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|---------------|--------------|-------------|
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**Best with the Bat – 15 Feb to end of season  
50 runs plus or 30 plus (T20s, Women's Grades, Junior ODs, U14s)**

| Name               | Score    | Grade                         | Opponent                    |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Daniel Drew        | 139      | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Sturt                    |
| Harry Mananti      | 126 n.o. | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Kensington               |
| Jo Gardner         | 112 n.o. | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Glenelg                  |
| Harry Manenti      | 104      | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Glenelg                  |
| Jo Gardner         | 93 n.o.  | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Sturt                    |
| Jack Terry         | 93       | Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade   | v. Woodville                |
| Maddie Penna       | 89       | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Kensington               |
| Reggie Els         | 89       | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Kensington               |
| Bailey Capel       | 86       | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Sturt                    |
| Daniel Drew        | 80       | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Glenelg                  |
| Bailey Capel       | 76       | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Glenelg                  |
| Matt Ferraro       | 60       | Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade   | v. Woodville                |
| Anuj Rao           | 57       | Under 15.5 Boys               | v. Northern Districts       |
| Mason Rees         | 53       | Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade   | v. Prospect                 |
| James Coles        | 51       | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade   | v. Glenelg                  |
| Erik Carrington    | 51       | Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade   | v. Woodville                |
| Lucas Robinson     | 48       | Under 13 Boys                 | v. Northern Districts       |
| Chloe Rosensweig   | 43       | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Glenelg                  |
| Keegan Butterworth | 48       | Under 13 Boys                 | v. Northern Districts       |
| Emily Parsons      | 41 n.o.  | Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. Sturt                    |
| Jessica Woolford   | 40 n.o.  | Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | v. Para Hills               |
| Annav Chuadary     | 34       | Under 15.5 Boys               | v. Adelaide                 |
| Dana Court         | 30 n.o.  | Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | v. Port Adelaide            |
| Suhann Khanuja     | 30       | Under 17 Boys                 | v. Sturt                    |
| Lucas Finn         | 30       | Under 13 Boys                 | v. Northern Districts (Q/F) |

**Best with Ball – 15 Feb to end of season  
4 Wkts. Plus or 3 Wkts. Plus (ODs, T20s, Women's Grades, RSS, U14s)**

| Name             | Figures         | Grade                         | Opponent              |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mark Whennan     | 6/33            | Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade   | v. Prospect           |
| Vidhi Parikh     | 5/5 (3.3 overs) | Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. University         |
| Jo Gardener      | 5/14            | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Kensington         |
| Mark Whennan     | 5/16            | Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade   | v. Southern District  |
| Archer Byrne     | 5/21            | Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade   | v. Prospect           |
| Chelsea Molzer   | 4/2 (3.4 overs) | Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | v. Port Adelaide      |
| Suhann Khanuja   | 4/12            | Under 15.5 Boys               | v. Adelaide           |
| Ella Simpson     | 4/15            | Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | Sturt (S/F)           |
| Archer Rothall   | 4/18            | Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade   | v. Adelaide           |
| Harvey Stephens  | 4/31            | Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade   | v. Southern District  |
| Hannah Knowles   | 4/32            | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Glenelg            |
| Archer Rothall   | 4/46            | Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade   | v. Woodville          |
| Kira Deaton      | 3/12            | Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade | v. Para Hills         |
| Thomas Tully     | 3/12            | Under 14 Boys                 | v. Adelaide           |
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| Ella Simpson     | 3/27            | Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. Kensington         |
| Archie Robertson | 3/30            | Under 17 Boys                 | v. Sturt              |
| Jo Gardner       | 3/45            | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Glenelg            |
| Maddie Penna     | 3/45            | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Sturt              |
| Jo Gardner       | 3/48            | Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Sturt              |

**Best in the Field – 15 Feb to end of season  
(3+ Dismissals)**

| Name                    | Dismissals | Grade                       | Opponent     |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Luke Terry</b>       | 3c.        | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Glenelg   |
| <b>Bailey Capel</b>     | 3c. #      | Men's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade | v. Sturt     |
| <b>Charlie Edmunds</b>  | 3c.        | Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. Woodville |
| <b>Archie Robertson</b> | 3c. #      | Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. Woodville |
| <b>Archie Robertson</b> | 3c. #      | Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | v. Prospect  |

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, another cricket year has, at the time of writing, almost flown past and we at WT have already started to plan for what season 2025/26 will look like. Without jumping the gun, there are some very positive changes to roles that various people hold around the club, some of them will already be out in public while others we will hold closer to our chest and will be discussed in Annual reports & end of season presentations.

Some already identified changes will be that Cathy Barratt will step down from her role as Chair of the Board of Management, a role she has filled well for a couple of seasons. A big thank you to Cathy, who also served as our Child Safe Officer and HFC liaison, roles that will all need to be filled in the coming months &/or at the AGM, so if you have something to offer, please be in touch. Mark Whenan will also move on from his Junior Coordinator role, an outstanding replacement has been found, and they will take that role up as we transition seasons. Mark will, hopefully, still be very involved at senior and board level.

There will be some tweaks to coaching structures across the club which will hopefully further strengthen all areas. News of some additions to the Men's Cricket committee, which are excellent appointments will follow soon.

To comment on our on-field success going into finals is always a tricky one but it's nice to see our Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade reach another finals series, a great feat given the amount of ins & outs we experience with players at the very top end of the game. Spencer & JFM are both already in India for their IPL appointments and we hope to have several players being able to celebrate further State based success on top of Harry & Drewy helping SA to the One Day crown a few weeks back. Our W2 team made the GF and our U.13 & u.15.5 teams both made finals while our U.14 & M2 teams just missed the top 4 in the last games of the season.

March is a very busy time for clubs with finals, presentation nights & junior trials taking centre stage. Just last Friday our junior coaches along with Harry Manenti, Mark Harrity, Luke Terry, Mark Whenan oversaw some 160 kids out to trial for our junior squads, amongst them 15 new lads hoping to begin their journey with our WT Cricket Academy. All coaches & players, both new and existing did a great job and the hard work of selecting squads will keep many great club people busy for many, many hours to come. A fantastic departure from what our U.16s looked like around the start of the decade where filling teams was a somewhat taxing effort.

