

EAST FREMANTLE

CRICKET CLUB

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COACHES REPORT

We started this years season in late August with our first Sunday training session. This session probably reflected the 1st and 2nd grades attitude to training this year with very few of this group attending. On the other side of the coin these early training session were attended by a large proportion of the current 3rd and 4th grade sides whom both coincidentally won their respective one day competitions and are currently playing off in the main competition finals.

I would like to congratulate both Dave Dunstan and Justin Varney and their charges on a terrific season for the club. Both 3rds and 4ths attitude and attendance at training was first class throughout the season and their results reflect this.

Reflecting on the 1st and 2nd grades training this season, you could say that at most times only half of the two sides ever attended training at the same time. This makes it very difficult for training to attain levels required to prepare for the weekend battles ahead. If the 3rd and 4th grade sides can attend training then there is no reason for the 1st and 2nds not too. As a matter of fact there are more reasons for them to attend as they are in privileged positions in the club representing the club at the highest levels and are looked up to by the 3rd and 4th grade players as examples to follow.

At this point I would like to thank those 1st and 2nd grade players who nearly always turned up at training and gave a 100% commitment. They know who they are so I don't have to mention names.

Reflecting on the season in more detail, it seemed that we played in two halves, one prior to Christmas and one after Christmas. Prior to Christmas we had basically all four grades in the top four grades in the top 3 in the one day competition. Basically all four grades were playing some pretty good cricket prior to Christmas and this was reflected in the Club Championship table where we were running second, just behind Cockburn. I don't know what happened after Christmas but our cricket went down hill, especially in the top two grades. The 1st grade won one out of the six games after Christmas and the second grade didn't win a solitary game. It seems that the Christmas cheer got into us all and we lost the 'plot'. This has happened in other years and we need to consider doing some training during the three week break over Christmas in coming years. From what started as a promising season we ended up being fairly mediocre towards the end.

The club has banded around the word 'Professionalism' over the last couple of years as the way it wants to travel. It seems that a lot of good ideas have come out of the last two season and now they need to be pulled together to epitify the meaning of Professionalism;

"A high standard of quality and commitment to a desired result in a chosen field'.

It is up to each and every individual to bring professionalism to his game and that means ultimately to the club as a whole.

I would like to thank the committee as a whole who have spent many an hour prior to the season and during the season giving up their spare time to work on improving the club. The players should appreciate the efforts of these tireless few who are the lifeblood of the club. Also to Justin Varney, thanks for your support at training throughout the season.

From a clubs point of view towards next season most of the players realise that the seeds for a successful season have already been put into play. Next season from what I understand will be the first season that we have looked towards prior to the previous season finishing. Plans have been raised with the so called top 20 players of the club and have been generally accepted, also our recruitment plans are well under way. I just hope that these plans and recruitment priorities don't die a slow death once the season is completely over.

Finally, I look forward towards next season with an optimistic attitude towards success. Hopefully all the players will keep cricket in the back of their minds during the off season and be ready for the coming season. I am looking forward to renewing friendships in the new season.

**SCOTT MATHEWS
COACH**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As the 1994/95 season draws to a close probably the best way to describe our clubs performance is satisfactory. The main concern was the way we competed after Christmas. We appointed Scott Mathews as club coach at the start of the season. Scott tried hard and all year the A grade were competitive, however, after Christmas won only one game. The obvious problem in A grade is the batting strength and hopefully next season we will rectify this problem. After a great start 2nds fell away badly and needs more dedication from certain players. 3rds were terrific, winning the one day final and making the 1st semi final. Well done Dave Dunstan. 4ths were the highlight, they won the one day final and have qualified to play in the grand final. Congratulations Justin Varney and the team.

Congratulations to John Olczyk, Peter Stephen, Dave Dunstan, Troy Grant and Justin Varney, who all won Association Trophies.

