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Annual Report

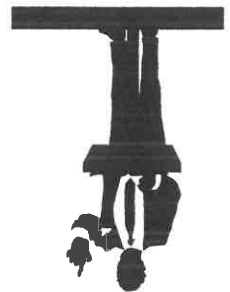
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East Fremantle

# President's Report



Well what a season it has been! A one day flag and a two day flag for the 2a side, 3a's and 6b's making the finals and 4a's missing out by just 4 points. All in all the best season we have had for as long as I can remember. Well done to all players for a great season.

There are many people I would like to thank. Firstly Brodie as captain coach with another solid job winning back to back one day flags and the two day flag.

To the other captains Middo, Beaker and Boges, well done on a great job throughout the season. These appointments were difficult to make and took a month pre season to decide. The results, however, are on the board and I thank them sincerely.

To all my committee; Middo as Vice President was an excellent deputy as he did more than his fair share of duties. From marking the grounds to organising the Fairest and Best vote night and numerous odds and sods jobs around the club. To Vercs as Secretary and all the jobs we know a Secretary has to do such as attending those meetings that no-one else wants to and ringing through the scores each week. To Vic as Treasurer for another outstanding effort handling the clubs finances, collecting 3 or 4 outstanding fees throughout the season so to Vic, a job well done. To Andrew Summerfield as Registrar who I think learnt a lot from last season, being his first season, and became much better at the job for it. Beaker, for all those who don't know, also cleans the club rooms once a week and does the match reports for all grades which I'm sure all the other captains appreciated. Thanks Beaker.

To the rest of the committee; Danny Knowles for doing the footy tipping margins last off season and the coming one. To Alan Aitken for his junior development work and for helping Vercs with Association meetings and for helping me organise the wind up. To Mick Shorter for

organising the raffle and Big Colour Pages, two huge jobs that take a lot of organising. On the Big Colour Pages, we are delivering them this Sunday ( 5<sup>th</sup> ) from the Stammer's warehouse located at 7 Keegan St O'connor, at 0700am. If you don't want your club fees to go up next season, please make the effort and be there to give us a hand because if it isn't a success we won't worry next year and just raise the fees to cover it. Contact Mick or me for further details. Thanks again Mick.

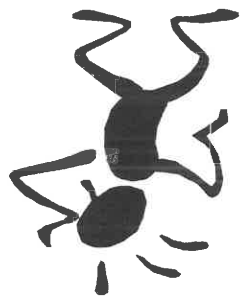
To Vassy who also cleans the clubhouse once a week. To Howie for organising the register book. To Troy for doing the chocolate fund raiser. I thank you all.

Last but not least, Harry & June Summerfield for another terrific job by both of you. I don't know what we would do without your services. We all hope you will be back next season and I thank you sincerely. And to you guys who make up the club. It was great to see so many new guys down the club, especially the younger blokes who have shown a bit of ability and should look to play in the higher grades in the not too distant future.

Thanks again to everyone and I hope you have a great night and I look forward to seeing you all back for a bigger and better 1998/99 season.

George Strnadica  
President

# Coach's Report



This is my second year as coach of this club and I'll tell you what, it does not get any easier. As a general rule, you blokes don't like coming training, when you do you don't want to get better, you don't want to listen and you generally don't like fitness. You do like beer. Tell me if I'm wrong! Take all of that into account and we still had three sides in the finals, one just missing out and two flags. Imagine what we would achieve if we put in a bit of hard work!

I know that the above isn't totally true because we had some great crowds at training and I know a lot of you guys do want to improve. I was more than happy with the young guys that come out of the woodwork this season. Players such as Brown, Murphy, Kierle, Willis, Currell, Grant, Sellin and Huxtable (?) have unlimited potential and only have to ask and listen to the more "experienced" players at the club to improve. We may not have any Test players down here but as cricket is a mind game, the more you play the more you learn and experience is a valuable thing.

The improvement in other players such as Duffy and Waterton can be put down to the fact that they train on a regular basis. It's no coincidence! The more we get to training the better we get. Sorry if you've heard it all before but it's true. If we can keep all the players we had this season and recruit a couple more we will have a very strong club in the coming years.

