

**EAST FREMANTLE
CRICKET CLUB**

ANNUAL REPORT

**1986/87
SEASON**

From The President's Chair

The 1986-87 season must be regarded as successful as three of our five teams participated in the finals. Unfortunately that elusive premiership pennant continues to elude us but the performance of first grade to finish runner-up was magnificent, especially when many people predicted a bottom four finish for the team. Their efforts are a tribute to club coaches Brian King and Graham Verco, the latter also in his role as captain.

Second grade was not a competitive team during the season emerging victorious on only three occasions to finish sixth. A much greater commitment, especially from the younger players is required next season. John Bonser's fourth grade were the trend setters for most of the season and were unlucky not to make the grand final, missing out by just 9 runs. If some of the "cowboys" in the team learn to play the game with more intensity future success is assured.

Fifth grade won only one game and finished on the bottom of the ladder. This team suffered badly from the "I'll play cricket if there is nothing better to do syndrome" and were held together by stalwarts Chris Thomson and "Strawb" Johnston.

For the first time in their history sixth grade made the finals but suffered from a lack of experienced players at various stages. The captancy of Brian O'Donnell and the improvement of such players as Kelly, Heaton, Cromwell, Harrison and Vass was most gratifying. These players must be prepared to move up the grades next season.

Financially the club is on a sound footing, again a tribute to Treasurer Mike Leonard. Members are to be congratulated on the fact that virtually all subscriptions and ball fees have been paid, albeit a little late in some cases.

During the winter, a lot of thought has to be given regarding the number of teams to be nominated next season. With two uncompetitive grades it would seem logical to reduce this to four, especially when costs are considered. In addition, our club still relies on too few doing all the work. Were it not for "Verco", "Blinkey", "Vassy", "JB" and one or two others the club would "fold".

Some of the younger members must start taking on administrative tasks, as well as simply turning up to play and using the club's facilities.

Finally I would like to announce that the time has come for me to step down as President and from the committee. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who have helped me over the years and to wish my successors, and indeed our great club every best wish for the future.

TREVOR SPRIGG
President

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
Trophy Winners
1986/87

Club Champion (Dave Shepherd Memorial Trophy) - Peter Stephen

Slater Gartell Perpetual Trophy (First Grade Batting Aggregate) - Murray Robins

	<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>Bowling Average</u>	<u>Fielding Award</u>
First Grade	G. Verco (408 at 31.38)	P. Stephen (35 at 11.37)	G. Verco (23 catches)
Second Grade	B. Magee (207 at 20.7)	B. Taylor (22 at 19.09)	M. Leonard (18 catches & 1 stumping)
Fourth Grade	B. McCaughan (287 at 28.7)	B. McCaughan (22 at 7.6)	A. Scalise (16 catches & 3 stumpings)
Fifth Grade	A. Renshaw (158 at 19.75)	R. Butterfield (24 at 15.58)	B. Chidgzy (10 catches & 1 stumping)
Sixth Grade	B. Heaton (533 at 29.61)	B. Heaton (25 at 9.92)	D. Henry (20 catches)

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
1ST GRADE REPORT
1986/87

Our season just completed was a mixture of some excellent performances and some very ordinary performances. To make the Grand Final was most satisfying but once again we failed to win the big one. It is fair to say that all season we struggled with the bat as the averages show. This was disappointing as pre season we felt our batting was ok and that we may struggle with the ball. However, this was not the case. The heartening thing that came out of this season was the improvement shown by Brody Renouf and John Middleton. In the finals Rohan Mathews again rose to the occasion and Mark Holt performed superbly with the ball. Peter Stephen again proved to be a great competitor. Brian King showed some form and Murray Robins proved his worth with the bat and ball. From a club angle it was pleasing to see 4th's and 6th's make the semi finals. The 2nd's and 5th's were not very competitive and the logical solution would seem to be to nominate 4 sides next season. Dasher and myself would like to thank all players for their support during the season.

