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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- In2Cricket Participation Awards
- Under 9's Non-Comp Participation Awards
- Under 10's - Under 16's Competition Team Awards (Batting, Bowling, Fielding, Coaches & Special Performances)
- Achievement Awards
- Player of the Year Award
- BBQ

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well what a great season for the Redbacks. Premiers in the U12B's; U12A's making the Grand Final; and the U16B's, U11's and U10 Blue all making the semis. Not only that, we came 3rd in the Club Championship. I'm sure these great results are from a combination of the hard work that our committee, coaches, managers, parents and of course our great kids have put in not only this season but the past few years.

Congratulations go especially to Barry Futter and his U12B side for being premiers. Also, congratulations to all our players for doing their best and playing each game in the right spirit. I often get comments from other coaches and club officials on our excellent behaviour both on and off the field. This I think is one of the most pleasing things from a club point of view and I hope we can continue to set a great example for other clubs to follow.

Lastly, a big thank you to Mike Lipscombe and Michael Shelley (and all their helpers) for doing the Kanga's (In2Cricket) again this year - I know you had your work cut out for you with such a big group. Also to Col Ryan and his team of helpers for coaching the U9's team again this year, thank you.

Chris Shelley
Chairman

TEAM REPORTS

KANGA'S ("In2Cricket")

Both Mike and I approached this season's In2Cricket coaching as seasoned veterans, having lasted through our first year last season. Little were we to know how our job was to grow. I'm not really sure if this season's registrations were a club record or no, but with 30+ participants registering, we certainly had our work cut out for us. The workload was added to as one of our co-coaches (Dylan Lipscombe) had moved to Singleton during the first week and was unavailable to assist.

Despite our trepidations, the kids proved to be great fun and the involvement of many parent helpers certainly lightened our workload. The In2Cricket concept is certainly a winner and I'm sure all the kids gained valuable technical skills while having an enjoyable time into the bargain.

My thanks go to my co-coordinator Michael Shelley, the various parent helpers who uncomplainingly assisted with our drills and games (they know who they are and how valuable their assistance was) and to all the parents who provided such an appreciative audience every Tuesday afternoon. I'm sure that playing in front of such a large crowd will give the kids very valuable experience for later sporting exploits.

I would also like to thank the Gosford Cricket Club Junior Committee for their excellent organisational abilities which have made my administrative workload almost non-existent.

Mike Lipscombe
In2Cricket Co-ordinator



In2Cricket Kids 2009-10

UNDER 9's

The 09/10 season has been a successful one with the boys finishing with probably as many wins as losses. All players have shown they are on the improve as cricketers and all shone at different times during the season.

Jamal Shoaib - showed many times he is no slouch with a bat, clubbing many boundaries throughout the season and a freakish fielder to add to his arsenal of skills.

Sam Thompson - bowled the game of his life against Narara following a little guidance and pressure from the coach at training, as well as effecting two run outs on the day. This in my opinion was the day Sam became a cricketer.

Mitchell Ryan - put in many exceptional all rounder performances with runs and wickets. A great start to cricket for the youngster of the side.

Liam Rittie - Always laid back but trying hard to give his most for the team. Liam gave his all and passed all milestones during the season – boundaries, wickets, runs, run-outs and catches all came his way at some point.

Liam Dickson - Mr Confidence - constantly talking it up at training and in the game. When focused, he could do it all and never lacked enthusiasm.

Jack Boyd - started the year with a broken wrist and lifted the second the cast came off. Putting forward the most solid defence in the team, he was almost impossible to bowl out.

Oscar Tebbutt - is one of two boys I have seen “on drive” regularly in this age group. Looked good with the bat and shone regularly with the ball in his hand as well.

Damien Muspratt - possessed a rare cricketing quality - always the thinker in the field and regularly effected run-outs and saved runs with his cool head under pressure!