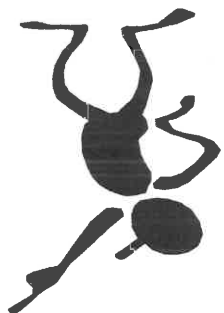
Well done to Middo and 3a's and Bogey and 6b's on making the finals. You didn't make the "grandy" but it was a winning season for both teams. Bad luck Beaker and 4a's but you showed a lot of character to finish the season as strongly as you did. You guys will be better for it next season.

Thanks to George for helping me with fielding training and running the nets. I actually saw him run a couple of times as well! Thanks to Harry and June for not only working at the club but being stout supporters all year. Thanks to anyone I have forgotten because there are so many of you that have trained your guts out all season.

So, regardless of who is coach next year, lets look to get to training and improve ourselves, the club and add a couple more scalps to our belts. Thanks for putting up with me.

Brodie Renouf  
Coach

# 2A Captain's Report



Well, what a season! After the disappointment of losing the semi final last season to come up and win the one day and two day flags is unbelievable. Factor into it that we had one win from our first three games and finished fourth on the ladder and it puts it into perspective of how big an effort it was.

This was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> two day premiership that this club has won in the last 50 years or so and the guys who won it, and the club as a whole, can hold their heads up high. It will live in my memory for years to come.

I want to thank all the players that played 2a's during the summer but it would be negligent of me not to also thank the committee for assembling the team in the first place. I'm sure that the return of Scott Mathews and the recruiting of Treve Brown and Mike Jenkins were big factors in our win.

The grand final was a hard fought game which could have gone either way. Our batting was solid all day with great knocks from Scott, Treve, Jason Hof and Graham Howard. My innings was probably my best and a real career highlight. I must admit though, at tea on the second day at 1/100, I started having doubts. We had a quick talk before we went in and obviously it worked. Sean Waterton came out and bowled 5 overs 2/1. He really showed us what we had to do to win and turned the game in our favour. After Hofty ran out their big gun it was all over and I know the boys enjoyed it by how much they celebrated. Lets hope that it's not another 10 years until the next one.

The year as a whole was one to remember and here are some of the highlights:

- Scott Mathews' first hit back for the club as he hit 104 against Kenwick. Vercs chipped in with 4/73.
- Darren Muir's lone hand against Kelmescott as he took 6/56.
- My 85 and Graham Howard's 4/25 against Hilton.
- Our great team battling effort against Riverton in the 1<sup>st</sup> one dayer winning by one run...257 to 256.
- Scott's 89 vs Kenwick.
- My 104 vs Kelmescott.
- Michael Jenkin's 84 vs Lynwood.
- Scott's 90, Hoffy's 58, Howie's 0/11 of 8 and Sean's 3/24 against CBC.

- Our one day grand final victory against Hilton when "Mad Dog" Muir took 2/23 and scored 47\* to get us home. A great solo effort.
- Treve Brown's 84 vs Kardinya where if he didn't get a shocking LBW decision he would have made 200.
- Jenko's 134 (out of opening stand of 165) vs Riverton. Big hitting at it's best. Scott made 76 and Howie took 4/55.
- The team effort against Kelmescott in the semi final where we did not give them a sniff, just an ear full! (Bad luck Shanks)

Obviously there were other reasons why we won the flags than just our stats. Our fielding was second to none in the grade after the first 4 or 5 games, and never more evident than in the one day final and semi final. Also our spirit was good all year and guys like Michael Farrell, who didn't get to bowl much at times, never gave up, never stopped talking and trying for the team. Some people should take a leaf out of his book.

As I look towards next year we must answer some questions...

- Will "Sven" Mathews start his new job as a driving instructor?
- Will Treve and Jenko settle for a four instead of a six when playing shots?

- Will Hoffy buy a new pair of cricket pants?
- Will Mike "The Juggler" Farrell take a one grab catch?
- Will Howie find out where training is held?
- Will Darren Muir start charging fielders \$10 for dropping a catch off his bowling?