GRAHAM VERCO

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
FIRST GRADE
BATTING AVERAGES
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Catches</u>
G. Verco	408	13	31.38	23
M. Robins	426	15	28.40	10
P. Stephen	293	12	24.42	11
B. Renouf	229	10	22.90	6
B. King	287	16	17.94	8
M. Holt	59	5	11.80	1
R. Mathews	275	14	19.64	6
S. Brindley	138	10	13.80	2
J. Olczyk	165	13	12.69	8
J. Lawrence	47	4	11.75	3
T. Miguel	149	14	10.64	3
G. Howard	27	4	6.75	5
C. Bradshaw	30	5	6.00	0
C. Chatfield	17	3	5.67	3
J. Middleton	8	3	2.67	4

G. Verco, M. Robins, P. Stephen, B. Renouf, all made centuries.

BOWLING AVERAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
P. Stephen	194	55	398	35	11.37
B. King	111	10	368	22	16.73
C. Bradshaw	29	9	89	6	14.83
J. Olczyk	146	35	395	23	17.17
M. Robins	127	32	315	19	16.58
J. Lawrence	79	18	319	14	22.79
M. Holt	133	45	242	14	17.29
J. Middleton	135	33	347	14	24.79

Also bowled C. Chatfield, G. Howard, T. Miguel, S. Brindley, B. Renouf.

SECOND GRADE REPORT

High hopes were held for this team in pre-season discussions but the lack of stability in batting proved to be decisive. On many occasions the bowlers did their job despite some sloppy fielding efforts, but the batsmen were unable to make the required runs. Only two regular players averaged 20 with the bat, so it is no wonder that pressure was not applied to first grade players who continued to fail. It is disappointing that players such as Thomson, Bradshaw, Magee and Strnadica, who have been around the club for a few seasons don't appear to have improved their game. With proper application and dedication, all of these players, and many others would be regular first graders.

Among the highlights of our season were two swashbuckling innings by "Bobbie" Magee, a fifty and 6 for 38 by "Braddie" and some steady bowling on a number of occasions by Brent Taylor. Justin Varney showed improvement and "Dunney" is a potential match-winner with the bat.

Most second graders have to learn that cricket is an enjoyable game but especially when you're winning!.

Signed "One of the Captains"

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
SECOND GRADE BATTING & CATCHING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Times Dismissed</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Catches</u>
P. Stephen	1	1	42	42.00	-
G. Whyte	1	-	32	-	-
A. Wilkie	4	4	122	30.50	1
J. Olczyk	2	1	29	29.00	-
T. Sprigg	10	7	149	21.28	6
E. Sarich	1	1	21	21.00	-
B. Magee	10	10	207	20.70	3
D. O'Reilly	3	2	41	20.50	1
S. Brindley	3	2	37	18.50	3
C. Bradshaw	8	8	137	17.13	5
M. Holt	1	1	17	17.00	-
C. Bambury	5	4	66	16.50	-
G. Howard	7	7	114	16.29	5
B. Taylor	15	12	171	14.25	2
D. Lang	8	6	81	13.50	3
R. Azzopardi	5	4	53	13.25	1
R. Thompson	16	15	194	12.93	4
G. Dunne	12	12	135	11.25	5
J. Overington	1	-	11	-	-
J. Varney	10	10	101	10.10	3
A. French	5	2	20	10.00	1
M. Leonard	11	9	88	9.78	18 (1 stumping)
B. McCaughan	2	2	17	8.50	3
V. Kostopolous	1	1	8	8.00	-
B. Renouf	2	2	14	7.00	1
J. Lawrence	1	1	6	6.00	1
D. Clarke	1	1	5	5.00	-
V. Strnadica	5	5	24	4.80	2
G. Strnadica	3	2	7	3.50	2
G. Kell	6	6	20	3.33	3
D. Knowles	3	2	5	2.50	1
J. Middleton	2	2	5	2.50	1
S. Duncan	4	4	9	2.25	-
S. Kelly	1	1	0	0.00	1
D. McCauliffe	1	1	0	0.00	1

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
SECOND GRADE BOWLING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Best Figures</u>
P. Stephen	11	2	46	4	11.50	4/46
J. Olczyk	28.2	5	81	7	11.57	4/50
S. Kelly	5	-	12	1	12.00	1/12
B. McCaughan	5	-	31	2	15.50	2/31
C. Bradshaw	110.2	17	339	19	17.84	6/38
J. Middleton	27	5	74	4	18.50	3/45
B. Taylor	148.2	32	420	22	19.09	4/27
T. Sprigg	64	17	215	11	19.54	4/25
J. Varney	73	11	328	16	20.50	3/38
G. Kell	37	6	205	10	20.50	4/46
G. Howard	61	11	232	10	23.20	3/30
A. Wilkie	34	9	112	4	28.00	3/54
B. Magee	22	3	120	4	30.00	2/31
R. Thomson	55.3	6	221	6	36.83	2/22
M. Holt	8	1	38	1	38.00	1/38
V. Strnadica	30	-	131	2	65.50	1/22
R. Azzopardi	19	4	68	1	68.00	1/15
C. Bambury	5	2	14	-	-	0/0
D. O'Reilly	1	-	9	-	-	0/9
J. Lawrence	8	-	28	-	-	0/28
D. Clarke	8	-	47	-	-	0/47
S. Duncan	1	-	10	-	-	0/10
J. Overington	3	-	22	-	-	0/22

