

diggERS

1991-92

REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year, my first as President of Digger's has been successful for the club. Part of this is due to the assistance from my committee members; Treasurer Phil Mullins, Secretary Terry Cameron.

It was a great result to have 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade in the Grandfinal, with 4th and 5th grade competing strongly throughout the year.

Of the three grades in the Grandfinal, 1st grade were joint winners with West Coffs due to our ever changing weather (rain). They seemed to be on top but a touch unlucky not to be there by themselves.

Second grade had a year that was up and down, performing well in the bowling and fielding, but lacking in the batting department. This was shown in the Grandfinal when defeated by Plantation Colts.

Third grade had a very positive season with a team full of potential 1st graders and Diggers future.

Throughout the year the boys seemed to show plenty of determination, this was shown in making the Grandfinal, but were unlucky to lose by nine runs. The performance of 3rd grade was great considering most teams they played were twice their age.

The captains of all grades are to be congratulated on the way they led their teams on to the field, and the positive way the teams played throughout the year.

This years captains were; (1st grade) Ross Haworth, (2nd Grade) Terry Cameron, (3rd grade) Mick Ryan, (4th grade) Tim Hedditch, (5th grade) Brian Savell.

On signing off, I would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts this year, and look forward to an even better year next year.

Regards, Ron.

DIGGERS 1ST GRADE REPORT 1991/92

Once again the Diggers cricket club has had an outstanding season. First, Second and Third grades each made the grand final and Fifth grade making the final. Fourth grade were unlucky not to make the finals but put in a good effort.

First grade came second on the table, with six wins, three losses and a draw. The six wins were completed in workman-like fashion; disposing of Sawtell, Bucca and Woolgoolga on each occasion they were met. The three losses were to West Coffs twice and once to Plantation Colts, with one washout. Both games against West Coffs were unlucky in that whilst we had runs on the board, and had them 4 or 5 wickets down for few runs, rain interrupted play each time, giving them the upper hand.

But all in all a very successful season. Players to shine this year were:

Troy Wear, who had another successful run with the bat, scoring 119 not out against Bucca and in all scoring over 300 runs for the season.

Rod Beaumont, Robbie Wear, Brian Schweitzer and Ross Howarth (setting a fitting example as Captain) got amongst them too.

Unfortunately we lost Brian mid season when he moved to Ballina; our loss and Ballina's gain.

Andrew Ford took some unforgettable catches this year, whilst Terry Herbert couldn't seem to make up his mind. Good one, Herbie!

Terry also showed remarkable bowling skills, bending his back and reaping the rewards with over 25 wickets. Again, Rod Beaumont, and Ross Haworth, together with Paul Fredericks and Ron Wisely, also chipped in to get the team to the finals.

Steve Meakins replaced Kerry Burke as wicket keeper, and most ably too.

It proved to a thrilling semi-final against Wests, with some fine bowling from the boys keeping the oppositions runs down to 142. With a target of approximately two runs an over to win the semi, Troy Wear thought it was easier to just hit boundaries with his head rather than his bat. Luckily his brother Robbie saved the day by hitting five sixes, and totalled 77 runs before finishing the game not out. In this he was ably supported by Ken Hoad in his first game in 1st grade.

After such a thrilling semi-final, the grand-final, also against West Coffs, proved to be an anti-climax when rain put an end to play on the second day and both teams were declared joint premiers.

Batting first, Diggers could only manage a moderate 136. Robbie lead the way with the bat scoring 43. He was supported by Ross who scored a solid 30 and Troy, 20. In reply West Coffs were struggling at 5 for 75 with all their recognized batsmen back in the pavilion. Paul Fredericks was the man who done all the damage taking 4 for 38. Rod Beaumont chimed in taking the valuable wicket of Glenn Fenton, Fordy taking yet another screamer of a catch. With West Coffs having such a long tail and 62 runs still to get, for them, rain saved the day.

First grade would like to take this opportunity to thank Isobele, Joan and the cricket widows for providing support and more importantly, grub!