- Will Ollie start bringing McHappy Meals to a game to give to opposition batsmen?
- Will Sean tell us "blokes" how Mergen...er Mergen..is spelt?
- Will Veres have "one more year"?
- Will Cam Brown speak?

In closing I would like to thank George and committee for hiring me, Beaker, Vic for you know what, Roo Boy, Cam Brown, my team, the supporters at the finals, Swifty and Bruce for supporting all year, my wife for being my wife, my Dad for being manager and especially my Mum for making our tea...get well soon.

Brodie Renouf  
2a Captain



## 2a Batting

Batsman	Inngs	No	50's	100's	HS	Runs	Ave	Catch
Renouf	16	2	6	2	116*	724	51.71	8
Mathews	15	1	3	1	104	546	39.00	2
Jenkins	16	-	3	1	134	620	38.75	16
Muir	15	6	1	-	53*	323	35.88	3
Brown T	16	3	3	-	85	462	35.53	7
Hof	14	1	2	-	58	352	27.07	7
Howard	16	2	-	-	36	182	16.54	8
Brown C	2	-	-	-	18	29	14.50	1
Waterton	11	6	-	-	20*	70	14.00	4
Farrell	6	1	-	-	19*	52	10.40	4
Magee	1	-	-	-	10	10	10.00	2
Munro	6	-	-	-	22	58	9.66	2
Strnadica V	5	-	-	-	43	29	8.60	2
Strnadica S	2	-	-	-	15	15	7.50	1
Verco	8	4	-	-	8	27	6.75	8
Olczyk	5	1	-	-	12	24	6.00	-

## 2a Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maiden	BB	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO
Magee	18	2		81	6	13.50	4.50
Olczyk	51.2	14		151	10	15.10	2.94
Howard	178.5	35	4/25	588	29	20.27	3.28
Brown T	20.1	2		112	5	22.40	5.54
Waterton	169	29	3/24	590	25	23.60	3.49
Muir	211.4	50	6/56	672	28	24.00	3.17
Verco	220.2	43	4/73	797	29	27.48	3.61
Farrell	113.1	27	-	409	14	29.21	3.62
Renouf	7	-	1/27	45	1	45	6.42
Jenkins	1	-	0/9	9	-	-	9.00
Keenan	5	2	0/13	13	-	-	2.60
Smith	13	2	0/74	74	-	-	5.69

SMCA 2a Two Day Grand Final 1997/98

East Fremantle CC		Kenwick CC	
Batsman	How Out	Bowler	How Out
M Jenkins	Caught Harris	Verco	Caught w/k Jenkins
S Mathews	Caught w/k Hanley	A Hambley	Bowled
J Hof	Caught Martin	B Harris	Bowled
B Renouf	Not Out	J Savage	Bowled
T Brown	Caught w/k Hanley	E Moore	Run Out
D Muir	Caught Hambley	T Gedge	Caught w/k Jenkins
E Howard	Bowled	E Pomersbach	Caught Verco
S Waterton	Bowled	B Tink	Bowled
J Olczyk	Not Out	E Handley	Caught Howard
M Farrell	Not Out	Terry Gedge	Not Out
E Verco	Not Out	Trevor Gedge	Not Out
Total	236	Total	203
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SMCA 2a Two Day Grand Final 1997/98

East Fremantle CC		Kenwick CC	
Batsman	How Out	Bowler	How Out
E Martin	Caught w/k Jenkins	Verco	Caught w/k Jenkins
S Pascoe	Bowled	A Hambley	Bowled
A Hambley	Bowled	B Harris	Bowled
B Harris	Bowled	J Savage	Bowled
J Savage	Bowled	E Moore	Run Out
E Moore	Run Out	T Gedge	Caught w/k Jenkins
T Gedge	Caught w/k Jenkins	E Pomersbach	Caught Verco
E Pomersbach	Caught Verco	B Tink	Bowled
B Tink	Bowled	E Handley	Caught Howard
E Handley	Caught Howard	Terry Gedge	Not Out
Terry Gedge	Not Out	Total	203
Fall	50	Fall	184
Overs	102	Overs	102
Mdms	6	Mdms	106
Wkts	2	Wkts	150
Runs	41	Runs	151
			165
			180
			184
			203

# 3A Captain's Report



Season 1997/98 again saw 3a's not making the grand final even though we were easily one of the top two sides in the competition. This season also saw me captain for the whole season for the first time. An experience that although at times I found difficult, also a very rewarding one.