4th GRADE
CAPTAIN'S REPORT
1986/87 SEASON

This year will be well remembered by all involved in the East Fremantle 4th grade side as so close yet

After the home and away games the club was proud of the 32 players who had in some way assisted in achieving the first step of the magical double by finishing on top of the ladder.

This was after a late season hiccup, when 4 games in a row were lost and our position in the four looked in jeopardy.

To the credit of all players we steadied to win the last two games in convincing fashion and enter the finals as the top side.

Unfortunately our semi final result of losing by just 9 runs saw the season cut short and denied us an appearance in the Final.

This was obviously a disappointment. However the year could only be gauged as a success with the season's "find" Brad McCaughan winning the association bowling average and giving the Allrounder Trophy a terrible fright.

With a batting average of just under 30, 22 wickets for 7.5 each and 5 catches including three in the semi final he can feel proud of his efforts.

Well done Brad.

The team highlight was undoubtedly the outright victory over North Fremantle at Richmond Raceway.

After North Fremantle had scored over 150 in their first innings nobody could have expected the result which followed:

Innings Commenced	4.20 p.m.
Innings Completed	5.05 p.m.
All Out	32
Wilkie 4/8	McCaughan 5/22.

The win gave us valuable breathing space and was the result of determined and at times unbelievable efforts in the field combined with a very aggressive bowling attack.

Al (call me Betty) Wilkie gave his career best performance and from this point went from strength to strength with both bat and ball to become a very reliable performer.

To constructively analyse the season, our bowling was the strength while the fielding ranged from spectacular to indifferent, with batting lacking the promise it showed on paper.

Our scores ranged between 120 - 170 (11 times) with seven of these below 140.

This added to three times when we failed to achieve 120, placed tremendous pressure on bowling and fielding.

To establish a reliable opening partnership (this year - Average 13 - 8 times below double figures) and another opening strike bowler is a must to take that next step and win a pennant.

There will be a huge gap to fill next year if Trevor Sprigg and Don Lang decide to retire as they have indicated.

Don Lang was an inspiration to many of the players half his age, and a couple of us about his age, and will be missed.

"Spriggy" joined the 4th grade about half way through the season and to take 16 wickets at around 10 runs each and average 25 with the bat was a tremendous all round effort.

His on and off field direction will be a great loss to this club.

This added to Les Capes, who retired early in the season, should be seen as the end of an era in EFCC, and a challenge for some of the younger brigade to accept.

One gain we had this year was "Blinky's" bestman Graham Whyte who "came down for a hit" and all but won the batting average. His 46 in the semi final was a potential match winning performance and it was not his fault that our season was not a fortnight longer. His assistance as vice captain was appreciated despite continual requests to be used as the team's stock bowler.

Allan Scalise again continued in fine form behind the stumps.

It is now expected of him, and his 19 dismissals included two of the best catches I have seen in this grade of cricket.

Although Allan fancies his ability as a bowler (3/22 against Hilton) he and Whytey will have to wait for their chances.

Graham Sharpe was lost to the club during the middle of the season and to still manage 21 wickets at an average of just over 15, coupled with his ability to hang around with the bat (including a gutsy 25 in the semi final) was a very good effort.

Bobby Magee bowled very well collecting 18 wickets including his best of 3/15 in the semi final. With the potential to turn a game off his own batting his scores this year must have been a disappointment to him.

Danny Knowles was another who promised so much but never really got going however he deserves the chance to prove his worth. As mentioned earlier to establish an opening pair is a must.

Steve Duncan would be one of the first considered and many times this year "Duncs" looked a million dollars only to be out to a great catch or lazy shot.

His fielding and 200 odd runs at an average around 20 were real plusses for our side.

Nest year the Strnadica twins should develop further to be bordering on "A" grade selection. Victor finished with an average of 24, and is a more than useful bowler.

