

**the Ringwood & District
Cricket Association**



**Junior Competition
Annual Report
Season 1982 ~ 1983
Annual General Meeting
Friday 15th July 1983**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The details of the success of the 82/83 season are set out in the reports on the following pages.

These reports make good reading for Team Managers and Junior Co-ordinators who have the interests of the young cricketers at heart.

The rule changes for the season caused no difficulties and the player safety rules (protective headgear to be available etc) gained swift acceptance, as they were recognised by everyone as a commonsense approach to the problem.

The new rule on provision of umpires for the final series resulted in good umpires being available for all games and a trouble free final series. Our thanks to Jim Clarke for his efforts in organising these umpires. Our Committee may be small but has been active and has introduced many changes during the season.

Your special thanks are due to our Secretary Mrs. Lyn Pitt, who worked tirelessly to keep us all informed of these changes and to meet the administrative needs of the Junior Association.

Maurie Dear, our Registration Secretary again performed his duties capably and with considerable enthusiasm. Maybe we riled him at times because we failed to submit our sheets in time or with too many errors, but we all know that the fines would have been much heavier if Maurie had not adopted such an understanding approach to our problems.

This thankless task is one which requires considerable time and we are fortunate indeed that Maurie is happy to give freely of his valuable time to perform this essential task.

Brian Plumridge has been on our Committee for some years and initiated the January Carnival Series which has proved so popular.

Brian has also handled our publicity and has been a very keen worker for cricket in general and junior cricket in particular.

Brian has been under a lot of stress this season but, despite this, has carried out his duties in his usual prompt efficient manner. Brian is a perfectionist who has served our junior cricket extremely well and we all are saddened to hear that he intends to retire from Association Administration at this meeting.

He will take a lot of replacing but his efforts will not be forgotten - his reward will be seen for a long time in the continuing progress of junior cricket in this Association and beyond.

The other members of the Junior Committee have all worked well in your interests and I thank them on your behalf for their enthusiasm and co-operation.

The important people in this Association are the junior cricketers and the Managers and Co-ordinators who look after them.

I believe that the 82/83 season was a good one from your point of view and I look forward to future seasons being even better.

REPORT BY MR. BRIAN PLUMRIDGE ON THE JANUARY CARNIVAL SERIES AND THE ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVE SIDES FOR SEASON 1982/83.

I believe it fitting to congratulate each of the Clubs and their outstanding young cricketers for making season 82/83 a most memorable year for all.

Over 200 juniors were nominated by Clubs to represent the R.D.C.A. and it was particularly gratifying to the Executive to receive so much spontaneous support. Careful deliberation (based on performances) reduced the number to 110 and then four excellent practise matches gave each lad an equal opportunity to display his attitude and capabilities. Club Administrators would also be pleased to know that every Club who forwarded nominations had at least one representative in the actual trial practise matches.

It is history now that the Under 16 young men were undefeated in their " Lilydale Post " sponsored series matches against South Suburban, Eastern Churches and Country Week champions, Ferntree Gully. Another feature of the squad was that they also became the first official R.D.C.A. team to travel outside the metropolitan area in defeating the Goulburn Valley League at their magnificent Shepparton oval.

The Croydon Under 14 Hatch (R.D.C.A. boys) played great cricket to finish in the quarter finals for the seventh consecutive year and our second R.D.C.A. Under 14 X1 also enjoyed success by finishing in the semi - finals of the ANZ Bank Carnival Series. The youngest of our squads were a skilful team and went one better to become the champion Under 12 team for the first time in the coveted Bill Patterson Carnival Series.

The development of our representative cricket has not been achieved overnight and other factors in the functioning of the R.D.C.A. has contributed significantly to our present level. Responsive grading has improved our cricket at all levels and the excellent behaviour of our youngsters and the record number rising to District levels bears fitting testimony to that policy. The development of junior cricket in many ways though has only just begun and I am sure that the R.D.C.A. will continue to be a leader for all boys and the game of cricket generally.



