REPORT 1995/1996

The Seconds this year, after having a disappointing Final Series in 1994/1995 had an injection of junior players. At the start of the 1995/1996 season after a good start to the year only losing a couple of games in Division 1 showing we were a very competitive unit in that grade.

We started the new round in Division 2 with the young players giving us a solid defensive side and speed on the bases, and the older players giving the experience and balance required, saw us finish second behind Newport at the end of the home and away games.

The semi final was played at Newport and was a tough battle with both sides batting well. We went into the ninth with what you would think was a comfortable lead of four runs but Newport to their credit, came out fighting putting our defence under pressure which saw us make a few errors and let them back into the game levelling the score at 14 all. In the tenth innings it was our turn to put the pressure on with a squeeze bunt to score the go ahead run and then another to put us two runs up and a few more hits to give us a six run lead, which ended Newport's chances, with Marco finishing the job on the mound.

The Grand Final was played at home against Springvale. Although starting the game off well with a run in the first innings as the result of a home run from Rohan Brasher and a good start on the mound by Ben in the first innings. It was the third innings when Bend had to be taken out and replaced by Marco. Pitching well and keeping us within striking distance, we slowly pegged them back and by the eighth we were only one run down, with a good hit from Marco to bring in the equalising run and then score on a hit to second from Tim Fisher and two out saw us take the lead and then shut them out in the ninth to take the flag.

Special thanks to my scorer Joy Lewis for the magnificent job she has done for me during the year. Also thanks to Dennis Brasher for the work on the ground before the games and the drinks for the boys during the game.

L. Hall.
Coach.

THIRDS REPORT 1995/1996

Well, we had a good season this year, considering the number of changing players moving up and down the teams.

We started off the year quite convincingly winning the majority of the games, with most of the familiar faces of last year and the new ones of grandpa Ray (Abbot) Costello, Matty Roberts and Nathan Bailey.

Then, after losing Matty and Nathan to the seconds it left a few positions to be filled in the team. So after stealing Daniel Nadort from the fours brought some flexibility into the side, it paid off at Geelong after a game saving "grand slam".

I would like to personally thank the junior players who helped fill in for absent seniors, Anthony Daff, Peter Burrell and Damon Pettit, and also to the players that became regular members, David Harrison, The Bash Brothers Nick and Tim Callanan and Jamie Roe.

Towards the end of the season we unfortunately lost 'Bozo' Willy Wilson who injured his ankle trying to lunge at first base. This injury left a hole in the outfield but not at the plate.

The last game of the home and away season left me with a sore head because Jamie Morgan tried to throw out a person at second base, but instead of launching it to two, he sconed me in the back of the head.

We finished off the year in the first final. It was very close but unfortunately we were defeated by Springvale who we had drawn with us on our last two occasions.

Thank you to all the players who played this year and also thank you to Karen Smith who scored for us this year.

Mika Tossavainen.

FOURTH NINE REPORT 1995/1996

Yet another successful season for your fourth nine. Only one loss before the cut finishing on top. The second half of the year was not quite as good with the team losing three games. This was still good enough to make our way into the finals. Our player stock dwindled a little this year and for many games this year we only had nine, thanks to the support of Narelle and Andrew, we managed to boost our numbers to 11.

The key to our success is in our hitting and pitching, all but two of our team batted higher than 350 and five of these over 450. Dean Toy's pitching was by far the best in this competition, this along with good support from Chris Bailey was our formula for success. Hitting more runs than the opposition has always been the key to this competition and the fourths did that and managed to restrict the other teams at the same time, leaving us with the best percentage in the competition.

Our finals appearances numbered two, a win at Springvale following a win at the same ground the week before and a close game at Moorabbin that saw us depart in the preliminary final. Springvale proved our toughest opposition during the year so to beat them convincingly should have set us up, however those sportsmanlike Moorabbin players and supporters got their nose in front and stopped our finals drive.

I would like to thank the committee and senior players and coaches for the support during my second year as Coach. I would also like to thank all of the fourth nine players:- Gavin Knight, Tim Salter, Bruce Fitzgerald, Dean Toy, Peter Burnett, Karl Cameron, Simon Michaelis, Chris Bailey, Narelle Gostray, Andrew Davidson, Nerida Fry (scorer) and all those that helped fill in, for their support and patience this season. I hope you all enjoyed the year as much as I did and strive to go one step further next year.

Thanks and regards,
James Stewart.

WOMENS BASEBALL EAST SECTION DIVISION 1 1995/1996

The first half of the season was a great success with the result – six wins, one draw, one loss. This enabled us to enter Division 1. Our pitching, fielding and batting were outstanding during the time we played in the East Section. Our most outstanding game was against Malvern (11–10 win) who last season finished in the top four and played off for the Division 1 Flag in 1995/1996.