George had his season interrupted by a knee operation but he too should not be content to play in the lower grades. Both are excellent fieldsmen.

Another two young players who will undoubtedly play or even captain higher grades are Steve Kelly and Bruce Heaton.

Steve obviously gained confidence and valuable experience from the 5 games he played with us and gave his best on every occasion.

Chris Tissott was the unlucky player of the finals, after being injured in a game of indoor cricket and missing selection in the semi final. His efforts throughout the year were an example to players of greater ability but less dedication.

This was highlighted by 36 well made runs when used as an opening batsman in a match against Spartans to consolidate our position in the four.

Dave Clarke was a player lost during the year and his contributions were appreciated.

Players such as Graham Kell (seconds), Mark Holt (4/17), Mike Leonard (relief keeper) and Eric Sarich (average 30-2 innings) deserve special attention.

My thanks and congratulations to all players of 4th grade who gave their support to me and the club during the 1986/87 season.

Finally the off field administration of Graham Verco, Brian King, Mike Leonard, Peter Stephen, Trevor Sprigg, B. O'Donnell and D. Vass cannot be discounted in achieving 3 out of 5 sides in the finals.

JOHN BONSER

CHARLIE'S EYE-VIEW OF THE 4TH GRADE SEMI-FINAL

PART I - BOWLING

Our captain J.B. won the toss,
his thoughts momentarily at a loss
"I do believe we'll have a bowl",
as he bent over to scratch his mole.

Someone in the team had to be 12th man,
But things had not gone according to plan
A sore shoulder hindered Chris,
So he was the one who had to miss
Chris took the decision very well,
When asked how he felt he said
"What the hell".

The wickets came few and far between,
the desperation in the field never seen.

An hour passed without a bang,
then on came Wilkie, the opener caught Lang.

One for sixteen their tails up,
the boys could smell the 4th grade cup.

Then on came Bobby, did he bowl tight,
plenty of venom, the batsman out caught White.
With his adrenalin flowing Bobby ran amuck,
he bowled the new batsman out for a duck.

We then had drinks and a little rest,
on came J.B. who bowled at his best.
Howzat came out his vivacious cries,
Not out said the umpire as he signalled four byes.

When the wickets began to tumble,
J.B. turned to Trevor and said with a rumble:
"A few wickets would be nice,
but if you get hit you'll pay the price".

With the last five wickets falling for forty-eight,
all the players were determined not to capitulate.
Only one hundred and fifty nine to get,
The target should be easily met.

CHARLIE'S EYE-VIEW OF THE 4TH GRADE SEMI-FINAL

PART II - BATTING

Batting without luck, Dunc's was the first to go,
out for a duck, it was a big body blow.

Graham looked sharp when he arrived at the crease
seeming very content and in loving peace

Then went Al, he was looking great,
the main problem was, he only made eight

In strolled Trevor, who was in tremendous form,
when he got out things began to look forlorn.

Out came Brad looking tall and lean,
he hit a few boundaries, he felt mean.
Our for thirteen he looked lost in space,
Don't worry Brad, you're still our ace.

In went Bobby looking serious,
back came Bobby feeling delirious.

Then came the country boy, Graham Whyte was his name,
his brilliant batting shot him to fame.
His timing was aplenty and more than rife,
his innings brought the game back to life.

With the score at six for sixty-nine
out bopped Langy looking fit and fine.
"I think I'll retire after this" said Don,
such a shame to see a great player gone.
"I've been with the club for 22 years,
God only knows I've enjoyed my beers".

Don was followed by Victor, young and mature
everyone hoping for a miraculous cure.
His innings began in somewhat of a flurry.
Guess who wants to end the game in a hurry.
After hitting six over the pickets,
he was dismayed to find the next ball scatter his
wickets.

Allan joined Whytie out in the middle,
I know he really felt like having a piddle.

With Whytie out and 12 still needed,
all was not at a loss
for out came J.B., the man who won the toss.

The appeals came aplenty and were usually moronic,
the batsman remained calm and looked sardonic.

With nine runs to go, Al swung with all his might (snick)
Dam it! Only just beaten by the flight.

As the opposition players bounded in glee,
J.B. looked up to the heavens and sighed
"Why me?"

An inch is as good as a mile,
But we can still afford to smile
There's no need to mope,
because we can look upon next year with renewed hope.

