

85/86

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

What must be termed a disappointing season on the playing field has now come to a close with three of our sides finishing on the bottom of the ladder. Only the first and fifth grades 'showed the flag' for most of the season and both had a realistic chance of making the finals until the pen-ultimate round of fixtures. Firsts paid the penalty for losses against ostensibly inferior sides after Christmas to miss the finals for only the third time in 10 seasons. The loss of champion batsman Russell Waterman and all-rounder David Cant obviously affected team balance but has seen the emergence of young players Troy Miguel, John Olczyk and Graham Howard, who will be the backbone of the Club in the future. It is interesting to note that Russell Waterman has completed a successful grade season with South Perth, culminating in his selection in the W.A. Colts Team. This surely proves once and for all the standard of cricket played in the Association and vindicates the Club's decision to encourage Russell to again tackle the rigours of league cricket.

An analysis of the reasons for our lack of on-field success in the 1985/86 season is obviously a priority for your Committee in the next few months but some of the problems which need to be addressed are as follows:

- (i) A lack of playing depth;
- (ii) A lack of dedication and commitment by some players;
- (iii) Irregular attendance and insufficient application at practice;
- (iv) Inferior training facilities.

Obviously the Committee is quite keen to hear your thoughts and any possible solutions to these problems. Don't be afraid to come forward as again all the work has been left to a dedicated few office bearers.

The Club currently finds itself in a healthy financial position and this is again a tribute to Treasurer Mike Leonard and Chief Fund Raisers John Bonser, Peter Stephen, David Vass and Graham Verco. However, each member is to be congratulated as most subscriptions and ball fees have been kept up to date. Members also strongly supported the "Pie-Night" arranged by Vassie and JB and this seems a good innovation which should be continued next season.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my Committee for their help and support throughout the year, but we still require more people to become administrative. It seems certain that some of the Club's senior players who are also administrators, will not be around much longer and it would be a tragedy if such a great Club should "fold" when this occurs. A special word of thanks to Graham Verco, and Brian King (new first grade captain) for their dedicated efforts throughout the year.

Perhaps it is appropriate to end this report with the season's highlight, which was undoubtedly the Under 23's grand final win, bringing to the Club it's first premiership in any grade for some 20 seasons. Capably led by Rod Thompson, this band of youngsters did themselves and the Club proud with their pressure win in the grand final. Let it be the sign of things to come in season 1986/87.

TREVOR SPRIGG  
President

FIRST GRADE REPORT

1985/1986

The record shows we finished the year in fifth position with 6 wins, 7 losses and a draw.

The record doesn't show how disappointing that result was. It was disappointing for three main reasons.

1. Of the 7 losses it would be fair to say we threw away wins on at least 4 occasions with inexcusable, undisciplined individual efforts. We were convincingly beaten only once.

2. Potentially, we had the strongest batting line-up in the competition, coupled with the two most experienced and better performed bowlers in the competition in Peter and Des, ably supported by some hard working medium pacers and effective glove work from Graham Verco.

3. No opposition club, either through performances or talent, can claim favouritism for the flag in what has been a competitively even year. An excellent opportunity to take out our first, first grade flag for decades has gone begging.

Despite our overall poor performance, there were some good individual performances which deserve to be highlighted.

Peter Steven continues his monopoly of the allrounders title with 479 runs at 43.6 average and 28 wickets at 14.4 average. He also heads the individual batting and bowling awards. A remarkable effort but one which probably won't get full recognition because we have come to expect it. Congratulations Peter.

Des Hoare took 23 wickets at 15.1 average from only 10 games. Des is the best slow bowler in the competition, regularly taking wickets and able to bowl long tight spells. He conceded on average 2.4 runs per over which is outstanding for a slow bowler in limited over cricket.

Graham Verco performed consistently well behind the stumps, and with the bat, finishing with 16 dismissals (11 catches, 5 stumpings) and 391 runs at 30.1 average. Graham's season was highlighted by two centuries. (The only two in one first grade side this season).

Of the new faces in the side this year, Tony Miguel performed well with the bat (305 runs at 27.7 average). A mid season slump robbed him of a fairy tale debut year. Prior to the Christmas break, Tony's average was in excess of 50. Tony was called on to bowl occasionally and finished with the creditable 8 wickets at 18.1 average. Chris Chatfield was called on to do a lot of work this season. He performed consistently well, but sadly his figures of 10 wickets at 34.8 don't reflect this.

Rohan Mathews and Steven Cuff both finished with batting averages in the twenties. Neither could play the full year but I'm sure they will be disappointed with their performances. Sean Brindley finished with a batting average of over 30 from only 4 appearances.

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Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the performance of the "Big O". John Olczyk finished the season with 219 runs at 24.3 and took 12 wickets at 21.7. Hidden in those figures were some fine individual efforts. Many of those runs came in tight situations against the better attacks including his 61 out of 215 against the strong Hilton Park attack. It took me till round 7 to realise he could roll his arm over. In that game he finished with 2/7 off 8 and in the following game against the reigning premiers, Kardinya, took 1/11 off 8, both sensational performances. Probably no player in the history of this club has worked his way up through the grades and acquitted himself so well at the top in his first full season. Congratulations John, well done.