DIGGERS FIRST GRADE STATS 1991-92

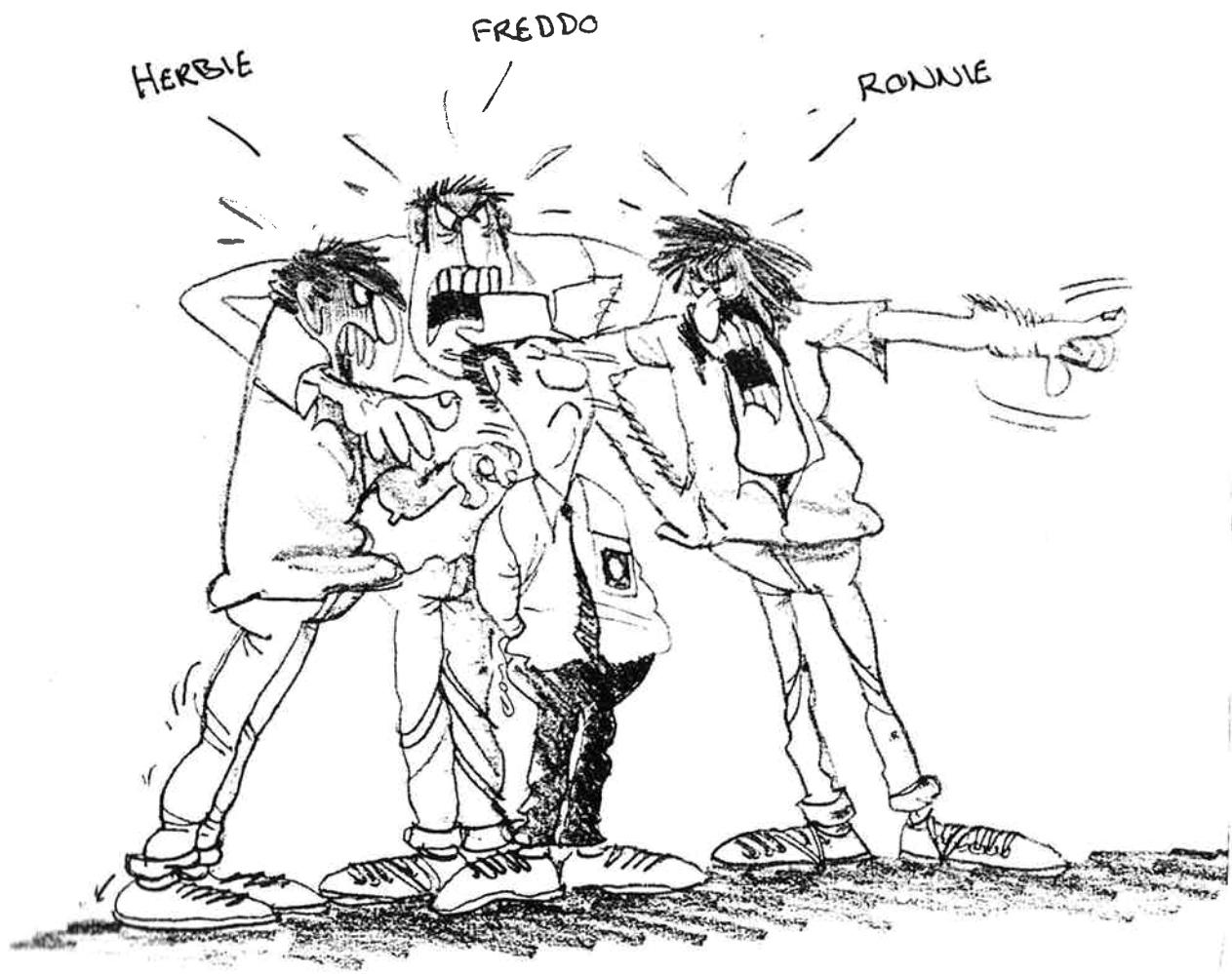
BATTING

	<u>INN.</u>	<u>AGG.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>OTH.\STP.</u>
R. BEAUMONT	9	262	0	29.1	51	2
T. SHIPMAN	3	60	0	12	27	2
T. WEAR	9	360	1	45	119*	1
R. WEAR	10	136	0	13.6	59	4
B. SCHWEITZER	5	124	0	24.8	56	1
R. HAWORTH	8	225	2	37.5	91*	6
S. MEAKINS	9	62	0	6.9	18	12\4
P. MULLINS	3	15	1	7.5	0	0
A. FORD	9	97	1	12.1	20	12
T. HERBERT	5	42	2	14	13	0
R. WISELY	4	16	3	16	11*	0
T. JOYCE	5	18	2	6	11	1
P. FREDERICKS	5	48	1	12	29*	0
C. MILNE	2	13	0	6.5	12	2
M. NEALAND	3	25	1	11.5	14*	4
T. CAMERON	0	0	0	0	0	2

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BOWLING

	<u>O.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
T. HERBERT	213	51	457	26	18.1
R. WISELY	66	27	191	8	23.9
P. BEAUMONT	72	15	258	10	25.8
R. HAWORTH	68	13	132	13	14
B. SCHWEITZER	35	6	72	6	12
T. WEAR	4	1	12	0	0
P. FREDERICKS	70	18	173	6	26.8
R. WEAR	7	1	30	1	30
M. NEALAND	26	1	110	7	15.7



DIGGERS SECOND GRADE REPORT

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And so to Second Grade, the reigning premiers from the season before but now, not the premiers. Yes it was a disastrous Grand Final for a side so rich in talent yet not so rich in luck. But no sour grapes, we were beaten by a better team on the day with a better ball. Well done Plants, but look out next season.

We had a good season this year with the Colts from the Plantation proving to be our bogey team. In the first round we were luckily rained out after being 5-45, chasing 175. In the second round we were all out for 52, and just lost, dismissing them for 34. The first semi was another disappointment with the premiers falling short by only 6 runs.

Apart from our vicious rivalry with the Colts we succeeded in every other game bar one during the 1991-92 season, and finished second on the all important ladder.

The highlights of the season go as follows:

* With power between his thighs, "Joke the Peg" Terry Cameron had an anxious season as captain, bowling himself more often than notbut this time he managed to prevail.

* Rockin' Ronnie Butcher won't quite take all the trophies away this season, but with his red hair and shattered nose he was still able to produce a few miracles.

* Cornin The Big Sack Pant Dart tore everyone apart with his enthusiasm and humour, creating an atmosphere of "win, win, win". Even his headware turned a few heads, no doubt all will copy next season.

* The Flying Sea-Horse of Glenn Mitchell was a welcome new comer to the team and produced some fine efforts, including an on the run horizontal catch and a blazing 30. By the way Mitch I like your choice of magazine subscription.

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* Tony " Dougie Walters " Shipman once again proved too lethal to get a bowl this season, but his batting was a strong backbone to lay a platform on. Pity your Grand Final figures didn't qualify for the bowling average.

* Ken " The Snapper " Hoed showed what a big hitter he can be with one memorable six off wild man Wayne Miller. He was like a cat in another match, he was dropped 9 times.

* The famous chants of " Thommo, Thommo ", were heard when Adam Thomson reached the end of his mark. With his blazing pony tail and eye catching cheer squad he was a welcome sight.

* Steve " Manoj " Haney had a whirlwind start to the season with a huge 140 not out. He took more catches than the keeper and topped the batting aggregate and averages, but he could have gone better, couldn't he Steve.

* Professor Steve Gow of the University of Cricket was here again this season, adding his home-grown knowledge and experience to bowl in one over: 3 scoreless full crosses then middle stump out of the ground. That's what I call tactics.

* Filthy Phil Mullins built a few picket fences throughout the season, just as well they were long one's Phil, oh well, long enough.

