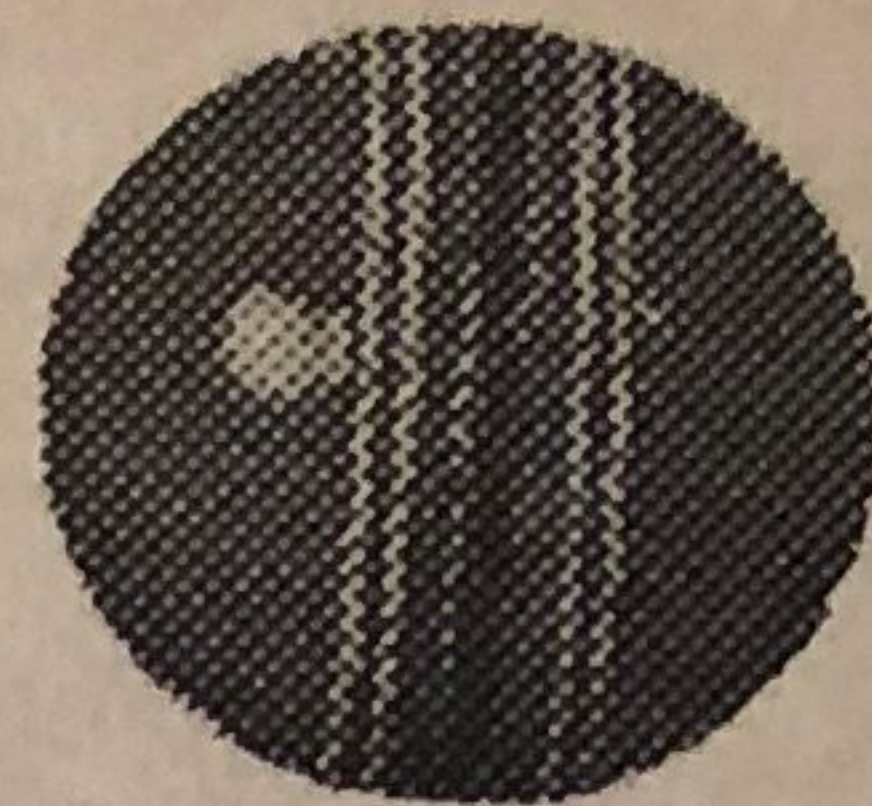




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Season 98/99 Is Here

(At Last!/Already?)

Well, it hardly seems like six months ago that we aired out the bags and found those socks that had somehow lived down the bottom of the bag since that 42 degree Saturday. You know, the day you forgot to bring socks and wore the pair from the previous 42 degree Saturday. Actually, it was only five months give or take a few. There is this mixed feeling of a) 'whoopie Cricket!' and b) 'didn't we just finish'. None of this really matters anyway as we are off and running.

Our first practice match is this Sunday after the Grand Final. A select few will play a scratch match against Rockingham on Sunday starting at 10.30 am at Stan Twight Reserve (careful how you say that!). Selection will be on Thursday 24th. The season starts in earnest on October 3rd (Election Day), when the firsts and seconds take on High Wycombe. The remaining teams will play a scratch game against Melville on that Saturday, before the first game of that season, a one dayer on October 10th.

There are a whole bunch of people who have shuffled about the club. The committee is mostly new with President Brett McGergor leading from the front and looks to be the sort of inspired leadership we are looking for. We have a new A grade Captain in Gerard Marquis. Gerard (as his mother prefers him to be known) has been with us full time for two years and has been as successful and motivational team member.

This year Gerard takes up the mantle of A Grade Captain promising an even more aggressive game in the field relying on bowling sides out. The batting line up has been strengthened by the appearance of Justin Crowther (Crowder?) and two imminent additions from the UK including Simon Luckhurst. We are also anticipating the return of Peter Jordan.

Tommy Morgan has again taken on the role as coach. We have appointed an assistant coach named tripod, who will assist Tommy by ensuring he does not have to bowl with that glass arm of his. We thank Tom for staying on in this role and we all must support Tom so that the club can earn the success which Tom deserves.

Please support your new committee. We have again put on a young treasurer in Dean Phillips. If Dean or any of the committee mentions outstanding fees to you, please do not get pissed off, we are just trying to keep the club running. The fees for this year are \$260 up front, or two payments of \$135 - one at the players tea and the other at Christmas. This is not a profit making venture and it does cost us more than this just to field the teams we have.

