

CHELTENHAM
"RUSTLERS"
1998



SENIOR
PRESENTATION DAY

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1990	Dirk BEVAN	Olivia REID	Barbara HOLMAN	Russell INGRAM	Dan McCONNON
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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		Terri CLEMENS	Simon EDGEWORTH	Terry REID
1995	Brad LARK	Olivia REID	Trevor CLEMENS	Simon EDGEWORTH	Greg BROWN
1996	Brad LARK	Bruce FITZGERALD	Trevor CLEMENS	Ben ROWLANDS	Greg BROWN
1997	Bruce FITZGERALD		Trevor CLEMENS	Michael O'SHEA	Tony DINNIE
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

To all Cheltenham members. I would like to congratulate all players on achieving good on field and off field performances this year. It is about time we all stop expecting the club to be there year after year, without putting effort in.

I hope I say this on behalf of all players, in thanking Tony Dinnie for a sensational job well done. It is not often you see club coaches coming down on a Saturday morning to watch and help umpire the Juniors in all levels.

Thanks go out to the committee which included Trevor Clemens, Bruce Fitzgerald, Trevor Hogben, Peter Innes, Johnny Carlisle, Steve Earle, Darren Brooks, Ray Costelloe, Brad Lark, Lauren Russell and Bev Blackely.

I hope all these people plus a few extras, naming David Johnson etc who want to put into the club, be present at the A.G.M. and voted on.

Ray and Fay Costelloe were in the canteen for the first time this year and did a fantastic job, my thanks go out to them. They were there every week without fail and have already put their hand up for next season.

JUNIORS - All juniors made Grand Finals, unfortunately only the Under 16's were successful, beating Berwick by 1 run.

Thankyou to Bev Blackley for putting her hand up to do Junior Co-ordinator. Also, thankyou to all the junior coaches for their time and commitment in a job well done.

SENIORS - There was only 1 grade that did not make the finals, which we do not need to go into. We only had 2 grades in the Grand Finals. "D" Grade going down to Oakleigh and the Womens side, a terrific win - WELL DONE TO ALL THE LADIES!!!

Thankyou to all senior coaches this year, you did an outstanding job.

SOCIAL CLUB - It is so much easier to operate a Baseball Club when you have a Social Club to run the events. Without the efforts of the Social Club this year, the successful events just would not have happened. Thanks for the terrific job you all did.

We need at least 5 new members on this for next year.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE - A Junior Committee was formed this year and got off to a good start. I would like this to continue into the next season and beyond, with parents and coaches being involved. A big thanks to Bev Blackley for forming this committee and her continued effort as Junior Co-ordinator.

In closing, I had a learning experience being President this year, with not too many hurdles along the way.

I'd like to say good luck to Summer in their up coming season.

Signing off until next season - see you all then.

Yours in Baseball,

David Stenhouse
President - 1998

CLUB COACHES REPORT

My second year as club coach has been a most enjoyable season. On field has been quite successful with five of our of six teams making the finals, while "C" Grade sacrificed their chances of winning three premierships in a row by continually helping out other teams who were short on numbers. Congratulations goes to the Womens Side on bringing home the flag - well done to all the girls!!!

Thankyou to all the coaches of senior teams, who do a great job coaching and organising their players which makes my job a lot easier. Congratulations on a job well done to David Johnson who coached the "A" Reserve side for the first time this year. He did a fabulous job to make the finals with such a young side and on many occasions not having nine players.

If the young players in David's side keep improving and the three young guys in the "A" Grade team continue to play well, the future is bright for Cheltenham.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued support this year and congratulate them on all the hard work they have done behind the scenes to make the club run so well this year.

I would like to wish everyone success in the up coming summer season or hope you have a relaxing break if your not playing, before coming back again next winter.

Tony Dinnie
Club Coach 1998

TEAM COACHES & SCORERS

1998

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Scorer</u>
<u>'A' GRADE</u>	Tony Dinnie	Michael Gourlay
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	David Johnson	Bev Blackley
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	Trevor Hogben	Robyn Hogben
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	David Stenhouse	Peter Finch
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	Lance Blackley	Bev Blackley
<u>'W' GRADE</u>	Karen Witchell (Manager)	Margaret Ballantyne
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	Nicholas Beau-May	Bev Blackley
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	David Stenhouse	Peter Finch & Jill Sanders
<u>UNDER 14's</u>	Colin Basham Katrina O'Neil (Manager)	Judy Simpson & Karen Romari
<u>UNDER 12's</u>	Peter Ravesi Joe Ferruccio Mick Manning	Machella Lapa & Geoffrey O'Neil Jenny Heenan & Grant Lonsdale Stuart Wilson
<u>T-BALL</u>	Peter Innes	

"A" GRADE REPORT

The "A" Grade team started the season off like a house on fire. We won our first six games in a row. Despite being two games clear on top of the ladder, we were having trouble getting nine guys to show up to play. Once we organised our regular nine or ten players our results were a bit up and down. Some very good wins to go with some bad thrashings.

