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Best with the Bat – to 8 Dec
50 runs plus or 30 plus (T20s, Women's Grades, Junior ODs, U14s)

Name	Score	Grade	Opponent
Jake Fraser-McGurk	129	Men's 1 st Grade OD Cup	v. Sturt
Harry Nielsen	102 n.o. (85b.)	Men's 1 st Grade	v. Northern Districts
Harry Manenti	86 (36b. 8x6, 5x4)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Port Adelaide
Paul Duffett	85	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Adelaide
Harry Manenti	84	Men's 1 st Grade	v. Sturt
Aryan Mahtolia	83	Boys' Under 14	v. East Torrens
Alex Cappelluti	80 n.o.	Men's 2 nd Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Harry Manenti	77 n.o. (55b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Tea Tree Gully
Mackenzie Harvey	76 (65b.)	CA One Day Cup	SA v. Western Australia
Hamish Burns	76	Boys' Under 17	v. East Torrens
Amara Carr	75	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Glenelg
Jake Fraser-McGurk	69 n.o. (40b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Adelaide
Nick Taylor	66 n.o. (49b.)	Men's 3 rd Grade	v. University
Sanvi Shah	66 ret.	Girls' Under 15	v. Glenelg
Grisha Patel	63	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Northern Districts
Tommy Sincock	62	Boys' Under 13	v. Tea Tree Gully
Kelvin Smith	60 n.o. (39b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Prospect
Ryan Hackney	60	Men's 1 st Grade	v. Sturt
Mark Wenz	59 n.o.	Boys' Under 17	v. Prospect
Bailey Capel	55 (35b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Southern District
Mark Wenz	55 (47b.)	Boys' Under 17	v. East Torrens
Arav Chaudhary	54	Boys' Under 17	v. Port Adelaide
Mackenzie Harvey	52 (52b.)	CA One Day Cup	SA v. Queensland
Jo Gardner	52 (42b.)	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Glenelg
Maggie Clark	51	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Glenelg
Claire Holden	51	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Port Adelaide
Laclan Boylan	51	Boys' Under 13	v. East Torrens
Anvar Chaudary	50	Men's 3 rd Grade	v. East Torrens
Henry Blatchford	50 (40b.)	Boys' Under 15.5	v. Sturt
Sanvi Shah	49	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Sturt
Bailey Capel	48 (46b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Sturt
Harry Manenti	47 (36b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Sturt
Harry Manenti	46 n.o. (25b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Prospect
Jessica Woolford	46	Women's 3 rd Grade T20	v. Payneham
Daniel Kuszczakowski	46	Boys' Under 14	v. Tea Tree Gully
Jemma Barsby	45	WNCL	SA v. Tasmania
Ishmeet Kaur	45	Women's 2 nd Grade T20	v. Sturt
Anuj Rao	45	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Northern Districts
James Hindle	45	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Jack Terry	45	Boys' Under 17	v. Prospect
Gurveer Gill	44 n.o.	Boys' Under 14	v. East Torrens
Harrison Weinmann	44 n.o.	Boys' Under 13	v. East Torrens
Luke Terry	41	Men's 2 nd Grade T20	v. Sturt
Bailey Capel	40 (32b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Prospect
Ajay Willoughby	39	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Glenelg
Henry Blatchford	36	Boys' Under 15.5	v. East Torrens
Amara Carr	35	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Glenelg
Arnav Chaudhary	34	Boys' Under 17	v. Prospect
Suhaan Khanuja	33	Boys' Under 17	v. Northern Districts
Ryan Hackney	32 (31b.)	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Port Adelaide
Levi Barratt	32	Boys' Under 17	v. Port Adelaide
Angus Petherick	31 n.o.	Boys' Under 17	v. Northern Districts
Sanvi Shah	31	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Glenelg
Luke Terry	30 n.o.	Men's 2 nd Grade T20	v. Adelaide

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
Seamus Keough	6/26	Men's 1 st Grade OD Cup	v. East Torrens
Lucas Finn	5/19	Boys' Under 13	v. East Torrens
Reggie Els	5/26	Men's 1 st Grade OD Cup	v. Kensington
Sam Turner	5/67	Men's 3 rd Grade	v. Sturt
Harry Manenti	4/7	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Southern District
Alex Henneker	4/10	Women's 2 nd Grade T20	v. University
Rocco Parisi	4/10	Boys' Under 15.5	v. Tea Tree Gully
Seamus Keough	4/11	Men's 1 st Grade T20	v. Sturt
Kyle Jones	4/14	Boys' Under 13	v. Sturt
Kannan Behl	4/16	Boys' 15.5	v. Sturt
Dimple Sharma	4/27	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Kensington
Bailey Horsell	4/29	Men's 3 rd Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Amanda-Jade Wellington	3/41	WNCL	SA v. Tasmania
Maggie Clark	4/45	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Kensington
Jordan Buckingham	4/49 & 4/58	Sheffield Shield	SA v. Tasmania
Deakin Murphy	4/96	Men's 1 st Grade	v. East Torrens
Oscar Mattner	3/7	Boys' Under 13	v. Tea Tree Gully
Dimple Sharma	3/9	Women's 2 nd Grade T20	v. Sturt
Jo Gardner	3/10	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Glenelg
Alex Henneker	3/10	Girls' Under 15	v. Glenelg
Jeddah Giles	3/11	Boys' Under 14	v. East Torrens
Kyle Jens	3/14	Boys' Under 13	v. Tea Tree Gully
Lucas Finn	3/15	Boys' Under 13	v. Sturt
Dimple Sharma	3/17	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Port Adelaide
Hasaan Dar	3/17	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Logan Burckhardt	3/19	Boys' Under 14	v. East Torrens
Brianna Cheetham	3/20	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Northern Districts
Mackenzie McCauley	3/21	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. University
Aijay Willoughby	3/22	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Kensington
Deakin Murphy	3/23	Men's 1 st Grade	v. Port Adelaide
Chelsea Shepperd	3/24	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Sturt
Anuj Rao	3/24	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Sturt
Sebastian Wadsworth	3/25	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Belinda Cheary	3/27	Women's 2 nd Grade	v. Port Adelaide
Isabella Malgioglio	3/28	Women's 1 st Grade T20	v. Glenelg
Seamus Keough	3/30	Men's 1 st Grade OD Cup	v. Kensington
Harry Manenti	3/32	CA One Day Cup	v. Victoria
Archie Robertson	3/34	Men's 2 nd Grade	v. University
Seamus Keough	3/44	Men's 1 st Grade OD Cup	v. Northern Districts
Dimple Sharma	3/46	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Sturt
Mark Whenan	3/29	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Sturt
Harrison Whenan	3/51	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Adelaide



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

Name	Dismissals	Grade	Opponent
Harry Nielsen	3c. & 4c.	Sheffield Shield	SA v. Victoria
Harry Nielsen	4c.	CA One Day Cup	SA v. Western Australia
Jack Terry	4c.	Men's 2 nd Grade	v. University
Harry Nielsen	3c.	Sheffield Shield	SA v. Tasmania
Harry Nielsen	3c.	CA One Day Cup	SA v. Victoria
Jimmy Reuther	3c. #	Men's 1 st Grade	v. East Torrens
Makenzie Holy	3c. #	Women's 1 st Grade	v. Sturt
Charlie Edmunds	3c.	Men's 2 nd Grade	v. East Torrens
Thomas Smith	3c. #	Men's 2 nd Grade	v. East Torrens
Paul Duffett	3c. #	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Sturt
Mark Whennan	3c. #	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Hugo Higgs	2c. 1r.o.	Men's 4 th Grade	v. Tea Tree Gully
Henry Blatchford	3c. #	Boys' Under 15.5	v. Sturt
Tyler Freeborn	3c.	Boys' Under 14	v. Tea Tree Gully

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With season 2025/26 well underway, albeit having been impacted rather heavily by the very late onset of summer (not sure if we even had spring!), it's been an interesting start to the year.

