

"Rustlers"

Cheltenham Baseball Club (Winter) Inc.

**Presentation Night Booklet
1995 Season**

Cheltenham Baseball Club

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1978	Kel ROBERTS		J.LANDRY	Chris PEACOCK	Steve BOTT
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1992	Russell INGRAM	Trevor HOGBEN	Kim BROOKS	Russell INGRAM	
1993	Russell INGRAM		Kim BROOKS	Simon EDGEWORTH	Terry REID
1994	Brad LARK	TRACY JACOB	Terri CLEMENS	Simon EDGEWORTH	Terry REID
1995	Brad LARK	Olivia REID	Trevor CLEMENS	Simon EDGEWORTH	Greg BROWN

Presidents Report

After a successful season in 1994 the committee of 1995 endeavoured to improve on the good results already achieved. Terry Reid's resignation as club coach saw the void filled by Greg Brown. Greg's experience, past performance and enthusiasm made this decision quite easy. At Greg's side for this season has been club stalwart Michael Trevorah. The manner in which Greg and Mick have run the senior sides has been a credit to both of them. Sometimes limited numbers and availability of players saw resources pushed to the limit, some tough and unpopular decisions had to be made for the well being of the club. Greg and Mick always tackled each problem so that the club would benefit. The players of all grades are to be congratulated for the manner in which they accepted changes for without the support of the players the senior positions at the club can become extremely difficult, thankfully this club has always held unity and loyalty in high regard.

I am writing this report before our grandfinals have been played and I will not speculate on possible results. This year however has been exciting. The addition of two womens sides, fielding of junior sides at all levels and the consolidation of six senior mens sides was certainly a reason to look on the year optimistically. This hope of having a good year has become a reality. I will start with juniors. To field eight junior sides is a great achievement for this club which just five years ago only boasted a four team roster. The success of these sides this season is a welcome bonus and just reward for the hard work that many coaches, players and administrators have put in over the past five years. Stan Williamsons inaugural year as junior coordinator has been as successful as any the club has seen in recent times. Premierships at under 12, 16 and 18 levels testimony to the clubs strength at a junior level. This can only flow on into our senior sides and the true benefits are being seen now with players like Gourlay, Brasher and Fisher featuring in senior sides this year.

The senior side of the club faced the challenge of taking the next step this season. We has to maintain player numbers while placing people in the appropriate positions to ensure success. Experienced players were scattered throughout the sides from A grade to E grade and I certainly believe this is a major reason for our success to date. All sides made the finals with A, C and E2 playing in grandfinals this week. The B, D, and E1 sides had tremendous years, unfortunately missing out on grandfinals berths, never the less achieving terrific results.

The rise of the cricketers is a great bonus for the club and a credit to themselves. A side that just one year ago was sometimes getting beaten by forty runs now finds themselves in a position to win the clubs first ever E grade flag. As mentioned earlier Greg and Micks efforts along with all other coaches has been outstanding. The introduction of the two Womens sides, despite initial teething problems, has proved to be a success and the establishment of these sides this year will most certainly have long term benefits for the club.

The committee this year has worked tirelessly, admittedly sometimes daunted and disappointed from financial setbacks we pushed on, yet again securing the Association Grandfinals. The on field successes have been a terrific boost for the club and the next few weeks will determine the financial status of the club at the end of this year. I must thank all committee members for their support and despite some very fiery committee meetings we remained united to ensure a successful year. I must thank the cricketers and especially Steve Earle for their work in the \$1000 draw that gave the club a most welcome but unexpected windfall. To Paul McDonald the effort you have put in to running the bar in Andrews absence has been remarkable. Your commitment and professionalism unquestionably outstanding. Olivia, Simon, Bruce and Trevor the efforts at an executive level have been terrific this season. Your support and advice has been very much appreciated. Jenny, thankyou for running the Kiosk the way a Kiosk should be run, the early mornings and late afternoons are over for awhile now and a well deserved rest on Saturday afternoons can be looked forward to.

In closing I would like to thank all club members for what I am sure will be looked on in years to come as one of, if not the most successful and enjoyable Winter Season on record.

Brad Lark

PRESIDENT

Club Coaches Report

Just to field 6 senior men's teams and 2 ladies teams is an effort that most clubs can't match. Although the ladies team often struggled for numbers, this was only the first year for them, and I'm sure the situation will improve next season. Congratulations to the ladies teams on a good effort for the club, and on an excellent effort on the training track all season.

To finish with all 6 mens teams in the finals with 3 going on to the grand final is not only a reflection of the depth of talent, but of the organisation involved by a good committee. Make no mistake, it is hard work fielding so many teams, and this season's on-field performance was just reward by the players to an extremely dedicated committee. Considering what the outfield looked like on Thursday before the Under 18 Grand Final, it was an absolute credit to the club that the game could be played the same weekend.

On the subject of Under 18's, we had a very successful Junior season aswell, with premierships at U18, U16 and U12 levels. Congratulations to all players, coaches and proud parents on another strong showing from the Juniors.

I would like to thank all of the coaches and scorers who have contributed to such a successful year in 1995. The success of this season is not only a credit to every member of the club, but proves to everyone what we all know : that Cheltenham is the number one club in the D.B.A!!!!