Our improved overall performance this season in making the finals was due to some solid defence from all players and some excellent batting improvements on last year by the following players.

Ben Wenke	from .179	to	.317
Stephen Gourlay	from .321	to	.375
Anthony Smith	from .188	to	.348
Alex Porecca	from .266	to	.339

The team finished third on the ladder and played fourth placed Bonbeach in an elimination final. We lost the game 9 - 6 in what was a close, hard fought, high quality game. Unfortunately Bonbeach was just too good on the day.

Overall it has been a good season for "A" Grade to improve on last year. Some good baseball was played and good fun was had by all. Thanks to everyone who played for making it a fun year. Special thanks to Michael Gourlay for scoring this season and also to Bev Blackley for filling in in Michael's absence.

Tony Dinnie
"A" Grade Coach 1998

M.V.P. : ANTHONY SMITH

BATTING AWARD : STEPHEN GOURLAY (.375)

COACHES AWARD : MIKA TOSSAVAINEN

"A" GRADE M.V.P. VS		Din	Frk	Ber	Bon	Dnd	Mrn	Mon	Din	Frk	Ber	Bon	Dnd	Mrn	Mon	Din	Frk	Ber	Bon
PLAYER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	TOTAL
Travis Blackley																			0
Rowan Brasher					1														1
Peter Burrell				2	3	1													6
Tony Dinnie																			0
Stephen Gourlay	2	2				2		2							1				9
David Johnson											2								2
Brad Lark									2			3							5
Adam Leech																			0
Shane Phillips			1	1					1										3
Alex Porreca			2			3				2		2	1			1	1	2	14
Chris Reece																			0
Michael Roberts																			0
Anthony Smith	1	3		3			2			3			3		2	2	2		21
Darren Smith							3		3		3		2			3	3	1	18
Matthew Stewart														2	3				5
Mika Tossavainen							1	3		1		1		3				3	12
Ben Ward-Burton											1			1					2
Ben Wenke	3	1	3		2			1											10

M.V.P. : ANTHONY SMITH (21 votes)

"A" RESERVE REPORT

The 1998 season was a very enjoyable one as it was the first time I have coached a men's senior team. We had a hard start to the season because of the lack of players, but with the help of Nerida Fry and Allison Langley in the team, it was possible to field a full team each week.

My sincere thanks to Bev Blackley for her dedication and professionalism in scoring for the year. Her help was invaluable.

With David Wilson, Travis Blackley, Steve Kavanagh and Peter Burnett all doing an excellent job on the mound, and with the help of Steve Babidge coming into pitch half way through the season, and a concerted effort by the entire team, we finished the year with 10 wins which gave us a spot in the finals. When we beat Berwick in the first semi I was confident we had a chance to go all the way. The preliminary final was a tuff match, but on the day things did not go our way. And, so the end of another season for the "A" Reserves.

David Johnson

"A" Reserve Coach 1998

M.V.P. : NICHOLAS MAY (BEAU)

BATTING AWARD : DAVID JOHNSON (.470)

COACHES AWARD : STEVE KAVANAGH

"A" RESERVE M.V.P. VS																			
PLAYER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	TOTAL
Steve Babidge										3				1	1			1	6
Travis Blackley		1			2	1							B	3		2	1		10
Peter Burnett				2	1		3		1		2		Y						9
Trevor Clemens													E	2	3				5
Ray Costelloe				1				2				1							4
Bruce Fitzgerald				3				3	2			3						2	13
Nerida Fry									3		1								4
David Johnson													B						0
Steve Kavanagh		3	1		3		2	1		1			Y				3		14
Gerard Kelly			2										E						2
Adam Leech	1	2										2				3			8
Mark Lewis																		3	3
Beau May	3		3			2				2	3				2	1	2		18
David Wilson	2					3	1						B						6
													Y						
													E						

M.V.P. : BEAU MAY (18 votes)

"B" GRADE REPORT

This season proved to be a tough one for our "B" Grade team. The competition was a lot tougher this year, compared to last years. Of the seven teams playing, two played "A" Grade in 1997, one played in the "C" Grade Grand Final last year and the balance all made it into the "B" Grade Finals in 1997.

