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SENIOR PRESENTATION EDITION

H Grade Grand Final Winners -2008/2009



CONGRATULATONS





Back: Bruce Houghton (Capt), Guy Hulston, Dave Hopkins, Peter Kemp (vc), Ian Nash, Andy Mihulka, Will Nash, Jake Curtis Front: Ray Halsall, Hamish Curtis, Rylie Houghton



CMCA Grand Final Umpires Best Finals Player - Andrew Mihulka



COACHES REPORT 08-09 – Bruce Haley

The senior section of the club had a successful conclusion to the season with our 4th eleven taking out the flag and our 2nd and 3rd XI's both playing finals.

Our 1st eleven continued to struggle although some of our young players showed significant improvement.

Our bowling attack was excellent with Glenn Gallagher and Scott Handley leading the way, ably supported by Scott Adams and Sam Florence who both took big steps forward with their control and also young leggie Nick Hulston who bowled with control well beyond his years.

Our batting was our weak point, 4 scores under 100 is not good enough at this level, the bright point is that we fielded a very young top order who all had their moments but we were unable to prevent batting collapses which cost us dearly.

Simon Kulikov's ton in round 8 was a highlight.

With our young players coming through and with the depth we've established in our 2's plus some recruits we're looking forward to challenging for a finals spot next season.

The 2's started the season slowly but settled down and played good consistent cricket, aided by some handy mid season recruits. We finished 4th but bowed out in the semi when after a great start from Eddie Hargreaves and Tristan Reith we were unable to go on with it and were out 30 runs short of our target.

Our 3rds were a powerful unit all season and finished the season in 3rd spot before winning our 1st two finals to make it through to the GF.

An outstanding bowling effort by Daniel Speed saw us chasing a modest 156 for victory and a bright opening stand of 46 by young gun Josh Fisher and the aforementioned Speed had us well on the way but a batting collapse of epic proportion had us all out for 88.

Better news from the 4's who went through the season undefeated with a mixture of oldies, youngies and a couple in between. A big win over Le Page in the semi had us through to the big dance against Omega at their ground.

Skipper Bruce Houghton and fellow oldie Peter Kemp kept things tight with the ball and then Andrew Mihulka broke their backs with a superb 6-47.

Chasing 150 Peter Kemp batted aggressively and found great support from youngsters Hamish Curtis and Will Nash to pass their total and take the flag 5 wickets down.

All up the club has had a very good season with 6 of our 7 teams playing finals, our youth is developing well but the 1's have just been surviving. We need to have the 1's improving to the point where we are challenging for finals and to have standards set within the club to challenge ourselves to improve and keep all our sides strong.

A 5th eleven next season would be a welcome addition. We need to keep growing as we work towards being one of the power clubs of the competition.

Longmuir Shield

Rank	Team	Р	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	Points	%
1	East Sandringham 1	11	0	8	2	1	0	54	1.6079
2	Elwood 1	10	0	7	1	2	0	45	1.4909
3	Brighton Union 1	10	0	7	1	2	0	45	1.4180
4	Bentleigh Uniting 1	11	0	6	1	4	0	39	1.0283
5	West Bentleigh 1	10	0	6	1	3	0	39	0.8546
6	Mackie 1	10	0	5	2	3	0	36	1.0826
7	Washington Park 1	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	0.9813
8	Bentleigh ANA 1	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	0.9325
9	Le Page Park 1	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	0.8354
10	Omega 1	11	0	3	1	7	0	21	0.8771
11	Carnegie South 1	11	0	3	1	7	0	21	0.6819
12	Hampton Central 1	11	0	0	1	10	0	3	0.6753

Award Winners
BATTING – Scott Handley - Ave 23.63
BOWLING - Scott Handley- Ave 15.56
FIELDING – Simon Kulikov
BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE OVERALL
SIMON KULIKOV
BATTING 100* & 9 Catches
AGGREGATE BOWLING SHIELD
SCOTT HANDLEY
30 WICKETS