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
FOURTH GRADE BATTING & CATCHING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Catches</u>
M. Holt	1	1	33.0	33.0	1
B. McCaughan	12	10	287	28.7	5
G. Whyte	12	10	275	27.5	4
V. Strnadica	7	5	117	23.4	3
T. Sprigg	7	6	148	24.6	2
S. Duncan	12	11	203	18.45	4
E. Sarich	2	2	60	30.0	1
M. Cullinane	1	1	19	19.0	-
G. Sharpe	9	9	160	17.7	1
A. Scalise	13	8	119	14.8	16 +3 stumpings
J. Bonser	11	7	109	15.5	5
D. Knowles	9	8	111	13.8	4
B. Magee	9	9	100	11.1	3
A. Wilkie	8	8	93	11.62	-
D. Clarke	12	12	136	11.3	4
C. Tissot	9	9	96	10.6	2
M. Leonard	3	2	21	10.51	2
L. Capes	4	4	42	10.5	3
G. Strnadica	3	3	30	10.0	-
P. Newman	2	2	19	9.5	-
G. Kell	5	4	35	8.75	2
D. Lang	7	7	39	5.5	7
S. Kelly	4	4	14	3.5	5
B. Heaton	1	1	2	2.0	-
A. French	2	2	4	2.0	-
R. Butterfield	2	2	2	1.0	-
D. Vass	1	-	6	-	-
W. Chidzey	2	-	10	-	-
G. Edwards	-	-	-	-	-
V. Kostopolous	-	-	-	-	1
C. Douglas	-	-	-	-	1
D. Neff	1	-	6	-	1

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
FOURTH GRADE BOWLING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Best Figures</u>
M. Holt	8	2	17	4	4.25	4/17
L. Capes	11.2	4	22	5	4.4	2/9
A. French	3	0	6	1	6.0	1/6
B. McCaughan	96.5	33	177	22	7.6	5/22
A. Scalise	8	1	22	3	7.3	3/22
J. Bonser	134.2	33	385	34	11.3	5/40
B. Magee	78	25	194	18	10.7	4/13
T. Sprigg	79.2	16	147	16	9.1	2/6
G. Sharpe	143	48	333	21	15.2	3/24
E. Sarich	2.4	0	15	1	15.8	1/15
D. Knowles	8	0	39	3	13.0	3/39
V. Strnadica	48	9	142	9	15.7	4/21
C. Douglas	2	0	15	1	15.0	1/15
D. Lang	4	0	20	1	20.0	1/15
S. Kelly	30	4	119	6	19.8	2/19
A. Wilkie	65	19	167	9	18.5	4/8
B. Heaton	6	1	23	1	23.0	1/23
G. Kell	26	7	58	2	29.0	1/14
P. Newman	10.2	4	25	1	25.0	1/3
C. Tissot	5	0	32	1	32.0	1/32
S. Duncan	25	2	96	2	48.0	1/8
R. Butterfield	1	0	3	0	-	-
G. Edwards	5	1	23	0	-	-
D. Clarke	10	1	53	0	-	-
G. Whyte	4	0	14	0	-	-

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
FIFTH GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT
1986/87

Fifth Grade started the year with the first game being abandoned. However, the second game we won almost outright with a fine innings of 43 to Chris Tissot and 28 to Bill Chidgzey to start the season. Robert Butterfield and Wally Pin both took 3 wickets each, Rob 3/19 and Wally 3/22.

Unfortunately that was our highlight of the season, as we lost from then on, in the later games struggling for players and finally having to forfeit the last game.

Highlights of the season included Rob Butterfield's bowling (24 wickets at 15.58 and best figures of 4/29 against North Fremantle). Our batting was led by Alan Renshaw who started with 56 N.O, 44,22, & 25 but unfortunately was not available for all games and lost touch with the bat in the final games when he returned. Another up and coming batsman was Bill Chidgzey, who scored 146 at 11.23, batted well in the middle order and kept wickets superbly, taking 10 catches and 1 stumping. Bill finally ending the season bowling, taking 7 wickets from 46 overs. Another late starter at bowling was Strawb taking 6/145 off 25 (not in one game). Mick Cullinane bowled well all season and deserved better figures than 12/314 off 100 overs. His best figures were 3/7 off 8 overs against Hilton, one of the top sides.