Our team structure was basically the same as last year, with the inclusion of an Under 16 player in Matty Keen and during the season, a class player, Steve Cramp.

Sometimes we played some terrific baseball, beating Chelsea in the bottom of the ninth with 2 down, after trailing all day. We also stretched Ormond each time we played them, without being able to come away with the points. Unfortunately we weren't able to maintain any consistency during the regular season.

We eventually won enough games to play in the final's series, finishing fourth. We played Boneo in the first semi, a side we had beaten at home and lost to at Boneo. A couple of "C" Grade's finest helped us out in our finals campaign, and we all tried hard, but Boneo proved too strong on the day. The loss of a couple of regular players late in the season to injury made the task that much harder.

I hope everyone enjoyed playing this year, we certainly had plenty of variety, with all the regular players fielding in at least three different positions during the year.

There were a couple of notable exceptions to our up and down season. Darren Brooks and Michael Roberts had an excellent year with the bat and Crampy added some much-needed punch, both offensively and defensively. Peter Innes had a career year; batting .362 and Obie hit a Home Run against Frankston, even if I was the only one on the bench watching, the others were having a smoke behind the equipment shed.

I would like to thank Robyn for scoring the majority of the games this season, and keeping the players stats up to date, so we could keep tabs on each others averages as the season progressed. Whoever wins the M.V.P., I'm sure would like to thank her also for casting the votes each week.

In closing, I would like to thank all the players who played during the season, especially my assistant coach Darren Brooks, who had to manage the side while I was on a forced holiday a couple of times this year.

Until next year,

Trevor Hogben
B Grade Coach 1998

M.V.P. : DARREN BROOKS

BATTING AWARD : DARREN BROOKS (.447)

COACHES AWARD : MICHAEL ROBERTS

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"C" GRADE REPORT

Well Well Well, it wasn't a good backup to 2 Grand Finals, but we did win the first 2 games and that was about it - and on and on went the season. The only good thing to come out of the season was juniors coming up through the ranks.

Until next year...

David Stenhouse

"C" Grade Coach 1998

M.V.P. : CRAIG SCHELLER

BATTING AWARD : BRETT KAVANAGH

COACHES AWARD : BARNEY

"D" GRADE REPORT

My pre-season started when I walked into the Farm Road Milk Bar after walking the dog and Brad says, "Hay Haystacks" playing this year, we've got everybody playing, Cuppy's playing, Hally's, everybody's playing it's going to be great". Well I thought about this playing thing, after all I am in retirement after the knee opp last year, but thought we'll give it a go.

Ring, ring, ring, that will be the phone.

"G'day Haystacks, Brad here, can you skipper the side this week, I can't play". "Yeah, OK buddy. Who's playing?" "Well Hally can't make it this week, he's working, but Cuppy's there". "Yeah who else?". "Well I don't know yet but Dave said you'll have a team".

Well after two weeks we had some players, Hall had not yet fronted, Brad's girl at the shop quit and we are just managing to scrape through with numbers. Brad's plan of not skipping the side had worked, the new players dropped off when they discovered you had to pay fees and the remaining troops all had something on each week.

We thought that we had better start putting a team together or Colin's arm will be stuffed by mid season. Jonny's is already stuffed and I'm only good for the crappy sides. Skippy reckons he can pitch, but we all said "bullshit, you still can't throw to 2nd base".

Ring, ring, ring, "Hello Anne, Lance here", "oh hi, I'll get John for you." "Hello" "Ferg, Lance here, can you come and fill in this week, we're a bit short on players." "Oh, who's playing?" "Well Colins pitching, we've got Skippy, Laurie playing this week and Williams will be ready in a few weeks, we've got a few other blokes who aren't too bad either". "OK then, what time?"

Laurie arrived after the third week and things were starting to look up.

Ring, ring, ring, "Hello" "Hello, Lance from the Baseball Club. Can I speak with Kevin please?" "Yes, just a moment, I'll get him for you". Hey dad, someone from the baseball club is on the phone for you. "Hello" "Hi Kevin, Lance here, can you come and fill in this week, we're short". "Ah" "We've got Ferg and Hall playing". "Yep, no worries, what time, see you there".