While our senior men's 1st Grade team has only lost two games across all formats and qualified for the white ball semi-finals, we'd like to have a few more points in the all-important Two-Day comp. Three draws from four games with two rain affected results hasn't been what we'd like to have seen. It's a tough juggling act with a lot of our elite players playing at higher levels. While we've all enjoyed seeing JFM hitting balls all around Henley Oval and the rest of the boys playing when available, we'd prefer they continue to get exposure at Shield, BBL or higher levels. It's been great to see Daniel Drew, recognized as the best fielder in Australia and him being on hand at the recent Brisbane Ashes Test if any substitute fielding was required.

Our juniors have been in magnificent form, the U.13s (in both competitions) & U.15.5s are undefeated and the U.14s & U.17s losing just one game. All teams sitting comfortably in the top 4. Lots of outstanding individual performances with bat, ball & gloves across the board! A big thank you to our coaches & their helpers for preparing the players so well this year!! Our Juniors are training twice per week and the effort from all the coaches and parents has been amazing to watch.

One positive from the lower grades has been a long-awaited win for our 4th grade last week, however our win/loss ratio across our other men's & women's grades hasn't been where we'd like. An exception would be our Women's 2nd grade who made the semi-finals of the T20 and are tracking well in the One Day competition.

Off the field, I'd like to congratulate Matt Lokan on his new position in the AFL/VFL with Collingwood, some would suggest a downgrade from his WT Junior Coordinator role! Matt carried on the great work of Mark Whennan for the club and will be hard to replace (again we are reaching out for anyone who'd be keen to take on that position). Matt Atkinson, from our junior committee has been added to the WT Board of Management and has been instrumental in helping with council liaison and will help with grants and funding moving forward also.

Kent Sandy President

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First Grade Debutantes - 2025-26

MEN

586. Ryan Hackney	v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval, October 2025
587. Mackenzie Harvey	v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval, October 2025
588. Deakin Murphy	v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval, October 2025
589. Archer Byrne	v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval, October 2025
590. Thomas Smith	v. East Torrens at Campbelltown Oval, October 2025

WOMEN

130. Isabella Malgioglio	v. Adelaide at Park 25 (T20) October 2025
131. Belinda Cheary	v. Kensington at Parkinson Oval, (T20) November 2025
132. Jessica Woolford	v. Kensington at Parkinson Oval, (T20) November 2025
133. Amara Carr	v. Glenelg at Henley Oval, November 2025
134. Dimple Sharma	v. Glenelg at Henley Oval, November 2025

Sport SA Hall of Fame

On November 27 former West Torrens Cricket and Football great **Lindsay Head** was inducted into the **Sport SA Hall of Fame**. Lindsay played Cricket and Football for S.A. (see Past Player profile).

In addition the **S.A. Women's Cricket Team of 1991-95** which won three National titles in four years, was also inducted. That team contained four West Torrens players **Andrea McCauley (captain)**, who also coached the Sheagles to win A Grade Premierships in 2008-09 and 2012-13, **Tunde Juhasz**, **Caroline Ward** and **Denis Brien** (aka Rocka) - Coach. Andrea, Tunde and Caroline all played Test and ODI cricket. This is only the 7th Team to be inducted into the Sport SA Hall of Fame and the first cricket team.

Other Inductees for 2025 are : **Felicity Johnson** (Paralympic Cycling) **Pat Mickan** (Basketball and Netball) **Stehanie Morton** (Cycling and Paralympic Cycling) **Hayden Stoekel** (Swimming)

It is the highest honour in Sport in S.A. that a person can achieve after retirement.

First Ball in 1st Grade – First Wicket

15-year-old **Belinda Cheary**, playing just her second match in 1st Grade but having her first bowl, took a wicket with her first ball in the top Grade. She bowled Bethany Harmer (Glenelg) at Henley Oval in Round 4 and is the only WT woman to do so. **Five men have done so**. They are **Alan ('Alfred') Hitchcox** who bowled Bob Lee (Adelaide) middle stump at Thebarton Oval on 2 Nov 1957. The second player to achieve this feat was **Brett Swain** who had Jamie Bolton (Sturt) caught behind by Tim Ford at Unley Oval during the 1991-92 season. The next was **Brenton Angus** who claimed that he bowled the worst ball of his career to Craig Smith (Port Adelaide) at Kings Reserve West in 1993-94 and Craig struck it to Scott Swain who took a miracle catch. **Luke Gray** had Dean Waugh (Kensington) l.b.w. at Henley Oval on 24 Feb 2002. The most recent was 16 y.o. **Thomas Derham** who had Joel Garrett (Southern District) l.b.w. at Bice Oval on 9 October 2010.

Jemma Barsby (77) and Essex recruit **Jo Gardner (78)** put on 209 for the 2nd wicket against Adelaide at Henley Oval in the last match prior to Christmas. However, it was 10 runs shy of the record set last season against Adelaide at Glandore Oval. That partnership of 219 was compiled by **Jemma (118)** and **Madeline Penna (121)**.

A new highest total for a Men's 1st Grade T20 match was created when our lads hit 6/203 v. Southern District at Park 25 #1 in October. Other scores in the top FIVE are:

7/200 (20 overs)	v. Adelaide at Park 25 #2, October 2021
4/197 (20 overs)	v. Glenelg at Adelaide Oval (G/F, D/N) January 2024
8/172 (20 overs)	v. Port Adelaide at Henley Oval, January 2018
6/168 (20 overs)	v. Port Adelaide at Port Adelaide Res. Jan 2018 (loss – v. 5/176 20 ov.)

Harry Manenti (80) and **Reggie Els (11 n.o.)** set a new record of 78 for the 5th wicket partnership in **Men's 1st Grade T20** v. Port Adelaide at Park 25 #1 in October. The record was previously held by Warren Peters and Kane Richardson.

Changes in the Laws of Cricket - Back Foot No-Ball rule

Prior to 1963 was the era of the 'back foot no-ball' where the bowler placed his back foot behind the bowling (rear) crease and planted his front foot as far down the pitch as possible (with some of the giant quicks getting a metre and a half forward of the popping crease. The back foot was then dragged through the back crease to maintain balance and in effect the bowler released the ball about 1-2 metres closer to the batter than at present. All quicks wore a large metal cap fastened to the front of their back boot to stop the leather wearing through. Quite often this wasn't enough as the constant dragging eventually wore through the thick metal. The front foot no-ball rule eliminated the need for the 'drag' as the bowler is now bowling the required 20 metres (or whatever the batsman decides to allow). It was estimated that 1.96 cm Australian and NSW quick, **Gordon Rorke**, bowled from about 16 metres.

