

Coach

The season just completed has been a mixed one for the Moonee Valley Cricket Club. Our club provided many outstanding performances by individuals throughout the year and, at first glance, it would appear to have been this club's most successful season ever.

Ian Denny continues to dominate the EBKCA competition and he has had yet another outstanding season for this club. He won this club's first eleven Batting Trophy and our Club Champion Trophy, the Lindsay Jones Memorial Award. Added to this, Ian won the prestigious Luscombe Shield's Best Player Award and was appointed the captain of the successful Luscombe Shield side for a second year. He continues to make an astonishing contribution to our club, both on and off, the field.

In addition to Ian's performances, Darren Nagle and Jim McKenzie did our club proud, when they won the Luscombe Shield A and B Grade bowling awards respectively and Greg Meyers did likewise when he was awarded the Luscombe Shield wicket keeping award. Robert Lamberti and Darren Nagle are to be congratulated for their Man of the Match awards while representing the EBKCA in the inter-association matches that Moonee Valley CC players dominated.

However, from my point of view as club coach, the measure of how successful a season was, must be indicated by how well that club's teams have performed, especially its first eleven. While our club obviously had the talent and commitment to win the premiership, it must be noted that this was not the case and that I was extremely disappointed with our final result.

All four elevens showed the potential to win important games and to play in the finals. Winning enough games throughout the season to reach the finals is not simple. It requires a dedicated and unified approach from a core of players within a team. This atmosphere is contagious and it influences and enthuses old players and newcomers alike. It is what all poor teams need and what all good teams have. It requires team mates to support each other when things are not going well, to stand firm and persevere when the chips are down. It is about knowing when to attack and when to defend. Despite their desperately unlucky finish to the season, there is no finer example of a team who sticks together and really plays to a plan, than our own first eleven.

I know that the new season will again bring back the loyal and dedicated players to our club. That is the sort of club that we are. We will be steeled and determined by our disappointments of the past, and I am excited by the prospects of the new season.

Our task is to improve ourselves. So how can we do that? It is my belief that we get better when our personal pride is affected. This, coupled with an overwhelming appetite for success, will be the key to our club's approach in the future. Train hard and make each training session this year, mean something to us. Set yourself individual goals and dedicate your training and game preparation so that you give yourself the best chance to succeed. If we can improve in the areas of training, preparation and personal pride, then improvement in performance will come our way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members and supporters of the club for their efforts during the year, and a special note of thanks to Ray Storey and his committee who have backed me in every possible way imagined. I would also like to congratulate the team captains Mark, Danny and Doug for the dedicated way that they have gone about their jobs. I am also indebted to Ian Denny who acted as the chairman of selectors throughout the season, to Greg Meyers for his support as the first eleven's vice-captain and, finally, to all the players in the first eleven who made my job a great deal easier than it might otherwise have been.

Greg Peters
(Captain Coach)

Awards

FIRST XI

Batting
Bowling
Fielding

Ian Denny
Darren Nagle
Greg Meyers

SECOND XI

Batting
Bowling
Fielding

Ian Sutherland
Jim McKenzie
Scott McLeod

THIRD XI

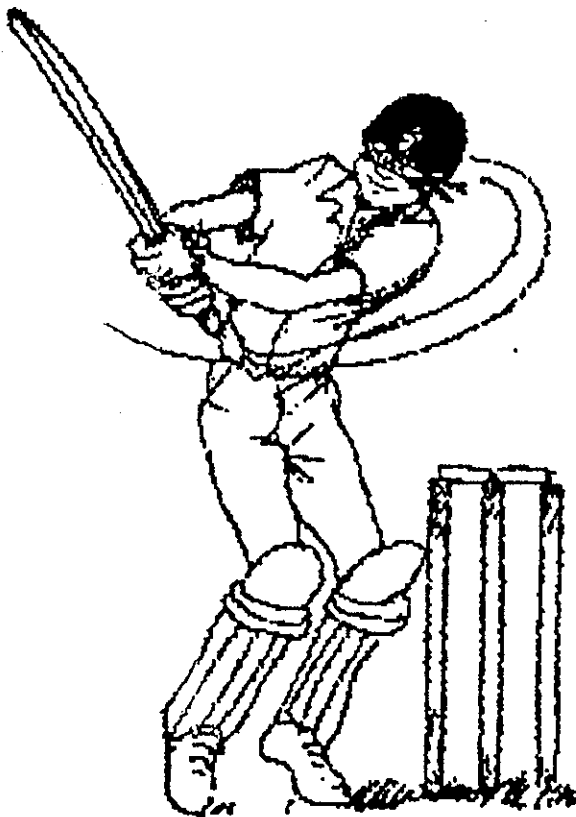
Batting
Bowling
Fielding

Danny Fitzpatrick
Jude Perera
Kevin Webb

FOURTH XI

Batting
Bowling
Fielding

Laurie Mayne
Doug McLaggan
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Club Champion

Lindsay Jones Memorial Trophy

Ian Denny