6 weeks in and the team was built, Jonny, Skippy, Cuppy, Ferg, Steve, Tommy, Greg, Molly, Hally, Kevin, myself and the new boy, Al. And still no sight of Brad!!!

Only 4 losses for the season, that's not bad. We shared the pitching around and we've finished pretty fresh. We're not hitting the ball too bad either.

Ferg batted 1000 for about 4 weeks in a row and had at least 20 RBI's. Laurie pulls the ball everytime even if the pitch is outside. Kevin always hits to advance the runners. Greg's tracking the ball in the outfield real well. Jonny's probably had his best year since I've been playing with him. Tommy's had a good year, he hasn't done a hammy yet. Collins the work horse, always keeps the opposition honest, never gives in. Molly's doing a great job in the outfield while getting hits. Steve's going well but can't hit the curve, can't even pick it, too much cricket. Skippy's become the scorer since he stuffed the knee, pity, he was winning the batting and M.V.P. at the mid season mark. Brad finally made it to the game and just snuck into qualifying after some home games near the end of the season thanks to the scorer. And Al's still the new boy. He's got a good swing but knows jack about the game.

Me' well not a bad year, started great with the bat, had some good outings on the mound against those crappy sides, but I've had the best time playing with the legends of the club. These blokes don't wear the low numbers on their back for nothing and any time I can play with the likes of John Ferguson, Kevin Williams, Laurie Hall and Colin Upfill, I'll jump at it.

The rest of the team are a great bunch of blokes. Who knows, I might come out of retirement again next season, after all Adam, David and their mate, are all old enough to play next season. A great incentive when Dad can play with the kids and the kids play better baseball.

Bad luck about the Granny, it just wasn't our day. Everybody gave 100% but you can't win if you play like shit. Probably our worst day for about 6 weeks.

Thanks to all the scorers, Jodie, Jenny, Amberly, Daniel G, John Ferguson, Pat, Skippy and Bev who took up the job so Skippy could base coach in the finals.

Also thanks to Barry and Travis who umpired on several occasions.

It's been a great year.

Lance Blackley
"D" Grade Coach 1998

M.V.P. : LAURIE HALL

BATTING AWARD : JOHN FERGUSON (.590)

COACHES AWARD : GREG COLLINS

"D" GRADE M.V.P. VS																					
PLAYER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	TOTAL		
Lance Blackley	3			2	1				2							1			9		
John Carlisle						N			3	2		3	1	1			1		11		
Greg Collins	1					O				1						3		1	6		
Steve Earle		1										2							3		
John Ferguson		2				S	2	2					3		3				15		
Alan Gribbin			1			C													1		
Laurie Hall					3	O	3			3	2	1	2	3				3	20		
Brad Lark						R													0		
Martin Mulcahy						E										2			2		
Tom Siphthorpe						R													0		
Colin Upfil		3	3	1			1	1	1		3				2		2		17		
Kevin Williams											1			2	1			2	6		
Steven Williams	2		2	3	2			3											12		

M.V.P. : LAURIE HALL (20 votes)

WOMENS REPORT

From the start of the season we were confident that the combination of Cheltenham's faithfuls and handy new recruits would gel to form a competitive unit. If depth was the key, we were well on the way with four pitchers and eight regular players averaging over 400 with the bat.

All of the girls were keen, infact the first three training sessions had almost the full compliment in attendance (training was cancelled after round four due to a new prime time television show). The only thing missing was a coach. Brad Lark put his hand up (he sensed victory or at least a dozen lovely drinking partners!). We were sure that Brad would have been an inspirational coach, if only he had turned up to our games...Understandable though, it's hard to squeeze baseball in between, Latte, Chardonnay and Cascades on a Sunday afternoon.

But who needs a coach - plenty of head strong dominant females to run the show. We decided to coach ourselves (with some help from Mick, Craig and Johnno). The ever-dependable scorer extraordinaire Margaret Ballantyne kept us in line and must take some of the credit for our on field success.

The season was fun, both on and off the field, culminating with a GRAND FINAL VICTORY and too many celebratory drinks.

Season Highlights:

- * Mel's home run in the preliminary final
- * Diesel's slide into base that tore the fly right out of her pants
- * Spicy Sue's recollection of the torrid night(s) before....

