# EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1993/94 SEASON

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club has certainly had it's up's and down's during the season but by having two sides in the finals I guess we have had a reasonably successful year. To improve our success rate a much higher percentage of players must train for two nights a week as training this season certainly lacked numbers and I think that showed in some of the results.

Special thanks must go to Brett Magee for the huge amount of work he has done for the club throughout the year. Many things go unnoticed and Brett did a marvellous job.

1st grade started the 93/94 season with a win in the first fixture, unfortunately the year did not continue in that manner. Too many times the side seemed to either bat well or bowl well, rarely putting both together in one match, which obviously makes games difficult to win. All were happy to see some consistent batting efforts from Bruce Heaton and Rohan Matthews, and captain/coach Ian Hill made a brilliant 109 not out in the last game of the year. Brendan Clancey was a new recruit who showed he has the ability to become a very good player for the club.

The 2nd grade side were well lead (eventually) by Darren Muir and they again made the finals, unfortunately losing the first semi. They had many hard fought winds during the year and some excellent individual performances. With Jason Hof, Brodie Renouf and Peter Stephen all making timely runs and some great bowling performances from the ageless Graeme Verco, they played consistently for most of the year.

After Phil Swift (injured) and Daniel Knowles (reluctant), Mick Glossop (\*!?\*) took over as captain of 3rd grade, and after a very average start to the year they finished well and produced some upset wins against higher placed opposition. Well done Mick.

Congratulations must be given to the 4th grade side who won the one day grand final against the old enemy CBC. As we know premierships don't come easily and this was a magnificent effort. 4th's captain Dave Dunstan has created an extremely competitive team and took them to second position by winning the last game outright. The mixture of youth and experience has worked well and we wish them all the best for what we hope is their grand final eve.

Financially the club is doing alright thanks to the efforts of treasurer Paul (Choppa) Lyons who has done a wonderful job trying to follow some of the accounting practises of Brett Magee. Thank you also Choppa for becoming a cleaner every Tuesday night and cleaning the mess from the previous Saturday night.

Yvette Kelly (Secretary) again has done a great job and her efforts to collect (demand) all reports and averages etc for this annual report is much appreciated.

Finally thanks to Graeme Verco and George Strnadica who helped out on many occasions, and the other committee members whom the club could not run without.

During the winter months a lot of though must be given to recruiting the right kind of coach/players to ensure that EFCC continues to be a competitive club for many years to come.

Graeme Howard President

#### **COACHES REPORT**

Looking back over such a disappointing season, the club's decline started at the end of last season. Our inability to recruit anyone to cover the significant player losses expected from the top two sides substantially depleted the club's playing strength. although frustrating, it was not expected to be a major problem because the majority of last years first grade side remained.

Pre season training was another early warning sign of trouble to come, when numbers at training were very disappointing. The club went to the expense of hiring indoor training facilities and although great value was obtained by those few who turned up, it was embarrassing to have such a poor attendance when other club's present had so many. This was a trend that was to continue throughout the season and is a major reason for the lack of any consistent performances.

A first grade squad was selected with the idea of trying to introduce a more professional attitude and some prestige amongst the players. They were informed of the expectations and requirements for the forthcoming season but unfortunately the idea that was supported by all initially was only adopted by a few. A much more professional approach to every aspect of cricket needs to be adopted by everyone to attract and retain quality players and to improve the performances of all sides.

Early wins for all sides were hard to come by and although some encouraging performances were turned in, inconsistency was costing all sides wins. The early return of some players from overseas gave use some depth, however, this was offset by injury problems in first grade. By Christmas it was obvious that only the seconds and fourths had realistic chances of making the finals and unfortunately selections and players' attitudes started to reflect this. The final straw was the betrayal of the club by some prominent first grade players, putting what was already a turbulent season into total disarray.

There is no value in trying to attribute blame for the fall in the club's position this season. I have tried to point out some of the reasons, but it is now up to everyone at the club to work towards lifting East Fremantle up the ladder again and eliminate the problems that arose this year. However, even when the plans for 94/95 have been set in place it is ultimately up to the players to support the aims and requirements of the committee and coaching staff and make a total commitment to the club for the whole season and not just when it suits them. If this is not done, the future of the club is rather bleak.