Greg Brown
Club Coach 1995

1995

Team Coaches & Scorers

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Scorer</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u>	Greg Brown	Katrina Marlor
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	Simon Edgeworth	Anna Brasher
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	Brad Lark	Kevin Gordon
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	David Stenhouse	Pauline Stenhouse Tracey Jacob
<u>'E1' GRADE</u>	Lance Blackley	Jodie Williams
<u>'E2' GRADE</u>	Steve Earle	Kirsty Reeves
<u>'W1' GRADE</u>	Brad Lark	Margret Ballantyne
<u>'W2' GRADE</u>	Danny Bardel	Jodie Williams
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	Brad Lark	Margret Ballantyne
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	Mick Manning	Jill Ward-Bourton
<u>UNDER 14's</u>	1 Stan Williamson 2 Phil Unwin	Ronda Williamson Bev Blackley
<u>UNDER 12's</u>	1 Lance Blackley 2 Rod Kavanagh	Debbie Gilder Jill Sanders
<u>T-BALL</u>		
Redskins	Joe Ferruccio	Marchella Lapa
Marlins	Nerida Fry	Nerida Fry

Social Club Report

Social this Season was less than other years, but we feel was still entertaining and in some cases a little different.

A "pool night" was held for T-Ballers, which was enjoyed by all. A film was shown whilst the players splashed about and had fun.

For Juniors we held a "Father/Son" match, followed by a Bar-b-que. Unfortunately, due to the weather this was abandoned, but the enthusiasm was such, that we will definitely go ahead with this one next Season.

T-Ball Presentation Night was a fantastic success and both parents and players and family had a wonderful night.

Junior Presentation night for Under 12's, Under 14's and Under 16's proved to be well attended and enjoyed by all.

Dave Whalen's Pie Night, was not so well attended, but for those who did make the night, the enjoyment and after comments were well worth the night. We will again try for this night again next Season and with word-of-mouth to be the best form of advertising, it should be a sell out.

The "Band Night" again was a great night and this was well attended. Such was the praise for the band, we have booked them again for tonight's entertainment.

The "Cricketers" E2 Team planned a fantastic Sunday afternoons entertainment in the form of \$1000.00 Draw. Free drink and food was provided from 12.00pm til 3.00pm, which proved to be a great winner with both families and couples. All who attended thought this day was fantastic and to the E2 team we thank them for their hard work, from having tickets printed to cleaning up the Clubrooms afterwards. Thanks guys!!!!

Although Social events were few this Season, we would sincerely like to thank all players, friends, and family who have supported these functions and also those who have come back to the Club after games. These nights have in the past, and more than likely in the future, sometimes turn into some of the best nights for entertainment.

Thanks to everyone for supporting Cheltenham Baseball Club this Winter 1995 Season.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

'A' Grade Report

1995 was my first full A Grade season for Cheltenham Winter. This season also saw the return of Matthew Stewart to winter baseball from the snowfields, Tony Dinnie back from Monash and the debut season for Alex Poreca in a Cheltenham Winter uniform. These additions to a side that has consistently finished in the top four ensured a strong bid for the flag in season 1995. Darren Smith was back and looking forward to a season at first base, with Mika Tossavainen doing a strong job for many games to fill the 3rd base vacancy. The middle infield of Steve Babidge and Anthony Smith provided excellent defensive support to Tony and Matt Gourlay's pitching and Alex's catching. Chris Smith filled in for a few winning games while Alex was injured and Lee Stubb's also played nearly half of the season in A Grade in his first year with Cheltenham. The outfield of Chris Reece, Terry Reid and Matthew Stewart rounded out the side for the first half of the season, the departure of Greg Curtis opened the way for another B Grade player to get his shot at A Grade. Lorne Dennis was chosen as his replacement and did not look back from game 1, scoring votes in his first two games. Lorne started every game including the grand final and provided some much needed speed and a very good on base average from the left side.

The team got off to exactly the start we wanted, going 5-0 before facing a strong Bonbeach side, our first loss of the season was the 1st of 3 losses to Bonbeach during the home-away series only one other loss to Dingley who we beat in the last game in 11 innings, this gave us a 14-4 record and a spot in the top 2.

We came up against Bonbeach in the first final and our record looked like going down 4-0 to them for the season as we trailed 7-0 after 1 inning.

With our backs to the wall, we came out swinging and scored 6 in the 2nd to put us back in the game. Matt Gourlay was knocked out in the 1st inning, a victim of a pumped up Bonbeach team swinging at everything and unfortunately connecting on a few good hits. As has happened so often in the past, the club had to turn to Terry Reid and he came through once again holding Bonbeach to 4 runs in 6 innings. Chris Reece hit a bit home run to put us close in the 5th inning and Darren Smith put us up 12-11 in the top of the 7th with a lead off home run. With Terry suffering the effects of a week long bout of the flu, he tired in the 7th and I bought myself in to pitch. Darren Smith relieved any potential pressure in the very next inning with a 3 home run that had the first base bench on the bottom ground running for cover. This shot broke Bonbeach's spirit and we went on to a 16-11 win. This was our best game for the season because every player did exactly what was required in a tough spirited comeback to earn our spot in the grand final.

