

COACH'S REPORT

As I have only coached the club since mid January 2006, this report will be brief.

I will mention however that the resignation of Tony Marasco was untimely and a great wrench to the Club. Pre and regular season training sessions were of a high standard and we should acknowledge that fact.

When you look back at the completed season only one team reaching the finals is disappointing but other positives arose.

The first X1 debuts of teenagers Pat Felmingham, Tim Fisher, Chris Stafford and Joel Streete were greatly encouraging as well as the initiative of the fifth X1 being an U/18 development team. Their match results showed genuine strides were made by individuals and those young cricketers will only be better for playing against the men - for many of them for the first time!

The one-dayers continue to be an avenue for players to partake in matches where participation is the priority. Junior players, their parents and others whose availability can't be regular mix to become an important part of the Club.

The third X1 finals appearance was a true reward for a group who played wonderful team cricket.

The second and fourth X1 seasons may not have been as successful but I have great admiration for the two captains who battled away under adversity

Thanks to all the skippers Mark Gauci, Joe Bonfa, Dino Sapuppo, Shaun Arnup, Kevin Gardiner, Steve Ball, Charlie Walker and their deputies as well as Sandro Capocchi as Chairman of Selectors.

The training sessions I managed during the 9 week period were generally well attended and participation enthusiastic. Thanks to all who assisted. I will remark that any improvement, especially from the younger cricketers will need to come from a greater input at training sessions and a genuine change of attitude toward fielding. The Committee have been supportive and this makes the job a lot easier.

All the best for the future Committee, coaches, captains and especially the players.

Tony Gleeson