Entering Division 1 saw a different result – nine losses, one win. Reasons for loss of form – girls being away for all sorts of reasons (lack of self confidence, holidays, sick, injuries, work, etc.), mostly unable to cope with Division 1 mentally. Most of the teams we played at this level were playing at this level in 1994/1995, so this was their second season at Division 1. This experience will benefit the girls for future years, providing you do not put yourselves down. You are as good as the other teams out there.

Thanks go to Val who scored for me, to Graham as my manager who took a lot of flack, to Linda who scored when Val was with the first nine. Thanks also to the club for its support throughout the season. Last, but not least, thanks to the girls.

Tony Bailey.

WOMENS DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Well I started the season out with what I would call somewhat of a challenge. To do a job nobody else wanted to do. That was to take 12 women and attempt to mould them into a baseball side worthy of Cheltenham Baseball Club.

First Game Blues

By the time I was asked to manage the girls, the season was well upon us and I had not seen the girls train. This meant that I had no idea who was who or what was what, so I had my first problem; who pitches, who catches, etc. Thanks to Karen Smith we worked it out about five minutes before game time. Two hours later and a few extra grey hairs we had our first win on the board, beating Springvale 4–3.

Before the Cut

Being predominately a winter baseballer, the cut was somewhat of a new concept to me. Asking the girls how it worked led to many ideas, so I assumed that they were not so sure either. Further investigation led me to believe that the VBA were not so sure either, so we continued our campaign regardless.

With some early problems which were quickly solved, training ran well with all the girls showing their talent and enthusiasm in all positions which made for lots of variety in team selections. The home and always before the cut saw a mixed bag of wins and losses, 5–4. This held us in third position on the ladder meaning we would be placed in Division 2 for the rest of the season. This seemed to give the girls an added confidence with lots of whispers about making the finals (well let's hope).

Post Christmas

After the cut and now in Division 2 which had gained four sides, we were yet to play. We had bagged two wins and two losses, then we were to meet one of those sides we had not played. We made the trip up to St. Kilda knowing very little about their side. We needed the win. Unfortunately the end of the day saw us losing by one run 12-11. This seemed to shatter the pre-Christmas confidence. The following game we managed to snatch a loss from the jaws of victory in an error filled last innings against U/Ftg. This finished what had been a three game losing streak and dropped us to sixth position on the ladder with only three games to go. The chances of making the finals was now looking very grim. The next two games saw us winning by margins of 30-0 and 20-4, plus a trip to the tribunal for the manager. These two large wins saw us sitting in fourth spot and one to go with a must win situation on our hands. The must win situation against Mulgrave went right down to the wire, unfortunately one good batting innings saw Mulgrave go ahead by seven runs. Time had run out and we had to bat to equal the innings. The girls were all very determined but we were only able to come up with one run. Time, game and end of season 16-10. It was a very tough game, well done girls.

Thanks to All

The season comes to a close and what started out as a challenge has now become a great and fun filled experience. I must first thank the backbone of any side, my scorer Margaret Ballantyne. My second thanks must go to the two blokes who always seemed to be there to help, that is Micka Tossavainen and Mark Lewis, thanks guys. Last, but not least, I must say a special thank you to the team. I will not single out any of the girls, as I feel they all played very well as a unit all season. Thanks guys. I hope you all stick together as a team because one day you might just bring home that elusive flag.

THE TEAM

Fiona Ballantyne	Kirsty Reeves	Rebecca Townley
Toni Costello	Shandelle Ross	Rachael Treller
Tina Ivano	Lauren Russell	Karen Witchell
Jackie Jacob	Karen Smith	Margaret Ballantyne (scorer)
Voula Kouvrakis	Leanne Smith	Trevor Clemens (manager)
Alicen Langley	Ruth Standring	Micka Tossavainen
Tania Molloy	Leah Tame	Mark Lewis

From your manager in 1995-1996
Trevor Clemens.

U/18 REPORT 1995/1996

As this was my first season as Coach, I really was not sure what to expect. I have been a player for a number of years and had not really thought about coaching and what it entails. Thankfully for me, I had the pleasure of coaching a great group of talented and mature teenagers.

Apparently, this was the first time Cheltenham has had an abundance of U/18's, sometimes as many as 13 players being available for one game. This makes it very difficult to ensure that all players receive a full game and I would like to thank all players and Margaret (our scorer) for putting up with the numerous changes made during the game. Another positive was that most of the guys also participated in senior games. This is extremely important in my view as this helps to improve a player's ability.