**Kent Sendy President**



## STAN the STATISTICIAN from SEMAPHORE SOUTH

### Stan the Statistician from Semmie South suggests

**Vidhi Parikh** had an outstanding performance in Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade against University taking 5/5 from 3.4 over enabling the *Sheagles* to dismiss the 'Students' for 20 – although they had only 10 batsmen. Vidhi also took two catches off teammates' bowling, the taking part in 7 of the 9 dismissals.

**Jo Gardner's** 5/14 v. Kensington in the final Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade minor round match moved her into the top 10 West Torrens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade bowling performances at No. 7 position. The others are

|                           |      |                                              |               |
|---------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Kristy Williams        | 6/16 | v. T.T.Gully/Nth. Dist. at Pertaringa Oval   | February 2013 |
| 2. Jessica Joseph         | 6/32 | v. Port Adelaide at Henley Oval              | February 2018 |
| 3. Jessica Joseph         | 6/33 | v. Glenelg at Henley Oval                    | January 2021  |
| 4. Tahlia McGrath         | 6/37 | v. Sturt at Henley Oval                      | March 2020    |
| 5. Lauren Ebsary          | 5/8  | v. Sturt at Henley Oval                      | October 2011  |
| 6. Lanni (Jolande) Winson | 5/12 | v. Southern District at Henley High School   | January 2010  |
| 7. Joanne Gardner         | 5/14 | v. Kensington at Henley Oval                 | March 2025    |
| 8. Catherine Harding      | 5/18 | v. Sthn. Dist.at Helen Black Oval, St. Marys | January 2012  |
| Amanda Wellington         | 5/18 | v. Kensington at Parkinson Oval              | February 2020 |
| Amanda Wellington         | 5/18 | v. Northern Districts at Henley Oval         | February 2020 |

**Kelvin Smith** has moved into the top three run scorers of all time for West Torrens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade while **Daniel Drew** has moved into 9<sup>th</sup> spot. The runs exclude runs scored in the stand-alone One Day competition. The all-time leaders are:

|                      |      |                               |
|----------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| Andrew Haslett       | 6781 |                               |
| David Cassidy        | 6770 |                               |
| Kelvin Smith         | 6368 | @ 50.54 (as @ end of 2024-25) |
| Ron Hamence          | 5808 |                               |
| Brian Isaac          | 5731 |                               |
| Andy Smith           | 5412 |                               |
| Ben Higgins          | 5401 |                               |
| Alfred (Fred) Jarvis | 5213 | *                             |
| Daniel Drew          | 5016 | @ 41.45 (as @ end of 2024-25) |

1<sup>st</sup> Grader **Harry Manenti** had an extraordinary season with the bat in the 2-Day competition. Prior to Christmas he scored 25 runs in four innings at an average of 8.33. However, after Christmas he must have bought a new bat, as he scored 558 runs @ 131.6 with 3 centuries and 2 x 50s.



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## MEN'S FIRST GRADE

### **Round 8 – February 15 & Feb 22 v. Glenelg at Glenelg Oval**

Day 1. Glenelg won the toss and sent us in to bat and we replied with a decent score of 7/372 declared. Harry Manenti and Bailey Capel continued their good form post-Christmas. Harry (104) & Bailey (76). Captain Daniel Drew returned to the team and added a valuable Knock of 80.

Day 2. The wicket taking for us was dominated by overseas players with 3 each to Sean Hunt and Jack Carson and James Coles for their last game for the club before returning to their County team Sussex. Good timing by our overseas friends as we lost opening bowler James Reuther to a side strain mid game. We kept Glenelg to 207 in a convincing win that kept our finals hopes alive.

### **Round 9 – March 1 & March 8 v. Kensington at Parkinson Oval**

Day 1. We won the toss and sent Kensington in and took wickets consistently through the innings bar one late order partnership that dragged the total past 250, Kensi finishing with 267. Seamus Keogh was the pick of the bowlers bowling a brilliant spell of 20overs picking up 3/59. Easily could have had more wickets. Manenti and Hunt both chipped in with 2/50 odd each.

Day 2. We had a good chance to not only secure our finals chances but to win at Parkinson Oval which has been a challenge over the past decade. The batters were more than up to the task with Manenti making back-to-back 100's (126\*) and Reggie Els finding form at the right time of the season with 89. A little cameo from Kelvin Smith (41\*) and we got the job down with the loss of only 4 wickets.

### **Round 10 – March 16 & 17 v. Sturt at Henley an Grange Memorial Oval**

Day 1. Sturt, minor premiers, won the toss and elected to bowl on a what we thought was a good bowling wicket (we would have bowled) and lost Reggie Els early. We then put on 130 for the second wicket (Drew 139 & Capel 86) and 120 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket (Manenti 45). It was a great effort considering the wicket had a bit in it all day and we declared after 100 overs for 380.

Day 2. A great bowling effort all round saw all 5 bowlers chip in with a wicket or two. (Manenti 3/27 & Young 3/23 had the best figures, Sturt all out for 108. It was probably one of our best wins for the season and put us up to 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder, we now meet TTG at their ground for the semifinal.

### **Mark Harrity Coach**

*Unfortunately, things didn't go our way in the semi-final against Tea Tree Gully. The loss of the toss was important and TTG had the best of the conditions, but was most disappointing was the balls used. TTG's seemed to swing for more than 50 overs yet the one which WT used moved very little after the first 5 overs. Sent in to bat the Eagles foundered early and at one stage were 2/17 when Harry Manenti came to the wicket, but wickets kept falling until at 8/133, Hudson Walshaw entered the fray and with Harry put on 102 (14 short of a record) for the ninth wicket. Harry scored 147 of the 225 runs scored while he was at the wicket, hitting 4x6s and 11x4s. Tea Tree Gully batting when the pitch had settled down and the ball had stopped moving scored the runs with the loss of 5 wickets. Harry also picked up 2/50. **Ed.***

## WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE

### **Women's 1 st Grade Rounds 12-15 (50 ov.)**

The final rounds for the 24/25 season had us with three games and a bye (Round 13).