* Ryan Downy was another new man at the crease this season, standing behind the stumps as if he were their keeper.

* Brendan Cunningham has some hardware, seen for the first time. Don't give us on the batting practice Brendan.

* Yet another new face to the team was Mick Nealand, not to be confused with New Zealand. Even though he left us for first grade (well done by the way), we're glad you joined the club.

There were other players who helped take us to the final
Diggers 2nd Grade thanks: A. Craig, M. Ellis, S. Adams, N. Butcher, M. Howarth and T. Joyce.

P.S. And Terry we do appreciate all you do, really we do.
Because without you there would be no Diggers 2nd Grade.

YOURS

CORIN BARTLEY



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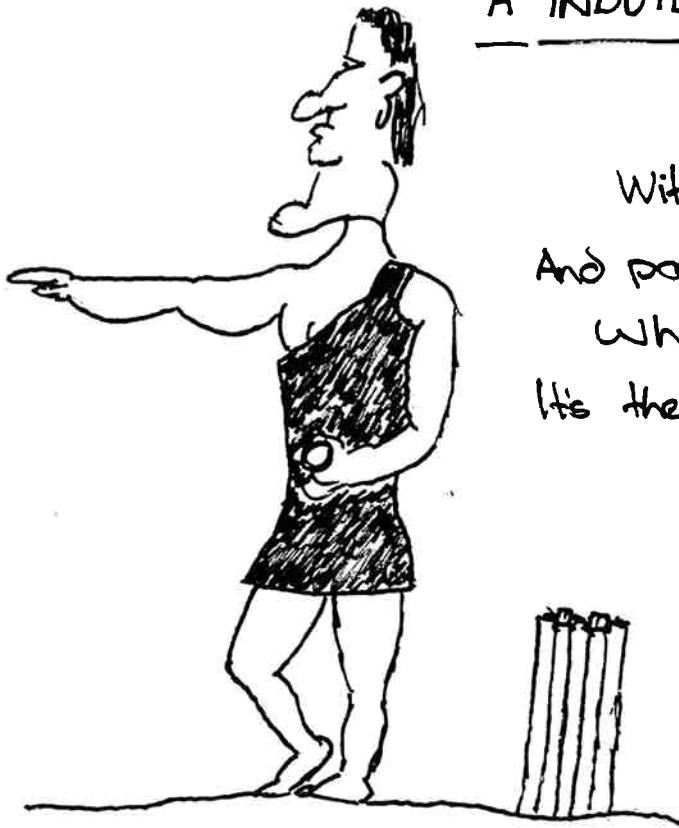
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A. CRAIG	3	38	0	12.6	32	5
M. ELLIS	5	47	1	11.8	25	1
S. HANEY	12	302	4	37.8	140*	9
R. BUTCHER	9	174	3	29	62	2
C. BARTLEY	7	62	3	15.5	33*	0
K. HOAD	11	148	4	21.1	35	5
B. CUNNINGHAM	2	0	0	0	0	0
M. NEALAND	4	45	2	22.5	26	1
G. MITCHELL	6	86	1	17.2	51	8
S. GOW	1	0	0	0	0	1
T. CAMERON (PEG)	3	11	1	5.5	9	4
R. LOWRY	8	174	0	21.8	8	8
S. ADAMS	1	25	1	0	25*	1
N. BUTCHER	2	4	0	2	4	1
T. SHIPMAN	3	103	0	34.3	52	1
A. THOMSON	3	19	1	9.5	11	0
M. HAWORTH	1	14	0	14	14	0
P. MULLINS	3	55	0	18.6	43	1
T. JOYCE	1	16	0	16	16	1