On the positive side the fourth grade's effort in taking out the one day competition premiership was undoubtedly the season highlight so far. At the time of writing this report they are still in the race for the main flag and their success is no small way attributable to their constant attendance at training and the astute leadership and high personal success of David Dunstan. Dave has moulded his side of young tyros and wily veterans into a highly competitive unit and another premiership would be a fitting reward. Congratulations Dave on the team's and your own successful season.

In his first year as captain Darren Muir led the seconds into the finals again with a gutsy win in the last game of the season, only to lose in the first semi final. This was an unsatisfactory end for such a talented team but the effort at training throughout the latter part of the season has probably been reflected in the final result. However, the achievement of making the top four in such a tough season for the club is a worthwhile effort.

It is safe to say the firsts and thirds became the poor relations of the club after Christmas due to their positions on the ladder at that time. The thirds did manage to record a couple of stirring victories in their final two games under the imaginative leadership of Mick Glossop. Phil Swift reluctantly took on the captaincy role at the start of the season and suffered numerous changes to his side each week and it was no fault of his that the side did not perform better. Given an enthusiastic bunch of players and stable side I believe Swifty would prove to be a more than capable leader.

As I have stated previously I will not be continuing as Captain/Coach next season and I would like to thank Graham Verco and Graeme Howard and their respective committee's for giving me the opportunity to coach the club. To Verc's in particular, many thanks for your support as president and chairman of selectors, it has been second to none. His loyalty and commitment to East Fremantle are beyond compare and if more people put in the effort that Verc's has done over many seasons, the club would undoubtedly be better off. I would also like to mention a much maligned character, Brett Magee. Bobby puts in countless hours working for the club in a variety of tasks for very little thanks and I would like to thank him for his efforts over the past two seasons that I have been here.

Finally I would like to wish everybody all the very best for next season and urge everyone to work TOGETHER in lifting East Fremantle back up the ladder and not leave the task to the same old few.

Ian Hill Coach

#### FIRST GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Despite not recruiting any players to cover our losses we had every reason to be optimistic about the coming season. The players seemed keen and team spirit was high early on but after a couple of close losses things started to fall apart rather quickly and the first grade side plummeted to second last position with four wins, only marginally better than 1990/91 when not a single win was recorded.

We started with a victory over a very depleted CBC line up in the first game, but only won one more game before Christmas which was over Cockburn who were in second place at the time. The major feature of our game in this period was the wild inconsistencies that the side managed to product. We scored 296 and 251 in successive games but poor bowling and fielding cost us victory. A great effort in the field saw us chasing 229 at home in the next game but our batting failed and lost easily. We were able to work our way into strong positions in nearly all matches but could never sustain the effort and managed to let numerous games slip away from us. The best example of this was top side Phoenix in the 40 over game. Bowling first we had them 8/125 only to let them get 160 and even at 1/78 victory seemed assured but we collapsed and were all out for 142.

Our inconsistency can be directly attributed to the lack of numbers at training and our lack of bowling depth. The first grade rarely had a full side at training and consequently we could not work on the deficiencies that were exposed in our game. The lack of a replacement for Phil Cooper was initially only an inconvenience. However, this became disastrous with loss of Jon Middleton for most of the season with a groin injury and Stewie Kensitt being constantly hampered with a knee injury. This virtually robbed us of our three main bowlers of the past two season's and made it extremely difficult to bowl sides out at all, let alone restrict them to a reasonable total.

The batsmen also suffered by not receiving the constant pressure of facing quality bowling night after night at training. I mean do disrespect to those who were trying their hardest at training but it is not the same as facing a Terpsis or Duncan on a Saturday afternoon. It is significant that our best batting performances, apart from the final game, were in the first three matches when the clubs bowling depth was at it's greatest during the season.