I would like to thank Mick Trevorah for all his support and advice during the year. I believe Mick's "show no mercy/never say die" attitude was part of the reason we were able to play so consistently all year.

His input can't be measured but had to be worth atleast 2 wins with his constant drive to get more from every player. This was extremely valuable during the long cold stretch of June and July, thanks again for a big contribution Mick.

Thanks to the committee and Brad for showing confidence in me to do the job and for all the support given from pre-season right through to grand final day. Thanks also goes to Katrina for scoring in the cold conditions, sometimes the scorer can go unnoticed but I really appreciate the time and effort involved, so thanks Katrina for a job well done. Finally I'd like to thank Kelly for her interest and support and for putting up with all the late Thursdays and Saturdays as we celebrated a successful season.

Greg Brown
A Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

TERRY REID .566

COACHES AWARD

ALEX PORECCA

J. R. TREVORAH MEMORIAL TROPHY
'A' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Greg Brown	133	7
Matthew Gourlay	111	3
Tony Dinnie	21311	8
Alex Perecca	123221	11
Terry Reid	23333223213	27
Anthony Smith	3	3
Darren Smith	331133313322	28
Chris Reece	2211	6
Lorne Dennis	221	5
Matthew Stewart	21	3
Michael Trevorah		0
Brad Lark		0
Steve Babidge	212	5
Greg Curtis	2	2

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995

DARREN SMITH 28 votes

'B' Grade Report

The 1995 Season could be best described as a 'Solid Performance' by the B Grade Team. While being competitive in all games, we finished the regular season in 3rd position with a win/loss record of 12/6.

Our record against clubs with their first team in B Grade was quite respectable. Boneo (1994 Premiers) 3/0, Dandy Valley (1995 Grandfinalists) 2-1. Although we did struggle against the stronger Mornington Club 0/3. After defeating Bonbeach in the semi-final we were eventually eliminated by Mornington in the Preliminary Final.

The B Grade used 23 players this season made up mainly of experienced baseballers. But more importantly we have 'blooded' a number of new B Grade players who will be better off in the years to come.

Leading the defence this year were Rowan Brasher, Mark Lewis and Mika Tossavainen who all had excellent years and all finished the year with batting averages above .400.

The bulk of the pitching workload was again carried by Jeff McKee. Jeff finished the year with a win/loss record of 7/3 and he can be well satisfied with another good year on the mound. Mika Tossavainen 3/1 and 1 save, Chris Smith 2/1 and 2 saves and Lee Stubbs 1/0 and 2 saves all pitched well when called on to do so.

While the B Grade were without a regular scorer for the 1st half of the season, Anna Brasher volunteered her services from about midway on. Even though Anna was a first time scorer, her scorebook was very good indeed and her improvement towards the end of the year was quite remarkable. Thanks Anna for all your help.

Due to family commitments, I will be unable to carry on the role of B Grade Manager next year. Thanks to all the B Grade players and scorers over the last 3 years, it's been great.

Good luck in your chosen sport over the summer months and we'll see you next winter.

Simon Edgeworth
B Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

MARK LEWIS .555

COACHES AWARD

ROHAN BRASHER

'B' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rohan Brasher	1123311	12
Jamie Morgan	1	1
Trevor Hogben	31	4
Mika Tossavainen	23113332	18
Bruce Fitzgerald		0
Simon Edgeworth		0
Lee Stubbs	3323	11
Matt Roberts	22	4
Paul Coleridge	111	3
Ian Nolan	13	4
Chris Smith	223	7
Jeff McKee	3332322	18
David Johnston	1	1
Tim Fisher	2	2
Glenn Wallace	21	3
Mark Lewis	23	5
Lorne Dennis	211122	9

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS 1995

MIKA TOSSAVAINEN 18 votes

Jeff McKEE 18 votes

'C' Grade Report

As I sit writing this report the C Grade awaits to appear in yet another Grandfinal, this time the opponent will be Chelsea. The season to date has been a typical C Grade year, Pickles is catching, Laurie is Pitching, Andy is in centre field but we have had to shift Col to second base to lessen the strain on his ageing body. The side has certainly been strengthened by the additions of Tim Fisher, Darren Brooks, Peter Burnett, Ben Wenke, Ray Costelloe and Paul Roberts. As usual faces have come and gone from the side all year but the results have really been outstanding. We have lost one game and that is all we intend on losing. The grandfinal against Chelsea is sure to be a tight encounter and I feel that is all I will dare to say about any future results.

I would like to thank the players for their support this year and to our devoted spectators I can only apologise if the on field antics drove you to drink. It drove most of our players to drink! I would like to thank our scorer Kevin Gordon for his commitment to the side and I must also mention Billy Payne for his up to date reports on football scores throughout the year.

I hope that when you are reading this report the C Grade have notched up another premiership.

Thankyou for what I hope proves to be a successful year.

