COACH'S REPORT

Another season has drawn to a close and although we did not add to the premiership cabinet, there are plenty of positives to emerge from 2001/02. Our fitness levels were better and enabled us to progress to season's end without anyone having major problems due in part to our No.1 supporter Phil and his trainer's knowledge which helps us immensely not to mention Dave's hammy's! Thanks Philby, you have become an integral member at the Valley. Junior wise we are going strong and to all the teams who made finals, well done and I am sure you will be even better next year for the experience. The influx of juniors who have progressed into senior sides has been a revelation and special mention goes to William Lai who won the 4th XI's fielding. This is an outstanding effort and shows what determination and dedication can do. I hope you keep it up William; Congratulations.

To Charlie who made the juniors run so flawlessly all season we all owe you a debt of thanks. Charlie made the task of organising the juniors. Their parents and supporters look effortless, which we all know it's not and one cannot fully explain all the work Charlie did, so thanks for that and I hope you will be back next year to



The Captains; Shane, Danny, Dean and David; you all did a superb job. It's never easy to handle teams with changes happening over the course of the season and special mention to Goldsy who had the most changes of all and came through with excellent results for such a young team. You all are appreciated for your dedication to the job at hand. To Rex, what can I say but thank you for your help and support throughout the year and without you my sanity could have been sorely tested! To Steve Elworthy who came on the scene late in the season I also thank and believe you will be a vital cog in the MVCC for years to come. I look forward to many more seasons with Rex and Steve having greater input.

I know my year as coach was relatively a surprise one due to unforeseen circumstances, but I have enjoyed the opportunity. The committee of Darren, John, Paul and Ian as Chairman of Selectors; I have to say; a coach may give orders but without the support of a committee behind him the job would be an impossible one and I am grateful to call these guys "mates".

Finally to all players at Moonee Valley thank you for allowing me to coach for the year and I hope we have all grown in spirit and achievement and are looking forward to 2002/2003 with even more enthusiasm.

MICK HARVEY Coach