Nathan Kop - the quiet achiever of the team was always listening and experimenting with everything you taught him and when he got it right, was rewarded with wickets and boundaries.

The boys finished the season well and should be extremely satisfied and proud of their achievements. I would like to thank my manager in life and cricket Donna Ryan for co-ordinating all off field proceedings and last, but not least, my Assistant Coach Bradley Ryan who did an exceptional job for the third year in a row.

Col Ryan
Coach



Under 9's

UNDER 10's Red

REDS !!!; So Close But Yet So Far.

Well, what a season. The boys started on fire and kept on winning, except for the end of the competition rounds. It was disappointing to miss out on the semi-finals by three points; this included a washed out game against second last place. With the best for and against percentage, least batting wickets lost and the most bowling wickets in the U10s competition, it was a shame that we didn't get to see the boys in action in the semi-finals. The boys were a pleasure to coach - willing to learn and it was noticeable that a number of the boys greatly improved over the season. I hope all of the boys stick together in the oncoming years, as there is a nucleus of a very strong, competitive side in the making. Some of our highlights included:

- Highest for/against percentage in the U10 competition – 246%.
- Lowest number of batting wickets lost – 76.
- Most bowling wickets taken – 130.
- Highest Batting partnership in U10s – 80 runs Ben Campbell and Jeremy Belcher.

A short analysis of our team:

Aengus Kenny – ‘Mr Perpetual Motion’. Kept on going and going!!!
Lachlan Donohoe – Slow down to 90 km/h; can do anything on the cricket field.
Joel Ryan – When on-song, the ball would zip and swing everywhere.
Jeremy Belcher – ‘Mr Cricket’; sometimes too intense.
Ben Campbell – When switched on; could do everything on the cricket field.
Harrison Doyle – ‘Mr Improver’; great bowling at the end of the season.
Lleyton Parker – Could really swing the ball and bat as well.
Alec Doolan – ‘BP’ – the Quiet Achiever; tried all season and achieved!!!
Matt Lavelle – Reflexes and fielding like a PANTHER !!!
Lewis Carr – When not talking!! could really perform when needed.
Jonas Ogston – Quiet but some really deadly bowling spells were bowled.
Nick Hughes – ‘Mr All Round’; really bowled, batted and fielded well.

Finally, I would like to thank Suzy Kenny for all her help in scoring each week and also for entering MyCricket results. Also, thanks to Col Ryan and Mark Lavelle for their help during the year as well. Further, I would like to thank Dylan Ryan and Dave Amaral for their help during the season with assistance in coaching the boys on Thursday and Saturdays. Lastly, a big thanks to all the parents for getting the boys to training and to the games.

Tony Belcher
Coach



Under 10's Red

UNDER 10's Blue

What a great season! To make the semi-finals in the boys' first year of competition cricket was a fantastic effort and one which I, as coach, am immensely proud of. Putting aside that achievement, I am even more proud of the way in which the boys conducted themselves, the spirit in which they played the game and the respect they showed for each other and their opponents. They also played and trained with enthusiasm each week and had a heap of fun, which certainly rubbed off on me and the other parents as well.

In an extremely large and competitive age group comprising 14 teams, the boy's record was fantastic, finishing in fourth place with 12 wins, 2 very exciting ties and only 4 losses. We subsequently made the semi's on the basis of a superior for and against following a great win over Lisarow in the final round, which was secured by a towering six over square leg by Lachlan Shelley when requiring 4 runs off the last over. We were then defeated – but certainly not outclassed– by Terrigal in the semi final, who were the eventual premiers. We did extremely well to keep Terrigal to 95 off their 25 overs, but unfortunately couldn't quite reel them in, finishing at 7/72 off our 25, therein bringing our season to a close.

Despite this loss, the season was full of highlights, including a heap of great innings, some great spells of bowling and some magnificent catching and fielding. In amongst these, some particular moments stand out, namely Tim Scarr bowling a maiden in the last over of the game against The Entrance to give us a tie (a loss would have seen us miss out on the semis) and Kyle Johnson's spectacular "no-catch" against Lisarow, when he ran around the boundary, leapt into the air and caught the ball one handed as it went over his head, only to land with one foot over the line.