We started the season with a loss to Gosnells by 38 runs with Bobby Magee taking 6/41 and only 3 batsmen in the runs. I got 48, Troy Grant smashed 12 fours in a good innings at #10 off 68 while Dave Harris stayed with him for 15no.

We followed that loss with an outright against Kenwick. Troy 31, Steve Strnadica 104no and 42no and two great catches. Troy took 4/55 and Bobby 3/24.

CBC, the old enemy and another win, 275 to 205 with Steve Beatty making 67 in his only game. Wally Groot. I mean Mick Shorter made 38 and Bobby clubbed 19 boundaries in a superb 117. Cam Duffy took 3/25 off 21 overs and Bobby 3/61.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> outright victory for the season came at the expense of Lynwood-Ferndale. EF 133 Frank Zaffino 38. Troy, who stood in as captain has a perfect record and took 5/23. Bobby again 3/14. Lynwood made 61 and 94 with Steve Kelly taking 5/31

3 wins 2 outrights and 1 loss in the first 4 games was a very good start to the season with the one day games coming up which I thought would suit us.

Roleystone being the first one not good. Not only do you get lost going out there but you don't win the game. Roley 7/188 def EF 176 Bobby 40 & 3/17 and Duffy 3/47.

A win against Gosnell's by 12 runs saw us back as winners and Bobby's 3/29 saw him leave us for 2's. yippeee! No more headaches for me.

The three Strnadica brothers playing in the same team together wasn't enough to prevent Kenwick snatching a 2 run victory off the last ball. Duffy 31 and Beale 3/25.

A 3 run loss to CBC saw us drop to 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. Dave Harris opened the bowling 8 overs 6 mdns 0/7 and Frank made 29 while I made 31.

9/214 to 94 saw us crush a hapless Lynwood. Frank made 50, Wob 49, Beale 38, Troy 30 and Justin Varney fired them out with 5/22. The efforts of Justin Varney (4/44) Greg Howard (4/21) Wob (47) Shorter (42) weren't enough for us to beat Byford going down by 23 runs.

Last one day game saw us playing Leeming. They hit 8/150 to 6/214. Howie took 3/26, Duffy 3/18 and Darren Beale a magnificent 107.

At the end of the one day games we were 4<sup>th</sup> and knew we had to keep winning and losing 3 games by 12 runs or less didn't help.

We hit 214 against Byford with them just passing us to score 219. Vic Strnadica had a day out with an aggressive 62 and the find of the season Cam Brown made a patient 57. Bobby was back with 4/71.

2<sup>nd</sup> last game against top side Leeming a win was crucial to secure a finals berth. Leeming made 169 with Bobby taking 2/33 and I had rare success snaring 6/43. The following week saw us in trouble at 6/88 but all out for a magnificent 268. Howie 29, Justin scored a 3 hour 58 in very hot conditions, Duffy 58 and I finished with 79.

Everyone knows that a win going into the finals is good but we went one better winning outright against Roleystone. Roley 88 & 72 to EF 182. Duffy continued his fine form taking 2/9 and 5/30 and Oilly 2/5 whilst Wob made 43. Shorter wore his voice out in the first innings by yelling out "oh dear" to almost every ball from Oilly as it thudded into his gloves before the batsmen moved.

2<sup>nd</sup> spot on the ladder going into the finals playing Gosnells and we were pretty confident. perhaps too confident.

Gosnells batted 1<sup>st</sup> and made 174 which was gettable. Bobby bowled the best he has all year to get 5/69 and Troy 2/18. **EFCC WENT** 7/44.8/78.9/145. all out 160 with only two batsmen putting their hands up. Shorter 19no and Duffy taking us to the brink of victory with a super 78. This was a very disappointing end to the season but all year our middle order failed to bat well and again in this game.