Finally I would like to thank the committee who have been a great help to me all year. Special mentions to Bogey as Treasurer, a thankless job but in my opinion has done a wonderful job. Also Justin Varney as Chairman of Selectors was also magnificent. It was great to have Yvette back as Secretary. George, Phil, Rowan, Scott, and JB also did more than their fair share of work behind the scenes.

Once again thank you to all club members for their support and look forward to everyone being involved in a great cricket club again next year.

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS REPORT

At the time of writing this report East Fremantle Cricket Club had received two one day premierships (3rd and 4ths) and the 4th grade side is about to embark on a grand final clash against Cockburn.

So we have achieved an acceptable level of success at 3rd and 4th grade levels, however, the performances of 1st and particularly 2nd grade has been very disappointing.

1st grade did show signs of improvement and one must say we have certainly performed to a higher level than the previous season. So in this respect any improvement in the right direction must be a good sign.

I believe the club needs to recruit heavily in the off season for all grades and some of this work has already been undertaken with some promising results. We also need players within the club to attract more players as it is my personal belief we need more players and hopefully a 5th grade side.

Some players have performed at an excellent level this season and need to be recognised. Jason Hof, Scott Mathews and Brodie Renouf all had good seasons with the bat, but I know all three players are looking forward to bigger and better season in 95/96.

The bowling in 1st grade has been the high point with John Olczyk winning the Association aggregate with 33 wickets. Jon Middleton (25 wickets), Matty White (18 wickets) and Graeme Verco (20 wickets) all had good reward for effort and deserved their returns.

Jamie Petkovitch, after a slow start, chimed in with 15 wickets and was bowling beautifully at the end of the season. After making the adjustment from turf to astro-turf, Jamie looms as a crucial player for us next season.

In the other grades Dave Dunstan, Peter Stephen (3rds) and Rod Arndt, Troy Grant and Mick Shorter (4ths) have had excellent seasons.

All in all I have enjoyed my role as Chairman of Selectors and look forward to being involved next season.

**JUSTIN VARNEY
CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS**

1ST GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

The losses of Ian Hill and Stuart Kensitt and Phil Cooper deciding to try his luck in the Pennants certainly meant that we had to do some recruiting in the off season. Although we spoke with many a player and had some promising responses we were eventually only able to recruit Jamie Petkovitch. This meant that we were going to have to rely on the local home grown talent to achieve the desired results.

We started with a loss to Phoenix but we showed enough in this game to be a force in the competition and I felt we could only improve on this result.

In the second game of the season we came across North Fremantle. North Fremantle were a side who on their day could defeat anyone in the competition, so it was good to see us convincingly defeat them. The highlight in this game was Brodie Renouf's century. Brodie batted extremely well and was the backbone of our win.

The third game of the season saw us get a hammering from Hilton Park. Our batting certainly let us down on this occasion and this happened more often than not during the season.

Probably our greatest win for the season, bringing with it the confidence for a succession of good wins prior to Christmas, was against CBC, our old foe. CBC scored a fairly convincing 245 for us to chase. On the second day it was one of those days where the rain would come and go bringing with it a lot of delays in play. We were struggling at 5 for approximately 120 when Shannon Andrews joined myself and we set about winning the game. The highlight of this game was Shannon's unbeaten knock of 64, being his first A grade game for the club.

We moved from the two day games to the one day competition after our win against CBC. The first weekend of the one day competition saw us against Kardinya on the Saturday and Cockburn on the Sunday. We defeated Kardinya in a fairly low scoring affair but were walloped by Cockburn on the Sunday after Cockburn only scored a mediocre 168. One loss and one win was a fairly satisfactory result, being that both Cockburn and Kardinya played off in the grand final of the one day competition.

The next game was against Leeming Spartans and in a high scoring affair we managed to hold on by about 20 runs. I think this game epitomised what our team could do if we put our minds to the job. Basically everyone contributed to the win and this game was, I felt, another highlight of the season.

Our last game prior to Christmas was the return game against Phoenix. After our win against Leeming we were running third in both competitions and this game presented the opportunity for us to further cement our claims of playing off in the finals. We won the toss and batted and batted reasonably well by scoring over 200 but Phoenix batted better and we finally succumbed by about 6 runs.

