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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



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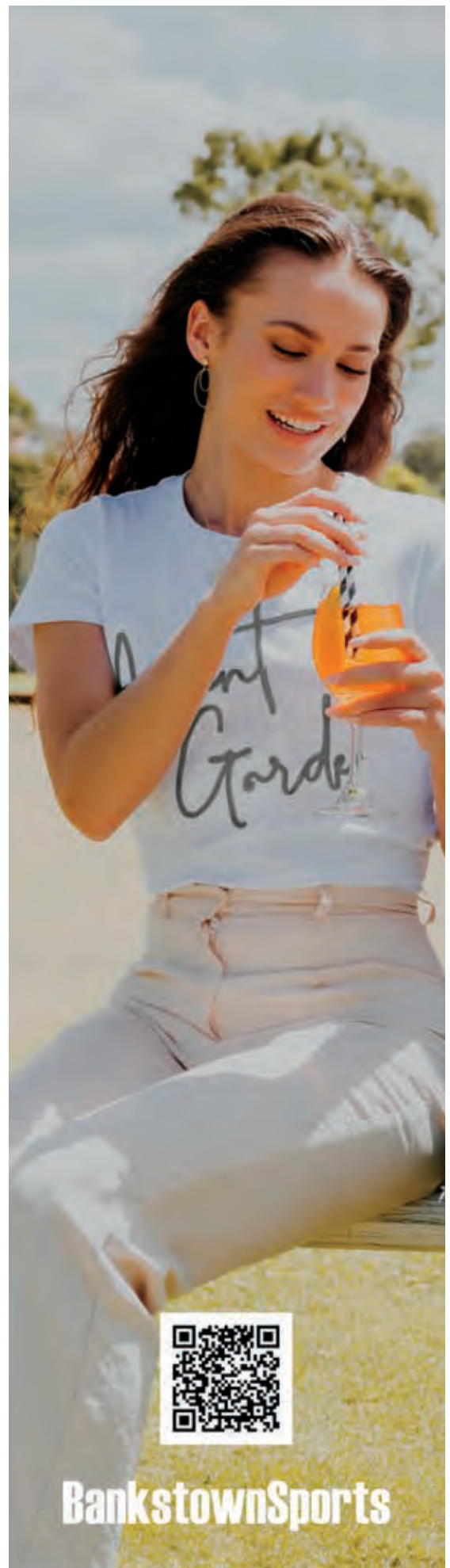
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Legal).

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SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

1st Grade **Parramatta**

2nd Grade **Manly**

3rd Grade **Parramatta**

4th Grade **Manly**

5th Grade

Northern District

1st Grade L/O

Northern District

1st grade T20 **Sydney**

PGs **Randwick Petersham**

AW Green **Parramatta**

PREMIERSHIP TEAMS



Daniel Burns leads the side off after his brilliant 8 for 38 against Northern District.

Twenty20 Kingsgrove Sports Cup Winners	2020-2021	Third Grade Premiers	1989-1990
Club Championship Winners	2019-2020	Poidevin Gray Premiers	1989-1990
Second Grade Premiers	2019-2020	AW Green Shield Premiers	1988-1989
First Grade Premiers - Belvidere Cup	2015-2016	Club Championship Winners	1987-1988
First Grade Premiers - Limited Overs	2015-2016	First Grade Premiers	1987-1988
First Grade Premiers - Limited Overs	2014-2015	AW Green Shield Premiers	1982-1983
AW Green Shield Premiers and State Champions	2014-2015	Third Grade Premiers	1978-1979
AW Green Shield Premiers and State Champions	2013-2014	Fifth Grade Premiers	1976-1977
Poidevin-Gray Premiers	2013-2014	Second Grade Premiers	1974-1975
AW Green Shield Premiers	2010-2011	Fourth Grade Premiers	1971-1972
AW Green Shield Premiers	2009-2010	AW Green Shield (Joint Premiers)	1969-1970
Poidevin Gray Premiers	2008-2009	Club Championship Winners	1966-1967
First Grade Premiers - Belvidere Cup	2006-2007	Third Grade Premiers	1966-1967
First Grade Premiers - Limited Overs	2006-2007	Shires 'C' Division Premiers	1966-1967
Club Champions	2003-2004	AW Green Shield	1965-1966
AW Green Shield Premiers	2003-2004	AW Green Shield	1964-1965
AW Green Shield Premiers	2002-2003	AW Green Shield	1962-1963
First Grade Premiers	1999-2000	Second Grade Premiers	1961-1962
AW Green Shield Premiers	1999-2000	Fourth Grade Premiers	1961-1962
AW Green Shield Premiers	1998-1999	Second Grade Premiers	1960-1961
Second Grade Premiers	1997-1998	Poidevin Gray Premiers	1960-1961
Foster's Light Ice Cup Premiers	1997-1998	Club Championship Winners	1958-1959
Diamond Draft Cup - Limited Overs	1995-1996	First Grade Premiers	1958-1959
First Grade Premiers	1994-1995	Second Grade Premiers	1957-1958
First Grade Premiers	1993-1994	Poidevin Gray Premiers	1953-1954
AW Green Shield Premiers	1990-1991	Third Grade Premiers	1952-1953

SERVICE ROLL

YEAR	PRESIDENT	HONORARY SECRETARY	HONORARY TREASURER
1951-1955	H Toohey	J H Fitzpatrick	S Swane
1955-1956	R Sloane (resigned 8/12/55) J L Lewis (elected 13/12/55)	A C McKeon (resigned 6/12/55) S F Boddy (elected 9/12/55)	N W Wright
1956-1961	J L Lewis	S F Boddy	N W Wright
1961-1970	J L Lewis	S F Boddy	N L Murray
1970-1972	J L Lewis	S F Boddy	D P Bourne
1972-1973	J L Lewis	T T Radanovic	D P Bourne
1973-1975	S F Boddy	F G Cicutto	D P Bourne
1975-1977	S F Boddy	J F Mackinnon	D P Bourne
1977-1979	S F Boddy	R J Bower	D P Bourne
1979-1982	J Bull	R J Bower	D P Bourne
1982-1986	B F Freedman	R J Bower	D P Bourne
1986-1989	B F Freedman	M H Klumpp	D P Bourne
1989-2006	B F Freedman	M H Klumpp	E Dignam
2006-2017	S A Grant	M H Klumpp	E Dignam
2017-2020	S A Grant	M H Klumpp	M Smith-Grant (E & M Dignam Assnt.)
2020-2021	S A Grant	M H Klumpp	M Smith-Grant
2021-2023	R Bilimoria	M H Klumpp	M Smith-Grant

1ST GRADE SCORERS

SEASON/S	SCORER	YEARS
1951/52	Muriel Graham	1
1952/53-1955/56	Ralph Sloane	4
1956/57-1958/59	John Smith	3
1959/60-1965/66	Laurel Boddy (Kirton)	7
1966/67-1974/75	James Doherty	9
1975/76-2003/04	Arthur Couper	29
2004/05-2010/11	Sherrol Gane	7
2011/12-	Geoff Price	12
	TOTAL	71



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Reza Bilimoria

It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report for the Bankstown District Cricket Club for the year 2022-2023. Our 2021-22 season was disrupted by Covid restrictions and unprecedented rain, but 2022-2023 was an outstanding year for the club.

Key highlights were:

1. A credible 5th in the Club Championship – advancing from a position of 12th the season before.
2. Daniel Solway's personal achievements:
 - a. the highest run scorer in first grade across all Clubs – 1091 runs @ 72.73;
 - b. inclusion into the first-grade team of the year, and the recipient of the most prestigious award in Sydney Premier Cricket, the O'Reilly Medal; and
 - c. Bankstown Sports Club 'Player of the Year' Award.
3. Ryan Felsch's inclusion in the first-grade team of the year is based on his outstanding all-round performance with bat and ball.
4. Alex Kouventaris' recognition for his leadership on and off the field in receiving the Premier Grade Cricket's 3rd Grade Captain of the Year award.
5. Tony Clarke's 2nd Grade reaching the semi finals. Tony also captained the Australian team at the Over 50s World Cup in South Africa.
6. Numerous personal milestones highlighted by:
 - a. Ryan Freeman's 3 centuries with 601 runs @ 50.08 (2nd overall throughout all Clubs);
 - b. Daniel Burns' 8-38 against Northern Districts; and
 - c. Alex Kouventaris' 2nd highest run scorer in 3rd grade across all Clubs 543 @60.33.

There were so many other notable achievements throughout the season and whilst not specifically mentioning each one of them their contributions have been invaluable. Without the commitment, dedication, and hard work of each player we would not have achieved what we did for the 2022 – 2023 season.

A special thank you...

Canterbury Bankstown City Council

Without the support of the Council, we would not be able to play a game of cricket. We are fortunate to have perhaps some of the best suburban grounds in Sydney, the envy of many other Clubs. A special mention to Nick Mamolis, Head Curator for Memorial and Grahame Thomas Ovals. Nick is a most

obliging, helpful, and pleasant person and we are extremely lucky to have him as part of the team. Nick ensured we played cricket and played on pitches of first-class standard, rain, hail, or shine. Nick's efforts were recognised at the Sydney Cricket Association Premiers dinner with Memorial Oval winning 3rd place in the First Grade Ground of the Year Award.

Bankstown Sports Club

The partnership that we have with the Sports Club is one that many professional and amateur sporting clubs would envy. We share common values and place members and, in our case, players at the centre of everything we do.

I thank Bankstown Sports Club for their generous support. Their contribution has had a significant impact on our Club. Their support has enabled us to pursue our mission more effectively and develop our players and coaching staff. We are grateful for their commitment to giving back to the community and supporting local clubs like us. Their generosity has truly made a difference, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with them in the future. Thank you, Bankstown Sports Club, for your unwavering support and dedication to making a positive impact in our community.

Crash Claim

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Crash Claim for their generous financial support in providing a car for George Balderson, our overseas player. We are thrilled to have the support of such a reputable company, and we cannot thank them enough for their kindness and generosity. Their support allowed us to provide our overseas player with the means to travel to games and training, enabling him to perform at his best for our 1st Grade team. We are truly grateful for their contribution, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with Crash Claim in the future. Once again, thank you Nick Karagiannis and Matt Parczyk for your generosity and support.

Our committee

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Committee for their tireless dedication and remarkable efforts throughout the year 2023. The unwavering commitment, vision, and countless hours invested by the Committee members. Everyone in this group makes a valuable contribution but I would especially single out Marty Klumpp, Brian Freedman, Geoff Price, Troy Freeman, Jehan Bilimoria and Margaret and Eris Dignam who played an integral role in shaping our club's success and fostering a vibrant cricketing community. The Committee's leadership, decision-making, and organisational skills have ensured that our club continues to thrive, providing exceptional opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels. From managing finances and facilities to coordinating

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fixtures, events, and volunteer activities, the Committee has consistently gone above and beyond to create a supportive and inclusive environment for our members. Your passion for the game of cricket and commitment to the growth of the Bankstown Cricket Club are truly commendable. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for being the driving force behind our club's accomplishments in 2022-2023.

Volunteers Award

Volunteers play a vital role in the success and operation of the Club. Their unwavering dedication and selfless commitment contribute significantly to creating a vibrant and inclusive cricketing community. Whether it's managing the club's administrative tasks, maintaining the grounds, organizing fixtures and events, and looking after the canteen, these volunteers serve as the backbone of the club. Their passion for the game and tireless efforts have ensured that every player, from home and away teams, has access to excellent facilities and opportunities to thrive. The Bankstown Cricket Club owes its achievements and sense of camaraderie to the invaluable contributions made by its dedicated volunteers, who continue to shape the club's legacy and inspire future generations of cricket enthusiasts.

In recognition of this, the annual Volunteer of the Year award will now be called the 'Margaret and Eris Dignam' Volunteers Award. The proud

recipient of this season's award went to Gamini Perera for his selfless commitment and support of the Club. I would also like to pay special thanks to David Clifton and Darren McLean for their huge efforts supporting the RSAC/BDCC All Ability Cricket Program. Life member David not only conducts the All Ability Program but also writes our weekly TORCH newspaper reports and takes amazing photos that players and supporters will enjoy for years to come. Darren is an active contributor to the BDCA, managing its rep programs and the fact he also finds time to help BDCC speaks volumes about his commitment to the game.

Coaches Award

The inaugural Coaches Award holds a special place in the realm of recognition of excellence. It serves as a testament to the dedication, skill, and outstanding effort displayed by a player throughout the season, both on and off the field. This prestigious accolade is bestowed upon an individual who not only excels in their performance but also demonstrates exceptional sportsmanship, leadership, and commitment to their team. The Coaches Award represents more than just cricketing prowess; it encompasses the values and qualities that make a well-rounded and exemplary cricketer. It recognises the individual's ability to inspire and motivate others, their resilience in the face of challenges, and their unwavering determination to improve and succeed. By receiving the Coaches Award,

a player becomes a role model for their peers, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship and setting a high standard for future cricketers to aspire to.

To this end, the Club has decided to name the Coaches Award after a current coach and ex-player whose commitment to the Club cannot be matched. Gary's dedication to our great Club has no boundaries, he defines excellence. The 'Gary Crowfoot Coaches Award' was awarded to Ryan Freeman for excellence, commitment and dedication on and off the field.

Infrastructure

We have made significant progress in designing our new and improved facilities and look forward to building works commencing on our new state-of-the-art dressing rooms, support facilities and lighting that will support State and Premier level day/night cricket.

The new lighting and dressing rooms will bring significant benefits to our club and the wider community. Firstly, the installation of basic broadcast-quality lighting will ensure Bankstown Oval can be used for all forms of cricket, day and night. Additionally, the new dressing rooms will provide better facilities for players to prepare for matches, including more spacious areas for changing and storing their equipment. This will create a more comfortable and professional environment, which is likely to boost the morale and confidence of players. The improved facilities are also likely to attract new players and supporters to the club,

as well as improve the overall experience for existing members, contributing to the growth and success of the Cricket Club. We have also invested significant \$' to produce a Masterplan to integrate Memorial Oval, Grahame Thomas Oval and Bankstown City Gardens into an integrated community green space precinct. This space will be linked to the Bankstown Sports Club and CBD zones via a walkway through Mona Street. We believe the South Bankstown community deserves more high-quality, functional and 'activated' green space and we will continue to look for funding opportunities to make this project a reality.

Social Events

Our social events have been a great success, with highlights including our end-of-season dinner and presentation night,

which was attended by over 150 people. Thank you, Daniel Burns, Niran Wijewardene and Jehan for organizing this great event. We have also hosted several community events and have developed strong relationships with local businesses and sponsors.

Financially, we have achieved our goals for the year, with the club operating within its budget and generating revenue through sponsorships and events. This has allowed us to invest in our facilities, equipment, and coaching staff, and we are confident that these investments will pay dividends in the years to come.

Looking ahead, we have set some ambitious targets for the upcoming year. Our main goals include continuing to improve our on-field performance, developing our players, and expanding our sponsorship base.

We also plan to host more social and community events and engage with our supporters and past players more proactively.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for their tireless efforts and dedication throughout the year. Your contributions have been invaluable to our success, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

In conclusion, I am proud to report that the Bankstown District Cricket Club is in a strong position both on and off the field. With the continued support of our community, we are confident that we will achieve even greater success in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Reza Bilimoria
President



HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT



Marty Klumpp

I have the pleasure of presenting the Club's 72nd Annual Report.

Highlights of our 2022-23 season were:

Finishing in Fifth place in the Club Championship

Well done to Corey Richards, Gary Crowfoot, Chris Ridley and the entire Coaching Team for initiating very sound off-season, pre-season and in-season programs that saw the Club improve from 10th place in 2021-22.

2nd Grade reaching the qualifying finals

Another quality effort from Tony Clark, supported by his able deputy Mitch Hinds, to overcome a slow start and still play finals cricket. The elevation to the first-grade side of our outstanding young batsman Ryan Freeman is testimony to the mentorship provided by the 2nd Grade leadership group.

Daniel Solway won the prestigious NSW Premier Cricket O'Reilly Medal for Player of the Year

We are so lucky to have such a quality player and dedicated Clubman leading our young playing roster. Sollie won his third Bankstown Sports Player of the Year Award and showed that he is undoubtedly a superstar of NSW Premier Cricket winning the O'Reilly Medal. If you are in any doubt of that, look up the list of O'Reilly Medal winners since its inception.

Alex Kouventaris named Third Grade Captain of the Year

Alex is as solid a citizen as you could get, and we are so lucky to have him guiding our young players in this important middle grade. Alex is popular with players of all ages, parents and quite clearly his efforts are appreciated by Match Officials who vote for this award.

Submitting a professional West Invest Grant Application

Scott Grant was a tower of strength, supporting **Reza Bilimoria**, **Brian Freedman**, and me to put this 'monster' proposal together. While we missed out on the \$10m Grant by a whisker, the material we produced will be used to apply for new grants as they become available. We are totally committed to ensuring the residents of South Bankstown receive fair treatment in the allocation of community infrastructure spending. Turning this precinct into an active, vibrant community green space is not only sensible for us as a cricket club, it's simply the right thing to do for the South Bankstown community.



Reza has made some special appreciations in his report. I fully endorse his comments and add a few here:

Brian Freedman was his usual energetic, enthusiastic, and committed self, supporting every part of our operations (except for social media posts... he thinks that's one area he should leave to the experts). The list of volunteer commitments Brian makes is quite amazing. Firstly, he's at Memorial Oval very early every match day to open up the dressing rooms etc, Next, he is sorting wicket covers, puts up the 'hit-up' net, organises drinks for the umpire's room, meets and greets the Umpires and gets them settled. Repeat for GT Oval match preparations. Eventually, Linsey might convince him to sit down and have a coffee and a chat when Meegan or Margaret open the canteen. If you can't find him at any point during the day, he's probably ducked into the storeroom to sort clothes or re-grip bats for the Uganda Project. At the end of play, it's pretty much a reverse of the AM schedule. On 90% of match days, he's the last to leave. On weekdays he's driving around Greater Sydney collecting donated clothing and equipment for Uganda, cleaning the AstroTurf and marking lines in the John Mackay Indoor Centre or attending meetings with CB City Council or at Cricket NSW's new headquarters at Wilson Park. An amazing volunteer who continues to contribute at every level of the sport.

Kylie and Troy Freeman.

Troy is a larger-than-life figure who can build or fix anything; his enthusiasm is infectious, and his skills are highly valued. Kylie was a terrific support in the canteen, often popping in at short notice and this was really appreciated by our players and opposing teams.

David Clifton does amazing things with media reports (TORCH Newspaper), website, annual report, and photography but I feel his best contribution is running our All-Abilities program which has roared back to life following COVID. If you ever want to give your week a positive start, pop down to one of the Sunday sessions and lend a hand; I guarantee you'll get as much from the experience as the program participants.

Darren McLean from the BDCA is an unsung hero of Bankstown cricket. Darren puts in heaps of time to support the BDCA Representative teams, so to think he also makes time to help David run the All-Ability program is quite the effort. A wonderful volunteer.

Meegan Smith-Grant was tireless in running the canteen most Saturday's giving up 8 hours including travel each week in the process. Meegan takes great pride in ensuring all players, officials and volunteers are well-fed and hydrated and she always does it with a smile and a kind word.

Scott Grant remains a hard-working and committed member of the management

committee. Scott's knowledge of Local Government and his general business acumen is priceless as we continue to pursue plans to re-development of the Memorial Oval precinct.

Geoff Price is one of the most committed volunteers at any Sydney Premier Club and we are so lucky to have him at Bankstown. Last season Geoff added 'Play HQ Expert' and 'Training Co-ordinator' to the long list of tasks he manages at the Club – a truly amazing effort. **Michelle Price** is, as always, a rock of support for Geoff and stepped in to help with canteen duties when required.

Margaret and Eris Dignam. Eris is frustrated that he can't do all the physical tasks he used to, but his presence and help on match days is terrific. Margaret is always on hand to assist Meegan in the canteen or look after the shop when Meegan can't. The naming of the club's Volunteer of the Year Award (won by Gamini Perera) after Margaret and Eris was a recognition of their 30-plus years of commitment.

Linsey Roworth, Ray Richards, and Ken Hall. It's a delight to have these guys around on match days. When there's work to be done it's all 'head down bum up'; but, afterwards it's all fun, mateship, and the best quality sledging you'll find anywhere!

Mark Eschbank from Blind Cricket always makes himself available to help with collecting



and packing Uganda donations as well as assisting in the canteen on big match days. Your support is much appreciated big fella.

Jehan Bilimoria our hardworking Chairman of Selectors. Jehan was also a huge support with social media and organising club events. A tremendous effort from a very committed Clubman.

Niran Wijewardene for assistance with social media and events.

SCORERS

Our fabulous scoring brigade was led by **Geoff Price, Jennifer Campbell** (who is also 1st Grade Scorer for the Women's Club 1st Grade) and **Gamini Perera, Tony Louka, Kylie Freeman** and **Ron Heward** stepped up to help in Second Grade when Jennifer was hospitalised as did **David Clifton** in First Grade and PGs when Geoff was away.

Many others volunteered for scoring duties across the lower grades and AWG including **Kash Patel, Glenn Cordingly, Kirstie Cordingly, Srinivas Kavuri, Richie Richardson, Peter Fitzgerald** and **Michael**

Snell. To any others who assisted rest assured your efforts were much appreciated by the players and the Committee.

SPONSORS and SUPPORTERS

Bankstown Sports Club continues to provide amazing administrative and financial support for our operations. The Club's commitment of \$1.5m to support the Memorial Oval Masterplan development was pivotal to ensuring Stage 1 of the redevelopment is progressing. CB City will hopefully be able to issue tenders for the refurbishment of the player and match officials' area and the installation of day/night cricket quality stadium lighting by the end of May 2023. We hope all works will be completed by December 2023, but that timing is subject to CB City's management, not ours.

We thank Chairman **John Murray OAM**, CEO **Michael Clancy**, CFO **Rod Dearsley**, and the entire management team for their professional support. BSC continues to support local charities and its 46 sporting clubs. We are very grateful for the guidance provided by Sport Partnerships

Advisor **Matt Starr** and Community and Welfare Advisor **Isabella Cini**.

APPRECIATIONS

BDCC Patrons **Daryl Melham AM** and **John Murray OAM**

Mayor Khal Asfour who has supported us for many years and his replacement **Bilal El Hayek** with whom we hope to establish a high-quality working relationship.

Jason Clare MP, Member for Blaxland

Outgoing Member **Tania Mihailuk MP** who provided a lot of support during her time as the member for Bankstown. We look forward to establishing a great relationship with **Jihad Dib**, the new State Member for Bankstown.

President **Daryl Melham** and the Directors of Revesby Workers' Club; thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to working together to do good things for our community.

Matthew Stewart, General Manager Canterbury Bankstown City Council

Graeme Beattie, Community

Services Director, CB City for advice on operational matters and future planning

Long-time CB City collaborators **Andrew Smithwick**, Manager City Plan, **James Coorey** Manager Customer Experience and Recreation, **Rachel Symons** (Forward Works Planning Coordinator), **Sean Mooney** (Team Leader of Urban Policy and Planning),

Jess Atoui (Recreation and Open Space Planner), **Margaret Southwell** (Masterplan Project) **Ryan Borg** (Recreation and Sport Officer), **Nath Mairleitner** (Recreation and Sport Officer) **Madison**

Mooney (Park Bookings) and all support staff at CB City for your ongoing guidance and support.

Nathan Watson, Craig Beveridge and Brett Luth for guidance on facilities planning and management.

Pat Towle and the team of electricians who maintain the digital screen at Memorial Oval. Your prompt and courteous support is always appreciated.

New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association headed by **Darren Goodger and Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz**

Bankstown District Cricket Association. Sincere thanks to

President **Peter O'Shea**, stand in Junior President **Christine Butters** and Secretary **Dianne Ford** and all executive members.

Nick Carruthers for your support of our Poidevin-Gray Shield team.

Chris Ridley our AW Green Shield coach.

Brett Collison our AW Green Shield Manager.

Roy Formica, Premier Cricket Manager, CNSW

Graham Coulton and Lindsay Heaven from Blind Cricket NSW. Always a pleasure to work with you on the development of Blind Cricket in NSW.

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COACHING REPORT



Firstly, congratulations to our 2nd Grade team on making the finals, it was a really great effort, and you played some tough cricket to get there.

Congratulations also to Daniel Solway on winning the Player of the Year award – a thoroughly deserved recognition for a tremendous season. To all the other award winners at the presentation night - well done to you also on fantastic seasons.

Upon reflection, we finished 5th in the Club Championship and were only a couple of wins away from having 5 teams play finals cricket (including PG's) so whilst we didn't quite get there this season, the signs are positive for season 2023/24 and with a bit of good fortune, skill, and hard work, we have the potential to have an even better year next season which I know will be a motivation for you all.

The trajectory of the club is moving forward which is always a good sign and I would like to thank the players for the hard work and buy in from you for working towards the culture that we are creating within the playing group. Normally this culture is lead from the senior players, which they are doing, but to witness many of our younger players also motivating and not being intimidated to work with, and in some cases, challenge the senior group says a lot about the future of Bankstown and the positive and inclusive environment that you have created, and I am excited to see this continue in the future.

Looking towards next season, the focus is for all of us to continue to challenge ourselves to improve, set high standards for you as an individual and your teammates whilst operating in

a positive and enjoyable setting. If we can achieve this, we really will continue the upwards trajectory in which you are heading, and you never know what might happen come finals time.

Thank you to the Coaching Staff who have supported me again this season, we do have unbelievable knowledge and skill for the players to utilize and I look forward to working with you all again next season.

Finally, thanks to the Committee, Jehan as Chairman of Selectors, the captains, and volunteers for your contribution to the club over the past 12 months, I really appreciate everything that is done behind the scenes as do the players.

Regards
Corey

UGANDA COMMUNITY PROJECT

BRIAN FREEDMAN



The 18th year of this project has seen us ship container number 16, a 40' high top containing cricket gear and clothing as well as a significant amount of school uniforms together with a quantity of junior scooters and bikes together and a quantity of footballs and football clothing.

These contents are quite different to those of our early containers which was entirely cricket gear. This widening of our approach happened with the encouragement and support of the Uganda Cricket Association (UCA) who continue to do an outstanding job in ensuring the merchandise finishes up where it can do the most good.

Cricket books, mostly donated by the Variety Club of Australia

have been used to set up a cricket library for general use and when they have more than one copy of a particular book the extras are used for prizes in schools for sporting and scholastic excellence.

School uniforms of which we have received a number of outstanding donations in both in terms of quality and quantity are given to orphanages and underprivileged schools while football gear and clothing is given to schools and the football association for further distribution.

We never lose sight of the fact that cricket gear and clothing is our main focus and this is distributed to clubs and schools and is the backbone of the UCA development programs. In 2004

their participation was “less than 10,000” and presently it is nearing 70,000 because they now have access to gear and clothing.

Being a land-locked country it is a very expensive exercise to ship to Uganda, sea to Mombasa in Kenya and then overland by road to Kampala. With a cost as high as \$15,000 per container we could not run this project without the support of Bankstown Sports Club who have paid the shipping cost of all 16 containers. Thank you the Board and Management of Bankstown Sports Club, we could not do this without you.

We can remain very proud of what this scheme continues to achieve. As Steve Waugh says “Anyone can make a difference.”

"Anyone can make a difference."



ALL ABILITIES CRICKET PROGRAM

DAVID CLIFTON AND DARREN MCLEAN



All the players from Newcastle, Canberra and RSAC up at Warners Bay, Newcastle for a cricket weekend in March this year where the RSAC players showed their skills.

In what has been a return to more usual training for RSAC cricketers, we had the pleasure of taking the players to Warners Bay during March to play cricket - the first real game in close to three years! The players all had a great time and performed exceptionally well across both grades. The next big cricket day is coming up in mid June at Bankstown Oval.

We are very proud that one of our newer players - Joseph O'Reilly - made the NSW ID team that travelled to Queensland in January. This was after just a few training sessions.



Our volunteer coaches... Darren McLean, David Clifton, Bruce Andrews, Ian Russell.

While at the elite level Joseph found some aspects challenging, he has been training hard for the next team selection process.

The program could not run without the support from Bankstown District Cricket Club, Bankstown-Canterbury

Council, Bankstown Sports Club (thanks to Matt Starr for the photos at right), the Primary Club (see how good the players look in the new gear) and of course the coaches - who help every player enjoy their cricket and improve their skills.



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RSAC President Vanessa Fone flanked by RSAC players Keiron Langford (left) and Tim Andrews (right)

All-ability cricketers do Bankstown proud

RSAC player Ed Smith and his batting partner Cooper from Everyday Champions, after opening the batting.

AFTER a break of almost three years due to Covid, Bankstown Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club's (RSAC) cricket team travelled to Newcastle for matches with and against other all-ability cricketers from both Newcastle and Canberra.

With more than 30 players of myriad crick- eting abilities - from NSW Intellectual Disa- bility Cricket representative from RSAC, Joe O'Reilly, through to players in wheelchairs - everyone was catered for across two pitches at Warners Bay, Newcastle.

Newcastle were victors the last time they all met but the tables were turned with the combined RSAC (Bankstown and Canberra) teams victorious in both divisions.

There were stellar performances by RSAC players Joe O'Reilly (batting) and Ed Smith (bowling) in A grade and Keiron Langford and Tim Andrews in B grade who steered their team home to victory with the bat.

Panania Blizzard blows

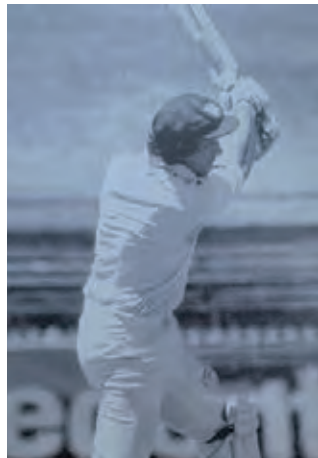


Joseph O'Reilly - who was bombing them over the canteen roof - with his batting partner from Canberra.

OBITUARIES

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES IN THE PAST YEAR

Robert (Bob) Trevor Vidler



It was with great sadness that the Club advised the passing of Robert (Bob) Vidler, Bulldogs 1st Grade Cap # 118.

Bob debuted for Bankstown's AW Green Shield in 1970-71 at the tender age of 13 years. In 1971-72 he became one of the youngest-ever players to Captain the AW Green Shield at 14 years. He played lower grades from 1972-73 before making his 1st Grade debut in 1974/75 at the age of 17. Bob captained the Bulldogs 1st Grade from 1980-81 to 1983-84 before handing the reins to his star pupil, Gary Crowfoot.

In 196 first innings for the Bulldogs, Bob scored 4,204 runs at an average of 24.90. In all grades for Bankstown, he scored 5,050 runs and took 112 wickets, 67 of them in first grade.

Bob made his first-class debut for NSW in 1977/78 at just 20 years of age and played 4 games for the Baggy Blues, with injury cutting short his representative career. He is the proud owner of NSW cap number 586.

Bob was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2017 with a 3-year timeline. He received wonderful support from his family and a group of former teammates, proving that the friends you make as the greatest gift that sport gives you.

Our sincerest condolences to Brother Peter, sister-in-law Joanne, daughter Kristen and son Aaron and the extended Vidler family and Bob's close friends.

Andrew Divall



The Bulldog family was shocked in August with the untimely passing of Andrew (Andy) Divall, 1st Grade Cap #154.

Andy was known as a likeable larrikin, always exuberant on and off the field. Andy attended Mick Stephenson's funeral and wake in March 2022 and very much enjoyed the company of his old Bulldogs teammates. It was devastating for his old mates to learn that was the last time they would share a drink, relive old matches, and tell very tall tales.

Andy played under many Bulldog legends, and they all valued his fighting spirit – as Geoff Spotswood wrote at the start of his career in 1980-81 "Andrew battled and made the opposition work to dismiss him. He showed a fighting spirit that did Bankstown proud."

Andy amassed 6488 runs for the Bulldogs, 2325 in 1st Grade. At the time of writing, he is the ninth-highest run scorer in the Club's history.

Pauline Crowfoot

It was with deep sadness that the Club marked the passing in December 2022 of Pauline Crowfoot, mother of Life Member and celebrated Club Coach, Gary Crowfoot.

Pauline was a proud cricket mum during Gary's cricket career. In Gary's early playing days, she was always on hand to support the club, providing afternoon teas and helping in the canteen. When Gary's brother Darren played with the 'Dogs, Pauline and Ray Crowfoot were always around to support the boys and do whatever they could to help keep our players and opposing team players comfortable.

Many club members attended Pauline's funeral to celebrate the life of a proud Bulldog mother and even prouder grandmother.

*Forever
in our Hearts*



Pauline Evelyn June Crowfoot
30 November 1935 - 9 December 2022

Bev Waugh

10 March 1946 to 28 May 2023

The Club was saddened at the end of May to hear of the passing of Bev Waugh following a protracted illness.

Bev's rich pedigree of influence at the Club includes being the sister of First Grade Cap #53 Dion Bourne, mother of first grade Cap #149 Mark Waugh, Cap #150 Steve Waugh, Cap #168 Dean Waugh and Cap #190 Danny Waugh. For good measure, Bev was the proud Aunt of popular Clubman James Bourne, Cap #226.

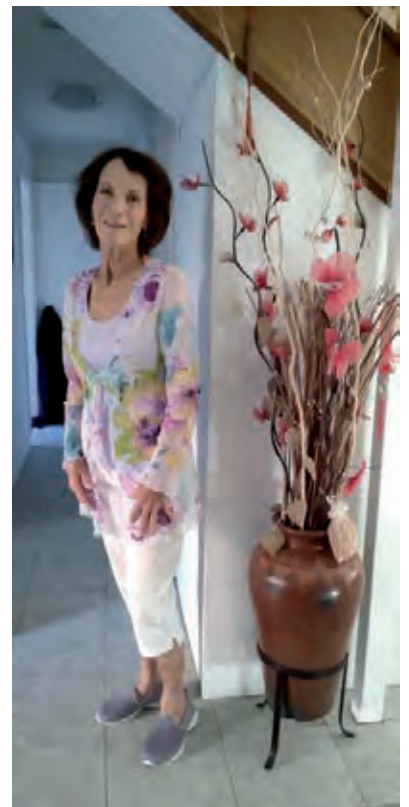
Bev's contribution went beyond familial links. She was active in helping around the club with canteen and fundraising efforts and generally supporting players on match days. Bev and Frankie Smith were great mates and always on hand for each other whenever life threw up personal challenges.