**Round 12.** Batting first against Glenelg, an outstanding 112\* (132b) from Jo Gardner, supported by Chloe Rosenzweig with 43 (81b), we set a solid 229 from the 50 overs. Glenelg got off to a rapid start, but the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket at 183 runs was followed by 4 more, Glenelg was at 8/212 in the 46<sup>th</sup> over. Outstanding bowling from Hannah Knowles 4/32 (10 ov.) and Jo Gardner 3/45 (10 ov.). Taking it to the 49<sup>th</sup> over, Glenelg just managed to take the win.

**Round 14** against Sturt saw us both with strong teams. Sturt set a challenging run chase of 241, wickets taken by Maddie Penna 3/45 (10 ov.), Jo Gardner 3/48 (10 ov.), and Aijay Willoughby 2/20 (4 ov.). Once again, a positive 93\* from Jo Gardner (113 b), partnerships with Paris Hall with 27 (36b) and Maddie Penna 28 (25b), but continuous wickets had us fall short at 198 runs at the end of the 50 overs.

**Round 15** was at home against Kensington with two strong teams. Batting first, Maddie Penna with 89 (92b) lead the team to 184. With the ball, a bowling change in the 8<sup>th</sup> over to off-spinner Jo Gardner saw a double-wicket-maiden –followed by leg-spinner Amanda-Jade Wellington at the other end with another double-wicket-maiden! With the opposition at 4/28, the wickets continued to regularly flow from consistent bowling pressure, final figures for Jo Gardner 5/14 (5 ov.), Amanda-Jade Wellington 2/10 (3 ov.) and wickets from Maddie Penna, Makenzie Holy, and Chloe Rosenzweig to collect them all at 10/85 – a spinner's day out! The best way to finish the season, singing the song.

It has been a challenging, building, developing, achieving season, with so many amazing positives to take away with us. The squad is very grateful for the incredible coaches, managers, scorers, and volunteers of our women's team who have supported us this season – thank you!

**Emily Hinze    Captain**

## **MEN'S SECOND GRADE**

Needing to win their last 3 games to be assured finals the Eagles could only get 2 wins, missing out on the major round by half a game – still a solid season with 8 wins and 4 losses. Erik Carrington top scored with 51 in a comfortable win over Woodville (8/216 dec. vs 10/162) before a loss to Adelaide made finals difficult. Sent in, the Eagles could manage only 183 before Adelaide chased down the total for the loss of only 4 wickets. A win in the final round against Prospect (10/197 vs 5/200) was not enough as other results went against us. Archer Byrne's 5/21 was a highlight, while Jack Ramage (48) and Luke Terry (44) helped to see the boys home to end the season.

**Scott Jones                      Editor/Formatter**

## **WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE**

We aimed to build momentum in the final stretch of the season, however, our game against Adelaide Uni was certainly unpredictable. After losing the toss and being asked to bowl first, we were able to bowl them out for a mere 20 runs. Vidhi Parikh was the star bowler, claiming remarkable figures of 5/5. Sani Shah (7\*) and Mackenzie McCauley (10\*) then took care of the chase without losing a wicket.

After a bye in the previous round, we returned to action in Round 14 at home against Northern Districts. Our bowlers delivered a strong performance, dismissing them for 123 runs. Sanvi Shah stood out with the best figures of 3/24, supported by Swati Alladi (2/25) and Mackenzie McCauley

(2/22). However, we fell short in the chase, finishing at 10/91. Brianna Cheetham (24) and Ishmeet Kaur (14) were the top scorers.

Next up, we faced another scorching day at Kensington, where we were asked to bowl first. Ella Simpson led the way with a brilliant 3/27, backed by Swati Alladi (2/24) and Sanvi Shah (2/27). Once again, our batting let us down, with Mackenzie McCauley (23) and Sanvi Shah (15) being the top contributors.

Despite these challenges, we maintained strong performances throughout the season, finishing second on the OD ladder and securing a home semi-final at Henley High against Sturt. On a windy day, Sturt won the toss and chose to bat first. Ella Simpson featured with 4/15, and four other bowlers took individual wickets, leaving Sturt all out for 99. After a rocky start, a steady partnership between Emily Parsons (41\*) and Rachel Banham (15\*) guided us to a comfortable 3/103. We are now set to face off in the Grand Final against Glenelg!

### **Mackenzie McCauley    Captain**

*Unfortunately, the team could not 'get over the line' in the Grand Final. Glenelg won the toss and elected to bat and some excellent bowling saw the Bays dismissed for 116. Swati Alladi 4/14, Ella Simpson 2/14 and Mackenzie McCauley 2/27 were the chief destroyers. However, the batting line-up couldn't produce what they had done leading into the finals and we were dismissed for 74. Mackenzie was the mainstay with 21. **Ed.***

## **MEN'S THIRD GRADE**

### **Rd11 v Woodville                      WT: 238 defeated Wood: 196**

Batting first, despite the loss of a wicket in the second over, our innings started off strongly, lead by Jack Terry (93 off 201), and Matthew Ferraro (60 and 74). After being 1-96, the side lost 7-73 in the middle of the innings following Jack's dismissal. Michael Jansson (28\* off 36) joined Archer Byrne (13 off 31) to put on 42 for the last wicket, pushing the total to 238. We dismissed both opening batters in the 3 overs that night, before taking a further 6-91 before lunch on Day 2. A 98-run 9<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership squashed the chance for second-innings points, nonetheless, we ran away as 42 run winners. Archer Rothall (4-46) was strong in positive batting conditions.

### **Rd 12 v Adelaide                      WT: 198 defeated Adel: 105**

Unlike last week, we struggled early, losing 5-57 on a difficult pitch away at Adelaide. Samuel Turner (42 off 111) and Archer Rothall (44 off 99) put on a gritty 80-run partnership, which coupled with some lower order hitting got the total to 198. Adelaide got through the 2 overs that night unscathed. On Day 2, our bowlers bowled consistently well, with Archer Rothall (4-18), Mason Rees (2-19) and Samuel Turner (2-7) leading the way. Despite some poor fielding at times, we were able to bowl them out for 105 for back-to-back wins for the first time this season.