The loss against Phoenix seemed to herald a decline in our results for the rest of the season, although we did manage to beat Hilton Park fairly convincingly. I guess from my point of view we were nearly always in a winning position in every game we played this season but our batting seemed to be our nemesis.

The following are some of the more significant highs and lows of our season:

Jason Hof's batting this year was a delight to watch. Jason came of age this year and I congratulate him on his success and am looking forward to another productive year from him next year.

John Olczyk's association award for the most number of wickets by any player in the competition was well deserved. John was one of the few who always turned up at training and put his heart and soul into his A grade performances. I would also like to thank John for his support this year as vice captain.

Sticking with training for the moment it was always very disappointing not only for myself but for the players like John who were always at training but did not get the support of other 1st grade players at various times during the season.

As I have said our batting let us down more often than not during the season, but I cannot put the whole of the blame on our batsman for dismal performances. If you don't have the 1st grade bowlers at training then the batsman don't get the required practice they need to succeed. It isn't much help batting against 3rd and 4th grade bowlers if you have to face Gavin Brown who has played A grade pennants and comes off fairly quick off the astro turf and bowls reasonably short.

As I have mentioned Brodie Renouf's century against North Fremantle was another highlight of the season. Brodie batted extremely well and was the backbone of our win against North.

Jamie Petkovitch's improvement after Christmas was tremendous to see. Jamie had a slow start to the season but as the season wore on he became one of our best and quickest bowlers. I hope to see you back next year Jamie.

Our bowlers during the games were tremendous all season. It would be hard to single out any one of the bowlers as I feel they all contributed and this was reflected in the feat that not once during the season did we have to concede over 250 runs in an innings to the opposition. Not many sides, if any at all, can boast this record.

Matty White's obsession with Bourbon after training and after the game certainly kept Justin, Olly and myself up to the mark at times. We even thought of next year having a caricature of Matty on our cricket shirts smiling, holding a bottle of bourbon with writing underneath "lets have fun". We'll see what the committee says.

Peko's obsession with batting seemed to get the better of him at times. Against North we were cruising at 3/200 with Peko batting at 11. All of sudden Peko came out dully attired to bat, everyone looked at me as if to ask why Peko was batting next. Seems to me you had too many the previous night Peko.

As I have said in my Coaches report I think the seeds for a successful season next year have already been planted. Everyone I have spoken too seems enthusiastic and confident about the prospects next year and I have also heard on the grapevine that some players have already started their pre-season training, by getting fit, not for football but for cricket. If everyone of the top 20 players in the club has this attitude towards their cricket next season then I cannot see why we can't succeed at the highest level and bring some flags to the club.

SCOTT MATHEWS
1ST GRADE CAPTAIN

1ST GRADE BATTING & CATCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
G. Strnadica	5	-	64	12.80	3
R. Mathews	10	1	130	14.44	4
B. Renouf	12	1	298	27.09	15 + 1 stmp
J. Olczyk	13	3	230	23.00	12
S. Mathews	14	2	350	29.16	5
J. Hof	13	-	401	30.84	2
B. Clancy	9	-	127	14.81	3
G. Howard	5	1	68	17.00	2
G. Verco	7	1	25	4.16	10
J. Middleton	6	2	14	3.50	5
J. Petkovich	8	4	52	13.00	2
M. White	8	1	109	15.57	2
S. Andrew	9	1	199	24.87	3
D. Beale	3	-	42	14.00	2
D. Muir	2	2	43	-	-
K. Munro	1	-	11	11.00	-
C. Spinella	1	-	5	5.00	-
M. Bogensperger	1	-	1	1.00	1
M. Farrell	1	-	0	0	1
B. Heaton	2	-	38	19.00	-