Our Current State Players are:

MEN

South Australia

Jordan Buckingham, Daniel Drew, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Mackenzie Harvey, Spencer Johnson and Harry Nielsen

BBL

Strikers Jordan Buckingham, Mackenzie Harvey, and Harry Nielsen

Heat Spencer Johnson

Renegades Jake Fraser-McGurk

WOMEN

South Australia

Hollie Armitage, Jemma Barsby, Maggie Clark, Isabella Malgioglio and Amanda-Jade Wellington

WBBL

Strikers Jemma Barsby, Maggie Clark and Amanda-Jade Wellington

Hurricanes Isabella Malgioglio

SA Country Makenzie Holy, Mackenzie McCauley, Chloe Rosenzweig and Jessica Woolford

JUNIORS

Girls U19 Maggie Clark (C) Makenzie Holy, Sanvi Shah, Aijay Willoughby, Chris Secker (Coach)

Boys U12 Kyle Jones (C), Tommy Sincock

Girls U12 Daniel Murdoch (Coach – team won the Australian Championship in Ballarat)

YOUNG EAGLES ACADEMY

The West Torrens Young Eagles Academy program has had a bit of an interrupted start to the season due to all the rain that has been around which has meant we've had to marginally adjust our schedule. However, once again we have 45 boys enrolled on Mondays as well as 4 girls who have been training on Wednesday nights with Chris Secker (Women's 1st Grade coach).

The program started with Junior Coordinator Matthew Lokan introducing Daniel Drew (WT captain & SA player) & Harry Manenti (who made his debut last year for South Australia and the Strikers) who gave out players shirts & caps. They were joined by Thomas & Pat (our U.13 captains) who spoke very well & highly of their Academy experiences they had recently.

Paul Duffett, with the aid of a number of our U17 players has conducted, where weather has allowed, centre wicket sessions at John Mitchell reserve for roughly a third of the group, on rotation, each week. It's a great learning tool for the players and helps us monitor their progress.

Back at Henley, Chris Secker, Harry Manenti, Tom Smith (one of our English players for 25/26) & Alex Cappelluti have been our senior coaches with some help from our older junior boys and senior batting coach David Rex at times.

We've recently locked in our first Academy game for our U11 group for mid-December, away against Port Adelaide and will also look to play ET (U12) and return fixture against Port soon thereafter along with our traditional round robin games in January.

Kent Sendy Administrator

MEN'S FIRST GRADE

The 2025/26 season has delivered plenty of action for West Torrens, with standout performances in all three formats. While outright wins have eluded the team in the two-day competition, the batting lineup has shown real firepower, and the shorter formats have been a showcase of dominance.

West Torrens opened the season with three hard-fought draws. **Round 1** against East Torrens saw the hosts post 8/369 declared before WT closed at 0/81, with **Bailey Capel (42)** and **Ryan Hackney (37)** steadying the innings. **Murphy's 4/96** was the best for the bowlers

The highlight so far came in **Round 2**, where WT declared at **6/395** thanks to **Jake Fraser-McGurk's 129**, **Harry Manenti's 84**, and Hackney's 60. Sturt was 5/233 in reply, with Manenti also contributing **3/58**.

In a rain-affected one-day fixture for **Round 3**, West Torrens fell to Kensington by seven wickets after being dismissed for 150, with **Kelvin Smith (35)** and Capel (31) top-scoring.

In **Round 4**, Capel stole the show with a brilliant **138** as WT reached 8/271 chasing Adelaide's 7/411 declared.

The Eagles have been flying high in the one-day format, winning all completed matches. **Round 1** saw WT chase down 197 against Kensington, led by **Hackney's 84** and **Capel's 40**, while **Els claimed 5/26**.

In **Round 2**, WT piled on 5/292 with **Harry Nielsen smashing 102**, supported by Harvey (47) and Hackney (42). **S. Keogh's 3/44** helped secure a 15-run win.

Round 5 was a bowling masterclass as East Torrens were dismissed for 104, thanks to **Keogh's stunning 6/26**, before WT cruised to victory. With a semi-final against Adelaide set for **8 February**, the team is well placed for a title push.

The shortest format has been a showcase of dominance: **6 wins from 7 matches** and a semi-final looming on **11 January**. After an opening loss to Port Adelaide despite **Manenti's 80**, WT bounced back in style.

Highlights include:

- **Round 2:** WT 6/203 vs Southern District – **Capel 55, Manenti 4/7**.
- **Round 5:** Win over Sturt – **Capel 48, Manenti 47, Keogh 4/11**.
- **Round 6:** Fraser-McGurk's 69 in a 9-wicket win over Adelaide.
- **Round 8:** Smith 60*, Manenti 46, Capel 40 in a dominant chase against Prospect.

Manenti has been the star, with big runs (80, 77, 46) and key wickets, while Capel, Fraser-McGurk, and Smith have all contributed match-winning knocks.

Scott Jones – Eagle Eye Formatter

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE

The start of the season has been challenging for the Women's 1st team in both our T20 and 50 over competitions where we have struggled to gain momentum particularly with the bat.

In our T20 campaign we had several players debut in the side including: Isabella Malgioglio, Belinda Cheary, Grisha Patel, Dimple Sharma, Amara Carr in addition to welcoming back Tayla Gordon to the Eagles after several years of hiatus from cricket.

Isa had success on her debut (Round 3) taking 3 wickets off her 4 overs and 22 n.o. off 27 balls against Adelaide. Sanvi Shah also showed promise with the bat scoring 42 off 44 balls. Despite showing promise we fell short of Adelaide's total. A bye in Round 4 was followed by a tight game vs Sturt where we fell just a few runs short with the bat despite positive starts for Sanvi Shah and Jemma Barsby.

Again, our batting left much to be desired in Rounds 6 and 7 as we struggled to keep the ball out of reach of fielders and both Adelaide and Kensington executed their basics well. Throughout our T20 campaign we lacked depth in our batting and struggled to build partnerships.

The arrival of Essex players Jo Gardner and Amara Carr brought a little relief as they both scored quickly with a high intensity scoring 52 and 35 respectively v. Glenelg. However this was followed by some impressive batting by Glenelg's openers Tabatha



Saville and Kayla McGrath reaching out total inside 18 overs. In the final game of the T20 season vs Kensington we showed potential but struggled playing Kensington's experienced spinner Shae Daly who finished with 5- 14 off her 4 overs.

The weather for the first half of the season has been unkind to our 50 over campaign and many games have started delayed due to poor weather. Our first Round v. Sturt was abandoned due to storms and rain and Round 2 we had a bye. By round 3 we were ready to go armed with some tighter fielding which we've been working on at training. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a low slow Adelaide wicket- despite positive starts by Maggie (24), Nat (22) and Hannah (21) we were bowled out inside our 50 overs. Not batting the full 50 proved to be costly as Adelaide made light work of our total before the pouring rain.