REPORT BY MR. JIM CLARKE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF FINALS UMPIRES.

Season 1982/83 was the first time umpires had been selected for finals' matches from nominations given by Clubs in accordance with the new rule.

Although not all Clubs that were required to nominate did so, it meant each match had two umpires independent of the competing teams, a situation warmly received and acclaimed by Clubs in the finals. Managers in particular, were delighted, as it relieved them of the burden and responsibility of organising umpires.

The standard of umpiring was very good, those who officiated are congratulated on a job well done, and the Association is grateful to Clubs and all who nominated.

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT

After my first season as Junior Secretary for the R.D.C.A. I would sincerely like to thank all the Junior Executive and Junior Administrators of the Association for their assistance and co-operation.

We had rather a rough start to the season and I am sure that we have learnt a great deal by our mistakes and should start season 1983/84 a lot better.

With an Association as large as ours, it takes many man hours to be able to compile fixtures and commitments for 158 sides. The many withdrawals of teams at the start of the season created many a headache, but with nominations of sides to be in earlier next year, this should be eradicated.

Another large problem is grounds, lack of - unplayable - Council commitments - etc. Whilst we realise that in many cases ground changes are unavoidable, I am sure that the bulk of circumstances had the Association been notified when Clubs initially knew of their plight for a ground, the confusion of ground allocations in the early part of the season would have been largely eliminated.

The weather was very kind to cricket throughout the season, although I am sure that there were many who felt as though they were playing on concrete car parks I threatened to put teams on.

Many thanks must go to Brian Plumridge for the running of the Association Carnivals. The R.D.C.A. really can hold their head high when it comes to competitive cricket against other Associations.

Junior Presentation Night at the Ringwood Cultural Centre was a very successful evening. It is most pleasing to know that the Carlton Trophy will be open to all under 16 boys from now on. John Scholes from Carlton spoke extremely well and held the audience's interest throughout.

JUNIOR REGISTRATION AND RECORDS SECRETARIES REPORT

One of the highlights of season 1982/83 just passed was the continuing trend in the growth of the number of junior cricketers playing in our Association.

There are approximately 3270 registered players in our Junior Competition which represents an increase of 5.5% over the preceding season.

The number of teams participating in our Junior Competition has grown from 138 in 1980/81, 146 in 1981/82 to 158 in 1982/83. How many will we have in next season and the season after that?

If our growth rate continues we, the Clubs in the Association, may seriously have to consider paid administrators as the existing workload falling on the shoulders of a few volunteers is becoming increasingly onerous.

The season was not, of course, all peaches and cream and in fact it turned sour early in the season for some Clubs. We speak here of Clubs playing unregistered, ineligible and overage players with the resultant loss of hard earned points. This is a trend that has got "worsen n worsen" over the past 2/3 seasons and something that all Clubs must come to grips with very soon. There were 122 individual circumstances where Clubs played ineligible players last season resulting in 24 teams losing points.



REPORT ON THE JUNIOR COACHING CLINICS CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY 22 & 29/1/1983.

In their quest to improve the standard of cricket in the Association, the Junior Executive arranged for coaching clinics for junior players which were held on the mornings of 22 and 29/1/1983.

The clinics were held at three different venues. Michael York, Ringwood C.C. wicketkeeper and a qualified V.C.A. wicketkeeper coach, conducted a clinic at Jubilee Park for wicketkeepers. It was disappointing that only 6 boys attended this clinic but our sincere thanks go to Michael for his time and effort in imparting his knowledge and skills to those lads who did turn up.

Two further clinics covering all the basic skills in cricket were conducted at Bargeong Reserve and Batswater Park and again our sincere thanks to Stan and Lindsay Craker for volunteering their time and efforts on these two very hot mornings.

There were 29 young lads (predominantly under 12's) who attended at Bargeong Reserve on each Saturday and 12 and 8 young lads on each morning at Bayswater Park.