Apart from the semi final loss our season was a very successful one, particularly in the bowling dept. Bobby took 37 wkts at 12.08, Troy 27 at 18, Duffy 24 at 11.70 and I took 22 at 15.59. Dave Harris, Crackers, Varns and others also bowled well throughout the season.

Our batting was not nearly as solid with no batsman scoring over 300. Bobby 283 at 23.58 and our regular #9 Troy 276 at 19.71 were the best. Wob at the top of the order was solid and Duffy very good late in the season. Steve Stron and Beale got good tons for us but then didn't play for us again. As I said earlier, Cam Brown is the next Huffy or Brodie and to see him taken up to 2a's

was the best thing for him. Shorter also tried hard as did others throughout the season.

Congratulations must go to the victorious 2a side led by Brodie, well done boys. They also go to all the trophy winners here tonight. Bobby "The Lord" Magee scooped the pool taking batting agg and ave, bowling agg and association ave. Duffy just squeezed him out for the bowling ave. Shorter won the catching with 25.

Thanks must go to Brodie who as club coach, was terrific this year. He also helped me over the season. George and others on the committee thanks for the support.

Lastly, a big thanks to Troy Grant who this year took on vice captain which meant he had to captain at a time when I was spacing out. He was a great help and his mother also provided the best arvo tea around.

3a's will go one better next year and hopefully win a grand final.

Jon Middleton  
3a Captain

### 3a Batting

Batsman	Inngs	No	50's	100's	HS	Runs	Ave	Catch
Beaty	1	-	1	-	67	67	67.00	
Strnadica S	5	2	1	1	104	176	58.66	
Brown C	3	-	1	-	57	76	38.00	
Varney	4	1	1	-	58	97	32.88	
Beale	5		1	1	107	157	31.40	
Munro	8	-	-	-	49	207	25.87	
Magee	13	1	1	1	117	283	23.58	
Grant T	16	2	1	-	68	276	19.71	
Currell	1	-	-	-	19	19	19.00	
Strnadica V	8	-	1	-	62	146	18.25	
Middleton	16	1	1	-	79	273	18.20	
Zaffino	10	1	1	-	50	161	17.88	
Montgomery	1	-	-	-	16	16	16.00	
Duffy	14	-	1	-	78	220	15.71	
Howard Greg	5	-	-	-	29	78	15.60	
Shorter	13	1	-	-	42	182	15.16	25
Olczyk	1	-	-	-	15	15	15.00	
Knowles	8	-	-	-	24	92	11.50	
Rothery	5	1	-	-	15	36	9.00	
Keenan	7	1	-	-	13	43	7.16	
Bateman	1	-	-	-	8	8	8.00	
Summerfield	2	-	-	-	10	12	6.00	
Butterfield	1	-	-	-	6	6	6.00	
Waterton	1	-	-	-	5	5	5.00	
Kelly	4	-	-	-	8	11	2.75	

Also batted G Strnadica, J Martin, P Swift, A Renshaw

### 3a Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maiden	BB	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO
Olczyk	6	3	2/5	5	2	2.50	0.83
Varney	23	3	5/22	84	9	9.32	3.62
Beale	16	3	3/16	57	6	9.50	3.56
Howard Greg	19	1	4/21	69	7	9.85	3.63
Kelly	14	4	5/31	50	5	10.00	3.57
Duffy	87	20	5/30	281	24	11.70	3.22
Magee	124	23	6/41	447	37	12.08	3.60
Middleton	96	19	6/43	343	22	15.59	3.57
Grant	168	40	5/22	486	27	18.00	2.89
Keenan	51	10	4/23	150	8	18.75	2.94
McKinley	51	6	2/24	153	6	25.5	3.00
Harris	92	22	2/11	282	9	31.33	3.06
Waterton	25	6	1/16	69	2	34.50	2.76
Montgomery	15	2	1/28	42	1	42.00	2.80

Aslo bowled J Rothery  
M Shorter took 25 catches



# 4A Captain's Report



Firstly I would like to congratulate the 2a side on winning both the one-day and two day finals. Also to 3a's and 6b's on making the finals but bad luck on missing the big one.