Please have a great season, give me as many contributions for this shoddy publication and remember that winning is not everything, but it does make the beer taste better. Bye for now

Correspondence

Here are some of the emails we have been getting in the off season

1) Mr name is Graham Cashin and I would like to play for your club for the 1998/99 season. I have already been in contact with Laurence Bensusan in London regarding the possibility of playing for your club and sorting out a job and some accomadotion in Perth. I have sent my cricket cv to him and I am still awaiting a reply. I play cricket to a high standard and I am very keen to play for your club. I bowl left arm spin and am a top order batsman. I play for my club 1st team, Oxton CC and Cheshire County CC U19. I was also part of the North of England U19 squad during this season. At the moment I am awaiting my working holiday visa to come through which will enable me to book my air ticket.

2) I'm an 11 year old girl living in new Zealand . My mum is looking at a job in Perth and I am serious about cricket. I was wondering what the girls cricket situation is because I am looking to go places.

Kim Fraser

3) dear applecross,

I am the administrator of the recently published Wembley Downs Cricket Club homepage. I played a few games in 5th grade last year but not against Applecross. As you probably know we are also in the Suburban Turf competition and lost the grand final to Whitfords. Anyway please visit our page at www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Arena/5104

If you like it please link it to yours and i will link mine. I also agree to drink a slab of VB.

4) I am an Englishman who you chaps keep knocking the crap out of.

This may seem a strange request but I am trying to find out when England play Australia at the WACA. My daughter lives on Clydesdale Street in Alfred Cove and I am coming over for a holiday in December and would like to give my team some support, although most of them should be wearing supports rather than receiving it from me.

I greatly enjoyed your web page and if you are decent enough to reply being a colonial and descended from criminal stock) I will gladly buy you some VB at 'Legends' when I come over. Perhaps you can give me the Waca's e mail address. and let me know if you play on Thomkins Park?

Regards

Nev (Pommy Bastard) Connelly

5) Found your homepage whilst looking for something completely different to do with whales - no idea how big fat Russell came up. I'm a past player of some years back (the Spencer years) and was hpoing that you could pass on a few messages for me.

- Please ask Russ how the Jenny Craig membership went and if he ever did buy that leotard he fancied. Is his dickie knee still preventing him from moving away from the bar?

- Please ask Tommy why his beloved all blacks lost 3 in a row - including 2 to the Aussies. It really is a dreadful indictment on the standard of the game in NZ and I really believe that it's about time a few people were honest with themselves and realised that they belong in the Northern Hemisphere competition - I suggest as an additional team in the Scottish club rugby comp until their standard has improved. That should stir him up. (I've lost his email - please ask him to answer my questions directly).

- No doubt you are working on the 97/98 season results - looking forward to seeing them.
- If Mouse is still alive please ask Don and Richie why.

Grand Final Day Again
Big Screen - \$15/head includes food (When do you reckon?)
Players' Tea
Thursday 31st September after training

Season 97/98

1st XI

2nd XI

Captain (97/98): Richard Mulroney
 Finished: 6th
 Captain (98/99): Gerard Marquis
 Best and Fairest: Gerard Marquis
 Batting Ave: Greg Oldfield (36.62)
 Batting Agg: Greg Oldfield (293 runs)
 Bowling Average: Al Field (12.64)
 Bowling Aggregate: Gerard Marquis (33)
 Fielding Award: Damien O'Hara

Captain (97/98): Greg Pennefather
 Finished: 7th
 Captain (98/99): Laurence Bensusan
 Best and Fairest: Brad Favas
 Batting Ave: Doug Stirling (24.50)
 Batting Agg: Greg Pennefather (266 runs)
 Bowling Average: Bryan Seymour (17.32)
 Bowling Aggregate: Bryan Seymour (28)
 Fielding Award: Doug Stirling

3rd XI

4th XI

Captain (97/98): Tom Morgan
 Finished: 6th
 Captain (98/99): Joe Venter
 Best and Fairest: Brett McGregor
 Batting Ave: Ryan Greenwell (75.25)
 Batting Agg: Ryan Greenwell (301)
 Bowling Average: Neil Watt (15.54)
 Bowling Aggregate: Neil Watt (24)
 Fielding Award: Andrew Stampalia

Captain (97/98): Angus Castley
 Finished: 7th
 Captain (98/99): Angus Castley
 Best and Fairest: Jason Markwart
 Batting Ave: Tyrone Murphy (25.87)
 Batting Agg: Jason Markwart (209)
 Bowling Average: Jason Markwart (10.72)
 Bowling Aggregate: Jason Markwart (36)
 Fielding Award: Andy Randalls