1ST GRADE BOWLING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WCKTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
R. Mathews	1	7	-	-
B. Renouf	4	2	2	1.00
J. Olczyk	176.2	461	33	13.98
J. Hof	3	10	-	-
B. Clancy	23	110	2	55
G. Howard	76	291	11	26.45
G. Verco	139	368	20	18.40
J. Middleton	142.4	487	25	19.48
J. Petkovich	125	310	15	20.66
M. White	149	473	17	27.82
S. Andrew	2	4	-	-
D. Muir	2	24	1	24
C. Spinella	11	44	2	24
M. Farrell	32	89	2	44.50
R. Crerar	20	64	1	64

2ND GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Well the season got off to a great start with two outright wins, but after that we struggled to put it all together with the bat and in the field.

There were some good signs early with Mat White and Steve Strnadica putting on 120 odd in an hour against Phoenix to set up the outright for us. Shannon Andrews 7 wickets against North Fremantle was outstanding, but losing Mat and Shannon to 1st grade was a big loss.

A lot of the players throughout the year lacked application towards their cricket, but there were some promising performers, like Mick Farrell and Chris Spinnella with the ball and with the bat there were only a few players who scored over 50, Stevie Strnadica against Phoenix, Mark Farrell against CBC, Darren Beale against Kardinya, Brendon Clancy against Kardinya, Graeme Howard against Kardinya and Darren Muir against Hilton and Phoenix. So as far as I am concerned that tells the story. We didn't make enough runs to win games and our fielding needs a lot of work.

There is a couple of players that I would like to mention that I thought do deserve some praise for their all-round efforts, Cameron Duffy, Mark Farrell, it is good to see these two young blokes showing they know what it takes to play 2nd grade and I am talking about training and getting to the game on time. Well done blokes.

Overall a very disappointing season with the ability we had we just didn't put it together, so next season lets make sure we are there in March or else we are wasting our time.

To George Strnadica and Graeme Howard, thanks for your efforts when I was unavailable. It's been a tough season for 1st and 2nd grade so I hope to see you at pre-season so we can improve on our game.

One last thing, well done to 3rd and 4ths on winning the one day finals and by Sunday afternoon hopefully 4ths would have won the flag.

Good luck to everyone with their cricket next year.

**DARREN (MAD DOG) MUIR
SECOND GRADE CAPTAIN**

2ND GRADE BATTING & CATCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
M. White	1	1	45	-	2
C. Kennington	3	1	19	19.50	1
D. Muir	9	1	216	27.00	6
S. Andrews	3	1	82	41.00	3
R. Crerar	3	2	2	1.00	3
Ma. Farrell	14	1	200	15.38	7
B. Magee	3	-	17	5.63	4
Mi Farrell	4	3	45	45.00	-
Gra Howard	5	-	92	18.40	3
J. Varney	4	-	7	1.75	2
R. Butterfield	4	-	51	12.75	1
J. Petkovich	4	1	43	14.33	-
C. Spinella	6	2	48	12.00	4
G. Verco	1	-	5	5.00	-
B. Clancy	6	1	159	31.80	3
M. Bogensperger	8	-	190	23.75	4
C. Duffy	5	3	47	23.50	3
Gre Howard	3	-	21	7.00	1
K. Munro	6	1	159	31.80	3
H. Bie	4	1	49	12.25	1
D. Beale	10	2	202	25.25	3
R. Mathews	2	-	46	23.00	-
G. Strnadica	8	-	107	13.37	7
S. Strnadica	10	1	180	20.00	9
D. Knowles	6	-	61	10.16	8
B. Heaton	7	-	105	15.00	7
D. Boyle	3	-	47	15.66	1
S. Kelly	1	-	-	-	-
B. Renouf	1	-	6	6.00	-