Two better remembered games of the season are Brad McCaughan's comeback after his operation, taking 3/19 off 7 overs and top scoring 44-a great effort after such a serious setback. Also Bruce Heaton decided to come up from 6th grade to show us what a bat was for. We were amazed to discover we were supposed to hit the red thing and not swat flies. He made a casual 98, top score for 5ths for the season. That's it, all the best for next year.

CHRIS THOMSON

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
FIFTH GRADE BATTING AND CATCHES
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Ducks</u>
A. Renshaw	9	8	158	19.75	5	1
C. Thomson	14	13	91	6.50	4	2
K. Johnston	12	12	79	6.58	5	4
R. Butterfield	13	10	99	9.90	7	5
B. Chidzey	13	13	146	11.23	10(1st)	4
M. Cullinaine	13	13	62	4.76	3	3
I. Wright	12	11	17	1.41	2	9
C. Douglas	10	6	41	6.83	3	2
P. Lyons	11	9	58	6.44	3	2
B. Heaton	1	1	98	98.00	1	0
B. McCaughan	1	1	44	44.00	1	0
D. Neff	10	9	34	3.77	6	2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>		<u>Average</u>	<u>Best Figures</u>
			<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>		
M. Cullinaine	100	30	314	12	26.16	3/7
R. Butterfield	124.2	34	374	24	15.58	4/29
C. Thomson	136	31	456	21	21.71	4/56
K. Johnston	25	1	145	6	24.16	3/37
J. Keally	25	6	102	3	34.00	1/4
W. Pin	25	3	119	4	29.75	3/22
A. Renshaw	24	1	118	6	19.66	3/26
C. Douglas	32	6	139	5	27.80	2/23
B. McCaughan	7	0	19	3	6.33	3/19
B. Chidzey	46	1	203	7	29.00	3/26
B. Heaton	7	0	48	-	-	0/48
S. Kelly	6	0	29	-	-	0/29
D. Neff	4	0	44	-	-	0/44

6th GRADE
CAPTAIN'S REPORT
1986/87 SEASON

Sixth Grade began the season with a Side full of new players from the Melville/Willagee area (thanks to some fine recruiting by Steve "Stick" Kelly). Armed with these new players, we were determined to improve significantly from finishing last in 1985/86.

The season ended in the semi-final, which we lost to the top side, Jandakot A. Overall, 1986/87 was an excellent season for 6th grade, winning ten games (including two outright) and finishing an excellent 4th (after having beaten the third side twice during the year).

All the players and supporters deserve to be congratulated for this effort. We lost the first 2 games of the season, but a promising 4/145 in the second innings of the second game was a sign of things to come. Led by veteran David Vass, the side powered to victory over Bullcreek Spartans in the third game, thanks to a punishing 39 by rookie Peter Cromwell and a solid 42 by part time player Mark Unwin.

At Christmas we had won 6 in a row, thanks to some excellent batting by Bruce Heaton (78 against CBC), Mark Simpson (62 against Jandakot B) and Steve Harrison (79 against Hilton). Bowling highlights included Craig Douglas' 5/33 against Jandakot A, Bruce Heaton's 4/27 and 5/22 in the two-dayer against Rockingham, Steve Kelly's 4/18 against Rockingham, and Peter Cromwell's 4/28 against Jandakot B in the last qualifying game and 5/50 in the semi-final. The best partnerships included matchwinning knocks of 120 by Heaton and Mike Henry against Hilton, 96 by Heaton and Harrison against Jandakot B, and 95 by Mark Simpson and Harrison against Jandakot B (in a different game).

There was no doubt in my mind that the 1986/87 6th grade side will form the backbone of the club in higher grades in future seasons. The stars of the season were Bruce Heaton and Steve Harrison, who both showed that they possess a touch of class with the bat and the ball. They should be holding down first grade positions in a few years' time with appropriate experience and coaching.

Peter Cromwell was an example to all of us in how to keep fighting and never give up. A trifle fiery at times, he proved a handful for opposition batsmen, and destroyed opposition attacks a couple of times off his own bat. His season's result of 247 runs and 29 wickets was well deserved and should silence less-well-performed knockers.

David Vass had his best-ever season with the bat (239 runs), and showed the value of his years of experience with valuable knocks in some sticky situations. He was perhaps a bit unlucky not to get more of a bowl, but was always vocal in the field.

The bowling find of the season was Troy Brophy. He topped the bowling aggregate with 30 wickets from his slippery left hand deliveries. The other bowlers should try to achieve the fitness and accuracy shown by Troy.