The U/18's had a rough start to the season having to play the top Upwey side, Sandringham as well as both Waverley teams, all of whom qualified for the Coca Cola League. Unfortunately we only managed to win one out of the first five games. However, since then we have not looked back. We have won all games since. At the time of writing this report our final has not yet been played so I am unable to give details on this matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank all players, especially our country ones. We had Daniel Nadort drive down from Bendigo every week. He did not miss a game, an incredible effort. Also, when State training allowed, Glen Wallace joined us from Mildura. A special thanks to Margaret Ballantyne for scoring and helpful advice during the season. Also congratulations to all trophy winners. I can assure you that selecting our MVP was no easy task, as we had numerous quality players.

Thank you to all those who helped make this season a successful one.

Alex Porreca.
U/18 Coach 1995/1996.

UNDER 16 COCA COLA REPORT 1995/1996

Our season started in great spirits in October and after winning five from five, saw us take our place in the Coca Cola Division.

Richard Harrison came back from injury and with our older players moving up into the U/18's and younger players, Jason Blake and Stephen Gourlay joining the team, we had a good balance.

The team played some good baseball, with our midweek game against Sunshine played on the St. Kilda Baseball Ground in the shadows of the Albert Park grandstands. Probably without a doubt our best game of the season with a one run victory.

The team played undefeated until we met Bon Beach early in 1996. And without major injury until Steven Kavanagh tore a few ligaments at Upwey, which was to put him out until after the finals.

Our second loss against Upwey and our third against Bon Beach still let us finish two clear points in front on the Premiership Ladder, but unfortunately unlike seniors finishing on top, this does not give you a double chance, and March 24th saw our worst game all season. Whether it was nerves, errors or injuries, the Grand Finals fell out of our reach.

I would like to thank Dennis Brasher as Team Manager, Anna Brasher for scoring and Maurice Fisher for helping out with transport.

THE TEAM

Ben Paturzo
Nick Callanan
Stephen Gourlay
Tim Fisher

Rohan Brasher
Richard Harrison
Jason Blake
Gerrad Kelly

Cameron Bird
Steven Kavanagh
Peter Burrell
Robert Materia

MVP (batting 602)
Rohan Brasher

Runner Up MVP
Ben Paturzo

Best Defensive Player
Tim Fisher

Anthony Smith.
Coach.

U/14 ALL STARS

The team had an indifferent year. We struggled in the beginning of the year to find 11 players who were either interested or able to play on Sundays. The boys won their first five games and qualified for the Coca Cola Division.

In Coca Cola they struggled to win games but have improved as the season progressed. They lost a lot of close games, so they were not far from being a contending team. After the Christmas break the team has played well. Everything came together on March 3rd at Werribee during the Lightning Premiership. The boys made it to the Grand Final but unfortunately lost in the final to Upwey.

All the boys improved during the year and hopefully are keen to play again next year.

Congratulations to Chris Blake for making the Victorian State Team for the first time and to Travis Blackley for making the DBA team.

From the coach's perspective it has been a satisfying season because all the boys worked hard and developed a real team spirit.

A special thanks to Col Anderson for coaching the team in my absence and for regularly umpiring behind the plate at our home matches. To my scorers Lyn Burrell and Bev Blackley, to Steve Burrell for umpiring at the Lightning Premiership, to Lex Marshall, Jack Ward-Bourton and John Blake for umpiring the lines, and to all the parents for their support. And last, and most importantly, to the 1995/1996 All Star Team who consistently tried hard and performed at or near their ability level.

THE TEAM

Brett Anderson
Travis Blackley
Chris Blake
Mark Burrell

Matthew Coppens
Ryan Fehily
Ryan Marshall
Shane Owens

Glen Sanders
Steven Vosatka
Daniel Ward-Bourton

Dave Coppens.
U/14 All Star Coach.

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 1995/1996 summer season of junior baseball has been a very busy year with a success on the field in all age groups. Off the field we have seen a number of hard working parents giving a lot of their time to make the weekly running of junior baseball a success.

Our Club Coach Terry Reid and Kevin Williams have trained the U/18 and U/16 players in a squad and this can only be seen as a huge step forward in the development of our players.

We also had senior players as our coaches in the U/18 and U/16 which was a policy we strived for at the start of the season.

The senior selection committee also adjudicated any coaching matters that arose throughout the season along with the Chairman of Selection having the unenviable task of scheduling Sunday umpires for junior matches (a hard job well done Michael).