Now onto the 4a's season. We've had a very mixed summer by being 2 wins away from the one day final, losing 2 one day games by less than ten runs and missing out on the finals by 4 points. I believe we missed the finals due to the fact that we used 40 players during the season and our batting was a problem.

During the season we had some good wins. Our first win for the season was largely thanks to our number one recruit John Olczyk. It was against Kwinana and John took 5/4 and scored 69. Also the last two games when we beat Armadale, who were on top and us the bottom, and against Leeming when we batted very well chasing a score of over 200 for the first time and made it with one over to go.

Onto the individual performances this season. Most of the batting was very poor throughout apart from Renshaw, Cam Brown and a few games from Butts, Danny Knowles and John Olczyk. The bowling was very good with Cicco, Gary Moustoukas, Roo McKinley and Oilly doing well. The pick of the bowling went to Moustoukas against CBC when he got hit for 34 runs off one over and the last four was only a metre away from being the sixth six.

Now to the end of this, my first season as captain. I enjoyed captaining all the guys in the 4a side and I hope everyone has a good time tonite and I'll see everyone back next year.

Andrew Summerfield  
4a Captain

### 4a Batting

Batsman	Inngs	No	50's	100's	HS	Runs	Ave	Catch
Knowles	2	-	1	-	59	73	36.50	1
Olczyk	4	-	1	-	69	124	31.00	1
Howard Greg	4	-	1	-	82	118	29.50	1
Renshaw	14	4	2	-	78	284	28.40	11
Brown C	9	1	1	-	75	203	25.30	4
Butterfield	5	-	-	-	49	113	22.60	2
McKinley	6	3	-	-	18*	65	21.60	1
Fairhead	2	-	-	-	35	41	20.50	2
Kostopolous	2	-	-	-	34	39	19.50	1
Rothery	9	-	1	-	58	162	18.00	1
Shorter	3	-	-	-	26	48	16.00	-
Moustoukas	9	3	-	-	33	85	14.10	3
Ciccotosto	12	2	-	-	40*	127	12.70	5
Summerfield	16	-	-	-	32	171	10.60	23/2
Montgomery	3	1	-	-	10	20	10.00	2
Clarke	6	-	-	-	24	47	7.80	4
Cruikshank	4	-	-	-	22	31	7.75	2
Shorter D	2	-	-	-	11	12	6.00	-
Currell	4	2	-	-	4*	8	4.00	2
Stewart	2	1	-	-	3*	4	4.00	-
Gill	4	1	-	-	7	12	4.00	-
Grant W	6	-	-	-	5	11	1.80	1
Keirle	2	-	-	-	1	1	0.50	-

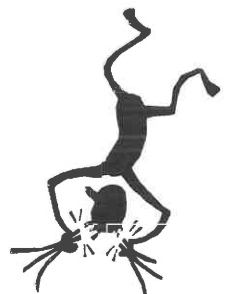
Also batted Bateman, Bogensperger, Strnadica S, Duffy, Loukes, Kelly, Malek, Keenan, Nardi, Fernance, Hunt, Wright, Murphy, Clancy and Quartermaine.

### 4a Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maiden	BB	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO
Bateman	8	3	3/9	10	3	3.33	2.60
Howard Greg	4.3	-	3/11	11	3	3.66	2.55
Bogensperger	8	1	3/14	14	3	4.66	1.75
Olczyk	24.5	4	5/4	60	10	6.00	2.44
Keenan	8	-	4/34	34	4	8.50	4.25
Grant W	19	3	3/25	56	6	9.33	2.94
Kelly	8	-	3/32	32	3	10.66	4.00
Loukes	12	5	1/11	11	1	11.00	0.91
McKinley	89	9	4/26	284	16	17.75	3.19
Montgomery	44	4	2/10	167	9	18.55	3.79
Ciccotosto	110.5	20	5/77	358	18	19.88	3.23
Duffy	16	5	1/22	22	1	22.00	1.37
Moustoukas	126.3	20	5/26	364	16	22.75	2.88
Rothery	61	10	3/20	217	9	24.11	3.55
Nardi	18	3	2/13	60	2	30.00	3.33
Cruikshank	29	7	2/34	93	3	31.00	3.20
Currell	16	1	2/19	73	2	36.50	4.56
Stewart	27.3	10	2/55	76	2	38.00	2.78