2ND GRADE BOWLING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WCKTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
M. White	15	12	4	3.00
C. Kennington	31	71	9	7.88
D. Muir	161	438	18	24.33
S. Andrews	26.1	49	11	4.45
R. Crerar	50.2	182	6	30.33
Ma. Farrell	25	89	5	17.80
Mi. Farrell	93	370	19	19.47
Gra. Howard	104.4	357	9	39.66
J. Varney	12	22	1	22.00
R. Butterfield	21.3	91	3	30.33
J. Petkovich	55	149	7	21.28
C. Spinella	79	277	13	21.30
G. Verco	15.3	47	1	47.00
B. Clancy	52	136	8	17.00
M. Bogensperger	20	99	1	99.00
C. Duffy	44	234	3	78.00
Gre. Howard	29	74	4	18.50
K. Munro	41.3	175	4	43.75
G. Strnadica	5	6	1	6.00
S. Strnadica	3	6	2	3.00

3RD GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Well, another season ends and still the elusive premiership pennant for third grade fails to reach EFCC clubrooms. Whilst it was disappointing not to win the pennant, when the season as a whole is reviewed it can only be described as very successful. Of the 16 games played we won 12, including the one-day final and finished third on the premiership ladder. Unfortunately we ran out of gas somewhat towards the end of the season and were fairly comprehensively beaten in the semi-final.

Obviously the highlight of our season was winning the one-day final - a victory achieved where every player was a strong contributor, especially the fielding, which in the end result was the difference between the two sides. What even made this win so much sweeter was the fact we beat CBC.

As the statistics which follow this report indicate some players had a much better season than others. This may be so, but what it doesn't show is the total support given by the so-called lesser players to the more accomplished members of our side. This, undoubtedly, is what led to the success enjoyed so often during the season.

I have nothing but admiration for the many players who pulled on the 3rd grade Guernsey during the season. Of the 32 players used I can honestly say the commitment to winning each Saturday for the club was nothing but 100%. Congratulations to you all and I say a big thank you for responding to my captaincy in the magnificent way you did.

Congratulations to "Blinky" and "Howie" for your tremendous all-round performances. Both are not only talented cricketers but very astute and were of great support to me throughout the season. Also, to "Bobby" and "Danny", I say a big thank you - the heart displayed by you both with the long bowling spells whilst carrying injuries was nothing short of sensational. On the batting side of things Robbie, Damien and Sticks had their moments, but I am sure would have liked more consistency. Hopefully this will come next season, because there is no doubt the ability is there. After a fair bit of patience and perseverance Cameron Duffy is starting to bloom as a bowler of class - a fact not lost on the selectors who rewarded him with several second grade games. Well done Cameron - keep it up.

Along with myself, Mick Leonard was the only other player to represent third grade in every game played. Whilst Mick didn't take his usual high number of catches behind the stumps his contribution to our overall team effort was magnificent. His dedication and commitment is to be admired and could, and should, be used as an example to many of the so-called better cricketers in our club. Many thanks Mick for a job well done. I could not finish this report without giving a plug to "Vassey". David would be the first to admit he is not overly-endowed with ability, but he has a big heart, always plays to his maximum ability and very rarely makes a mistake. Thanks Dave, it's been great having you in the side.

Finally I would like to thank Vercs and his Committee for supporting me throughout the season. You have all done a tremendous job this season, so much so that the future is looking very bright.

DAVE DUNSTAN
THIRD GRADE CAPTAIN

3RD GRADE BATTING & CATCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
P. Stephen	12	2	567	56.7	7
G. Howard	11	-	311	28.3	4
D. Dunstan	13	5	296	37.0	13
M. Dunstan	4	1	216	72.0	2
R. Butterfield	8	-	180	22.5	8
D. Boyle	9	-	166	18.4	4
B. Magee	10	1	129	14.3	6
S. Kelly	11	1	122	12.2	4
D. Buccini	7	1	123	20.5	3
H. Bie	5	-	119	23.8	-
M. Leonard	11	4	87	12.4	12 + 7 stmps
C. Duffy	8	2	62	10.3	3
S. Strnadica	5	-	60	12.0	2
A. Summerfield	4	-	54	13.5	2
M. Kwas	2	-	28	14.0	-
C. Spinella	3	-	22	7.3	-
D. Harris	5	-	21	4.2	1
R. Crerar	3	1	20	10.0	2
J. Newman	3	-	17	5.7	-
K. Munro	1	-	15	15.0	1
D. Vass	3	2	13	13.0	6
M. Taylor	1	1	10	10.0	1
P. Swift	1	-	9	9.0	-
M. Farrell	2	-	9	4.5	3
J. Varney	1	1	9	9.0	-
C. Bateman	1	1	6	6.0	-
V. Strnadica	1	-	6	6.0	1
M. Glossop	1	-	6	6.0	-
P. McLaughlan	1	-	3	3.0	-
T. Brophy	1	-	1	1.0	-
R. Dunstan	1	-	0	-	-
M. Nardi	-	-	-	-	-

