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Cheltenham Baseball Club

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Presidents Report

I'd like to congratulate all the club members, supporters, families, managers and scorers for their efforts over the season, resulting in the 1997 Club Championship, our ninth in ten seasons.

Further congratulations are due to our 1997 Premiers, 'C' Grade and the Under 18's.

Hopefully on this presentation night I'm looking out at our new home run fence and I'm sure every member will be relieved in not having to put out or bring in the 'green' perk next season. Lance Blackley undertook this project on behalf of the Board of Management and the results of his efforts can be clearly seen.

The fully enclosed diamond has been financed by the Summer Committee, thus meaning the Winter season owes it's portion which must be repaid as soon as possible. We are currently looking at a possible joint fund raising activity to be held during the Summer Season which will require your patronage to greatly reduce our financial burden, so stay tune.

Another improvement is the light pole at the batting cage with plans for another one courtesy of Tom Siphthorpe's contact and Laurie Hall's electrical expertise. Tom over the years has saved the club thousands of dollars and has my respect and I'm sure all of your appreciation.

Tom always comes up with suggestions, solutions and an action plan, not grievances, whinning or petty jealousys. Every club member should take a leaf out of Tom's philosophy which must surely be 'ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club', to paraphrase John F. Kennedy. This philosophy is undoubtably better than the opposite 'apothy'.

With the above in mind I implore you to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting and actually get involved with your club, be it in a small way. For the first time in years I'm aware of people already running for President, Vice President and Secretary. Surely a sound basis for the 1998 season.

In closing I'd like to thank all of the committee for their efforts, be it large or small as it has been a difficult season starting with the club being vandalised and our batting cage lights being stolen at the start of the season. A special thank you to Trevor Clemens for his continued service as club Secretary and Bev Blackley for undertaking the role of Junior Co-ordinator.

Regards

Bruce Fitzgerald
PRESIDENT

Club Coaches Report

Taking on the job of club coach for the first time was both an exciting and daunting challenge. I often thought coaching was an easy job but after having had the experience first hand I have since changed my mind.

Off the field I hadn't realised that a coach had so many things to think about. Attempting to make sure each team had nine players each week was our most difficult task. After the teams were named the phone calls would start coming in on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, with players becoming unavailable at late notice, giving all the coaches headaches as they had to start juggling players about. Thankyou to all the players who were able to change teams and venues at late notice to help out.

On the field it didn't take me long to see that a coach goes through a full range of emotions during a game. From great pleasure and fun one week to great frustration and anger the next. Every pitch and every at bat seems that little bit more important when your coaching.

The club this season fielded six senior sides, of the six sides four made it into the finals series (B,C,D1 and D2). 'A' grade and 'A' Reserve finished sixth and fifth respectively. 'B','C' and 'D2' have all made it through to the grand finals and hopefully by the time this is read will have won three more flags to hang on the walls of the club rooms.

I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity of coaching this year, it is an experience I have thoroughly enjoyed. Thankyou. Also to the coaches and scorers of all teams and all players for your support through the season.

Good luck to all players for a successful summer season of baseball or just a pleasant break before coming back for another year in 1998.

Tony Dinnie
Club Coach 1997

Team Coaches & Scorers 1997

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Scorer</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u>	Tony Dinnie	Jill Ward-Burton
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	Bruce Fitzgerald	Samantha Harvey
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	Trevor Hogben	Tracey Jacob
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	David Stenhouse	
<u>'D1' GRADE</u>	Steve Earle	Marty Horton
<u>'D2' GRADE</u>	Peter Burnett	Pat Cochrane
<u>'W1' GRADE</u>	David Johnson	Margaret Ballantyne
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	Nicholas Beau-May	Dana Thomas
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	Lance Blackley	Jill Ward-Burton & Jill Sanders
<u>UNDER 14's</u>	Billy Treller	Judy Simpson
<u>UNDER 12's</u>	Kevin Russell Joe Ferruccio Mick Manning	Denise Kasperczyk Jenny Morrison Marcella Lapa
<u>T-BALL</u>		
Redskins	Warren Coleman	
Marlins	Peter Innis	

'A' Grade Report

Looking back over the 'A' Grade score book, we used a total of 25 players for the season and only managed to put the same side on the field two weeks in a row once.

Player availability was a major problem. Whether it was holidays, work or weddings, the regular team changes made consistent performances very difficult to achieve. The positive out of this was that so many young players got an opportunity at 'A' Grade level and hopefully realise with a bit of hard work they can become regulars in this side.

The side finished the year in sixth place with 8 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw. Offensively this year, the guys who played the majority of the games performed well. The team batting average was .324 with 14 homeruns. Defence and pitching was always going to be a problem with regular changes in the infield and our two main pitchers taking trips to America in the middle of the year, we had to find everyone and anyone who could throw strikes to have a go. Consequently we ended up with a rather high earned run average of 8.63 which places the hitters under lots of pressure to score runs each game.

Congratulations to Mika Tossavainen and Ian Nolan for their excellent seasons. Mika and Ian finished the year with the 4th and 5th highest batting averages in the league.