After Christmas the walk out of two key players not only weakened us considerably but evaporated the remaining spirit of those trying their hearts out each Saturday. This was not helped by the reluctance or refusal of some to play first grade so as not to jeopardise their chances of playing seconds in the finals. Consequently we never fielded the club's best side at any time after Christmas and this reflected in our performances. To the players who did play first grade in that period many thanks for at least having a go.

The true character of a number of players was revealed this season. Some were weak enough to throw in the towel and some plugged away until the end and tried their hardest every week. The battlers are the players the club should build it's future around (as well as some quality recruits) because the players that don't give in and don't let you down when things are tough are the ones that are vital to successful sides.

Despite the disappointing season there were a few highlights.

- The performances of Graeme Howard who came of age as a first grade cricketer this season and thoroughly deserved winning the Cricketer of the Year Award. 'Howie' stepped into the void left by our bowlers and captured 30 wickets, including his first A grade "five for" against North Fremantle. His batting was always solid particularly his dashing 59 against Hilton Park which was one of the best innings in A grade this season. He compiled 175 runs and along with 12 catches and his was truly a fine all round performance.
- A gusty one day win over Cockburn after losing to North Fremantle the previous day.
- Brodie Renouf's 91 in the one day victory against Leeming.
- Rohan Matthews batting and drink selection. 'Pete' was probably our most consistent batsman scoring 322 runs this season, a fine effort after the previous season's poor result. His selection of cordial flavour sometimes left a lot to be desired but was greatly appreciated each week.
- Bruce Heaton's brilliant 94 against North Fremantle. Bruce was a quiet achiever this season but exploded in the game to just miss out on a richly deserved century.
- Our final game thrashing of North Fremantle making 5/324.

Some young players received substantial opportunities during the season such as Bram Barker, Matthew White and Brendan Clancey who all showed enough to suggest they may become good first grade players. Brendan in particular started in a blaze of glory exceeding 50 in his first two innings but fell away after that.

Finally to all those who pull on the pads again next season all the best.

Ian Hill
1st Grade Captain

### 1ST GRADE BATTING

	INNINGS	NOUT	RUNS	H/SCORE	AVERAGE	CATCHES
I. Hill	14	2	346	109*	28.83	3
D. Colvin	4		100	51	25.00	2
B. Heaton	15	3	299	94	24.91	6
R. Matthews	14	1	322	56	24.76	4
M. Rodrigues	7		173	88	24.71	12
J. Olcyzk	9		200	77	22.22	4
G. Howard	11	3	175	59	21.87	12
B. Renouf	7		153	91	21.85	3
B. Clancey	13		199	64	15.30	4
S. Kensitt	12	1	166	88	15.09	4
J. Varney	6		83	83	13.83	3
M. White	7	4	42	20*	13.00	1
B. Barker	9	1	103	23	12.87	4
D. Muir	5		39	21	7.80	2

Also Batted:-

G. Strnadica, J. Middleton, M. Bogensperger, S. Morley, R. Butterfield,

C. Bradshaw, Greg Howard, S. Harrison, K. Munro

## 1ST GRADE BOWLING

	OVERS	MAIDENS	WICKETS	WICKETS RUNS	
	OVERS	MADERO	WICHELTO	110110	AVERAGE
G. Howard	172.5	32	30	556	18.53
D. Muir	72	17	11	244	22.18
I, Hill	130	19	16	439	27.43
S. Kensitt	143	29	15	454	30.26
J. Olcyzk	127.4	41	10	340	34.00
B. Clancey	29	2	4	151	37.75
M. White	85	14	5	341	68.2

Also Bowled:-

J. Varney, J. Middleton, M. Holt, C. Bradshaw, Greg Howard, R. Matthews, M. Rodrigues, M. Bogensperger, D. Colvin, B. Heaton

#### SECOND GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Well to start off with I would like to say it's been a good learning experience for myself this season. It's been an up an down season for second grade, finishing with a disappointing performance against Kardinya in the 1st semi final. Again it was our batting and fielding that let us down. I think a bit more pride and application is needed to win a second grade premiership or any other grade for that matter.