A loss to Glenelg round 4 was followed by a loss to Kensington Round 5 despite Maggie Clark's 4-45 off 10 overs. There were however positive signs as Amara and Maggie scored 75 and 50.

A loss v. Sturt in Round 6 left all players determined to chase a much deserved win prior to the Christmas break. I'm pleased to say the final Round (7) prior to the break resulted in a dominant win v. Adelaide. We compiled 279-10 (49.2 overs) to which Adelaide replied with 8 (all out). Returning from their WBBL seasons, Jemma Barsby and Amanda Jade Wellington played significant parts in the game with Jemma scoring 77 and taking 3 wickets to take Player of the Match, closely followed by Jo Gardner who scored 78 and also took 2 wickets.

Here's hoping we carry the momentum from our last game and the Australian Ashes victory into our second half of the season when we take on Glenelg January 11th. We will be without many of our South Australian players as they will resume their WNCL season, leaving plenty of opportunities for others to show their potential.

We are in an exciting period as many of our younger players are being exposed to new opportunities in the game- we are hugely proud of the way they have embraced these challenges and would like to congratulate Maggie Clark, Aijay Willoughby, Mackenzie Holy and Sanvi Shah for their recent participation in the under 19 National Championship side.

Hannah Knowles (Co-Captain)

MEN'S SECOND GRADE

The 2nd Grade side has faced a mixed start to the season, with some strong individual performances despite challenging results in the longer formats.

West Torrens opened with a positive result in the regular season, chasing down 201 against Adelaide University to win by three wickets, thanks to **T Smith's** 78 and support from **J Terry** (40) and **Scholes** (36). Another highlight came in Round 7, where WT posted 8/200 (**C Edmunds** 56, **A Cappelluti** 55) and bowled Northern Districts out for 162, with **Scholes** claiming 4/21 and **Robertson** 3/47.

In the two-day rounds, results have been tougher. Losses to East Torrens, Sturt, and Tea Tree Gully have tested the side, though there were bright spots: **Cappelluti's** 80 in Round 6 and solid bowling from **T Smith** (3/41) and **Byrne** (3/38).

The T20 campaign has produced one win from four matches. WT defeated Adelaide by 12 runs in Round 2, with **L Terry** contributing 30. Other matches saw competitive efforts, including **A Cappelluti's** 58 and **C Edmunds'** 41 in a narrow loss to Sturt.

With upcoming fixtures against Kensington, Woodville, and Southern District in the two-day format and a one-day clash with Adelaide later in January, the team will be aiming to convert strong individual performances into consistent results.

Scott Jones

Editor/Formatter

WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE

With the competition expanding to eight teams this year, we opened with three T20's. RD1 against Adelaide Uni saw Claire Holden (27 off 32) and Rachel Banham (21* off 37) set a total of 7/104. Alexandra Heneker helped us seal the win, taking 4/11 off 4, leaving Uni 7/86. RD2 against Sturt featured Ishmeet Kaur's unbeaten 45* off 53 and tidy spells from Dimple Sharma (3/9 off 4) and Mackenzie McCauley (2/16 off 4). Ultimately, we were unable to get enough runs on the board with Sturt chasing down 104 in the 17th over.

RD3 – washout

We finished 4th on the ladder, leaving us to face Kensington in the semi-final. However, the rain knocked us out, and Kensington progressed to the grand final.

Heading into 40 overs, RD1 against Port Adelaide saw us set 190, with top scores from Claire Holden (51 off 70) and Mackenzie McCauley (28 off 47). Dimple Sharma's (3/17 off 8), Belinda Cheary's (3/27 off 8) and Brianna Cheetham's (2/12 off 6) strong performances ensured an 8/155 win.

RD2 against Kensington was cut short due to rain, but not before Dimple Sharma (4/27 off 8) and Mackenzie McCauley (2/7 off 8) left them 9/91.

RD3 – washout

RD4 against Adelaide Uni was a nail-biter. Contributions in the 20s from Ishmeet Kaur, Grisha Patel, Claire Holden and Rachel Banham set up 7/144. Mackenzie McCauley claimed the best figures (3/21 off 8), but despite the fight, we lost with four balls remaining.

RD5 against Northern Districts saw Grisha Patel star with the bat (63 off 72), supported by Brianna Cheetham (28 off 41), to lift us to a competitive total of 153. With the ball, Brianna Cheetham (3/20 off 8), Emily Hinze (2/9 off 7) and Alexandra Heneker (2/15 off 4) combined to cap off a strong win.

Mackenzie McCauley

Captain

MEN'S THIRD GRADE

It's been a challenging first half of the season for the 3rd Grade side, with results not always reflecting the effort and flashes of individual brilliance shown across formats.

The team opened with a narrow one-day loss to Adelaide University, posting 8/170 thanks to **Taylor's** 66, before the opposition chased down the target. Another close contest came in Round

3 against East Torrens, where WT fell just short at 7/203, despite strong contributions from **Chaudhary** (50), **Gariboli** (44), and **J Turner** (39).

Two-day cricket has been tough, with a heavy defeat to Sturt in Round 4 after WT managed 111 & 8/116 in reply to 251. **Rothall** (37) and **Rees** (31) fought hard in the second innings, while **S Turner** claimed 5/67 with the ball.

The biggest win so far came in Round 7, where WT defended 155 against Northern Districts to secure a 75-run victory. **J Turner** (35) and **Amato** (30) led the batting, while the bowlers dominated – **S Burns** (4/17) and **H Burns** (4/11) dismantled the opposition.

Round 6 was a low point, with WT bowled out for 75 chasing Tea Tree Gully's 197, despite **Horsell's** 4/29 earlier in the day.

Scott Jones

Editor/Formatter

WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE

After 8 rounds of the season, it was a tough start, having only played three games due to wet weather. The first Round was against Payneham, the reigning premiers, and after winning the toss and batting first, we made a comfortable start with openers Jess Woolford and Dana Court putting on a 66 run partnership. We batted through the 20 overs to make 3-103, with Jess starring with 46* and Laylee Trinick putting in a quick 15* at the end. We bowled well, with Eadie Neagle taking 1-13 from 4 overs, however, Payneham eventually chased down the runs with less than 4 overs to spare.

Round 4 was our next game following a bye then an abandoned match, and we faced Para Hills, the top team. We were put in to bat and managed 5-80, with Nelly Ryan contributing 24 and Alex Healy quickly scoring 19* to finish the innings. Alex Heneker bowled exceptionally well with 1-13 from 3 overs, but in just 9 overs, former SA player Tamara Clapton carried Para Hills to victory.

We came up against Port Adelaide in Round 5 with a very young side, and after being invited to bowl first, we restricted them to 5-115. Debutant Paige Denholm bowled excellently with 1-13 from 2 overs, but 10-year-old Sanaya Shah was the star of the show, taking 2-10 from 3 overs. Unfortunately, one over into our batting innings, the game was called off due to wet weather.

