



# **CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB INC**

## **Summer Season 1992-93 Review**

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(Extracts from the Minutes of the Summer Annual Special Meeting  
held on 26 May 1993)

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## President's Report Chris Reece



*Rustlers*





Welcome all to Annual A.G.M., it is promising to see a good turn out for tonight. I am confident we can fill the many positions needed to continue the success of this club.

Let me begin by summarising the past season.

Overall, a very successfully year for the club.

The key to this success has noticeably been the improvement in our senior ranks. With a tally of approximately 75 players, Cheltenham was able to register 5 senior teams, indicating the depth and strength of the club. Out of those 5, 3 sides made finals, 2 the grand final and the end result one premiership flag. Cheltenham were rewarded for their success through all grades with a nonourable 3rd for Club Champions. The most significant improvement has been the performance of the first nine. Aided by the injection of several key players, Cheltenham where able to finish in the top 4 after the redraw, guarenteeing the club's Division 1 position. The side then went on to play off in the Grand final but were unfortunately beaten. The most encouraging sign has been the general improvement of regular players, I believe it was their performance which secured our position.

Our junior ranks have once again demonstrated their strength in the VBA. Their success is now being felt at a senior level with many juniors participating at senior levels, including the first nine. This year the club fielded a total of 21 sides, including 8 Tee Ball sides. The strength of our juniors was best demonstrated at All star levels. Our Tee ballers after winning the T Ball championships for the past 3 years, were runners up to Waverley this year, the U/12 were defeated in the first round of finals and finished 3rd and the U/14 were runners up to Doncaster. The U/16 and U/18 just failed to make finals, but were involved in many fine wins which demonstrated they had the ability. This club has a strong pyramid base with over 250 juniors, securing the long term future of this club. But, what is more encouraging is the number of quality juniors as demonstrated by 15 state representatives

From a financial view the club has struggled to meet tis years expenses. In an effort to make this club competitive, and provide you with the best facilities and equipment our expenses have increased, at the same time revenue raised through Bingo and social events has decreased. To balance the deficit the club has relied on hosting carnivals at this club.

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The result has been favourable, but not enough to fill the deficit. The incoming committee will need to review club expenditure and fundraising very carefully to correct this years trading loss. On a favourable note, this club has made a substantial payment to our loan account totalling \$4500. From the original amount of \$10000 borrowed in 1983, all that remains is \$1200 or 6 months in repayments. Two people namely Ros Paturzo and Michael Gurlay are solely responsible for raising this amount of money. To you both, thank you very much.

Already plans are underway to make this club successful and competitive in season 1993/94. However, we are desperately short of numbers in all areas of club management. If you want this club to remain in Division 1 and be successful, we the committee urge you to come forth and play an active role in your club.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and assistance throughout the year, and you the members for making this club Division 1.

Player expectations and Social. Attendance at Junior games was given to be pathetic. Proposal for umpiring roster to be drawn up and greater effort given to attract seniors to social functions. Michael Trevorah reported Tom Shanks a past player recently passed away and Peter Smith is currently very ill in Bethlehem Hospital.

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## Junior Coordinators Report Peter Paturzo

### JUNIOR REPORT SUMMER SEASON 92/93

Success was the word to describe what was a very good season for our junior players both individually and in team success.

#### TEE-BALL

Tee-Ball had a highly successful year and again we continued to set the standard in the development of our junior players. The fact that Cheltenham again reached the grand final of the Victorian Tee-Ball Championships for the 5th consecutive year and having already won the previous 4 championships we finished a gallant second to Waverley in what was a magnificent game of tee-ball.

Our in-house tee-ball competition was of a very high standard and all looks well for the junior players moving onto U/12 baseball for the coming season.

The grand final was played between two very competitive teams, the Warriors and the Blue Bandits with the Warriors taking the points. Congratulations to all players, coaches and parents with a special thanks to our tee-ball manageress Sue Anderson and husband Col for doing a great job all season.

#### UNDER 12 / UNDER 12 ALL-STARS

We fielded 4 very competitive teams in the Friday Night competition and all teams again reached the finals resulting in Cheltenham winning both sections of the competition for 2 premierships.

Our all-star team again won the mid season pennant in their division and were again in the Coca Cola Championships finishing 3rd beaten by the eventual winners Springvale in the semi final in what was a high standard game of junior baseball.

Thankyou to all coaches, scorers and team managers for your assistance over the season.

#### UNDER 14 / UNDER 14 ALL-STARS

We commenced the season having 3 teams entered but had the luxury of having more players than was really required and this left us with a situation of having players sitting on the bench for a large part of games. We were approached by the V.B.A.J.L. to see if we could put together another team as one team from Sandringham had withdrawn part way through the season leaving a bye situation. With the co-operation of all players we divided the teams evenly and this proved most successful as most players played full games. As a result we developed players in positions that they thought they could not play and we still had 3 of the 4 teams participating in the finals and the 4th only missed out because the V.B.A. did not allow this team points for the rounds they did not compete in.