Although all Clubs were informed of these clinics, basically only 3 or 4 supported it and we would like to publicly express our appreciation to two Clubs in particular, Norwood and South Croydon, for their support. It was also good to see some of the parents from these Clubs get involved.

The Junior Executive believed that these clinics served a worthwhile purpose and wish to see them continue. Hopefully, more Clubs will provide support in these future ventures.

IF YOU BELIEVE THESE NEXT TWO REPORTS YOU WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING ALTHOUGH THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TRUE.

Report on an English League cricket match many years ago:

"The captain of the batting side faced the first ball of the innings with his opposing captain as wicketkeeper. The ball was almost a wide down the leg side but broke back viciously and bowled him. The astonished batsmen exclaimed "Well, I declare". The opposing captain overheard and took him at his word, so the innings was declared closed at one for nought. Then the teams changed round, the opening bowler began running and around the boundary with no apparent intention of stopping. When asked what was happening, the fielding captain told the umpire; "There's no rule limiting the length of the bowler's run. He's the local marathon champion and he's running until bad light stops play." The match was called a draw with only one ball bowled."

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Notice in the pavilion of an English League cricket club:

"The timings of the above matches may be altered due to weather (E.G. earthquake), civil riot (E.G. our captain being given out), or acts of God (i.e. our president)."

FINAL LADDERS
(CAPITALS denote premiers)

Under 16 grade 1

Ringwood	60
NORWOOD	54
Mooroolbark	48
Vermont	46
North Ringwood	44
Warrandyte	38
Ainslie Park	32
Croydon North	26
Heathmont	17
Wantirna South	17
Knox City	14
Croydon	2

Under 16 grade 2

East Ringwood	62
PARK ORCHARDS	56
South Croydon	50
Croydon United	48
Boronia	42
Montrose	42
Wantirna	38
Wonga Park	32
Glen Park	30
St. Andrews	14
South Ringwood	14
Batswater Park	12
Lilydale	12
Olinda	8

Under 16 grade 3

Heathmont Uniting	60
RINGWOOD	52
Johnson Park	50
Scoresby (1.53595)	48
Ringwood United (1.13595)	48
Heathmont Baptist	46
Eastfield	38
Croydon North	30
Vermont	28
Ringwood Footballers	24
Ainslie Park	18
Croydon Hockeyers	12
Mooroolbark	8

Under 14 grade 1

WANTIRNA SOUTH	56
North Ringwood	50
Warrandyte	48
Croydon North	44
Glen Park	39
Ringwood	38
East Ringwood	32
Knox City	26
Mooroolbark	20
Croydon	14
Heathmont	12
Lilydale	9

Under 14 grade 2

Wantirna	54
Ainslie Park	48
Croydon United	44
VERMONT (1.24080)	42
Park Orchards (1.23002)	42
Boronia	36
Bayswater Park	32
Clinda	28
Johnson Park	24
Wonga Park	20
Kilsyth	18
South Warrandyte	0



Under 14 grade 3

HEATHMONT BAPTIST	60
Heathmont Uniting	50
Scoresby	46
South Ringwood	44
Ringwood United	42
Eastfield	38
St. Andrews	38
Croydon Hockeyers	30
Norwood	20
Croydon North	14
Mooroolbark	14
Lilydale	14
Ringwood	12
Warrandyte	6

Under 12 grade 1

VANTIRNA SOUTH (2.77405)	56
Mooroolbark(2.02845)	56
Norwood	54
Warrandyte	48
Ringwood	38
South Croydon	32
Heathmont	32
Wantirna	26
North Ringwood	14
Croydon North	14
Knox City	12
Lilydale	2

Under 12 grade 3

RINGWOOD UNITED (3.96144)	72
Kilsyth (3.40283)	72
Clinda	68
Croydon	52
Ringwood RSL	50
South Ringwood	38
St. Andrews	30
Heathmont Uniting	30
Warrandyte	24
Wantirna South	24
Wonga Park	12
Wantirna	8
Mt. Evelyn	0
Lilydale	0