Well to the season, as I said before it's been an up and down season, but there were some good performances throughout the year. There's a couple of blokes I would like to mention, first Mark Bogensperger (Bogey), looking back at last season Bogey played 3rd grade but this season showed that he has got some ability with some good scores, with the best being 60 against Leeming, when we were in deep trouble. Bogey has been one of the few blokes that has done everything asked of him.

Going onto probably the most unluckiest players who missed out in the finals, Greg Howard and Robert Butterfield, they showed early on in the season that they have got what it takes to play second grade and I'd like to thank both of them for their efforts this season.

Onto the best performances this season, without any doubt Graham Verco with the ball, with his best being 7/57 against North Fremantle. Plus I'd like to thank Verc's for his support throughout the season.

Again our batting was a problem, but there were two young fellows who stood out, that was Jason Hof and Peter 'Blinky' Stephens. Hofy's best was 72 not out and Blinky's being 123 not out. There is one thing I'd like to mention and that is the courageous performance of Mick Vanduren, who was hit in the eye early in the day and came back with one eye to help win the game. To go on, Mick's application in the latter stages of the season was good and with a good pre-season he could be a very good player for the club.

Well to finish it's been a disappointing season for myself and the team. Our fielding this year has been nothing short of disgraceful and we all know what it takes to change that.

I hope as many members of the club can come to the AGM, because it is important for everyone to have some input.

Darren 'Maddog' Muir 2nd Grade Captain

## 2ND GRADE BATTING

	INNINGS	N/OUT	RUNS	H/SCORE	AVERAGE	CATCHES
P. Stephen	12	4	397	123*	49.62	6
J. Hof	9	1	342	72*	42.75	5
A. Keenan	5	4	35	20*	35.00	1
S. Strnadica	4	2	53	36*	26.50	
M. Bogensperger	13	2	281	60	25.54	4
G. Howard	10	2	174	46	21.75	3
M. Vanduren	10		210	91	21.00	2
B. Renouf	7		125	75	17.85	3
R. Butterfield	13		231	40	17.76	11
S. Harrison	8		133	48	16.62	1
G. Strnadica	9		141	60	15.66	4
D. Muir	10		133	48	13.30	6
G. Verco	14	2	138	36*	11.50	5
C. Spinella	6	2	33	17	8.25	5
S. Morley	8	1	54	21*	7.70	10
J. Middleton	4	1	23	16	7.66	2
J. Varney	7		43	25	6.14	5

Also Batted:-

V. Strnadica, K. Munro, D. Knowles, B. Magee, B. Barker, M. Holt, M. Glossop, J. Olczyk

## 2ND GRADE BOWLING

	OVERS	MAIDENS	WICKETS	RUNS	AVERAGE
G. Verco	210.4	51	39	519	14.84
J. Olcyzk	40	16	7	89	14.71
P. Stephen	75.4	17	13	172	13.23
J. Varney	36	3	8	181	23.00
C. Spinella	101	15	13	328	25.23
J. Middleton	84.2	25	9	239	26.55
A. Keenan	36	3	5	159	31.80
D. Muir	126	28	15	478	31.86
G. Howard	86	10	9	304	33.99
M. Bogensperger	26	3	3	120	40.00

Also Bowled:-

M. Vanduren, S. Vanduren, T. Brophy, B. Magee, M. Holt,

M. Glossop, R. Butterfield

#### THIRD GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

My dad has all these classic old clichés, but there is one in particular which seems appropriate when referring to our third grade performance's of the past two years "FROM CHOCOLATES TO BOILED LOLLIES".

Coming off last years excellent finish to the season which saw us play off in the grandfinal and ultimately finish in second spot. I had high hopes of yet again making our presence felt in the finals in 93/94, but only a spirited rear guard action by Micky Glossop and his boys in the last two games prevented us from the humiliation of becoming holders of the wooden spoon.

It's hard to pinpoint where we went wrong, but 4 captains, 6 wicket keepers and around 36 different players through the season can't help you to establish a winning combination from week to week. Compared to last year when we had a base of 7 or 8 guys who played every game.