Brad Lark
C Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

DARREN BROOKS .574

COACHES AWARD

ANDREW PAYNE

'C' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Brad Lark		0
Colin Upfill	1121	5
Tim Fisher	32	5
Paul Roberts	32	5
Michael Roberts	2222331	15
Ray Costello	11	2
Andrew Payne	131221	10
Peter Burnett	3	3
Paul Coleridge		0
Darren Brooks	3333122	17
Laurie Hall	2333	11
Ben Wenke	3	3
Bradley Hodge	2	2
Andrew Moloney	1	1
Michael Trevorah	1	1

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995

DARREN BROOKS 17 votes

'D' Grade Report

D Grade Season again started out in a positive way, unfortunately we lost top spot 3/4 way through the season, due to games that should not have been lost and unfortunately this cost us our Grand Final birth.

The side we had, with new talent namely Dave Bedford helped out with the stick and congratulations on your first ever season Dave. Hopefully next year he will continue his way.

My thanks goes out to Russell Ingram and Greg Wheeler for joining the side and making us an even stronger source. We hope they will return again next Winter Season.

Takashi, on behalf of myself and the side, congratulations on your pitching standards in the finals.

I hope next year all the guys can again get together and take home a flag for Cheltenham.

I wish to thank our scorers for doing a great job throughout the season, Pauline and Tracey.

Thanks once again guys, we all had a great season.

David Stenhouse
D Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

MICHAEL SCHELLER 0.457

COACHES AWARD

DAVID BEDFORD

'D' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
David Stenhouse	33	6
Craig Scheller	1111	4
Michael Scheller	1132	7
Takashi Ueno	213122233	19
Beau May	312311	11
Peter Jacob	32322322	19
Trevor Clemens	1231	7
David Wilson	2	2
David Bedford	1	1
Peter Innes	331	7
Ian Mitchell	3	3
Andy Phillips		0
Russell Ingram		0
Greg Wheeler	23	5
Darren Brooks	3	3
David Johnston	2221	7
John Ballantyne	1	1

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS 1995

TAKASHI UENO 19 votes

PETER JACOB 19 votes

'E 1's Grade Report

The start of the season saw us with a team of players from the upper grades that included names such as Upfill, Brooks, TC, etc, whilst struggling to find a core of players that could be relied on each week.

We were winning though, and slowly the team began to take shape. A big barrel looking shape that is. Brendan O'Leary "Barney" in his first game of baseball put one over the fence, had there been a fence. Barney with his race horse like speed only managed 2nd base.

Danny and Steve Behim joined us and so the E Grade out field had mobility never before seen since the days of Johnny J.

Barney's addition also introduced Caitlin to the team which gave us a backup scorer. This was just as well as scorer Jodie on a few occasions put on the glove to play first base as the numbers were still hard to come by.

Johnny Carlisle became the secret weapon on a few occasions. After the panadol kid swallowed a few tablets he threw the sliders, and curves that E Grade players can't hit. He warned us not to abuse him, but he was always there when needed to clinch the game.

Benny, Phil and Normy returned and the E1 of last year was looking good. Winning games was becoming a habit and we were all awaiting the crash.

Colin Basham joined the team after some persuasion and clearances from the Colac league. Colin filled the catchers position very well and added great strength to the Batting order.

Mid season saw us play the worst baseball team I have ever seen. (No club mentioned). That week saw half the team pitch and 43 runs on the board at the end of the 5th and 5.00pm.

We found out later that the record is about 63 and I reckon if we were real mean we could have broken that. Instead we stole home slowly to get tagged out and they only got 1 in every 4 right.

We had several close games throughout the season but our defence was strong with 100 less runs scored against us than the team that finished 4th. We had 5 batters that finished with better averages than .500 with the winner on a mere .677.

The closing weeks brought bad news that Whiley could not play finals on the Saturday and an extra scare with myself in hospital. I surprised myself being fit to play the preliminary final although the batting was way out in timing.

Prior to the commencement of the season I had no idea that we would be in the play offs and with that came a learning curve in the managing department.

It's easy when you win a few and lose a few to give all the blokes ago, but after the first 10 games we had still not lost a game and the priority began to focus on the finals. The guys with the best batting and infield got most of the work and with the outfielders rotating near the end when all were available.

I again thank all the team members who sat on the bench when asked. It certainly made my job alot easier. Who knows if I got the mix right but at the end of the season the priority was winning a bit more than being social.

The fight back from 11 runs down in the preliminary final was probably the highlight of the season even though we lost. A gutsy effort from all the players who wanted to win. If Skippy and Whiley were there, who knows the result. We had to go with the team we had and at the end of the season I was proud to be associated with every member in the team for a great season of baseball.

Lance Blackley
El Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

STEVE WILLIAMS (WHILEY) .677

COACHES AWARD

BRENDON "BARNEY" O'LEARY

'E 1' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Steve Williams (skippy)	3233333321	26
Tom Siphthore	2	2
Darren Brooks	3	3
Norm Candler	2221	7
Danny Bardel	1312	7
Steve Williams (whiley)	3211322233	22
Steve Behim	11	2
Ben Rowlands	113131	10
Phil Unwin	321	6
John Carlile	2222	8
Brendon O'Leary	111	3
Ian Nolan	3	3
Colin Basham	21123	9

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995

STEVE WILLIAMS (skippy) 26 votes

'E 2's Grade Report

After narrowly missing the finals in our first season we started the 1995 season well with 5 straight wins.