Two more abandoned games followed until we faced Reynella, last year's grand finalists. With another young side, we restricted them to 5-135 with Lara Barone taking 2-13 from 3 overs and Jasmine Barnie (1-22 from 3 overs) and Paige Denholm (1-12 from 2 overs) sharing the other wickets, along with an exceptional direct hit run out from the keeper, Ivy Leonardi. We struggled in the batting, but mother-and-daughter Amber Cooper and Alahni Smith put on a notable 16 run partnership before we were bowled out in the 15th over.

The West Torrens ATCA team has had a difficult start to the season with no wins on the board as yet, from the three games played against the three most experienced and settled sides. Everyone has done very well considering we are a young side facing such experienced opposition, and we look forward to playing again next year!

Dana Court Captain

MEN'S FOURTH GRADE

The 4th Grade side has endured a rollercoaster start to the season, with early setbacks giving way to some strong wins before the Christmas break.

The opening rounds were tough:

- **Round 1 vs Adelaide University:** WT dismissed for 92 and beaten by 9 wickets.
- **Round 4 vs East Torrens:** WT fell short with 120 chasing 181.
- **Round 5 vs Adelaide:** A competitive effort saw WT reach 3/187 in pursuit of 223, with **P Duffett top-scoring with 85**, but the team lost by 36 runs.
- **Round 6 vs Sturt:** A nail-biter – WT finished 9/186 chasing 192, losing by just 6 runs despite contributions from **Duffett (47)** and **L Sheppard (34)**.

The turnaround came in December:

- **Round 8 vs Tea Tree Gully:** WT defended 185 to win by 6 runs, thanks to **J Hindle (45)** and **S Wadsworth (30)** with the bat, and **H Dar (3/17)** and Wadsworth (3/25) with the ball.
- **Round 9 vs Northern Districts:** WT posted a season-high **8/251**, led by **L Sheppard (50)**, **L Whenan (49)**, and **M Whenan (39)**, before restricting ND to 208 for a 43-run win.

With back-to-back wins before the break, confidence is high heading into January's fixtures against Southern District, Kensington, and Adelaide. The team will aim to build on recent momentum and push for a strong finish to the season.

Scott Jones

Editor/Formatter

UNDER 17 BOYS

The U17 Boys have shown plenty of promise in the opening rounds, with strong batting displays and two solid wins before the break.

- **Round 1 vs East Torrens:** A thrilling start saw WT edge home by 5 runs, posting 4/199 thanks to **H Burns (76)** and **M Wenz (55)**. East Torrens fought hard with **Faraonio's 93**, but WT held their nerve.
- **Round 2 vs Southern District:** Abandoned (no play).
- **Round 3 vs Port Adelaide:** Another abandoned fixture, though WT reached 6/164 with **Chaudhary (54)** and **Barratt (32)** before rain intervened.
- **Round 4 vs Prospect:** WT chased down 183 to win by 6 wickets, led by **Wenz (59)**, **J Terry (45)**, and **Chaudhary (34)**.
- **Round 5 vs Northern Districts:** A tough outing as WT were bowled out for 123 (**Khanuja 33**, **Petherick 31**) and lost by 6 wickets.

With upcoming fixtures against Tea Tree Gully (11 Jan), Woodville, Kensington, and Adelaide, the team will aim to build on its batting form and tighten up with the ball to push for a finals spot.

UNDER 15.5 BOYS

The U15.5 Boys have started the season strongly across formats, combining disciplined bowling with solid batting to secure multiple wins.

- **Round 1 vs Sturt:** WT chased down 117 to win by 4 wickets, with **K Behl starring with 4/16**.

- **Round 2 vs Kensington:** A tight two-day contest saw WT claim victory by 2 wickets, thanks to **H Blatchford (50)** and **P Patel (35)**, supported by **J Antell (3/14)** and Behl (3/31).
- **Round 3 vs Tea Tree Gully:** A dominant innings win – WT declared at 6/171 (A Parisi 47, A Duffett 39) before bowling TTG out twice, led by **R Parisi (4/10)** and Blatchford (3/40).
- **Round 5 vs East Torrens:** WT cruised to an 8-wicket win chasing 93, with **Blatchford contributing 36**.
- **Round 6 vs Glenelg:** A close loss by 18 runs despite a fighting total of 128.

T20 Competition

- **Round 1 vs Prospect:** WT opened the T20 campaign with a nail-biting win, chasing 97 to finish **7/98** and secure victory by 3 wickets. Prospect's S Singh top-scored with 36, but WT held their nerve to start the season on a high.

With strong wins in both formats and a T20 victory under their belt, the U15.5 Boys head into January full of confidence. Upcoming fixtures include Northern Districts, Prospect, Southern District, and Woodville, offering plenty of opportunities to continue their winning momentum.

Scott Jones

Editor/Formatter

UNDER 15 GIRLS

I'd like to begin by saying how proud I am of the under 15s team this season so far. Despite being labelled under 15s, many of our players could in fact be playing for several age groups below. Regardless of this, they have risen to the challenge of some very experienced opposition players and have grown in confidence and execution of their skills.

Whilst we are still chasing our first win, there have been many notable performances- Sanvi Shah has led from the front as a captain and has shown her dominance with both bat and ball top scoring in 2/3 games and taking several wickets. Alex Heneker has shown how talented she is both as a batter, WK and with the ball in hand. In round 2 vs Glenelg she took 3wickets for 10 and scored 28. Alex and Sanvi's strong start was continued by Ava and Ivy both scoring their highest totals for West Torrens.

Round 3 was again affected by the rain and we had a loss v. Northerns in Round 4. The girls are continuing to train with the Women's team on a Wednesday evening and are developing many aspects of their game, I look forward to seeing the rewards of their hard work in the second half of the season where we will play our remaining fixtures. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped support the girls from their transition from club cricket to Premier cricket, Thanks especially to those who've lent a hand scoring and assisting with set up etc, it really is appreciated. Thank you Nicole Parsons for your support with uniforms, securing grounds and registering players.

Hannah Knowles

(Coach)



UNDER 13 & 14 BOYS

Mid-Season Report

As we reach the midway point and head into the Christmas break, it's a great time to reflect on the first half of the season. It's been challenging but rewarding ensuring game time for all players, particularly with the Under 14s completing four matches and the Under 13s playing two T20 games plus four One Day fixtures.

A huge thank you to our coaching team – Andrew, Adam, Steve, Kent and Team Managers Jane/Brett and Mary. From Monday and Wednesday training sessions to game-day planning (and those early Saturday coffees), your commitment has been outstanding. Special mention to Steve, whose warm-up and fitness program has lifted the 13/14 squad to a new level. SACA even noted our training practices as among the best in the state.

Beyond cricket skills, we've focused on player development through clubhouse sessions on game analysis, anti-bullying, and mental toughness. These efforts are paying off on the field:

- Under 14s: 2 wins, 2 losses, 1 draw (7th)
- Under 13s: T20 – 2 wins, 0 losses (2nd); Ray Sutton Shield – 3 wins, 1 loss (4th)

Off the field, the enthusiasm and support from families have been fantastic. These foundations set us up for a strong second half of the season.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Christmas break. See you all on 7 January 2026.

Damien Breen (Coach).



