

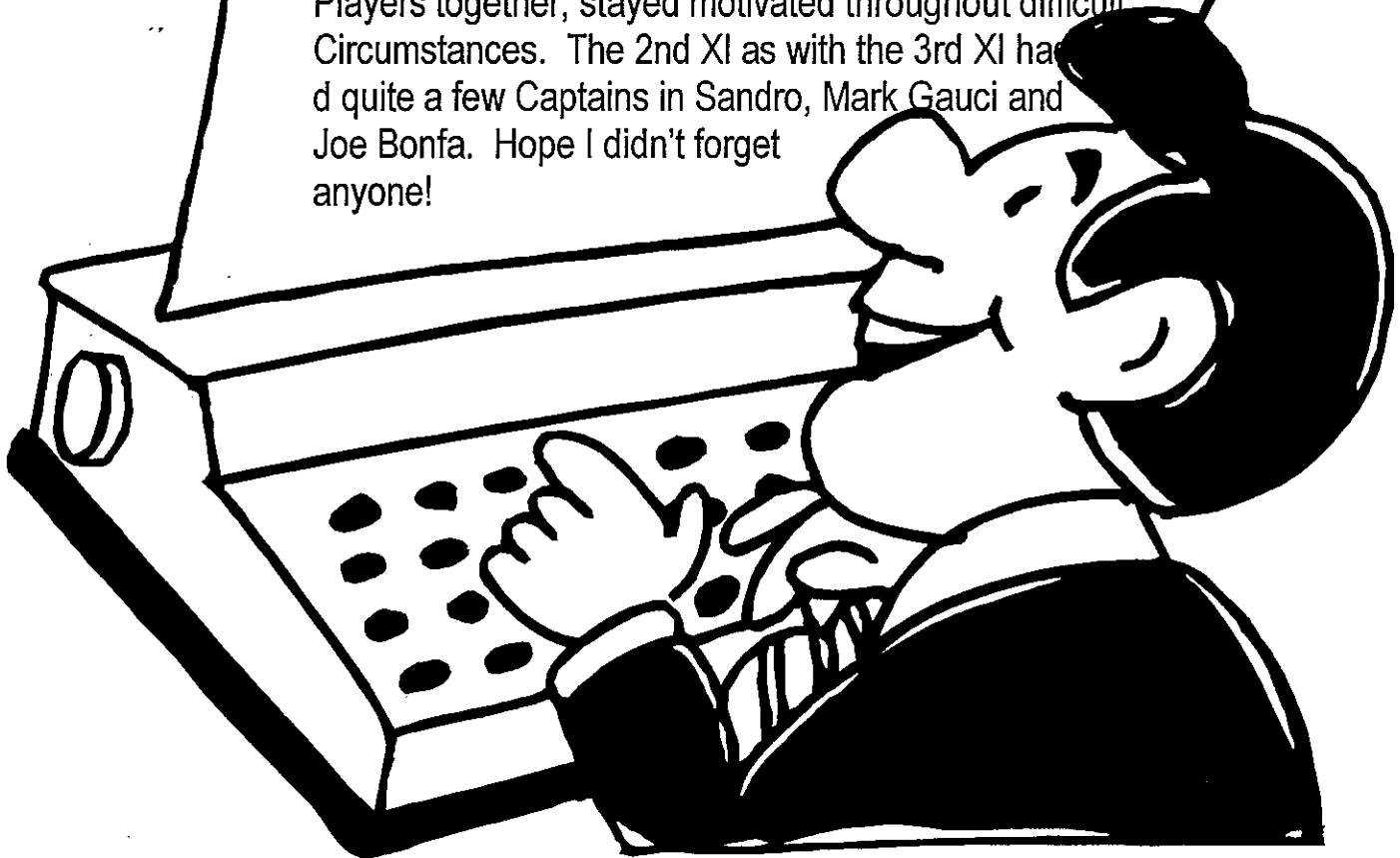
COACH'S REPORT

Season 2202 –2003 will go down as a new beginning for the Moonee Valley Cricket Club!

With the decision of the committee to leave the Moreland Moonee Valley competition and enter the VTCA, new opportunities opened up for the club and its players. For both the 1st XI and the 2nd XI's to make the finals in our first year in a new competition is an outstanding effort.

For most of the season our 3rd and 4th XI were up against it. Not only were they lacking a home ground but for the majority of the season were playing against 1st and 2nd XI players. While they did not win a lot of matches they were a very competitive force.

My thanks to Shane Golds and John Talone for their leadership in the 4th's and to Danny Terzini, Geoff Smith and Glen Eismontas who led the 3rd XI through the season. You gents who had the tough task of keeping a mix of old and new Players together, stayed motivated throughout difficult Circumstances. The 2nd XI as with the 3rd XI had quite a few Captains in Sandro, Mark Gauci and Joe Bonfa. Hope I didn't forget anyone!



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To the eighteen players who represented the 1st XI this season, I congratulate and thank you for your efforts. To Mighty Mick Harvey, I thank you for your help throughout the season, not only at training, also as a Chairman of Selectors (even if it was via phone because Egga's had you working nightshift). Your input was invaluable.

To Darren Nagle, my thanks to you and your committee. You made a brave decision at the start of this year, and I am glad that decision was justified by our efforts in getting to the Grand Final. We have been informed that Moonee Valley have been promoted into North "A" grade for next season, the challenge has been put before us! We need to once again rise to the challenge.

Many clubs before us have gone up a grade only to return the following season. These clubs lacked preparation and were not prepared to do the work that was required of them to succeed. Let's make sure that this doesn't happen to Moonee Valley.

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