Our mighty team comprised the following member, who all, in one way or another, contributed immensely to the success, fun and camaraderie enjoyed by our team:

Tim Scarr – a great all rounder, Tim finished second in both the batting and bowling. Tim's bowling in particular was fantastic, as he terrorised many an opposition batsman with his great pace and accuracy. Tim worked really hard on improving his accuracy throughout the season and after he had his line and length mastered in any given spell, would then ask me if he could "crank it up a bit"! Word's I loved and batsmen hated.

Hamish Stephen – Hamish really improved his batting this season and has one of the best techniques in the comp, with a lovely stance and nice balance. He is a classy No. 3 or 4 in the making and also took some nice catches. Hamish will flourish in the Under 10's again next year.

Nasser Malibari – for a boy who had never played before, Nasser played like a pro, improving his batting every time he went to the crease and throwing down some lovely little spinners with the ball. Nasser has a big heart and belies his small stature, as he never flinches when either seeing off fast bowlers at the crease or in the field, where he backed up Kyle's rocket throws with his body without a worry.

Patrick Rosee – a very thoughtful and mature cricketer for his age, Patrick ended up captaining the side for the latter part of the season and did a fantastic job, setting great fields and switching the bowlers around with precision. He also is developing into a fine opening batsman around whom the team can build an innings, and also bowls beautiful little medium pacers that tie up every batsman who faces them.

Aaron Bamforth – one of our best bowlers and fielders, Aaron took some great catches and made a number of good run-outs. He doesn't say much on the field and is always concentrating and listening, which is a great characteristic. Aaron is also a very good batsman in the making and will really improve next season in that area.

Keenan "Rowdy" James – Keenan came to the Redbacks from Mountains this season and really improved his cricket. He took 3 wickets against Umina with his wily left hand bowling and said just as many words throughout the year. Keenan's fielding and batting also got better every week and looked like (didn't say) he was enjoying his cricket more and more as result.

Lachlan Hodson – Lachie continued to improve and also showed a tough competitive streak that was obvious every time he batted and bowled. He ran a boy out with a direct hit at the strikers end from mid-on and also picked up some handy wickets along the way as well. Lachlan also showed tremendous heart and team spirit by playing the final round with a sprained ankle to make sure we had a full team and no gaps in the field. A fantastic effort that was appreciated by all his team mates.

Khy Veivers – no boy works harder on his game and this showed this season as he improved in leaps and bounds, resulting in some good innings and great partnerships with the bat, as well as a number of crucial wickets. Khy also took a great catch close to the wicket in the semi-final and improved his throwing and fielding as well.

Lachlan Shelley – with 17 wickets and 240 runs, Lachlan ended up second on the overall stats for the entire Under 10's competition, which is a mighty effort and one which stamps him as a future first grader. He has an eye like a dead fish, which he used to whack sixes and fours with the bat, and hit the wickets when bowling or fielding. All of this whilst never concentrating for more than 5 minutes or listening to his coach!

Hamish Booth – Hamish took on one of the hardest jobs in Under 10's – wicket keeping – and did it with great style and guts, especially given he broke his finger earlier in the season. Hamish also made his first retirement score with a great knock against Terrigal, and then followed it up with another one later on and also grabbed a number of wickets with his deceptive slow bowling.

Kyle Johnson – an absolute natural cricketer, it was hard to believe this was Kyle's first season. He has the best fast bowler's action I have ever seen at this age and only failed to take the most wickets because no batsman could hit his outswingers. He is a freak in the field, with sliding saves, spectacular catches and direct hits the norm every week. Time to give soccer away and make cricket his main sport.