Thanks to Des Hoare for his assistance as vice-captain, to Trevor, Peter and the committee for their thankless efforts, to Deb, Lyn and helpers for the much appreciated afternoon teas, and to all the players for their efforts. A special thanks to Graham Velco for his efforts in team selections and for his constant strong support and advice throughout a sometimes difficult year.

Finally, to Des Hoare goes my personal best wishes and those of the first grade side, for your cricket retirement years. It has been rewarding and an honour having you at the club.

B. King  
Captain

21st March 1986

## SECOND GRADE REPORT

The season in hindsight was one of disappointment and frustration for the Second's team.

On a number of occasions we were in a winning position only to surrender the game either by poor batting or unimaginative bowling and sloppy fielding. Perhaps the last two games were indicative of our strength as we went from a first innings against Hilton of 39 all out to 237 in the second innings, which highlights the lack of application and consistency.

On the brighter side, we can reflect on the innings of Brett Magee of 138 runs in 81 minutes, but he again lacked the consistency to succeed at a higher level. Allistair Wilkie was the most consistent of our batsmen and finished with an excellent 90 runs against Hilton and only lost his wicket chasing quick runs. A hundred would have been a fitting reward.

Overall, our bowling lacked length and direction and we gave away to many easy runs, but during the year, good performances were turned in by Brent Taylor, John Bonser and Allistair.

I would like to express my personal gratitude to Mike Leonard, John, Allistair and Brent for their assistance throughout the year and to Graham Verco who had the unenviable task of being Chairman of Selectors. Graham carried out the task in a professional and dedicated manner. My thanks also go to David Vass, John Bonser and Graham for providing our Thursday night meal and refreshments.

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EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE:

84/85 Season:

Hire of Preston Point Ground & Practice Wickets	\$ 612.00
Slater-Gartrell Sports - Purchase Cricket Balls	468.00
East Fremantle Football Club - Super Raffle Books	460.00
Hire of North Lake High School Ground	345.00
Purchase - Club Trophies	241.00
Fremantle & Districts Mercantile Cricket Assoc. Nomination Fees	125.00
Engraving - Club Trophies	66.57
Stationery Item & Postage Stamps	46.80
Gear Purchase	27.44
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	\$ 2,391.81

85/86 Season:

Slater-Gartrell Sports - Gear Purchase	\$2,125.20
Fremantle & Districts Mercantile Cricket Assoc.	1,723.00
East Fremantle Football Club - Melbourne Cup Books	145.00
Hire of Indoor Cricket Centre	60.00
Fremantle & Districts Mercantile Cricket Assoc. - Fines	54.00
Thornlie Cricket Club	50.00
Sundry Items	47.39
Purchase of Raffle Prizes	44.80
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	4,249.39

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$ 6,641.20

Balance at Town & Country W.A. Building Society A/C  
(as at 5th March 1986) \$ 3,174.90

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY TURNOVER

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITHDRAWAL</u>
Balance brought forward:	2,061.79	
March 85	79.00	-
April 85	92.00	586.00
May 85	234.00	-
June 85	680.00	1,072.00
July 85	172.53	706.37
Aug. 85	30.00	27.44
Sept. 85	100.00	196.00
Oct. 85	1,527.50	647.35
Nov. 85	1,432.58	1,912.30
Dec. 85	1,465.20	567.94
Jan. 86	950.50	378.00
Feb. 86	684.00	367.00
March 86	307.00	180.80
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	\$9,816.10	\$6,641.20
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Balance as at 5th March 1986 - \$3,174.90



EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB

TROPHY WINNERS 1985/86 SEASON

FIRST GRADE

BATTING AVERAGE	P. Stephen	479 runs at 43.6
BOWLING AVERAGE	P. Stephen	28 wickets at 14.4
CATCHING	G. Verco	11 catches
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES	G. Verco	2 centuries
	C. Chatfield	7/85

CLUB CHAMPION  
(Dave Sheppard Memorial Trophy) P. Stephen 929 points

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SECOND GRADE

BATTING AVERAGE	B. Magee	354 runs at 22.13
BOWLING AVERAGE	B. Taylor	25 wickets at 15.20
CATCHING	M. Leonard	15 catches
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES	B. Magee	138
	J. Bonser	6/32

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FOURTH GRADE

BATTING AVERAGE	J. Harding	225 runs at 32.14
BOWLING AVERAGE	T. Overington	22 wickets at 15.95
CATCHING	D. Knowles	15 catches
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES	J. Harding	136

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FIFTH GRADE

BATTING AVERAGE	L. Capes	443 runs at 31.64
BOWLING AVERAGE	L. Capes	31 wickets at 11.22
CATCHING	K. Johnston	13 catches
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES	L. Capes	7/57

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SIXTH GRADE

BATTING AVERAGE	M. Henry	369 runs at 21.70
BOWLING AVERAGE	M. Henry	34 wickets at 15.73
CATCHING	D. Henry	8 catches
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES	M. Henry	7/53

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COLTS

R. Thompson  
Each Player

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ASSOCIATION TROPHY WINNERS

P. Stephen	(Association Bowling Aggregate)
J. Middleton	(4th Grade Bowling Aggregate)
L. Capes	(5th Grade All-Rounder)
M. Henry	(6th Grade All-Rounder)
Colts Team	(Premiership Shield)