Congratulations also to Rowan Brasher who represented Australia at the world under 19 championships in July.

Special thankyou to Jill Ward-Bourton for her efforts scoring and providing the statistics throughout the season and to Michael Gourlay for filling in in Jill's absence.

Tony Dinnie
A Grade Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

MIKA TOSSAVAINEN .469

COACHES AWARD

IAN NOLAN

'A' Grade M.V.P. *J.R. Trevorah Memorial Trophy*

PLAYER	VOTES	TOTAL
Rowan Brasher	232	7
Karl Cameron	11	2
Bruce Fitzgerald	1	1
Steve Gourlay	333	9
David Johnson	2	2
Brad Lark	1	1
Mark Lewis	2	2
Steve Lewis	21212	8
Ian Nolan	3223213	16
Shane Phillips	2	2
Alex Porrecca	2111	5
Darren Smith	3233	11
Matthew Stewart	1	1
Mika Tossavainen	3132312223	22
Ben Ward-Burton	11	2
Ben Wenke	1333	10
David Wilson	1	1

Nicholas Beau-May
 Peter Burrell
 Ray Costolloe
 Tony Dinnie
 Gerard Kelly
 Adam Leech
 Anthony Smith

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

MIKA TOSSAVAINEN 22 votes

'A' Reserve Report

The side finished 5th and I guess we all feel disappointed in being so close to the finals, it was in our own destiny but we weren't able to defeat the sides above us in the last few games.

A special thank you to David Wilson and Gerard Kelly who did the bulk of the pitching, especially considering they are versatile players who I am sure do not consider themselves specialist pitchers.

Acknowledgment should be given to Ben Wenke who made himself available as designated pitcher in the later games and undoubtedly helped our aborted charge to the finals.

Peter Burrell, Karl Cameron, Shane Phillips, Steven Kavanagh and Gerard Kelly showed me enough during the year to feel satisfied and hopeful for the future as they all have the ability to be fine 'A' Grader's as long as they continue being committed.

Another pleasing aspect was the effort of Adam Leech who stepped up from 'C' Grade to become one of the sides main players. He has the bat and speed to go further especially if he improves his understanding and feeling for the game.

® The highlight for the season was undoubtedly Mark Lewis's effort on the 16 August 1997 against Ormond/Glenhuntly, in hitting 3 home runs including one through the goals on the bottom diamond.

In closing I'd like to thank all my players and my scorer Samantha Harvey, and Michael Gourlay and Mrs Kavanagh for filling in from time to time.

Bruce Fitzgerald
A Reserve Grade Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

MARK LEWIS .464

COACHES AWARD

SHANE PHILLIPS

'A' Reserve M.V.P.

PLAYER

VOTES

TOTAL

Nicholas Beau-May	231313	13
Peter Burnett	2	2
Peter Burrell	211	4
Karl Cameron	31122	9
Ray Costolloe	1312	7
David Johnson	22	4
Steve Kavanagh	111	3
Gerard Kelly	2331	9
Adam Leech	2123	8
Mark Lewis	3233	11
Shane Phillips	122	5
Ben Wenke	33	6
David Wilson	3313221	15

Colin Basham
 Bruce Fitzgerald
 Troy Rainey
 Aaron Richardson
 Dean Smith
 Craig Witchell

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

DAVID WILSON 15 votes

'B' Grade Report

The 'B' Grade this year had a terrific season.

After the Home and Away games, we were on top of the ladder, winning 15 games, losing 2 and being washed out in the last round.

We scored the second most runs for any team in the D.B.A., 306, and gave up the least amount of runs, 82. We had the best percentage by far, .789.

We had a team batting average of .429 and had two players, Darren Brooks and Russell O'Borne, batting above .550. We also had another five regular players batting over .400.

Unfortunately our good form wasn't carried into the finals. We struggled to score runs in every game. Only for our tight defence and good pitching did we manage to stay close in any of these games.

We lost to Sandy in the semi, and beat a very spirited Boneo in the prelim, after trailing all day. This put us into the Grand Final, and another go at our nemesis, Sandringham.

The score was 4 - 1, Sandy's way after the first innings and stayed that way right upto the ninth. In the ninth, Sandy scored 5 runs and we managed 3, so we ended up losing 9 -4 in a good tight game of baseball.

For a team that didn't practice and considering the quality of the opposition, I think we did very well.

I would like to thank all 20 players who played 'B' Grade this year, who gave it their all and I hope you had a lot of fun along the way.

Thankyou to Tracey Jacob for scoring most of our games and to Jenny , Robyn, Kel and Joy who also filled in when necessary.

See you next season, but not until round 3!