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In under 14 all-stars we fielded 2 teams and both teams acquitted themselves very well. Our team coached by Ron Goldsmith had a great year winning the mid season pennant and were most unlucky not to have won the State Championship in what was regarded as the best game of junior baseball played at under 14 level in the state for many years. This team will have no less than 7 players who represented Victoria in state teams over the year playing in this team next season and I'm sure they can go one better next year. Thanks must also go to the senior players for their assistance when Ron was unable to coach the side due to work commitments. Brad Lark was the coach of our second all-star team and as usual did a great job with the sole purpose of junior development in mind. Both coach and players worked extremely hard through the season and had some great results and I know that these players will form the basis of our all-star teams for the coming 1993/94 season.

#### UNDER 16 / UNDER 18

We fielded one team in each age group and they found the going a little hot but the development of the players continued thanks to the great efforts of both coaches Ron Caruthers (U/16) and Dac Connor (U/18) as was shown by the appearance of several junior players playing senior baseball throughout the season.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following players for having been selected in Victorian State Teams during the 92/93 season. *Steven Strange*  
Ben Paturzo / Ben Wenke / Damien McAllen / Nic Callanan / Peter Burrell / Richard Harrison / Rohan Brasher / Steven Kavanagh  
\*\* Ben Wenke must also be congratulated on being named in the Australian Under 18 Team \*\*

#### PROPOSED TEAM NUMBERS 1993/94

U/12 - 6 Teams Friday Night Competition - 2 All-Star Teams  
U/14 - 4 Teams Friday Night Competition - 2 All-Star Teams  
U/16 - 2 Teams  
U/18 - 1 Team  
T/Ball 8 Teams

With so many teams, it is important that we appoint our coaching staff / team managers / scorers as soon as possible. People wishing to assist in any of the above areas or know of any people who could be interested can you please let me know thankyou.

#### WHAT WE HOSTED AT CHELTENHAM

- 1) Under 12 Friday Night Centre
- 2) Under 12 Sunday All-Star Centre
- 3) Coca Cola State Championships Under 12/14/16/18
- 4) V.B.A.J.L. Dinner for the Japanese Touring Team
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- 7) Victorian Tee-Ball Championships
- 8) Touring American Team from St.Louis
- 9) Capping presentation for all state teams
- 10) Under 18 State Selection Trials

All these events are very important to our club both financially and for prestige and a far greater effort from all members will be required in the coming 1993/94 season.

#### SPONSORS

Thanks must go to the following people who were our sponsors for season 1992/93 at the junior level

- 1) Blue Ribbon Plumbing - John & Michelle Backholer
- 2) Foto First - Robin & Doug Williams
- 3) Nolans Panels - Peter & Marilyn Benjamin
- 4) Valley Forge Motors - Glen Pedersen & Paul Stewart

Thankyou again and may we look forward to your continued support for the coming 1993/94 season.

#### WHATS ON PRE-SEASON

We hope to arrange the following nights pre-season for parents and players.

- 1) Umpires night / Rules night
- 2) Coaching clinics / level 0 / level 1
- 3) Scorers night
- 4) Pre-season round robin tournament U/12 - U/14

#### THANKYOU

My sincere thanks must go to the committe, all coaches, team managers, scorers, ground staff, bar, junior delegate Michael Gourlay, tee-ball manageress Sue Anderson, canteen Wendy & Keith Johnson and all the people who helped during the season at our working bees and carnivals, all your efforts were very much appreciated because without your help nothing would happen. To Ron Noe from hockey, Barb Munroe, her ground staff at the Kingston Heath Reserve and the Moorabbin City Council, thankyou for all your assistance and co-operation you have given to me over the season and finally to all players and parents of the Cheltenham Baseball Club thankyou and I look forward to seeing you all again in the coming 1993/94 season.

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## Tee Ball Coordinators Report Sue Anderson

The commencement of the 92/93 season was delayed for 2 weeks by rain, I think this is the first time we have been washed out since T/Ball began, very frustrating for all concerned as we had 7 teams of 12 waiting to play, and several on a waiting list, this meant having a bye. But, thanks to Kevin Russell offering to coach an 8th team we were able to avoid this situation.

Twenty-five players were nominated for All Star teams as once again we submitted two teams. Ken Briggs and Steve Williams were appointed coaches. When the games were transferred to the New Year, Brad Lark replaced Ken as coach of the "A" team.

The sun finally shone at the 3rd attempt but by this time some clubs had withdrawn, so with 24 hours notice, being the host team, we were asked to have a third team on standby which was led by Kerrin Holden. All teams played really well on the day and did our Club proud.

The "A" team playing off in the Grand Final but lost to Waverley.

Due to these delays, our own competition finals were a Mid-week twilight meeting which proved very successful. Grand final being between the Warriors and the Bandits, with the Warriors led by Stan Williamson the victors.

My thanks go to everyone that helped out, whether it be for canteen, ground marking, coaching, umpirers, newsletter, players and parents. Thanks to Val & Tony Bailey for donation of Trophies.

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