In defence of the guys who played thirsty's, we were never beaten outright, we lost 4 games by less than 10 runs and had a couple of wins against Cockburn and Leeming which had the effect of tossing Cockburn out of the four (serves the sledging wog b\*\*\*\*\*\*ds right).

But even in a bad season there were many highlights, none more memorable than Stevie Strnadica's 91 against North Fremantle. Brett Magee had an excellent season with 3 scores over 50 and 10 wickets. Vick and George Strnadica chipped in with a 57 and 50 respectively, George's in around 20 balls and Micky Shorter punished Hilton for an unbeaten 68 not out, to give all the punters a bit of a scare. Micky Glossop had a fine season again, taking 24 wickets, hitting 250 runs finishing the year with a match winning 82 in quick time. Howie played just the 2 games this year to average 95 with the bat and 14 with the ball, Crommy and Spinner bowled without luck to finish 18 and 8 wickets at an average of 22 each (Metropolis needs to close an hour earlier so Spinner can get to the games on time). A guy to watch next season will be opener and leg spinner Mark Farrell.

Finally thanks to the guys who had a real fair dinkum go this year, it's not your fault we failed, we were let down buy some guys who's commitment to the side was questionable at times, (there certainly wasn't a lack of talent out there).

All the best in the off season it's time for golf now, hope to see you all back in the pre season.

Phil Swift

3rd Grade Captain

## 3RD GRADE BATTING

	INNINGS	NOUT	RUNS	AVERAGE	CATCHES
G. Howard	2	1	95	95.00	2
G. Strnadica	1	•	50	50.00	2
M. Vanduren	1	1	47	30.30	2
S. Harrison	2	1	46	46.00	2
M. Nardi	3	2	32	32.00	1
D. Shorter	1	-	32	32.00	•
S. Strnadica	8		245	30.62	1 st.
S. Morley	1		30	30.00	2
B. Magee	8		209	26.12	7
J. Hof	1		25	25.00	2
M. Shorter	5	1	97	24.25	-
M. Cullinane	3	i	48	24.00	
J. Middleton	2	•	45	22.50	1
M. Glossop	13	1	254	21.16	8
D. Knowles	11	1	166	16.60	7
V. Strnadica	8	•	120	15.00	4
D. Buccini	1		14	14.00	1
A. Keenan	3		36	12.00	2
R. Butterfield	8	1	81	11.57	3
Mark Farrell	4		46	11.50	2
R. Arndt	4		43	10.75	_
P. Edmondson	7		64	9.14	6
P. Swift	11		98	8.90	1
S. Vanduren	3	1	16	8.00	3
D. Vass	1	•	7	7.00	_
P. Cromwell	9	5	28	7.00	8
C. Duffy	7		49	7.00	3
P. Lyons	5	1	22	5.50	2
E. Sarich	2		11	5.50	
D. Caple	3		16	5.33	2
T. Grant	4		16	5.33	3
S. Barren	3	1	10	5.00	
J. Cruickshank	7		33	4.71	5
T. Brophy	5		12	2.4	4
A. Summerfield	2	1	2	2.00	

## 3RD GRADE BOWLING

	OVERS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVERAGE
P. Lyons	1	4	1	4.00
D. Caple	2	5	1	5.00
S. Morley	18	65	6	10.83
V. Strnadica	11.3	44	4	11.00
G. Howard	31	88	6	14.66
B. Magee	51	149	10	14.90
S. Strnadica	12	45	3	15.00
A. Keenan	32	67	4	16.75
S. Vanduren	36	102	6	17.00
D. Buccini	7	17	1	17.00
M. Glossop	171	462	24	19.25
J. Middleton	16	42	2	21.00
C. Spinella	64	177	8	22.12
P. Cromwell	84.1	407	18	22.61
M. Nardi	39	97	4	24.25
Mark Farrell	17	74	3	24.66
P. Swift	14.3	76	3	25.33
J. Cruickshank	97	289	11	26.27
T. Brophy	56	123	4	30.75
T. Grant	43	94	3	31.33
C. Duffy	24.4	75	2	37.50
M. Shorter	3	8	0	