### **Rd 13 v Prospect                      WT: 8-198 defeated by Pros: 8-227**

Losing the two highest scorers and wicket-takers from last game, an under-manned 3rds took on Prospect at Henley High to finish the season. Despite Mason Rees (3-41) and Michael Jansson's (2-31) multi-wicket performances, Prospect put up a strong 1<sup>st</sup> innings score of 8-227. Powerful innings from Mason Rees (53 off 44) and Nick Taylor (41 off 28) led a strong chase, but ultimately the target was too steep, as we fell 29 runs short in a gut-wrenching way to end our campaign.

### **Matthew Ferraro                      Captain**

### **WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE**

The final four rounds of the season were a 'tough gig' for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade succumbing to two ATCA 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teams but easily defeating the two SACA 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teams which they encountered.

Round 14. A match at John Mitchell Oval was a new experience for the team but against the powerful Para Hills combination. The team did well to restrict the opposition to 6/135. In reply they fell 16 runs short with debutante Jessica Woolford leading the way with a well-made 40 n.o.

Round 15. Against eventual semi-finalists, Kensington, we could only put together 104 runs with the batting being held together by middle order batter Bel Cheary with 27. However this was sufficient as the bowling was spot on with the wickets being shared – Chelsea Molzer, Alex Healy and Dana Court each taking two. Kensington could only reply with 41.

Round 16. We encountered Port Adelaide at Henley High. Port batted first and could only muster 78 which the girls chased down with the loss of just four wickets. Opening bowler Chelsea Molzer hurled down 'hand grenades' taking 4/2 from 3.4 overs. Then captain Dana Brand held the Sheagles innings together by batting through the innings for 30 n.o.

Round 17. This was another tough game against the strong Reynella side who compiled 2/212, one of their openers being former SA player Jo Cooke. However the girls showed grit and fought out their 30 overs scoring 7/126 with Jess Woolford being the backbone of the innings with 26.

The Women's Third Grade successfully completed their second season in the ATCA Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, finishing in sixth position. With five SACA Clubs in that Grade it may be time for the SACA to start thinking about a Third SACA Grade. This would give those Clubs without women's teams a chance to think about opening their doors to Women's cricket.

**Denis Brien (aka Rocka)    Chairman WTDCC Women's Cricket Committee**

### **MEN'S FOURTH GRADE**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade unfortunately finished the year without getting a win. In the back end of the season we had strong performances for longer in the field but haven't been able to get it together with the bat for anything more than a partnership or two which hasn't been enough for us to post a winning score or successfully chase a total.

Our fielding is huge area for improvement as we took 94 wickets across the season and dropped 92 catches across the year. We had the opportunity with movement above us to hand senior debuts to a number of under 15's in the back end of the season and they all performed quite well and weren't out of place at all.

It has been a great opportunity for the side to play a season of cricket against men and learn and hopefully this is reflected in the growth of performances next season and beyond.

**Mark Whenan    Captain**

### **UNDER 17 BOYS**

The second half of the season saw U17s lose against strong sides from Glenelg, Sturt and Woodville with the other games against East Torrens and Adelaide cancelled due to the weather.

This resulted in a record over the season of played 8 won 1 lost 7 with 3 weather-affected and a position of 11 out of 12 on the ladder.

The boys bowled first in every game this season other than one, which they won, and frequently found themselves chasing totals of 180 to 200 or more. Key takeaways going forward are to take our chances in the field to ensure the opposition does not have wickets in hand at the end of their innings, to build partnerships with bat and ball and to show intent with the bat including rotating the strike to better position ourselves to chase targets. Hopefully there will be more luck with the coin next year too as we only won the toss once in the eight games played.

Good luck to the boys who will play solely with the senior grades next year as they have now 'aged out' of the junior grades.

Thanks to Min, Hally and all the parents/family members for their contributions during the year.

**Rob Wenz    Team Manager**

## **UNDER 15.5 BOYS**

### **Round 9 vs Woodville**

On a tricky pitch we managed 103 batting first with Arnav Chaudary (20) getting us off to a good start. Ari Parisi (33) played a crucial knock showing good intent on a wicket where most batters struggled. At stumps we had Woodville in trouble at 4/33 before the match was abandoned the following week due to heat.

### **Round 10 vs Northern Districts**

Batting first we got off to a slow start with the pitch offering a bit to the bowlers. Arnav Chaudary (22) and Anuj Rao (57) the best of our batters putting on a 53 run partnership. Liam Whenan (28) with his best knock of the season helped us to a competitive total of 153. Gurjap Singh and Jed Flowers got us off to a great start bowling well, with each taking early wickets. Northerns got on top for a while and looked to be taking the game away from us before left arm spinners Gus Petherick (3/23) and Max Ormsby (3/30) turned the momentum to win by 37 runs keeping us in touch with finals.

### **Round 11 vs Adelaide**

Bowling first Adelaide got off to a good start thanks to a few dropped catches. Rocco Parisi and Jed Flowers bowled well without luck. As has been the case all season we hung in there and got the game back on our terms. Suhaan Khanuja (4/12) was the standout taking a hattrick with a superb spell of bowling. The coach and spectators didn't realise it was a hattrick as the first wicket was off the last ball off the previous over.... the kids were all over it though as their celebrations showed! Spinners Gus Petherick (2/11) and Seb Wadsworth (2/18) helped finish off the innings for 100. Chasing against one of the best teams in the comp was going to be tough however we passed their total 7 down after a few late nervous moments. Arnav Chaudary (34) continued his good form at the top and Suhaan Khanuja (20 off 18) again provided a crucial innings with two massive sixes to ensure we made finals.

### **Semi Final vs Sturt**

Winning the toss and batting first we struggled to post a competitive score finishing on 104. It wasn't necessarily good bowling but poor decision making that accounted for most of our wickets. The majority falling caught in front of the wicket. Anuj Rao (25) and Suhaan Khanuja (20) continuing their good form. Defending 104 was going to be a tough ask especially with a couple

of tough chances being put down in the first two overs. As we have done all season the boys never gave up. Jed Flowers and Rocco Parisi bowled very well opening the innings before Fergus Gowans (2/29) produced his best spell of the season and Gus Petherick (2/15) gave us some hope of a miracle. In the end 104 runs wasn't enough with Sturt winning by 5 wickets. The boys fought it out well and can hold their heads high.