Round 1 saw us 2 players short, but because C Grade had a bye we found we had Peter Innes and Michael Roberts named. This we thought was fantastic until Saturday when Ernie and Pickles turned up instead. Even due to this unforeseen turn of events we still managed to cane Carrum Downs, needless to say Ernie and Pickles were axed.

As stated rounds 2-5 went accordingly to plan. By now some members of the club, no names mentioned, Sos, were under the false impression that a touch of arrogance was creeping into our game. This couldn't be so could it?

Round 6 saw the heavens open up and in tradition, we made a bee-line for the bar and card tables. To our disgust Berwick had a toss and sent us in a what was now a very sticky wicket. Round 7 saw us back in the winners circle and able to discuss our cricketing abilities again. Then it rained again the following week. Rounds 9 to 11 we had a walk in the park, but then someone forgot to let Chelsea know the script in Round 12, it must have rained that day. Round 13 saw the local derby playing for the coveted slab and with 24 good reasons to win, we did.

Round 14 rain again, same story, same result (we lost). We finished the home and away season with 4 straight wins giving us 2nd position on the ladder.

Unfortunately by finishing second this meant that E1 stood in our road to glory and more importantly another slab. Sorry guys, our slab. The following Saturday saw us venture down to Dingley, Dingley International that is for pre-game warm ups. Unfortunately the good guys (E1) couldn't get over the line after a hard fought game. (Bastards cost us another slab). We then ventured back to the rooms where.....

Anyone who could fill in the missing gaps please come forward.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1995 SEASON

Bunt of the year	Ernie (don't laugh, he did make contact, even if he was ducking a bean ball).
Worst decision of year	Me (the catcher) - letting Crampie pitch.
Tag of the year	Stack - had the gawl to knee opposition captain in the cods and then tell him which way the pavilion was.
Save of the year	Molly - bottom 7, 21 runs up, we still scrapped in a win.
Steal of the year	2nd place - Crampie for stealing 2nd whilst it was occupied (who said he was a baseballer). 1st place - Baby Hewie for stealing 3rd base while fielding there then tagging runner and asking HOWZAT.
Peter McNeeley Award	Pete Burnett for his yellow card whilst spectating.
The Earthquake Award	Stack and Barnie (E1) - it moved for me.
The Missing in Action Award	Leapin Lenny - still AWOL since round 10.
The Phantom Award	Peter Connolly - does he really exist?
Most Selective Batter	Murph - still hasn't swung the bat in anger.
Superman Award	Christopher Reeves
Biggest Fall from Grace	Marty - never lost a game whilst pitching, never to pitch again. A good centre fielder though.

Flags in the bag now

WE PARTIED !!!!!

Steve Earle
E2 Grade Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

STEVE CRAMP .555

COACHES AWARD

MARTIN MULCAHY

'E 2' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Steve Earle	231312	12
Paul McDonald	21	3
Martin Mulcahy	3131	8
Martin Horton	32	5
Chris Reeves	111323213323	25
Chris Murphy	223	7
David Hewitson	211	4
Andrew Walsh	1222132	13
Peter Connelly	32311	10
Steve Cramp	33211223	17

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995

CHRIS REEVES 25 votes

'W 1's Grade Report

When no-one came forward to coach the Womens side at the start of the year I felt somewhat obliged to take on the task. With initial success being non existent I feel that the beginning of the year is best left somewhere in a dark corner where no one will ever find it. Lack of organisation, personnel, umpires and scorers saw each week becoming an effort that at some point seemed to everyone associated with the sides a waste of time. The on field results were not the problem the entire structure and the manner in which the club went into the season proved to be grossly inept.

A number of player meetings, structured training sessions a recruitment drive and an entire about face of attitude with all concerned saw the season salvaged. To all players credit attendance at trainings became far more predictable and the results became apparent on the field. After winning just one of our first six matches the second half of the season saw us become one of the top sides beating both Chelsea teams and Boneo convincingly. We were extremely competitive against the two eventual grandfinalists Bonbeach and Moorabbin losing both games narrowly. Our ladder position of sixth was not indicative of the type of side that we had developed into. We can probably blame poor organisation and communication at the beginning of the season for us missing the finals by just one point, but the experience, I can assure you, will see that such instances will never happen again.

I would like to thank the players of both the A and the B sides for their support through the season and in particular Danny Bardel for coaching the B Side under what were at times trying circumstances. I think that now the club realises that there is a place for womens baseball at Cheltenham Baseball Club the sides and number of players will grow ensuring further success. The administration of next season do need to recognise one thing and that is that the girls want to play competitive baseball and if possible be successful. The notion of winning is as strong with the girls as it is with any of our senior mens sides and for the club to gain the social and financial benefits of fielding womens sides they must recognise these factors.

Thankyou to all involved for an interesting year.