Also bowled Fairhead, Murphy, Malek, Kostopolous, Keirle, Buttenfield and Clarke.

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Captain's Report



To open this report with the words of "The year that got away from us" or "The year that should have been" would in some way be true. We made the finals but unfortunately didn't get over the line to reach the one that really counts. Everyone involved was bitterly disappointed but that's cricket.

Apart from the obvious downsides of the season in 6b's, I feel a lot of positives came out this year. We had 40 players used and to make the finals was a tremendous effort. We had a lot of new faces join the club by coming through 6b's and the good thing is the number of young blokes. There are 6 or 7 players that are between 17-21 and all have the ability to play higher.

I enjoyed captaining 6b's this year and having laughs on and off the field. We played hard and positive but in between we enjoyed ourselves due to funny things happening week in week out. We started the year with a convincing win and I got my first taste of 6<sup>th</sup> grade cricket. We played Southern districts, who had 7 players, and hit our top score for the year, 5/336, with Kevin Munro making a mighty 151. We then bowled them for 128.

We proceeded to lose the next two games by about 20 odd runs and something was becoming obvious, our batting was letting us down. After 7 games our record was 2 wins to 5 losses. The other win was against Armadale at Webber when we amassed 5/248. I finally made my first hundred for the club, 103no, and surprisingly I didn't get pissed. We bowled well to keep them to 6/188. We started to string a couple more wins together and at the Xmas break we were 6<sup>th</sup> with 4 wins and 6 losses. We had to improve.

As the season went on our cricket became stronger. We played 9 more games in the new year winning 7 which propelled us into the final four. We finished 4<sup>th</sup> just missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup> by 0.5 points. We came up against Kenwick ( who dropped from 4<sup>th</sup> last season ) in the semi. We bowled well and restricted them to 153 in the 40 overs. Cam Bateman took 2/20 and Steve Stron 2/17 to be the pick of the bowlers. Unfortunately we were bowled out for 145 in the last over with Bateman making a fighting 28 and the "Cat" opening the innings with a "scratchy" 25. We missed our goal by 9 runs, maybe next season.

We had a lot of highlights for the year with bat and ball:

### Batting

M Bogensperger	103* vs	Armada
P Lyons	79 vs	Gosnells
S Stradica	101 vs	Kenwick
S Kelly	148* vs	Armada
V Kostopolous	69 vs	Southern Districts
	63* vs	Kelmscott

### Bowling

C Murphy and D Kerle taking all the wickets against Southern Districts 3/16 and 4/16 respectively.

M Bogensperger	4/8 vs	Southern Districts
S Kelly	4/31 vs	Forrestdale
K Huxtable	4/30 vs	Gosnells
S Stradica	4/16 vs	Kelmscott

Other highlights were the improved bowling of Cas "Sideshow Bob" Willis, Cam Murphy, Dave Kerle and the surprise package Keith Huxtable. The batting also had it's share with the late good form of "The Cat" and the good allround performance of the youngster Will Grant. Our fielding was very good with Stewart "Roo Boy" Currell and Adam Selin showing the way.

Everyone that played during the year tried their guts out and I thank them. Some other highlights of the year.

- our 1<sup>st</sup> experience with the Willagee crowd at Webber.