2008/2009 CSCC Ward Medal Voting **Longmuir Shield Scott Handley -23 Votes** Glenn Gallagher -19 Mark McSwain-10 **Scott Adams-8** Sam Florence -7 Lachlan Briody-6 **Nick Hulston-5** Adrian Hulston -4 **Hugh Nicholson-4** Carl Schleiger -3 Simon Kulikov-3 Chris McDonald -2 Joel Manning -1 Congratulations Scott on your win and equalling the record

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of 8 wins along with Alan Johanson

C Grade Captains Report for 2008/2009 - Luke Adams

The 2008/09 season started with our first game at the home of cricket, Lords Reserve, against D grade champions from the previous season, Chelsea Heights. They have been known as a one man team for a while now so we knew if we could post a good total and get some early breakthroughs with the ball we would be well placed for victory. Unfortunately we were unable to get that "one man" out and he went on to score an unbeaten 100. Losing the first game is always disappointing after a hard pre-season but we were determined to bounce back in round 2

Round 2 saw us travel to Bentleigh Uniting to take on a professional side of good young players and seasoned veterans. We found conditions tough with the bat with the only shining light being Dan Speed who scored a well fought 45. While we battled hard with the ball, we were only able to claim 3 wickets and again went down too easily to a quality team that went on to win the C grade flag.

By round 3 at 0-2 we were in desperate need of a win and travelled to Mackie to take on the arch enemy. Batting first, an excellent innings from Tim Snape and a solid partnership with me saw the score reach a competitive total of over 200 which gave our bowlers something to bowl at. An unbelievable spell from Kevin "KOK" O'Connor saw Mackie struggling early and with some excellent fielding from Tim Snape and good support from Mick & Nick Hulston combined with some crazy over rates saw the mighty redbacks chalk up the first win of the season.

With confidence high, round 4 saw us host Le Page at home where we batted first and set another impressive total to defend. Another good innings from Tim Snape and an excellent 87 from spinner come opener Nick Hulston put us on the front foot.

Mick was back to his best, cleaning up Le Page in emphatic style with good support from Dom Cerreto. 2-2 from 4 games and the season was starting to take shape.

Round 4 saw the other arch enemy Omega travel to Lords for what can be described as a true "pants down" affair. Big Joely Manning combined with Dom Cerreto to skittle Omega for a disgraceful total and then let Simon Kulikov prove why he is a class act posting a 78* on week 1. Simon could only add one to his overnight score however with some impressive hitting from Mick H we posted a healthy total and had another crack at Omega chasing the always valuable outright win. Unfortunately we fell 3 wickets short but it was still a magnificent win by the boys and confidence was sky high after 3 solid wins.

With a one dayer on the cards in the last game before Christmas, we were looking to finish on a high after a great previous 3 games. We came up against Washington Park who were above us on the ladder. We bowled first and restricted Washington Park to a total of 160 with some excellent spells from Joel Manning, Rudy Schleiger and Dom Cerreto. We were confident going into the run chase however we lost too many wickets early and after some inspired batting from Rudy down the order, fell a disappointing 20 runs short. 3-3 into Christmas put us middle of the road looking to play finals for the first time in 3 years.

Round 7 we headed to the Wanderers for a one dayer. Batting first we didn't play to our best but had some good lower hitting from injured firsts bowler Scott "Turbo" Adams to post a defendable 140. A combined excellent bowling effort from Scott, Mick Hulston and fiery young gun Nick Barda and top fielding effort by all saw us take to Wanderers and roll them for 100. A top win boys.

Round 8 saw us travel to Hampton Central for the most exciting game of the season. Lowly Hampton Central bowled well and made it hard for us to score until Mick Hulston hit the crease, scoring a quick fire 45 and allowing us to post a defendable 145 and something to bowl at.

Hampton seemed on top for most of their innings and at 5/120 we felt our chances were slipping away. Step up Dave Hutchinson and Mick Hulston. These 2 bowlers applied pressure never seen before in the CMCA and with Carl Schleiger prowling the covers like a panther wickets began to fall. Before long Hampton were 9/140 when the number 11 hit and took off running down the pitch. Nick Barda gathered the ball, threw to Joel Manning and ran him out for a fantastic and inspiring team victory!