Brad Lark

Womens A Team Coach 1995

BATTING AWARD

KAREN WITCHELL .764

COACHES AWARD

KAREN SMITH

'W 1' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Karen Witchell	32312112	15
Shandelle Ross	23	5
Michelle Linthorne	1	1
Caraline Wisby	3	3
Jodie Bardel	2	2
Fiona Ballantyne	131	5
Andrea Oliver	3221	8
Nerida Fry	1	1
Kerry Disierrvi	23333	15
Fanya Baxevanis	13	4
Tina Ivanov	212	5
Jackie Jacob	2	2
Karen Smith	1	1

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS 1995

KAREN WITCHELL 15 votes

KERRY DISIERRVI 15 votes

'W 2's Grade Report

The 1995 Winter Baseball Season went off to a great start. We had heaps of ladies come down to try out. In particular one who had to be begged to play by her kids. Well done Bev!!

The start of the season was back to basics with running and throwing exercises.

I took the Womens B Team which only had a few girls with some knowledge and experience in baseball.

As the season went on we started loosing players which made it very difficult to fill the team each week. (Thanks to the ladies who did fill in).

Having no regular pitcher, I had to put in volunteers which made it very hard. With Nerida starting the season as our No: 1 pitcher, she became very tired which meant I had to find someone else. Then Jodie came in to pitch a few games. Toni who practiced so hard, was then dragged in at the deep end.

Our fielding was extremely good (except when they tried to catch the ball with their bare hands). There were double plays made, good catches and some good outs.

They all batted very well, with some very good hits.

Overall the season was fun and enjoyable. They did not manage to put a win on the board but they put in 100% every week.

I would like to thank the players from the Womens B Team and all who filled in.

Danny Bardel
Womens B Team 1995

BATTING AWARD

BEV BLACKLEY .438

COACHES AWARD

VOULA KOUVRAKIS

'W 2' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bev Blackley	2111	5
Julie Stoddart	22132	10
Jodie Bardel	32332	13
Karen Smith	3	3
Voula Kaurakis	131	5
Karen Cocking	2	2
Lauren Russell	2	2
Sarah Spencely	1	1
Nerida Fry	233	8
Toni Costello	12	3
Michelle Linthine	11	2
Kerry Disiervi	133	7
Narelle Gostray	3	3
Fanya Baxevanis	2	2

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995

JODIE BARDEL 13 votes

Under 18's Report

This year saw the Cheltenham and Chelsea Baseball Clubs working in unison to field an under 18 side. Lack of numbers at both clubs saw one side entered under the Cheltenham banner. This was always going to be a test for all the players involved to see if we could actually form into a competitive unit on the field. Disjointed training sessions early on along with a number of players studying V.C.E. didn't help the cause. Never the less the quality of players shone through and at the end of the home and away series we had finished on top of the ladder losing just one game, that being to our eventual grand final opposition, Bonbeach.

The finals series began with a convincing ten run victory over Sandringham giving the team a weeks rest and a grandfinal berth. Playing Bonbeach was always going to be a difficult task. They were a good solid side, well coached, with a scattering of top quality players. Our strengths were obviously in our pitching with Matthew Gourlay and Glenn Wallace being given the duties for the day. The game was tight early, the score after 5 innings being a 3-2 advantage to us. The top of the sixth saw a compulsory pitching change of Wallace for Gourlay. The side then showed terrific resolve when Bonbeach loaded the bases with two out and an opportunity to go to lead late in the game. Glenn struck out the next batter to maintain our lead. We then batted for the remainder of the game almost thanks solely to a resilient hand from Brendan Webster that ate up valuable time so we wouldn't have to play another innings. Once the time factor was eliminated the side went onto the attack scoring a further two runs thus ensuring a grand final victory.

I would like to congratulate all players in the side for a terrific season and thank the Chelsea Baseball Club for the roll that they played in getting a side on the field. To John Backholer (Manager), Margaret Ballantyne (Scorer), Col Upfil (Assistant Coach) and Michael Gourlay (Taxi Service), the year would not have been the success it was without your help and I sincerely thank you for your efforts.

Brad Lark

Under 18's Coach 1995

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1995
SHANE GILLICK-KING**

**BATTING AWARD
MATTHEW GOURLAY .555**

**COACHES AWARD
BRENDON EDWARDS**

Annual Junior Report

The 1995 Winter Junior Baseball Season has been extraordinarily successful both on the field and off the field. We fielded a total of 8 Junior Teams, with teams in each division. We had 2 T-Ball teams, 2 Under 12 teams, 2 under 14 teams, 1 under 16 team and 1 under 18 team. Last winter we had 2 under 12's, 1 under 14 and 1 under 16 team. At the end of the Home and Away Season, we had a team at each level on top of the ladder. We eventually ended up with 3 Premiership teams.

It was the wettest winter that I can remember, for many years and many grounds were quagmires for about a month. Fortunately for Cheltenham the weather fined up just in time for us to run the Junior finals and dried the grounds out. The wet weather didn't hold back the Cheltenham teams though and this is shown in the following summary.

T-BALL

This year we welcomed coaches Nerida Fry and Joe Ferruccio to our coaching panel. Their teams were the Marlins and the Red Sox and they played at the Dingley Centre each week. Every Tuesday night they could be seen training up at the Cheltenham Club and not only learnt many of the skills of Baseball but also enjoyed their training sessions. At the end of the season they ended up 1st and 3rd on the ladder. They made many new friends and this was especially obvious at the Presentation Night. They all walked out with awards, ranging from trophies to Baseball Bats. Looking forward to seeing you all again in the 1996 Winter Season.