PAST PLAYER PROFILE

HEAD Lindsay Hudson M.B.E. (Headsy, Loaf o' Bread or Loafa)

RHB - RLB

b. North Adelaide 16 Sep 1935

WT 1951-52 to 1960-61 (63 A grade games)

SA 1957-58 to 1958-59 (9 games)

Debut No. SA 345 WT 278

WT Debut v. Kensington at Thebarton Oval, November 1952 aged 17y. 46d. 59 games
2065 runs @ 28.30 H.S. 168 v. Port Adelaide at Adelaide Oval, March 1955 (2 X 100s)
27 wkts. @ 30.59 Best 4/41 v. University at University Oval, October 1958

SA Debut v. Western Australia at Adelaide Oval, November 1957 9 games
425 runs @ 28.33 H.S. 78 (on debut) (4 x 50s) 6 catches
2 wkts. @ 72.5 Best 1/0 v. Western Australia at the WACA, January 1958

Other Teams Edwardstown (ATCA - 1960-61)

Major Achievements

A Grade Premierships 1954-55, 1956-57 and 1957-58

SACA A grade Batting Aggregate 1956-57

SACA C grade Batting Aggregate 1951-52 (aged 16)

West Torrens Premier Batsman 1954-55 and 1956-57

Inducted Sport SA Hall of Fame (2025)

Football Awards

West Torrens captain, 4 years

Member 1953 West Torrens premiership team

Eight time West Torrens Best and Fairest

West Torrens leading goal kicker 1954

Played 37 games for South Australia, captain 1960,

All-Australian 1956

Triple Magarey Medallist 1955, 1958 and 1963

Coached West Torrens in 1981

President West Torrens, 5 years

Inducted [Australian Football Hall of Fame](#) (1996)

Inducted [SANFL Hall of Fame](#) (2002)

Lindsay Head's fame will rank with most people as an inductee into the National and State Australian Rules Football Halls of Fame, a triple recipient of the Magarey Medal and a key participant in 37 State Football encounters. However, such fans would well be reminded that Lindsay was also an outstanding cricketer who may have achieved higher honours in this field had he not had the pressure of becoming captain-coach of the West Torrens Football Club at age 24 years. Complimenting both sports was his induction into the Sport SA Hall of Fame last November.

From the time Lindsay could hold a bat or ball he was going to play cricket in summer and football in winter and for West Torrens, as the family lived a 'couple of drop kicks' from the Thebarton Oval. So his cricket career began in C grade, when a student at Thebarton Boys Technical High

School at the age of 16 and he topped the SACA C grade Batting aggregate in his first season. Early in the next season he made his A grade debut against Kensington at Thebarton Oval but made little initial impression contributing 4 and 0. However the dashing middle order batsman soon had opposition teams wary as he cut a swathe through many an attack. Unfortunately, his cavalier batting often led to his downfall when on the way to a big score.

He scored his first century was in the C Grade with 111 NO against Port Adelaide at Glenunga South Oval, 55 days after his 16th birthday, the youngest at the time and later superseded only by 15-year-old Malcolm Howell in March 1988. He followed up three months later with a century in B grade against St. Peters College (WT fourth youngest). He was 19 when

he scored his first A grade century (again against Port Adelaide) making him one of six WT players to make a century in A,B and C grades (all before he was 20) – the others being Bob Hank, Ross Stanford, Maurie Sykes, Daryl Wood and Daniel Murdoch.



Lindsay and Rocka at the Sport SA Hall of Fame Induction Dinner - 27 November 2025

Lindsay played in three A grade premierships teams, 1954-55, 1956-57 and 1957-58 which he rates highly on his list of achievements in cricket. His two A grade centuries both came in finals enhancing his reputation for mental toughness under pressure. The first was in the 1954-55 Grand Final. Lance Duldig of Port Adelaide won the toss and sent West Torrens in to bat on a featherbed Adelaide Oval wicket. Aided but some costly fielding errors Lindsay pounded his way to 168 and steered the team to a total of 347. He hit Marx Kretschmer for a couple of 6's onto Adelaide Oval Members' Stand roof. In that game Captain Phil Ridings said that Head was not to have a go until he reached 50. Unfortunately, Phil was batting with Lindsay at that time, so Lindsay walked down the pitch and said "can I have a go now". Poncho's reply was "after you get 100". Fortunately, Phil had been dismissed before Lindsay reached his century. So, he pummelled the attack for the next 68 runs which came in about 20 minutes.

Six months later he won the first of his Magarey Medals. His other 'ton' was also against Port Adelaide. This was in the semi-final at Alberton Oval in March 1958. After Hitchcox and McLennan had bundled a hapless Port Adelaide out for 63, Head came to the wicket at 2/29. Wickets tumbled around him and the score was 6/76 when fellow Magarey Medallist Bob Hank joined him. Head seemed unconcerned with the seriousness of the situation and hit with tremendous power, giving a thrill a minute and putting the quicks over the mid-wicket and long on fences and high up into the grandstand. Lindsay's first fifty took 70 minutes and his second a mere 42 minutes. The footballing pair put together 104 in 64 minutes.

He topped the SACA A grade Batting aggregate in 1956-57 but retired after the 1959-60 season as his SANFL football commitments took up more of his time. (However, he played the last two games of the 1960-61 as a 'fill in'). Here he takes up the story

I got married and coached WTCF in the same year. So some things had to go. I retired from cricket the year after playing Shield Cricket. I played a few games for Edwardstown because I didn't have to train and football teammate Mick Clingly was Coach. After that I never played cricket again. I was only 23 years old. Would love to have played 50/50. I think it would have suited my style.

It was in November 1957 that Lindsay played the first of his nine games for South Australia scoring 78 on debut in 110 minutes, hitting two sixes and eight fours. He has the distinction of hitting a six in a first-class match on every mainland ground. But again his swashbuckling style of batting probably cost him more chances in Sheffield Shield cricket.

At First class level he experienced the thrills and trepidations. He explains

I remember hitting Norm O'Neill for 2 sixes in a row after Sir Donald Bradman said to hold innings together until lunch. I went in about 20 mins before lunch and Bungee Hurn was batting with Norm O'Neill bowling, Norm bowled a wrong-un, Bungee didn't pick it and snicked a single through slips. I was watching from bowlers end and thought I could pick the wrong-un. He bowled it to me and I couldn't help myself. I went for it and it just popped over the square leg fence. Next ball he bowled another one and this time it was right in the slot, so I hit it over the outside (oval perimeter) fence with the ball heading toward King William Rd. At the lunch break I went in at about 30 not out and Sir Don just shook his head and walked away.

A few moments of trepidation came about when facing Ray Lindwall with a new ball in a State game at Adelaide Oval on a dull, muggy day. He played forward to 7 balls and didn't lay a bat on any. Ray was pulling his hair out. Another was facing 196 cm. (6ft. 5 ins) New South Wales quick Gordon Rorke, who would drag his back foot a metre past the back crease and deliver the ball from about 17 metres, on a Sydney green top. "He was the quickest bowler I ever faced" (See 'drag' explanation by Stan the Statistician)

Perhaps his biggest thrill was bowling to Sir Donald in the nets for about half an hour. Lindsay takes up the story again

We had been trying to get him to have a bat all season. Sir Don said 'just roll the arms over Boys'. He hit every ball in the middle of the bat. We had a real villain (M.T. Clingly) in the squad who took a new ball out of the bag, ran in and let one go at Sir Don who dispatched it over the fence. Sir Don said 'thought you could trick me Mick?' who was nonplussed at being hit over the fence. Another highlight for me was playing in the same State side as the great West Torrens leggie Bruce Dooland.