A highly credentialled and competitive sportsperson, Bev played representative tennis and in later years took up squash where she excelled in Pennant competitions from the get-go.

Mick Stephenson sums up Bev perfectly in his 50-Year Anniversary Book 'Blue Blood in Their Veins'. "Everyone at Bankstown was delighted when Mark was finally called in the Australian Test side, but it was a cruel twist of fate as his inclusion came at the expense of brother Steve. It was a subdued Waugh family that sat down to dinner that evening, but as Bev commented, "We felt so happy for Mark but so sad for Steve; but throughout their careers, we tried very hard not to get too carried away by their success, as this made it easier to handle the inevitable disappointments".

Sage words from a doting and proud but down-to-earth mum.

Vale Bev Waugh



RECONCILIATION ROUND: SEASON 2022/23

WHAT IS RECONCILIATION AND RECONCILIATION ROUND?



On the weekend of February 11 and 12, Premier grade and community cricket saw many thousands of cricketers all over Australia celebrate Reconciliation Round. Bankstown played Fairfield that round and at all games players joined in a barefoot circle and acknowledged the event.

This event commenced in 2020 when Cricket Australia took steps to acknowledge the importance of Reconciliation. It encouraged cricketers and clubs across the country to do something significant: have a barefoot circle to connect to Country and acknowledge the Traditional Aboriginal custodians of the lands we play our games on in this special event. This is now known as Reconciliation Round.

At its heart, Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, and sometimes more effort.

Cricket also has a special connection with many Aboriginal Australians. The very first tour for any sporting side overseas to represent Australia was an Aboriginal Australian Cricket side which toured England in 1868.

What does 'COUNTRY' and 'CONNECT TO COUNTRY' MEAN

The concept of 'Country' for First Nations Australians means many things- Aboriginal people share their knowledge to all that their identity and stories of belonging come from that connection. It looks after us/ them, and we in turn have responsibility to care for and look after it. In cricket we play on grounds on lands that belong to and have been cared for by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for thousands of years all over our Country. We acknowledge that and connect to the Country with our bare feet.



At one of our games (5th grade) Luca and Tim Croft lead players out with clap sticks and boomerangs. They also welcomed a player from the Fairfield side, Lochlan Johnston, to also accompany them with some clapsticks. The clapsticks and boomerangs are made from trees from the traditional lands that the Croft family come from in the Northern Territory: Gurindji country. For the Crofts those clapsticks and boomerangs connect their family to the land, rivers and creeks, and animals and plants that their ancestors have been caring for. In turn the land has given their family life, connection and identity, for many thousands of years.

At each game the **CAPTAIN or SENIOR PLAYER or ABORIGINAL PLAYER** welcomed the players to join in the barefoot circle and said these words above and below to Acknowledge Country at each game:

Today we acknowledge:
The Dharug and Eora nation (at Bankstown) or Dharug and Tharawal Nation (at the Fairfield grounds).

I also acknowledge Aboriginal elders past and any present here today.

I thank you all for joining in Reconciliation Round.

Note:

An Acknowledgement to Country pays respect to elders past and present, and recognises and celebrates the spiritual and ongoing connection to culture and Country land and waters for traditional custodians.

A Welcome to Country is a custom, or protocol, provided by a local elder which was and is still observed when welcoming visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across their lands and is now extended to all Australians.

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CLUB GROUNDS AND FACILITIES



BDCC remains very grateful to CB City Council for providing high-quality facilities that are the envy of other NSW Premier Grade Clubs.

Nick Mamolis has proved to be the finest of head curators. Nothing is ever a problem for Nick. He would have to run first in any competition to find the most helpful and obliging staff member at CB City Council. That he is also super competent at his craft, is icing on the cake.

Nick and his team successfully hosted several special matches at Memorial Oval and GT Oval during the season and received nothing but compliments from match officials and players. He and the team strive to ensure wicket covers are laid; on some occasions, the grounds are covered from Monday in preparation for play the following Saturday.

Nick has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of the Grahame Thomas Oval practice wickets. Head Coach Corey Richards commented at a recent Management Committee meeting that he believes the GT practice wickets are the best quality he's encountered in his time in Grade cricket.

After Kelso Park North had been out of action since February 2022 Mitch Gardner and supervisor Ralph Robinson did a fabulous job getting cricket back in action before Xmas. The outfield was much faster than in previous seasons and the wickets showed signs of improved bounce and carry. Thanks, Mitch and Ralph.

The new Kelso North dressing rooms, scorer's pavilion, electronic scoreboard, and storage facilities will be operational for season 2023/24.

We believe Kelso North has the potential to be the finest lower-grade facility in NSW Premier Cricket.

The Club formally places on record its genuine thanks to Senior Curator Nick Mamolis, and team members Mitch Gardner, Darryl Thatcher, Neville Rae, Dragan Stricevic & new apprentice Jackson Smith. We appreciate the efforts of this group very much and enjoy the friendly working relationship we've established over many years.

Special thanks also to senior managers Nathan Watson, Brett Luth and Craig Beveridge for their guidance and practical help.



BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

HONOUR ROLL

1982-83	I McRae	2002-03	P Moy
1983-84	G Patterson		P Maraziotis
	P Kelly	2003-04	A Bird
1984-85	P Talbot	2004-05	C Richards
1985-86	R Bilimoria		M Beaven
1986-87	G Spotswood	2005-06	D Freedman
1987-88	D Freedman	2006-07	B Van Deinsen
1988-89	P Talbot		D Ettridge
1989-90	S Moss	2007-08	A Bird
1990-91	D Freedman	2008-09	S Keen
1991-92	S Thompson	2009-10	J Burke
1992-93	K Ferris	2010-11	E Leten
1993-94	K Roberts	2011-12	J Burke
1994-95	G Trevena	2012-13	P Wells
1995-96	DP Waugh	2013-14	J Burke
1996-97	D Magee	2014-15	P Wells
	S Deitz	2015-16	M Kelly
1997-98	S Thompson	2016-17	M Kelly
1998-99	S Thompson		M Brown
1999-00	G Spotswood	2017-18	A Kouventaris
	M Betsey	2018-19	D Solway
2000-01	G Roden	2019-20	N Carruthers
2001-02	M Bright	2020-21	B Taylor
			N Wijewardene
		2021-22	D Solway

This year marked the 41st year of this great competition. The winner is decided by each of the five grades awarding 3, 2 and 1 point(s) to the best contributors in each grade where all grades play.

A batting bonus point can be earned for scoring 50 with a further point for every 25 thereafter. Bowlers and wicketkeepers earn a bonus point for taking three wickets or dismissals with an additional point awarded for each further wicket and each team decides a fielding point for each match. After 15 rounds the top five were...



BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2022-23



5th Place Zane Mitchell 21 Points

A great first year for Zane. Originally graded in third grade he quickly got a opportunity in second grade and never looked back. Oozes enthusiasm and will only get better.



4th Place Alex Kouventaris 22 Points

Alex led his 3rd grade team from the front – winning both the batting average and aggregate and was also voted by the SCA umpires as the 3rd grade Captain of the Year.



3rd Place Ryan Freeman 24 Points

Highly talented and works extremely hard – suggesting a very bright future lies ahead for Ryan.



2nd Place Ryan Felsch 25 Points

A great asset for the club on and off the field. His first season at the club was an absolute indication of his very real talent.

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BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB
WINNER ON 40 POINTS
PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2022/2023

DANIEL SOLWAY

Another outstanding season from Daniel has seen him a runaway winner of this much sort after award for the third time with 40 points.

Specific details of Daniel's achievements this season are detailed elsewhere in this report but clearly he is on target to hold every batting record in the club's 73-year history. His ability to bat time remains a great asset for our first grade team while his win of the prestigious SCA's O'Reilly Medal confirmed his outstanding season.

Daniel's achievements should be a clear indication for our younger brigade of how success is unmistakably linked to one's work ethic.



WINS

R1 V UNSW

Ahmed 57* Solway 44*
B Simpson 4/39 Felsch 3/45

R3 V SYDNEY

Smith 53 Carruthers 52
B Simpson 3/78

R6 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Solway 134* Balderson 69 Ahmed 68
Marshall 3/32 Felsch 3/36

R8 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Ahmed 32 Felsch 31
Le Bas 3/29

R10 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Solway 67* Ahmed 33 Balderson 31*
Felsch 6/50

R11 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Ahmed 37 Solway 63* (2nd inn.)
Smith 35 (2nd inn.)
Felsch 4/50
Balderson 3/20 and 4/40 (2nd inn.)

R13 V SUTHERLAND

Solway 91 Carruthers 50 Balderson 33*
Felsch 4/21 Balderson 3/19
Burns 4/42 (2nd inn.)

R15 V HAWKESBURY

Solway 125 Ahmed 114 Felsch 30
Marshall 3/30 Burns 3/39

DRAWS

R2 V ST GEORGE

washed out

LOSSES

R4 V MANLY WARRINGAH

Solway 48 Carruthers 41
Felsch 2/64

R5 V PARRAMATTA

Carruthers 60 (2nd inn.)
Marshall 4/58

R7 V MOSMAN

Solway 109* Deal 53 Smith 49
Le Bas 3/32

R9 V PENRITH

Solway 75 Balderson 33

R12 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Carruthers 48
Balderson 3/19 Felsch 3/46

R14 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Solway 33 and 84* (2nd inn.)
Smith 33 (2nd inn.)
B Simpson 4/28 Felsch 4/41
Burns 8/38 (2nd inn.)

1ST GRADE

The 2022/23 season was great to be a part of, with the return to our first “regular” season in a few years after all the disruptions. The side continued to improve on the performances from last year and is building strongly towards next season. The season was highlighted by taking out the Minor Premiership in the T20 competition with the team playing some quality cricket throughout.

There were some great highlights including some clinical batting from Nick including a fantastic Century and 99 driving us to some big scores. This in combination with his partnership with Ryan at the top of the order was truly exciting to watch. The bowling unit continued to impress throughout the tournament with Marshy’s performances a highlight from the bowlers but all did a fantastic job. Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be our year, with the final not going the way we would have liked, but there will be plenty of learnings to take from this.

Furthermore, throughout the regular season we were only a few points out of the finals for both the one day and the two-day competition, a great improvement year on year, with a great opportunity to continue to improve towards the finals and some silverware next year.

The addition of both Ryan Felsch and George Balderson this year was fantastic, with both providing some invaluable experience with both bat and ball. George brought a great energy to the team and a terrible moustache, and we want to thank George for all his efforts and wish him the best for a great season back in the UK.

There were also some great highlights throughout the regular season including some exciting debuts for long serving clubman Niran and Ryan Freeman which was great to see! In addition, there were some great individual performances with Daniel Burns taking 8 wickets in the second innings

against Northern Districts almost helping us create a result from nothing. Along with Zeeshaan being able to score a great century to finish off the season in the final round.

Looking ahead to next year, it is exciting to have such a young group which is continuing to improve. We saw improvements right across the park, and after a strong pre-season, I am sure we will all be ready to go for an even bigger and better ‘23/24 season. We would also like to make a special mention to Emu, Razor, Pricey and all the volunteers each week who turn up and help us be able to focus on the match at hand!



1ST GRADE BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Felsch, Ryan	15	206.2	31	692	37	1	6\50	18.70	33.46	3.35
Burns, Daniel	15	187.4	52	466	26	1	8\38	17.92	43.31	2.48
Simpson, Bradley	13	158.3	20	606	25	0	4\28	24.24	38.04	3.82
Marshall, Liam	15	176	36	554	21	0	4\58	26.38	50.29	3.15
Balderson, George	10	148.5	44	343	20	0	4\40	17.15	44.65	2.30
Le Bas, Ben	15	100.3	13	329	13	0	3\29	25.31	46.38	3.27
Smith, Brendan	13	1.2	0	13	0	0	0\5	-	-	9.75
Wijewardene, Niran	3	5	0	30	0	0	0\30	-	-	6.00

1ST GRADE BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Solway, Daniel	15	18	7	3	5	62	11	134	953	86.64
Ahmed, Zeeshaan	15	17	2	1	2	47	3	114	461	30.73
Carruthers, Nick	13	15	1	0	3	33	10	60	327	23.36
Smith, Brendan	13	14	1	0	1	25	5	53	305	23.46
Felsch, Ryan	15	15	0	0	0	15	6	31	256	17.07
Balderson, George	10	11	3	0	1	13	4	69	237	29.63
Marshall, Liam	15	13	6	0	0	17	2	30	145	20.71
Deal, Ethan	15	13	1	0	1	11	5	53	132	11.00
Le Bas, Ben	15	10	3	0	0	8	0	38	103	14.71
Singh, Mansukh	7	5	0	0	0	10	1	36	78	15.60
Freeman, Ryan	2	4	0	0	0	7	1	26	50	12.50
Burns, Daniel	15	9	4	0	0	4	0	11	38	7.60
Simpson, Bradley	13	7	2	0	0	2	0	8	27	5.40
Wijewardene, Niran	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	16	16	16.00



1ST GRADE PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	102	Nick Carruthers - Ryan Felsch	T20 Rd 3	Hawkesbury
2	194	Daniel Solway - Zeeshan Ahmed	15	Hawkesbury
3	149	Zeeshan Ahmed - Brendan Smith	3	Sydney
4	79	Daniel Solway - Brendan Smith	7	Mosman
5	68	Nick Carruthers - Mansukh Singh	T20 R2	Northern Districts
6	75	Daniel Solway - Ethan Deal	7	Mosman
7	47	Daniel Solway - Liam Marshall	7	Mosman
8	48	Mansukh Singh - Benjamin Le Bas	4	Manly
9	27	Benjamin Le Bas - Liam Marshall	4	Manly
10	30	Daniel Solway - Daniel Burns	14	Northern Districts

1ST GRADE TWENTY 20 BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Marshall, Liam	7	21.4	0	118	13	0	3\12	9.08	10.00	5.45
Felsch, Ryan	7	23	0	163	10	0	3\4	16.3	13.80	7.09
Le Bas, Ben	7	21	0	174	9	0	2\15	19.33	14.00	8.29
Balderson, George	6	16	0	134	7	0	2\23	19.14	13.71	8.38
Simpson, Bradley	5	14	0	85	6	0	3\9	14.17	14.00	6.07
Burns, Daniel	7	22	0	165	4	0	2\14	41.25	33.00	7.50
Wijewardene, Niran	7	6	0	59	1	0	1\43	59.00	36.00	9.83
Felsch, Justin	3	1	0	8	0	0	0\8	-	-	8.00

1ST GRADE TWENTY 20 BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg	str
Carruthers, Nick	6	6	1	1	2	28	24	103	327	65.40	222.45
Felsch, Ryan	7	7	0	0	1	20	11	66	213	30.43	140.13
Solway, Daniel	6	6	2	0	1	10	0	52	138	34.50	102.22
Smith, Brendan	7	7	0	0	0	5	1	34	81	11.57	97.59
Ahmed, Zeeshaan	7	7	0	0	0	4	3	24	81	11.57	97.59
Deal, Ethan	7	4	1	0	0	5	4	41	74	24.67	142.31
Singh, Mansukh	7	3	1	0	0	3	1	18	38	19.00	95.00
Balderson, George	6	6	1	0	0	1	1	14	24	4.80	92.31
Marshall, Liam	7	4	3	0	0	2	0	10	23	23.00	115.00
Le Bas, Ben	7	5	2	0	0	2	0	7	17	5.67	77.27
Burns, Daniel	7	1	1	0	0	2	0	11	11	-	183.33
Simpson, Bradley	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	6.00	66.67
Wijewardene, Niran	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Felsch, Justin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-

PLEASE NOTE: All T20 figures are also included in the main figures.

WINS

R5 V PARRAMATTA

Freeman 101* Alam 67* Brockley 56
Bursa 2/36 T Clark 2/39

R6 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Freeman 51 Brockley 49 Kouventaris 48
Hara 3/28 Mitchell 3/54

R8 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Singh 119 Brockley 39
Mitchell 4/38 J Felsch 3/42

R10 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Brockley 49 Wijewardene 37*
T Clark 6/19

R11 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Wijewardene 52 Singh 44 Middleton 31*
R Clark 5/24 Hara 3/39 (2nd inn.)

R12 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Hinds 116* Middleton 39*
T Clark 3/47

R13 V SUTHERLAND

Freeman 55 Wijewardene 48 Singh 34
Bursa 3/41

R14 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Hinds 40* Singh 31
J Felsch 4/34 Bursa 3/15

R15 V HAWKESBURY

Freeman 131* Hinds 104
J Felsch 5/40

LOSSES

R1 V UNSW

Hinds 68 Brockley 52
J Felsch 2/46

R2 V ST GEORGE

Hinds 29
Ward 2/37

R3 V SYDNEY

J Felsch 48 Brockley 47* (2nd inn.)
R Clark 5/112

R4 V MANLY WARRINGAH

Wijewardene 43 Freeman 74* (2nd inn.)
J Felsch 49 (2nd inn.)
Mitchell 7/48

R7 V MOSMAN

Hara 46
R Clark 2/44

R9 V PENRITH

Freeman 101
R Clark 3/46

QF V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

J Felsch 71 Hinds 52
Bursa 2/43 Mitchell 2/45

2ND GRADE

First of all I'd like to congratulate our 1st Grade Captain Dan Solway for an outstanding season scoring 953 @ 87 it was a wonderful achievement, also think everyone involved at the club should be congratulated for their efforts both at training and on game day which lead to a great improvement in our Club Championship position and from the Committee to the Coaches to the playing staff it was another successful Premier Cricket Season and there is a lot to celebrate in one way or another.

Now, about the 2nd Grade 2022/2023 season.

To all of the 17 guys that represented 2nd grade this season congratulations on another good year, we fought hard to play Finals Cricket again especially after another indifferent start but a good win in round 5 against Parramatta chasing over 300 and a great fighting win in round 11 against Wests proved that we were heading in the right direction to finish well and make a run at the

finals which I'm proud to say was achieved. The cricket that the boys played after round 11 where Cam and Matt B got us home with an outstanding partnership was at another level to earlier in the season which all 17 players should be proud of but a couple of loses early on means finishing 5th rather 2nd makes it hard to win from there but to everyone's credit not one player gave up especially on a very long day against ND's in the Quarter Final, unfortunately again we were out of the finals but congratulations must go to the Premiers Manly who had an outstanding season again and won the Albert Cup in a close final against ND's.

In the last 5 seasons this group has only finished out of the finals once which was 6th in 2022 and won a Premiership in 2020 which is a great achievement and something to all be proud of. Again we had the luxury of great experience within the group to choose from each week in Matt Bursa, Mitch Hinds, Joel Brockley and Gurinder

Hara always leading from the front, combine that with the improving class of Mansukh, Justin, Cameron, Ryan C and Wij that have all been in the team for some time now we have a playing roster that any club would kill for. The improvement of our younger group this season was exciting as they are the future of our club and I would like at this time to congratulate Ryan Freeman, Justin Felsch, Wij and Mansukh for all being part of the 1st Grade group which was well deserved.

We also had brief appearances from Rahid who scored a wonderful 60 odd not out against Parramatta as well as Wardy and Kouvi who will never let you down at this level. Also two young players came to light in Nicholas Freedman and Zane Mitchell with Zane setting the team alight with a great spell of 7-48 against Manly and both of them showed they will be around at this club for some time to come and I'm sure they will be very important to this team moving forward in 2024.

Also a special mention has to go to Ryan Freeman for such an

2ND GRADE PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	81	Joel Brockley - Mansukh Singh	8	Sydney Uni
2	113	Joel Brockley - Mitch Hinds	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
3	227	Mitch Hinds - Ryan Freeman * NEW RECORD *	15	Hawkesbury
4	90	Ryan Freeman - Niran Wijewardene	13	Sutherland
5	62	Mitch Hinds - Ryan Freeman	1	UNSW
6	118	Ryan Freeman - Rahid Alam	5	Parramatta
7	69	Mitch Hinds - Cameron Middleton	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
8	79	Ryan Freeman - Rhys Ward	4	Manly
9	37	Gurinderjeet Hara - Zane Mitchell	7	Mosman
10	43	Cameron Middleton - Matthew Bursa	11	Wests

2ND GRADE BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Freeman, Ryan	14	15	3	3	3	59	6	131	601	50.08
Brockley, joel	16	19	1	0	3	78	7	84	505	28.06
Hinds, Mitch	14	16	4	2	2	41	7	116	497	41.42
Wijewardene, Niran	14	14	2	0	1	35	7	52	369	30.75
Felsch, Justin	15	16	2	0	1	43	2	71	345	24.64
Singh, Mansukh	9	10	1	1	0	35	5	119	291	32.33
Middleton, Cameron	16	14	4	0	0	22	1	39	232	23.20
Clark, Ryan	16	15	0	0	0	19	1	34	189	12.60
Alam, Rahid	4	3	1	0	1	12	2	67	99	49.50
Hara, Gurinderjeet	9	8	1	0	0	4	0	46	74	10.57
Kouventaris, Alexander	3	2	1	0	0	11	0	48	70	70.00
Bursa, Matthew	16	9	7	0	0	9	0	19	57	28.50
Clark, Tony	11	8	2	0	0	5	0	14	56	9.33
Mitchell, Zane	13	7	1	0	0	3	1	20	42	7.00
Ward, Rhys	7	5	2	0	0	3	1	21	38	12.67
Perera, Johann	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	10	10	5.00
Freedman, Nicholas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

2ND GRADE BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Felsch, Justin	15	232	37	805	25	1	5\40	32.20	55.68	3.47
Bursa, Matthew	16	201.2	47	623	24	0	3\15	25.96	50.33	3.09
Mitchell, Zane	13	163.4	23	544	23	1	7\48	23.65	42.70	3.32
Clark, Ryan	16	196.5	31	687	23	2	5\24	29.87	51.35	3.49
Clark, Tony	11	102	20	343	16	1	6\19	21.44	38.25	3.36
Hara, Gurinderjeet	9	120	22	371	15	0	3\28	24.73	48.00	3.09
Ward, Rhys	7	62	11	260	4	0	2\37	65.00	93.00	4.19
Wijewardene, Niran	14	18	1	98	2	0	2\26	49.00	54.00	5.44
Freeman, Ryan	14	21	0	151	2	0	1\32	75.50	63.00	7.19
Freedman, Nicholas	1	12	2	38	0	0	0\38	-	-	3.17



outstanding season scoring 601 runs @ 51 with 3 centuries, he was the star in our team this season and I'm sure he will not play any more 2nd grade as he proved hard work really pays off. We all know he has a bright future and it was such a pleasure for all of us to see him improve so much though the season. Congratulations Ryan and good luck in 2024.

To Matt Bursa who unfortunately has decided to retire from Grade Cricket, I'm sorry I could not be there to clap you off the field on your last day as you deserve every compliment that was given but most of all please know you will always have my respect. The friendship and loyalty you have shown me will never be forgotten. We have known each other for a long time and I'm so glad we were together in 2020 to win a Premiership which I know is very special to us both. Good luck mate and thanks again for everything.

Some individual statistics to come out of this season that I thought were important to mention.

Our other leading batsmen were Joel 505 runs @ 29 another good season, Wije 369 @ 31 and Justin 345 @ 25 were all good as well but again Mitch Hinds 497 @ 42 after a slow start came good at the back end and led the boys really well, mate another wonderful season together, thanks for all your support throughout the last 5 years.

Our bowling was shared around nicely with everyone doing their job week in week out with Justin F 25 @ 32, Matt B again 24 @ 26, Ryan C 23 @ 29 and young Zane M 23 @ 23 and I'm sure after an off season getting stronger you will have a fantastic 2024.

Special mention to our keeper Middo who had a great season behind the stumps taking 26 catches and 5 stumpings with some useful runs as well. Cameron improved in all aspects as the season went on and will push for 1st grade again I'm sure in 2024.

To be successful is not all about the 11 players that

take the field each week, it is a collective achievement from some fantastic people and Bankstown DCC has plenty of them. To our Coaches Cory and Gary their staff Chris, Byron, Alan, Mick Polson and all the helpers at training including Geoff and Eris, it is always a long and at times tough season for you all to navigate through so thank you for your dedication to the cause as there is always a quality session for the players week in week out to help them improve.

Special mention to Gary and Smithy for being our support staff each week on game day, we could not have been as successful as we have been without you all being involved. To Jenny our wonderful scorer the whole team thanks you for all you have done for us this season as I say every week you are the first picked and hope to see you next season.

I would like to thank Jehan for his work as Chairman of selectors which is never easy, too my fellow Captains congratulations for a job well done and I thank them once again for their friendship and support in 2022/2023.



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Thank you for all your ongoing support, without it we do not get to do what we all love doing so much.

To Reza, Brian, Marty and all the committee plus Nick and the ground staff at both Bankstown Oval and also the wonderful canteen ladies with the best lunches and afternoon teas in Sydney Grade Cricket thank you so much on behalf of the 2nd Grade team for all your efforts and support over 2022/2023 season.

In closing: Most players over the last 5 seasons have bought into the culture I have tried to bring to this team, it may not have suited everyone and for that I'm truly sorry especially for those where it has affected their love for the game but ultimately it is your own results on the field that you will be judged on. It has been a pleasure to be your Captain over that time as you are all such a mature and talented group of young men and I want to thank you for putting up with me.

Again I would like to thank my wife Jodie and all my family for their support as you have all been a part of another wonderful season.

Last but not least I would like thank everyone involved at Bankstown DCC for allowing me 5 wonderful years being the 2nd grade Captain as I have enjoyed every minute of it, have a safe off season and look forward to whatever lies ahead for us all.

Regards
Tony Clark



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WINS

R3 V SYDNEY

Perera 50 Kouventaris 42*
Polkinghorne 3/42 Layton 3/57

R6 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Perera 197
Stefanish 4/66 Handunneththi 3/29

R7 V MOSMAN

Kouventaris 86 Perera 33
Penna 3/21

R10 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Kouventaris 82* Perera 41
Ward 2/33 Penna 2/36

R11 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Kouventaris 104 Garg 42
Handunneththi 4/13 Layton 3/36

R12 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Prideaux 113* M Simpson 65*
Kouventaris 55
Handunneththi 3/20

R13 V SUTHERLAND

Kouventaris 35 Shahid 30
Penna 4/12 Layton 4/32

R14 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

M Simpson 78 Garg 73 Handunneththi 42
Freedman 4/63

R15 V HAWKESBURY

Kouventaris 72* Handunneththi 58
Handunneththi 3/36

DRAWS

R2 V ST GEORGE

washed out
Handunneththi 3/50

R5 V PARRAMATTA

Handunneththi 102* Prideaux 61

LOSSES

R1 V UNSW

Hara 29
Mitchell 3/35

R4 V MANLY WARRINGAH

Alam 55 Freedman 38

R8 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Perera 57 Garg 38
Hebeston 2/44 Freedman 2/54

R9 V PENRITH

Layton 2/20

Campbelltown Sports

3RD GRADE

The 2022/2023 3rd grade season was challenging but successful in its own right. After a tough finish to the prior season, each and every player came with a positive mindset and common goals for the 2022/2023 season. I would like to make special mentions to the coaching staff, committee, parents, volunteers and to all the players. Everyone's efforts throughout the season played a massive role in the success Bankstown had this season.

With a strong 2021/2022 season behind us, it was evident that each player has a positive attitude towards the 2022/2023 season. Each player that took part in the 3rd grade squad this year played with confidence and allowed each individual to continue to grow and develop their skills which was evident on the park with some remarkable achievements.

I would like to give special mentions to Corey Richards, Gary Crowfoot, Brian Freedman, Martin Klumpp and Jehan Bilimoria for their tireless efforts week in and week out. I would also like to thank the management committee for all your hard work behind the scenes. To Geoff Price and Eris Dignam, the effort and commitment you two provide each week is nothing short of amazing and for that, not only myself, but the whole club thanks you both.

The 2022/2023 season for 3rd grade was challenging but rewarding for all! Even though we didn't achieve the overall goal of playing finals cricket, each and every player is able to walk away knowing they have achieved personal success throughout the season.

All 27 players who played a game in 3rd grade this season should be proud of what they achieved and each and

everyone of you played a role in the success that 3rd grade had. The most pleasing part of the season was seeing everyone achieve individual milestones throughout the season, whether it was with bat, ball or in the field.

The best thing about seeing you all achieve great success this year, is that there will be many more to come throughout your careers!

Special achievements I would like to highlight from the 2022/2023 season are: Johann Perera's outstanding knock of 197, along with Bryan Handuneththi's and Ethan Prideaux's maiden centuries for the club. The three of you should be extremely proud of your success and achievements this year.

Even after a challenging season, each player is able to walk away holding their heads high knowing that each and everyone of us gave the season a proper crack.



3RD GRADE BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Kouventaris, Alex	13	12	3	1	4	69	4	104	543	60.33
Perera, Johann	12	12	0	1	2	62	10	197	467	38.92
Prideaux, Ethan	10	10	1	1	1	22	5	113	300	33.33
Handunneththi, Bryan	15	13	3	1	1	32	2	102	281	28.10
Garg, Tushaar	8	8	0	0	1	25	1	73	190	23.75
Simpson, Matthew	8	7	1	0	2	20	7	78	189	31.50
Melnyk, Anthony	8	7	2	0	0	14	0	38	117	23.40
Alam, Rahid	7	6	0	0	1	10	1	55	92	15.33
Layton, Koby	13	8	4	0	0	7	3	24	87	21.75
Penna, Bailey	10	7	3	0	0	5	0	27	77	19.25
Freedman, Nicholas	15	6	2	0	0	6	0	38	66	16.50
Hara, Gurinderjeet	6	4	0	0	0	5	1	29	64	16.00
Cordingley, Tomas	4	4	0	0	0	5	0	26	49	12.25
Shahid, Subtain	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	30	37	18.50
Patel, Rohin	2	2	0	0	0	4	1	18	30	15.00
Louka, Daniel	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	27	27	-
Hebeston, Nathan	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	19	19	19.00
Richards, Corey	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	19	19	19.00
Ward, Rhys	8	4	1	0	0	1	0	9	19	6.33
Bilimoria, Jehan	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	15	15	15.00
Stefanish, Chris	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	9	9	-
Mitchell, Zane	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	7.00
Fitzjohn, Charlie	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	-
Polkinghorne, Brady	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Cameron, William	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

3RD GRADE BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Layton, Koby	13	160	28	471	22	0	4\32	21.41	43.64	2.94
Freedman, Nicholas	15	144	18	585	21	0	4\63	27.86	41.14	4.06
Handunneththi, Bryan	15	130.4	24	456	20	0	4\13	22.80	39.2	3.49
Penna, Bailey	10	74.4	8	323	12	0	4\12	26.92	37.33	4.33
Ward, Rhys	8	77.3	12	237	9	0	2\23	26.33	51.67	3.06
Stefanish, Chris	4	59.1	10	257	8	0	4\66	32.13	44.38	4.34
Mitchell, Zane	3	35	6	114	5	0	3\35	22.80	42.00	3.26
Polkinghorne, Brady	3	50.2	9	139	5	0	3\42	27.80	60.40	2.76
Hara, Gurinderjeet	6	57.5	16	154	5	0	2\25	30.80	69.40	2.66
Hebeston, Nathan	5	34	3	155	5	0	2\44	31.00	40.80	4.56
Bilimoria, Jehan	2	13	3	33	2	0	2\21	16.50	39.00	2.54
Simpson, Matthew	8	5	1	29	1	0	1\29	29.00	30.00	5.80
Melnyk, Anthony	8	8	1	39	0	0	0\15	-	-	4.88
Fitzjohn, Charlie	3	21	1	102	0	0	0\22	-	-	4.86



The most rewarding part about the season was that 3rd grade continued to build and develop the strong and unique bond created over the years, allowing players to go out and play the brand of cricket we wanted! Each player was able to go out and play with freedom and confidence knowing they had the support of their team mates and coaching staff. That's what makes this team and club so special to be a part of!

I would like to thank the management committee for allowing me the opportunity to captain another season here at this great club! It was a pleasure to be able to captain 3rd grade this season and an honour to be able to play alongside all of you! As always, great memories and friends were made throughout the season on and off the field, and I can't wait for the next season to come around!

Thank you to everyone who allowed the 2022/2023 season to be successful. I can't wait to see what the 2023/2024 season holds for everyone.

3RD GRADE PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	117	Johann Perera - Tushaar Garg	8	Sydney Uni
2	101	Ethan Prideaux - Alex Kouventaris	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
3	117	Johann Perera - Anthony Melnyk	6	Campbelltown-Camden
4	117	Alex Kouventaris - Bryan Handunneththi	15	Hawkesbury
5	104	Johann Perera - Daniel Louka	6	Campbelltown-Camden
6	141	Ethan Prideaux - Bryan Handunneththi	5	Parramatta
7	69	Alex Kouventaris - Anthony Melnyk	3	Sydney
8	36	Gurinderjeet Hara - Koby Layton	9	Penrith
9	8	Bailey Penna - Nicholas Freedman	14	Northern Districts
10	33	Koby Layton - Rhys Ward	13	Sutherland

WINS

R3 V SYDNEY

Prideaux 57 Cordingley 55
Fitzjohn 4/24

R6 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Shahid 113 Patel 68
Sidhu 3/29 (2nd inns)

R7 V MOSMAN

Patel 65 Bilimoria 53*
Hebeston 4/25 Barrett 3/52

R8 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Condon 39 Shahid 36
Fitzjohn 4/14 Barrett 4/22

R9 V PENRITH

Cordingley 66 Shahid 32
Stefanish 3/12

R10 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Patel 51 Shahid 47
Sidhu 3/8 Hebeston 3/25

R12 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Bilimoria 80 Malcolm 75 Patel 58
Bilimoria 2/32

R15 V HAWKESBURY

Malcolm 61
Sidhu 4/22 Barrett 3/20

DRAWS

R1 V UNSW

washed out

R2 V ST GEORGE

washed out
Penna 3/50

R14 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

King 101 Barrett 35
Bilimoria 3/30 Sidhu 3/72

LOSSES

R4 V MANLY WARRINGAH

Cordingley 26
Penna 3/48

R5 V PARAMATTA

Shahid 31 Bilimoria 31 King 45* (2nd inns)

R11 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Melnyk 30 Cordingley 30* (2nd inns)
Fitzjohn 2/27 Hebeston 2/34

R13 V SUTHERLAND

Bilimoria 52
Stefanish 3/29

4TH GRADE

The 2022/23 season allowed me the great honour of captaining our 4th grade team who showed great improvements on recent years to truly compete in the finals race. Whilst I had tried to erase the number from my brain, we ultimately fell a quotient gap of 0.008 short of making the top six for a very commendable 7th place finish.