Trevor Hogben
B Grade Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD
DARREN BROOKS .568

COACHES AWARD
PETER INNES

'B' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Steve Babidge	3323	11
Colin Basham	2123	8
Darren Brooks	33221212	16
Laurie Hall	331333	16
Trevor Hogben	1213	7
Robert Hosking	231311	11
Peter Innes	1111	4
Peter Jacob	12	3
David Johnson	3	3
Russell O'Borne	322211	11
Andrew Payne	223	7
Shane Phillips	2	2
Stephen Williams (Wiley)	21	3

Ray Costolloe
 Rod Dowell
 Bruce Fitzgerald
 Brad Lark
 Christian Lewis
 Michael Roberts
 Paul Roberts

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS 1997

DARREN BROOKS 16 votes

LAURIE HALL 16 votes

'C' Grade Report

'C' Grade had another successful year. Our team is a very close knit and friendly one, it is sheer pleasure to coach. I can't say how happy I was when we won the grand final. My special thanks go out to Laural Smith for cooking us a 7am breakfast which was beautiful, all our team would agree. Also to Brad Lark for arranging and paying for breakfast.

Unfortunately we lost Christian Lewis and Gary Cox and they would have been a big asset for us in the finals. It is great having attitude and experienced players like Rod Dowell, Matty Stewart, Brad Lark and Gary Cox in the side helping the team all season. Not forgetting last years finalists, Trevor Clemens, Mick Scheller, Takashi Uneo and Craig Scheller doing a great job for the side again. We had two rookies in Scott Kneebone and Cris Gunn who unfortunately only played three digs in the grand final, but Chris if I could put everybody in for nine, I would. A big thanks to Jenny for scoring in the grand final. We had an in and out season with players, thank you for all those who filled in.

Once again congratulations to the side and with courage, desire and as Rod Dowell would say, "get a bit of you-know-what in you and we'll make it back to back to back next year". Go the TRUCKIN' RUSTLERS.

Dave Stenhouse
C Grade Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

CRAIG SCHELLER

COACHES AWARD

MICK SCHELLER

'C' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
David Bedford	2	2
Darren Brooks	3	3
Trevor Clemens	33	6
Garry Cox	12	3
Rod Dowell	31122	9
Simon Edgeworth	2	2
Peter Jacob	313	7
Scott Kneebone	1	1
Brad Lark	2323332	18
Craig Scheller	1323211	13
Micheal Scheller	2222	8
David Stenhouse	111	3
Takasi Ueno	2311	7
Craig Witchell	1133	8
Chris Gunn		
Peter Innes		
Adam Leech		
Christian Lewis		
Dean Smith		
Matthew Stewart		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

BRAD LARK 18 votes

'D1' Grade Report

After missing the finals by half a game last year, we decided that this was the year to kick some butt, but spent the majority of time kicking helmets, bats, balls or anything within reach.

The first part of the season saw us with only 8 players presumable due to the lack of light (shadows are not visable / present without light). Crampy and Hewey finally realised life without baseball wasn't the same and decided to rejoin the festivities, but somehow 8 plus 2 didn't equal ten and we struggled for players most weeks. I would like to thank all the players who had the privelage of making a cameo appearance with us. Without these players we would not have been able to make the finals as laying with 7 or 8 is no fun as we found out. Regretably the finals bought no joy, being beaten by the eventual premiers. Luck didn't go our way in this game but they had theirs (and our) fair share. Maybe next season we can go a little further.

Finally congratulations to each player who after constant perserverance finally managed to get me to tear up.

Steve Earle

D2 Grade Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

STEPHEN CRAMP .515

COACHES AWARD

JOSEPH RIELEY

'D1' Grade M.V.P.

PLAYER

VOTES

TOTAL

Peter Connelly	1212	6
Steve Cramp	32313	12
Steve Earle	232	7
David Hewitson	13333	13
Martin Mulcahy	2	2
Chris Murphy	321121	10
Andrew Nicholls	22231321	16
Michael O'Shea	1311	6
Joe Reiley	312322	13
Darren Smith	1	1
Paul Symons	32	5
Rebecca Townley	1	1
Andrew Walsh	31123	10

Peter Burnett
 Ken Clark
 Bruce Fitzgerald
 Matthew Illot
 John Jhooman
 David Johnson
 Scott Kneebone
 Mark Lewis
 John Noonan

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

ANDREW NICHOLLS 16 votes

'D2' Grade Report

After numerous attempts by the committee both Skippy Williams and Peter Burnett couldn't, wouldn't (but should've) given a manager's report. However the committee was able to "obtain" a transcript of the following mobile phone conversation.

Pete G'day Skip how are ya !!

Skip Left hamstring torn - corked thigh - two cracked, one broken rib, broken bone in the right wrist. libido non existent

Pete So nothing has changed - you feel ok ?

Skip Yep.

Pete Did ya enjoy the season ?

Skip Had a ball - good guys (girls weren't bad either), play some games, won some games - doesn't get much better

Pete After getting wiped out in the 1st semi-final (*great gutsy out at the plate*) against Oakleigh I don't suppose you can remember much of the season ?

Skip Yeh, I'm thankful I never saw it coming - I felt it - but I never saw it

Pete Still, we saw some strange things this season

Skip Yeh I know what you mean - but I got really scared before the finals when I realised that our pitcher/catcher combined ages is nearly 90 !!!