Back at Lords we were playing Elwood in another must win game. Bowling first we were inspired and pumped all day but small lapses allowed Elwood to post 160. A strong batting performance from all of our top order, especially Tristan "Blocky" Reith and John Collison, which saw us pass them only 4 down in a dominant display of a side that meant business.

Our 5th one dayer in a row saw us take on Cheltenham Park at Lords. Bowling first, Chelt Park posted a total we were not happy with, in excess of 200. After having them on the ropes for most of the day, letting 2 lower order batsmen get away with making runs in not good enough. Unfortunately we did not have a change to chase this score as we were washed out week 2.

Round 11 saw us travel to West Bentleigh in a game that would decide our finals aspirations. Win and we go through, lose and we rely on other teams results. Bowling first we were confident of rolling them but this quickly evaporated. Our fielding was well below par on this day. I cannot count how many catches were dropped that would normally have been snapped up but this was the main contribution to West Bentleigh posting 320. We could not chase this down and the efforts of Mick H scoring 50+ and Nick Hulston 40 were in vain. Luckily, due to other results, we scrapped into 4th spot and were playing finals for the first time in 3 years.

Game 1 of finals saw us play Washington Park at their home ground. Losing the toss we bowled first and produced almost our best bowling performance of the year. We had Washington Park on the back foot for the majority of their innings with inspired spells from Joel Manning and Mick Hulston with Nick Hulston bowling plenty of overs. They got away a little at the end, posting 206 from 65 overs. Eddie Hargreaves and Blocky Reith started strongly and at tea on day 2 we were in a strong position at 2/100. After a shocking umpiring decision the batting collapsed and we fell 20 runs short.

I am proud of the way we stuck together and really proved that the 2's can be a force in C grade in the coming years. It is great to see young guys like Nick Hulston, Tim Snape and Nick Barda performing so well and they will be looking to build on this next season. New recruits Eddie Hargreaves, Blocky Reith and KOC O'Conner really added some enthusiasm into the side and have fitted in nicely. Stalwarts Dom Cerreto, Joel Manning and Carl Schleiger's ideas and on field leadership are always appreciated and I'm looking forward to big things from these guys next year. Mick Hulston performed superbly this year with some outstanding individual performances and has taken his game to a new level.

I would like to thank Jenny, Marg & Cel for their fantastic afternoon teas, together with their help in running the club while the 2's are at home, David Snape for his support of the side and of course coach Bruce Haley whose time and effort never goes unnoticed and is appreciated by everyone. Look out for the Redbacks in C grade next year!

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Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	Points	%
1	Bentleigh Uniting 2	11	0	10	1	0	0	63	1.9568
2	Chelsea Heights 1	11	0	9	1	1	0	57	1.7636
3	Washington Park 2	10	0	8	1	1	0	51	1.6409
4	Carnegie South 2	10	0	5	1	4	0	33	0.9911
5	West Bentleigh 2	10	0	4	2	4	0	30	1.2167
6	Elwood 2	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	0.8744
7	Le Page Park 2	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	0.7624
8	Melbourne Wanderers 1	8	0	3	1	4	0	21	1.1227
9	Omega 3	11	0	3	1	7	0	21	0.7929
10	Hampton Central 2	10	0	3	0	7	0	18	0.6717
11	Mackie 2	11	0	2	1	8	0	15	0.8772
12	Cheltenham Park 1	10	0	1	1	8	0	9	0.4893

Finals Results

Semi Final		
Washington Park 206(cc) M Hulston 4/50 JB Manning 2/44	def	Carnegie South 173 T Reith 51 E Hargreaves 35

Award Winners
BATTING - Nick Hulston - Ave - 30.60
BOWLING – Michael Hulston- Ave-17.20
FIELDING – Eddie Hargreaves
The Geoff "Bomber" McSwain MVP – Michael Hulston
Best Performance – Tim Snape 124

F Grade Captains Report for 2008/2009 - Ashley Quinn

In my first year as being captain of the third eleven I was heading into the season not knowing what was about to unravel. It started off in round 1 with a very inexperienced team with the oldest player being myself at the age of 22 but we got over the line in a thriller which set the tone for the season. It was no thanks to Kev O'Connor who played one week and then thought he would head back to NZ for the second week.