The side was made up of a number of experienced players alongside some of our best emerging talent. To see the maturity and development of many of these young players bodes extremely well for the future of the club.

It was particularly pleasing to see Rohin Patel, Subtain Shahid and Ethan Prideaux produce the kind of seasons which they did with the bat. All 3 players have seen time in 4th grade the past few years without delivering to their own expectations, but each have worked incredibly hard and produced results to be proud of this year, all seeing time in 3's. I look forward to seeing what this trio can achieve next

season with continued dedication.

Equally impressive was the emergence of 2 young batsmen fresh out of Green Shield who stamped their claims as future top grade cricketers in Jordan King and Tomas Cordingley. After threatening to go big all year without quite getting going, Jordan made the finest century I've seen in a 4th grade game in a must-win round 14 match against a strong ND's side where we were 6/50. Innings like this from someone so young do not come by often. Tom may not have gotten to the triple figures mark in 4's this year, but I suspect that will not be the case for long. A classical opening batsmen with a technique and temperament for scoring bulk runs, Tom showed all who watched him that he has the ability and attitude required to play at an elite level. 2 of the hardest working players in the club who will only get better with age.

We saw Jehan Bilimoria back to his bruising best with the bat, producing several match winning innings whilst also delivering

some classical spells of new-ball bowling to lead our attack alongside the lion-hearted Chris Stefanish. Thanks must also go to Jehan for an unbelievably helpful effort as vice-captain, stand-in captain and also chairman of selectors - your efforts did not go unnoticed!

Both veterans were supported by our slew of young quicks who constantly jostled for spots in 4's. Hayden Barrett, Charlie Fitzjohn, Brady Polkinghorne Bailey Penna and Nathan Hebeston all plied their trades through the year, with each bowler at several stages showing that at their best, they capable of playing beyond the 4th grade level (and also showing potential with the bat, in particular Hayden, who won't let me hear the end of saying he is approaching all-rounder status). Ensuring continued hard work takes place to build consistency will see each of these youngsters thrive in years to come.

The quicks were well backed by our young spin duo, Reagan Sidhu and Praneel Kavauri. Reagan endured a

difficult start to the season and battled some injuries but showed impressive patience and effort to finish as our leading wicket taker. His figures did not show just how often he was too good for opposition bats, and I foresee his star shining brightly next year. Praneel played a pivotal role whenever he was called upon and showed the ability to both take wickets and tie down batsmen, adapting to the game situation. For the pair to still have been playing Green Shield this season to be so advanced in their games is a huge plus for the club. Our bowling group as a

whole was unlucky to see so many flat tracks through the year (and have a captain that lost a lot of tosses) but toiled valiantly all year.

We also featured 7 different players from the clubs Green Shield side throughout the season - each of whom looked at home and will hopefully return next year ready to challenge for spots again.

I hope that all the boys were able to take something from this season to benefit their cricket moving forward, and to remember (as they got sick of hearing from me every game) - it's not over

until it's over. To always keep playing tough, hard Bulldogs cricket and don't throw in the towel until the winning runs are scored or the final wicket taken - whether the result is in our favour or not. While we didn't get to play finals cricket, to come as close as we did represents a strong season and I hope it drives our squad to go bigger and better next season.

We had a tremendous group of loyal parents and supporters who assisted with some of the more laborious tasks, such as scoring, covers, ground setup or taxi services, so to those who assisted me

4TH GRADE BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Shahid, Subtain	9	11	1	1	0	28	0	113	353	35.30
Patel, Rohin	9	11	0	0	4	34	3	68	330	30.00
King, Jordan	12	13	4	1	0	32	1	101	324	36.00
Malcolm, Ryan	12	11	2	0	2	22	0	75	286	31.78
Billimoria, Jehan	11	8	1	0	3	36	2	80	260	37.14
Cordingley, Tomas	11	11	1	0	2	29	0	66	239	23.90
Melnyk, Anthony	7	6	2	0	0	6	0	30	80	20.00
Prideaux, Ethan	4	3	1	0	1	12	0	57	79	39.50
Barrett, Hayden	7	6	3	0	0	3	0	35	67	22.33
Condon, Maximilian	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	39	61	15.25
Penna, Bailey	5	4	1	0	0	2	0	33	57	19.00
Sidhu, Reagan	13	6	1	0	0	1	0	17	34	6.80
Louka, Daniel	5	4	1	0	0	3	1	18	30	10.00
Polkinghorne, Brady	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	15	23	23.00
Collison, Riley	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	21	10.50
Kavuri, Praneel	6	2	1	0	0	2	0	17	19	19.00
Rodrigues, Aryan	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	16	18	9.00
Stefanish, Chris	10	4	2	0	0	1	0	9	11	5.50
Fitzjohn, Charlie	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	3.33
Snell, Lachlan	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	9.00
Collison, Brett	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	7.00
Croft, Luca	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	-
Cameron, William	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	2.50
Devoy Paino, Dylan	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	4.00
Hebeston, Nathan	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1.00
Jamil, Hassaan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	-
Duckett, James	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.00

through the year and cheered the team on, please accept my gratitude for making all our lives easier.

In my opinion, what makes this club so great is the caliber of volunteers who care so deeply about the club. To the committee, coaching staff and supporters group, the playing group knows that there is no cricket without you and we are

indebted to you for your work. In particular can I highlight the work of Corey, Crowy and Rids who maintained the standard through the year on the training front. To have a coaching staff that bleeds blue and brings the passion that they have is pivotal to our culture.

I also would like to extend once again my congratulations to Gary

Crowfoot, as well as both Eris and Margaret Dignam on the newly renamed awards to honour their contributions to this great club. A fitting accolade for 3 people who have had a tremendous impact on the cricketing journey of myself and so many others.

Go the dogs!

Ryan Malcolm

4TH GRADE PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	97	Rohin Patel - Tomas Cordingley	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
2	175	Rohin Patel - Subtain Shahid * NEW RECORD *	6	Campbelltown-Camden
3	38	Rohin Patel - Ryan Malcolm	7	Mosman
4	144	Ryan Malcolm - Jehan Bilimoria	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
5	47	Jordan King - Jehan Bilimoria	7	Mosman
6	20	Jehan Bilimoria - Bailey Penna	5	Parramatta
7	107	Jordan King - Hayden Barrett	14	Northern Districts
8	27	Bailey Penna - Charlie Fitzjohn	3	Sydney
9	17	Praneel Kavuri - Reagan Sidhu	14	Northern Districts
10	14	Hassaan Jamil - Reagan Sidhu	5	Parramatta

4TH GRADE BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Sidhu, Reagan	13	151.1	15	598	19	0	4\22	31.47	47.74	3.96
Stefanish, Chris	10	118	26	323	15	0	3\12	21.53	47.20	2.74
Fitzjohn, Charlie	10	87	7	357	15	0	4\14	23.8	34.80	4.10
Barrett, Hayden	7	70.2	9	219	14	0	4\22	15.64	30.14	3.11
Hebeston, Nathan	6	55	10	175	12	0	4\25	14.58	27.50	3.18
Penna, Bailey	5	53	4	203	10	0	3\48	20.3	31.80	3.83
Kavuri, CSP Praneel	6	69.1	11	244	9	1	6\37	27.11	46.11	3.53
Bilimoria, Jehan	11	68	14	201	8	0	3\30	25.13	51.00	2.96
Croft, Luca	2	16	3	61	3	0	2\22	20.33	32.00	3.81
Melnyk, Anthony	7	40	9	93	3	0	2\25	31.00	80.00	2.33
Duckett, James	3	29	6	93	2	0	1\14	46.50	87.00	3.21
Polkinghorne, Brady	3	28	4	106	2	0	2\41	53.00	84.00	3.79
Devoy Paino, Dylan	1	8	0	30	1	0	1\30	30.00	48.00	3.75
Jamil, Hassaan	2	12	2	48	1	0	1\19	48.00	72.00	4.00
Prideaux, Ethan	4	20	3	61	1	0	1\25	61.00	120.00	3.05
Fitzgerald, Matthew	1	7	2	14	0	0	0\14	-	-	2.00
Cordingley, Tomas	11	6	0	45	0	0	0\8	-	-	7.50
King, Jordan	12	3	0	23	0	0	0\23	-	-	7.67
Cameron, William	2	6	0	22	0	0	0\22	-	-	3.67

WINS

R3 V SYDNEY

T Croft 59 Shahid 54
Ducket 6/16 Azzi 3/62 (2nd inns)

R8 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Fitzgerald 39* T Croft 38
Fitzgerald 4/39

R11 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Barrett 48 Polkinghorne 45* Talha 43
Kavuri 5/25

R12 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Fitzgerald 51* R Collison 44 B Collison 38
and 44 (2nd inns)
Talha 5/21 Azzi 3/54 (2nd inns)

R15 V HAWKESBURY

Hasan 40*
Azzi 3/20

DRAWS

R2 V ST GEORGE

washed out

R4 V MANLY WARRINGAH

Patel 65 Shahid 44 Devoy Paino 44
Fitzgerald 3/37

R9 V PENRITH

washed out

LOSSES

R1 V UNSW

Rodrigues 33
Kavuri 2/42

R5 V PARRAMATTA

R Collison 33 Snell 30
L Croft 3/11

R6 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Ashburner 82 Talha 68
Talha 4/38

R7 V MOSMAN

Ashburner 59 Devoy Paino 35
Fitzgerald 2/11

R10 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Polkinghorne 2/31

R13 V SUTHERLAND

Jamil 32*
Duckett 2/20

R14 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Jamil 54
Talha 5/21

5TH GRADE

It's always important to acknowledge the success and achievements of those around you.

So I'd like to congratulate Daniel Solway on his McDonalds NSW Premier Cricket Player of the Season award; both Daniel and Ryan Felsch who made the Kingsgrove Sports Men's Merit XII, Alex Kouventaris who was 3rd grade captain of the season, and 2s for making it to the finals. Well done to 2s skipper Tony Clark for being appointed captain of the Australian Over 50s side which competed at the Over 50s World Cup in South Africa and Brendan Smith who made the National Indigenous side to tour Vanuatu. Though not in the same category yet, but a sign of the developing talent we have; well done also to Daniel Louka, Charlie Fitzjohn and Michael Amadio (who played in our Dogs Green Shield side in 2022/23) who all made the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges side.

These are all signs this club has strength throughout the grades and developing our talent. As a club we should be proud of these achievements and the work behind it.

Congratulations as well to Ryan Bolger and the successful Northern Districts side in 5th grade who defeated Manly-Warringah in the GF. Incidentally M-W were captained by the 5th grade captain of the year Simon Waddington. Both captains are contemporaries of mine (another way of saying we're damn old and respect each other for playing the great game). They both lead their sides to play tough cricket, but this is always in the spirit of the game.

Now to our season where Bankstown 5s can take much from many of the games, learn from the ones where they came close or the ones where we know we should have done better.

We came very close to wins against the 2 grand finalists. And but for a couple more wickets would have had 2 out-rights. We were only clearly outplayed in 2 games. As we are honest with ourselves when you aim to get better, know we played dumb cricket in one of those games, Rd 10 vs Blacktown. There we did not adjust to a wicket where grinding batting was required out at Whalan. In

Round 5 we were out of the contest about ½ way through our first batting innings vs Parramatta. Our other clear loss was against UNSW (Rd 1) but were obviously rusty first up and lacked that bit of experience that's needed in a run chase that fell away when our experienced batters got out just after developing some momentum.

We also had some great close wins. One was against Sydney Uni (Rd8- in the last game before the break): a successful run chase 9 wickets down in the final over of the game. The runs were shared between many: Jack Ashburner, Brett Collison and the skipper, but Matt Fitzgerald who top scored, and was importantly supported by Shanaq Hasan and James Duckett, brought the game home when it looked like it would slip away. The other was when club stalwart Mat Kelly took the reins as skipper vs Wests. He shared on what it means to play for the Bulldogs and the fighting spirit that is often required which obviously sunk in when Hayden Barrett and Brady Polkinghorne took us home with a fantastic lower order



5TH GRADE BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Talha, Muhammad	10	11	0	0	1	25	1	68	234	21.27
Ashburner, Jack	14	14	1	0	2	13	0	82	222	17.08
Collison, Brett	5	6	1	0	1	11	5	76	190	38.00
Croft, Timothy	12	12	2	0	1	11	2	59	161	16.10
Fitzgerald, Matthew	10	10	3	0	1	9	2	51	158	22.57
Jamil, Hassaan	6	6	1	0	1	9	0	54	150	30.00
Collison, Riley	10	10	0	0	0	12	0	44	143	14.30
Patel, Rohin	3	3	1	0	1	1	1	65	121	60.50
Devoy Paino, Dylan	7	8	0	0	0	4	5	44	108	13.50
Shahid, Subtain	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	54	98	49.00
Hasan, Shanaq	8	9	1	0	0	4	1	40	89	11.13
Snell, Lachlan	6	5	0	0	0	11	0	30	85	17.00
Rodrigues, Aryan	4	4	0	0	0	3	0	33	75	18.75
Kavuri, CSP Praneel	8	8	2	0	0	9	0	18	73	12.17
Barrett, Hayden	3	2	0	0	0	5	1	48	68	34.00
Duckett, James	8	7	2	0	0	2	0	21	65	13.00
Polkinghorne, Brady	5	4	1	0	0	6	0	45	63	21.00
Azzi, Daniel	7	8	2	0	0	4	1	21	54	9.00
Mohammed, Farhan	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	21	54	13.50
McMahon, Cooper	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	29	37	12.33
Croft, Luca	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	19	35	5.83
Nadeem, Haroon	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	8	22	7.33
King, Jordan	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	9	9.00
Kelly, Mathew	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	6	6.00
Ali, Saarang	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	-
Fitzgerald, James	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3.00
Bhat, Roshan	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-



partnership to win 9 down again. This was after a good start in the run chase from Muhammad (Mo) Talha was not capitalized on by the middle order. Many thanks Mat K for coming back for that game, but I think you thoroughly enjoyed that win.

In hindsight, this group of young men, the majority who played their first games of grade cricket this season, should be proud of their learning journey in one of the best grade competitions in the world. It was an honour to play and captain them.

To watch and assist their development is what drew me back to play my first season of grade in 8 years, and not just the ones I'd seen or help coach from as early as under 9s in the local junior comp.

There were only 7 players from last season's BDCC 5s who were back to play again. We lost our most productive batsmen from season 2021/22; the skipper, Tom Ramage, to a career move down to Melbourne, and Jordan King to a regular spot in 4s. Despite these

factors and the ever-constant movement of players up or back into 5s which is the hallmark of this grade, everyone in the side showed they have what it takes to go further in grade cricket and were 'switched on' in every game. They also adjusted when necessary in competing against the variety of opposition you come across; everyone from the old stalwarts to the mid teenage kids itching to show you they're good.

In our sides there wasn't just talent; the guys worked

5TH GRADE BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Talha, Muhammad	10	63.3	14	200	18	2	5\21	11.11	21.17	3.15
Azzi, Daniel	7	70	4	379	13	0	3\20	29.15	32.31	5.41
Duckett, James	8	69.1	23	173	12	1	6\16	14.42	34.58	2.5
Croft, Luca	7	57.3	17	148	11	0	3\11	13.45	31.36	2.57
Kavuri, CSP Praneel	8	54	10	176	11	1	5\25	16.00	29.45	3.26
Fitzgerald, Matthew	10	58	11	189	11	0	4\39	17.18	31.64	3.26
Croft, Timothy	12	43	10	169	5	0	1\2	33.80	51.60	3.93
Jamil, Hassaan	6	41.1	6	178	5	0	2\21	35.60	49.40	4.32
Polkinghorne, Brady	5	32	3	107	4	0	2\31	26.75	48.00	3.34
Mohammed, Farhan Ahmed	5	49	8	118	4	0	2\14	29.50	73.50	2.41
Nadeem, Haroon	5	36.2	7	146	4	0	2\36	36.50	54.50	4.02
Devoy Paino, Dylan	7	44	9	174	4	0	2\16	43.50	66.00	3.95
Rodrigues, Aryan	4	21	4	95	3	0	2\19	31.67	42.00	4.52
Barrett, Hayden	3	23	9	49	2	0	2\25	24.50	69.00	2.13
Collison, Brett	5	16	2	49	2	0	2\22	24.50	48.00	3.06
Ali, Saarang	1	3	1	9	1	0	1\9	9.00	18.00	3.00
Bhat, Roshan	2	2	0	12	1	0	1\12	12.00	12.00	6.00
Shahid, Subtain	2	10	0	27	1	0	1\27	27.00	60.00	2.70
Ashburner, Jack	14	2	1	1	0	0	0\1	-	-	0.50
Collison, Riley	10	2	1	7	0	0	0\7	-	-	3.50
Kelly, Mathew	1	6	3	6	0	0	0\6	-	-	1.00
Fitzgerald, James	2	1	0	16	0	0	0\16	-	-	16.00



5TH GRADE PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	74	Muhammad Talha - Riley Collison	12	Fairfield-Liverpool
2	126	Rohin Patel - Subtain Shahid	3	Sydney
3	81	Jack Ashburner - Brett Collison	5	Parramatta
4	58	Jack Ashburner - Lachlan Snell	7	Mosman
5	74	Brett Collison - Aryan Rodrigues	4	Manly
6	42	Jack Ashburner - Dylan Devoy Paino	7	Mosman
7	62	Matthew Fitzgerald - Dylan Devoy Paino	4	Manly
8	46	Cooper McMahon - Shanaq Hasan	15	Hawkesbury
9	62	Hayden Barrett - Brady Polkinghorne	11	Wests
10	26	Hassaan Jamil - Haroon Nadeem	14	Northern Districts

hard, at training and in their own preparation, and listened when the Corey or Gary, or I, said that success in grade cricket comes from staying in every moment, especially when the 'crunch' moments come in a game. They learned how to play according to the conditions....read; grind and play as straight as you can when batting on 5th grade wickets when you need to as, experience shows, the wickets get better to play on as you go up the grades.

Well done to those who deserved to stay up when promoted: Subtain Shahid and Rohin Patel. To the young guys in 5s, they showed the application, skills

and attitude you need to go up the grades as a bat. That they are a bit older, a bit stronger and a bit wiser should encourage the young guys that consistency and hard work does bring more runs and, in turn, promotion.

Of the rest of regulars in the 5s batting order Mo Talha, Jack A and Brett Collison stood tall as our leading run scorers. Many thanks Brett for helping out in quite a few games to skipper, or show how to bat according to the conditions, or bomb it when given free rein as you and Riley Collison did opening in our 2nd innings 13 over run spree vs Fairfield-Liverpool (Rd 12). Riley, Matt Fitzgerald and toward the

end of the season, Hassaan Jamil, showed a huge amount of promise after they put in a lot of hard work off the park. I look forward to watching all of these guys progress their batting craft in the coming seasons.

On the bowling front there were many with very strong contributions. Mo Talha, underpinned his all-round status with two 5 wicket hauls to go with his runs. James Duckett, with one 5 wicket haul had an ability with his swing to deny batsmen any easy scoring opportunities. Daniel Azzi with a flurry of wickets toward season end learned to flight the ball quite well to challenge batsmen as a young leggie. Praneel



Kavuri also flighted the ball well for one 5 wicket haul. Our lefties; Luca Croft returned from injury mid-November with some quite quick spells that were too fast for most of the 5th grade opposition and Matt Fitzgerald had some great angles and out-thought a number of batsmen. These guys will all continue to develop and show the selectors in the seasons coming they deserve to play higher.

Thankyous: Many thanks to chairman of selectors, Jehan Bilimoria. Well done on a

great first season in the role, this role always deserves acknowledgement for the huge amount of work in selecting sides. Many thanks to club coaches, Corey Richards and Gary Crowfoot. Your hard work, planning, occasional rocket and advice is always appreciated and spot on. Crowy your acknowledgement with an award in your honour at the end of season dinner was thoroughly deserved. Thanks to the parents who assisted at games, to score, feed us or provide ice blocks (when the heat kicked in)

and transport. This last one is often a thankless task, but one always appreciated by those who end up taking their kids to all the grade, GS and reps games that come up. Those who assisted at training Geoff Price and Troy Freeman. Brian Freedman was anywhere and everywhere as was Marty Klumpp; doing what they have done for many seasons at this club. Grade clubs just would not survive without the contributions of people like these guys. Thankyou all and I look forward to next season!

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WINS

R4 V SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Ahmed 52 Alam 40
Smith 4/37

R5 V HAWKESBURY

Freeman 46 Ahmed 44
Debono 2/20

LOSSES

R1 V CAMPBELLTOWN CAMDEN

Deal 67
Debono 2/11

R2 V NORTHERN DISTRICTS

R3 V PARRAMATTA

Freeman 88

R6 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Debono 25 Alam 25
Smith 2/11


POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Freeman, Ryan	6	6	0	0	1	21	7	88	209	34.83
Deal, Ethan	6	6	0	0	1	10	8	67	148	24.67
Ahmed, Zeeshaan	6	6	0	0	1	19	2	52	145	24.17
Alam, Rahid	6	6	0	0	0	8	4	40	126	21.00
Perera, Johann	6	6	0	0	0	4	0	38	54	9.00
Debono, Ethan	5	5	0	0	0	3	3	25	43	8.60
Handunneththi, Bryan	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	23	42	7.00
Simpson, Bradley	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	35	41	20.50
Mitchell, Zane	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	9	33	8.25
Polkinghorne, Brady	4	4	2	0	0	1	0	11	29	14.50
Smith, Jake	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	14	4.67
Freedman, Nicholas	6	3	2	0	0	1	0	8	12	12.00
Penna, Bailey	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3.00
Fitzjohn, Charlie	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	-

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Smith, Jake	3	15.5	0	74	7	0	4\37	10.57	13.57	4.67
Handunneththi, Bryan	6	34	2	166	7	0	2\33	23.71	29.14	4.88
Mitchell, Zane	6	27.3	1	193	7	0	2\37	27.57	23.57	7.02
Debono, Ethan	5	14	0	89	4	0	2\11	22.25	21.00	6.36
Polkinghorne, Brady	4	12	1	85	3	0	1\21	28.33	24.00	7.08
Freedman, Nicholas	6	28	0	174	3	0	2\48	58.00	56.00	6.21
Penna, Bailey	6	8	0	47	2	0	2\47	23.50	24.00	5.88
Simpson, Bradley	3	13.2	0	50	2	0	1\14	25.00	40.00	3.75
Fitzjohn, Charlie	6	12	0	89	2	0	1\30	44.50	36.00	7.42
Freeman, Ryan	6	1	0	12	0	0	0\12	-	-	12.00

POIDEVIN-GRAY



Heading into the competition on the back of 5 consecutive years of finals cricket, our biggest challenge was going to be the depth and experience of our squad as we lost our captain Liam Marshall and 4 other higher grade players to age eligibility. In saying that, it would provide opportunities for a number of players, such as our only 1st grade players with leadership roles - Zeeshaan Ahmed to take over as skipper and lead from the front along with Brad Simpson and Ethan Deal – who would be his Vice Captains assisting Zeesh in providing a blueprint for our younger squad members to follow. Greater opportunities for the rest of the squad like Ryan Freeman, Rahid Alam, Johann Perera, Bryan Handunnethi, Zane Mitchell, Bailey Penna, Charlie Fitzjohn and Nicholas Freedman who haven't yet had the access to play up in our higher grades to see how well they can measure up and get a taste of competing against top players from other teams. It was also great to have Ethan DeBono back with us as he had

decided to play in the Wollongong comp due to his work commitments and Jake Smith driving all the way up from Canberra (sometimes the morning of the game) when available to wear the Bulldogs playing outfit once again – as he was our former Greenies skipper.

Our depth and player cohesion was really tested in our first game against ND's who have been pretty strong for the past few seasons and ended up as this season's runners up. On a wet, overcast wicket at home we fell short in the run chase by 72 runs, chasing 133.

A week later we took Campbelltown-Camden right to the last ball with Brady Polkinghorne and Zane Mitchell needing 9 runs off the last over, 4 off the last ball to win. Unfortunately, the last ball resulted in us losing a wicket. That performance was followed by another gritty attempt - but losing this time to Parramatta who eventually took out this year's competition. Our guys posted a decent total of 171 at Merrylands Oval, thanks to Ryan Freeman's 88 off 53 with 5 sixes and

7 fours along with quick cameos from Zeesh, Ethan Deal and Rahid. Our bowlers took some beating early on, but our fielding brought us right back in the game with two outstanding runouts (Nick Freeo and Bryan) to stretch Parra to the final 3 balls to get the runs.

Even though we were 0 from 3, we had to keep believing that we can compete, we are good enough and we still have the ability to make finals cricket by winning the next two 50-over matches – which we did against Sydney Uni and Hawkesbury.

Our core top order batters were all starting to find form with starts and 50s and all our bowlers spreading the wickets out by bowling in partnerships were key as we were defending totals.

Heading into our last T20 round game, a win against Wests would confirm our spot in the finals but a loss resulted in them overtaking us on net run rate. Winning the toss and deciding to bat first, we wanted to set the tone in the powerplay by being aggressive and blowing Wests' strike bowlers away – which



we succeeded with 1/75 runs off the first 6 overs. Then we started to lose momentum by regularly losing wickets every over, which costs us. We struggled to bat out the full 20 overs with only 128. Again the guys' efforts and belief to fight all the way in tough circumstances were never questioned, as again we took the game to the last over - with Wests requiring 11 runs to win and 3 from the last ball. The last ball resulted in a "french cut" passing Ethan diving back to his left, heading down towards the

boundary, as the throw came back to Ethan the Wests batters ran 3 and eliminated us from making finals.

As you all know I'm not the best person to be near after a loss in any game - but to lose like that left me speechless! In the sheds I mentioned to the entire squad of how proud I was of them this year, considering how poorly we started in our first game to just missing out on finals with the last ball in the last game. The determination, attitude, passion, pride and the one

thing I'll always bang on about "belief" was never questioned and that's what I've always asked for when we stepped out to play!

I'm very fortunate to have the backing from the managing committee to allow me to be the PG's coach, having Rids & Crowie assisting me on game days and to everyone that has been associated with this great team on and off the field for the past 6 years which I can't name you all... "THANK YOU".

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	85	Ryan Freeman - Johann Perera	5	Hawkesbury
2	52	Ryan Freeman - Zeeshan Ahmed	4	Sydney Uni
3	53	Zeeshaan Ahmed - Ethan Deal	4	Sydney Uni
4	42	Ethan Deal - Ryan Freeman	1	Campbelltown-Camden
5	61	Ethan Deal - Rahid Alam	1	Campbelltown-Camden
6	12	Zeeshaan Ahmed - Bradley Simpson	5	Hawkesbury
7	44	Rahid Alam - Bryan Handeunneththi	4	Sydney Uni
8	45	Bradley Simpson - Bryan Handunneththi	5	Hawkesbury
9	9	Nicholas Freedman - Brady Polkinghorne	4	Sydney Uni
10	13	Zane Mitchell - Nicholas Freedman	5	Hawkesbury



WINS

R3 V SUTHERLAND

Richardson 50 Fitzgerald 36
Croft 3/47

R4 V UNSW

Fitzgerald 37 Sidhu 31
Sidhu 3/30 Croft 3/36

R7 V FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL

Fitzgerald 45 Snell 40

LOSSES

R1 V HAWKESBURY

Ashburner 44
Budge 3/28

R2 V WESTERN SUBURBS

Kavuri 34 Ashburner 33
Fitzgerald 3/12

R5 V PARRAMATTA

Ashburner 34 Reynolds 30
Richardson 3/35

R6 V BLACKTOWN MOUNTIES

Gilbert 47 Ashburner 43
Sidhu 3/35

AW GREEN SHIELD BATTING 2022-23

player	mat	inn	no	100s	50s	4s	6s	hs	runs	avg
Ashburner, Jack	7	7	0	0	0	18	0	44	223	31.86
Fitzgerald, Matthew	7	7	0	0	0	13	0	45	168	24.00
Snell, Lachlan	7	7	0	0	0	13	0	40	128	18.29
Sidhu, Reagan	7	7	3	0	0	10	0	31	111	27.75
Gilbert, Taylor	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	47	85	17.00
Collison, Riley	7	7	0	0	0	9	0	28	84	12.00
Reynolds, Taishi	6	6	0	0	0	7	0	30	73	12.17
McMahon, Cooper	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	29	57	19.00
Richardson, Max	7	6	0	0	1	5	0	50	55	9.17
Kavuri, Praneel	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	34	53	13.25
Croft, Luca	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	14	39	7.80
Fitzgerald, James	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	13	13	-
Jamil, Hassaan	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	11	11.00
Budge, Thomas	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

AW GREEN SHIELD BOWLING 2022-23

player	mat	overs	m	r	w	5wi	bbi	avg	str	ecn
Sidhu, Reagan	7	64.3	8	242	11	0	3\30	22.00	35.18	3.75
Croft, Luca	7	54.5	2	264	10	0	3\36	26.40	32.90	4.81
Fitzgerald, Matthew	7	35.1	4	151	5	0	3\12	30.20	42.20	4.29
Jamil, Hassaan	7	40	2	183	5	0	2\27	36.60	48.00	4.58
Budge, Thomas	4	21	1	86	4	0	3\28	21.50	31.50	4.10
Kavuri, Praneel	5	40	5	106	4	0	1\19	26.50	60.00	2.65
Richardson, Max	7	16	0	68	3	0	3\35	22.67	32.00	4.25
Fitzgerald, James	3	6	0	21	1	0	1\10	21.00	36.00	3.50
Gilbert, Taylor	5	18	3	67	1	0	1\36	67.00	108.00	3.72

GREEN SHIELD

The 2022/23 season in the AW Green Shield was a bit of a rollercoaster finishing 12th. Finishing in the bottom half of the table really showed how important the pressure moments are in the great game we are playing. With 4 of the results coming within a couple of runs or balls show the importance of capitalising on these pressure moments. If all 4 results had gone our way it would have been a very interesting finish to the series as lessons that had been learnt along the way started to poke through in the final results. The final 2 games consisted of 2 very well-paced chases going down to the wire with one going our way and the other just missing at the final hurdle. I believe the returning members of the squad will have a greater understanding of what it takes to produce a win in the aforementioned pressure moments and close finishes.

Thank you again to Nick Carruthers who really pushed the boys to excel at training. This gave each playing member an opportunity to put their skills on display. It is always great to have someone with Nick's knowledge and foresight standing next to you when decisions need to be made. Clear thinking and a straight-up approach really gave the boys a clear path to perform this year.

Brett Collison did a great job this year managing the side, from taking care of the off-field agenda, by getting the parents together when needed, especially those fantastic lunches that had been put on, probably the best in the comp. Thank you also to the parents who helped get the food ready and also the scoring throughout the 7 games.

Special mention to Reagan Sidhu and Jack Ashburner for leading the way with the ball and bat. Reagan backed up his performance from

last year and again was the leading wicket-taker with 11 wickets @22 and Jack was the leading run scorer with 223 @31.86. These 2 boys will have a big future in the club if they keep working hard and looking for areas to improve on their specific crafts.

Finally, Thank you to the Management Committee, Corey Richards and Gary Crowfoot for the hours spent providing support and organising everything needed to get these boys on the park representing Bankstown.

Chris Ridley



AW GREEN SHIELD PARTNERSHIPS BY WICKET 2022-23

wkt	runs	players	round	opposition
1	52	Taylor Gilbert - Riley Collison	7	Fairfield-Liverpool
2	74	Taylor Gilbert - Riley Collison	6	Blacktown
3	68	Jack Ashburner - Lachlan Snell	7	Fairfield-Liverpool
4	28	Riley Collison - Lachlan Snell	5	Parramatta
5	80	Matthew Fitzgerald - Cooper McMahon	7	Fairfield-Liverpool
6	62	Max Richards - Matthew Fitzgerald	3	Sutherland
7	23	Matthew Fitzgerald - Luca Croft	3	Sutherland
8	40	Reagan Sidhu - CSP Praneel Kavuri	6	Blacktown
9	21	Luca Croft - Regan Sidhu	4	UNSW
10	27	Reagan Sidhu - James Fitzgerald	5	Parramatta

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BANKSTOWN WOMEN'S CRICKET



The Bankstown Sports Women's Cricket Club (BSWCC) 2022-23 season once again proved very successful. Fortunately, this season was largely “back to normal operations” following the previous season being heavily impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic – even the weather was more “accommodating” this season enabling most games to proceed as planned. This resulted in the club's players, administrators and supporters all being able to have a very enjoyable and rewarding season – be it at training or playing.

The club also continued to focus on player development as the playing strength continues to build – it was pleasing to see a number of the younger players in the club continuing to move through to play games in higher grades – where they generally performed very well! Unfortunately, this season our club didn't feature in any of the finals although all teams were competitive on their day.

This season our club once again fielded teams in each of the 4 grades of the NSW Women's Premier Cricket Competition (1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades and U18 Brewer Shield) – it continues to be very important for our club going forward to offer cricket to as

many players as possible and therefore to be represented in each grade is very important – although with a modest number of players fielding full teams in each grade every round continued to be a challenge this season. In addition to fielding teams in the NSW Women's Premier Cricket Competition, our club again supported the Bankstown District Cricket Association (BDCA) in fielding a team in the U15 Sixers Cricket League (SCL) as well as contributing players in the Youth Championships representative teams and Senior Elite Teams. Our special thanks to **Greig Harland** and **Terry Danne** for coaching/managing the BDCA U15 Margaret

Peden team and to **Darren McLean** for assisting with this team – your contributions were much appreciated!

Congratulations to **Ashleigh Gardner** on once again representing Australia this season including being part of the T20 World Cup winning team as well as being a Marquee Player in the inaugural Indian Premier League (IPL) for Women's cricket – a fantastic achievement! Congratulations also to **Erin Burns, Katie Mack, Maddie Penna, Angelina Genford** and **Jannatul Sumona** for playing in the WNCL / WBBL08 this season. Erin has been busy playing in the IPL as well as now playing in the England. The WBBL08



final was very interesting from a BSWCC perspective with **Maddie & Katie** playing for the Championship winning Adelaide Strikers against **Erin, Ashleigh** and **Angie** playing for the Sydney Sixers. To have 5 BSWCC players participate in the WBBL08 Grand Final was an outstanding achievement – it was also fantastic that so many BSWCC players and supporters were at North Sydney Oval to watch the game.

