

RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956

I have to report as follows: -

"The Season under review was most successful for this Association, both from a financial and, more importantly, from a cricketing stand point. The standard of cricket was maintained at a very high level and it is hoped that during the forthcoming Season this high standard will not only be maintained, but will be further improved and all endeavours should be made not only by the Executive of this Association, but by each Club Secretary and every player in every team.

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY:

The Season opened on an unfortunate note for the Association, as the then Secretary, Mr. G.E. Holloway, found it impossible to carry on the duties of Hon. Secretary and resigned. Mr. Holloway rendered yeoman service to the Association and his loss was a very severe blow. It is desired to place on record the thanks of the Association to Mr. Holloway for his past service.

NUMBER OF TEAMS:

The following is the number of teams which competed in 1955/56 Season -

|           |   |                 |       |
|-----------|---|-----------------|-------|
| "A" Grade | - | 12              | Teams |
| "B" Grade | - | 14              | "     |
| "C" Grade | - | 9               | "     |
| "D" Grade | - | 12              | "     |
|           |   | <u>        </u> |       |
| Total     | - | 47              | "     |
|           |   | <u>        </u> |       |

UMPIRES COMMITTEE:

During the currency of the 1955/56 Season the Umpires in this Association formed the R.D.C.A. Umpires Committee. This Committee with Mr. R. Johnson as their President, and Mr. R. Evans as Secretary did a splendid job and by their discussions took a big step towards improving umpiring generally and thereby lifting the standard of cricket in the district. The R.D.C.A. owes quite a good deal to this Umpires Committee and it is hoped that the Committee will grow and function in 1956/57.

XMAS CARNIVAL GAMES:

The R.D.C.A. again entered a team in the "Under 23 Years" Xmas Carnival conducted by the V.J.C.U. The team acquitted itself excellently and reflected great credit to themselves and the Association, - they won 2 games and lost the third. The team was captained by Mr. B. Bond (Bedford) and was managed by Mr. A. Neil with Mr. W. Barkway as official scorer. To these gentlemen the Association records its thanks.

### INTER-ASSOCIATION GAMES:

The Inter-Association Games with the FernTree Gully Cricket Association were resumed this year on Australia Day. Two teams were selected from the Associations - one game was played at Ringwood and the other at Scoresby. The game at Ringwood was won by the R.D.C.A. by 31 runs - the captain of that team was Mr. B. Bond (Bedford).

The FernTree Gully Cricket Association proved too strong at Scoresby and won by 50 runs after the R.D.C.A. had fought back from a very bad position. Mr. R. Madden (Boronia) captained that R.D.C.A. team.

### V.J.C.U. VISIT TO CASTLEMAINE:

The combined "Under 23 years" V.J.C.U. team visited Castlemaine, and our worthy President, Mr. L. Salvana was paid the compliment of being selected as Team Manager. It is also desired to record that Mr. G. Hager (North Ringwood) was selected as a member of the team and by his performances on and off the ground, was a credit to this Association.

### REGISTRATION SECRETARY:

Another forward step during last Season was the appointment of Mr. W. Barkway as Registration Secretary. Mr. Barkway did a very fine job in this capacity, and it is desired to place on record the thanks of the Association for his help during 1955/56.

### HOSPITAL APPEAL:

Throughout the past Season, the President made repeated appeals to Clubs and players to assist the Royal Children's Hospital and whilst the response was not as good as it might have been, it is felt that during 1956/57 all Clubs will get behind the Appeal and give it the support it undoubtedly deserves.

### AMENDMENT TO RULES:

The entire Rules of the R.D.C.A. have been the subject of a review by a sub-Committee appointed for that purpose. It is proposed to submit a number of amendments to the Annual Meeting for ratification.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

A separate financial report will be submitted by our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Bisset. You will note that the financial affairs of the Association have been considerably improved during last Season and with the co-operation of all Clubs, it is hoped to further improve our finances during the forthcoming Season with consequent benefits to Clubs and to Cricket generally in the District. For his work as Hon. Treasurer may I thank Mr. R. Bisset for the job he has done for the Association and also offer my personal thanks.

## DONATIONS:

During the past Season a number of citizens and firms made donations to the Association and to those donors we offer our grateful thanks.

Donors were: -

|                         |   |          |
|-------------------------|---|----------|
| Ringwood & Croydon Mail | ) |          |
| Mr. L. Salvana          | ) | Pennants |
| Mr. A. Neil             | ) |          |
| I.C.I.A.N.Z.            | ) |          |
| Alan Coffey Motors      | ) |          |
| Holeproof Limited       | ) | Trophies |
| E. Hasset and Sons      | ) |          |
| Mr. C. Fairbairn        | ) |          |

## END OF SEASON SOCIAL:

The end of the Season Social was held at the Croydon Hall on Friday, May 4th 1956. Most Clubs were represented and approximately 100 players and visitors were present. Premiership Pennants and Trophy Winners were presented at the function and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

## CRICKET DURING 1955/56:

### "A" GRADE: -

A very high standard was set during 1955/56 and congratulations are due to the Ringwood team for a splendid Season. The Ringwood team have for some years proved themselves a very good team and again won the "A" Grade Flag.

East Ringwood were runners-up and by their fight back in the Final proved they weren't beaten until the winning run had been scored.

Boronia and North Ringwood were the other teams to comprise the Final Four and are to be congratulated on their success.

However, to all teams in "A" Grade the congratulations of the Association are offered on a very good Season of cricket.

### "B" GRADE: -

Not to be outdone by their "A" Grade team, the Ringwood "B" Grade team also won their Flag. Congratulations to the Ringwood "B" team on their success.

Wonga Park were runners up and had a most successful Season.

Montrose and Boronia were the other teams in the coveted Four and to them and the other 10 teams in "B" Grade, the Association offers congratulations.

### "C" GRADE:

South Warrandyte were the ultimate Premiers in "C" Grade defeating the Ringwood "C" team. To South Warrandyte are due the congratulations on their success and also Ringwood "C" team. Montrose and Lilydale completed the Four in "C" Grade.

All teams in "C" Grade can be assured that they had a good Season.

"D" GRADE:

Croydon, after just getting into 4th position, went on and won "D" Grade. Congratulations to the Croydon lads on a very fine finish. To their vanquished foes - East Ringwood - the congratulations of the Association are offered.

Ringwood and Bedford occupied the other 2 positions in the final Four.

To all the lads who play in "D" Grade, the Association sincerely hope they will go on to bigger and better things this year, on the cricket fields.

TROPHY WINNERS:

To the following trophy winners, the congratulations of the entire Association are offered on their splendid efforts with bat and ball.

B A T T I N G

| <u>"A" Grade</u>                     | <u>"B" Grade</u>                    | <u>"C" Grade</u>                      | <u>"D" Grade</u>                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| J. LePoideven<br>(Lilydale)<br>59.45 | K. Scott<br>(Footballer's)<br>77.12 | S. Powell<br>(Sth.Warrandyte)<br>61.9 | G. Hager<br>(Nth.Ringwood)<br>166.6. |

B O W L I N G

|                                 |                                |                               |                                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| V. Fiedler<br>(Boronia)<br>7.31 | R. Jordan<br>(Ringwood)<br>6.2 | S. Bell<br>(Montrose)<br>7.59 | A. Orr<br>(Nth.Ringwood)<br>3.3 |
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THANKS:

In addition to those whom I have thanked in the body of this Report, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the President, Mr. L. Salvana, members of the Executive Committee, Club Secretaries and Club Members for the help given to me during 1955/56.

*L.H.M. Lead*