Under 12 grade 5

BRONIA	68
Kilsyth (2.9553)	62
Montrose(2.94989)	62
Vermont (2.22129)	48
Warrandyte(1.08987)	48
Croydon United	32
Mooroolbark	26
Norwood	26
Bayswater Park	24
Johnson Park	20
Wantirna South	20
South Ringwood	14
Olinda	12
Ringwood RSL	12

Under 14 grade 4

NORTH RINGWOOD	62
Mt. Evelyn (1.18680)	48
Lilydale (1.0770)	48
Wantirna South (1.02056)	48
Vermont	40
Wantirna	40
Croydon United	38
Ainslie Park	26
Kilsyth	26
Heathmont	24
East Ringwood	20
Montrose	14
Ringwood RSL	14
Mooroolbark	12

Under 12 grade 2

JOHNSON PARK	60
Bayswater Park	58
East Ringwood	48
Glen Park	44
Wonga Park	38
Eastfield	32
Boronia	30
Croydon United	30
Park Orchards	20
Vermont	18
Ainslie Park	12
South Warrandyte	2

Under 12 grade 4

KILSYTH	61
Ringwood	57
Scoresby	50
Ainslie Park	48
Croydon Hockeyers	46
Mooroolbark	44
Bayswater Park	42
Heathmont Baptist	34
Wantirna	32
Glen Park	30
East Ringwood	16
South Croydon	14
Croydon North	8
St. Andrews	0

DID YOU KNOW:

- that 348 under 12 players scored 30 or more runs last season
- that of those 348 players 68 were in grade 1, 70 in grade 2, 67 in grade 3, 77 in grade 4 and 66 in grade 5
- that 80 centuries were scored in our junior competition last season, 2 of them in our under 12 age division
- that the highest score made last season was Ian Dell's 249 no for Ainslie Park's under 14's.
- that no junior player was reported for misconduct last season
- that in the final of our under 16 grade 1 division, Geoff Parker made 208 no in a score of 4/266
- that 38 Clubs fielded teams in our junior competition last season
- that Mrs. Lyn Pitt, our Secretary, is the first lady elected to the R.D.C.A. Executive



TROPHY WINNERS

BATTING AVERAGES.

Under 16	grade 1	D. Bailey	North Ringwood	306.7
"	16 "	2 D. Witt	Croydon United	70.3
"	16 "	3 M. Purser	Heathmont Baptist	47.0
"	14 "	1 D. Burns	Wentirna South	107.7
"	14 "	2 I. Dell	Ainslie Park	81.7
"	14 "	3 A. Rosenstrauss	Croydon Hockeyers	117.2
"	14 "	4 J. Baldwin	Croydon United	73.9
"	12 "	1 C. Parker	Norwood	137.5
"	12 "	2 C. Hollow	Eastfield	115.5
"	12 "	3 T. Knox	Olinda	110.7
"	12 "	4 D. Howe	Scoresby	107.7
"	12 "	5 M. Newman	Boronia	184.0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Under 16	grade 1	D. Hudson	Norwood	8.3
"	16 "	2 P. Hartmann	Glen Park	11.4
"	16 "	3 M. Cunningham	Heathmont Uniting	7.3
"	14 "	1 M. Nikceovich	Glen Park	9.2
"	14 "	2 H. Deery	Wonga Park	7.2
"	14 "	3 B. Allen	Heathmont Uniting	7.6
"	14 "	4 M. Bellizia	North Ringwood	5.6
"	12 "	1 C. Parker	Norwood	5.1
"	12 "	2 C. Box	Wonga Park	6.9
"	12 "	3 M. Wilksch	Kilsyth	4.2
"	12 "	4 G. Adams	Wentirna	4.7
"	12 "	5 C. Downes	Boronia	5.4

...ID YOU ALSO KNOW:

- that fines totalling \$1453-00 were imposed in respect to errors associated with junior teams this season
- that \$308-00 of these fines arose because the result sheets were not lodged by the stipulated time - 7 pm on the Sunday following the match
- that 4 result sheet were lodged where it was ascertained at a later date that the second innings was not included thereon
- that nearly half of the result sheets lodged do not have any or all of the required signatures AND
- that " Failure to lodge correctly completed match result sheets by the set deadline will,(subject to Executive consideration) incur a fine of \$10-00 for each sheet....." (an amended rule, Rule 91(a), for next season)

FINALS RESULTS.