Congratulations also to **Taylor McMahon** on being selected in the NSWPSA Team that played in the School Sport Australia U12 Years Championships in Ballarat from 19-26 November 2022, to **Chrissa Stathis** on being part of the U16 NSW Metro Team and to **Maddison Spence** who was selected in the U16 NSW Country Team that played in the U16 National Championships in Canberra in January 2023

and to **Dharmini Chauhan** and **Maddison Spence** on being selected in the Sydney Thunder Indigenous team that played in Albury in early April 2023. In addition, in April 2023 our club had 4 junior players selected in Academy squads from U16 through to the U19 age groups. We continue to be extremely proud to have so many younger players in our club selected in these squads and are very pleased that the talents of so many of our younger players continue to be recognised outside our club. We are also pleased to see many of the younger players in the club now earning selection in the club's higher grade teams where they are proving to be extremely capable.

Our thanks to **Jade Errington** and **Alice Whelan** for their hard work in coaching and managing the Sixers Cricket League team this season. This involved

an extra day of training plus Saturday match days in addition to already training twice a week and playing on Sunday. Special thanks to **Angelina Genford** who assisted at many training sessions throughout the season. Our NSW Women's Premier Cricket Competition teams (including our Brewer Shield team) were once again this season filled with many players who have progressed through our junior ranks over recent seasons, which is confirmation that the Player Pathway in place within our club is allowing junior players the opportunity to develop their cricketing skills and giving them opportunities to play at higher levels. We are confident that over the coming seasons even more players who have progressed through our Player Pathway Program will earn selection in the NSW Women's Premier Cricket Competition teams for our club.



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In regard to player development, special acknowledgement to the Club's Coaching team led by dedicated Club Coaching Director **Sarah Aley** and **Charlie Mandleberg** who did a fantastic job again this season as Club Coach – **Charlie** put in so much effort working with players in all grades with the players really benefitting from his coaching expertise. **Charlie** again took an interest in every player who attended training enabling coaching programs to be tailored for the benefit of all players. We were once again privileged to have coaching assistants including **Rob Mack, Laura Wright** and **Chris Lauchlan** as well as **Gary Crowfoot, Michael Polson** and **Chris Ridley** from the Bankstown District Cricket Club who also contributed significantly throughout the season as did parent coaches including **Paul**

Stathis, Greig Harland and **Terry Danne** who shared their expertise at training or on game days.

The club also acknowledges the contributions of parents and players including **Virginia Errington, Lyn Stathis, Paul Stathis, Alanna Yates, Brianna Fraser** and **Jennene Abrook** who managed teams so well and to our brilliant 1st Grade scorer **Jennifer Campbell** and scorers from all teams.

Volunteers continue to be an integral part of our club's operations and we were once again this season extremely fortunate to have so many committed volunteers within our club and so many "special achievements" off the field this season. To this end our thanks to **Virginia Errington** who continued in the role of Secretary - **Virginia** was once again meticulous in all aspects

of the Secretary's role including handling all the correspondence and being the primary club contact point. Our appreciation also to **Paul Stathis** who took on the role of Vice-President this season as well as the roles of Head of the Cricket Operations Committee and Head of Selectors. **Roger Errington** continued in the role of Club Treasurer this season once again handling all our income and expenditure with precision. This season our club had the pleasure of wearing the new training and playing uniforms which was the culmination of a few years of hard work by **Rose Whelan** who continued as the club's Clothing Officer again this season.

Our Social Media covering the club's publicity, website & Facebook pages were once again this season operated extremely effectively by **Emma Newman**.



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Social media continues to be crucial in everyone being kept up-to-date on club activities. This publicity not only enhances the brand of our club, it also enhances the positioning of female cricket in our area.

Our thanks to all members of the club's Management Committee for their untiring efforts this season in enabling the club to operate so smoothly especially given the ongoing increase in administrative requirements – once again everyone “rolled up their sleeves” and got on with it to enable all players to enjoy their cricket!

Our club also congratulates the **Bankstown District Cricket Club** (Men's Club) on another successful season. We are very appreciative of the continued support we receive from the Men's Club – we are extremely fortunate to be associated with such a wonderful Men's Club.

Our club retained our 2 sponsors this season being **All Cricket Gear (Cherry)** and **AusWindows** – we appreciate the support these sponsors have once again provided our club.

Many people contributed to making this season such a success:

The Management Committee members included:

- President: Robert Smith
- Vice-President: Paul Stathis
- Secretary: Virginia Errington
- Treasurer: Roger Errington
- Club Coaching Director: Sarah Aley
- Club Coach: Charlie Mendleberg
- Registrations: Andrew Lawler
- Clothing Officer: Rose Whelan
- Publicity & Website: Emma Newman
- Junior Development: Samantha Devlin

Committee members:

- Marty Klumpp, Brian Freedman, Sharon Cooper, Colleen Genford, Jennene Abrook, Terry Danne, Venkatesh Thirupathy

Cricket Operations Committee:

- Paul Stathis (Chair), Samantha Devlin, Emma Newman, Andrew Lawler, Charlie Mandleberg

Team Managers:

- 1st Grade: Virginia Errington;
- 2nd Grade: Lyn Stathis;
- 3rd Grade: Brianna Fraser, Alanna Yates;
- Brewer Shield: Jennene Abrook

Scorers:

- 1st Grade: Jennifer Campbell;
- 2nd Grade: Denise Martin, Lyn Stathis;
- 3rd Grade: Terry Danne, Tristan Smythe;
- Brewer Shield: Jennene Abrook, Brad Abrook, Terry Danne, Dallas Robertson;
- SCL: Denise McMahon



Coaches:

Sarah Aley, Charlie Mandleberg,
Rob Mack, Emma Newman,
Laura Wright, Paul Stathis,
Chris Lauchlan, Venkatesh
Thirupathy, Greig Harland,
Terry Danne, Jade Errington,
Alice Whelan, Angelina
Genford

Captains:

Club Capt.: Sarah Aley;
1st Grade: Samantha Devlin;
2nd Grade: Emma Newman;
3rd Grade: Brianna Fraser,
Alanna Yates;
Brewer Shield:
Madison Rutherford

The club continues to be supported by all **Life Members**
Sharon Cooper, Megan

Wilson, Therese MacGregor,
Sue Hewitt, Richard Phillips,
Melissa Penman, Gary Penman
and Justin Newman.

Finally, the club once again acknowledges the ongoing support that Bankstown Sports Club provides including the Sporting section led by **Matthew Starr** as well as **Marty Klumpp, Beverley and Richard Phillips.**

The major award winners for the 2022/23 season included:

Dick Phillips Award (for Outstanding Performance)
Rookie of the Year (for best 1st year player to the club)
President's Award
Megan Wilson Award (Wicket Keeper of the Year)
Max McLeay Memorial Award (U18 Player of the Year)

Jessica Robertson
Maddison Spence
Charlie Mandleberg
Maeve Martin
Emilia Danne

Representative Awards:

Australia	Ashleigh Gardner
NSW Breakers	Ashleigh Gardner, Erin Burns
Sydney Sixers	Ashleigh Gardner, Erin Burns, Angelina Genford
ACT Meteors	Katie Mack, Angelina Genford, Jannatul Sumona
South Aust Scorpions	Madeline Penna
Adelaide Strikers	Katie Mack, Madeline Penna
NSW U/16 Metro	Chrissa Stathis
NSW U/16 Country	Maddison Spence
Sydney Thunder Indigenous	Dharmini Chauhan, Maddison Spence
NSWPSSA Team	Taylor McMahon



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Awards 2022-23

1st Grade

Batting Award	Dharmini Chauhan 338 runs @ av 24.14
Bowling Award	Emily Lawler 19 wickets @ av 21.26
Fielding Award	Emily Lawler
Player of Year	Dharmini Chauhan



2nd Grade

Batting Award	Cynthia Coghlan 281 runs @ av 31.22
Bowling Award	Sarah Lawler 17 wickets @ av 18.53
Fielding Award	Maeve Martin
Player of Year	Cynthia Coghlan



3rd Grade

Batting Award	Zoe Wood 159 runs @ av 13.25
Bowling Award	Zoe Wood 19 wickets @ av 11.05
Fielding Award	Brianna Fraser
Player of Year	Zoe Wood

U18 Brewer Shield

Batting Award	Jessica Robertson 427 runs @ av 35.58
Bowling Award	Ava Blackburn 15 wickets @ av 14.4
Fielding Award	Emilia Danne
Player of Year	Jessica Robertson

U15 Sixers Cricket League

Batting Award	Taylor McMahon 168 runs @ av 56
Bowling Award	Bree Kurtz 9 wickets @ av 18.22
Fielding Award	Summer Hession
Player of Year	Taylor McMahon



U15 Margaret Peden

Batting Award	Emilia Danne 166 runs @ av 33.2
Bowling Award	Camryn Harland 8 wickets @ av 8.88
Fielding Award	Katie Abrook
Player of Year	Emilia Danne



Player service awards for 20+ games played during 2022-23 season:

31 Matches – Zoe Wood

30 Matches – Emilia Danne

27 Matches – Chrissa Stathis

26 Matches – Tyra Cooper, Rylka Smythe

24 Matches – Mridula Thirupathy, Alice Whelan

23 Matches – Maeve Martin, Maddison Spence

22 Matches – Danielle Moyes, Jessica Robertson

21 Matches - Sandu Alwis Nanayakkara, Ava Blackburn, Dharmini Chauhan, Bismah Choudhry,
Emily Lawler, Shannon Mazurkiewicz, Aleisha Rutherford

Service Loyalty Awards:

5 Years Cynthia Coghlan, Bree Kurtz, Abbie Purvis, Alice Whelan

10 Years Angelina Genford, Katie Mack

15 Years Erin Burns

Outstanding Performances:

Bowling:

Zoe Wood 5 wickets - 4/0/5/14 vs Manly-Warringah R3 3rd Grade O'Neill Park 22/10/2022

Cynthia Coghlan 5 wickets - 10/2/5/40 vs Gordon R19 2nd Grade Chatswood Oval 5/3/2023

Club Contribution Acknowledgement:

Virginia Errington

Rose Whelan

Emma Newman

Paul Stathis

Roger Errington

Andrew Lawler

Samantha Devlin

Robert Smith

President

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FIRST GRADE PLAYERS AND CAP NUMBERS

1951 TO 2022/23

1	Fred Johnston	47	Jeff Hickey	93	Ian Madden	139	Grant Pride
2	Roy Amson	48	Charlie Smithers	94	Garry Heggie	140	Craig Hogan
3	Ron Briggs	49	Ken Gray	95	Ken Scully	141	Terry Davies
4	George Connelly	50	Norm Morrissey	96	John Bull	142	Phil Kelly
5	Bill Gibson	51	Alan McDonald	97	Bob Grange	143	Geoff Liddle
6	Jack Giffen	52	Les White	98	Dick McDermott	144	David Thompson
7	Herb Harris	53	Dion Bourne	99	Barry Thebridge	145	Ian McRae
8	Ted Miller	54	Don Breeze	100	Bob Holland	146	Phil Harmer
9	Ron Nay	55	Roger Ingham	101	Graham Robinson	147	Mark Willey
10	Jack Theobald	56	Don Jones	102	Kevin Chevell	148	Tim Sullivan
11	Bruce Urry	57	Barry Bates	103	Ken Robinson	149	Mark Waugh
12	George Allen	58	Dave Cathro	104	Ken Dixon	150	Steve Waugh
13	Ray DeFries	59	Bobby Justice	105	Nev Girardin	151	Greg Briggs
14	Bill Devine	60	Graham McMillan	106	Trevor McDonald	152	Stuart Green
15	Ron Duncan	61	Paul Scahill	107	Laurie D'Costa	153	Greg Swanson
16	Max Fox	62	Arthur Taylor	108	Alan Lamb	154	Andrew Divall
17	Neil Holden	63	Bob Pareezer	109	Bob Wyatt	155	Craig Sinclair
18	Roy McHarg	64	David Paull	110	Les Andrews	156	Peter Vidler
19	Lloyd Thomas	65	Kevin Tyson	111	Clayton Jones	157	Shane Cusick
20	Arthur Asquith	66	John Dunn	112	Mark Fisher	158	David Freedman
21	Bill Britton	67	Joe French	113	Steve Small	159	Mark Grant
22	Noel Carroll	68	John Corbett	114	John Brand	160	Jim Wilson
23	Ern Condran	69	Geoff Doyle	115	Graeme Pitty	161	Nick Geale
24	Kevin Lang	70	Ken Ferguson	116	Graham Thorpe	162	Gary Lovett
25	Gordon Russell	71	Harry Bunton	117	Ken McDonald	163	Darren Mitchell
26	Norm Wright	72	Wayne Boardman	118	Bob Vidler	164	Steve Sydes
27	John Clift	73	Bob Byrne	119	Ross Wheatley	165	Wayne Holdsworth
28	Alan Ellis	74	Ron Erickson	120	Mick Maude	166	Scott Prestwidge
29	Peter Power	75	Greg Hinks	121	Frank Cicutto	167	Billy York
30	Bill Silas	76	Brian Lewis	122	Chris Heywood	168	Dean Waugh
31	Leo Smith	77	Bob LeFevre	123	Greg Irvine	169	Todd Cramer
32	Jack Fitzpatrick	78	John Convery	124	Rod Bower	170	Mark Freedman
33	Jack Urry	79	Les Johns	125	Luke Orlovich	171	Brett Patman
34	Don Rixon	80	Greg Beisler	126	Ian Davis	172	Brett Hugo
35	Dave Stanley	81	Mick Stephenson	127	Ken Ferris	173	Steve Moss
36	Grahame Thomas	82	Paul Fitzpatrick	128	Geoff Spotswood	174	Ken Hall
37	Reg Hobden	83	Ian King	129	Martin Vaughan	175	Scott Thompson
38	Derek Lonsdale	84	Dennis Madden	130	Paul Talbot	176	Mick Bartley
39	Ken Rogers	85	Bill Palmer	131	Alan Hamblen	177	Glenn Cubitt
40	Ken Hall snr	86	Ken Thorpe	132	Kevin Everson	178	Scott Philipson
41	Norm Seach	87	Ian Gorman	133	Peter Summers	179	Steve Dignam
42	Wal Pickles	88	Bob Lamaro	134	Gary Crowfoot	180	Sean Pope
43	Alan Kelly	89	Ken Jones	135	Steve Smith	181	Rob Luc
44	Graham Sylvester	90	Len Pascoe	136	Brett McKirdy	182	Steve Luc
45	Bruce Webster	91	Jeff Thomson	137	Glen Tyndall	183	Brett Elliott
46	Bobby Madden	92	Tony Radanovic	138	Lee Sterrey	184	Chris Madden



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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 185 Darryn Bull | 217 Andrew O'Brien | 249 Jake Cormack | 281 Mitch Claydon |
| 186 Greg Trevena | 218 Brad Roworth | 250 Brett Collison | 282 Luke Docherty |
| 187 Kevin Roberts | 219 Aaron Bird | 251 Philip Wells | 283 Joel Brockley |
| 188 Ben Smith | 220 Michael Bright | 252 Nick Carruthers | 284 Alistair McDermott |
| 189 Scott Vidler | 221 Craig Parkinson | 253 Mitchell Phelps | 285 Kyle Brockley |
| 190 Danny Waugh | 222 Clinton Price | 254 Tim Burns | 286 Ben Le Bas |
| 191 Scott Grant | 223 Peter Dugmore | 255 Daniel Solway | 287 Ben Taylor |
| 192 Nathan Bracken | 224 Gian Scuglia | 256 Daniel Harding | 288 Matt Simpson |
| 193 Shane Deitz | 225 Darren Ettridge | 257 Alex Patterson | 289 Wallace Marshall |
| 194 Trent Woodhill | 226 James Bourne | 258 Darryl Tuffey | 290 Tushaar Garg |
| 195 Corey Richards | 227 Bevan Van Blerk | 259 Nathan McAndrew | 291 Peter Dignam |
| 196 Sean McKiernan | 228 Pat Darwen | 260 Harry Gurney | 292 Liam Marshall |
| 197 Dean Magee | 229 Gavin Atkin | 261 Ryan Beaven | 293 Brad Simpson |
| 198 Gary Baldwin | 230 Simon Keen | 262 Andrew Jamieson | 294 Matthew Waite |
| 199 Kym Beazleigh | 231 Daniel Burns | 263 Ashley Paddison | 295 Ryan Clark |
| 200 Graeme Smith | 232 Chris Small | 264 Aaron Yabsley | 296 Jake Fawcett |
| 201 Jason Deitz | 233 Chris Ridley | 265 Mark Stoneman | 297 Jarred Lysaught |
| 202 Anthony Smith | 234 Brett Van Deinsen | 266 Matt Smith | 298 Cameron Middleton |
| 203 Shane Duff | 235 Scott Truashiem | 267 Ethan Leten | 299 Zeeshaan Ahmed |
| 204 Damien Benson | 236 Mick Polson | 268 Michael Stretton | 300 Daniel Nicotra |
| 205 Grant Roden | 237 Anthony Sams | 269 Michael Arblaster | 301 Matt Bursa |
| 206 David Sidie | 238 Dave Ward | 270 Kerrod White | 302 Mitch Hinds |
| 207 Paul Clarke | 239 Jackson Bird | 271 Jason Haywarrd | 303 Dayne Heward |
| 208 Matt Betsey | 240 Jerry Cassell | 272 Ayden Brown | 304 Mansukh Singh |
| 209 Paul Maraziotis | 241 Byron Hackshall | 273 Mitch Farag | 305 Ethan Deal |
| 210 Vaughan Williams | 242 Dean Burke | 274 Rhys Williams | 306 Tyler Van Luin |
| 211 Hilal Dannaoui | 243 Jarrad Burke | 275 Adam Coyte | 307 Ryan Felsch |
| 212 Daniel Moy | 244 Tim Freeburn | 276 Brendan Smith | 308 Niran Wijewardene |
| 213 Troy Brown | 245 Daniel McLauchlan | 277 Daniel Hayes | 309 George Balderson |
| 214 James Allsopp | 246 Ben Smith | 278 David Lozinski | 310 Ryan Freeman |
| 215 Chris Gane | 247 Daniel Sams | 279 Thomas Sowden | 311 Justin Felsch |
| 216 Scott Jamieson | 248 Luke Reece | 280 Mitch Brown | |

CURRENT PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS FOR BANKSTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

	RUNS			WICKETS				RUNS			WICKETS		
	1st	Lower	TOTAL	1st	Lower	TOTAL		1st	Lower	TOTAL	1st	Lower	TOTAL
Z Ahmed	1790	2978	4768		5	5	M Hinds	283	2061	2577			
R Alam		1000	1000				CSP Kavuri		145	145		15	15
Ali		4	4				M Kelly		2232	2232		206	206
J Ashburner		445	445				J King		642	642		57	57
G Balderson	261		261	23		23	A Kouventaris		3098	3098		57	57
H Barrett		426	426		49	49	K Layton		522	522		185	185
J Bilimoria		2610	2610		198	198	B Le Bas	459	2541	3000	74	109	183
J Brockley	73	3201	3274				D Louka		834	834			
T Budge		5	5		4	4	R Malcolm		1375	1375			
D Burns	566	519	1085	115	102	217	C McMahon		94	94			
M Bursa	19	106	125	10	80	90	L Marshall	391	445	836	125	135	260
N Carruthers	4360		4360				A Melnyk		897	897		27	27
R Clark	22	820	842	7	87	94	C Middleton	83	2402	2485			
T Clark		487	487		107	107	Z Mitchell		54	54		35	35
B Collinson	30	455	485		2	2	F Mohammed		54	54		4	4
R Collinson		256	256				H Nadeem		22	22		4	4
M Condon		546	546				R Patel		856	856			
T Cordingley		530	530		5	5	B Penna		386	386		54	54
L Croft		118	118		32	32	J Perera		2161	2161			
T Croft		161	161		5	5	B Polkinghorne		324	324		101	101
E Deal	440	177	617				E Prideaux		979	979		10	10
E Debono		1491	1491		4	4	T Reynolds		73	73			
D Devoy Paino		245	245		11	11	C Richards	7413	19	7434			
J Duckett		67	67		14	14	M Richardson		55	55		3	3
J Felsch		1077	1077		52	52	A Rodrigues		236	236		4	4
R Felsch	569		569	51		51	S Shahid		1281	1281			
J Fitzgerald		14	14		3	3	R Sidhu		180	180		49	49
M Fitzgerald		326	326		16	16	B Simpson	109	210	319	103	72	175
C Fitzjohn		193	193		68	68	M Simpson	115	2909	3024		2	2
N Freedman		100	100		43	43	M Singh	422	2935	3361		21	21
R Freeman	50	1942	1992		38	38	B Smith	1550	1350	2900	2	16	18
T Garg	86	937	1023	16	108	124	J Smith		301	301		14	14
T Gilbert		85	85		1	1	L Snell		222	222			
A Gotsis		279	279				D Solway	7456	2487	9943		2	2
B Handunneththi		1382	1382		119	119	C Stefanish		440	440		173	173
G Hara		213	213		37	37	M Talha		258	258		20	20
S Hasan		233	233				R Ward		124	124		73	73
J Hassan		161	161		2	2	N Wijewardene		3020	3020		156	156
N Hebeston		238	238		59	59							

Please note: Metropolitan Cup (6th Grade) figures are not included above



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HONOUR BOARD AND STATISTICS UPDATE

NOTE RE STATISTICS: In order to align with PlayHQ reports and the usual practice of a majority of DCA clubs, the career records of current (page to left) and honour board-listed players (below) have now been adjusted to include A.W. Green Shield and Poidevin-Gray Shield performances.

Highlights from this season's performances include...



DANIEL SOLWAY

With 7456 1st grade and 9943 all grade runs is now second in 1st grade and 3rd in all grade runs and has scored the highest number of 1st grade centuries (22). Next season should be historic.



NIRAN WIJEWARDENE

Has now passed 3000 runs in all grades.



BEN LE BAS

Has now scored exactly 3000 runs in all grades as well as taking 183 wickets.



MITCH HINDS

Has now passed 2500 runs in all grades.

Those nearing personal milestones include:

ZEESHAAN AHMED

4768 runs in all grades.



CAMERON MIDDLETON

2485 runs in all grades.



RYAN FREEMAN

1992 runs in all grades.



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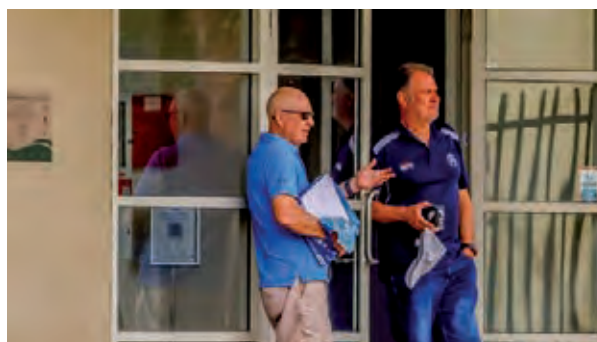
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PLAYERS WHO HAVE REPRESENTED WHILE PLAYING FOR BANKSTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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Player and Year First Represented	Player and Year First Represented	Player and Year First Represented
AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA UNDER 16	NSW COUNTRY/ACT
G Thomas 1960-61	B Dickinson 2015-16	M Phelps 2014-15
J Thomson 1972-73	T Sowden 2015-16	N McAndrew 2014-15
L Pascoe 1976-77	B Simpson 2017-18	K White 2015-16
S Smith 1982-83	N. Radhakrishan 2017-18	D Solway 2016-17
S Waugh 1984-85		B Taylor 2018-19
M Waugh 1988-89	NEW SOUTH WALES	
W Holdsworth 1992-93	R Amson 1952-53	NSW 2ND X1/FUTURES LEAGUE
	R Briggs 1952-53	
AUSTRALIAN X1	G Thomas 1957-58	R Briggs 1954-55
R Briggs 1953-54	R Madden 1959-60	R Nay 1955-56
G Thomas 1959-60	J Thomson 1972-73	L Pascoe 1973-74
D Freedman 1992-93	L Pascoe 1974-75	B Thebridge 1973-74
	R Vidler 1977-78	R Bower 1982-83
AUSTRALIA 'A'	I Davis 1979-80	B McKirdy 1983-84
S Waugh 1995-96	S Smith 1981-82	M Waugh 1984-85
D Freedman 1995-96	R Bower 1983-84	W Holdsworth 1987-88
S Thompson 1995-96	S Waugh 1984-85	S Prestwidge 1989-90
C Richards 1998-99	M Waugh 1985-86	P Talbot 1989-90
	S Small 1987-88	D Freedman 1991-92
AUSTRALIA UNDER 19	W Holdsworth 1988-89	S Thompson 1992-93
S Waugh 1983-84	D Freedman 1991-92	K Roberts 1993-94
M Waugh 1983-84	K Roberts 1994-95	S Pope 1994-95
S Prestwidge 1986-87	S Thompson 1994-95	DP Waugh 1995-96
W Holdsworth 1986-87	DP Waugh 1995-96	M Betsey 2000-01
N Bracken 1995-96	C Richards 1995-96	P Maraziotis 2001-02
A Bird 2002-03	N Bracken 1998-99	V Williams 2001-02
M Bright 2002-03	V Williams 2001-02	M Bright 2002-03
S Keen 2005-06	A Bird 2005-06	A Bird 2002-03
D Burns 2006-07	S Keen 2009-10	S Keen 2008-09
B Smith 2015-16	D Solway 2019-20	D Burns 2008-09
L Marshall 2018-19	N McAndrew 2019-20	J Bird 2009-10
B Simpsons 2019-20		C Small 2010-11
		P Wells 2013-14
AUSTRALIA INDIGENOUS		D Solway 2014-15
Brendan Smith 2017-18		

Player and Year First Represented	Player and Year First Represented	Player and Year First Represented
NSW Twenty20/Sydney Thunder	NSW UNDER 17	NSW UNDER 19
S Keen 2008-09	C Hughes 1986-87	S Waugh 1981-82
N McAndrew 2015-16	B Hugo 1986-87	M Waugh 1982-83
	S Collins 1990-91	D Freedman 1982-83
NSW Colts	D J Waugh 1991-92	S Prestwidge 1985-86
R Nay 1955-56	G Trevena 1991-92	D Mitchell 1985-86
B Bates 1961-62	S Deitz 1991-92	W Holdsworth 1986-87
R LeFevre 1965-66	S McKiernan 1995-96	G Lovett 1986-87
I Gorman 1968-69	L Piper 1995-96	R Luc 1991-92
T Radanovic 1968-69	B Roworth 1999-00	G Trevena 1992-93
L Pascoe 1968-69	J Allsopp 2000-01	V Williams 1994-95
B Thebridge 1971-72	S Jamieson 2001-02	N Bracken 1994-95
R Vidler 1979-80	S Keen 2002-03	S McKiernan 1996-97
G Pitty 1979-80	P Darwen 2003-04	K Beazleigh 1997-98
R Bower 1979-80	R Beaven 2003-04	T Brown 1999-00
S Smith 1979-80	C Bennett 2004-05	B Roworth 2001-02
B McKirdy 1979-80	D Burns 2004-05	J Allsopp 2001-02
G Crowfoot 1983-84	C Ridley 2004-05	M Bright 2002-03
S Waugh 1984-85	C Small 2004-05	A Bird 2002-03
M Waugh 1984-85	A Sams 2005-06	S Jamieson 2003-04
D Freedman 1984-85	B Smith 2009-10	P Darwen 2004-05
S Prestwidge 1986-87	D Solway 2011-12	S Keen 2005-06
W Holdsworth 1988-89	A Brown 2012-13	D Burns 2005-06
S Thompson 1992-93	D Hayes 2014-15	C Ridley 2006-07
G Trevena 1994-95	B Smith 2014-15	C Small 2006-07
S Deitz 1995-96	D Lozinski 2014-15	A Sams 2007-08
N Bracken 1995-96	T Sowden 2016-17	B Smith 2011-12
J Allsopp 2001-02	L Marshall 2017-18	D Sams 2011-12
A Bird 2002-03	Z Ahmed 2018-19	J Cormack 2012-13
M Bright 2003-04		Brendan Smith 2015-16
	NSW UNDER 16	T Sowden 2016-17
	S Grant 1983-84	W Marshall 2017-18
	W Holdsworth 1984-85	L Marshall 2019-20
	G Lovett 1984-85	B Simpson 2019-20
	D P Waugh 1984-85	Z Ahmed 2019-20
		E Deal 2020-21



PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED 3000 RUNS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SEASONS	INNINGS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	AVG.
D P Bourne	1960/61 – 1979/80	311	24	8149	28.39
C Richards	1996/97 – 2007/08	193	27	7415	44.67
D Solway	2013/14 – 2022/23	191	30	7160	44.52
S Thompson	1990/91 – 2009/10	249	35	6793	31.74
B Urry	1951/52 – 1966/67	218	24	6089	31.39
D P Waugh	1987/88 – 1997/98	190	24	5903	35.56
P Wells	2011/12 – 2016/17	128	20	5407	50.06
S Small	1973/74 – 1995/96	165	29	5297	38.95
G Crowfoot	1979/80 – 1992/93	186	19	4984	29.84
R Bower	1977/78 – 1985/86	140	19	4918	40.64
R Briggs	1951/52 – 1964/65	123	10	4815	42.61
T McDonald	1972/73 – 1984/85	198	20	4739	26.62
K Roberts	1993/94 – 1999/2000	123	18	4680	44.57
N Carruthers	2011/12 – 2022/23	142	27	4360	37.90
G Thomas	1954/55 – 1965/66	107	22	4276	50.31
R Vidler	1974/75 – 1986/87	196	27	4204	24.88
A Bird	2002/03 – 2021/22	213	41	4171	24.25
P Maraziotis	1999/00 – 2004/05	110	22	4129	46.92
J Burke	2009/10 – 2016/17	150	18	4127	31.27
M Waugh	1982/83 – 2003/04	110	9	3899	38.60
J Dunn	1963/64 – 1977/78	194	21	3889	22.48
DJ Waugh	1990/91 – 2010/11	136	28	3845	35.60
J Cormack	2008/09 – 202/22	126	17	3522	32.31
J Giffen	1951/52 – 1958/59	107	11	3421	35.64
R Madden	1958/59 – 1971/72	148	10	3316	24.03
V Williams	1993/94 – 2004/05	90	4	3093	35.97

PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED

DOUBLE CENTURIES IN 1ST GRADE

Dean Waugh	226*	Hawkesbury	1991/92
	210	North Sydney	1995/96
C Richards	203*	Western Suburbs	1996/97
	200*	Gordon	2004/05
S Pope	275	Hawkesbury	1993/94
K White	226*	Hawkesbury	2015/16
S Smith	215*	Sydney	1981/82



PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED 5000 RUNS IN ALL GRADES

NAME	SEASONS	INNINGS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	AVG.
M Grant	1981/82 – 2012/13	387	111	10700	38.76
G Spotswood	1977/78 – 2016/17	466	64	10579	26.31
D Solway	2008/09 – 2022/23	292	55	9943	41.95
D P Bourne	1960/61 – 1980/81	346	31	9131	28.98
D Magee	1990/91 – 2016/17	334	33	8838	29.36
K Ferris	1968/69 – 1997/98	442	66	8820	23.45
J Dunn	1960/61 – 1983/84	390	38	8365	23.76
A O'Brien	1995/96 – 2016/17	306	26	8256	29.48
D P Waugh	1982/83 – 1997/98	296	31	8229	31.05
S Thompson	1987/88 – 2009/10	302	41	8087	30.98
G Crowfoot	1975/76 – 1995/96	330	50	8058	28.77
S Small	1975/76 – 1996/97	260	40	7829	35.58
R Bower	1974/75 – 1985/86	240	35	7681	37.46
D Thompson	1976/77 – 2006/07	350	24	7670	23.52
C Richards	1996/97 – 2022/23	194	27	7434	44.51
MC Stephenson	1962/63 – 1984/85	334	25	7130	23.07
J Bourne	1996/97 – 2019/20	303	18	6864	24.08
DJ Waugh	1990/91 – 2010/11	253	43	6827	32.50
C Ridley	2003/04 – 2020/21	222	25	6762	34.32
B Urry	1951/52 – 1974/75	244	26	6574	30.15
C Gane	1998/99 – 2010/11	218	24	6554	33.78
A Divall	1980/81 – 1996/97	236	18	6296	28.88
J Theobald	1951/52 – 1970/71	233	36	6281	31.88
S Dignam	1984/85 – 2003/04	254	25	6263	27.34
A Smith	1990/91 – 2004/05	230	14	6132	28.38
R Vidler	1972/73 – 1986/87	274	38	5924	25.10
G Thomas	1953/54 – 1965/66	142	30	5861	52.33
J Cormack	2008/09 – 2021/22	221	35	6021	32.37
A Ellis	1953/54 – 1968/69	225	35	5605	29.50
D Moy	1995/96 – 2016/17	223	24	5527	28.02
L Reece	2005/6 – 2017/18	214	25	5448	28.82
P Wells	2011/12 – 2016/17	128	20	5407	50.00
D Mitchell	1982/83 – 1993/94	195	26	5202	30.84
S Cusick	1981/82 – 2005/06	253	41	5196	24.50
T McDonald	1972/73 – 1986/87	213	20	5127	26.56
K Roberts	1993/94 – 2000/01	135	19	5108	44.03

PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED CENTURIES IN 1ST GRADE

score/s	opposition	season	score/s	opposition	season	score/s	opposition	season
D Solway			139	Parramatta	1993/94	J Giffen		
154 *	Sutherland	2013/14	160	Penrith	1994/95	109	Waverley	1951/52
177	Sutherland	2014/15	133 *	Petersham Marrickville	1994/95	114 *	Glebe	1953/54
184 *	St George	2014/15	134	Northern Districts	1995/96	102	St George	1953/54
128 *	Western Suburbs	2014/15	119	Sydney University	1995/96	102	Gordon	1953/54
101	Hawkesbury	2016/17	107	St George	1996/97	103	University	1955/56
110	Cambelltown	2016/17	116 *	St George	1997/98	124	Paddington	1955/56
102	Mosman	2017/18	119	Gordon	1997/98	117	University	1956/57
168	North Sydney	2017/18	102	Hawkesbury	1998/99	118	Northern District	1956/57
177	St George	2017/18	163	Campbelltown	1998/99	109	University	1957/58
174	Northern Districts	2017/18	P Wells			S Small		
125	Sutherland	2017/18	157 *	North Sydney	2012/13	128 *	Waverley	1977/78
104 *	Central Coast	2017/18	107 *	Sydney	2012/13	129 *	Western Suburbs	1987/88
146	Cambelltown	2018/19	121 *	North Sydney	2013/14	145	Fairfield	1988/89
118 *	Gordon	2018/19	150	St George	2014/15	105	North Sydney	1988/89
107	St George	2018/19	138	Manly-Warringah	2014/15	103 *	Gordon	1990/91
106	Northern Districts	2018/19	106 *	Eastern Suburbs	2014/15	116	University	1993/94
122	Campbelltown	2019/20	109	Manly-Warringah	2014/15	113	Parramatta	1993/94
109	St George	2021/22	190 *	St George	2014/15	140 *	North Sydney	1994/95
113	UNSW	2021/22	150 *	Blacktown	2015/16	G Crowfoot		
134	Campbelltown	2022/23	146 *	Mosman	2015/16	107	Western Suburbs	1980/81
109	Mosman	2022/23	114 *	North Sydney	2015/16	124	Uni of NSW	1981/82
137	Hawkesbury	2022/23	103	Sydney	2015/16	100	Petersham	1981/82
C Richards			152	Blacktown	2015/16	124	Manly	1983/84
154	Balmain	1997/98	127	St George	2016/17	118 *	Manly	1985/86
115	St George	1997/98	170	Eastern Suburbs	2016/17	118 *	Hawkesbury	1985/86
104	St George	1999/00	100	Sutherland	2016/17	135	Mosman	1986/87
108	Fairfield	1999/00	G Thomas			102	Sutherland	1987/88
117	Balmain	2000/01	139 *	Paddington	1956/57	M Waugh		
130	Northern District	2000/01	110 *	Petersham Marrickville	1957/58	108	Mosman	1983/84
112	Uni of NSW	2002/03	125	North Sydney	1958/59	102	Manly	1984/85
125	Gordon	2002/03	113 *	Gordon	1960/61	177	Petersham	1985/86
126	Northern District	2002/03	155 *	Northern District	1961/62	113	Penrith	1985/86
162*	Randwick Petersham	203/04	151	Paddington	1962/63	146	Northern District	1986/87
120	St George	2004/05	147	University	1962/63	119 *	Parramatta	1987/88
101	Balmain	2005/05	100	Mosman	1962/63	113	Northern Districts	1994/95
123	Eastern Suburbs	2005/06	143	Cumberland	1963/64	136	Randwick Petersham	2003/04
140	St George	2005/06	105	Glebe	1963/64	V Williams		
121	Sydney University	2006/07	102	Paddington	1963/64	140	Uni of NSW	1999/00
111 *	Gordon	2006/07	162	Petersham Marrickville	1964/65	177	Penrith	1999/00
100 *	Randwick Petersham	2006/07	R Bower			100	Northern District	1999/00
113	Sydney University	2006/07	100 *	Petersham Marrickville	1982/83	113	Eastern Suburbs	2001/02
115 *	Randwick Petersham	2007/08	101 *	Cumberland	1982/83	128	Gordon	2001/02
P Maraziotis			101 *	Northern District	1982/83	108	Fairfield	2001/02
109 *	Hawkesbury	2000/01	109 *	Uni of NSW	1983/84	104	St George	2004/05
138 *	Manly	2000/01	122	Sutherland	1983/84	S Thompson		
119 *	Sutherland	2000/01	143	Mosman	1983/84	100	Waverley	1993/94
115 *	Uni of NSW	2001/02	115	St George	1984/85	129	St George	1993/94
110 *	Northern District	2001/02	116	Uni of NSW	1984/85	103	Petersham Marrickville	1994/95
137	Campbelltown	2001/02	124	Gordon	1985/86	100	Randwick	1997/98
135	St George	2001/02	176	Balmain	1985/86	114	Randwick	1997/98
162 *	Blacktown	2002/03	Dean Waugh			161 *	Gordon	1998/99
106 *	Parramatta	2002/03	100	Fairfield	1988/89	D Bourne		
125 *	Campbelltown	2002/03	125 *	Campbelltown	1991/92	111	Northern District	1963/64
186	Gordon	203/04	114	Mosman	1992/93	162	Randwick	1967/68
101	Campbelltown Camden	2003/04	110	St George	1992/93	119	Gordon	1967/68
102 *	Mosman	2003/04	104	Balmain	1994/95	101	Gordon	1970/71
K Roberts			167	Campbelltown	1995/96	100	North Sydney	1971/72
115 *	Campbelltown	1993/94	106 *	Waverley	1995/96			
134	Balmain	1993/94	131	Campbelltown	1996/97			
131	North Sydney	1993/94						

PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED CENTURIES IN 1ST GRADE

score/s	opposition	season
R Briggs		
151	University	1951/52
114	Gordon	1951/52
103	Cumberland	1951/52
124	Northern District	1953/54
140	Petersham Marrickville	1957/58
S Waugh		
127 *	University	1983/84
110	Waverley	1984/85
136 *	Gordon	1984/85
141	University	1992/93
182	Northern District	1995/96
C Gane		
141	Balmain	2006/07
116	Blacktown	2006/07
129	Eastern Suburbs	2006/07
113	Randwick Petersham	2008/09
144	Blacktown	2008/09
J Burke		
116 *	Sydney University	2013/14
114	Fairfield-Liverpool	2009/10
100	Manly Warringah	2009/10
147 *	Western Suburbs	2010/11
104	Blacktown	2011/12
100	Sydney University	2016/17
A Divall		
113	University	1986/87
109	Western Suburbs	1990/91
102	Penrith	1991/92
116	Uni of NSW	1993/94
J Cassell		
133	Sydney University	2008/09
132	North Sydney	2008/09
164 *	St George	2008/09
114	Fairfield-Liverpool	2009/10
N Carruthers		
150	Hawkesbury	2019/20
107	Parramatta	2019/20
120	Northern Districts	2018/19
112	Sutherland	2020/21
101	Sydney	2021/22
103 *	Northern District	2022/23
S Smith		
162	St George	1981/82
181 *	Western Suburbs	1987/88
151	Mosman	1988/89
R Amson		
127	Cumberland	1952/53
103 *	North Sydney	1952/53
116	Glebe	1952/53
B Urry		
101 *	Manly	1953/54
103	Cumberland	1960/61
112	Waverley	1964/65

score/s	opposition	season
S Deitz		
122	Petersham Marrickville	1996/97
109 *	Hawkesbury	1996/97
101 *	Sutherland	1996/97
Daniel Waugh		
104 *	Uni of NSW	1996/97
105 *	Mosman	1997/98
101 *	Western Suburbs	2006/07
K White		
156	Manly-Warringah	2014/15
106	Randwick Petersham	2014/15
105	Eastern Suburbs	2014/15
M Brown		
103	Sutherland	2016/17
104	Eastern Suburbs	2016/17
161	Gordon	2016/17
126 *	North Sydney	2018/19
J Cormack		
126	Sydney	2015/16
111	St George	2017/18
101	Eastern Suburbs	2020/21
102	Parramatta	2020/21
M Stoneman		
142 *	Mosman	2015/16
117	Eastern Suburbs	2015/16
K Rogers		
103	Northern District	1956/57
101	University	1959/60
R Madden		
130 *	Glebe	1958/59
135	Petersham Marrickville	1959/60
J Dunn		
100 *	University	1967/68
103 *	Manly	1970/71
T McDonald		
100 *	University	1972/73
102	Penrith	1979/80
I Davis		
113	Balmain	1979/80
115	Petersham Marrickville	1979/80
S Pope		
135	Fairfield	1994/95
110	Petersham Marrickville	1994/95
D Magee		
133	Penrith	2004/05
126	Hawkesbury	2010/11
C Small		
112	Northern District	2011/12
105 *	Fairfield-Liverpool	2012/13
A Bird		
116	Northern District	2011/12
103 *	Manly-Warringah	2013/14

score/s	opposition	season
Brendan Smith		
121	Parramatta	2017/18
125	Northern Districts	2017/18
C Ridley		
100	Mosman	2018/19
112 *	Parramatta	2018/19
S Grant		
104	North Sydney	1994/95
S Duff		
122	Campbelltown	1998/99
M Betsey		
115	Petersham Marrickville	1999/00
G Trevena		
104 *	Petersham Marrickville	1999/00
A O'Brien		
106	Blacktown	2002/03
C Parkinson		
125	Penrith	2003/04
B Van Deinsen		
168 *	Fairfield Liverpool	2006/07
S Keen		
143	Sutherland	2010/11
M Stretton		
108	Blacktown	2015/16
N McAndrew		
109	Northern District	2019/20
M Waite		
106	Western Suburbs	2018/19
W Gibson		
111 *	Balmain	1956/57
A Ellis		
101 *	Balmain	1964/65
L Johns		
106	Sydney	1966/67
M Hinds		
106	Penrith	2019/20
K Jones		
104	Western Suburbs	1968/69
J Convery		
101 *	North Sydney	1968/69
M Fisher		
173 *	North Sydney	1974/75
K Thorpe		
105	Randwick	1975/76
R Vidler		
117 *	University	1977/78
K (Emu) Hall		
102 *	Parramatta	1993/94
Ben Smith		
101 *	Gordon	1994/95
Zeeshaan Ahmed		
127	UTS North Sydney	2021/22
114	Hawkesbury	2022/23



PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 200 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SEASONS	OVERS	MAIDENS	WICKETS	RUNS	AVG.
W Holdsworth	1986/87 – 2001/02	3495	717	511	10844	21.19
S Thompson	1990/91 – 2009/10	3338	640	496	10902	21.97
D Freedman	1984/85 – 2007/08	3275	701	474	10697	22.56
A Bird	2002/03 – 2021/22	2309	382	412	8689	21.09
L Pascoe	1968/69 – 1983/84	1821	277	393	6798	17.30
K Hall	1990/91 – 2006/07	3844	1338	380	8804	23.16
B Urry	1951/52 – 1963/64	2026	191	376	8641	22.98
J Burke	2009/10 – 2016/17	2223	621	318	5981	18.80
N McAndrew	2012/13 – 2021/22	1605	270	271	6102	22.51
T Radanovic	1968/69 – 1977/78	1716	271	266	6170	23.19
P Talbot	1979/80 – 1994/95	1992	687	261	5950	22.79
W Britton	1952/53 – 1963/64	1153	90	216	4565	21.13
B Thebridge	1970/71 – 1974/75	1182	168	234	4626	19.76
M Betsey	1999/00 – 2005/06	1556	269	207	5125	24.75
B McKirdy	1979/80 – 1983/84	1541	380	205	3542	17.27

PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 300 WICKETS IN ALL GRADES

NAME	SEASONS	OVERS	MAIDENS	WICKETS	RUNS	AVG.
A Taylor	1952/53 – 1978/79	4978	689	1188	17286	14.55
D Freedman	1980/81 – 2016/17	6124	1276	976	20178	20.67
P Talbot	1973/74 – 1999/00	4545	1400	696	12998	18.67
W Holdsworth	1983/84 – 2001/02	4442	926	642	13267	20.66
S Thompson	1987/88 – 2009/10	3829	763	563	12334	24.92
L Pascoe	1965/66 – 1983/84	2457	398	537	8613	16.03
P Kelly	1975/76 – 1997/98	3271	765	521	8487	16.28
D Bull	1988/89 – 2012/13	3837	1140	509	9625	18.87
K Tyson	1959/60 – 1977/78	2404	469	466	8188	17.57
J Bull	1965/66 – 1981/82	2321	642	445	6192	13.91
A Bird	2002/03 – 2021/22	2423	391	443	9061	20.45
G Spotswood	1977/78 – 2014/15	4452	821	440	9748	22.15
B Urry	1951/52 – 1974/75	2195	208	403	8903	22.09
G Trevena	1989/90 – 2001/02	2750	591	388	8539	22.00
K Hall	1990/01 – 2006/07	3814	1338	380	8804	23.16
N Morrissey	1957/58 – 1966/67	1781	343	354	5073	14.33
W Silas	1951/52 – 1970/71	1325	91	349	4970	14.24
S Cusick	1981/82 – 2001/02	2568	367	348	7690	22.09
T Crameri	1982/83 – 1997/98	2694	709	340	9234	27.15
B Van Blerk	1991/92 – 2007/08	2747	553	334	8424	25.22
N McAndrew	2012/13 – 2021/22	1873	308	326	7056	21.64
J Burke	2009/10 – 2016/17	2223	621	318	5981	18.80
N Seach	1955/56 – 1967/68	1602	283	313	5266	16.82
T Radanovic	1968/69 – 1977/78	2283	753	312	6784	21.74

PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 9 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SCORE	OPPONENT	SEASON
K Gray	9/43	Petersham Marrickville	1959/60
L Pascoe	9/59	Sydney	1978/79
A Bird	9/33	Manly	2003/04

PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 8 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SCORE	OPPONENT	SEASON
K Lang	8/100	North Sydney	1952/53
R Holland	8/55	University	1970/71
B Thebridge	8/53	Randwick	1973/74
L Pascoe	8/57	Sutherland	1978/79
S Thompson	8/29	Fairfield	1993/94
D Tuffey	8/36	Randwick-Petersham	2012/13
D Burns	8/38	Northern District	2022/23

PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 7 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SCORE	OPPONENT	SEASON
L Pascoe	7/24	Sutherland	1975/76
	7/45	University of NSW	1975/76
	7/76	University of NSW	1976/77
D Freedman	7/68	Fairfield Liverpool	2006/07
	7/102	University	1992/93
	7/143	Manly	1997/98
J Thomson	7/34	Gordon	1968/69
	7/44	Gordon	1972/73
W Holdsworth	7/40	Mosman	1995/96
	7/38	North Sydney	1997/98
	7/62	North Sydney	1999/200
B McKirdy	7/46	University of NSW	1982/83
	7/33	Mosman	1982/83
J Burke	7/58	Fairfield-Liverpool	2016/17
C Price	7/21	Manly	2009/10



PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 6 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SCORE	OPPONENT	SEASON
D Freedman	6/122	Northern Districts	1990/91
	6/31	Western Suburbs	1993/94
	6/76	Campbelltown	1994/95
	6/18	Mosman	1994/95
	6/35	Parramatta	1995/96
	6/45	Penrith	1998/99
	6/42	Parramatta	1999/00
	6/44	Eastern Suburbs	2000/01
B Urry	6/51	Blacktown	2005/06
	6/71	Glebe	1951/52
	6/82	North Sydney	1955/56
	6/53	Randwick	1956/57
	6/56	North Sydney	1962/63
	6/35	Sydney	1965/66
	6/58	Western Suburbs	1965/66
	6/54	Balmain	1966/67
T McDonald	6/46	Mosman	1980/81
	6/39	University of NSW	1980/81
	6/52	Randwick	1980/81
	6/28	Manly	1980/81
	6/27	St George	1982/83
	6/43	Waverley	1982/83
W Britton	6/44	North Sydney	1956/57
	6/28	Waverley	1957/58
	6/49	Waverley	1958/59
	6/73	Western Suburbs	1958/59
	6/33	Mosman	1959/60
W Holdsworth	6/48	North Sydney	1986/87
	6/77	Penrith	1987/88
	6/33	Western Suburbs	1991/92
	6/34	Western Suburbs	1881/92
J Thomson	6/75	Sutherland	1998/99
	6/44	Western Suburbs	1968/69
	6/75	Mosman	1971/72
	6/31	Mosman	1973/74
	6/66	Penrith	1973/74
L Pascoe	6/37	Manly	1972/73
	6/31	North Sydney	1975/76
	6/55	University of NSW	1975/76
	6/41	Northern Districts	1983/84
T Radanovic	6/89	Cumberland	1969/70
	6/107	Randwick	1969/70
	6/65	St George	1971/72
	6/31	University of NSW	1974/75
B McKirdy	6/50	Petersham Marrickville	1981/82
	6/22	Sutherland	1981/82
	6/48	Sutherland	1982/83
	6/59	Mosman	1983/84
E Miller	6/94	North Sydney	1951/52
	6/45	Western Suburbs	1952/53
	6/84	Gordon	1953/54



PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 6 WICKETS IN 1ST GRADE

NAME	SCORE	OPPONENT	SEASON
P Talbot	6/56	Northern Districts	1988/89
	6/58	Penrith	1988/89
	6/45	Fairfield	1990/91
A Bird	6/21	St George	2007/08
	6/75	University of Sydney	2002/03
	6/65	Northern District	2009/10
S Thompson	6/35	Balmain	1997/98
	6/104	Mosman	1998/99
	6/26	Hawkesbury	2003/04
K Hall (Snr)	6/27	Randwick	1962/63
	6/32	Paddington	1963/64
N Morrissey	6/36	North Sydney	1963/64
	6/37	Paddington	1963/64
I King	6/47	Northern Districts	1967/68
	6/72	Cumberland	1967/68
G Pitty	6/79	Penrith	1978/79
	6/92	Petersham	1984/85
K Hall (Emu)	6/75	North Sydney	1990/91
	6/31	Parramatta	1992/93
N Bracken	6/49	Balmain	1995/96
	6/14	Western Suburbs	1998/99
M Betsey	6/34	North Sydney	2001/02
	6/31	North Sydney	2001/02
H Dannaoui	6/48	Campbelltown	2002/03
	6/33	Hawkesbury	2002/03
J Burke	6/29	Campbelltown	2011/12
	6/74	Northern District	2011/12
M Phelps	6/9	Sydney University	2013/14
	6/41	Mosman	2011/12
N McAndrew	6/65	University of NSW	2014/15
	6/17	Eastern Suburbs	2015/16
D Bull	6/21	Western Suburbs	1992/93
D Cathro	6/25	Glebe	1963/64
K Ferguson	6/37	Balmain	1965/66
B Thebridge	6/39	Mosman	1971/72
K McDonald	6/41	Cumberland	1974/75
J Bird	6/44	St George	2009/10
R Lamaro	6/46	Sutherland	1976/77
R Felsch	6/50	Blacktown	2022/23
G Smith	6/53	University of NSW	2002/03
S Waugh	6/53	Sydney	1984/85
B Lewis	6/57	Balmain	1964/65
W Pickles	6/58	Cumberland	1960/61
C Sinclair	6/61	Waverley	1984/85
T Sullivan	6/61	Hawkesbury	1985/86
M Waugh	6/63	Balmain	1985/86
J Hayward	6/65	St George	2014/15
C Hogan	6/71	Sydney	1981/82
B Taylor	6/73	Parramatta	2018/19
R Le Fevre	6/89	North Sydney	1965/66

LEADING ALL-ROUNDERS IN 1ST GRADE

	RUNS	WICKETS
S Thompson	6811	492
B Urry	6089	372
T McDonald	4739	194
A Bird	4171	412
J Burke	4127	318

MOST DISMISSALS BY A WICKETKEEPER IN 1ST GRADE

PLAYER	CATCHES	STUMPINGS	TOTAL DISMISSALS
J Allsopp	395	38	433
L Andrews	263	33	295
I Gorman	152	46	198
S Deitz	115	35	150
T Davies	113	30	143
S Pope	81	41	122
S Duff	98	18	116

LEADING WICKETKEEPER DISMISSALS 2022/23

PLAYER	MATCHES	CATCHES	STUMPINGS	TOTAL DISMISSALS
E Deal	27	43	5	48
C Middleton	16	26	5	31
R Patel	14	19	5	24
R Collison	18	12	2	14

WINNERS OF FINALS MATCH MEDALS

Benaud Medal 1st Grade

1993/94	Steve Small
1994/95	Scott Grant
1999/00	Matthew Betsey
2006/07	Brett Van Deinsen
2013/14	Mitchell Phelps

Michael Bevan Medal 1st Grade Limited Overs

2006/07	Corey Richards
2014/15	Philip Wells
2015/16	Jarrad Burke

Shane Lee Medal Poidevin-Gray Shield

2003/04	Aaron Bird
2008/09	Anthony Sams
2013/14	Ethan Leten

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Medal

2020/21	Daniel Solway
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Kevin Cunningham Medal A.W. Green Shield

1998/99	Brad Roworth
1999/00	Peter Dugmore
2002/03	Simon Keen
2003/04	Ryan Beaven
2009/10	Evan Goodrick
2010/11	Damien Mortimer
2013/14	Alexander Schipp
2014/15	Creedence King

CLUB RECORDS

Qualifications: Batting - 7 Innings and 250 Runs, Bowling - 15 Wickets

HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE BY GRADE

First Grade	P Wells	101.80	2014/15
Second Grade	M Grant	95.00	2001/02
Third Grade	J Bourne	67.50	2003/04
Fourth Grade	H Kelly	94.00	1954/55
Fifth Grade	P Amson	91.50	1977/78
A W Green Shield	M Hopkins	111.00	2005/06
Poidevin Gray Shield	R Bower	183.50	1980/81
C. Shires	I Madden	31.60	1965/66

HIGHEST BATTING AGGREGATE BY GRADE

First Grade	P Wells	1527	2014/15
Second Grade	G Spotswood	876	1986/87
Third Grade	G Spotswood	717	1997/98
Fourth Grade	C Gane	802	2003/04
Fifth Grade	A Kouventaris	632	2017/18
A W Green Shield	C Ridley	668	2003/04
Poidevin Gray Shield	R Bower	367	1980/81
C. Shires	R Clarke	350	1965/66

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE BY GRADE

First Grade	S Pope	275	1993/94
Second Grade	G Baldwin	205no	1997/98
Third Grade	M Morley	203no	2012/13
Fourth Grade	Ben Thorpe	170	1995/96
Fifth Grade	J Hilder	209	2010/11
A W Green Shield	V Williams	211no	1993/94
Poidevin Gray Shield	S Smith	201no	1981/82
C. Shires	J Chippendale	148	1968/69

BEST BOWLING AVERAGE BY GRADE

First Grade	P Talbot	8.38	1987/88
Second Grade	R Ingham	7.10	1961/62
Third Grade	W Britton	4.60	1955/56
Fourth Grade	J Bull	6.25	1968/69
Fifth Grade	K Everson	7.10	1977/78
A W Green Shield	P Graham	5.00	1971/72
Poidevin Gray Shield	D Stanley	5.00	1953/54
C. Shires	R Waddington	6.67	1966/67

MOST WICKETS BY GRADE

First Grade	B.Thebridge	71	1973/74
Second Grade	P Talbot	55	1984/85
Third Grade	A Taylor	73	1957/58
Fourth Grade	H Bunton	77	1961/62
Fifth Grade	P Moy	50	2002/03
A W Green Shield	G Sargent	35	1982/83
Poidevin Gray Shield	G Pitty	30	1975/76
C. Shires	R Waddington	59	1966/67

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MOST DISMISSALS BY WICKETKEEPER BY GRADE

Grade	Wicketkeeper	Catches	Stumpings	Year
First Grade	E Deal	44	4	2022/23
Second Grade	S Jamieson	36	10	2003/04
Third Grade	I Gorman	28	13	1966/67
Fourth Grade	L Andrews	27	11	1969/70
Fifth Grade	A Cooper	23	10	1986/87
A W Green Shield	J Morrice	16	11	1965/66
Poidevin Gray Shield	S Pope	12	8	1990/91

BEST WICKETKEEPING PERFORMANCE 2010/11-2022/23

Year	Wicketkeeper	Grade	Catches	Stumpings
2010/11	M Morley	Fifth Grade	21	9
2011/12	J Allsopp	First Grade	13	2
2012/13	J Allsopp	First Grade	25	1
2013/14	J Allsopp	First Grade	44	1
2014/15	M Stretton	First Grade	39	2
2015/16	M Stretton	First Grade	22	6
2016/17	M Stretton	First Grade	28	5
	M Simpson	Second Grade	30	3
2017/18	M Stretton	First Grade	32	5
2018/19	C Middleton	Second Grade	38	2
2019/20	M Simpson	First and Second Grade	35	5
2020/21	M Simpson	First Grade and Poidevin Gray	40	4
2021/22	C Middleton	First and Second Grade	23	0
2022/23	E Deal	First Grade	44	4

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1ST GRADE

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	S Keen	38.88	S Keen	622	J Burke	18.41	J Burke	37
2011/12	C Small	29.50	N Carruthers	488	J Burke	13.39	J Burke	44
2012/13	P Wells	56.50	P Wells	791	D Tuffey	8.58	J Burke	30
2013/14	J Burke	39.88	J Burke	638	M Phelps	18.97	M Phelps	37
2014/15	P Wells	101.80	P Wells	1527	J Burke	17.98	J Burke	58
2015/16	P Wells	66.10	P Wells	1388	N McAndrew	17.79	J Burke	50
2016/17	M Brown	46.52	M Brown	977	J Burke	17.08	J Burke	52
2017/18	D Solway	79.25	D Solway	1268	N McAndrew	24.75	N McAndrew	28
2018/19	M Brown	51.80	D Solway	841	B Taylor	19.93	B Taylor	56
2019/20	M Brown	50.33	N Carruthers	969	L Marshall	13.10	B Taylor	38
2020/21	J Cormack	43.35	N Carruthers	820	N McAndrew	17.05	B Taylor	49
2021/22	D Solway	55.00	D Solway	715	L Marshall	25.35	L Marshall	26
2022/23	D Solway	86.64	D Solway	953	G Balderson	17.45	R Felsch	37

1ST GRADE HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	SCORE	OPPOSITION	BATSMAN 1	SCORE	BATSMAN 2	SCORE	YEAR
1	246	Paddington	G Thomas	151	A Kelly	85	1962/63
2	336	St George	D Solway	177	P Wells	150	2014/15
3	314 u/f	Western Districts	S Smith	181	S Small	123	1987/88
4	205	Sydney	P Wells	103	J Cormack	126	2015/16
5	189	Northern District	N McAndrew	109	B Taylor	90	2019/20
6	164	North Sydney	S Small	80	S Grant	80	1994/95
7	213	Northern District	A Bird	116	C Small	112	2011/12
8	147	Penrith	M Betsey	83	G Smith	83	2003/04
9	118	Parramatta	W Holdsworth	71	K Hall	44	1993/94
10	155 u/f	North Sydney	P Wells	121no	M Phelps	80no	2013/14

2ND GRADE

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	L Reece	33.92	L Reece	407	M Phelps	23.00	M Phelps	33
2011/12	J Cormack	41.86	A O'Brien	356	A Jamieson	16.92	A Jamieson	38
2012/13	A Paddison	50.60	D Magee	438	D Harding	10.53	A Jamieson	37
2013/14	M Challita	37.80	M Challita	378	A Jamieson	17.95	A Jamieson	40
2014/15	M Farag	53.71	L Reece	646	A Paddison	13.00	A Jamieson	36
2015/16	D Hayes	34.87	D Hayes	523	A Jamieson	20.19	A Jamieson	31
2016/17	M Simpson	37.13	M Simpson	557	T Garg	23.11	T Garg / M Smith	18
2017/18	C Ridley	51.75	J Brockley	541	T Garg	21.73	T Garg	22
2018/19	B Le Bas	42.22	M Hinds	445	B Simpson	15.13	B Simpson	30
2019/20	D Nicotra	35.00	M Hinds	413	T Clark	8.85	T Clark	33
2020/21	N Wijewardne	65.80	M Singh	507	M Bursa	22.27	T Clark	21
2021/22	J Brockley	34.58	J Brockley	415	R Ward	16.60	M Bursa	23
2022/23	R Freeman	50.08	R Freeman	601	T Clark	21.44	J Felsch	25

2ND GRADE HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	SCORE	OPPOSITION	BATSMAN 1	SCORE	BATSMAN 2	SCORE	YEAR
1	338	North Sydney	G Baldwin	168no	A Smith	147	1997/98
2	274	Western Suburbs	J Bourne	179	G Scuglia	87no	2002/03
3	227	Hawkesbury	M Hinds	104	R Freeman	131no	2022/23
4	186	Manly	B Smith	95	DJ Waugh	91	1993/94
5	188	Parramatta	M Parkins	116	DJ Waugh	68	1992/93
6	236	North Sydney	S Cusick	129	V Williams	96	1994/95
7	202	Manly	G Spotswood	138	D Freedman	63	1986/87
8	229	Sydney Uni	D Magee	162no	G Trevena	59no	1996/97
9	99	Manly	S Wise	24	A Smith	72no	2002/03
10	110	Mosman	M Grant	64no	S Burt	65	2006/07

3RD GRADE

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	A O'Brien	39.00	A O'Brien	468	D Bull	11.96	D Bull	27
2011/12	M Baker	35.92	M Baker	431	S Powell	14.59	D Bull	21
2012/13	M Morley	64.00	M Morley	640	M Kelly	16.94	M Kelly	32
2013/14	M Baker	36.80	M Baker	368	D Lozinski	14.89	M Kelly	21
2014/15	D Hayes	60.00	D Harding	323	M Smith	19.57	C Stefanish	22
2015/16	A O'Brien	37.46	A O'Brien	487	C Stefanish	14.69	T Garg	20
2016/17	J Bilimoria	66.80	J Bilimoria	334	A Schipp	20.26	A Schipp	23
2017/18	I Ridley	44.31	I Ridley	576	D Slane	12.71	A Schipp / D Heward	24
2018/19	D Hayes	44.60	D Hayes	446	C Stefanish	12.21	A Schipp	23
2019/20	J Felsch	45.38	J Felsch	363	K Layton	14.44	K Layton	18
2020/21	A Melnyk	63.00	A Melnyk	252	B Ali	10.88	B Ali	25
2021/22	A Melnyk	45.00	J Perera	297	N Freedman	13.00	B Handunneththi	22
2022/23	A Kouventaris	60.33	A Kouventaris	543	K Layton	21.41	K Layton	22

3RD GRADE HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	SCORE	OPPOSITION	BATSMAN 1	SCORE	BATSMAN 2	SCORE	YEAR
1	187	Sutherland	G Crowfoot	101	MJ Stephenson	65	1977/78
2	241	Campbelltown	M Baker	181	M Morley	92	2011/12
3	218	Campbelltown	M Clifton	98no	M Morley	154	2012/13
4	235	Blacktown	A O'Brien	138no	D Moy	115	2004/05
5	201	Penrith	M Waugh	103	MC Stephenson	98	1980/81
6	176	St George	G Roden	116	K Roberts	86no	2000/01
7	104	Sutherland	J Bilimoria	118no	S Melham	37	2016/17
8	149	Hawkesbury	M Grant	67	S Wise	71no	2002/03
9	100	Randwick Petersham	A Matsoukis	na	L James	na	2003/04
10	68	Western Suburbs	R Monaghan	37	D Stocks	28	1982/83

AW GREEN SHIELD

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	D Mortimer	43.86	D Solway	337	D Mortimer	9.41	D Mortimer	17
2011/12	D Loy	43.20	D Loy	216	D Loy	15.56	D Loy	9
2012/13	Brendan Smith	46.17	Brendan Smith	277	M Lozinski	8.00	M Lozinski	17
2013/14	Brendan Smith	47.43	B Le Bas	343	D Lozinski	6.53	D Lozinski	19
2014/15	L Hawksworth	36.86	L Hawksworth	258	D Heward	7.67	D Heward	21
2015/16	T Sowden	42.40	T Sowden	212	T Sowden	10.20	T Sowden	15
2016/17	Z Ahmed	33.00	Z Ahmed	198	J Eljed	13.44	N Setter	11
2017/18	Z Ahmed	57.50	Z Ahmed	345	M Brockwell	17.45	M Brockwell	11
2018/19	M Weerasingham	50.50	B Handunneththi	117	B Pearson	22.15	B Pearson	11
2019/20	A Raina	43.38	A Raina	347	I Raza	16.67	I Raza	15
2020/21	L Malcolm	40.33	A Raina	189	M Weerasingham	13.40	M Weerasingham	10
2021/22	J Smith	53.60	J Smith	268	H Singh	23.00	R Sidhu	8
2022/23	J Ashburner	31.86	J Ashburner	223	R Sidhu	22.00	R Sidhu	11

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	J Cormack	25.00	T Burns	129	D Bush	14.46	D Bush	13
2011/12	D Solway	58.67	T Burns	287	L Condron	15.40	D Bush	9
2012/13	Ben Smith	41.57	Ben Smith	291	N McAndrew	17.57	M Phelps	11
2013/14	D Solway	53.14	D Solway	372	R Williams	15.24	R Williams	17
							N McAndrew	17
2014/15	A Paddison	52.50	A Paddison	209	A Schipp	9.27	A Schipp	11
2015/16	D Solway	75.75	D Solway	303	R Williams	14.50	T Garg	15
2016/17	T Sowden	56.00	T Sowden	280	L Docherty	21.00	L Docherty	8
2017/18	B Smith	26.67	B Smith	240	D Heward	15.44	D Heward	9
2018/19	B Smith	45.33	P Dignam	302	B Taylor	12.00	N Wijewardene	15
2019/20	Z Ahmed	52.00	Z Ahmed	312	D Heward	13.50	D Heward	16
2020/21	E Debono	65.00	M Simpson	228	L Marshall	14.92	L Marshall / B Simpson	12
2021/22	E Debono	31.80	E Debono	159	L Marshall	13.29	K Layton	8
2022/23	R Freeman	34.83	R Freeman	209	J Smith	10.57	J Smith / B Handunneththi	7

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4TH GRADE

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2009/10	M Grant	81.75	M Grant	327	D Nichols	15.35	D Nichols	20
2010/11	S Wise	29.45	S Wise	324	M Kelly	19.91	M Kelly	23
2011/12	M Grant	54.20	M Grant	270	G Robson	14.19	G Robson	26
2012/13	J Bourne	39.86	I Ridley	714	D Bull	15.50	L Condron	27
2013/14	D Hayes	51.67	J Hawkesworth	415	M Lozinski	26.63	M Lozinski	14
2014/15	A O'Brien	35.45	A O'Brien	390	T Garg	13.00	T Sowden	22
2015/16	K Grove	38.50	D Loy	370	D Heward	18.88	D Heward	25
2016/17	J Grove	39.33	J Grove	354	M Singh	20.80	R Ward	19
2017/18	C Cotter	44.13	C Cotter	353	C Stefanish	12.95	C Stefanish	39
2018/19	C Wilkinson	30.10	C Wilkinson	301	N Wijewardene	17.25	M Hossain	17
2019/20	D Khan	29.00	D Khan	290	B Pearson	7.93	A Melnyk	18
2020/21	A Raina	17.70	J Perera	187	B Polkinghorne	8.81	B Polkinghorne	21
2021/22	M Condon	31.40	S Shahid	235	R Bhat	14.76	R Bhat	17
2022/23	J Bilimoria	37.14	S Shahid	353	N Hebeston	14.58	R Sidhu	19