5th XI

Perpetual Trophies

Captain (97/98): Glen Wright
 Finished: 6th
 Captain (98/99): Tyrone Murphy
 Best and Fairest: Vince Stackpole
 Batting Ave: Vince Stackpole (20.73)
 Batting Agg: Vince Stackpole (228)
 Bowling Average: Mark Smith (10.41)
 Bowling Aggregate: Glen Wright (21)
 Fielding Award: Vince Stackpole

Best First Year Player: Grant Morrissey
 Best Future Prospect: Gareth Parker
 Club Champion: Gerard Marquis
 Most Determined: Ramon Fletcher
 Most Improved: Andrew Stampalia
 President's Trophy: Tom Morgan/Matt Halliday
 Tom Morgan Trophy: Gerard Marquis
 Wood Duck:
 Best Clubman: Tom Morgan

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Seriously though, please give the committee every support. If you have a whinge about what we are doing, do it to us, not behind our backs. There are some really positive things happening under our new leader, so watch and be amazed.

The Crap Page

AFL 2007

The start of season 2007 was much awaited with all keen to see if the South East Asian Football League could repeat the success of its record first year having expanded the AFL competition into Asia in 2006. The Bali Runs were the first Asian team to enter the competition and were greeted with mixed success. Nonetheless, six wins in their first season was seen as a sign of promise. Riding on the success of the foray into Asia AFL supremo Dr Douglas Hawkins Phd MLA was keen to further tap the Asian market and season 2007 saw the introduction of the Phillipine based Manila Folders.

Port Adelaide and Collingwood were the big winners in the pre season draft. Although Port Adelaide regarded season 2006 as a success having managed to sneak into the top twelve, they were still able to draft 2005 Brownlow Medallist Jason Torney in a deal with Richmond involving the gestating Jarman twins due sometime during the pre season. Collingwood finished second bottom after a disastrous season, but was able to snare fifteen year old triple Magarey Medallist Darren Nunn from Norwood. Fremantle, who finished bottom in 2006 were expected to draft Nunn but instead opted for Westar Rules Team Peel Thunder who had nominated as a job lot. Although this gave Fremantle a list of 83, the SE AFL ruled that they could be counted as one if they were drafted as one. This technicality has also meant Fremantle is able to field seventeen interchange players and three coaches.

After what is now customary speculation, mid way through season 2006, Essendon reappointed Kevin Sheedy as Coach for season 2007. This was despite Sheedy's untimely death in 2004 in a skiing accident. Long time assistant coach Michael "Bomber" Thompson was disappointed at again beaten at the post by the late Sheedy but remained philosophical despite rumours that during the period of uncertainty over Sheedy's reappointment, Essendon had sought to interview former Collingwood Coach Jock McHale (to be continued)

Eight fun things to do while in Bali

- 1) Check menus for spelling and grammatical errors, for example
 - Griled Sneper
 - Lobster Termidode
 - Chocolate Mouse
- 2) Walk past a shop. When the shop keeper says: "Just Looking?", say "It's your shop, you can do what you want".
- 3) Walk down the street. When a hawker comes up to you to sell you a watch or perfume etc, just run away as fast as you can. Don't say anything. This is more amusing if you have someone watching from the other side of the street to see the reaction.
- 4) Take some scales. If you get "Bali Belly", weigh yourself before and after you go to the toilet. Think about the positives.
- 5) At breakfast, if the waiter wants to refill your coffee cup, say "Bocky locky farta warta" (excuse the spelling). Loosely translated this is "This coffee tastes like dishwater" - most of it does.
- 6) Go up to a money changer and ask him the rate for Australian Dollars. If he says 6000 Rupiah, tell him it is too much and try to get him down to 4000. This is more difficult than you think.
- 7) If a German greets you at breakfast (there are heaps around Sanur) and says "Guten Morgen" meaning 'Good Morning', reply with "Schlippen Lagen" meaning 'panty liner'. This is not considered an appropriate response, but is usually worth the reaction.
- 8) Go to unattended, but reserved deck chairs by the pool. Take the towels off them so other people take the deck chairs. Find a good vantage point and watch.

I am always looking for help with the newsletter - especially for match reports and editorial material. If you would like to be the scribe for your team, all I need is a 100 word match report on each game with notable performances. Please let me know soon if you can do this.