The biggest influence on Lindsay's cricket was Phil Ridings who was West Torrens and State captain when he first started. Phil told him that if you hit it hard enough they have to be good enough to catch it. His mother was also a great influence as she loved cricket. His father also loved cricket but would just shake his head and not talk to him when he got out after having a reckless go (which was very often).

After retirement Lindsay turned to running hotels as an occupation and training and breeding harness racers as a hobby. He had huge success as a breeder, owner and trainer of pacers, the most successful of which was My Gal Sal who was placed in two Interdominion heats and ran

sixth in the Final. He also had one drive at the old Wayville headquarters, Mayfield Scott, which won.

His Australian Rules Football career is historically noted in so many places, suffice to list just a few milestones here. Lindsay was the first SANFL player to reach 300 games (327 games), kicked 494 goals and also played 37 state games for South Australia. He captained the State and was named All Australian in 1956. He played in the SA team which defeated Victoria on the MCG in 1963, a team which was also inducted into the Sport SA Hall of Fame. He was President of the West Torrens F.C. for 5 years and played in the last West Torrens Football Premiership in 1953. But the pinnacle of all was his three Magarey Medals.

Team mate, supporter or opponent we all admired Lindsay Hudson Head - a modest man, a true gentleman and quite an outstanding sportsman.

Denis Brien (aka Rocka)

I owe a big thank you to Lindsay for providing much of the information contained in this profile – Rocka

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Bailey Capel

Debut # 535 v. Tea Tree Gully at Pertaringa Oval, January 2016 aged 15 y. 290d.
2783 runs @ 25.36 H.S. 199 v. Sturt at Price Memorial Oval, October 2021 6 centuries
1 wkt for 1 runs 32 catches (inc. 1 as wicketkeeper) 108 games A Grade games

1 x First class match for S.A. Seniors 2015-16 to 2024-25 (10 seasons)
Juniors 2010-11 to 2014-15 (5 seasons) – 1st game at 9 years old

Other Clubs/Teams (inc. State squads and teams)

Grange Primary & Henley High Schools, Fulham CC, Ealing CC (England), South Australia – U12, U15, U17 (twice) U19 (twice), Australian U16 Squad, SA 2nd XI, Redbacks Rookie

Other Achievements e.g. Grade Club Trophies

WT Junior Cricketer of the Season Trophy – 2013-14

Most runs at U15 National Carnival

WT Best Performed U21 Player Winner – 4 times – 2017-18 to 2020-2021

1st Grade Batting Trophy – 2020-21

Premier Grade team of the Year 2020-21

Major General Symes Batting Trophy – SA U19 – 2017-18 & 2018-19

Michelle Capel

2009/10 to 2024/25

No actual official positions but lots of work:

- Junior & Senior Fundraising Committee for several years and helped at Fundraising Events.
- Ferguson-George Eagles Academy Finances from 2012 to 2015.
- Organised 2016/17 Premiership Shirts.
- Senior Player Teas for 8 years.
- Senior 1st Grade Afternoon Tea for 10 years.

- Organise Junior and Senior Player Stats and Trophies for 15 years.
- Organise Junior and Senior End of Season Presentation Night for 15 years.
- Hosted English players at home for the past 3 seasons.
- State Player sponsorship and Ambassador photos/plaques for Clubroom

The Capels become the second family of Father, Mother and son to become Life Members of the West Torrens District Cricket Club, following the Bourns (Max, Marlene and David).

Denis Brien

HISTORY CORNER

Doug Riggs, Logan Pastyn and Carl Mickan (our current curator) as the only players in the Club's 160 year history to play in Premierships in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades (A, B and C Grades). Doug (wicket keeper) played in the 1954-55 A Grade Premiership, followed by the C Grade Premiership the following season and then joined the B Grade for their 1957-58 success. Logan began his Premiership collection in 2002-03 (B Grade) followed by 2007-08 (C Grade) 2012-13 (B Grade – captain) and 2016-17 (1st Grade). Carl's run was 2006-07 (C Grade) 2007-08 (B Grade) and 2016-17 (1st Grade).

Rod McCurdy who played for the *Eagles* in 1984-85 is West Torrens' most travelled journeyman. He played first class cricket for Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Derbyshire (UK), Eastern Province, Natal and Border (all South Africa) as well as ODI for Australia.

In the 2013-14 B Grade Women's Premiership team there were 3 former Test players - Tunde Juhasz, Andrea McCauley and Caroline Ward. In December 1979 v. Woodville Ian Chappell, David Hookes and Jeff Crowe (NZ) played together but Jeff had not yet made his Test debut.

James Pyke is the only player to have played State cricket (O.D. McDonalds Cup v. Qld. and v. Tas. - 18 and 19 October 1986) and SANFL League Football at Football Park, West Lakes (AAMI Stadium).

Dr. Edmund Britten Jones is the only player from the West Torrens D.C.C. to receive a knighthood in the former Imperial Honours list (for services to Medicine). Born in 1888, Teddy as he was known, was educated at Christian Brothers College and the University of Adelaide where he topped the final year of his medical course in 1910. In 1912 he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for his scholastic skills, good character and participation in outdoor sport which included playing in the A grade cricket team, plus he played First class cricket in India during World War I.'

Eddie Bell a left arm 'Chinaman' spinner, made his A Grade debut in what was virtually a Grand Final v. Sturt at Adelaide Oval on 6 April 1940. The Finals format was a four-team round robin for points which were added to points already gained in the minor round. Coming to the last game of the round robin series Sturt (2nd) captained by Vic Richardson needed a win and West Torrens (top) needed a win or a draw (if the other result was in their favour) to take the Premiership.

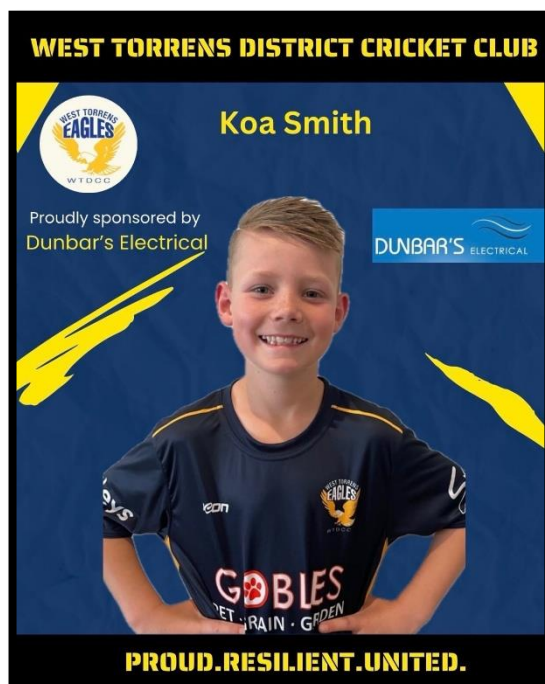
Eddie didn't set foot on the Oval for the match. West Torrens batted throughout the first day for 7/282 with Eddie at #11 not required. The second day was abandoned due to the conditions as was the other match of the round robin series, so West Torrens received enough points to secure the Premiership and Eddie did not bat, bowl or field in his debut but was rewarded with a Premiership cap.