Thanks to all the parents for their support this season, especially Anthony Parisi, Steve Townsend, Dave Ormsby & Nick Burns for always being there to help with scoring. Thanks also to Duff and Mark for their work at trainings and selecting the side. With the development of our batting West Torrens can be a force in the junior grades and this should flow through to strong senior teams in the future.

Thanks to the great group of players. They played the game the right way and were competitive in every game. We received many positive comments on how our team carried itself on and off the field. A shout out also to those in the squad who missed out on playing the last few games. You have all contributed to the team at some stage throughout the year, it would have been tough for selectors late in the season.

Finally, good luck to Rocco Parisi in the U15 SA School Sport Team for the upcoming national carnival.

**Matt Petherick**

**Team Manager**

### UNDER 14 BOYS

The end of the 2024/25 season didn't go as planned for the Under 14 team.

After the heat disrupted our chances of a win against Woodville, we struggled to make runs in our final two games against Northern Districts and Adelaide. It wasn't the finish we had hoped for, especially after a strong 2023/24 season.

While missing the finals was disappointing, the boys learned valuable lessons. We identified that consistency was a key area we need to improve. To compete with top teams like Sturt and Glenelg, we need to maintain focus for the full 40 overs and stay sharp in the field. Unfortunately, we let ourselves down in this regard, giving the opposition too many chances and easy runs.

I want to thank all the players and families for their continued support throughout the season. The boys are a pleasure to coach, and I'm confident that with some hard work over the winter, we will be back in the finals next year.

A special thanks to the parents, who always offer their help and support – it truly makes my Saturdays easier.

**Matthew Lokan**

**Team Manager**



## UNDER 13 BOYS

The U13 (Ray Sutton Shield) boys finished with 4 wins, 5 losses and 2 no results – enough to make the quarter finals. Following a 10 wicket win against local rivals Woodville, they had a heated-out match against Adelaide and an 8 wicket loss to Northern Districts.

Lucas Finn led the way with 4/13 against Woodville before Tommy Sincock (45\*) and Lucas Robinson (30\*) did the job with the bat. Robinson again scored well with 48 against the Jets and Keegan Butterworth also scored 48.

In the quarter final, again against the Jets, the Eagles could only get to 102 with 30 off 17 balls to Lucas Finn at 10 at least giving them a chance. The Jets were again too strong with the bat, passing the score just 3 down in the 18<sup>th</sup> over.

**Scott Jones**

**Editor/Formatter**

## HISTORY CORNER

### A Grade Hat Tricks for the Eagles

On Sunday 19 December 1999 at Woodville Oval Brett Swain not only rattled the Peckers with an outstanding 7/38 but wrote himself into the S.A.C.A. annals as the first player to take three hat tricks in A grade cricket since the S.A.C.A. competition began in 1873-74. Brett has an excellent pedigree as a new ball bowler as his grandfather Tim Wall (played for Port Adelaide and Prospect) opened the bowling for Australia, once took all 10 wickets in an innings against N.S.W. but never took a hat trick in district cricket.

Brett took his first hat trick at Adelaide No. 2 on 7/10/95 in the first match of the season, also against Woodville. He began by having Geoff Parker caught by Ben Smith, then bowled Denis Hickey and Michael Lawton and finished with 7/48 from his 19 overs. Unfortunately for the Eagles Denis Hickey decided later that afternoon to emulate Swainey's feat removing James Pyke, Jason Foster and Matt Minagall, sending the team sliding to defeat. Brett's twin Scott opened the innings for Torrens and was removed by Hickey without troubling the 'Pope'.

Two years later he repeated the feat in the inaugural Quinn-Isaac Cup match at Adelaide Oval (8/11/97) against East Torrens when he bowled each of his victims Twomey, Polkinghorne and Urban. He finished with the fine figures of 7/53 from 19.5 overs but again the side lost. In his most recent performance Brett had Mark Holton caught by Mal Howell at second slip, then had Michael Munn l.b.w. and wrapped up the hat trick by bowling Ian Redpath with an unplayable ball. This time the side won. Six of the nine hat trick wickets were bowled, one l.b.w. and the other two caught in the slips cordon, showing the immense value of bowling line and length. The unique quality of all three hat tricks was that in each case the ultimate wicket was bowled.

Having created a record for the most hat tricks in A Grade Brett confirmed his place in the historical annals by adding a fourth on 19 January 2002. With Prospect needing eighteen runs to win from the last four overs with four wickets in hand, Brett began his nineteenth over. Off the second ball he bowled Stuart Williss, the third went to third man for a single, the fourth had Peter Richardson l.b.w., with the fifth Brett bowled Mick Harden and he trapped John Worthley l.b.w. with the final ball of the over. Four wickets in five balls to finish with 4/58.



Nine other Eagles have performed the feat, the first being a Yorkshireman Walter Bullough (playing for Hindmarsh) who skittled three Kent C.C. batsmen at Adelaide Oval North in 1879-80. The next was the Club's all time high wicket taker Percy Coombe who opened the bowling with quick leg breaks of the Bill O'Reilly type. Percy took two against University, one at Hindmarsh Oval and the other at University. In 1921-22 the Club moved from Hindmarsh to Thebarton where Hughie Bridgman took the first hat trick playing against Adelaide and repeated the feat three seasons later against Glenelg at the Bay. Jack

Scott, a left arm medium pacer who had to be stirred up in the field to stop him falling asleep, was the next in 1937-38 against University at Thebarton followed the next season by his new ball partner Phil Ridings at Glenelg. Norm King who also took a hat trick in the 1930s for Colts against Glenelg, was a West Torrens player at the time but was compulsorily seconded to Colts.