4TH GRADE HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	SCORE	OPPOSITION	BATSMAN 1	SCORE	BATSMAN 2	SCORE	YEAR
1	211	Mosman	M Davis	118	MJ Stephenson	81	1981/82
2	175	Campbelltown-Camden	R Patel	68	S Shahid	113	2022/23
3	232	Gordon	C Dunn	115no	B Christensen	141	2006/07
4	156	Penrith	M Coton	569	P Dugmore	101	1999/2000
5	182	Balmain	V Williams	109	M Smith	50	1993/94
6	181	Manly	R Schultz	100	K Ferris	79	1993/94
7	126	Balmain	D Ward	59no	J Way	150no	1999/2000
8	165	North Sydney	B Christensen	110no	J Cormack	74no	2008/09
9	85	Manly s/f	L Tucker	50	A Sidie	33	1999/2000
10	154	Gordon	J Bilimoria	100no	R Williams	66no	2012/13

5TH GRADE

	BEST BATTING AVERAGE		MOST RUNS IN SEASON		BEST BOWLING AVERAGE		MOST WICKETS IN SEASON	
2010/11	E Leten	44.78	E Leten	430	L Condron	13.94	T Sims	21
2011/12	P Yannopoulos	36.13	P Yannopoulos	289	J Bilimoria	14.71	S Khan	22
2012/13	D Hayes	50.88	D Hayes	407	D Lozinski	14.50	D Lozinski	24
2013/14	B Dickinson	35.71	G Spotswood	392	L Maloney	14.78	L Maloney	18
2014/15	H Probert	39.36	H Probert	315	L Maloney	19.20	L Maloney	25
2015/16	M Kelly	32.91	M Kelly	373	M Kelly	15.60	M Kelly	30
2016/17	M Kelly	41.33	M Kelly	496	M Kelly	14.92	M Kelly	26
2017/18	H Brett	66.43	A Kouventaris	632	D Carr	14.65	A Kouventaris	36
2018/19	A Kouventaris	28.78	J Perera	267	N Hebeston	9.10	B Handunneththi	25
2019/20	J Perera	37.50	J Perera	300	L Hewitt	9.78	M Clissold	13
2020/21	S Shahid	48.66	S Shahid	328	H Singh	17.00	C Fitzjohn	18
2021/22	J King	41.20	T Ramage	312	M Farhann	20.56	N Setter	12
2022/23	M Fitzgerald	22.57	M Talha	234	M Talha	11.11	M Talha	18

5TH GRADE HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	SCORE	OPPOSITION	BATSMAN 1	SCORE	BATSMAN 2	SCORE	YEAR
1	223	Western Suburbs	E Leten	135	D Solway	101no	2010/11
2	188	Penrith	M Baker	69	B Christensen	153	2005/06
3	175	Parramatta	J Hilder	209	I Ridley	63	2010/11
4	248u/f	Fairfield	P Crossan	148	L Stevenson	100	1994/95
5	210	Randwick	A Dunn	107	D Angel	102	1984/85
6	149	Western Suburbs	H Probert	99no	M Simpson	52no	2014/15
7	152*	Fairfield-Liverpool	G Spotswood	120no	M Clifton	62no	2009/10
8	86	Petersham-Marrickville	F Theodore	54	P Raymond	30	1985/86
9	73	Western Suburbs	D Allsopp	53no	P Henry	16no	2012/13
10	78	Randwick	P Taylor	34no	A Klumpp	37	1996/97

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NOTABLE CLUB PERFORMANCES 2022/23

Leading Run Scorers - top 10

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	Runs	Avg	100s	50s
DL Solway	20	24	9	134	1091	72.73	3	6
R Freeman	22	25	3	131*	860	39.09	3	4
Z Ahmed	27	30	2	114	687	24.54	1	3
NJ Carruthers	19	21	2	103*	654	34.42	1	5
A Kouventaris	16	14	4	104	613	61.30	1	4
J Perera	20	20	0	197	531	26.55	1	2
J Brockley	16	19	1	84	505	28.06	0	3
M Hinds	14	16	4	116*	497	41.42	2	2
S Shahid	13	15	1	113	488	34.86	1	1
R Patel	14	16	1	68	481	32.07	0	5

Highest Individual Innings - 100 or over

Score	Player	Opponent	Ground
197	J Perera	Campbelltown Camden	Grahame Thomas Oval, Bankstown
134	DL Solway	Campbelltown Camden	Bankstown Memorial Oval
131*	R Freeman	Hawkesbury	Bankstown Memorial Oval
125	DL Solway	Hawkesbury	Owen Earle Oval, Richmond
119	M Singh	Sydney University	Sydney University Oval
116*	M Hinds	Fairfield-Liverpool	Bankstown Memorial Oval
114	Z Ahmed	Hawkesbury	Owen Earle Oval, Richmond
113*	EC Prideaux	Fairfield-Liverpool	Fairfield Oval
113	S Shahid	Campbelltown Camden	Raby No.3 Oval
109*	DL Solway	Mosman	Allan Border Oval, Mosman
104	A Kouventaris	Western Suburbs	Grahame Thomas Oval, Bankstown
104	M Hinds	Hawkesbury	Bankstown Memorial Oval
103*	NJ Carruthers	Northern District	Bankstown Memorial Oval
102*	B Handunnethi	Parramatta	Merrylands Oval
101*	R Freeman	Parramatta	Bankstown Memorial Oval
101	R Freeman	Penrith	Bankstown Memorial Oval
101	J King	Northern District	Storey Park, Asquith



Leading Wicket Takers - top 10

Name	Mt	Overs	Maid	Runs	Wkt	Avg	BBowl	5wl	10wM	RpO
RE Felsch	21	229.2	31	855	47	18.19	6-50	1	0	3.73
Z Mitchell	22	226.1	30	851	35	24.31	7-48	1	0	3.76
LF Marshall	21	197.4	36	672	34	19.76	4-58	0	0	3.40
BM Simpson	20	185.5	20	741	33	22.45	4-28	0	0	3.99
DJ Burns	21	209.4	52	631	30	21.03	8-38	1	1	3.01
R Sidhu	19	215.4	23	840	30	28.00	4-22	0	0	3.89
GP Balderson	16	164.5	44	477	27	17.67	4-40	0	0	2.89
B Handunneththi	21	164.4	26	622	27	23.04	4-13	0	0	3.78
JL Felsch	17	233	37	813	25	32.52	5-40	1	0	3.49
L Croft	15	128.2	22	473	24	19.71	3-11	0	0	3.69

Best Bowling in an Innings - 5 wickets or over

Bowling	Player	Opponent	Ground
8-38	DJ Burns	Northern District	Bankstown Memorial Oval
7-48	Z Mitchell	Manly-Warringah	Bankstown Memorial Oval
6-16	J Duckett	Sydney	Punchbowl Oval
6-19	AC Clark	Blacktown Mounties	Bankstown Memorial Oval
6-37	C Praneel Kavuri	Campbelltown Camden	Raby No.3 Oval
6-50	RE Felsch	Blacktown Mounties	Joe McAleer Reserve, Glendenning
5-21	M Talha	Fairfield-Liverpool	Don Dawson Oval, Cabramatta
5-21	M Talha	Northern District	Kelso Park North, Milperra
5-24	RT Clark	Western Suburbs	Pratten Park, Ashfield
5-25	C Praneel Kavuri	Western Suburbs	Kelso Park North, Milperra
5-40	JL Felsch	Hawkesbury	Bankstown Memorial Oval
5-112	RT Clark	Sydney	Birchgrove Oval

Best Bowling in a Match - 5 wickets or over

Match	by Innings	Player	Opponent	Ground
10-70	(2-32 & 8-38)	DJ Burns	Northern District	Bankstown Memorial Oval
7-48	(7-48)	Z Mitchell	Manly-Warringah	Bankstown Memorial Oval
7-60	(3-20 & 4-40)	GP Balderson	Western Suburbs	Bankstown Memorial Oval
7-72	(6-37 & 1-35)	C Praneel Kavuri	Campbelltown Camden	Raby No.3 Oval
6-16	(6-16)	J Duckett	Sydney	Punchbowl Oval
6-19	(6-19)	AC Clark	Blacktown Mounties	Bankstown Memorial Oval
6-32	(5-21 & 1-11)	M Talha	Fairfield-Liverpool	Don Dawson Oval, Cabramatta
6-50	(6-50)	RE Felsch	Blacktown Mounties	Joe McAleer Reserve, Glendenning
5-21	(5-21)	M Talha	Northern District	Kelso Park North, Milperra
5-24	(5-24)	RT Clark	Western Suburbs	Pratten Park, Ashfield
5-25	(5-25)	C Praneel Kavuri	Western Suburbs	Kelso Park North, Milperra
5-40	(5-40)	JL Felsch	Hawkesbury	Bankstown Memorial Oval
5-50	(4-21 & 1-29)	RE Felsch	Sutherland	Bankstown Memorial Oval
5-53	(1-11 & 4-42)	DJ Burns	Sutherland	Bankstown Memorial Oval
5-61	(2-22 & 3-39)	G Hara	Western Suburbs	Pratten Park, Ashfield
5-71	(2-42 & 3-29)	R Sidhu	Campbelltown Camden	Raby No.3 Oval
5-82	(2-20 & 3-62)	D Azzi	Sydney	Punchbowl Oval
5-89	(4-50 & 1-39)	RE Felsch	Western Suburbs	Bankstown Memorial Oval
5-89	(3-45 & 2-44)	BM Simpson	Western Suburbs	Bankstown Memorial Oval

PREMIERSHIP POSITIONS

Year	Club	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	PG	AWG	1st L/O	T20
1951/52	10	9	12	5	4					
1952/53	5	9	4	1	2					
1953/54	9	9	14	5	7		1			
1954/55	13	14	10	15	11					
1955/56	9	3	14	3	4					
1956/57	13	11	14	14	9					
1957/58	3	4	1	2	9					
1958/59	1	1	5	6	2					
1959/60	3	5	4	8	7					
1960/61	2	3	1	8	5		1			
1961/62	4	14	1	2	1					
1962/63	8	12	4	6	5			1		
1963/64	4	6	4	9	12					
1964/65	8	7	7	10	5			1		
1965/66	11	15	9	5	3			1		
1966/67	1	10	3	1	4					
1967/68	6	7	10	7	2					
1968/69	9	11	7	11	5					
1969/70	15	15	10	14	7	11		1		
1970/71	7	7	8	9	7	3				
1971/72	8	9	14	15	1	5				
1972/73	10	10	13	11	2	3				
1973/74	14	12	17	6	13	3				
1974/75	10	9	1	10	15	5				
1975/76	7	2	5	13	12	3				
1976/77	8	4	13	7	3	1				
1977/78	3	8	5	3	5	3				
1978/79	3	9	8	1	6	2				
1979/80	17	16	8	16	11	9				
1980/81	4	9	3	5	2	11				
1981/82	11	10	10	5	17	3				
1982/83	4	2	4	5	13	3		1		
1983/84	3	7	8	2	3	2				
1984/85	4	6	3	15	3	7				
1985/86	6	13	6	5	12	2				
1986/87	9	13	4	7	15	9				
1987/88	1	1	3	3	7	4				



Year	Club	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	PG	AWG	1st L/O	T20
1988/89	4	4	9	6	3	11		1		
1989/90	9	13	8	1	17	8	1			
1990/91	17	8	15	19	9	16				
1991/92	12	10	14	7	10	6				
1992/93	16	11	11	19	15	7				
1993/94	2	1	9	7	5	13			5	
1994/95	2	1	6	2	3	6			3	
1995/96	2	2	2	9	7	14			1	
1996/97	3	2	6	14	13	12			2	
1997/98	3	1	4	10	9	17			1	
1998/99	5	2	9	9	14	12		1	5	
1999/00	4	1	8	17	5	10		1	5	
2000/01	7	12	11	5	16	9			11	
2001/02	3	7	3	8	17	12			3	
2002/03	11	13	10	6	19	3	10	1	9	
2003/04	1	3 MP	2	4	3	12	2 MP	1 MP	3 MP	
2004/05	5	8	7	12	12	12	8	2	6	
2005/06	15	9	13	12	13	15	8	20	7	
2006/07	13	1	8	14	19	19	16	6	1	
2007/08	2	8	2	8	9	2	6	9	7	
2008/09	5	3 MP	11	14	7	15	1	9	3 MP	
2009/10	6	8	4	7	11	9	6	1	12	3 MP
2010/11	6	4	16	2	8	5	14	1 MP	12	9
2011/12	13	14	14	14	11	11	9	13	17	15
2012/13	2	7	2	3 MP	4	9	13	11	14	12
2013/14	11	2	7	8	18	19	1	1 MP	8	9
2014/15	7	2	3	13	10	14	15	1	1 MP	3
2015/16	12	1 MP	19	12	14	18	5	3	1 MP	4
2016/17	14	2	17	16	13	20	11	17	4	2 (Thunder cont.)
2017/18	11	7	15	12	12	7	18	6	4	5 (Thunder cont.)
2018/19	7	8	4	14	16	11	3	19	4	4 (Thunder cont.)
2019/20	1	3	1 MP	3	8	12	1 (Thunder cont.)	4	7	1 (Thunder cont.)
2020/21	9	11	5	4	13	16	3 (Thunder cont.)	20	3	1
2021/22	10	14	7	2	14	16	3 (Thunder cont.)	13	na	5 (Thunder cont.)
2022/23	5	8	5	8	6	15	5 (Thunder cont.)	12	10	1 (Thunder cont.)



BULLDOGS CRICKET AND RUGBY LEAGUE 25-YEAR REUNION



Cricket and Footy Legends Unite 25 Years On

Reflecting on an illustrious time for the Canterbury-Bankstown region, legends of the two sports came together to celebrate their respective 1995 premiership-winning sides and raise funds in support of the Bulldogs Ambassadors Club Foundation.

Taking to the Bankstown Sports Club after a two-year hiatus, it had been long between drinks among friends. The teams had originally planned to reunite at the 2020 Bulldogs Ambassadors Club Grand Final Luncheon and celebrate 25 years since their respective titles before the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the occasion.

Company alike Australian cricket royalty, brothers Steve and Mark Waugh, as well as Canterbury Club greats Les Johns, Steve Mortimer, Steve Trice, and Terry Lamb, joined the luncheon on Friday. MC and TV personality Bill Woods led the event with Australian comedian and commentator, Greg 'The Cat' Ritchie also entertaining the 400 plus guests who united in celebration of the two teams.



While Maize and members of the Bulldogs 2004 Premiership team were absent spectators.

"It's a big success to think that back in the day, the two sports sort of went hand in hand, cricket in the summer and footy in the winter," said 1995 Bankstown-Canterbury Cricket Premiership Captain Steve Small.

Back of the Canterbury-Bankstown region, the two codes shared not only the club but support.



2023 Grand Final Luncheon at Bankstown by the Ambassadors Club.

"We actually used to train with the cricketers," esteemed footballer and member of the winning '95 team Jim Dymock recalled.

"We used to come down and do hybrid training together! and we had a good rapport with them."

Dymock, a South Sydney junior from Bulldog, played with the Club from 1990-1995 and returned to the Club to coach in later years.



Bulldogs legend Jim Dymock enjoys a laugh at the Ambassadors Club Grand Final Luncheon, 2023.

Training together in the late '80s, the unbreakable bonds of mentorship were still evident at the Bulldogs Ambassadors Club Luncheon a good 27 years later:

"Everybody just sort of gelled you know, all feeding off each other's success," said Small.

Terry Lamb and Peter Moore were great supporters of the cricketers:

"They would come and give the boys some words of wisdom during the summer and lend their support. Plus, we had the support of the league club - Canterbury Leagues and Bankstown Sports, and it was just a community atmosphere."

The Luncheon was the bonus where Small named his of their grand final side, with Woods leading a panel of guest speakers including the '95 team captains, Lamb and Small as well as coaches Alan Campbell and Chris Anderson.



Panel: Steve Small, Alan Campbell, Chris Anderson and Terry Lamb.

"We had a great team," said Coach Alan Campbell of the '95 winning team - the defending champions at the time.

"We had some great players, and we had a great front office, you know with the admin and so forth.

"The players were pretty dedicated in their career which was a non-professional sport at that time. And we had a really good leader in Steve Small," he said.

"That was the diplomatic answer from the coach," Small added.

"We tried hard. We played hard. We partied hard," he joked.



2023 Premiers' Luncheon - Old and New Bulldogs.

The status of a win shared by the '93 Bulldogs side -- then known as the Sydney Bulldogs.

"We had a win, and the boys came," Small reflected.

"They were playing at Parramatta stadium that day and when the scores went over the loudspeaker, Terry Lamb jumped in the air, he was punching the air when we got the money and got the last wicket.

"It was brilliant," he said.

"That we followed there all the way through to the Grand Final and the rest is history."

The rest referring to when the Sydney Bulldogs famously stormed from outside the top four to win the 1995 ARL grand final.

While most of the celebrations reflected on the championship title, the driving force behind the day was the Bulldogs Ambassadors Club.

Founded in the late 1990s by ex-players, the Bulldogs Ambassadors Club was established to provide advice and support to newly recruited players, as well as to look after the older players who have been with the Club for a long time.

The Ambassadors Club, which runs separately but has been supported by the Club in recent years, gets involved in local charities in addition to providing monetary support and funding to assist players in need during tough times.



Presenting, Ambassadors Club Executive Member, Luke Goodwin, addresses the 2019 club members.

"It's like the Men of League but for the Bulldogs," Wyllieing, Ambassadors Club Committee Member and Alumni, Luke Goodwin explained.

"So, what it is, it we raise money for former players who might fall on rough times. For them, their families or their friends.

"What we've found over the years is that transitioning out of the game is really tough."

With players receiving support during their foxy career, they found they are likely to lose a bit of their identity as they exit out of that support network. So, the Ambassadors Club acts to close the gap and provide a support base for former players as they retire.

The Ambassadors Club generously paid for the players to attend, covering transport and accommodation to see them receive.

"It's about in joining them back together to see each other, but also fantasizing to be able to continue to give out our gifts and support former players and families".

Further to that, the Ambassadors Club accepted scholarships on the day to three up-and-coming players, two female and one male.

The scholarships were awarded to Mitchell Woods, Azzirah Abdullah and Grace Laitano to assist with schooling and education fees and to support them in pursuing a professional career in rugby league.



Ambassadors Club member presents the scholarship Mitchell Woods, Azzirah Abdullah and Grace Laitano.

The Grand Final Luncheon is the Ambassadors Club's major fundraising event, held annually on the Friday before the Grand Final, with the exception of the last two years.

The event is a favourite among players, partners, and guests alike.

"It's just great to remember the players who put on the jersey before us, and also the staff, the trainers, the front office, they are the people who made the Club what it is," said Dyruck.

"The Bulldogs Club has always been a family club and will always be that way".

To assist in raising funds for the Ambassadors Club or to inquire about partnerships, contact Luke Goodwin at goodwin@bulldogs.com.au.

A man with a beard and a dark jacket is cheering with his mouth wide open. He is sitting at a table with a large mug of beer. In the background, other people are also cheering. The Fox Sports logo is visible in the top right corner.

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Bankstown U17 side wins Watson Shield

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Dogs unleash but miss out on finals

...the team...
...the match...

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Opposition: Uni of NSW - Round 1 Bankstown Oval



Debutante delivers with wickets in first round

The first round of Sydney Premier Cricket season 2022-23 was under way with a one-day 50-over match against University of New South Wales at Bankstown Memorial Oval on Saturday morning. Winning the toss, captain Daniel Solway elected to bowl and hopefully take advantage of the moist conditions. Making his debut for the Bulldogs was Ryan Felsch who played many seasons at Sydney where he was always in the mix when opening batting as well as the bowling. And it only took him seven balls to make his mark with a sharp caught behind to diving wicketkeeper Ethan Deal. After a near-50-run partnership, young tyro Brad Simpson was on a hat-trick with the students going from 1 for 13 to 3 for 62. Simpson bowled with genuine pace and guile and went for a miserly 30 runs off his allotted 10 overs. Simpson had finished with four deserved wickets and was a real handful for the students with his sheer speed, although UNSW managed to steady their ship with a 72-run partnership. The Dogs toiled away with good fielding and a run out to Felsch which was coupled with some very good bowling from another first grade debutante, former Bankstown Sports Club junior player Niran Wijewardene - who was unlucky not to snare a few wickets. Finishing their innings at 8 for 212 after 50 overs, the students had set a target that would not be easy for the Dogs in the prevailing conditions. With overs reduced to 48 due to rain the Bulldogs' revised target was now 209. Unfortunately, Felsch couldn't maintain his impeccable match form and was run out early after calling his opening partner Solway for a quick single. Solway and Zeeshaan Ahmed steadily built the innings with some deft shots and glances behind the wicket. They both warmed to the task and put on a 115-run partnership to get the Dogs barking. With further breaks in the game due to rain, the Duckworth-Lewis calculation came into play. Fortunately, the Dogs were ahead of par at breaks and so when the game was finally abandoned due to rain, the Bulldogs were victorious at 1 for 122 after 28.3 overs. Solway scored 44 not out, and Ahmed with a great season opener of 57 not out.

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washed out

Opposition: Sydney - Round 3 Bankstown Oval



Tight tussle at Memorial

The Bankstown Sports Bulldogs are engaged in a tight tussle with the strong Sydney Tigers outfit in the NSW Premier Cricket 1st Grade fixture at Memorial Oval. The ground was prepared to perfection by curator Nick Mamolis and his hard working CB City team. Mamolis is quickly gaining a reputation as one of the best curators in NSW. After winning the toss Sydney skipper Matt Rodgers elected to bat and openers Justin Mosca and William Fort provided the visitors with a solid start before Ben Le Bas spoiled their party with a terrific caught and bowled in the 26th over. Le Bas gave the Bulldogs more momentum snaring the talented Rodgers for 2 with a neat catch from Brendan Smith. Harry Manenti (57) and Nathan Doyle (56) steadied the Tigers middle order and some late heroics from Jacob Bethall saw Sydney post a respectable 9/265. Star of the the Bulldog bowlers was Brad Simpson who troubled all batsmen as he snared 3/77 off 16.4 lively overs. Simpson was the leading wicket taker in Round 1 and his great early season form is very good news for the Bulldogs. Simpson's bowling team mates also worked tirelessly in the warm conditions. Despite not snaring wickets all-rounder Ryan Felsch continues to show promising early season form returning a frugal 0/48 off 19 overs while his opening partner Liam Marshall grabbed two wickets for 40 off 15 lively overs. Spinners Le Bas (2/34) and Daniel Burns (2/47) were very solid and this pairing promises to cause lots of headaches for opposing sides as the season progresses.

Second Grade

Not much can be said about Second grade, apart from congratulating Sydney's Tristan Mc Donald who scored 205 in his side's monster 6/442 total at Birchgrove Oval. Bankstown spinner Ryan Clark deserves special mention for his sterling effort to return figures of 5/104 off 25 overs. Tony Clark's lads face a huge challenge to overhaul the monster total, but the Bulldogs lineup is studded with a terrific mix of experienced players and rising stars and it could prove foolish to

write off them off.

Third Grade

The Alex Kouventaris-led Third Grade is locked in a tight tussle with Sydney in the match at Grahame Thomas Oval. The visitors compiled a respectable 215 and the home side is 2/57 in reply. The Bulldogs bowling attack was led by paceman Brady Polkinghorne who snared 3/42 off 14.2 lively overs. Polkinghorne was well supported by the consistent Koby Layton who bowled tightly to return the figures of 3/57 off 18 overs. Zane Mitchell also impressed with 2/36 off 14 overs while Nicholas Freedman showed plenty of guile and deceit with his spinners capturing 2/47 off his 8 overs. In reply the home side is 2/57; Johanna Perera retired not out on 14 as Matt Simpson (17) and night watchman Nicholas Freedman (1 no) saw the Dogs through to stumps.

Fourth Grade

The Jehan Bilimoria-led Fourth Grade performed admirably in the match against Sydney at Ryde Oval. After losing opener Will Cameron without scoring, youngsters Tom Cordingly and Ethan Prideaux showed admirable character to withstand the Sydney onslaught and lay the platform for a solid team performance. Cordingly was eventually adjudged LBW for 55 off 99 balls including four 4's while Prideaux added an dogged 53 off 137 balls including six 4's. Skipper Bilimoria (30 off 100 balls) and Jordan King (39 off 68 balls) shored up the middle order as the Dogs recorded 7/209 at stumps.

Fifth Grade

Tim Croft's fifth Grade delivered an excellent performance against Sydney at Punchbowl Oval, despite the large field and heavy surface not suiting our very young side. Showing outstanding form at the top of the order Rohin Patel showed skill and determination to compile 43 off 123 balls (one 4 and one 6). Patel is a valued clubman, often helping out with social media posts and his good early season form is testimony to his hard work during the off season. Sustain Shahid was also in excellent form adding a hard fought 54 off 130 balls including two 4's. Adding the icing to the cake for the home side was the attacking innings of 59 from veteran skipper Croft who smashed three 4's and three 6's off just 79 balls as the Dogs finished at 9/211.

WEEK 2

Carruthers' batting show delivers Bulldogs big T20 win



First Grade

Sunday - First Grade T20 v Northern Districts; Kingsgrove Sports Cup

Bankstown hosted Northern Districts in the afternoon Twenty20 match on Sunday. Winning the toss after a delayed start due to rain, captain Daniel Solway sent Northern Districts into bat. Immediately this resulted in a wicket in the first over and then again in the 4th over - with both off Ben Le Bas' off-spin. His second was a 'reflex' caught and bowled Ben Le Bas that happened so quick the crowd were stunned. Le Bas finished with 2 for 23 off 4 overs. But it was speedster Liam Marshall who was the pick of the bowlers with a miserly 15 runs off his 4 overs for a brilliant 3 wickets. Marshall was on a hat-trick in the last over after two amazing running catches by Ryan Felsch and then Ethan Deal to balls hit to approximately the same position with both running close to 30 metres to take brilliant catches. They had run as far as the ball went high to execute great fielding. The Dogs had strangled the visitors out of the match after a brilliant side on run out by Solway and the pressure was applied so much that Northern Districts only managed to add 27 runs after this run out (for the fourth wicket) - such as the bowling and fielding pressure by the Bulldogs in the second 10 overs. Northern Districts reached 9 for 140 after their 20 overs.

Chasing 141 for victory, the Dogs lost two early wickets after Nick Carruthers made his intentions clear with two sixes in the first over. With rain interrupting play at 2 for 21, and then two overs lost, Duckworth-Lewis calculations meant the Dogs now needed a total of 131 off their remaining 15.1 overs. Carruthers took hold and was sending leather into and over the Memorial Oval fence as well as sneaking quick singles. He was well supported by Solway and then Brendan Smith and Mansukh Singh, but it was Carruthers who was simply controlling the outcome of the match with his willow. Keeping the Dogs barking at well above the par score, Carruthers was delightful in his shot placement and power shots to the point it was becoming a batting exhibition. There is no greater pleasure for a batsman to score a hundred and win the game with the same shot. With great support from Singh (18 not out), Carruthers' time in the middle finished on the ultimate high of 103 not out - with nine 4s and seven 6s - the Dogs winning with over 2 overs to spare on 4/135.

Saturday - Day 2 Round 3 v Sydney

In a rain-affected week in Sydney which made play difficult at times, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs were chasing Sydney's 266 at Bankstown Memorial Oval on Saturday. Thanks to the great work at the oval by curator Nick Mamolis, the game was under way on time. With Nick Carruthers and captain Daniel Solway opening, the pair were going well and keeping pace with the required run rate. Indeed, Carruthers set the tone with well-earned 52 (with eight fours) despite losing Solway early for 24. Carruthers was well supported by Zeeshaan Ahmed with a steady 35, before he was caught and bowled. Brendan Smith also fired with 53 - also with eight fours - showing the ground

hitting of both Carruthers and Smith. However, the wheels temporarily fell off the Bulldogs' run chase with the next three batsmen only adding just 21 runs. Not to be vanquished, Ben Le Bas and Liam Marshall put their heads down and did the job with stoicism and a distinct lack of risk-taking despite frequent appeals. The pair put on a 52-run partnership when the Dogs were 205. Le Bas was 38 not out and Marshall 30 not out to get the Dogs home in a tight tussle.

Second Grade

Tony Clark's seconds were chasing a massive total at Birchgrove Oval, needing 443 to win. Unfortunately, the Dogs' batsmen never really got going. Other than Justin Felsch with 48, the rest of the batsmen scored under twenty and the Bulldogs limped to 117 all out. Forced to follow on, the Bulldogs saved some face closing at 0 for 71 with Joel Brockley 47 not out and Felsch 23 not out.

Third Grade

Alex Kouventaris' thirds were chasing a gettable 215 to win at Grahame Thomas Oval. At 2 for 56, Johann Perera returned after being hurt and help lay the foundation for a strong win. Perera scored an excellent 50 (with nine fours) and well was supported by Matt Simpson (39) and Nicholas Freedman (24) who held up one magnificently to provide a backbone for the team's innings. Captain Kouventaris and Anthony Melnyk drove home the Bulldogs advantage, despite losing wickets in clumps, with 42 not out and 26 not respectively to win by 4 wickets at 6 for 218 in the 79th over.

Fourth Grade

Captain Jehan Bilimoria was defending a defensible total at Ryde Oval, with Sydney needing 238 for victory. The Bulldogs bowlers were just too good and consistently restricted the runs - the first three bowlers going for less than 2 runs an over. Opening bowler Charlie Fitzjohn bowled an immaculate line and length and snared 4 wickets for just 23 runs off 10.5 overs. Fitzjohn was bowling well in partnerships with Chris Stefanish (2 for 24 off 15) and Nathan Hebeston (2 for 29 off 11) providing pressure from both ends. While Sydney put up a good fight and looked threatening at times, the scoreboard pressure was too much and the Bulldogs rolled Sydney to be all out for 171 and winning by 66 runs.

Fifth Grade

Captain Tim Croft's fifths were defending a solid 214 at Punchbowl Oval. Newcomer to the club, James Duckett showed great promise which was matched by his results with the ball. Duckett claimed five of the top 7 Sydney batsmen as well as the pleasure of toppling the final wicket to finish with a stunning 6 for 16 off 9.3 overs. Another newcomer to the Dogs' kennel was Daniel Azzi who supported Duckett with 2 for 20. Sydney steamrolled to be all out for 70. Being sent back for their second innings, Sydney finished the day at 9 for 147 and the Dogs so close to claiming outright. Wickets were shared amongst the bowlers and Azzi snared three in the second innings to take his total to 5 for the match.

Sunday - Poidevin Gray T20 v Northern Districts

In Sunday's Under 21 Poidevin-Gray Twenty20 fixture at Bankstown Oval, captain Zeeshaan Ahmed won the toss and bowled. In very light rain, the Dogs' bowlers toiled well and were rewarded with an early wicket - a sharp caught behind by 'keeper Ethan Deal off Brady Polkinghorne. Another wicket at 53 to Zane Mitchell, caught at deep long off by Jack Smith and the crowd was getting excited. Indeed, three quick wickets with Northern Districts in the 70s and the Dogs were howling a 5 for 78. However, a 55-run partnership saw Northern Districts fight their way to 6 for 133 after their allotted 20 overs. In reply, the Dogs struggled to form partnerships and build an innings. Despite clearing the fence four times with massive sixes, the Dogs gave away too many wickets with poor shot selection. Indeed, no batsman scored over 12 runs including three ducks. In chasing a solid but modest total, the Bulldogs whimpered to a loss with just a meagre 61.

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Opposition: Manly - Round 4 Manly Oval



Solway steers Bulldogs home in Twenty20

T20 First Grade Kingsgrove Sports Cup - Sunday

In Sunday morning's Twenty20 match against Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts at Memorial Oval, captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and was asked to bowl. This proved to be a somewhat questionable decision as the visitors were swinging hard at almost every ball. While some balls sailed over the fence, big scoring simply wasn't consistent enough and the pressure of the Dogs' bowling ensured wickets were falling regularly and partnerships lacking. Indeed, the wickets were shared with four bowlers earning two wickets each and a great run-out to George Balderson throwing from deep mid-off with a direct hit to strand the batsman short. The Lad from Lancashire also bowled very tight and was unlucky not to snare more than his 2 wickets as he just missed a reflex caught and bowled (but took one shortly after) and had an outfield catch dropped. However, the Dogs' fielding was generally to a high standard with Brendan Smith showing his remarkable ground speed in covering 30 metres from long on to deep mid wicket to take an incredible catch on the boundary. After their allotted 20 overs, Campbelltown-Camden were 9 for 139.

Chasing 140 to win off 20 overs, Ryan Felsch and Solway opened the Bulldogs' batting and it was clear they meant serious business. They batted within themselves but took risks when needed or to despatch loose balls (belting 10 boundaries between them). The pair moved the scoring along to 51 after 7 overs without loss and so were laying a great foundation. Felsch was extremely unlucky not to reach his 50 and fell agonisingly short on 48 with the score on 86. But, he had helped lay the foundation by ensuring the required run rate was never out of touch. Solway then assumed the captain's role and along with support from Zeeshaan Ahmed and Brendan Smith showed his class and skill - albeit with the occasional risky shot as expected in Twenty20 matches. Nevertheless, Solway reached a well-earned and deserved 52 not out and Balderson had the pleasure of hitting the winning run with an over to spare. Bankstown 3 for 140 in the 19th over to secure a solid win.

Belvidere Cup: First Grade

Travelling north over the harbour to Manly Oval, captain Daniel Solway won the toss and elected to bat. Last match's centurion Nick Carruthers continued his batting purple patch with a rapid-fire 41 off 50 balls (including six boundaries), while Solway provided the backbone for the innings with his 48 off 120 balls. Unfortunately, very few other batsmen got going and it was only Mansukh Singh (36) and Ben Le Bas (23) that looked like troubling either the bowlers or the scorers. Five other batsmen only achieved single figures and the Bulldogs limped to be all out for 214 in the 90th over. With just 4 overs left in the day, the Dogs were hoping for a breakthrough. Fortunately, new recruit from Lancashire, England, George Balderson showed his all-round skills and ran around from mid-on to mid-wicket and threw a direct hit to send middle stump reeling and Manly's opener Foster was out of his crease by over a metre. Balderson brings a range of elite-level skills with him to the Dogs' kennel as he was the England Under 19 Cricket captain in the 2019 World Cup in South Africa and even played against both Bulldogs' young speedsters Brad Simpson and Liam Marshall. At close of play, Manly are 1 for 3 in the two-day fixture and the Bulldogs have their work cut out for them next Saturday.