Special thanks to Olivia Reid who through her tireless efforts ensured a very happy and successful seasons to both teams.

UNDER 12

We were fortunate to have two very experienced coaches for the Under 12's being Lance Blackley and Rod Kavanagh. Their teams were Cheltenham Rustlers and Cheltenham. They played in a competition of 14 teams rotating between the Oakleigh and Sandringham Centres. At the end of the Home and Away Season they ended up 1st and 2nd on the ladder Rod's team went on to win the Premiership with Lance's team losing by a very small margin in the Preliminary final. The players were coached with skills being the emphasis and this showed through with their end results. Great job, well done to both teams and coaches.

UNDER 14

This year we welcomed summer and winter player Phil Unwin as coach along with myself (Stan Williamson). We had 2 teams, Cheltenham Rustlers and Cheltenham. We also had a very successful season finishing up 1st and 5th on the ladder. Unfortunately 1 washout

robbed the Cheltenham team of 4th spot. The Under 14's were very young teams this year with Phil's team consisting of all 1st year Winter Under 14 players. Our results were all the more pleasing considering many matches were played with blanks as we had too many players for 1 team and not quite enough for 2. The Cheltenham Rustlers lost their Preliminary final by the smallest of margins against a composite Berwick team, that won the Grand final 15-4. The boys and girls all had a fun season and we look forward to seeing them all again in the next Winter Season. Congratulations and a job well done.

UNDER 16

Mick Manning was our new coach for the Under 16 team. Mick along with his son commuted from Rosebud to Cheltenham for training on Tuesday nights. Mick was committed to the team and his priority was skills development. After a very successful season the Under 16's finished 1st on the ladder and topped it off with an easy Premiership win. Congratulations to all the players and Mick for a job well done. I would like to make a special mention of a father of one of the players in this team. Denis Brasher worked tirelessly throughout the season, umpiring, marking diamonds, cleaning up the equipment room and helping out with some of the players in the lower age groups at training with their skills development. It was noticed by many people and appreciated by myself and the club as a whole. Thankyou Denis.

UNDER 18

Club President, Brad Lark took on the job of coaching the Under 18's this year. There was only a total of 6 under 18 teams within the D.B.A. (Dandenong Baseball Association) so we were lucky to be one of the few clubs with enough players to field a team. They had a very successful season finishing up 1st on the ladder and eventually going on to win the Premiership. There is a lot of talent in this team and their commitment showed through with their Premiership win. Congratulations to all players, boys and girls, and to Brad who has had to commit an enormous amount of time to the club as coach, President and member of the D.B.A. executive.

We also had many players playing at a representative level for the D.B.A. in the provincial championships and this is indicative of the type of players and club that we represent. Well done guys.

A Junior Report is incomplete without the mention of the many people behind the scenes who work so hard to make this a successful club. These include scorers, umpires, people carrying equipment, line markers, canteen staff and also to the parents and families of the players who turn up each week to support the teams. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Well done to all Cheltenham players.

Stan Williamson
Junior Co Ordinator 1995

Club Champions

1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995

Premierships

'A' GRADE 1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 87, 89.

'A' RESERVE 1987

'B' GRADE 1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93.

'C' GRADE 1975, 76, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92.

'D' GRADE 1989

'E' GRADE 1995

UNDER 18's 1969, 73, 76, 90, 95.

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Most Valuable Players (D.B.A.)

'A' GRADE

1971	G. Siddel
1980	L. Hall
1981	L. Hall
1986	T. Reid
1989	D. Clarkson
1990	T. Reid
1994	T. Reid
1995	D. SMITH
1983	T. Reid

'A' RESERVE

'B' GRADE

1981	S. Babidge
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'C' GRADE

1976	F. Babidge Jnr.
1981	F. Babidge Jnr.
1987	P. Innes

'D' GRADE

1989	C. Upfil
1993	D. Stenhouse

'E' GRADE

1995	S. Williams (skippy)
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Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc.

Life Members

Prahran

1934 L.E. Cheong *
 1936 T. Greenwood *
 1937 C. Boulton *
 1939 J. Lowe *
 1940 M. Simpson *
 1940 H. Raphael *
 1946 J. Middelton *
 1947 J.W. Ferguson *
 1948 R. Chapman
 1949 J. Phillips *
 1950 G. Tambllyn
 1951 L. Collins
 1951 C. Chapman
 1951 R. Grime
 1951 J. Coulson *
 1954 M. Adams *
 1954 L. Snare
 1955 J. Scott
 1957 W. Anderson
 1957 J. Wadsworth
 1961 B. Bedwell
 1961 C. Hyland
 1961 W.C. Wale
 1961 J.E. Beitzell
 1963 G. Lockhart
 1966 P. Boulton
 1967 H. Fowler *
 1968 R. Skinner
 1970 G.B. Ainscough
 1971 P.R. Finney

Cheltenham

1962 E.E. Knorr *
 1963 J.R. Trevorah *
 1964 Mrs.M. Knorr
 1966 T.G.(Frank) Babidge (S)*
 1968 J.E. Upfill
 1971 A.H. Burdett