Pete That's the best part of this team - I can find lots of players older than me - look at Tom Siphthorpe (make sure you've had a least 5 drinks) He is *much much* older than me but 90% of his hits were in clutch situations, 70% scored the go-ahead run

Skip Well don't look to John Carhle to lower the average team age. Mr consistent, keeps doing what a class baseballer is there to do. John would have to be the biggest misfit in the side - he actually thinks about the game and then does something about it. I just hope that no one gives him a microphone on presentation night, because he won't shut up !!

On the other end of the scale we had the two puppies Travis and Daniel

Pete Doesn't it give you the willies to see guys so young and already better ball players than you or me ?

Skip Scary isn't it. Especially when Lance Blackley decides that his mortal injuries are not bad enough to stop him making a playing comeback - the earth trembles when Haystack takes the field !!

It doesn't get any better - but why did you bring down a broken down ex player, ex umpire (*spit*) to play for us (he only came down to play because he works for you)

Pete If ya talking about Greg Collins, get it straight, I've ended up working for him, and he's the best centre fielder in our grade

Pete Big Barney (Brendan O'Leary) after the first Berwick game got so excited that he almost killed me with a *BARNIE* hug - how about his grand slam to win the first semi-final (*scary* ?)

Skip Most opposition teams mention that we were such a cute side, I can't figure that one out ??

Pete Blame Col, he only plays in the cutiest side (mind you, Col's definition of a cute side is any side that he's playing in)

Skip I don't care how cute he is - the guy is the personification of a Chelt player. Leads by example on the field with a resistance and determination that should be used as a goal (or gaol in Col's case ?) by all players

Pete Talking about cute, did you get a captain cook of our girl players !!!

Skip Careful !!! One of them is my wife...

Pete So she's the ugly one I shouldn't be looking at - I don't think so...

Skip Look but don't touch !!

Pete Not a problem Steve - If I touch, she breaks my arm... (mind you she has some interesting places to warm fingers on a cold Saturday afternoon at Oakleigh) *Editor's Note: Ask Skip or Jodie for a FULL explanation*

Skip Well apart from Jodie we had a pretty impressive line up of girls..

Pete Yeh !! Combine Shandelle Ross, Rebecca Townley (funny I call her Diesel), Karen Smith and things look good. In several games the oppositions were laughing *BEFORE* the game when they saw our female component - *AFTER* the girls bashed them all over the ground, the opposition were crying in their beer and we couldn't stop laughing !!

We also had great help from Karen Witchell, Bev Blackley and Narelle Gosstray. You can't buy support and commitment like that.

Pete We had our share of blowins. Remember last game of the season, I was sent to the Cricketer's side to make sure they won and make the finals (so what that I struck out 4 times). Cricketer Dave Hewiston played in our side and blitzed, got 3 hits and fielded like a demon. On that performance all I can say is that our selection committee needs a big rethink !!!

Pete We've had a few - Aaron Richardson, Chris Gunn (that first Monash game hurt), Billy Treller (umpire Billy to you), Trevor Clemens, Norm Chandler, Troy Harper, Gerard Kelly and ~~Skip~~ Stephen Williams.

Skip You can't call Wiley a blowin !!

Pete Sorry Skip - I forgot Monash 5th July - Wiley breaks his ankle (season) you tore your right hamstring (the only working muscle in ya body and missed three weeks) and we lost by ten runs. I try very, very hard to forget that game !

Skip One main thing other sides were envious about was our scorers.

Pete Blood oath, take away Pat Cochrane, Jodie and Amberlee Williams, Jill Ward-Burton and Caitlin Allen and we would've been busier than a one legged man in a bum kicking contest (special mentions and thanks to Daniel Williams, Julieann Collins, Jenny Carlile and Bev Blackley). You like to keep this a family game...

Skip What do you mean ??

Pete All the parents and supporters. What about Barry Cochrane - amazing man (remember the Bonbeach game - I was pitching, Barry was behind me umpiring and trying to sell me raffle tickets in the same breath !! I didn't know whether to throw a curve ball or a two dollar coin ?

Pete Bummer about the Grand Final !!

Skip Yeh.. Well - not the best game we've played but you have to admire the way the guys and gals wouldn't give up until the fat lady was on the podium signing

Pete Hey Skip !! What's my mum got to do with this - she wasn't even at the game !!!!!!!!!

Skip Err, err See ya next year New season, New team, new players ?

Pete Naa ! I've had enough - mind you I've said that for the last 5 years Suppose I just might come down and have a look. What about you ?

Skip Well, it depends if the hamstrings mend, if the back straightens up, if the pin in my wrist is taken out, if

Pete Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr (dial tone)...

D2 Special Stats

Brendan O'Leary - Grand Slam 1st semi final 23rd August 1997 versus Oakleigh
bottom of the 9th, scored the winning run.