Second Grade

At Bankstown Memorial Oval, stand-in captain Mitch Hinds won the toss and batted. In glorious sunshine the Dogs' batters really found the going tough. Indeed, only Niran Wijewardene with 43 and Hinds (26) held their heads high and placed a price on their wicket. The Bulldogs limped to be all out for 132 in the 50th over. With the Dogs' innings ending so early, Manly batted and once again Zane Mitchell showed his class in snaring the top three Manly batsmen and finished with 3 for 27 off 10 overs. However, Mitchell's efforts were in vain as Manly have already secured first innings points, closing the day at 4 for 138, and will likely declare at some stage next Saturday.

Third Grade

At Graham Reserve, Manly, captain Alex Kouventaris lost the toss and

Manly elected to bat. This proved to be a smart decision as Manly took to the Dogs' bowlers with vengeance. While the Bankstown bowlers toiled hard, they basically chased leather all afternoon as Manly racked up a massive total of 5 for 390 declared. Bankstown came into bat late in the day and are in some trouble at 2 for 15 at close of play.

Fourth Grade

Captain Ryan Malcolm lost the toss and was asked to bowl. Manly batsmen took to the Dogs bowlers and declared at 6 for 284. The Bulldogs chased the ball all over Grahame Thomas Oval and will have a huge job next Saturday as the Dogs are already 1 for 7.

Fifth Grade

At Mike Pawley Oval, the Bulldogs showed real class and skill and had a great day with the bat. Most players were amongst the runs, but it was the return of club stalwart and former Bankstown 1st grader Brett Collison (cap #250) as stand-in captain and whose son was also playing today in the team, who led the way with a swashbuckling 76 (including five 6s and five 4s). This was after opener Rohan Patel led the way with a sterling 65 to help provide a very sound basis for the other batsmen to launch the Dogs' attack. Other batsmen who were unlucky not to reach 50 were Subtain Shahid and Dylan Devoy Paino who both fell on 44 but were helping build a fantastic team total. The Bulldogs were all out in the final over of the day with a massive 342 and will look to press home their advantage when bowling next week.

T20 Poidevin-Gray - Sunday

Captain Zeeshaan Ahmed lost the toss and was asked to field. Unfortunately, it wasn't until the 10th over before the first wicket fell with a plumb leg before to promising bowler Charlie Fitzjohn. At 1 for 84 the Ghosts were flying, but were helped by two dropped catches. The Dogs finally applied some pressure with some excellent deep catching by Ethan De Bono and Rahid Alam, but much of the damage had been done - often due to lacklustre fielding costing wickets or runs. The Ghosts cruised to 3 for 112 in the 15th over. While the Dogs fought back with good bowling and then holding their catches, the Ghosts finished with 141 after their 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Ethan De Bono with 2 for 11 late in the innings.

Chasing 142 to win, the Bulldogs top order failed to fire and it was left to wicketkeeper Ethan Deal. Deal was both stoic and exciting at times as he placed his shots around Memorial Oval. He was well supported by Rashid Alam on 28 and Ryan Freeman 19 and those partnerships actually brought the game result towards a potential if seemingly unlikely Bulldog win. Deal ended with a brilliant 67 off 54 balls and was out caught trying to hit big to ensure a victory. His wicket fell in the 19th over leaving the Dogs 10 runs to win off the final over. Zane Mitchell and Brody Polkinghorne almost got the Dogs home - needing 6 runs to win off 3 balls. Unfortunately, the Dogs fell agonisingly short with the Ghosts winning by just 3 runs when Mitchell was out caught off the last ball.

WEEK 2

Zane Train arrives at Bankstown with seven wickets

First Grade

At Manly Oval in beautiful sunshine on Saturday morning, Daniel Solway and his Bulldogs were defending a solid but defendable total of 214. With the top three Manly wickets back in the sheds for less than 10 runs, the Dogs were well and truly howling. However, here was where the Dogs' delight ended. The next three batsmen piled on nearly 190 runs and so made the Bankstown total look positively meek by comparison. Manly cruised to 6 for 215 in just 58 overs and handed the Dogs a 4-wicket loss.

Twenty20

At Merrylands Oval in the afternoon sun, the Daniel Solway-led firsts lost the toss and were sent into bat. This was the only thing that went right for the Eels this afternoon as the Dogs batsmen were smashing the ball all over Merrylands and surrounding suburbs. Openers Nick Carruthers and Ryan Felsch made the ball look the size of a watermelon as they simply hammered the leather around the ground and over the fence. Indeed, Carruthers was in lethal form and smoked 99 runs off just 38 balls including 10 sixes to put on a devastating display of power hitting and was unlucky not to earn yet another century. Carruthers received great support from Felsch with 42 of 20 balls and Brendan Smith with 34 off 24 balls. The Dogs' run rate was outstanding and genuinely imposing as Bankstown reached 6 for 230 off their allotted 20 overs, and Parramatta were left wondering how it all went wrong. The Eels' predicament somehow managed to get worse in their run chase as not one batsmen scored 20 runs or more and so Parramatta were absolutely demoralised to be all out for just 85 runs. The wickets were shared amongst the bowlers who all bowled extremely tightly, but Felsch again chimed in with 3 wickets for just 4 runs in his contribution to a comprehensive Bulldogs win.

Poidevin-Gray Shield

At Merrylands Oval, the Under 21 Bulldogs led by Zeeshaan Ahmed lost the toss and were asked to bat by Parramatta. Setting a sizeable total of 7 for 171 off their allotted 20 overs, the Bulldogs had banked a seemingly defendable total. Ryan Freeman was the pick of the Dogs batsmen with an expansive 88 runs off just 53 balls, with 58 runs from boundaries. Unfortunately, the Dogs' total was chased down in the final over (20th) by Parramatta with the loss of just 4 wickets, despite the constant pressure from tight bowling and excellent fielding with two sharp run outs by Nicholas Freedman that had the Eels in some disarray.

Second Grade

There was a shining light in the Bulldogs' bowling attack as the Zane Train announced his arrival in Sydney Premier Cricket. 18 year old Zane Mitchell only joined the Bulldog grade ranks this season from the Illawarra region and is developing into an outstanding bowler. Today was Zane's revelation as a genuine destructive bowling force. With the Dogs' backs to

the wall and having already lost the first innings, Mitchell showed his speed, skill and guile to decimate the Manly batsmen. In less than 15 overs and for just 48 runs, the Zane Train snared an amazing seven wickets in Manly's first innings, which no doubt helped restrict Manly to be all out for 222. Despite being 90 runs behind and made to bat again, the Dogs batsmen valued their wicket much better and worked hard to get to 8 for 236 before declaring. The highlight of the second innings batting was the stoic determination of another up-and-coming Bulldog in Ryan Freeman with a well-deserved 74 not out. Protecting his wicket and not playing risky shots ensured the Bulldogs easily prevented an outright loss.

Third Grade

Chasing a massive total of 390 at Graham Reserve, the Alex Kouventaris-led Bulldogs never really threatened the result despite some decent batting performances. But, 390 was just too many and the Dogs fell well short, despite a sparkling 55 runs from Rahid Alam.

Fourth Grade

The scene at Grahame Thomas Oval was looking just as grim with the Bulldogs chasing 285 for first innings points. Unfortunately, this was simply too great an ask and the Dogs were humbled for just 104 runs and were forced to follow on, finishing at 1-54 and needing to value their wicket with greater determination in future.

Fifth Grade

Captain Brett Collison was confident the Dogs' fifths could defend their total of 342 at Mike Pawley Oval. Unfortunately the Manly batsmen knew nothing of Collison's plans and did their best to spoil a Dogs victory. However, constant pressure and good line and length ensured the Bulldogs were never really threatened and Matt Fitzgerald was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 37 runs off 16 overs. Disappointingly, the Bulldogs could not finish off their opposition who batted all day to get to 7 for 248 which resulted in a drawn match.

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Opposition: Parramatta - Round 5 Old Kings Oval



Marshall tears into Eels batsmen

At picturesque Old Kings Oval, captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and was asked to bowl. The Eels made a solid start with their openers laying a decent foundation with the few early wickets

shared amongst the Dogs' bowlers. Alas, the runs were building without too much Bulldog resistance and most Parramatta players got decent run tallies. Despite the scoring pressure from the batsmen, Liam Marshall kept up his great pace coupled with immaculate line and length and was truly the pick of the Dogs' bowlers as he tore into the Parramatta batsmen with 4 for 58 off 17.1 overs to keep the basmen under control. The Eels were all out for 247 in the 85th over and the Dogs went into bat as the sun started to fade over Parramatta Park. At 1 for 30, the Dogs are in a good position with Nick Carruthers on 30 not out.

Second Grade

Tony Clark's Second Grade looked to be in a dominant position when Parramatta slumped to 6/54 after 31 overs at Memorial Oval. However a huge momentum shift came with a 173 run seventh wicket partnership put the visitors in the box seat as they totalled an impressive 8/300 at stumps. Big paceman Matt Bursa (2/36 off 18 overs) was impressive for the Dogs and he received good support from Zane Mitchell (2/62 off 20 overs) and Tony Clark (2/39 off 10 overs).

Third Grade

At Bankstown Oval, the Alex Kouventaris-led third grades team lost the toss, were asked to bowl and chased the ball around Memorial Oval all day. Some days, it just does not go your way, and today was one of those. Despite some tight bowling at times, the Dogs simply could not break through or restrict Parramatta in any way. The Eels only lost 3 wickets and amassed 377 runs off 80 overs so it is a steep uphill battle for third grade next week.

Fourth Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the Bulldogs won the toss and batted. Unfortunately, this resulted in the Dogs being all out for just 136 runs as batsmen took too many risky shots rather than consolidating their time at the crease. Parramatta are already 2 for 76 and so the outcome looks like a foregone conclusion.

Fifth Grade

Captain Tim Croft also won the toss and batted first - and also regretted that choice as only two Dogs' batsmen made 30 or more runs. Indeed, the Bulldogs were all out for just 137. Already the Eels are 2 for 64 needing 73 runs for victory.

SUNDAY - Poidevin-Gray

In a must-win match for both sides at Sydney University Oval No. 1, the Under-21 Bulldogs led by Zeeshaan Ahmed won the toss and batted after a significant rain and lightning delay. Most Bankstown batsmen fared very well on a damp deck, with Ahmed leading the way with a sterling 52 including 8 boundaries. He received great support from Rahid Alam on 40 and wicketkeeper Ethan Deal on 37. The Dogs scored an impressive 208 off 40.3 overs. In reply, Sydney Uni put up a magnificent fight until nearly 7pm chasing the 209 runs. The Dogs' bowlers were hammered by a few of the Uni batsmen, but once Gauci and Bloch were out, the Bulldogs bowlers started to assert their dominance - which was helped by some great outfield catching. Indeed all four of Jake Smith's

wickets were catches off his spin bowling full of guile and taken in the deep near the fence at mid wicket. While some catches did go down, the Dogs held onto most and so pressured the students to take risks and subsequently lose wickets at vital times. Smith was well supported by Zane Mitchell with 2 for 46 and Bryan Handunneththi with 2 for 33 - with spin bowling taking six of the students' wickets as they made their way to 198 - but falling 10 runs short. A stoic win to the Dogs.

WEEK 2

Dogs snared by Eels, but Pups deliver tons

A frustrating day for the Bulldogs 1st Grade side was offset by outstanding performances from two of Bankstown's best and brightest young batsmen, Ryan Freeman and Bryan Handunneththi, each scoring 102 not out in Second and Third Grade respectively.

First Grade

Chasing the Eels' 247 and needing 218 for victory at Old Kings Oval, the Bulldogs whimpered to just 99 to be all out in the first innings with few batsmen troubling the scorers. Sent back in to bat for a second innings, the Dogs fared slightly better with Nick Carruthers scoring a sparkling 60 with 34 of those runs from boundaries. The game was called with Bankstown at 1 for 93 and the Dogs losing on first innings.

Kingsgrove Sports Twenty20

At Sydney University Oval No. 1, the Bulldogs took on Sydney University in a mid-week twilight match. Without usual captain Daniel Solway, who was representing NSW Metro, the Dogs won the toss and batted. Wicketkeeper Ethan Deal was the only batsman to get going with a rapid-fire 41 off 27 balls. But, without serious support, his innings stood almost alone and meant the Dogs struggled to achieve a defendable target in reaching 8 for 145 off their allotted 20 overs, despite many batsmen getting modest starts. Despite some tight bowling at times, the total was never really enough and the students chased them down in the 18th over for the loss of just 4 wickets.

Second Grade

Chasing a massive 331 to win at Bankstown Oval, the Tony Clark-led seconds showed true grit and again highlighted the developing skill of the Bullpups brigade working their way up the grades. Ryan Freeman led the way with a stoic 102 not out to help the Dogs chase down the imposing target. Batting for five hours, Freeman provided a solid and immovable backbone that enabled batsmen around him to also contribute with the willow as the Dogs' batsmen showed their dogged determination to win the match in the 92nd over at just 5 for 331.

Third Grade

At Merrylands Oval, the Alex Kouventaris-led third grade put up a great fight and valued every single wicket as they chased a massive 378 for victory. While most batsmen got good starts - such as Anthony Melnyk on 38 - it was the partnership between Ethan Prideaux and Bryan Handunneththi that ensured the Dogs were always in the hunt. Handunneththi came in

to bat when the Dogs were 5 down and a Bankstown win seemed a very long way away, but with Prideaux (61), they took the game right up to the Eels. In the last over of the day, Handunneththi reached his century, finishing at 102 not out and earning a valuable draw for the Dogs.

Fourth Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, Parramatta made short work of the modest Bulldog total and declared at 3 for 226. Batting again, the Dogs performed better at 3 for 98, although losing on first innings.

Fifth Grade

With a good start last week, the Eels quickly overtook the Dog's first innings score, although Luca Croft bowled well to earn 3 for 11. Bankstown batted again but the match was called at 2 for 31 and the Dogs losing on first innings.

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Opposition: Campbelltown-Camden - Round 6 Bankstown Oval



Solway's remarkable milestone

At Bankstown Memorial Oval on Saturday, captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and was asked to bat against Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts in a two-day fixture. And so began a batting masterclass from the Dogs. Solway was in truly sublime form and reached a stunning 134 before being run out. He was very well supported along the way by both George Balderson (69) and Zeeshaan Ahmed (68) to ensure the Bulldogs piled on a massive total in the glorious Sydney sunshine. Ahmed was particularly good with shot placement with the leather hitting the fence ten times in his run spree, while Englishman Balderson took singles, 2s and 3s with deft skill and clever running. But it was Solway who really took the game to the Ghosts with twelve fours and a towering six as he himself faced over 40 overs' worth of deliveries. Solway's score of 134 moves him up to 3rd place on the Bulldogs' all-time run scorers list, having just passed club legend and life member Dion Bourne's 9131 runs. A stunning display of both measured and aggressive batting to see the Dogs in a very strong position of 9 for 367 after 96 overs when the match resumes next Saturday.

Second grade

Tony Clark's 2nd Grade side is in a solid position at Raby Oval, but the Bulldogs will be left pondering what might have been as the local recovered from 6/58 to finish with

7/201 at stumps. Gurindar Hara was best for the Dogs returning 3/24 off 16 overs; he was well supported by opening duo Matt Bursa (2/25 off 20 overs) and Zane Mitchell (2/42 off 19 overs).

Third Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, captain Jehan Bilimoria also lost the toss and the Ghosts elected to bat. This decision was rued by the Ghosts as they crumbled under the line and length of the Dogs' bowlers. Bilimoria opened and was especially hard to score form and pressured the batsmen with every ball and finished with 2 for 21. Wily Chris Stefanish was unplayable at times and made some of the batsmen go searching for the ball with his swing and pace. Finishing with 4 for 66, Stefanish was a real thorn in the Ghosts's side. Spin bowler Bryan Handunneththi also claimed three scalps and was turning the ball just enough to cause genuine concern in the Ghosts' camp. With a well-deserved 3 for 29, Handunneththi is rapidly developing as a genuine spinner. The Ghosts were all out for just 168. The Dogs' batting starting well, and opener Johann Perera has stood firm with an excellent 48 not out (with 34 of those runs from boundaries) to have the Dogs at 2 for 79, needing 89 runs for victory next Saturday.

Fourth Grade

The Ryan Malcolm led Fourth Grade is in a great position against Campbelltown at Raby Number 3 Oval. A magical spell of off spin bowling from Praneel Kavuri saw the home side bundled out for a modest 129. Kavuri, in his first season with the Dogs, was simply too good on the day and finished with the very impressive figures of 6/37 off 13.1 overs. In reply, Bulldogs number 3 Subtain Shahid was in dominant form, pounding 8 fours and 2 sixes in his 67 not out, Shahid was ably supported by Rohin Patel (22 not out) as the Dogs reached 1/106 at stumps.

Fifth Grade

At Punchbowl Oval, captain Tim Croft won the toss and batted and a few of his young charges really stood and were counted. Jack Ashburner and Muhammad Talha formed a great partnership, with Ashburner scoring a fantastic 82 and Talha 68 to really get the Dogs going. Unfortunately, they were not supported by other batsmen and the Bullpups were all out for a solid 233.

Poidevin-Gray v Hawkesbury - Sunday

In glorious weather on Sunday at Bankstown Memorial Oval, captain Zeeshaan Ahmed won the toss and batted in the 50-over one-day match against Hawkesbury. The top three Dogs' batsmen kept their purple patches going with great starts. Ryan Freeman (46), Johann Perera (38) and Zeeshaan Ahmed (44) all got very good starts and scored relatively quickly, and with run-per-ball scores of 35 by Brad Simpson and 23 from Bryan Handunneththi saw the Dogs reach a defendable 9 for 250 off their allotted 50 overs. Defending a good total, the Dogs' bowlers were consistent and tight and gave little away. Unusually, the wickets were shared amongst every one of the six Bulldog bowlers, with Ethan Debono being the most economical with 2 for 20. The Hawks struggled to get

substantial partnerships going as the Dogs broke through at regular intervals, although the Hawks reached 214 to be all out in the 46th over, resulting a good win to the Bulldogs by 36 runs.

WEEK 2

Bulldogs bowlers spook Ghosts

In Saturday's match at Bankstown Memorial Oval, the Dogs declared their innings closed at 9 for 367 and so Campbelltown started the day batting. Opening bowlers Ryan Felsch and Liam Marshall simply frightened the Ghosts' batsmen with their pace and power. The top five Ghosts batsmen all scored less than 15 runs each, with most in single figures - which really put the wind up the incoming batsmen. Marshall was especially good with 3 for 32 and showed his genuine pace off the deck. At the other end, Felsch (3 for 36) was bowling very heavy balls that caught the edges for 'keeper Ethan Deal to snap up. However, a few Ghosts showed some substance, and it was not all the Dogs' way although the result was never really under threat. But it took the slow bowlers Daniel Burns and Ben Le Bas to put the brakes on and truly strangle any late resurgence. Le Bas finished off the Ghosts with 2 for 8 and the Ghosts presence at Bankstown had evaporated to be all out for just 166 and a comprehensive win for the Bulldogs.

Twenty20 v Wests - Sunday

The Daniel Solway-led Bulldogs lost the toss and were asked to bowl in the afternoon match. A decision that soon backfired. The second over of the match saw Liam Marshall clean bowl Serakis off the second ball and then Ben Le Bas took a sharp catch at short cover off Marshall's sixth ball. The next over, a rapid Brad Simpson bouncer was edged to wicketkeeper Ethan Deal and the Magpies feathers well and truly scattered at 3 for 9. After some consolidation of Wests' batting, Ryan Felsch bowled a heavy ball that was skied high to square leg and caught by Daniel Solway sprinting across, with the Magpies at 4 for 47 in the 8th over. At half-way (after 10 overs), the Magpies were 4 for 62. Shortly after, Brendan Smith executes a direct hit runout with batsmen attempting a second run and the Magpies in disarray at 5 for 68. Yet again, without partnerships developing, more brilliant fielding by Solway at short mid-wicket snared a very sharp catch off Brad Simpson's bowling. The dominance by the Bulldog bowling and fielding cannot be understated as the Magpies now reeling at 6 for 74. While the Magpies attempted to push quick singles as if it was the last over, again Felsch bowled a good line and length to earn an LBW - with another LBW just 2 balls later. With Wests pushing the runs, another catch on the boundary off Ben Le Bas' off-spin by Nick Carruthers for the 9th wicket. Next over Marshall gets a clean bowled and the Magpies limp to 120 all out after 18.2 overs.

Chasing 122 for victory and a home final, the Dogs' openers of Carruthers and Felsch decided a good win is a quick win with 19 runs off the first over. In fact, Carruthers reached his 50 in just the 6th over with some amazing power hits that had the large crowd simply in awe of his prowess and skill in shot placement as balls sailed

over the picket fence. However, a glimmer of hope for the Magpies emerged as Felsch was caught at deep long on for 6, but the Bulldogs were already 78 in the 7th over and Carruthers. kept punishing the bowlers to all parts of the oval but fell for a simply brilliant 77 caught on the boundary. With the Bulldogs only needing 31 runs for victory at 2/91. However, as can happen in the T20 format, two quick wickets raised concerns in the Bulldog kennel with the Dogs struggling at 5 for 98, needing 24 runs for victory. The Dogs' batsmen found the going very tough, despite needing very few runs and the Magpies bowlers forced their way back into the match by taking wickets - with the Dogs reeling at 7 for 110 after 13 overs, needing just 12 runs to win. After some very nervous moments as wickets were falling with regularity, Deal and Marshall get the Dogs home in the 16th over with a massive six from Deal and securing a home final.

Second grade

In the second day of the match at Raby Oval No. 1, the Tony Clark-led seconds won their match after chasing down 234. Openers Joel Brockley and Alex Kouventaris got the Bulldogs away with a solid 79 run partnership before the reliable Brockley was caught for 49. Kouventaris and Ryan Freeman added 40 for the 3rd wicket before Kouventaris was out for 48. The in-form young tyro Ryan Freeman continued his wonderful run of good form with a composed 51 while Niran Wijewardene shored up the Bulldogs middle order as the Dogs took the points finishing with 7/237.

Third Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the 3rds only needed just over 120 runs off their allotted 96 overs to secure victory (chasing 169). Johann Perera continued his good form from last week...and he simply kept on batting and batting. Perera scored a huge and stunning 197 runs off 260 balls and was simply punishing the Ghosts bowlers all over the ground, who were noticeably withering in the afternoon heat. This was Perera's first century for the Dogs, and what a score it was. Perera scored 100 of his 197 in fours alone as well as 42 runs in sixes in what was a power display of willow over leather. The Dogs weren't barking - they were vociferous - as the other batsmen ably supported Perera with Anthony Melnyk (29) and Daniel Louka (27) providing a foil for Perera's dominance. Perera only looked shaky in the 70s when he chased a few loose balls. Nevertheless, he re-focused and then simply tore apart the Ghosts bowling who were looking for places to hide. The match easily won by the Bulldogs at 5 for 294 and Perera's head held high after a stunning opener's innings.

Fourth grade

At Raby Oval No. 3, the Bulldogs easily chased down the Ghosts' first innings total of 129 and captain Ryan Malcolm declared the Dogs' innings closed at 4 for 256. Subtain Shahid with 113 was the backbone and standout, and he was well supported by Rohin Patel (68), Jordan King (35 no) and captain Ryan Malcolm with a quick-fire 32 off 23 balls. The Ghosts were asked to bat again and the Dogs' bowlers showed their determination to try and

force an outright victory. However, the Ghosts hung on to be 9 for 141 at close of play, with the Dogs scoring a well-deserved win.

Fifth grade

At Punchbowl Oval the Dogs were defending a solid 233, and fought hard to prevent the only Ghosts' victory of the round. Alas, the bowlers toiled well, and Muhammad Talha bowled extremely tightly to finish off the last four Ghosts batsmen (4 for 38 off 8.3 overs) and give the Dogs a sniff of victory. Talha was well supported by Haroon Nadeem with 2 for 36. The Ghosts sneaking past the Bulldogs with 8 for 237.

Sunday - Poidevin-Gray Under 21v Wests

In a must-win game to ensure the Bulldogs make the finals without relying on other results to go their way, the Zeeshaan Ahmed-led Bullpups lost the toss and were sent into bat at sun-drenched Pratten Park. Opener Ethan Debono took to the bowling with 13 runs off his first 4 balls and 3 sixes in his rapid-fire 25 runs off just 8 balls. The other top order batsmen also chimed in well with a great run rate with Ryan Freeman (27), Ahmed (20) and Rahid Alam (25) all scoring at a run-a-ball or better. But, none went on to score big, despite being 2 for 74 in the 7th over. The rest of the batsmen took too many risks when running or in their shot placement and the Dogs slumped to just 128 - all out in the 17th over. In reply, the Wests batsmen moved the score along steadily, but Maggie wickets were falling regularly with some great outfield catches and sharp line and length bowling from both the quicks and the spinners. Young leg-spinner Jake Smith bowling an accurate 16 dot balls in his 4 overs (24 balls) and earning 2 for 11. Despite the Bulldogs not using all 20 overs available and defending a modest total, the match result came down to the last ball of the day after a dead ball called due to a low-flying binchicken (ibis). With just 3 runs needed for Wests to win off the last ball, a mis-timed shot behind the wicket sees the Dogs lose and so are likely out of final contention.

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Opposition: Mosman - Round 7 Blacktown - T20 Alan Border Oval



Twenty20 semi: Dogs humbled by Blacktown

Bankstown Bulldogs cricket travelled across the harbour for a one-day match against Mosman Whales. Captain Daniel

Solway lost the toss and was sent into bat at the very picturesque Alan Border Oval. Despite losing early wickets, Solway was yet again proving how good he is against the Sydney competition's best batsmen, with a stunning 109 not out, which included eight boundaries. Solway received great support from 'keeper Ethan Deal (53) and Brendan Smith (49) along with some solid contributions from other batsmen. The Dogs had set a sizeable total of 6 for 289 after their allotted 50 overs. In reply, the Whales slowly but steadily wore down the Dogs' bowlers. While the wickets were shared amongst the bowlers, spinner Ben Le Bas ended up with the best figures with 3 for 32 off 7 overs while the Bulldogs quicks were more expensive than usual. The Whales scraped home in the final over to win by 2 wickets at 8 for 291.

Sunday Kingsgrove Sports Twenty20 Cup Semi Final

At Bankstown Oval, visitors Blacktown Mounties took on the Dogs in the knockout semi-final of the Thunder Conference Twenty20 competition. Captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and Blacktown elected to bat first. The Blacktown batsmen took to the Bankstown bowlers as though there was no tomorrow and absolutely piled on the runs - scoring at around 2 runs per ball. This saw the visitors' total continue to rise and rise, despite the efforts by the Dogs' bowlers to stem the tide. Alas, it was to no avail and Blacktown smashed leather all over the Memorial Oval fences - with a total of 24 boundaries in their innings - to reach 4 for 215 off 20 overs with English import George Balderson the pick with 2 wickets for 46 runs. In reply, the Dogs batsmen struggled to get going, being forced to press hard from the first ball. Usually this poses no problem for Nick Carruthers and Ryan Flesch who have dominated most bowling attacks. However, in the worst possible start for the home side, Carothers was run out in the first over. Felsch (36) and Solway (35) scored fast and had some good momentum going but they simply could not sustain the run chase. The visitors' bowling was just too tight and too difficult and the Dogs limped to a modest total of 154 in the 18th over.

Second grade

Leading the Bulldogs' Second XI, Mitch Hinds lost the toss and was asked to bowl at Bankstown Oval that looked magnificent for quality cricket. However, the Whales piled on the runs and amassed a sizeable total of 7 for 248 from their allotted 50 overs and had set the scene for the Dogs to chase. Unfortunately, the response from Bankstown with the willow was sub-par and the Dogs, while courageous, really struggled to assert any authority and ended up losing by 64 runs when all out for 184.

Third Grade

At Rawson Oval, the Alex Kouventaris-led thirds had the Whales well and truly harpooned after winning the toss and electing to bat. Indeed, Kouventaris showed the way of the willow as he blasted 86 runs off 108 balls, which included 14 boundaries - such was the power in his ground strokes. Opener and keeper Johann Perera provided great support with 33 as did Bailey Penna (21)

and the Dogs all out for 220 and knowing they would have to bowl and field well to defend a modest total. And that is exactly what the Dogs did - with Penna leading the way with 3 for 21 and a catch to round off a great day's cricket. All bowlers snared wickets with Koby Layton (2 for 28) and Nicholas Freedman (2 for 29) providing great slow bowling control of the Whales' batsmen through guile and turn, which saw the Whales fall 43 runs short for a resounding Dogs' win.

Fourth grade

Ryan Malcolm won the toss at Grahame Thomas Oval and had no hesitation batting first, with the Bulldogs' batsmen taking to the Whales bowlers. Rohin Patel was especially good with his 65 as was Jehan Bilimoria and Subtain Shahid with quick-fire 53 not out and 36 off 40 respectively to get the Dogs to a solid 6 for 207 after 50 overs. In the Whales' run chase, the Dogs' opening bowlers took 7 wickets between them. Hayden Barrett snared 3 for 52, while Nathan Hebeston was at times unplayable with his medium-fast cutters and earned himself the superb figures of 4 for 25. The Mosman Whales were ever so close with 9 for 206 after their allotted 50 overs, but Bankstown won by 4 wickets in a very close tussle.

Fifth Grade

At Balmoral Oval, the Tim Croft-led Bulldogs lost the toss and batted first. Young opener Jack Ashburner provided a strong backbone for the Dogs to launch a large total but he lacked consistent support to build partnerships as wickets fell around him too often. Nevertheless, two short but excellent innings by Dylan Devoy Paino with 35 off 21 and Hasaan Jamil with 24 off 15 showed the results of aggressive batting. Devoy Paino was particularly brutal hitting big sixes in succession to rattle the Whales' bowlers. The Dogs all out for 191. Unfortunately, the Dogs bowlers started economically, but were worn down to lose in the 39th over when the Whales passed the total to be 6 for 193.

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Opposition: Sydney University - Round 8 Bankstown Oval



Students handed a few lessons by Bulldogs

Matches between the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs and Sydney University are always competitive, and it was no different on Saturday at Bankstown Memorial Oval.

Captain Daniel Solway won the toss and had no hesitation in batting on a beautifully prepared wicket. Almost all Dogs batsmen scored well and quickly, although the incredible run of big scores was not able to be continued by Solway who fell lbw without scoring. However, most other batsmen scored around 30 runs each and usually in quick time, with Nick Carruthers (29) and Ryan Felsch (31) both scoring close to a run-a-ball. The consistency of scoring by the whole team enabled the Dogs to reach a solid 9 for 204 off their allotted 50 overs. In reply, the students struggled to get partnerships of any size going, despite two batsmen scoring 49 and 37. However, the students were simply not scoring quick enough due to the pressure from the Dogs' bowlers. Indeed, the wickets were shared amongst most of the Bulldogs and between pace and spin, with spinner Ben Le Bas the pick with a very economical 3 for 29 off his 10 overs, as well as Brad Simpson (2 for 24), Liam Marshall (2 for 33) and Ryan Felsch (1/8 off 5 overs) providing the damage with their pace. The students were all out for 153 at the end of the 44th over - and the 'Dogs earning a comprehensive win against archrivals.

Second grade

At Sydney University Oval No. 1, captain Mitch Hinds won the toss and batted. Mansukh Singh led the way for the Bulldogs in scoring a blistering 119 off only 103 balls, blasting fourteen 4s and three 6s to lead 2nd grade to a great win over Sydney University. The Bulldogs amassed a very defendable 7 for 296 after 50 overs. Joel Brockley (39 off 34 balls) and Ryan Clark (34 off 41 balls) in great support. In reply, Sydney Uni was demoralised from the start by a devastating bowling spell from young speedster Zane Mitchell who snared 4 for 38 from his 10 overs. Mitchell is having a stellar first season with the Bulldogs and there is plenty to look to in his future as he grows both physically and with Premier Grade match experience. Mitchell was well supported by Ryan Clark with 3 for 48 off 8.5 overs and Justin Felsch 3 for 42 off 10 overs as the students were all out for 241 and well-short of the Bulldogs' total.

Third grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the Alex Kouventaris-led thirds had a tight tussle for the points. Winning the toss and sending the students into bat enabled University to score a very competitive 7 for 220 after their 50 overs. The best bowlers were Nathan Hebeston (2 for 44) and Nicholas Freedman (2 for 54), but it was the batsmen controlling the game. Chasing 221 for victory, the Dogs were in the hunt as Johann Perera's purple patch continued as he scored 57 off 74 balls. He was well supported by Tushaar Garg (38) and Tom Cordingley (26), but the Dogs' tail didn't quite wag enough to get them over the line - falling just 4 runs short of victory after 50 overs and 'spoiling' the Bulldogs party with 4 wins from 5 grades.

Fourth grade

Ryan Malcolm's Fourth Grade side continued their good form with a solid win over Sydney University. The home side could not handle the Bulldogs attack and were all out for 146 in 44.2 overs.

Charlie Fitzjohn was a star with 4 for 14 off 10 overs and he was ably supported by Hayden Barrett with 4 for 22 off 10 overs. Promising youngster Luca Croft provided great support with 2 for 22 off 7 overs. The Bulldogs replied with 6 for 147 with Max Condon 39 and Subtain Shahid 36 each posting solid returns to help the 'Dogs grab the valuable six competition points.

Fifth grade

Captain Tim Croft won the toss and sent Sydney University into bat and the students worked their way to a solid 224 all out. Best of the Bulldogs bowlers was Matt Fitzgerald with 4/39 off 9 overs, Hassan Jamil 2/58 off 7 overs and Dylan Devoy Paino 2/29 off 9 overs. In reply, the Bullpups worked their way stoically towards victory with Matthew Fitzgerald (39 no) and Tim Croft (38) leading the way with the willow in scoring close to a run-a-ball. They were ably supported by most of the team with many getting good starts. With nail-biting tension filling the air, Shanaq Hasan (11) and James Duckett (6 not out) fed the strike cleverly to the in-form Fitzgerald who guided the Dogs to victory, reaching 9 for 225 with one ball to spare.

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Opposition: Penrith - Round 9 Howell Oval



Panthers maul Bulldogs

In a weekend of the new year's return to Sydney Premier Grade Cricket and with some damp wickets around Sydney, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs were taken to task by the Penrith Panthers in their 50-over one-day fixture at Howell Oval. Captain Daniel Solway lost the toss as was sent into bat on a lively deck and he showed his class in amassing a stoic 75 which provided the Dogs' backbone. He was well supported by George Balderson with 33 (including three 4s and one towering 6) and Ryan Felsch with 30. The Dogs' batsmen didn't always protect their wicket well enough and rash shots saw their demise at times. Nevertheless, the Bulldogs worked their way to a solid 207 but were all out a few overs short of their 50. In reply, the locals worked their way to the required total with the loss of just 2 wickets, taken by Felsch and Balderson. Liam Marshall also bowled very well and was unlucky not to strike as he beat the bat on numerous occasions. The Panthers won the match just 2 wickets down for 208 and a few overs to spare.