As a further step forward, saw approximately 16 junior players participated in the senior competition and this has helped the club achieve Premierships in Seconds and Fifths with a further Flag pending in the First. The Thirds and Fourths reached the play-offs with several junior players having major roles to play.

Tee Ball

150 players contributed to a very successful tee ball year with 10 teams competing in our internal competition. This year saw a number of the new teams such as Heat, Merlins, Astros, Red Skins along with the Demons, Devils, Cannon Balls, Pirates, Yankees and Saints from previous years. The Yankees were the winners of the competition over the Red Skins in a very good standard match. This would have been a proud moment for Lex Marshall as he has had this team for five years with the side winning its first games last season.

The Tee Ball Lightning Premiership saw Kevin Russell and Lex Marshall with the 'A' team and Bev Blackley and John Ferguson with the 'B' team formed from the 10 represented teams. Both teams performed very well on the day with the 'B' team finishing in seventh place and the 'A' team finishing runners up by a two run loss in a big hitting game to Sandringham.

Many thanks to all coaches and kids who helped the season along, with a special thanks to Janet Fogarty who co-ordinated the season and Vel and Tony Bailey who again sponsored the trophies.

Under 12 Baseball

Due to VBA rule change we entered only one U/12 Sunday team coached by Lance Blackley and Colin Basham. The season's qualifying round saw us into the Coca Cola grade where we performed very well with a number of high standard matches throughout the year. The team is in the semi final on Sunday and anything can happen from here.

Our season's highlight so far was a win in the Rookie Ball competition at the Red's ground with a two run victory over Waverley in a high standard game in front of a big Saturday night crowd.

Our Lightning Premiership day saw us draw Waverley in the first round and unfortunately we did not play well in the first game. We were then undefeated for the rest of the day winning easily, however the draw had us in ninth place at the end of the day.

The Friday night competition saw us enter a fifth team just before the start of the season and the final was won by the Broncos over the Steers in an excellent standard game.

U/14 Baseball

Our U/14 team coached by Dave Coppins saw them off to a good start entering the Coca Cola Grade with no losses but soon saw them playing in a tough competition against some very good baseballers. The team had many highs and lows throughout the season but their high came when they finished Runners Up in their Lightening Premiership to Upwey.

Our three Friday night teams were very competitive this year with the Steers reaching the finals and being beaten by Springvale in the last dig.

U/16

We had two U/16 teams in the competition again this season headed up by Anthony Smith with the 'A' team and Mick Manning with the 'B' team.

Anthony's team won entry into the Coca Cola Division whilst Mick's team entered 2nd Division.

1st's Vote Count

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2nd's Vote Count

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Stewart M	1	2	3																0
Brasher R	2	2	2				2	2									1	2	13
Johanson T	1	1								2	1								5
Tossavainan M				W		2		1											3
Paturzo B			1	a		1	1		1						2				6
Stubbs L				s											1				1
Lewis S				h	2									1					3
Fisher T				o	1												2		3
Roberts M				u								1						1	2
Blackwell C				t					2		2					1			5
Bowley A										1									1
Cox C																			0
Bailey N												2	2			2			6
Roe J												1							1
Ballantyne J														2					2

3rd's Vote Count

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Amsing	2		2																4
Bailey N									2										2
Ballantyne C							1	2		2				2					7
Ballantyne J											2								2
Callanan N												1	1						2
Colleridge	1				2		2												5
Coppens		1				2													3
Costoloe											1								1
Darrison									1										1
Johanson																			1
Lewis																			0
Morgan		2	1		1												1	2	7
Nadort								1							1		2	1	5
Roe											1					2			3
Tossavainen M											2		2		2				6
Wilson						1										1			2

4th's Vote Count

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5th's Vote Count

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Candler																			0
Collville	2												1			2			5
Kavanagh	1		1	1		1								1				2	7
Cameron		2																	2
Rowlands		1																	1
Blackley																			0
Ferguson			2					1			1								4
Bardel				2															2
Upfill						2	2								2		2		8
Williams					2				2		2		2						8
Lark					1		1			2							1		5
Burrell								2	1			2		2					8
Trevorah										1					1				2
Rainey												1							1
Harrigan																1			1

Div 1 Women Vote Count

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Gosstray N												2		1				2	5
Johns Y	2		2		2				1						1			8	
Wade M	1			2														3	
Fry N			1												2			3	
Stoddart J				1		2								2		2		7	
Marr D					1													1	
Treller R		B				1	2	2										5	
Astle J		Y					1	1					2					4	
Van Wyk J		E									1							1	
Mann K									2									2	
Marr D										2		1	1					4	
Langley										1								1	
Labinsa C											2							1	
Rapley-Smith J															1			1	0

Women South Vote Count

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