 1981 K.H. Roberts
 1982 P.C.(Frank) Babidge (J)*
 1983 J.R. Ferguson
 1984 A.M. Tanner
 1984 S.J. Hogben
 1985 M.J.P. Trevorah
 1986 P.A. Ferguson
 1987 Mrs.B.(Joy) Roberts
 1990 S. Jamieson
 1992 P.A. Stanford
 1992 S.T. Hogben
 1992 L.J.P. Hall
 1993 Mrs.M.E. Phillips
 1994 K.K. Williams

Total : 50

*Deceased

J. R. Trevorah Memorial Trophy

1986 Steve Babidge
1988 Terry Reid
1990 Terry Reid
1992 Steve Babidge
1994 Chris Reece

1987 Terry Reid
1989 Terry Reid & Steve Babidge
1991 Mika Tossavainen
1993 Terry Reid
1995 Darren Smith

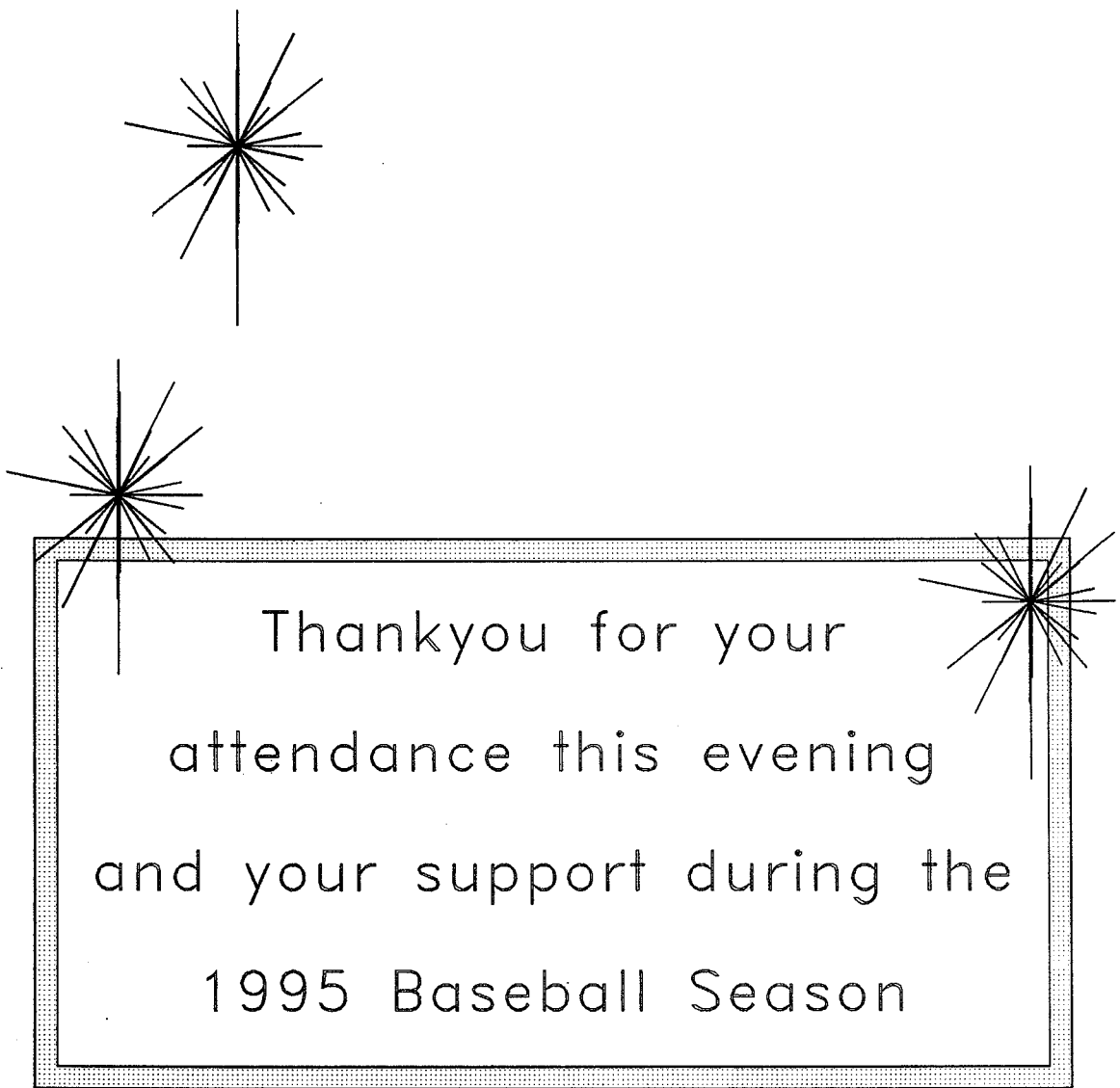
Frank Babidge Snr Memorial Trophy - Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes -

1992 Andrew Phillips & David Stenhouse
1993 Terry Reid
1994 David Stenhouse
1995 Darren Smith

Bob Boyle's Club Coach's Award - Most Improved -

1989 Darren Smith
1994 Matthew Gourlay

1990 Peter Burnett
1995 Lorne Dennis



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