Second Grade

In a close-fought match at Bankstown Oval, the Tony Clark-led seconds came within a whisker of toppling the Panthers, losing by just 3 runs in their chase for victory in what could be described as an unusual one-day match in that both teams were all out. Winning the toss, Clark sent the visitors into bat and all bowlers toiled well and the wickets were shared amongst them. Off spinner Ryan Clark was the pick with 3 for 46 off 9 overs, while Niranjana Wijewardene was also economical with 2 for 26. The Panthers worked their way to a respectable 210 all out. In reply, the ever-improving Ryan Freeman again showed he is destined for higher grades with a sublime 101 off 123 balls, including five 4s and two very big 6s. Alas, he lacked the support he needed, and while Freeman played a fantastic innings, he lacked batsmen that went with him as the next best was 20 by Cameron Middleton. This was surely a match that slipped through the Dogs' batsmen's gloves as they were all out for 207, an agonising 4 runs short of victory.

Third Grade

In a heavily rain-affected match at Bill Ball Oval, Alex Kouventaris lost the toss and batted first on a very dicey deck. Very few Dogs' batsmen shone in the damp with only Gurinder Hara scoring 29. The rest struggled in the trying conditions in the morning as the Bulldogs limped to 95 off their reduced overs. In reply, the Panthers passed the Dogs just 4 wickets down, with Koby Layton the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 20 off his 8 overs.

Fourth Grade

In the only positive result of the day, the Ryan Malcolm-led fourths won the toss at Grahame Thomas Oval and sent the visitors into bat. All bowlers toiled well and reaped the rewards of earning wickets, but wily Chris Stefanish was the standout with 3 for 25 off his 10 overs. A few Panthers batsmen scored well with good starts, but the incessant pressure of falling wickets saw the visitors only reach 170 off their allotted 50 overs. In reply, the Bulldogs batsmen led the way with opener Thomas Cordingley scoring an innings-setting 66 (including nine 4s). He was well supported by both Subtain Shahid (32) and Rohin Patel (29) as the Dogs reached the Panthers' total with a few overs to spare and ensure a well-earned victory.

Fifth Grade

No play at Rance Oval - match abandoned.

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**Opposition: Blacktown - Round 10
Joe McAleer Oval**



Felsch floors Mounties

Winning the toss and electing to bowl in their 50-over one-day match against Blacktown Mounties, Bankstown Sports Bulldogs captain Daniel Solway let one of this season's new recruits to the club loose on the hapless Mounties' batsmen who mostly had no answer. Ryan Felsch has continued to strive hard since arriving at the Bulldogs and gets better game-by-game - a testament to his commitment and hard-work ethic. Felsch put on a clinical demonstration of line and length bowling on a Joe McAleer wicket that gave him just enough assistance to wreak havoc on the locals. Indeed, Felsch claimed four of the Mounties' top five batsmen and claimed a thoroughly-deserved and stunning six wickets for meagre 50 runs off his allotted 10 overs. This broke the Mounties' spirit and Liam Marshall and George Balderson chimed in with two wickets apiece to completely decimate Blacktown who were all out in the 36th over for 172. Chasing a relatively modest 173 for victory, the Dogs were in some shock with both openers gone within two overs. However, Solway stabilised the innings with a stoic 67 not out and the other batsmen around him all got decent starts with Zeeshaan Ahmed (33) and Brendan Smith (21 in quick time) helping put the balance back in the Dogs' favour. Balderson (31 not out) and Solway ensured the Bulldogs reaped the rewards of the bowlers' efforts and won the match just four wickets down at 4 for 173 in the 40th over.

Second Grade

At Bankstown Oval, the Tony Clark-led seconds saw a pleasing return to form with a comprehensive win. Wily veteran Clark was at his probing best, and earned his wickets through almost every mode of dismissal as he simply demolished the Blacktown Mounties' batting almost single-handedly - with another club six-for in the same round. With amazing figures of 6 for 19 off 9.2 overs, captain Clark proved impossible to score from, which forced risk-taking and led to wickets falling. He was ably supported by the other bowlers who were also very economical and maintained pressure at the other end, as well as earning wickets. Blacktown were all out for just 144 in the 50th over. In reply, the Dogs made hard work of a low total - as is often the case. However, opener Joel Brockley was in devastating form with the bat, hammering ten boundaries to the fence in his 49 runs off 43 balls. This gave the Dogs the building block they needed and Niranjana Wijewardene with 37 not out worked well with the other batsmen to ensure a Bulldog home win. The difference between the teams was simply the run rate of the Dogs' batsmen who nearly all scored at close to a run-a-ball. So, despite losing wickets Bankstown shut out the Mounties with a comprehensive win in the 30th over at 7 for 148.

Third Grade

At Whalan Reserve, the Alex Kouventaris-led thirds also scored a comprehensive victory in quick time. Winning the toss, Kouventaris sent the locals in to bat and the Blacktown batsmen struggled to get any momentum. With only two batsmen scoring double figures, the Dogs' bowlers were in complete control of the pace of

the match and the run scoring. Indeed, runs were at a premium and all Bulldogs bowlers were very economical, even those that were wicketless and so it was real team effort to restrict Blacktown's total. This scoreboard pressure saw the Mounties struggle to their total of 8 for 176 off their allotted 50 overs. In reply, the Bulldogs' captain led by example with a brilliant 82 runs off just 96 balls - which included ten powerful fours along the turf. Kouventaris along with opener Johann Perera's 41 provided the framework for the team to chase down a modest total in the 38th over - the Dogs just 4 down for 177.

Fourth Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the Bulldogs won the toss and sent the visitors into bat. Captain Jehan Bilimoria had success with most bowlers at his disposal as only the top half of the Blacktown Mounties batsmen scored over 10 runs. Reagan Sidhu (3 for 8 off 5.1) Nathan Hebeston (3 for 25) were especially effective in ensuring the visitors achieved a very sub-par total as they totally dominated the middle and lower order with 6 wickets between them for a miserly 33 runs and so helped finish off the visitors. Blacktown all out for 113 in the 30th over. In reply, the Dogs' top order were clinical in their treatment of most Mounties' bowlers. Opener Rohin Patel (51 including 10 boundaries) and Subtain Shahid (47 with 7 boundaries) as the Bulldogs cruised to a comprehensive win in just the 26th over.

Fifth Grade

In the only Bulldog loss of the round, captain Tim Croft lost the toss at Whalan Reserve No. 2 and was sent in to bat. Unfortunately, only two Dogs' batsmen got 20 or more runs (Lachlan Snell 26 and Hayden Barret 20), so the team total was disappointingly low, despite holding on until the 40th over to prevent a capitulation, reaching 115. However, defending such a low total was always going to be difficult, and the home side won the match quite convincingly, despite some good bowling efforts by the young Bulldogs.

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**Opposition: Western Suburbs - Round 11
Bankstown Oval**



Bulldogs bowlers maul Magpies

In a return to two-day cricket this round, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs were up against their local rivals in Western Suburbs. Bulldogs Captain Daniel Solway won the toss and sent the Magpies in to

bat at Bankstown Memorial Oval. Once again it was Ryan Felsch (4 for 53 off 14) who decimated the top order batsmen, taking three of the top five batsmen's wickets - including a stunning caught and bowled. The other bowlers were not to be denied either and Brad Simpson with 3 for 42 and George Balderson with an incredibly economical 3 for 20 rounded out the wicket-taking. But, while wicketless, Liam Marshall provided so much pressure with his pace and so only gave away a miserly 19 runs off 10 overs. The Magpies hobbled to be all out for 138 in the 52nd over, with 44 overs left in the day's play. In reply, the Bulldogs batsmen made the run chase harder than it should have been, and lost wickets despite getting decent starts. All took their time to earn runs at a slow pace but did not throw their wickets away as can be tempting to do so when chasing a low target. Young Ryan Freeman became first grade cap No. 309 when he made his first grade debut on Saturday after consistently scoring very highly in seconds. Freeman (22) joined Solway (27) and Ahmed (37) in getting starts but not quite going on with the job. Nevertheless, the Bulldogs only need 8 runs to gain first innings points as they are 6 for 131 at the close of play. Next week should see some tactical manoeuvring to see if the Dogs consider going for outright victory.

Second grade

At Pratten Park, the Bulldogs lost the toss and were asked to field. Captain Tony Clark utilised his array of pace and slow bowlers to restrict the Magpies to be all out for 164. Indeed the wickets were shared around most bowlers with the pace of Gurinder Hara snaring 2 for 22 and Matt Bursa 2 for 49. But, it was off-spinner Ryan Clark who took the honours with the ball with a brilliant 5 for 24 off 14.1 overs. The younger Clark was at his beguiling best and the batsmen struggled to pick his line and turn and he was simply all over them and making them doubt their shot selection. As is often the case, a low total can cause batsmen to throw away their wicket - and unfortunately, a few of the Dogs just that. However, the ship was stabilised by both Mansukh Singh (36 not out) and Niran Wijewardene (38 not out) who helped Bankstown recover and put the total in perspective. At 3 for 85, the Bulldogs have work to do to ensure a win, but sensible batting should result in a win.

Third Grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, captain Alex Kouventaris had no hesitation in sending the Magpies into bat after winning the toss. While the pace bowlers found the going tough while taking a wicket here and there, it was the slow bowling of Brian Handunneththi and Koby Layton who really stamped their authority. Handunneththi was tossing the ball up and turning it well and took out the Magpies' middle and lower order batsmen with a fantastic 4 for 13 off 9.4 overs. Layton was also excellent with 3 for 36 off 13 overs. The Magpies clawed their way to a decent 203 to be all out. In reply, the Bulldogs are 1 for 22 with both Tushaar Garg and Kouventaris not out.

Fourth grade

At Blick Oval, the Ryan Malcolm-led fourths were chasing leather after sending

the Magpies into bat. While the wickets were shared amongst the bowlers, many were more expensive than usual. This enabled the Western Suburbs batsmen to declare after 70 overs at 9 for 253. A good score, but not an insurmountable total at the relatively small ground. In reply, the Dogs are 0 for 16 and did well to preserve their wickets for next week's run chase.

Fifth grade

At Kelso Park North, captain Mat Kelly won the toss and sent the Magpies into bat. While the pace bowlers did their job and snared a few wickets, it was slow bowler Praneel Kavuri who took the wind out of the Magpies' sails. Going along nicely and scoring well, Kavuri took apart the middle and lower order with slow bowling smarts that made the Magpies take excessive risks. Unfortunately for them, Kavuri snared a brilliant 5 for 25 off 12.3 overs to stop the Magpies in their tracks - literally. Western Suburbs all out for 167 in the 70th over. In reply, the Bulldogs are 0/20 and looking for a strong effort next week.

WEEK 2

In what can only be described as a bizarre match of cricket, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs eventually took hold of the second day to great an exciting outright win. Needing only 8 runs on Saturday morning to win first innings points, the Daniel Solway led Bulldogs' collapsed to lose the last five wickets for just 6 runs. This saw both sides tied on the first innings with 138 totals and setting the scene for an exciting days play. The Wests batting line-up fared much better in their second innings, and it took the wily bowling of English import George Balderson to shake the Magpies up. Balderson's figures of 4/40 off 13 overs were the key to pressuring Wests into a very sporting declaration at 8 for 167. The challenge was for the Bulldogs to chase 168 in 26 overs on a very steamy afternoon at Bankstown Memorial Oval. Led by captain Solway with 63 not out, the Bulldogs forged their way to outright victory in the final over with 4 for 173. Solway was well supported by Brendan Smith (35) and youngster Ryan Freedman (26). The win moves the Bulldogs inside the top six but the Dogs will need to be at their best as the confront the unpredictable Fairfield-Liverpool in a Limited overs fixture at Rosedale Oval next Saturday.

Second grade

In another game with the potential for an outright result, the Tony-Clark led seconds snuck past Wests to take first innings points and then he declared soon after at 9 for 169 to keep the prospect of an outright victory alive. However the Wests batsmen did not get the Bulldogs memo and fought ferociously in their second innings to reach 5 for 171 when the Magpies declared to also try for outright victory. Gurinder Hara was the pick of the Dogs' bowlers with 3 for 39 and took his match total to 5 wickets for 61 runs across both innings. Chasing 165 for outright, the Dogs' batsmen ensured the Magpies would not get a sniff of victory with Mansukh Singh 21 not and Mitch Hinds Hinds 13 not out, with the Dogs 1 for 38 at the close of play to ensure first innings points were Bankstown's.

Third grade

Needing a further 181 runs to win on first innings, the Alex-Kouventaris-led thirds worked their way to an excellent 7 for 206 to take the match. Kouventaris played a sublime captain's knock with an outstanding 104 runs (including 17 boundaries) and provide the backbone for the other Bulldogs run chase as the side achieved a well-deserved win. Kouventaris was well supported by all-rounder Tushaar Garg with 42. The Dogs taking the points in the 78th over.

Fourth grade

Chasing a massive total at Blick Oval, Ryan Malcolm's fourths unfortunately fell cheaply and were all out for just 100 runs. Only Anthony Melnyk valued his wicket sufficiently well with 30 not out. With Wests enforcing the follow-on, the Dogs fared slightly better, with the match called with Bankstown at 2 for 57 and losing on first innings.

Fifth grade

At Kelso Park North, the Dogs needed 148 further runs for victory. But the Bullpups almost didn't quite get there. Led by Mat Kelly, only a few batsmen performed to their ability. Opener Muhammad Talha with 43 provided stoic resistance but it was a magnificent 90 run eighth wicket partnership between Hayden Barrett (48 off 133 balls) and Brady Polkinghorne (45 not out, 96 balls) saw the locals claim a gutsy win with 9/172. The exceptional effort means Barrett and Polkinghorne will have all-rounder bragging rights for at least the next week!

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Opposition: Fairfield-Liverpool - Round 12 Rosedale Oval



BBL players tear through Bulldogs batsmen

In the two-day first grade match against Fairfield-Liverpool on Saturday, the returning BBL players for Fairfield-Liverpool Lions showed their class and ripped the Dogs apart. Captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and was sent in to bat. Only Nick Carruthers resisted the pace and spin of the current BBL duo of Nair and Hatcher - who between them took all the Bankstown wickets. Carruthers worked his way to 48 - which included five boundaries - at Rosedale Oval. However, Carruthers needed others to go with him to hopefully establish a decent total. While George Balderson and Brendan Smith both got starts (20), there were too many

ducks and single figure scores for the Dogs' batsmen to apply any substantial pressure. Bankstown were all out (again) for 138. When the Dogs bowled, they took some revenge as the Dogs already have the Lions at four for 79 - with Balderson with 2 for 7 - and the game somewhat precariously poised for next Saturday's resumption.

Second grade

At Bankstown Oval, captain Tony Clark lost the toss and the visitors elected to bat first. After a couple of early wickets the fell to the pace of Matt Bursa and rapidly-developing Zane Mitchell, the Lions steadied their ship and amassed a very solid total of 7 for 281 with the wickets shared amongst most of the bowlers, with Bursa the pick at 2 for 47 off 19 overs. While bowling a good line and length on a wicket with a bit of turn, the visitors took their time to build up to their total. While not an imposing total, if the Lions declare early next week, the Dogs have the fire power to chase down such a total.

Third grade

At Fairfield Oval, captain Alex Kouventaris won the toss and elected to bat. Youngster Ethan Prideaux as opener, put on a batting and temperament display well above his years in scoring his first century (unbeaten) for the Bulldogs. At 113 not out, Prideaux was just sublime in his shot selection and seemed to be easily able to pick when to go after bowlers or when to stoically protect his wicket. With seven boundaries in his innings, he was very well supported by Kouventaris (55) who is always in the runs this season and leads by example, as well as Matt Simpson who is 65 not out, including four massive 6s. Thanks to these three willow-wielders, the 'Dogs are in a great position for next weeks' resumption at 3 for 266.

Fourth grade

The Ryan Malcolm led Bulldogs face a challenge to retain their top six position after Fairfield Liverpool declared 7/306 at Grahame Thomas Oval. Chris Stefanish was the pick of the bowlers with 2/63 off 19 over while Brady Polkinghorne also chimed in with a two wicket haul. Bowling on a very flat wicket the Dogs also had to contend with the loss of 2 our key bowlers who picked up injuries so the performance actually has some merit. At stumps the Dogs were 0/8 and the side is looking forward to warm conditions next week as they set about the run chase in typically determined Bulldog style.

Fifth grade

At Don Dawson Oval, the Tim Croft-led fifths won the toss and batted first. Both openers helped set up the Dogs' innings with solid starts with Muhammad Talha (32) and young Riley Collison (44) getting the ball rolling. But it was the innings of middle order batsman Matthew Fitzgerald that helped the captain with a sporting declaration towards the end of the day's play. Fitzgerald was despatching balls to and over the fence - and of his 51 not out - 32 runs were from boundaries. Club stalwart Brett Collison also chimed in with a speedy 38 and captain Croft declared at 9 for 207 to get six overs of bowling at the Lions. This yielded a result as the Lions are 1 for 12 and so next week

the Dogs should go on a bowling attack.

WEEK 2

In the two-day first grade game at Rosedale Oval, the fighting Bulldogs needed to restrict Fairfield-Liverpool's ability to score runs as they only needed 59 runs for first innings victory with six wickets in hand. In what may have seemed like a lost cause, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs lived up to their name and did their best to ensure the Lions fought for every run. George Balderson was especially economical and troubled the batsmen with his probing medium pace and was indeed the pick of the bowlers. With three wickets for just 19 runs off 22 overs (including 12 maidens), Balderson became the thorn in the Lions foot. Balderson was well supported by Ryan Felsch with three for 46, but the task was just too difficult to prevent an eventual Lions victory as they chased down the modest Dogs' total, declaring at 8 for 170 to take first innings points.

Second grade

At Bankstown Oval, the Lions continued to bat and ended up all out 318 and in doing so reducing the overs available to the Dogs to chase 319 for victory. Nevertheless, the Bankstown batsmen showed a positive approach to their batting and was led by big-hitting opener Joel Brockley with 84 runs off 100 balls - which included an astonishing thirteen boundaries. When you add in the batting skill and talent of Mitch Hinds, it made 318 seem very achievable. Indeed, Hinds scored his highest score for the club with a stunning 116 not out to steer the Dogs home to a victory the Lions wouldn't have seen coming. This was Hinds' fifth century in just his fifth season at Bankstown, which highlights both his ability to score big innings often and his genuine consistency in scoring centuries. Partnering Hinds was wicketkeeper Cameron Middleton with a solid and supportive 39 not out, to see the Dogs home with the loss of just six wickets for 319.

Third grade

Captain Alex Kouventaris declared the Dogs' innings closed at last week's score of 3 for 266 which also included Ethan Prideaux scoring over 1000 runs for the Bulldogs. With 267 needed for victory, the Lions struggled to get genuine partnerships going with all bowlers contributing and piling on the scoreboard pressure. Bryan Handunnetthi was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 20 off 9 overs and took the Lions' middle order apart. Rhys Ward (2 for 23), Gurinder Hara (2 for 25) and Nicholas Freedman (2 for 55) all formed a formidable bowling attack that restricted the Lions to just 165 all out, resulting in a comprehensive Dogs' victory.

Fourth grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the Dogs were chasing 307 for victory after Fairfield declared at 6 for 306. Openers Rohin Patel and Thomas Cordingley got the Dogs off to a flyer, with scores of 58 and 40 respectively. Then the captain (Jehan Bilimoria) and his senior first mate (Ryan Malcolm) took control of the batting and sent balls flying around the streets of Bankstown and into the fences as they put on a batting show. With twenty-one boundaries between them, Bilimoria was

at his brutal best with 80 and Malcolm providing the innings' backbone with 75 to secure an excellent Bulldogs win just 5 wickets down.

Fifth grade

Captain Tim Croft went ever so close to his winning by outright on Saturday at Don Dawson Oval. The Lions were bowled out for 112 chasing the Dogs' 9 for 207 and so Croft had time and the team attack to chase outright points. Mohammad Talha was the key to fifths' chances as he demolished the Lions batsmen with 5 for 21. Batting again, the Dogs' batsmen played with intent and Brett Collison scored 44 off just 22 balls (the same score as his son last week), and all the other batsmen going at a run a ball or better. At 5 for 100, Croft declared and challenged the Lions to resist the outright. All bowlers again applied pressure for the Lions to prevent being overrun, and Dnaiel Azzi was the pick with 3 for 54 and the Lions just clawing their way to prevent an outright loss at 7 for 151. Bankstown winning in dominant style and showing the potential talent in the young side.

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Opposition: Sutherland - Round 13 Bankstown Oval



Bulldogs demolish Sutherland in local derby

Losing the toss on a hot Saturday morning at Bankstown Oval, captain Daniel Solway and his team had no regrets despite bowling in intense heat. Indeed, the wickets were shared amongst the Bulldogs bowlers as they tore apart their local rivals from across the river. Toiling away in searing Sydney summer heat, the Dogs' bowlers were howling consistently, with pressure applied at every delivery. Sutherland found it impossible to score and form partnerships and really faced a losing uphill battle from the ferocious Dogs. Ryan Felsch bowled his usual line and length with power and was rewarded with 4 wickets for just 21 runs and was well supported by Englishman George Balderson with 3 for 19. Balderson has been a fantastic member of the Bulldogs squad and returns to chilly England on Monday. Sutherland were all out for just 98 runs, with all other bowlers getting wickets and simply nullifying any chance of runs. In reply, the Dogs got off to a flyer with Nick Carruthers hammering the Sutherland bowling for a very quick 50 before being caught from a skied ball. Off just 33 balls, his swashbuckling innings included 7 boundaries and paved the way for a

speedy first innings lead for the Dogs. This gave the following batsmen the freedom to wield the willow. Captain Solway was unlucky to not reach another century after falling on an excellent 91 after taking the lead once Carruthers had departed and got great support from Brendan Smith (30) and Balderson on 33 not out.

Day 2 - Sunday

Bankstown closed their innings on Sunday morning at 6 for 260 to send Sutherland back in with a 162-run lead. With scoreboard pressure being applied from ball number one, the Dogs' bowlers took to their task of outright victory with both venom and guile. Indeed, the Dogs snared the wickets of six Sutherland batsmen for just single figures each and after tea, put the foot down for outright with sharp bowling from the pacemen of Brad Simpson (2 for 48), Liam Marshall (1 for 16), Ryan Felsch (1 for 29) and George Balderson (0 for 21) reminding Sutherland they were in a serious battle for points as the tension was felt across the oval with every ball bowled. At the other end, wily Daniel Burns was spinning a web of cricket trickery and making the ball zing on a flat track with a caught behind, catches in slips and an lbw to take the bowling honours with 4 for 42. However, an outright win eluded the Dogs as Sutherland remained stoic and survived the hours of pressure at 8 for 173, but the Dogs were barking in taking a valuable 6 points as finals matches approaches. Sunday was also 'Back to Bankstown' day where many of the past great players of the club reminisced about their cricketing exploits for the Dogs. It was great to see club stalwarts like Wayne Holdsworth, David Thompson, Vaughan Williams, David Freedman and Steve Wise mixing with the current crop of young Bulldog chatting and watching the current 1st Grade side fight for outright victory.

Second grade - Limited Overs Saturday

At Glenn McGrath Oval, Tony Clark won the toss and sent Sutherland in to bat who subsequently dominated much of the morning's play. Despite early pressure, it took a great run out to keeper Cameron Middleton, for the tide to start turning the Dogs' way. Paceman Matt Bursa was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 41 with two of those caught behind to Middleton. After their allotted 50 overs, Sutherland were 7 for 205 and had laid a challenge to the Dogs' batsmen who stood up and were counted as they stoically chased down a sizeable one-day total. Mr Consistent Ryan Freeman again showed he is destined for higher grades with another sterling effort as he scored 55 with style. Niran Wijewardene also was unlucky to not reach his 50 in falling just short on 48 when run out. These two, along with Mansukh Singh's rapid 34 off 30, had laid the platform and the Dogs marched home with over 6 overs to spare to rack up a convincing win at 6 for 206 in the 44th over.

Third grade - Limited Overs Saturday

At Grahame Thomas Oval, the visitors won the toss and sent Alex Kouventaris' team in to bat. Again, Kouventaris led the way with his bat by top scoring with a modest 35. With a few other contributions, the Bulldogs limped to a below-par 148 and were bowled out in just the 38th over of

their allotted 50. Despite the grim outlook against a side competing for a similar ladder position, the Dogs' bowlers applied consistent pressure which made scoring very difficult despite having to defend a relatively low total. Indeed, slow bowler Koby Layton started the demolition job taking out both openers and he finished with a very well-deserved 4 for 32. Bailey Penna's pace bowling also chimed in significantly and really took away any hope of a Sutherland victory as the Dogs were simply too good. Penna claimed 4 for 12 off just 6 overs and was the other thorn in the side that Sutherland simply could not shake. The Dogs were victorious in the 44th over after rolling over Sutherland for just 94.

Fourth grade - Limited Overs Saturday

At Sutherland Oval, captain Jehan Bilimoria lost the toss and was asked to bowl first in their one-day clash. While the Dogs bowlers weren't being punished too much, a few Sutherland batsmen were scoring consistently. Most bowlers earned wickets, with wily Chris Stefanish the pick with 3 for 29 off his 10 overs as Sutherland were 8 for 193 after their 50 overs. In reply, the Dogs found the going very tough and only Bilimoria with 52 and Rohin Patel (28) scoring innings of any note. Bankstown were rolled for 159 in the 38th over to go down by 34 runs.

Fifth grade - Limited Overs Saturday

At Kelso Park North, captain Tim Croft lost the toss and was sent in to bat first. Unfortunately, the young Dogs hardly made the scorer work, with only Hassaan Jamil on 32 not out being the standout. Bankstown limped to be 9 for 129 after their 50 overs. In reply, the Dogs bowlers were in the hunt at times, but a few decent scores paved the way for a Sutherland win. The pick of the Dogs' bowlers was James Duckett with 2 for 20 as Sutherland passed the Dogs' total in the 45th over.

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Opposition: Northern Districts - Round 14 Bankstown Oval - day 1 washed out



Burns gets Bulldogs so close with 10 wickets in match

At Bankstown Oval on day two of the penultimate round match against Northern Districts, it seemed a fait accompli as Bankstown were already behind. Nevertheless, the Dogs' bowlers took it upon themselves to challenge the visitors with a resistance they were not expecting. Indeed, Northern Districts were all out

on day two for just 147 with a lead of a modest 54 runs with both Ryan Felsch and Brad Simpson snaring 4 wickets each in the innings. Batting again, captain Daniel Solway led the way with a stoic 84 not out and provided the backbone for a Bulldogs' attack with 28 of his runs smashing into the Memorial Oval fence. He was well supported by Brendan Smith (33) and Lima Marshall (22) as the Dogs declared at tea at 9 for 185 leaving the visitors needing to chase 131 runs in the afternoon session for outright victory. It looked like a forgone conclusion as Northern Districts were 0 for 86 and seemingly on their way to 10 competition points. However, once Daniel Burns got both openers out, he duly decimated the Northern Districts' batsmen with a spin bowling display that has justifiably entered the Bulldogs' record books. Burns took a stunning 8 wickets for just 38 runs off 14 overs to spin a web over the entire visiting team and almost bowl the Dogs to an unlikely outright victory. Burns earned the sixth-best 1st-grade bowling figures in the proud club's history. As an indicator of the import of Burns' achievement, it was New Zealand Test bowler Darryl Tuffey who last got 8 wickets in an innings for the club against Randwick-Petersham in the 2012-13 season. Such was the devastating attack of Burns' bowling, only one Northern Districts batsman scored over 10 runs (apart from the openers) as wickets fell during every Burns over. The match result went down to the very last over as the visitors attempted to keep Burns out - which they just managed to do and survived on 9 for 126 - still 5 runs short but gaining first innings' points. Burns bowled his way to a 10-wicket haul in a match that just could not be finished off for the Dogs but was a demonstration of the fighting club spirit and never-say-die attitude.

Second grade

Winning the toss after last week's washout at Asquith Oval, captain Mitch Hinds bowled first in a one-day match. Restricting the home side to just 102 runs with a combination of pace and spin between Matt Bursa with 4 for 34 and Justin Felsch with 3 for 15, the home side were reeling. Chasing a low score is often fraught with the dangers of complacency, but this wasn't the case today as Mitch Hinds on 40 not out, Mansukh Singh (31) and newly promoted 3rd Grade captain Alex Kouventaris (22 not out) helped the Dogs cruise to victory in just over 21 overs.

Third grade

Captain Matt Simpson was defending 303 at Grahame Thomas Oval, the visitors were in the driving seat for most of the match as they kept ahead of the run rate with their top order all doing well and getting very good starts. It wasn't until the 60th over when the Dogs took hold of the game and the pace of Rhys Ward (2 for 51) coupled with the beguiling spin of young Nicholas Freedman with 4 for 63, saw the Bulldogs finish off the visitors who simply had no answer to Freedman in their middle order and tail after such a good start. Indeed, the Bulldogs rolled Northern Districts for 277 all out and gain valuable competition points.

Fourth grade

At Storey Park, captain Jehan Bilimoria continued to bat on week 2, although Jordan King could not add to his 101. The Bulldogs added a further 24 runs and were all out for 202. Defending a solid but modest total was never going to be easy, and Bilimoria lead the way with 3 for 30 and he was well supported by Reagan Sidhu with 3 for 72. The Dogs went very close to victory having the home team at 9 for 198 but just could not finish them off - the result being a somewhat disappointing drawn match.

Fifth grade

At Kelso Park North, captain Tim Croft's squad was already in some trouble being 4 wickets down, but had the opportunity to stand up and chase a modest total. Needing just 107 more runs for victory, the Bullpups really struggled. One shining light was Hassaan Jamil who scored a stoic 54 to help the Dogs get ever so close to victory before being all out for 125.

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**Opposition: Hawkesbury - Round 15
Owen Earle Oval**



Centuries galore as all grades win

In the last round of matches before the finals, the Bankstown Sports Bulldogs travelled to Owen Earle Oval for a Limited Overs format game. Captain Daniel Solway lost the toss and was sent into bat - after which, everything went the Bulldogs'

way. Once again leading the way, Solway provided a batting masterclass highlighting his genuine skill with the willow. He scored at nearly a run-a-ball in finishing with 125 off 137 including 3 towering sixes and 6 fours. Solway partnered with Zeeshaan Ahmed who also scored at better than a run-a-ball for his 114 off just 101 balls (including 11 fours). Between them, Solway and Ahmed demolished the Hawks' bowling attack while providing the backbone for the rest of the batsmen to hit out at will. After their allotted 50 overs, the Bulldogs held a commanding position of 6 for 340. In reply, the Bulldogs never allowed the Hawks to develop partnerships, and all bowlers were rewarded with wickets. However, Liam Marshall (3 for 30) and Daniel Burns (3 for 39) were the pick of the bowling attack and simply strangled the Hawks' batsmen out of the chase. Hawkesbury was all out for 155... a comprehensive win for the Bulldogs although the side just missed the bonus point and a qualifying finals berth.

One consolation is that the Club came 4th in the coveted Club Championship rankings.

Second grade

At Bankstown Oval, the Mitch Hinds-led seconds are finals bound after putting on a master class of aggressive batting. Winning the toss and batting, Hinds and Ryan Freeman set up the Dog's total after losing a couple of early wickets. Indeed, there was only one other wicket to fall as Hinds registered his second century of the season with 103 with balls smashing into and over the Memorial Oval fence. But, the captain was arguably outshone by the ever-improving Freeman who handles every grade he has been promoted to this season. With his third century for the season, Freeman was sublime in working his way to 131, which included some deft placements, smart running and lofty drives. Freeman is generating much talk in the region with his youth and ability, and higher honours beckon for such a skilled and level-headed batsman. The Dogs finished at 3 for 289 after their 50 overs. In reply, Justin Felsch decimated the Hawks' batsmen to make it look like different pitches were used. With his second 5 wicket haul this season, Felsch earned 5 for 40 off 9 overs to help roll the Hawks for

just 185 and a comprehensive home win.

Third grade

Captain Alex Kouventaris lost the toss at Bensons Lane and was sent into bat. Scoring a modest 4 for 201, the Dogs struggled to generate a solid total despite excellent batting by Kouventaris with 72 not out. He was well supported by Bryan Handunneththi with 58 and the pair helped the Dogs just past 200. Defending 201, the Dogs relied on the motivation and fielding skill to restrict the home side. Bryan Handunneththi was the pick of the bowlers with 3 for 36 and helped restrict the Hawks to be all for 193. A close, but important, win for the Dogs.

Fourth grade

At Grahame Thomas Oval, captain Ryan Malcolm won the toss and sent Hawkesbury into bat. Dismissing the Hawks for 168 showed the determination of the Dogs' bowlers not to give anything away. Reagan Sidhu was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 22 off his 10 overs and was well supported by Hayden Barrett with 3 for 20 off 10 overs. Restricting the visitors to a modest score seemed insufficient on the beautiful Grahame Thomas outfield. However, the Dogs made hard work of the chase at times. Malcolm's 61 set the base for the good win, but most other batsmen struggled. Nevertheless, an important win to the Dogs in the 37th over, although they lost seven wickets along the way (7 for 171).

Fifth grade

Captain Tim Croft won the toss at Kelso Park North and batted first. Many Dogs' batsmen got starts, but James Duckett with 40 not out stood above the pack. Working their way to a somewhat disappointing 152 to be all out, the Dogs knew they had to switch on when in the field. With wickets shared amongst most bowlers, the Bulldogs put on a line and length bowling display that made scoring very difficult. Daniel Azzi with 3 wickets for 20 was the pick, but all bowlers contributed to a solid team effort. Indeed, the Hawks could only muster 107 runs to be all out, so the Dogs won comfortably in the end.

























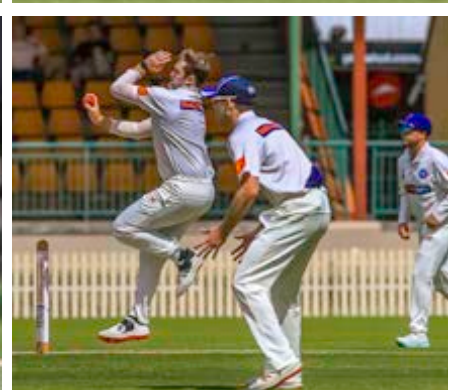


















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