3RD GRADE BOWLING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WCKTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
D. Dunstan	239	562	48	11.7
B. Magee	139	391	16	24.4
D. Buccini	89	256	15	17.1
G. Howard	62	204	12	17.0
P. Stephen	77	207	10	20.7
C. Duffy	57	166	9	18.4
R. Crerar	42	102	8	12.7
M. Kwas	28	58	7	8.3
C. Spinella	35	37	4	9.3
R. Butterfield	27	87	4	21.7
M. Glossop	17	33	2	16.5
T. Brophy	17	45	2	22.5
J. Varney	8	25	2	12.5
M. Nardi	13	67	2	33.5
M. Farrell	33	63	1	63.0
H. Bie	10	40	1	40.0
S. Kelly	3	38	-	-
C. Bateman	11	26	-	-
V. Strnadica	7	20	-	-
R. Dunstan	3	13	-	-
P. McLauchlan	4	18	-	-

4TH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Season 94/95 has been a tremendous one for the East Fremantle 4th grade.

A one day premiership and runners up in the two day competition speaks volumes for the commitment of the players.

I have been impressed no end by the attitude the guys have displayed toward their cricket. It shines as a beacon to the rest of the club that their commitment to training and to each other has enabled the team to achieve success.

From a personal point of view I have had my most enjoyable season of cricket to date and I put this down to playing the game with a group of guys who have a fierce desire to be successful, both as a team and individually.

Troy Grant has had an outstanding season and 50 wickets is just reward for his effort. Mick Shorter has improved in leaps and bounds as a keeper-batsman and though an ordinary finals series with the willow may detract a fraction this should only act as a spur for Mick to work harder at his game.

Rod Arndt has been a wonderful team player and his feats with bat and ball herald his arrival as a genuine allrounder.

All players have contributed throughout the season, however, I must owe a personal vote of thanks to Bram Barker and Vic Strnadica who answered my SOS and have proved valuable team members.

Finally to Phil Swift who has given me enormous support and encouragement in my role, I say thank you.

I sincerely hope all the 4th graders are around next season so we can take that one extra step and be proclaimed premiers.

**JUSTIN VARNEY
4TH GRADE CAPTAIN**

4TH GRADE BATTING & CATCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
J. Varney	12	4	484	60.50	2
B. Barker	9	1	205	25.62	6
V. Strnadica	8	1	160	22.85	6
R.. Arndt	18	2	284	17.75	7
P. Swift	13	-	214	16.46	3
M. Shorter	19	-	311	16.36	22 + 1 stmp
D. Harris	13	1	166	13.83	12
J. Newman	8	-	150	18.75	1
T. Grant	18	3	198	13.20	3
M. Taylor	12	5	88	12.57	5
M. Nardi	13	7	55	9.16	7
C. Bateman	15	5	60	6.00	2
A. Summerfield	7	-	153	21.86	2
D. Cleverly	6	1	41	8.20	2

4TH GRADE BOWLING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WCKTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
J. Varney	126	292	31	9.41
T. Grant	268	631	50	12.62
V. Strnadica	60	125	9	13.88
C. Bateman	138	347	22	15.77
R. Arndt	144	412	24	19.61
M. Nardi	116	279	12	23.20