Peter Burnett - Shut Out 17th May 1997 versus Bonbeach (and three home runs in the season)

D2 Finals Stats

	average	PA	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
	AB divided by H	Plate Apperances	At Bats	Runs Scored	Hits	Runs Batted In	Base on Ball	Strike Outs
John Carlile	.857	12	7	1	6	2	5	
Peter Burnett	.778	12	9	6	7	2	3	1
Brendan O'Leary	.750	11	8	3	6	5	3	
Steven Williams	.429	9	7	4	3	4	2	
Greg Collins	.333	11	9	4	3	3	2	
Travis Blackley	.167	12	6	2	1	1	6	
Lance Blackley	.143	11	7	4	1	4	4	
Daniel Ward-Burton	.143	10	7	2	1	2	3	1
Colin Upfil	.091	12	11	2	1	1	1	
Shandelle Ross		2		1			2	
Side Totals	.408	102	71	28	29	24	29	2

Tom Siphthorpe, Karen Smith and Rebecca Townley did not get a run in the finals because the manager "stuffed-up".

'D2' Grade M.V.P.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Travis Blackley	222123	12
Peter Burnett	23133133	19
John Carfile	1121212	10
Greg Collins	131112	9
Gerard Kelly	1	1
Brendon O'Leary	232	7
Shandelle Ross	1	1
Tom Siphthorpe	12	3
Col Upfil	3333333223313	35
Daniel Ward-Burton	211	4
Steve Williams (skippy)	2212	7
Bev Blackley		
Lance Blackley		
Norm Candler		
Trevor Clemens		
Narelle Gosstray		
Chris Gunn		
Troy Harper		
David Hewitson		
Aaron Richardson		
Karen Smith		
Rebecca Townley		
Billy Treller		
Jodie Williams		
Stephen Williams (Wiley)		
Karen Witchell		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

COL UPFIL 35votes

'W1' Grade Report

Well it was a challenging season coaching the womens baseball team. Having to change methods after coaching men. During the season we won 7 games, lost 5, drew 1 and had 1 bye. We only just missed out on the finals.

I would like to thank Ray Costelloe who helped me get the team organised and filled in when I wasn't able to make it. Margaret Ballantyne who came down to every game and did a fantastic job of scoring. She has made my job easy by giving me all the stats. Last but not least the girls who without them I wouldn't have had a team.

Kristy Smith and Sue Kendrick the two pitchers, they did an excellent job throughout the season. Kristy has lots of potential and the makings of a great future. Fiona Ballantyne third base and Sue Kendrick played short stop when she wasn't pitching and Rebecca Townley. They all held the team together with their solid fielding and had a good season with the bat.

Well done girls, good luck next season.

David Johnson
Womens Team Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

KRISTY SMITH .500

COACHES AWARD

NERIDA FRY

'W1' Grade M.V.P.

PLAYER

VOTES

TOTAL

Fiona Ballantyne	1133332	16
Fanya Baxevainis	231121	10
Bev Blackley	2	2
Cathy Feild	3	3
Nerida Fry	3113	8
Sue Kendrick	213213	12
Voula Kouvrakis	2	2
Shandelle Ross	3	3
Lauren Russell	2	2
Kristy Smith	3223112	14
Rebecca Townley	1221	6
Toni Costolloe		
Dana Thomas		
Julie Trucchio		
Jodie Williams		

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

FIONA BALLANTYNE 16 votes

Annual Junior Report

The 1997 Winter Junior Baseball Season saw much emphasis placed on the development of our juniors teams. We fielded a total of 8 junior teams, with teams in each division. We had 2 teeball teams, 3 Under 12 teams, 1 Under 14 team, 1 Under 16 team and 1 Under 18 team.

Teeball

This year we welcomed Peter Innes and Warren Coleman to our coaching panel. Their teams were the Marlins and the Redskins and they played at the Dingley Centre each week. During the season they trained well and learnt many new skills and were exposed to Coach Pitch towards the end of their season. Both teams performed very well with the Marlins finishing 3rd and the Redskins ending up with a draw in an exciting grandfinal. The children all made many new friends and this was obvious on Presentation Night when they all received their trophies.

Special thanks to Peter Innes for co ordinating the teeball teams this year and ensuring a happy and successful season for all.

Under 12

We were fortunate in having three experienced coaches for the Under 12's being Kevin Russell, Joe Ferruccio and Mick Manning. Their teams were the Broncos, Brumbies and the Steers and they played in a ten team competition rotating between the Oakleigh and Sandringham Centres. At the end of the home and away season they ended up 1st, 3rd and 8th on the ladder with the Broncos being undefeated all season but losing in the preliminary final. The players were coached with skill being the emphasis and this showed with their end results. Great job, well done to all the teams and coaches.

Under 14

Unfortunately this season we were able to only field one Under 14 side due to the lack of players in the Under 16 age group. This left 13 - 14 players in the Under 14 age group - not enough for two teams. The coach for the Under 14's was Billy Treller and he did a fine job with such a large number of players in one team. There were nine teams in the Under 14 competition with six of the teams being very competitive. At the end of the home and away competition there was very little in it with Cheltenham missing the final four by only one point. We look forward to next season and building on the skills learnt this season. Thankyou to Billy for his time and dedication to his coaching role.

Under 16

Once again, Lance Blackley coached the Under 16 team which was made up of only 3 second year players, 3 first year players and four Under 14 players. This was an extremely young team which improved each week to end up being 2nd on the ladder at the end of the home and away season. They were beaten in the preliminary final by Dingley who were a far more experienced side. Thank you to the four younger players who played in the higher age group and allowed us to field an Under 16 team. It is a big progression from

Under 14 to Under 16 which you all handled with maturity. Thank you also to Lance for giving up so much of his time developing these young players.