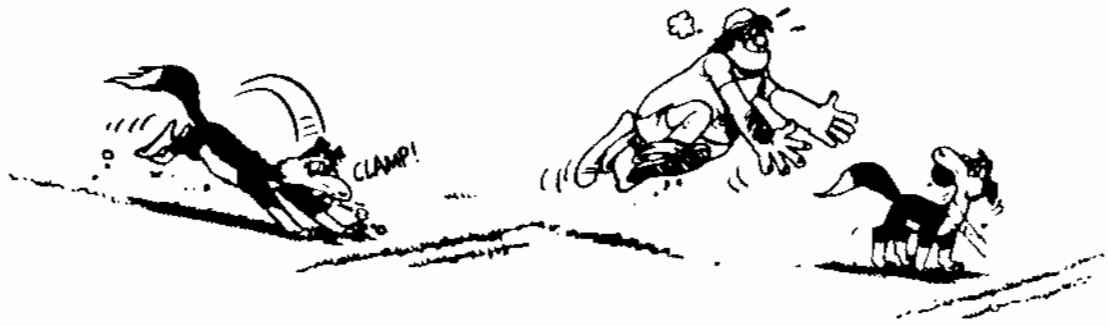
Semi Final - played on 5 & 12/3/83

Under 16 grade 1	Vermont 6/205	def	Ringwood 10/197
" "	Norwood 5/177	def	Mooroolbark 10/138
" 16 "	2	Park Orchards 10/160	def South Croydon 10/159
" "	"	East Ringwood 7/253	def Croydon United 10/102
" 16 "	3	Heathmont Uniting 5/242	def Scoresby 10/214
" "	"	Ringwood 10/138	def Johnson Park 10/79
" 14 "	1	Warrandyte 7/219	def North Ringwood 8/195
" "	"	Wantirna South 10/185	def Croydon North 10/184
" 14 "	2	Croydon United 10/189	def Ainslie Park 10/118
" "	"	Vermont 6/161	def Wantirna 8/144
" 14 "	3	Heathmont Baptist 9/255	def South Ringwood 10/204
" "	"	Heathmont Uniting 8/220	def Scoresby 10/86
" 14 "	4	North Ringwood 10/193	def Wantirna South 10/105
" "	"	Mt. Evelyn 7/232	def Lilydale 10/114

FINAL - played on 14,19 & 26/3/83

Under 16 grade 1	Norwood 4/266	def	Vermont 9/246 cc
" 16 "	2	Park Orchards 10/194 & 6/195	def East Ringwood 10/95
" 16 "	3	Ringwood 10/170 & 3/37	def Heathmont Uniting 10/165 & 8/88
" 14 "	1	Wantirna South 9/267 cc	def Warrandyte 10/137
" 14 "	2	Vermont 10/179	def Croydon United 10/138
" 14 "	3	Heathmont Baptist 8/217	def Heathmont Uniting 10/214
" 14 "	4	North Ringwood 8/389	def Mt. Evelyn 10/130





WERE YOU AWARE:

- that in 1956, applications for registrations, clearance and permits closed on January 31 and that an extension to February 28 was granted to schoolteachers transferred to the district in January
- that in 1956, Rule 43 of the R.D.C.A. Cricket Guide stated - " Any A, B, C or D grade player may be called upon to play with the higher grade of his Club and shall be obliged to obey such call. A player refusing to obey such call will be disqualified for the season."
- that in 1965 the affiliation fee for each junior team was 15/- (\$1-50) per team and the registration fee 2/- (20c) per senior and junior player.
- that our existing Treasurer, Mr. A.R. Bissett, (Bob) has been Treasurer of the Association from 1944/46 and then from 1948 to date