- my out of sorts bowling shambles against Forrestdale bowling onto the grass and 2-3m over the batsmen's head. 15 and 16 ball overs.
- Sasha Dixon 1<sup>st</sup> female to play for EFCC 13/12/97 vs Gosnells.
- two screamers in the field by Adam and Cam Brown vs Armadale.
- Also Vassy making 27 after eating family block of Energy Gold Choccy.
- Vs Kelmscott Vassy changes diet. Off the choccy and into jelly beans and is 43\* at tea and finally out for 47. Not enough beans!
- Vs Forrestdale Rnd 14 we needed to win to stay in contention with the 4. We only had ten players but made 147 and rolled them for 141 after they were 3/112. We never gave up.
- Merv harper's classic line "I'm on medication!"
- Vassy forgot his brekky and tried to catch worms at Malindi ST reserve. Came up with dirt on his whiskers.
- Vassy trying to find the 'right stuff' to score runs...even tries Ginseng...30 drops.
- Keith Huxtable - the 1<sup>st</sup> man to wear a black belt while playing.

To finish off I would like to say congratulations to 2a's for winning two flags during the year. Bad luck to 3a's for losing the semi and 4a's for just missing the four. Also thanks to Brodie, Scott, Vercs, Middo and anyone else that helped 6b's improve their cricket. It was much appreciated by me and I am sure the guys took a lot out of the things you told them.

Last but definitely not least, my thanks to George Strnadica. Without his help I would not have had 11 players most games. His work at team selection was great. There were a lot of things that didn't work out but overall it was fantastic. Apart from being chairman of selectors, he also had the job of lower grades coach and as the season went on the more the players improved. Without George doing this I'm sure we would not have made the finals. Well-done George, great job. Finally thanks to all the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and hopefully we will have more success next year.

Mark Bogensperger  
6b Captain

### 6b Batting

Batsman	Inngs	No	50's	100's	HS	Runs	Ave	Catch
Munro	1	-	-	1	151	151	151.0	-
Kelly	7	1	1	1	148*	289	48.16	1
Bogensperger	18	2	4	1	103*	741	46.31	11
Strnadica S	6	-	2	1	101	276	46.00	2
Lyons	15	5	2	-	79	367	36.70	-
Kostopolous	11	2	2	-	69	232	25.77	10
Bateman	6	-	-	-	46	109	18.16	3
Willis	9	3	-	-	20*	91	15.16	4
Vass	19	-	-	-	47	288	15.15	3
Huxtable	13	-	-	-	40	174	13.38	4
Stewart	8	2	-	-	23*	80	13.33	1
Grant W	7	2	-	-	21	66	13.20	5
Murphy	4	2	-	-	11	24	12.00	1
Aitken	6	-	-	-	22	68	11.33	1
Currell	7	-	-	-	27	51	7.28	4
Harper	10	7	-	-	7*	51	7.28	3
Sellin	9	1	-	-	13	50	6.25	10
Keirle	7	-	-	-	12	27	3.85	4

Also batted Morcon, Nevermann, Cullinane, Needle, Howard Greg,

Renshaw, Leonard, Arndt, Sekendy, Nardi, Varney, Bogovski, Muir J, Cooper, Gill, Butterfield, Dixon, Penny, Summerfield, Brown Cam

## 6b Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maiden	BB	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO
Huxtable	22.2	1	4/30	109	12	9.08	4.95
Kostopoulos	13.4	-	3/22	68	6	11.33	4.85
Bogensperger	115.5	19	4/8	352	31	11.35	3.03
Strnadica S	45	4	4/16	144	12	12.00	3.20
Keirle	37.2	3	4/16	145	11	13.18	3.91
Bateman	50	3	3/33	175	13	13.46	3.50
Murphy	37	3	3/15	166	10	16.60	4.48
Kelly	33	2	4/31	139	8	17.37	4.21
Willis	45.4	4	3/13	219	12	18.33	4.97
Lyons	24.1	1	3/25	117	6	19.50	4.87
Grant W	40	-	3/42	208	9	23.11	5.20
Stewart	68	6	3/27	284	11	25.81	4.17
Currell	50	1	2/58	259	5	51.80	5.18

Also bowled Vass, Harper, Nevermann, Cullinane, Howard Greg, Arndt, Nardi, Browne, Leonard, Varney, Aitken, Sekendy, Sellin, Butterfield.