The following week we got some experience in with the likes of Dobson and Arabena and the nucleus of our team was starting to take shape. This was the round where the run feast occurred with little Tim Snape getting 124 and the wily veteran C.Moore getting 56 off not many balls batting lower down the order. Round 3 saw big James Convery get a ton with Fish getting 96 also which got us over the line quite comfortably. The following round saw us crumble to be all out for 84 and lose quite easily; it was only going to be a slight hiccup in terms of our entire season. Round 6 saw the 3rd eleven being graced with the presence of Sam Florence. He had an eventful day bowling erratically but coming back strongly to put us in a position that allowed us to win again. The following week saw us play a grand final preview against Kingston Heath and they managed to have a win over us in a very close game, winning by 3 wickets. So at the halfway point of the season we were sitting nicely on the ladder with 4 wins and 2 losses. Liam Callery, Craig Moore and Arabena were some of our consistent performers.

After the Christmas break we came back and started out the one day games with a good win to get our year off to a great start with the veterans Ara and Culi Smith guiding us home with their crafty shot making.

The next week saw us go down to Aspy in a very close contest which could have gone either way, Callery and Moore in the wickets again this round. Round 9 saw us up against the sharks who we beat quite convincingly to show that we were a force to be reckoned with. Culi made a sensational 83 and our strike bowlers of Moore, Doyle and Callery doing all the damage. The final round of the season saw us run out pretty easy winners heading into the finals with all our batters making handy contributions and one of our bowlers Doyle being rushed to hospital after stopping the ball with his head.

Into the finals we headed with the Sharks our first victim after a great team display with good fielding, tight line and length bowling and solid batting. Next stop was Aspy in the prelim which saw us get over the line in a thriller and there is nothing better than beating Aspy. The grand final was the following week up against Kingston Heath, and what a weekend of weather it was. It rained heavily both days but the Redbacks were keen to play as the following weekend there were other commitments. We bowled beautifully in the conditions with Speedy bowling a tight line and length getting him numerous wickets and we kept them to a reachable target. The following day again rained heavily but we got off to a good start with the bat. However, for one reason or another we crumbled and lost pretty convincingly in the end to finish up runners up in F grade.

I just want to thank all the boys I played with this year in making it a memorable year for me in my first year as captain.

F Grade

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	Points	%
1	Kingston Heath 3	9	0	7	1	1	0	45	1.8606
2	Washington Park 4	10	0	6	1	3	0	39	1.3850
3	Carnegie South 3	10	0	6	1	3	0	39	1.2804
4	Aspendale - Edithvale RSL 3	9	0	6	1	2	0	39	1.0272
5	Bentleigh Uniting 5	11	0	6	1	4	0	39	0.9877
6	East Sandringham 4	10	0	4	2	4	0	30	0.9497
7	Chelsea Heights 2	10	0	4	1	5	0	27	0.9644
8	Hampton Central 3	10	0	3	2	5	0	24	0.8473
9	Omega 5	9	0	3	1	5	0	21	0.8296
10	Bentleigh ANA 5	10	0	2	1	7	0	15	0.8020
11	Heatherton 1	9	0	1	0	8	0	6	0.5158
12	Cheltenham Park 2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.1417

Finals -Results

D Speed 5/48 D Hutchinson 2/57

Carnegie South 5/125 C Smith 38 M Arabena 31	TAD.	Washington Park 123 C Moore 4/34 L Callery 4/44 M Doyle 2/33
Kingston Heath 7/156(cc) Manning 66* A	Rint	Carpegie South 9/88 Fisher 31

def H Maclean 4/17 T Reid 3/3

Award Winners
Batting – Craig Smith - Ave 39.20
Bowling – Craig Moore – Ave 18.00
Fielding – Michael Doyle
The Ron Fauvel MVP – Liam Callery
Best Performance – James Convery 111
Best Finals Player - David Hutchinson

H Grade Captains Report - Season 2008/2009 - Bruce Houghton

Go Redbacks!