The first post war hat trick went to the 20 year old Graham Stanford (an opening bowler who took over 400 A grade wickets) with figures of 6/18 at Salisbury in Feb 68 and there was a ten year wait until a 30 year old Kevin Lewis (464 A grade wickets) with 6/49 took another against Student Teachers at Thebarton. The next hat trick drought of fourteen seasons was broken by Ben Higgins when he took the first hat trick in A grade on King's Reserve against Woodville in 1991-92.

Brad Young took the thirteenth A grade hat trick for West Torrens when he performed the feat against Glenelg in Round 1. He took 4/22 from 27 overs and the hat trick included two bat-pad catches and an l.b.w. Other *Eagles* to perform the hat trick are Brett Swain (4), Percy Coombe (2), Hughie Bridgman (2), Jack Scott, Phil Ridings, Graham Stanford, Kevin Lewis and Ben Higgins. Brad if the first player to take a hat trick at Henley Memorial Oval.

Trent Kelly became the eleventh and youngest *Eagles* player (18y. 335d.) to take a hat trick in A grade when on 1 March 2003 he performed the feat against Port Adelaide at Port Adelaide Reserve. Trent bowled the last two magpie batsmen, Rivett and Nikou, in the first innings and had Darren Monger caught behind with his first ball of the second innings.

### Unique Hat Tricks for West Torrens

Walter Bullough (6/23) took the Club's first hat trick v. Kent at Adelaide Oval North on 31 January 1880. C.Warren also took a hat trick in the same match for the opposition. No further hat tricks were taken for the Club until Percy Coombe's first (of two) 30 years later.

Bradley Young took a hat trick in the semi-final of the Commonwealth Games when he took 4/4 v. New Zealand at Tenaga S.G., Kilat Kelab, Malaysia, in September 1998. This was only considered a List A match not an ODI as countries such as those from the Caribbean competed as separate nations (viz Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad etc.) and not as the West Indies and therefore did not have ODI status. This was the only Commonwealth Games that Cricket was included for males Brad also took hat tricks in A Grade and A Grade L.O. cricket.

Russell Biar is the only player in the history of SACA Club cricket (began 1873-74) to have taken a double hat trick in any Grade. He performed this feat against University in B grade at Park 10 in November 2006 - 8/35 (*ht*) and 2/29 (*ht*). The second hat trick came from his last two balls in the first innings and his first ball in the second innings. (*A double hat trick consists of two separate instances of three wickets in three balls in the same match. Four wickets in four balls does NOT constitute a double hat trick – authority source Wisden*)

Tom Derham (5/42) took a hat trick in the first innings of the B Grade match v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval in January 2012 and Michael Humphries (3/16) took a hat trick in the second. This is the only instance of two different West Torrens players taking hat tricks in the same match.

The youngest male player to take a hat trick in senior cricket for West Torrens is Dylan Ribbons (14y. 336d.) who took 4/26 v. Northern Districts at Park 25 #3 January 2007 in D Grade.

## PAST PLAYER PROFILE

CROWE Jeffrey John (Chopper)  
RHB - RHM  
b. Auckland 14 Sep 1958

West Torrens 1977-78 to 1981-82 (42 A grade games)  
SA 1977-78 to 1981-82 (34 games)  
Auckland 1982-83 to 1991-92 (78 games - Captain in 58 games from 1983 to 1991-92)  
New Zealand 1982-83 to 1989-90 (39 Tests - Captain in 6 Tests in 1987 and 1988)  
180 First Class games

Debut No. New Zealand (Test) 151  
New Zealand (ODI) 42  
SA 447 WT 365



WT Debut v. Sturt at Thebarton Oval, October 1977  
1911 runs @ 39.00 H.S. 196 v. Kensington at Parkinson Oval, February 1981 (6 centuries)  
2 wkts. @ 7.50 Best 1/4 v. Prospect at Adelaide #2, February 1980

Other First Grade Mosman (NSWCA) - 3 games, 170 runs @ 42.50 H.S. 60 v. Randwick at Coogee Oval, October 1989 Did not bowl

SA Debut v. India at Adelaide Oval, November 1977  
1964 runs @ 33.86 H.S. 157 v. NSW at Adelaide Oval, November 1981 (5 cents.)  
1 wkt. @ 19.00 Best 1/10 v. Pakistan at Adelaide Oval, December 1981 35 catches

All First Class 10233 runs @ 37.90 H.S. 159 New Zealanders v. Glamorgan at St. Helen's, Swansea, Wales, August 1986 (22 centuries, 56 x 50s) 199 catches  
1 wkt. for 55 runs Best 1/10 SA v. Pakistan as above

Tests Debut New Zealand v. Sri Lanka at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, March 1983  
1601 runs @ 26.24 H.S. 128 v. England at Eden Park, Auckland, February 1984 (3 centuries, 6 x50s)

0 wkts. for 9 runs                      41 catches

List A (SA)      Debut v. Western Australia at Adelaide Oval, November 1979      (8 games)  
145 runs @ 18.12    H.S. 38 (as above) and v. Queensland at Adelaide Oval,  
February 1981  
3 catches

All List A      2974 runs @ 26.31    H.S. 130 n.o. Auckland v. Northern Districts at Eden Park,  
Auckland, December 1991                      0 wkts. for 1 run                      139 matches

ODI      Debut    New Zealand v. Sri Lanka at Carrisbrook, Dunedin, March 1983  
1518 runs @ 25.72    H.S. 88 n.o. v. Zimbabwe at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, October  
1987 (World Cup) (7 x50s)    0 wkts. for 1 run                      75 matches    28 catches

Tests : New Zealand 39 ( 10 v. Eng. 8 v. Aust. 8 v. Pak. 7 v. W.Ind. 6 v. S.L.) Captain -5

Tours :      New Zealand to Australia 1982-83, England 1983, Sri Lanka 1984, Zimbabwe  
(Young New Zealand) 1984, Pakistan 1984, West Indies 1985, Australia 1985-86,  
England 1986, Sri Lanka 1987, India and Pakistan 1987 (World Cup), Australia  
1987-88 and England 1990.