Under 18

Beau May was the coach of the Under 18 team. We were struggling for numbers at the beginning of the season but Beau encouraged them all to keep the team together and they certainly showed they could play some serious baseball. They were undefeated all season with the exception of the two forfeits during the school holidays when they couldn't field a team.

There is a lot of talent in this team and their commitment showed through with their premiership win. Congratulations to Beau and all his team on a wonderful effort.

Representative Players

We also had many players playing at a representative level during the season. In the DBA we had two Under 12 players, Daniel Gribbin and Aaron Ferruccio and in the Under 16's we had Travis Blackley and Daniel Ward-Bourton. In the Under 18's we had Ben Ward-Bourton, Shane Phillips and Peter Burrell. In the VBA we had 3 Under 14's being Adam Blackley, Derek Finch and Lee Hearnden who were in the Cubs Development team.

During the winter season, one of our players, Stuart Simpson went to Japan in the Under 12 Rubberball team. Congratulations to all our very talented representatives

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. I would like to especially thank Brad Lark for preparing the grounds each week and Robyn Hogben for working in the canteen. Thank you also to the many parents for scoring and umpiring each week. Finally, I would like to thank the Winter Committee for their assistance throughout the season.

Bev Blackley

Teeball

Marlins - Coach - Peter Innes

Redskins - Coach - Warren Coleman

Under 12's

Broncos - Coach - Kevin Russell - Scorer - Denise Kasperczyk

Brumbies - Coach - Joe Ferruccio - Scorer - Jenny Morrison

Steers - Coach - Mick Manning - Scorer - Marcella Lapa

Under 14's

Coach - Billy Treller - Scorer - Judy Simpson

Under 16's

Coach - Lance Blackley - Scorers - Jill Ward-Bourton and Jill Sanders

Under 18's

Coach - Beau May - Scorer - Dana Thomas

Under 18's Report

The Under 18 team this season was, in all sense of the word a true team. They showed character and persistence, commitment and determination of that of older more experienced players. Each member was an important part of the working unit both on and off the field.

From the first training session onward I had the feeling that this team had the ability and commitment to make the finals. Every player had their own experiences and talents to bring to the team for everyone to learn from.

From a coaches point of view this was a brilliant team, every player played to the best of their ability and more importantly were eager to learn. Every player bar none, showed me something special during the season, from a simple hit in a tight game winning situation to mastering a fundamental over a longer period of time. However, the most important thing in my opinion was the enjoyment the players drew from playing and training with each other. I am confident in saying that every player had an enjoyable and memorable season.

Due to the overall commitment and unity of the team it was near impossible, to select players for trophies. Every player deserves a trophy in their own way for their contribution to the team and club. Every player should be proud of being a member of this undefeated, **PREMIERSHIP TEAM.**

Special thanks to all the players parents for their continual support and help throughout the season and thanks to Dana, who is always there for me when I need assistance. I wish every player the best of luck for the future.

Beau May

Under 18's Coach 1997

BATTING AWARD

SHANE PHILLIPS .500

COACHES AWARD

PETER BURRELL

Under 18's M.V.P.

PLAYER

VOTES

TOTAL

Peter Burrell	2232	9
Karl Cameron	12	3
Steve Gourlay	32	5
Jarrold Hansford	32	5
Steve Kavanagh	323	8
Gerard Kelly	311	5
Phillip Manning	212	5
Shane Phillips	121	4
Aaron Richardson	31	4
Ben Ward-Burton	113313	12

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1997

BEN WARD-BURTON 12 votes

Under 16's Report

This years team was very young for an under 16 side with 2 first year under 14 players and 3 second year under 14 players.

We were also a small team with the exception of Ryan the man mountain. The boys performed very well throughout the season with only 2 losses and 1 draw in the home and away games.

2 losses in the finals saw us take 3rd position which I thought was a great effort with the young team.

The boys all through the season played for the enjoyment of the game and this nearly cost us our finals berth when they arrived at Carrum Downes thinking about anything else but Baseball. After a big rev up we scrambled a draw and this game in the end meant holding 2nd spot after we demolished Berwick for the second time to take out the 2nd spot on the ladder.

The team was dominated by the 3 most experienced players, Travis Grabbert, Travis Blackley and Daniel Ward-Burton who gained 60 votes between them, of the possible 75 votes available for the season.

The 3 players tied for the MVP with Travis Grabbert and Travis Blackley tieing the batting average with .517.

Matthew Keen took out the Coaches award for his keenness and willingness to do the hard work and help out with whatever was asked of him.

Lance Blackley
U16 Coach 1997

U16's continued...

