

# R·D·C·A



## VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

After a successful inaugural season 1988/89 the Golden Oldies (Over 40's) Veterans Competition was further enhanced by the entry of new teams Croydon, Glen Park, Croydon Hockeyers, Parkwood and Wonga Park for Season 1989/90. Croydon Cricket Club returned to an R.D.C.A. Competition and played all its home games at the main Croydon Oval on the turf pitch. Mooroolbark also entered a team but was unable to produce enough players and withdrew just prior to the commencement of the Vets Season. The Veterans Season commenced with Round 1 on Sunday 29th October and after 7 home and away rounds concluded with the final between the top two teams on Sunday 25th February. Unlike the Saturday competition the Vets after two seasons are yet to lose a day through inclement weather.

A total of 155 players (five of them 60 plus) participated for the 9 teams with the trend moving towards teams comprised of players that are playing solely veterans cricket. This was evident in the final when former top grade players Hans Milo, Rob Jonson, Pat Arbuckle and Kevin Donchi played dominant roles for Croydon North in the defeat of Kilsyth in a high scoring game at Hughes Park.

This season saw the introduction of an Inter Association game when the R.D.C.A. travelled to Ferntree Gully on Sunday 3rd December. The team was captained by Hans Milo and defeated the Ferntree Gully Cricket Association in a very interesting game. A return match has been pencilled in for Season 1990/91.

Another innovation was the End of Season Veterans Picnic which was held at Warrandyte Reserve on Sunday 4th March with a Spit Roast and games for the ladies, children and the vets. Old timer, 63 year old, Neville Asquith won the Veterans Handicap with great dash. Thanks to John Springett and his committee for organising this function.

Congratulations to Croydon North as premiers and thank you to the R.D.C.A. Volunteer Umpires Colin Hill and John Tate who officiated in the Final. Thank you also to our Patron, Mr Bill Dean, who supported us admirably once again.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate all R.D.C.A. Veteran Cricketers for the manner in which they played the game during the season. To new teams, Croydon Hockeyers, Wonga, Croydon, Glen Park and Parkwood thank you for your participation, I am sure that the Veterans Competition will be even bigger and better next year. Finally my personal thanks to Post Newspapers Sporting Editor Pat Molloy and Bowens Timber and Hardware for newspaper publicity and to all club coordinators for their assistance during the season.

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