#### FOURTH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

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When mention is made of fourth grade mercantile cricket, the bulk of the populous immediately thinks the has-beens and never-will-bee's are having a fun day every Saturday afternoon. I guess to some extent this is correct, however, after I took on the captaincy and we had completed our first game of the season against CBC, I quickly realised that the competition was going to be a tough one and steps would have to be taken to develop a consistently winning feeling amongst our players. To this requirement our players have been magnificent. After we lost three of the first four games the consensus of opinion seemed to e that the rest of the season was only a formality - how wrong the doomsday sayers were! After game four we proceeded to win nine games and lost only two - all brought about by terrific player attitude and belief and respect for themselves and team mates alike. The experienced players like Eric Sarich, Mike Leonard, Brett Magee and Trevor Sprigg have set a wonderful example for the many young players used.

Unfortunately the season finished very similar to the way it started - after having worked hard to attain second place on the ladder at the end of the qualifying round we were soundly beaten by CBC in the second semi and then went down by a whisker to Cockburn in the preliminary final. But take heart you fourth graders, you have been a very bright light in what has been a pretty dull season for our club.

Undoubtedly the highlight of our season was winning the one day final. Wasn't that a great day - and to beat CBC makes the win even sweeter. How could anyone ever forget Mike Leonard's wonderful display behind the stumps to take four catches and make two excellent stumpings, or the bowling of Mike Farrell to take 4/24 under extreme pressure, or the power batting of Bobby Magee to make a wonderful 63 against the highly rated CBC attack. All in all a great day, but to me the absolute highlight was the terrific team spirit displayed by a great mob of blokes who really wanted to win.

The statistics that follow this report indicate who were the major contributors this season. What they don't indicate is the amount of enjoyment all and sundry have experienced, or the amount of development of our younger players. To trophy winners I say congratulations for something that has obviously been the result of a lot of hard work. For all other team members all I can say is "thank you" - your respect and attention for my captaincy and guidance is well noted.

To Ian Hill and the committee all I can say is that you have all done your best throughout the season, and I thank you one and all for a most enjoyable six months.

David Dunstan
4th Grade Captain

# 4TH GRADE BATTING

	INNINGS	N/OUT	RUNS	H/SCORE	AVERAGE	CATCHES
B. Magee	6		238	96	39.7	2
D. Dunstan	17	1	592	111	37.00	11
S. Harrison	1		35	35	35.00	
J. Bonser	1		32	32	32.00	
T. Sprigg	10	3	208	80	29.7	5
S. Kelly	9		227	56	25.2	4
R. Dunstan	1		22	22	22.00	
E. Sarich	13		247	65	19.00	5
M. Cullinane	9		151	35	16.8	7
A. Summerfield	14	1	194	50	14.9	8
M. Leonard	17		224	66	13.2	22 + 16st
C. Duffy	3		37	22	12.3	1
S. Contencin	4	2	24	8	12.00	
Mark Farrell	11		125	32	11.4	2
M. Nardi	1.1	4	62	15	8.9	1
Mike Farrell	15		119	37	7.9	9
M. Shorter	10	1	64	15	7.1	3
T. Grant	9	2	39	7	5.6	5
R. Arndt	4		22	13	5.5	
B. Famlonga	2		11	8	5.5	1
D. Vass	10	7	13	7	4.3	3
A. Aitken	1		4	4	4.00	

# 4TH GRADE BOWLING

	OVERS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVERAGE
D. Vass	3	10	2	5.00
T. Sprigg	101	259	23	11.3
Mike Farrell	263	618	42	14.7
J. Bonser	18	60	4	15.00
S. Kelly	10	47	3	15.7
B. Magee	94	278	17	16.4
D. Dunstan	291	696	39	17.8
C. Duffy	4	18	1	18.00
M. Nardi	50	178	9	19.8
T. Grant	155	367	17	21.6
R. Arndt	24	75	3	25.00
A. Aitken	5	28	1	28.00
S. Contencin	10	43	1	43.00
Mark Farrell	54	169	2	84.5
M. Shorter	2	13		
M. Cullinane	7	27		
R. Dunstan	1	0		