Karen Witchell

Women's Manager 1998

M.V.P. : EMMA BINKS

BATTING AWARD : EMMA BINKS (.625)

COACHES AWARD : TRACEY SAYERS

"W" GRADE M.V.P. VS																			
PLAYER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	TOTAL
Fiona Ballantyne				1															1
Fanya Baxevanis	B						2	B	1	2			1	2					8
Emma Binks	Y				3		3	Y	3		1	2		1					13
Sue Hearnden	E							E											0
Lauren Russell																			0
Melinda Ross										3			3						6
Tracie Sayers		3			2	2							2						9
Kristy Smith	B		3					B		1									4
Rebecca Townley	Y	2		2		1		Y						3					8
Karen Witchell	E	1					1	E			3	3							8
Sue Kendrick			1	3		3			2		2	1							12
Sophie Binks																			0
Nerida Fry																			0
Narelle Gosstray	B							B											0
Allison Langley	Y							Y											0
Deb Swartz	E		2		1			E											3

M.V.P. : EMMA BINKS (13 votes)

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

In 1998 we fielded a total of 7 Junior teams with teams in each division. We had 1 T-Ball team, 3 Under 12 teams, 1 Under 14 team, 1 Under 16 team and 1 Under 18 team. We had a very successful season with teams in all age groups making the finals. Our Under 16 team won the premiership.

T-Ball

This year Peter Innes again coached our T-Ball team. The children had a lot of fun making new friends, developing their T-Ball skills and learning to play together as a team. The team played in the Grand Final but, unfortunately lost. Peter developed terrific team spirit throughout the season and I thank him for his efforts.

Under 12

We fielded 3 teams in this age group. Our coaches were Joe Ferruccio, Peter Ravesi and Mick Manning. The games were played at Oakleigh where the ground conditions were poor and this disappointed players, coaches and parents. All teams played well with Joe Ferruccio's team playing in the grandfinal and losing to a strong Oakleigh team. All players were coached with skill being the emphasis and this showed in their end results. Well done to all teams!

Under 14

Our Under 14 team was coached by Colin Basham. The team had a successful season playing off in the grandfinal against a very experienced Sandringham team. Even though they didn't win they all learnt a lot and played together as a team.

Under 16

This year we struggled with numbers at this age group. We had three under 14 aged players moving up an age group so we could field a team. There were only 9 players all season and they were capably coached by Dave Stenhouse and Craig Scheller. The team had a great season and ended up winning the premiership. CONGRATULATIONS to all the team members and coaches on a fine performance.

Under 18

Beau May coached the under 18's again this year. The team struggled for numbers each week often playing without 9 players. But to the team's credit they made the grandfinal but unfortunately lost in a close struggle to Bonbeach 5 - 2.

Representative Players

We had 15 players who represented our Dandenong Association playing in D.B.A. teams throughout this season.

U12 Lauren Olsen, Thomas McCormick, Jesse Jackson and Andrew Helgensen

U14 Adam Blackley, Daniel Williams, Lee Hearnden, David Olsen, Darren Barber and Stuart Simpson

U16 Glenn Sanders, Brett Kavanagh and Matthew Keen

U18 Travis Blackley and Matt Holmes

Congratulations to all these talented players.

During the Winter Season a junior committee was established. Thankyou to those parents and coaches who became involved. I hope you will continue this involvement next year.

I would also like to thank Darren Brooks for marking and preparing the grounds each week and Fay and Ray in the canteen.

Thankyou 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

Junior Co-ordinator 1998

UNDER 18's REPORT

The Under 18 team this season was a mix and match of experience and fresh eager new talent. The team was held together by the persistence and dedication of our team manager Bev, to provide every player the opportunity to play every week. She was committed to contacting enough players to field teams. This commitment gave new players every chance to learn about the game, and older more experienced players the opportunity to lead. Each member was an important part of the working unit both on and off the field.

From a coaches point of view, this was a very difficult season. Personal and work related commitments and a lack of regular players, left the season staggered.

However, when Cheltenham placed a team on the diamond, that team performed with great credit. 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 with each other. I am confident in saying that every player had an enjoyable and memorable season.

Special thanks to Bev Blackley, all the player 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 1998

Under 18's Team

Shane Phillips
Steve Kavanagh
Daniel Ward-Burton
Troy Harper
Gerard Kelly
Charles Baneth

Nick Ikin
Steve Gourlay
Mat Holmes
Glen Drummond
Travis Blackley

Scorer : Bev Blackley

M.V.P. : TRAVIS BLACKLEY

BATTING AWARD : TRAVIS BLACKLEY (.529)

COACHES AWARD : STEVE KAVANAGH

UNDER 16's REPORT

Oh what a feeling - GRAND FINALS !!!