Overall, this was an exceptionally enjoyable and rewarding year for me, and I thank the kids and the parents for that. To the boys – you were a pleasure to coach and are a credit to your parents and to our club. Thank you for your patience and your willingness to listen and improve. To the parents – thank you also for your friendship and exceptional level of help – most of the time I didn't even have to ask. In addition, I would like to specifically thank Dewaine Veivers for all his help – nothing is ever too much of an issue or too much trouble for Dewaine, and his assistance with coaching, setting up the field and taking the kit and the gear when I was on crutches is greatly appreciated. Pete Bamforth's help with all the scoring, as well as training and organising the end of year camping trip (along with his wife Paula), is also greatly appreciated. Thanks guys.

I look forward to all the kids and their parents returning next season. See you then!

Tim Shelley
Coach



Under 10's Blue – Semi-Finalists in 2009-2010

UNDER 11B's

"So close" is how I look back on a very successful and most enjoyable season. With three new players this year we made it to our first semi final. We were competitive and in a position to win almost every game. All boys improved this season, and I feel if we can become a little more consistent with our batting, we could go even better next year.

PLAYER PROFILES

Luke "I always wear my box now" Agius - has always had a great pair of hands, taking three catches and running two people out. Luke scored 40 runs with a highest score of 15 and took 5 wickets.

Hamish Austin - has developed a real love for the game of cricket which has seen him improve in all three areas of the game. Hamish scored 87 runs, with a highest score of 25 and took 8 wickets, with the best figures of 3 for 17. Hamish also took one catch and was involved a run out.

Sean Barnett - has scored 120 runs in each of his last two seasons, with a highest score of 61 not out. Sean has great control with the ball, which has allowed him to bowl very economically and take 4 wickets, with his best figures of 2 for 16. Sean took 6 catches and ran two batsmen out. Sean has a good cricket mind and captained the side very well.

Dane Crocker - is a talented cricketer who has excelled in all areas of the game. Dane scored 126 runs with a highest score of 40 not out and an average of 21. He also took 7 wickets, with his best figures of 2 for 1. Dane is also a handy fielder, taking 6 catches and 1 run out.

Marcus Dickson - was an enthusiastic player in his very first year of cricket. At the start of the season, Marcus had a little trouble hitting the wicket, but by season's end he had taken 5 wickets and a run out.

Nicholas Kirby - is a keen and talented cricketer who always seems to put the team first. Nicholas scored 67 runs with a highest score of 23. He also took 3 wickets, with his best figures of 2 for 10. Nicholas was our number one keeper throughout the season, taking 5 catches and 2 run outs.

Harrison Kouwenhoven - has continued to develop as a player. In doing so, he became a far more consistent player. Harrison scored 33 runs with a highest score of 23. He took 4 wickets, with his best figures of 3 for 5. Harrison is also a handy fielder, taking 2 catches and a run out.

Sean Munnoch - was in his very first season of cricket. Sean started out very tentative, but through much determination, improved considerably throughout the season. Sean took 3 wickets, with his best figures 2 for 9.

Peter Sutherland - is a keen and competitive cricketer, who is always looking to do his best. Peter's bowling has been a stand out this season, taking 8 wickets for 73 runs, with his best figures of 2 for 10. Peter also scored 30 runs with his highest score of 12 not out.

McCartney Walsh - has performed exceptionally well given it is his first season of cricket. McCartney showed great control with the ball, taking 12 wickets for 108 runs off 38.4 overs. He also scored 48 runs, with his highest score of 14 and took 4 catches. Well done.

Ben Walton - it has been very enjoyable watching Ben develop as a cricketer. His batting has improved out of sight, scoring 79 runs, with a highest score 27. Ben has been our number 2 keeper for most of the season and managed to take 4 catches. With the ball, Ben's spinners rewarded him with 3 wickets.

Thomas Waterhouse - has a great eye and is always looking to play his favourite shot. Tom scored 55 runs this season with a highest score of 10. Tom's bowling continued to improve taking 5 wickets, with his best figures 2 for 20.