Steve Kelly was a valuable batsman and bowler in the games he played for sixth grade, but may have been slightly disappointed with his batting average of 12.73 and bowling average of 21.92. He undoubtedly has the ability to achieve better averages if he improves his application in future years.

The unlucky players for sixth grade were Craig Douglas and Darren Caple. After taking 5/33 in the first game of the season, and winning a one-dayer against CBC with a six when we were nine wickets down. Craig was unlucky to miss out on a finals berth. Darren Caple showed that he has the ability to bowl very tightly, taking 7 wickets at an average of 9.14, but never reached his full potential with the bat. Both these players should look forward to bigger and better things in 1987/88.

Sean Cabbage showed that he will be a valuable player in future years with some very economical bowling and several solid innings with the bat. He was also a more than capable deputy wicketkeeper. Sean should look forward to getting more opportunities in future seasons.

Mark Simpson had a solid season with the bat, starring in two one-dayers just before Christmas with scores of 62 and 39. Late in the season Mark fell victim to a fear of short-pitched bowling which he should work on during the off-season.

Mike Henry was a late arrival to sixth grade this season, but demonstrated his valuable experience and ability to the younger players. Back injuries and a broken thumb prevented him reaching full potential, but his whirlwind 64 against Hilton at North Lake was inspirational.

Mark Unwin played a few games and showed his ability with the bat with innings of 51 not out and 42 early in the season. His batting and bowling ability would have been even more valuable if he had played a full season. Alan Hawkins (Seagull) took 8 wickets at 12.75 with his baffling deliveries before being cleared to Cockburn, and Tony French took some useful wickets in early games before playing the remainder of the season in higher grades.

Dom Neff took the catch of the season in one of our early games, and Paul Lyons filled in admirably in a later game. The efforts of all these players were appreciated.

Dave Henry was reliable as ever behind the stumps, taking 20 catches, and played an important part in our outright win over Rockingham with a gritty innings of 24.

With the 1986/87 season under our belts, there is no doubt that the sixth grade players can go on to better things in 6th grade and in higher grades in 1987/88.

My only final comment would be to advise the bowlers to concentrate on line and length and for the batsmen to keep their cool against spin. With new players like Heaton, Harrison, Brophy, Cromwell, Simpson, Cabbage, and Caple staying in the club, along with the regulars, the future looks bright for East Fremantle C.C.

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EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
SIXTH GRADE BATTING & CATCHING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Catches</u>
B. Heaton	18	18	533	29.61	4
M. Unwin	5	4	104	26.00	2
S. Harrison	11	11	285	25.91	7
M. Henry	11	10	188	18.80	6
D. Vass	16	15	239	15.93	6
M. Simpson	16	13	192	14.76	5
P. Cromwell	19	18	247	13.72	7
S. Kelly	11	11	140	12.73	5
B. O'Donnell	15	10	104	10.40	7
S. Cabbage	17	15	153	10.20	7
T. Brophy	13	10	100	10.00	3
C. Douglas	9	8	66	8.25	3
D. Henry	16	13	96	7.38	20
D. Caple	7	6	30	5.00	2
J. Andrew	2	2	7	3.50	1
A. Hawkins	5	2	4	2.00	1
A. French	4	3	8	2.67	4
D. Neff	-	-	-	-	1
P. Lyons	1	-	-	-	-

EAST FREMANTLE CRICKET CLUB
SIXTH GRADE BOWLING
1986/87

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Best Figures</u>
D. Vass	1.3	-	3	1	3.00	1/3
D. Caple	26	11	64	7	9.14	3/4
A. French	7	1	19	2	9.50	2/6
B. Heaton	117.4	29	248	25	9.92	5/22
S. Harrison	111.4	36	261	25	10.44	3/16
A. Hawkins	26	4	102	8	12.75	4/17
M. Unwin	15	3	39	3	13.00	2/28
T. Brophy	156.5	35	392	30	13.07	3/12
P. Cromwell	133	24	400	29	13.79	5/50
C. Douglas	54.4	8	187	12	15.58	5/33
S. Cabbage	35.1	7	96	6	16.00	3/14
S. Kelly	86	12	263	12	21.92	4/18
M. Henry	37	4	124	5	24.80	2/11
M. Simpson	5	-	35	-	-	0/35
B. O'Donnell	2	-	17	-	-	0/17
D. Henry	1	-	2	-	-	0/2