NUMBER OF CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GRADE

Under 16 grade 1	25
" 16 " 2	12
" 16 " 3	2
" 14 " 1	9
" 14 " 2	8
" 14 " 3	12
" 14 " 4	10
" 12 " 1	1
" 12 " 3	1

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 150 OR MORE IN AN INNINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Round</u>
I. Dell	Ainslie Park	249 no	South Wantirna	14/2	5
J. Baldwin	Croydon United	211 no	Ainslie Park	14/4	9
T. Plumridge	Mooroolbark	167	North Ringwood	16/1	9
D. Bailey	North Ringwood	162 no	Mooroolbark	16/1	9
R. Rosenstraus	Croydon Hock.	160 no	Heathmont Unit.	14/3	6
D. Bailey	North Ringwood	156 no	Knox City	16/1	5

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CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL RULES.

PART 1

1. TITLE and POWERS.—The name of the Association shall be "The Ringwood and District Cricket Association". It shall have entire control of all Associated Club Matches, and shall have power to settle all disputes which may arise therewith and to inflict such fines, or to impose such penalties, on any of the clubs forming this Association, as may seem fit; and may do all acts and deeds which it may consider conducive to its interest. The delegates shall have sole power to interpret these rules (excepting where cases are referred to the Executive), and any interpretation placed by the delegates thereon shall be binding and final and accepted as such by the clubs and players of the Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the Association shall be as follows:—

(a) The Association shall consist of 2 delegates from each affiliated club.



MOST 30 's AND OVER SCORED BY ANY ONE PLAYER IN GRADE 12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>No. of 30's</u>
C. Parker	Norwood	11
A. Storm	Vontrose	8
S. Blogg	Kilsyth	7
D. Bourke	Johnson Park	7
C. Downes	Boronia	7
B. Gibb	Boronia	7
C. Hollow	Eastfield	7
D. Howe	Scoresby	7
D. Kline	Warrandyte	7
C. White	Vermont	7
M. Benham	Ringwood	6
D. Gammon	Kilsyth	6
D. Vavroudis	Ringwood	6
G. Porter	Ringwood	6

DO YOU REMEMBER:

- what a " Grove Royal" or a " Yorker" or a " Whattle" or a " Preston Star" was?
- who won the "A" grade premiership 6 years in a row from 1951/52 to 1956/57
- in season 1969/70 the then Registration Secretary, Morrie Williams, saying in his Annual Report - " This being the 50th. Annual Report, I had hoped that this year would be clear of forfeits and fines; however, I can only report that season 1969/70 has shown no improvement on the previous season." AND
- " this season was just 22 players short of the 1000." (he was referring to junior players) AND
- " there were 16 unregistered 2 ineligible and 6 breaches of the clearance rule in a disastrous 1st. round."



BOWLERS TAKING 8 OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Wkts/Runs</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Round</u>
L. Wegner	South Ringwood	10/18	Wantirna	16/2	1
M. Turner	Vermont	9/27	Mt. Evelyn	14/4	4
A. Hillyer	Vermont	8/8	Ringwood Foot.	16/3	4
S. Conole	Vermont	8/8	Ringwood RSL	14/4	5
M. Gow	Croydon	8/14	Warrandyte	12/3	3
D. Roe	North Ringwood	8/15	Lilydale	14/1	2
G. Brunnen	Wantirna South	8/16	Lilydale	14/1	9
S. Roach	Knox City	8/21	East Ringwood	14/1	10
D. Jacob	Ringwood United	8/28	Eastfield	14/3	11
I. Dell	Ainslie Park	8/38	Johnson Park	14/2	11
R. Anderson	Croydon United	8/40	Croydon	14/1	9
D. Sheppard	Ringwood United	8/51	Scoresby	14/3	4