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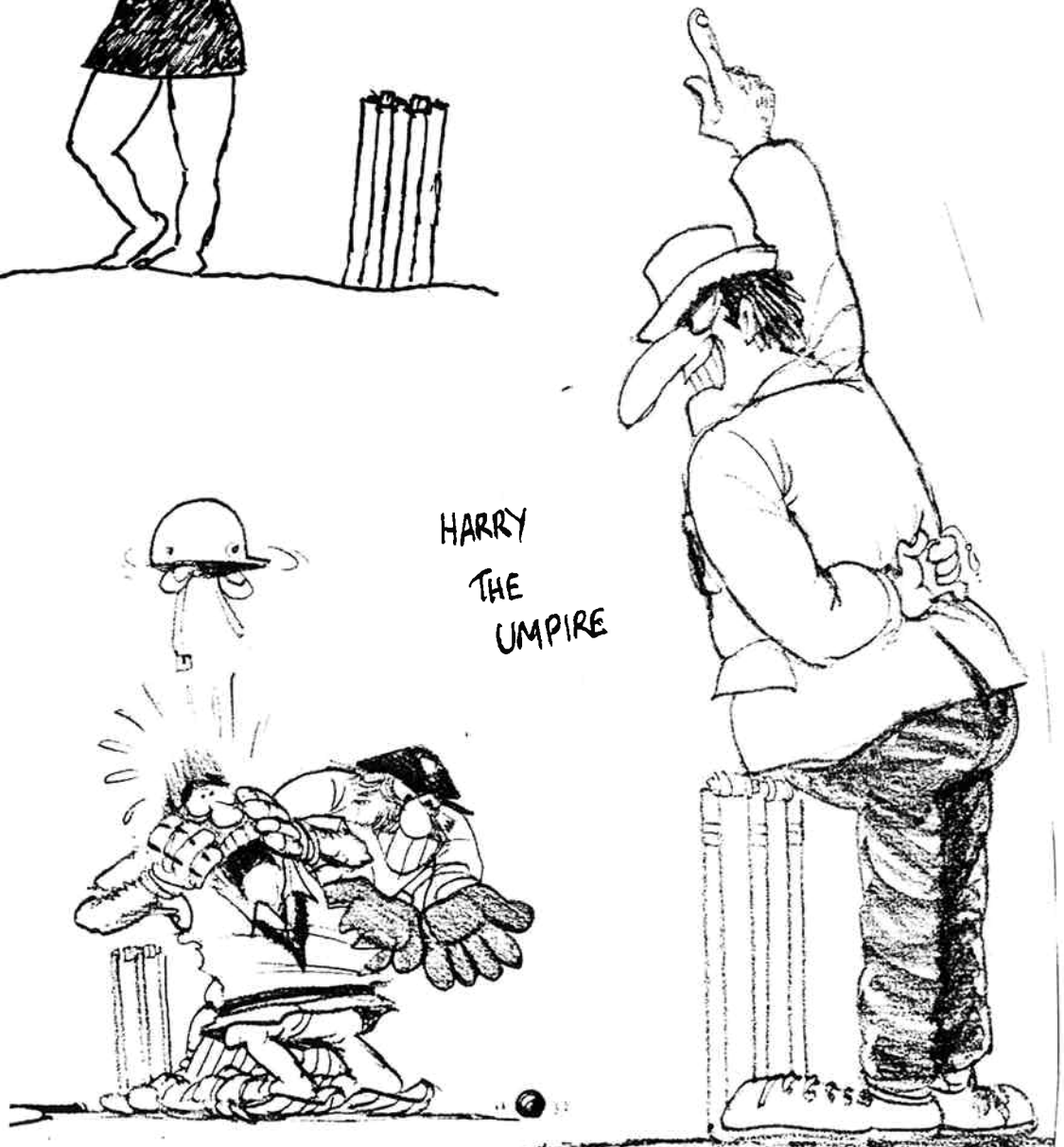
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	<u>O.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
B. CUNNINGHAM	35	7	90	5	18
R. BUTCHER	89	13	168	19	8.9
C. BARTLEY	64	13	180	8	22.5
T. CAMERON (PEG)	46	6	144	14	10.2
S. HANEY	60	17	160	10	16
M. NEALAND	36	5	122	5	24.4
G. MITCHELL	68	14	148	12	12.3
A. THOMSON	96	23	199	10	19.9
S. GOW	6	1	20	0	0
K. HOAD	4	0	5	0	0

A TRIBUTE TO TERRY CAMERON



With virtue in his eyes,
And power in his thighs,
What enormous size,
It's the mighty Hercules.