First Day/Night Cricket Match in South Australia

Kevin Lewis, who was the curator of Thebarton Oval at the time, and Denis Brien had tossed around the idea of playing night cricket as Rocka had seen twilight matches played in Christchurch, New Zealand. As the Club had the added advantage of floodlighting at Thebarton it was decided to put it to the Management Committee for a trial. On February 24, 1982 West Torrens played Glenelg in a 35 over per side match in a day-night match at Ashley Street. The attendance was about 800 people including the Mayor of Thebarton, John Keough and several Councillors. The reason that Glenelg was invited to participate was to maximise the number of international and First class players competing: a total of fourteen in the two teams combined including four EVENTUAL Test participants. They were:

- West Torrens: David Hookes (T), Jeff Crowe (T), Kevin Lewis, Barry Curtin, Rick Darling (T), Roger Dugan and John Donaldson
- Glenelg: Neil Majewski, Andrew Hilditch (T), Russell Parker, Mike Haysman, Brian Vincent, Steve Wundke

Test umpire Tony Crafter officiated along with Graham McLeod. West Torrens scored 113, Jeff Crowe's 51 giving him the Man-of-the-match award, while former Tasmanian Neil Majewski (4/19) and Mark Yeomans (3/18) were the most successful bowlers. Andrew Hilditch did best with 26 in Glenelg's reply of 68 and David Hookes took 3/5 and Kevin Lewis 3/9.



Technology

West Torrens was the first SACA Club to issue all Grades – Men's, Women's and Juniors – with iPads for electronic scoring purposes and updating myCricket ball-by-ball.

Eleven West Torrens players have scored a century for the Club and also secured a hat trick.

Ben Higgins	10 A grade centuries (plus 1 WE Cup)	1 A grade hat trick
Hugh Bridgman	4 A grade centuries	2 A grade hat tricks
Tim Nielsen	9 A grade centuries 1 B grade century	1 WE Cup hat trick
Brad Young	1 A grade century (plus 1 WE Cup)	1 A grade hat trick
Maurie Sykes	1 A grade century 1 B grade century 1 C grade century	1 C grade hat trick
Brett Swain	1 C grade century	4 A grade hat tricks
Trent Kelly	1 A grade century	2 A grade hat tricks
Shaun McMahon	1 B grade century	1 C grade hat trick
Ian McNamara	1 B grade century	1 C grade hat trick
Dean Rex	1 C grade century	1 C grade hat trick
Daniel Crawford	1 D grade century	1 U.14 hat trick
Dylan Ribbons	2 U17 centuries 1 U16 century 1 RSS century	1 D Grade hat trick
Ben Williams	1 D Grade century	1 U.16 Red hat trick

Carl Mickan is the only West Torrens player to make a century in all FOUR senior grades. Adam Rumbelow has also compiled centuries in every Grade A, B and D Grades (West Torrens) and C Grade (Port Adelaide).

Centurions in Multiple Grades

The following players have made centuries in THREE senior grades.

Bob Hank, Lindsay Head, Daniel Murdoch, Ross Stanford, Maurie Sykes and Daryl Wood have all scored centuries in A, B and C grades. Malcolm Howell and Rick Niehuus scored centuries in A, C and D grades and Scott Hadnum has made three figure scores in B, C and D grades. Bob Hank also scored 199 (B Grade) and 99 (B Grade).

The following players have made centuries in FOUR grades (senior and/or junior).

Carl Mickan – A, B, C and D

Daniel Murdoch - A, B, C and Under 14.

Jarrold Taylor - A, B, U.16 and Under 14.

Malcolm Howell - A, C, D and U17 (Shell Shield).

Andrew Haslett - A, C, U17 (Shell Sh.) U. 16.

Corey Knight - A, B, U17 (Shell Shield) and U14.

Kelvin Smith has scored more centuries for West Torrens than any other male - 24 (20 x 1st Grade, 1 x 1st Grade T20, 1 x U16 Red and 2 x U14 Red.).

Ron Hamence is next with 14 (12 A Grade and 2 B Grade). Lauren Ebsary (all 1st Grade) with 12 is the leading female.

In seasons 1981-82 (Round 1) the Men's D Grade and 2013-14 (Round 4) the Women's B Grade forfeited due to lack of players. In each of these seasons these teams went on to win the Premiership.

Playing in the Adelaide and Suburban Cricket Association in 1903-04 the West Torrens 2nd XI scored two wins in one day. Their continuing match with Bowden concluded midafternoon (venue unknown). Then the match against East Adelaide commenced at 4 p.m. and East Adelaide was bowled out for 40 (14 overs). West Torrens replied with 4/42 (13 overs) and the match concluded at 5.30 p.m. The Club's 2nd XI (B Grade) team was then playing in the Adelaide and Suburban Cricket Association (1902-03 to 1904-05) as there was no SACA B Grade competition at the time.

The Number of balls per over in Australian cricket changed from

- four ball overs to six ball overs for the 1885-86 season.
- six ball overs to eight ball overs for the 1916-17 season.
- eight ball overs to six ball overs for the 1979-80 season.



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NON-PLAYING MEMBERSHIP 2024/25

We have made additional changes for this season to try to make it easier for past players and supporters to be a part of the club. Paid members will find their membership card attached to the membership pack with will be sent out upon receipt of your payment.

Golden Wedgetail Club \$200	Blue Eagle 100 Club \$100
Invitation to Eagle Day, Sunday 8 Feb , includes afternoon tea and drinks package.	Invitation to Eagle Day, Sunday 8 Feb , includes afternoon tea and drinks package.
10 free tickets in the Toyota Good for Cricket raffle – value \$50.	10 free tickets in the Toyota Good for Cricket raffle – value \$25.
\$20 voucher for use at the Henley Oval bar/canteen	\$10 voucher for use at the Henley Oval bar/canteen
WTDCC Key Ring & Cap	100 Club WTDCC Key Ring
Discounts and drink specials at the Henley Oval Bar	
Three Newsletters plus Annual Report posted (or emailed) to you	
20% discount in the Dining Room on Mon-Thu at the Lockleys Hotel (max. \$30)	

Eagle Day | Sun 8 Feb

Past players, members, sponsors and junior parents are encouraged to form a big crowd for this home game for the First grade Women against Sturt. Members and sponsors can join us for a free afternoon tea and happy hour with complimentary drinks for Golden Wedgetail members and sponsors.

Old Eagles Last Sessions | Sat 14 March

Last Men's 1st Grade home game for the season against Adelaide that could shape the finals. Come along and cheers on the boys and catch up with mates.

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