Oh what a feeling - Winning a Grand Final!!! and what a way to win. It was hard to play each kid where they wanted to play, but we got by. Just remember, each position is an important one and each position can win a Grand Final as we have showed them!!

I would like to thank first, our scorers Jill Sanders and Peter Finch, who filled in for Jill when Jill was not around. To the parents for getting up in the cold mornings to come and support all of us as a team, thank-you to them. To Bev and Lance for doing the Junior co-ordinators job, Ray and Fay in the canteen, Darren Brooks for marking the grounds out, Ray Jnr for the equipment, Craig Scheller for helping with training and assisting in coaching. But most of all I would like to thank the kids, who are a great side to coach. By the end of the season, they all knew when I was mad and when I was happy, and to overcome the cold training nights.

For the side to make the Grand Final, let alone win it 7 - 6 against Berwick, was a great effort. Considering the lose of players we had throughout the season due to D.B.A. rep. sides and Cubs weekends.

It was good to see some seniors and our club coach down at the games. Let's make sure this all happens again.

ALL THE ABOVE WON THE GRAND FINAL (You beauty!!!)
SEE YOU ALL NEXT SEASON (Winter) and GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR
SUMMER BALL

David Stenhouse

Under 16's Coach 1998

Under 16's Team

Adam Blackley
Derek Finch
Lee Hearnden
Matthew Keen
Glenn Sanders
Garren Coleman

Ryan Fehily
Damian Gordon
Brett Kavanagh
Greg Reid
Daniel Williams

Scorers : Peter Finch & Jill Sanders

M.V.P. : DEREK FINCH

BATTING AWARD : DANIEL WILLIAMS (.560)

COACHES AWARD : RYAN FEHILY

**D.B.A. REPRESENTATIVES : BRETT KAVANAGH,
DANIAL WILLIAMS, ADAM BLACKLEY, LEE HEARNDEN**

UNDER 14's REPORT

The Under 14's enjoyed a fairly successful 1998 season. After being appointed coach by Dave and my wife (while I was o/seas), I started the task of assembling a team. The team consisted of a mix of youthful experience, exuberance, tardiness combined with all the keenness, eagerness of inexperience. Basically we had a good mix of players, all willing to learn and develop, whilst endeavouring to play with enthusiasm and to the best of their abilities.

Our season got under way with a 24 - 4 win, although the opposition wasn't the best it was a good way to start the season. (NEWS FLASH)...UNDER 14's APPOINT TEAM MANAGER!!! 3 wins from 3 games, 66 runs for and 14 against. Our 1st loss came against Sandringham, although the records will show that our bats failed this was a creditable showing against an almost full strength summer allstar team. Another 4 games went by (4 wins) until loss number 2. A pleasing thing to happen during this period was a win against Berwick. This was achieved with our 3 most experienced players away representing the D.B.A. All players involved in this game stepped up a level and showed tremendous team work and spirit to record a 20 - 10 win.

With the season progressing and players having holidays, sick leave, rostered days off, cold mornings etc etc (thanks to Geoffrey O'Neil for filling in), we lost 2 games out of the next 4. This included a win of 33 - 0. The team had settled down, steady improvement was showing in skill levels, teamwork and commitment. At the end of the home and away season we finished in 3rd position with 9 wins - 3 losses - 1 draw.

We played the SEMI FINAL against Dandenong in what would turn out to be a very tight game. Defence controlled the game whilst we had some opportunities we failed to capitalise on them. Then in the bottom of the 3rd Elliott Connell came up with his 2nd safe hit of the game (2 hits this game) to score the winning runs. FINAL SCORE 4 - 2 TO CHELT.

THE PRELIMINARY FINAL was played against Dingley. This to was a fairly close game with our pitches on top. With the score at 5 - 4 in our favour, going into the last our bats came alive, with doubles to Darren Barber, David Olsen followed by a walk to Stuart Simpson and a triple to Patrick O'Neil, made the score 9 - 4. Our defence then shut them out to record the win.