3rd GRADE REPORT 1991-92

Writing a team report is one of the hardest things to do. After a long season such as ours, things tend to be forgotten outstanding efforts overlooked. So if I forget anyone or anything or anything, forgive me. 3rd Grade had a very successful season, making the semi finals and with an emphatic victory over the minor premiers Plantation Colts, progressing to the final. Unfortunately this is where the success stopped. Lower Bucca lowered our colours for the third time in as many meetings. Each game decided by less than 10 runs.

Although the year ended on a disappointing note, there were no disappointing performances throughout the season. Each player contributed significantly to our successes. Some players excelled and deserve special mention, Anthony Webeck on being named 3rd Grade allrounder of the year. Harald Brandt for taking 20 wickets and inventing several hundred new theories on cricket.

On a lighter note there were some other achievements worth noting:

Andrew mainey- for scaring the life out of Plantation Colts(twice)

Nick butcher- for his success in graduating from the Phil Tunell School of Catching.

Mick ryan- for not telling one funny joke all season.

Mark haworth- for his ability to drop the easy catches and take the screamers.

Adrian Craig- for his Geoff Marsh impersonation in the semi(only joking).

Matt Cockburn- for his "early" arrivals at the games.

Warren Ibbett- for copping the worst decision since the crucifixion in the final.

Brad Jackson- really there is not much you can say about Jacko excepting that if you had eleven guys like him you wouldn't lose games through lack of enthusiasm.

It would be remiss of me to complete this report without thanking our two main supporters, Cliff and Margaret Webeck. Without their help in scoring throughout the year I think we would still be trying to work out the score from the first game.

On behalf of myself and the team I would like to thank the Diggers committee and Terry Cameron in particular for the help they accorded us during the season.

Finally I would personally like to thank the team. You are the future of this club and the future of the club is in safe hands.

MICHEAL RYAN

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BATTING

	<u>INN.</u>	<u>AGG.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>CTH.</u>
N. BUTCHER	5	112	1	28	53	3
M. RYAN	7	113	1	18.8	46	2
R. LOWRY	2	56	1	56	41*	0
M. COCKBURN	9	96	1	12	26*	4
W. EBELING	2	29	0	14.5	27	0
S. O'BRIEN	8	77	1	11	29	5
M. HAWORTH	5	89	0	17.8	34	5
M. ANDREWS	8	96	2	16	26	4
A. WEBECK	10	196	2	24.5	35	3
H. BRANDT	7	47	3	11.8	13*	4
S. ADAMS	3	116	0	38.7	88	0
B. JACKSON	7	47	2	9.4	16*	4
A. MAINEY	6	69	0	11.5	31	1
W. IBBETT	3	21	1	10.5	12*	3
D. OWEN	3	35	0	11.7	15	2
S. GOW	2	29	0	14.5	18	1
A. CRAIG	2	60	0	30	32	2

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	<u>O.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
A. WEBECK	160	46	324	31	10.1
N. BUTCHER	22	3	58	3	19.3
M. RYAN	68	17	182	6	30.3
J. FEW	22	2	65	5	17.2
H. BRANDT	63	11	150	20	7.5
M. HAWORTH	41	5	183	7	26.1
M. ANDREWS	7	0	25	3	8.3
A. MAINEY	81	17	185	14	13.2
S. ADAMS	31	4	105	8	13.1
W. IBBETT	3	0	11	2	5.5
B. JACKSON	4	0	19	1	19
M. COCKBURN	6	0	30	1	30
S. O'BRIEN	4	0	17	0	0
T. HEDDITCH	6	1	14	0	0
S. GOW	35	4	112	8	14