HAD ANYONE EVER MENTIONED TO YOU BEFORE :

- that in 1965 each Club's colours were incorporated in the R.D.C.A. Rules & Fixture Book. Here are some of them.
 - Bayswater Park - Blue and maroon
 - Boronia - Brown and gold
 - Croydon North - Maroon and white
 - East Ringwood - Red and royal
 - Mt. Evelyn - Maroon and blue
 - Wonga Park - Royal and white
- that the under 16 grades 1 and 2 competition (known as D and D2 grades until 1961/62) were first formed in 1947/48 with 4 teams in each grade
- that the under 14 competition was first formed in 1958 with 4 teams
- that the under 12 competition was first formed in 1960/61
- that during the period 1964/65 to 1969/70 the registered junior players increased from 424 to 978
- that during the same period the number of junior teams increased from 21 to 46 (27 in U16, 13 in U14 and 6 in U12)
- that in 1975/76 the number of junior teams increased to 82. (28 in U16, 28 in U14 and 26 in U12)
- that season 1977/78 saw the introduction of a separate Junior Administration with the following as office bearers:
 - Chairman - Mr. W. Wilkins
 - Secretary - Mr. I. Strafford
 - Registration Sec. - Mr. J. Clarke
 - Match Results Sec. - Mr. L. Trollope
 - Exec. Members - Mr. D. Rollings, Mr. R. Baldwin, Mr. R. Barlow
- that in 1977/78 there were 110 teams in our Junior Competition with 2333 registered players

LOOKING AHEAD:

Another season finished, a further one to come.

In retrospect, some things could have been done a bit better, for instance:- some of our gradings were not quite right yet others could not have been planned any better - the old perennial problem of fixtures raised it's ugly head again, but overall we are quite certain that there were many more plus's than minus's.

Looking ahead, we see some very important changes to our Junior Competition for next season.

At the Annual Junior Rules Meeting on 27/5/83, the majority of Club Delegates approved, amongst other things:-

- the re-institution of a finals series for our under 12 competition for the first two teams in each grade (except for grade 5).
- no matches in grade 5 of the under 12 age division will be played for premiership points.
- there will be no premier or Association batting/bowling trophy winners in grade 5 of the under 12 age division.
- that only grades 1 and 2 of each of the three age divisions will play matches in January prior to (in next season) 28/1/84.

Two very important rule changes were also approved. These are:-

Junior Competition Rules.

Rule 5. GRADING TEAMS.

(a) The Junior Competition shall comprise Under 16, 14 and 12 age divisions, each of which shall be divided into individual grades which will be assigned a number. Teams shall be graded in numerical order according to strength, with the number one indicating the strongest grade etc. The grading of all teams entered in the junior competition shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(b) Where a Club has more than one team in the same age division, that Club is to grade their individual players to ensure that the highest graded team in that age division is the strongest team.

Rule 21. TEAM NOMINATIONS

(a) Preliminary team nominations and proposed gradings in each age division of the Junior Competition must be lodged with the Junior Secretary by 31st. March each year.

(b) Final confirmatory team nominations, together with the further information detailed at Section 10 Rule 50, are to be lodged with the Hon. General Secretary not later than 31st July each year.

(c) Nominations incorporating new teams to those of the previous season are to be accompanied by a declaration from the Secretary of the Club to the effect that:-

(i) A ground, for playing home matches is available, the name of that ground, and the type of wicket.

(ii) That at least two (2) senior persons over the age of 16 years are available for attendance at all times during matches.

(iii) Evidence that sufficient players are available for the extra team/s.

(d) A fine of up to £50-00 will be imposed on any Club who subsequently withdraws a team from any age division after the expiration of fourteen (14) days from the 31st July.

The basic philosophy behind these rule changes is an endeavour to ensure the evenness of our competition in the correct grading of players and teams and provide the Junior Administration more time to consider the grading of teams for the following season.

In closing may we take this opportunity to thank you all for your attendance and wish you every success in season 1983/84.