Other First Class      Auckland (1982-83 to 1988-89), Young New Zealand (1984-85), New  
Zealand Cricket Council President's XI v. West Indies (1986-87) v. Pakistan  
(1988-89)

Other Teams    Cornwall (Auckland NZ), Dulwich (Surrey League 1978), New Zealand XI v. World  
XI (Richard Hadlee Testimonial 1989-90) Mosman (NSWCA - 1989-90)

Achievements High Performance Manager New Zealand Cricket Team 1999 - 2003  
International Cricket Council Referee 2004 - 2025 including the 2007 World Cup  
Sheffield Shield Winners 1981-82                      Member West Torrens 100 n.o. team  
(best post W.W. 2)  
LMS Hargrave Trophy (Best Under 23 player in SACA competition) 1977-78  
ANZ Trophy (Most valuable SA player) 1981-82      WT Premier Batsman 1979-  
80 and 1980-81

Cricketing Family      Father David (Canterbury, N.Z. Wellington N.Z. and 1st Grade umpire)  
Brother Martin (New Zealand *captain*, Auckland, Central Districts, Wellington and Somerset).

Other notable family Cousin Russell Crowe (Actor), Maternal Great grandfather Francis Jervis (All  
Black)

Denis Brien had been appointed manager of the South Australian Under 19 team to compete in the Australasian Schoolboy Cricket Championship in Hobart in January 1977. Phil Ridings, who by this time had become Chairman of the Australian selection panel, spoke to him at Adelaide Oval about a young New Zealander who was interested in playing in Australia and suggested that he have a look at him and invite him to Adelaide if he seemed a likely acquisition.



The general impression in Hobart was that the young New Zealand captain was a better player than the 'advertised gun' batsman of the carnival Dirk Wellham as Jeff won the award for the Player of the Championship and captained the Kiwis to their first Kookaburra Shield win. Denis sought an audience with the Kiwi and found him to be a genuine, likeable and knowledgeable young man who claimed that he liked the 'Crow Eaters' but wasn't keen on Queenslanders'. When asked the obvious he replied,

"Well, the other day as I was taking guard, the Queenslander at short leg spat on my boot."

To the question "What did you do about it?" his reply was that of a mature veteran,

"I had no choice in the matter, I made a hundred."

Denis then knew that Jeffrey John Crowe should be invited to Ashley St. Thebarton (the former home of the WTDCC) without delay. Phil Ridings then spoke to his parents Dave and Audrey at the Centenary Test in Melbourne and Jeff flew into Adelaide in September of 1977.

He first stayed with Phil and his wife Joan before leaving in case any State selection might be construed as nepotism. He then went to board at the Alberton Hotel with the Brien family before receiving a warning that he would lose his West Torrens qualification if he continued to live in the heart of the Port Adelaide district. The Club then sent the young 'shaky islander' to live with a staunch West Torrens supporter and worker Kevin Smith, not to learn about cricket but to learn about life.

We all soon learnt what an affable and unassuming lad was 'Crowey' or 'Chopper' as he became known and that he had outstanding talent and a technique that was hard to fault. He fitted into the Club scene like a glove, impressing not only with his performances but also with his behaviour, never playing the foreign visitor but always the local clubman. Not only was it an opportune time for West Torrens to have him drop in, but conversely the door of opportunity was opening for Jeff as the defection of Ian Chappell and David Hookes to World Series Cricket left gaps in the South Australian team to be filled by emerging players. He exploded on the club scene scoring 61 and 81 in his first two knocks before succumbing to Adelaide's heat by foolishly batting without a hat. His 579 runs at an average of 52 was not only second to Ian Edgley's 740 (at 61) on the West Torrens list but also second overall in the SACA District Club competition and probably was instrumental in Jeff being awarded the L.M.S. Hargrave trophy for the outstanding Under 23 player in District Cricket.

At David Hookes' instigation, Jeff headed to the Dulwich Club (Surrey League) for the 1978 winter and scored 3000 runs including five centuries and then returned to West Torrens for the summer. Over a five-year period year period Crowey became an important link in the *Eagle* eleven. He made six centuries placing him sixth on the all-time list at that time, twice won the fielding award, played in two losing Grand Finals and helped establish the record opening partnership of 243. Those openers were indeed a unique pair. The former Australian captain Ian Chappell took with him to the wicket the future New Zealand captain Jeff Crowe and together they stamped their dominance and greatness on the contest putting together 243 in 189 minutes. Ian scored 135 from 137 balls while Jeff contributed 100.

Jeff returned home to Auckland for the 1982-83 season and immediately gained selection in the Auckland first class team and then in the national side to tour Australia for the World Series Cup competition and played his first Test against Sri Lanka later that season . He assumed the captaincy of Auckland in 1983. In the same season Chopper scored his first Test century which was against England in his home city. He continued in fine fettle when the Kiwis scored victories over Australia at home and away during the 1985-86 season.

On his second tour of England in 1986 he had the unique experience of fielding on every playing day of the tour and also compiled his highest first-class score. This was a swashbuckling innings

of 150 from a mere 144 balls against Glamorgan and included only one six but 26 boundaries along the turf. The tour was a particularly exhilarating experience for the New Zealanders as the team defeated England for the first time in a Test series in England. Jeff received his country's highest accolade in 1987 when he was appointed captain of New Zealand for their tour of Sri Lanka. He immediately took up the mantle scoring 120 n.o. in his first Test as captain, the thirteenth player in world cricket history to do so. Unfortunately the tour was called off after the first Test due to terrorist activities. He retained the captaincy for the World Cup in India and Pakistan later that year. Chopper was welcomed back to West Torrens when he captained the New Zealand team in Australia in 1987-88. He made Test centuries against England, the West Indies and Sri Lanka and also 116 in his only game against Holland.

Jeff was not noted for in penetrating bowling. In fact his only first class wicket was for SA when he bowled Pakistan's Zaheer Abbas, who was in devastating form and was taking the SA attack apart at the time. In that match five West Torrens players were members of the SA team.

On his retirement from cricket he conducted a successful golf tourist business in Auckland. He then went on to becoming the High Performance manager of New Zealand cricket and during his stewardship the team was successful in winning the ICC trophy in 2000 in Nairobi, Kenya. Currently Jeff resides in Florida with his wife Lara and sons Oscar and Henry and is currently an International Cricket Council match referee.