THE GRAND FINAL VERSUS SANDRINGHAM - Unfortunately it was not to be our day taking on a full strength Sandringham side it was to turn out to be a long 1 1/2 hours. With our pitcher struggling to throw strikes and a couple of safe hits, we were down 7 - 0 after the 1st. Our bats tried hard hitting the ball into play and picking up walks. Although we managed to get runners on in every innings, good plays and some silly base running cost us any chance of scoring until the last. Finally a walk to Anthony Haverfield followed by a triple to Luke Kasperczyk (2 hits) and a single to Darren Barber allowed us to score 2 runs. Although it was disappointing to finish this way, the whole team can be proud of the fact that they got this far and fought it out until the end. SCORE 2 - 17 to Sandringham.

I would like to thank all the players for the support that they have given me throughout the year. I hope that you have had an enjoyable year and that you have learnt something through the course of the season. I was lucky to have everyone contribute to this team in some way or another, whether it was a home run here, a safe hit there or just some general encouragement for one of your team mates when needed. You have all done your bit for the team.

I would also like to thank my team manager Katrina O'Neil, my scorers Karen Romari and Judy Simpson. Many thanks also to Alan Middleton for his assistance when available on game days, Neville Romari at training, everybody that umpired for me and for all the parents that lent us support during the year.

Colin Basham

Under 14'S Coach 1998

Under 14's Team

Stuart Simpson
Darren Barber
Luke Kasperczyk
Simon Middleton
Geoffrey O'Neil
Joanne Tattersall

David Olsen
Patrick O'Neil
Anthony Haverfield
Jessie Romari
Craig Jones
Elliott Connell

Scorers : Karen Romari & Judy Simpson

M.V.P. : DARREN BARBER

BATTING AWARD : STUART SIMPSON (.619)

COACHES AWARDS : CRAIG JONES & ELLIOTT CONNELL

**REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS - VIC CUBS : DAVID OLSEN &
STUART SIMPSON**

**D.B.A. REPRESENTATIVES : DAVID OLSEN, STUART SIMPSON &
DARREN BARBER**

UNDER 12's (1) REPORT

The team behaved and played with good sportsmanship at all times. Their performance shows on their position on the ladder finishing on top and making the grand final. I had 3 boys that have never played baseball before and to their credit played the game in good understanding of it, and their skills got better as they went on. I had 3 boys who played in the D.B.A. and 1 of them was picked in the All Stars. We have 6 boys that in my mind are going to be top players with their pitching and catching ability. Therefore, I hope the club will look after these players because they will become good clubmen. With the parents help and support these boys will go onto to be senior players. Parents participation was strong and helpful at all times.

Joe Ferruccio

Under 12's (1) Coach 1998 - Bronco's

Under 12's (1) Team

Bradley Heenan
Aaron Ferruccio
Thomas McCormick
Shehan Khan
Colin Churchill

Benjamin Hallowell
Cameron Lonsdale
Jesse Jackson
Andrew Helgenson

Scorers : Jenney Heenan and Grant Lonsdale

M.V.P. : THOMAS McCORMICK & BRAD HEENAN

BATTING AWARD : AARON FERRUCCIO (.650)

COACHES AWARD : CAMERON LONSDALE

UNDER 12's (2) REPORT

I have greatly enjoyed my first season coaching this team and am thankful for the opportunity to do so.

My team began the season very enthusiastically, most of the children know each other from school and they all got along very well together. I was very impressed with the way they helped each other with complexities of the game, and their encouragement to each other.

We had a fairly successful season in winning games. I moved the players around quite a lot to give them experience in different positions; which is not always a 'winning team'. I believe it is more important to try them out and give them a change.

With a well-positioned team we proved to be very strong, beating the top undefeated team "Chelt - 1" in our last match.

Disappointingly we just missed out on getting into the finals.

Peter Ravesi

Under 12's (2) 1998 - Brumbies

Under 12's (2) Team

Scott Emi
Yolande Haverfield
Chris Lapa
Dale Ravesi
Sean Ulbrick
Chris Rankin

James Hamilton
Justin D,Rozario
Timothy O'Neil
Jacob Sibenaler
Lauren Olsen

Scorers : Machella Lapa & Geoffrey O'Neil

M.V.P. : LAUREN OLSEN

BATTING AWARD : LAUREN OLSEN (.789)

COACHES AWARD : JACOB SIBENALER

D.B.A. REPRESENTATIVE : LAUREN OLSEN

UNDER 12's (3 - Steers) REPORT

We had a good year with 3 players that had not played Baseball before - Brett Connell, Grayden Sheehy and Andrew Wilson. Although we missed out on a place in the finals there was a marked improvement over the season.