U16 Team

Derryn Beattie
Adam Blackley
Travis Grabbert
Matthew Keen
Glenn Sanders
Daniel Williams

Travis Blackley
Ryan Fehily
Ben Haverfield
Michael Lapa
Daniel Ward-Burton

M.V.P.'s

**TRAVIS BLACKLEY
DANIEL WARD-BURTON
TRAVIS GRABBERT**

BATTING AWARD's

**TRAVIS BLACKLEY
TRAVIS GRABBERT**

COACHES AWARD : MATTHEW KEEN

**DBA REP's
TRAVIS BLACKLEY
DANIEL WARD-BURTON**

Under 14's Report

This season the Cheltenham under 14's finished 5th overall and considering we had some very talented players missing games during the year due to state commitments and lack of numbers in the under 16's, we did extremely well. Unfortunately we didn't make it to the finals but the guys still did their best all season and maybe if the team is at full strength next year the guys can make it to the finals and take out the flag.

Just quickly I would like to thank my scorers, Mr Finch and Mrs. Simpson, all of the parents for bringing their kids every week, Brad Lark for marking out all of the diamonds, Darryl Treller for trying to umpire, and the Cheltenham Baseball Club for holding a great competition.

Many thanks

Billy Treller

Under 14 Coach 1997

U14 (1) Team

Scott Bradford
Tim Gurry
Luke Kasperczyk
Ben Warren
Lee Hearnden
Tsubasa Nomura
Derek Finch

Tristan Giardini
Craig Jones
Sean Nichols
Stuart Simpson
William Hearnden
David Olsen

M.V.P. - LEE HEARNDEN

**BATTING AWARD
STUART SIMPSON**

**COACHES AWARD
TSUBASA NOMURA**

Under 12's (1) Report

The Broncos enjoyed a great season during 1997 where we finished on top of the ladder after the home and away rounds, losing only one game and having 3 draws during the season. The Broncos had 11 players in the team with 4 players being first year under 12 palyers. It was very pleasing to see the continued development of many of our junior players and to see the talent which exists in the new first year players who all made significant contributions to the team. Each player improved their skills and understanding of the game during the year and it showed on the ladder. Unfortunately during the finals series we suffered two defeats, where in spite of some great defense (5 innings 0 runs) and some terrific batting (9 innings 18 runs with 18 hits) the opposition team had the maximum 9 batters to the plate and scored 7 runs in each of the remaining innings. Our batting performance against Sandringham (lost 14-13) was brilliant with every player getting at least one safe hit for the game.

Congratulations to Daniel Gribbin who won our MVP award and also made the DBA and VPBL representatives sides - a great effort!

Thanks to Denise Kasperczyk and Geoff O'Neill for scoring, thanks to Alan Gribbin for umpiring and thanks to all parent for their support and encouragement of the team. We are all proud of the team.

Kevin Russell

Under 12 Coach 1997 (Broncos)

Under 12 (1) Team

Dane Kasperczyk
Kyle McLean
Andrew Russell
Tim O'Neill
Antony Gargano
Daniel Walton

James Hamilton
Matthew Spencer
Lauren Olsen
Patrick O'Neill
Daniel Gribbin

M.V.P. - DANIEL GRIBBIN

**BATTING AWARD
ANTONY GARGANO .611**

**COACHES AWARD
LAUREN OLSEN**

DBA & VPBL REP : DANIEL GRIBBIN

GRAND SLAM HOME RUN : ANTONY GARGANO

Under 12's (2) Report

This season was one of the best I have coached. The boys and their parents were great. Everyone enjoyed themselves as well as learning a few new skills. It was a great team effort.

The parents were always supportive and encouraging. I wish all the boys well and hope they continue playing baseball.

Joe Ferruccio

Under 12 Coach 1997 (Brumbies)

U12 (2) Team

Aaron Ferruccio
Paul Morrison
Jesse Jackson
Andrew Helgensen
Bradley Heenan
Shehan Khan

John Morrison
Amberlee Williams
Andrew Nichol
Thomas McCormick
Matthew Blazejewski

M.V.P. - AARON FERRUCCIO

BATTING AWARD - ANDREW HELGENSEN

COACHES AWARD - JOHN MORRISON

DBA REP : AARON FERRUCCIO

Under 12's (3) Report

U12 (3) Team

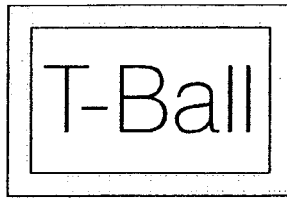
Andrew Adams
Kane Davidson
Scott Lacey
Owen Manning
Dale Ravesi
Ben Toull

Elliot Connell
Anthony Haverfield
Chris Lapa
Luke McCauley
Jacob Sibenaler
Cale Unwin

M.V.P. - ANTHONY HAVERFIELD

BATTING AWARD - ELLIOT CONNELL .411

COACHES AWARD - SCOTT LACEY



Cheltenham Redskins T-Ball Side

Jeremy Nagulendran
James Bambery
Justin D'Rozario
Rebekah Sibenaler
Sean Ulbrick
Scott Emmi

Andrew Coleman
Nicholas Henchel
Christopher Rankin
Steven Tyne
Cameron Dennis
Grant Linley

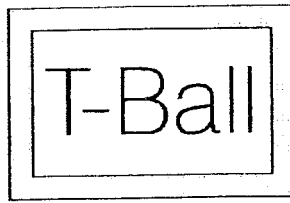
The Cheltenham Redskins Teeball side were one of two Cheltenham teams to participate in the Dingley based winter Teeball competition. Fortunately I was able to step into the breach as coach after Jeff Isles had to leave. I would like to thanks Jeff for his guidance and advice to me in organising and running the team.