#### **Denis Brien (aka Rocka) Club Historian**

*By the time Jeff had come to Adelaide to play for West Torrens I had dropped down the grades to captain our fourth side. On the second Saturday of a match one of our players had taken ill the previous day and we had no substitute fielder. The state team had that Saturday off and as the First Grade team had already begun their game Jeff had a day of leisure. He immediately offered his services as 12th man for the Ds. The team won the match due to some steady bowling and great fielding. Only one catch was put down - Chopper at second slip. All of the young kids couldn't get back to the Club quick enough to spread the word how the 'great man' had spilled the only catch - a dolly.*

*Rocka*

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Keeper Harry Neisen and his wife Caitlin on the birth of their first child William John (Billy) on February 5. Another Nielsen in line to play for the Eagles.



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## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

### **Eagle Eye | December 2009 | Senior Coach's Report (Men)**

This report sees the playing side of things in reasonable shape for the 2009-10 season, although the next month will be important in all grades, should we wish to be playing finals. The players have embraced several changes from last season which I believe has made a difference with the quality of practice. The three training nights has been better for the players as it has enabled better quality practices for both the B Squad on a Tuesday night, A Squad on a Wednesday night, and then everyone training together on a Thursday night.

We have tried to work hard with the bowlers on their ability to create deception – swing, cut, pace variation and angle variation – and try to put this into bowling sets. There is no doubt that the quicks have enjoyed the freedom to bowl more bouncers, but our inability to bowl variation with control is an area that needs work. There is no point bowling deliveries that move a lot if they are not pitched in the right area.

From a batting point of view we have had some terrific scores – Wes Thomas 200 not out, Andrew Haslett a fantastic ton, Hayden Murray a good hundred as did the three Tom's, Tom Dugan, Tom Woolford and Tom Lewis who all made hundreds in the same weekend. Let's hope that this becomes a habit for all players so they can move through the grades.

It has been great to have the "young fella's" up from last years U16's and once again fantastic to have the two "Choppers" and "Darby" Munro, bring that international flavour to our club. This follows on from our support for our Ugandan lads in Jimmy and Patrick, who have a had a baby (Jimmy) and a marriage (Patrick).

This season we have introduced a players handbook for the first time and given them to all the players. This has educated the players on the history of the club, some of the great people involved to make it all possible, player expectations, goal setting and motivational quotes. At most training nights we have three bowling machines going and this has been great because of the huge number of players we have this season to give them increased batting practice. Our fielding so far this season has been less than expected and we will be looking for everyone to work hard at training and improve this. If everyone can make the extra effort to practice at top pace, especially in fielding it will make our club better as a whole.

Unfortunately a couple of our games have been washed out. Against East Torrens the B's, C's and D's were all in fantastic positions but unfortunately the second week was washed out, much against the liking of the A's. Against Southern Districts the B's, C's and D's were washed out but the A grade got underway the following day. This makes it difficult for the players to get momentum into their season and feel like they are in form.

For the next couple of games before Christmas we need to keep working hard, both at training and on match days to get all grades in top 4 positions and provide ourselves with an excellent chance to make the finals. Thank you too all the volunteers who have helped us so far this season, as well as our practice and playing facilities being of exceptional standard. Well done to the skippers who are working hard to provide their teams with good direction and game evaluation. Have a great Christmas break and let's have a great "Eagles" new year.

**Grant Wyman**

**Senior Men's Coach**

## **Eagle Eye | December 2010 | Dwyer 'Ere**

*(We have a new column thanks to the Club's professional comedian and tear away quick Mickey D.)*

THE COMEBACK. My grandfather once said to me. "This getting old lark, its got nothing going for it" Now that I'm 31 I'm begging to agree, but old Ted had batted long enough, He had earned the right to say things like that. He also felt he had earned the right to drive Tapleys Hill Road at 45kph and start every other sentence with "back in my day" peppering the occasional rant with strategic racial or homophobic slur.

He also thought Keiran Perkins was probably the best spin bowler this country has ever produced. My current inspiration is a brilliant left-hand batsman by the name Geoff Huegill! Losing over 45kg to make it back into the Commonwealth side. What a comeback, some said it was over for Geoff, he'd let himself go, blown out to 140kg - much like myself, Geoff had to make some changes. "4am starts, 4-6 hours a day going up and down on a black line, strict diet, social limitations and you need to live and breathe the sport if you want to have any sort of success."

I read about Huegill on the internet! Back in my day we didn't have the internet! We didn't even have clubrooms. You know, the good old days, when warming up for the match in jeans only cost \$2 in fines and if you dropped a catch off Bourny's bowling you'd still get a game. Back in my day you'd have to run 3 just to get 2. You'd have to catch a bag of snakes for afternoon tea.

So, I'm late for training! I'm speeding past the Airport and Drummond driving range as I type this on my iPhone. Sitting next to me is a meth-head who needed a lift to the Lockleys, Fresh FM is playing some Sudanese Techno and I've just received a MMS from Tom Lewis - ahhh bugger - another fitness test. Back in my day a Yo-Yo was a biscuit.

**Mickey D                      1997/98 Shell Shield Bowler of the Carnival**

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## **Eagle Eye | March 2016 | Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report**

The women's 2nd grade team has played nine 40 over matches since Xmas, with eight wins. The 40 over matches have provided more opportunities for players to bat and bowl, and we have mixed up batting and bowling orders to try to give all of the young players a good chance.

The bowling has been shared around, mostly amongst the junior players, with all developing very well and working on improving consistency. In most matches there have been good team batting scores put on the board.

The team finished the minor round on top of the table. After producing an overwhelming victory against University in the Semi-final the team had a resounding win against 2nd placed Northern Districts in the Grand Final. Experienced Annette Johnson top scored with 36 n.o. and captain Lanny Winson created havoc with 5/7 from 8 overs while Maitland's Hannah Waters took 2/12.

The 200 strong crowd broke into tumultuous cheering when 10-year-old Isobel Bryksy took the final Northern Districts wicket. West Torrens 7/127 (40 overs) d. Northern Districts 73 (30.4 overs)

**Caroline Ward                      Vice Captain**

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