Mick Manning

Under 12's (3) Coach 1998

Under 12's (3) Team

Brett Connell
Ben Toull
Scott Lacey
Kane Davidson
Owen Manning

Andrew Wilson
Kyle McLean
Andrew Adams
Grayden Sheehy

Scorer : Stuart Wilson
Umpire : Philip Manning

M.V.P. : KYLE McLEAN

BATTING AWARD : OWEN MANNING (.583)

COACHES AWARD : KANE DAVIDSON

T-BALL REPORT

Cheltenham T-Ball Side

Bonnie Clark
Sam Innes
Paul Sanders
Philip Mahoney
Brent Linley
Emma Higgins
Stuart Connel

Steven Goranitis
James McKinnon
Trent Vanderheiden
Grant Linley
Thomas (Harry) Sieberaler
Nick Henchel

Scorer : Trevor Clark

13 Children nominated for the 'Rustlers' in the Winter T-Ball Competition resulting in the one side being nominated.

Over the 8 qualifying matches, Cheltenham won 6 and met undefeated Dingley in the Play Off. In what was a closely contested match, Dingley won 24 runs to 22.

Able coached by Peter "Ernie" Innes, it was terrific to see the improvement in skills from the kids over the season, and in particular, the step up by those in their second season of Winter T-Ball. Trent Vanderheiden was our most consistent player, and in what was very much a team performance by all 13, James McKinnon, Sam Innes and Nick Henchel showed outstanding promise for the future.

With the full complement most Saturday mornings, it meant that up to four players had to miss each innings. Although extremely enthusiastic to compete, each player, when his or her turn came to miss out, showed terrific attitude and team support.

Special thanks to the large group of parents (both Dads and Mums) who supported the team and who were quick to assist Ernie in the team warm ups and undertaking umpiring and scoring duties.

Peter Innes (Ernie)
T-Ball Coach 1998

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

In 1998 the club decided to try its luck running a social committee again. I have the pleasure of saying that the social club raised over \$1,000 for the club. Thanks to all the people who supported the club by attending these functions and we hope you had fun, especially the Trivia Night. Next year we hope to get more people at our functions. There is usually only 4 functions in the year and it is disheartening when functions aren't well attended.

I would like to thank everyone who was on the social committee this year,

Trevor Hogben

Darren Brooks

Peter Jacob

Pauline Stenhouse, thanks for giving your time and making the functions run smoothly. I would like to say a special thanks to Dave Stenhouse and Brooksy for their phone work in getting heaps of prizes for the committee to give away and raffle throughout the season. Thanks also to Kim Brooks, Robyn Hogben, Tracey Jacob and Steve Babidge for their assistance throughout the season.

Finally, if anyone has some ideas or suggestions for functions that they would like to have, speak up so we can organise them for next year.

*Remember - support your club in '99
Come along and have a good time!*

Jenny Babidge
Social Club 1998

PREMIERSHIPS

<u>'A' GRADE</u>	1958, 59, 60, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 87, 89.
<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, 98
<u>UNDER 18's</u>	1990, 95, 97.
<u>UNDER 17's</u>	1969, 73, 76.
<u>UNDER 16's</u>	1995, 96, 98.
<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

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	1998	Annthony 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	1996	Darren Brooks
1997	Peter Burnett	1998	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
1998	Travis Blackley		

FRANK BABIDGE Snr

MEMORIAL TROPHY

- Highest Aggregate M.V.P. Votes -

Recipients for this award must poll votes in 2 or more grades.

Player	Votes	Total
S. Babidge	AR - 6, B - 3	9
P. Burnett	AR - 9, B - 1	10
T. Clemens	AR - 5, B - 1	6

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

(D.B.A.)

<u>'A' GRADE</u>	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
<u>'A' RESERVE</u>	1983	T. Reid
<u>'B' GRADE</u>	1981	S. Babidge
	1997	D. Brooks
<u>'C' GRADE</u>	1976	F. Babidge Jnr.
	1981	F. Babidge Jnr.
	1987	P. Innes
	1996	T. Ueno
	1997	B. Lark
<u>'D' GRADE</u>	1989	C. Upfil
	1993	D. Stenhouse
<u>'E' GRADE</u>	1995	S. Williams
<u>WOMENS</u>	1996	N. Gosstray

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1977, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994,
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

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1985 M.J.P. Trevorah
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