The team consisted of twelve keen, excited and very enthusiastic eight and nine year olds. We put together the foundations for good teamwork and improving our skill level. Slowly results started to show through and we finished the season with seven wins and one loss.

Having made the Grand Final we were to play Bonbeach. Both teams winning one of two games against each other. The first innings batting for us was a complete disaster with only two players to make it home. Bonbeach managed to obtain seven runs and make the next three innings a game of catch-up for us. In the third innings we held them to just three runs. This gave us the opening we needed to get back into the game. It came down to the bottom of the fourth and we were up to bat. The scenario was nine to bat, eight runs to draw, nine to win. Our first two batters made their bases when our third batter was cought in the outfield. The team lifted and with a great last hit all six batters made it home. Due to the good sportsmanship and the spirit in which both sides played it was decided to call the game a draw. A fitting decision to a great game.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was that the kids had lots of fun and looked forward to playing each week.

Warren Coleman
T-Ball Coach 1997 (Redskins)



Cheltenham Marlins T-Ball Side

Sam Innes
Bonnie Clark
Andrew Ascot
Brett Connell
Dina Goranitis
Trent Vanderheiden

Matthew Reid
Brendan Kelly
Wade Briggs
Steven Goranitis
Yolande Haverfield

Won 5 / Lost 6

For a group of kids who had never played a game of T-Ball before at the start of the season, they picked up the game very fast. I'm sure everyone had a lot of fun throughout the season. Thanks to all the mums and dads who helped support each week.

See you next season.

Peter Innes (Ernie)
T-Ball Coach 1997 (Marlin's)

J.R. Trevorah *Memorial Trophy*

1986	Steve Babidge	1987	Terry Reid
1988	Terry Reid	1989	Terry Reid & Steve Babidge
1990	Terry Reid	1991	Mika Tossavainen
1992	Steve Babidge	1993	Terry Reid
1994	Chris Reece	1995	Darren Smith
1996	Greg Brown & Darren Smith		
1997	Mika Tossavainen		

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	1996	Darren Brooks
1997	Peter Burnett		

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

1989	Darren Smith	1990	Peter Burnett
1994	Matthew Gourlay	1995	Lorne Dennis
1996	Ben Ward-Burton	1997	Ian Nolan

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

RECIPIENTS FOR THIS AWARD MUST POLL VOTES IN 2 OR MORE GRADES

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Darren Brooks	8-16 C-3	19
Peter Burnett	Ar-2 D2-19	21
Peter Burrell	Ar-4 U18-9	13
Karl Cameron	A-2 Ar-9 U1B-3	14
Steve Gourlay	A-9 U1B-5	14
Peter Jacobs	8-3 C-7	10
David Johnson	A-2 Ar-4 8-3	9
Steve Kavanagh	Ar-3 U18-8	11
Gerard Kelly	Ar-9 D2-1 U18-5	15
Brad Lark	A-1 C-18	19
Mark Lewis	A-2 B-11	13
Shane Phillips	A-2 Ar-5 B-2 U1B-4	13
Shandelle Ross	D2-1 W1-3	4
Darren Smith	A-11 D1-1	12
Rebecca Townley	D1-1 W1-6	7
Ben Ward-Burton	A-2 U18-12	14
Ben Wenke	A-10 Ar-6	16
David Wilson	A-1 Ar-15	16

1997 FRANK BABIDGE SNR MEMORIAL TROPHY

PETER BURNETT 21 votes

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<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1987.
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1960, 61, 65, 71, 76, 78, 89, 93.
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1975, 76, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92, 96, 97.
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989.
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995.
<u>WOMENS</u>	1996.
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	1990, 95, 97.
<u>UNDER 17's</u>	1969, 73, 76.
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	1995, 96.
<u>UNDER 14's</u>	1992 A, 92 C, 93 C, 94 C, 96 C.
<u>UNDER 13's</u>	1982, 88.
<u>UNDER 12's</u>	1992 A, 92 C, 93 C, 94 A, 94 C, 95 C.
<u>T/BALL</u>	1990, 91, 92, 96, 97
<u>JUNIORS</u>	1966.

A = Association

C = Centre

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
1991	S. Babidge
1994	T. Reid
1995	D. Smith

'A' RESERVE

1983	T. Reid
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'B' GRADE

1981	S. Babidge
1997	D. Brooks

'C' GRADE

1976	F. Babidge Jnr.
1981	F. Babidge Jnr.
1987	P. Innes
1996	T. Ueno
1997	B. Lark

'D' GRADE

1989	C. Upfil
1993	D. Stenhouse

WOMENS

1996	N. Gosstray
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Club Champions

1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991,
1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

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1996	C.J. Anderson

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*Deceased