The season started and the season ended with our joyful refrain. Go Redbacks!

Full of optimism a group of 8 hardened H Grade cricketers saddled up in October 2008 for another season of cricket. This core group was joined by as many as 11 other players at different times during the year. Over 12 games of cricket 19 players represented the CSCC Fourth Eleven all making their contribution to what became a memorable year of H Grade cricket.

As in past years the core group of 'specialist' Fourth Eleven players included some junior/youth players combined with several veterans. This has again proved a bewitching cocktail for opposing sides. Was it the opening combination of a junior looking for quick singles and a veteran intent on pull shots to the boundary or was it the express paced junior bowling at one end alternating with a cagey veteran coming in off two steps? Or perhaps it was the incongruous sight of an U14 leg spinner teaming with a 50+ year old wicket keeper! Few sports accommodate a blend of youthfulness and experience quite like cricket!

There were numerous highlights during the season. But which of these should we record for posterity?

Here are several:

- Forty percent of all our players were under 20 years of age. Most of these players
 are still developing their talents and were able to learn from our more
 experienced players. Without exception these younger players matured as
 cricketers over the course of the season and will continue their cricket
 development in coming seasons. We can be confident that some will become
 regular First Eleven players in years to come.
- A further forty percent of our players were over 45 years of age. Not for these blokes the comfort of the settee on a Saturday afternoon. Here was a happy band of senior cricketers running around, keeping fit & sharing a drink. Long may it continue!
- All players made their own individual 'match altering' contributions at different times during the season. Each of our players at some stage 'made the difference' to our team and thus became crucial to our success.
- Much camaraderie and goodwill was shared with opposing teams most of whom
 had a similar selection philosophy to us. Games were played in a positive manner
 and the achievements of all players were appreciated by both teams. Played in
 this spirit, cricket was ultimately 'the winner'.
- A total of twelve cars were 'given away' during the season as 'Man of the Match' prizes. Happy 'motoring'!

But how did we go?

Twelve matches for twelve victories climaxing with the CMCA H Grade Premiership. Does a season of cricket get any better?

Go Redbacks!

P.S. A <u>very special</u> thanks to coach, Bruce Haley and to the entire CSCC committee without whom there would have been no season of cricket for the CSCC Fourth Eleven.

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1	Carnegie South 4	11	0	9	2	0	0	60	1.3924
2	Le Page Park 4	11	0	9	1	1	0	57	1.6907
3	Southside East Caulfield 3	11	1	6	1	3	0	49	1.1471
4	Omega 6	10	1	4	2	3	0	46	1.4447
5	Hampton United 4	10	0	5	1	4	0	39	0.9186
6	Highett 1	11	1	3	1	5	1	31	0.9185
7	Kingston Heath 5	11	0	4	1	6	0	27	1.0210
8	Cluden 3	10	0	3	1	6	0	27	0.8094
9	East Sandringham 5	11	0	4	1	5	1	27	0.7764
10	Hampton Central 4	11	0	3	1	7	0	21	0.9698
11	Nth Caulfield / Glenhuntly 1	11	0	2	2	7	0	18	0.5417
12	Port Melbourne 1	8	0	1	0	6	1	6	0.7090

Semi Final

Grand Final

Award Winners	
BATTING – PETER KEMP –AVE. 34.00	
BOWLING – ANDREW MIHULKA –AVE- 11.31	
FIELDING – RYLIE HOUGH	TON
THE DAVID SNAPE MVP – ANDREW MIHULKA	
BEST FINALS PLAYER – PETER	R KEMP

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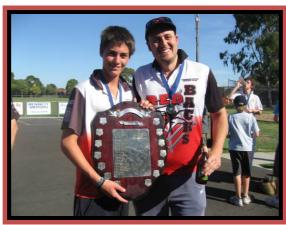
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Go Redbacks

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