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents on your sons' and my behalf, for their support throughout the season. I would also like to thank the Sutherland family for looking after the shade shelter all season and to Sean Kirby for umpiring at short notice. To Megan Waterhouse and Dianna Agius, my statistician and scorer, a huge thank you and an excellent job.

I would like to finish by saying how proud I am of all the boys and their efforts this season in making our first semi final. Enjoy the off season and I hope to see you all soon.

Mark Austin
Coach



Under 11B's – Semi-Finalists in 2009-2010

UNDER 12A's

Unfortunately being the best team all year doesn't necessarily mean you win the premiership. We were beaten in the Grand Final by a better team on the day. Anyway, that's cricket and I think the boys learnt a lot from it.

We had a very good side this year, and the boys played to their potential for 99% of the season. Our batting this year was particularly strong, with none better than Jack and Lachlan, with most other players hitting good scores throughout the season.

Our bowling was also strong with Lewis joining us this season and Matt Scarr's off breaks a real highlight. We had two wicket keepers in Luke and Connor who both performed very well. They showed great maturity in working out who kept and when between them, which meant one less job for me.

Bradley was again our Captain this year and his level head and understanding of the game at such a young age will see him captain many sides in his future years. Well Done Bradley.

I'd like to thank all those who helped with scoring and umpiring throughout the season, all our parents for getting the boys to training and the game each week and especially to the boys themselves. Well done, you should all be very proud of the great cricket you all played and the spirit in which you played it.

Chris Shelley
Coach



Under 12A's– Minor Premiers and Runners Up in 2009-2010

UNDER 12B's – PREMIERS!

Wow! What an amazing year, with our young boys all really stepping up and contributing in all facets of the game to finish up Grand Final winners. From instinctive amazing catches, to consistent line and length bowling, accurate throws that led to run-outs, dogged batting that frustrated opponents, swash buckling shots that scored when needed - truly everyone had their own moments of genius talent in all areas of the game. A true all round performance by everyone.

I would like to thank the parents who helped out so well during the season and to see the maturing of these young players towards the end was an absolute pleasure to watch.

A part of me would like to mention players and their individual achievements, but firstly, I would never be able to cover all the history of this awesome season as my memory would fail, and secondly, given the extent of the achievements, it would seriously take way too long to cover.

A very big thank you to each and every one of the players and parents as well.

Barry Futter
Coach



Under 12B's – Minor Premiers and Premiers in 2009-10

UNDER 14's

TEAM: Kris Armstrong; Josh Barty; Jacob Casswell; Jack Elliot; Sophie Hunt; Aaron Kendrigan; Jesse Lifu-Bligh; Daniel Murphy; Liam Taylor; Alexander White; Courtney Yeo; Jarrod Young

Congratulations to the Under 14's on participating enthusiastically and giving their best efforts in what proved to be a tough competition. Throughout the season we played with a competitive spirit highlighted at times by dashes of brilliance, and always with a 'never say die' attitude. Unfortunately we were not quite consistent enough throughout the season to be in the running at the end of the competition rounds.

Nevertheless, from a coach's perspective, I could not help but be impressed by how the players in this side bonded and worked together as a team, and by the way in which they kept working at their game. We had a player list of 12 including a number of newcomers to the club and to cricket. The side was a blend of experienced and less experienced players from the previous year, and of several players who had not played competition or club cricket at all. Hence, for some kids it was a real learning experience particularly against some of the stronger sides we came up against.

The season kicked off on a high note with an outright win against a depleted but very competitive Umina team. This certainly gave us some confidence with which to go forward. However, the very next game following our bye we lost outright to a very experienced Wyong side, but then rebounded well to take a first innings win against The Entrance Gold away. From that point we struggled to maintain consistency, not helped at times by being short of a full squad. As a batting side we tended to struggle in the first innings against the more experienced line-ups, but somehow often managed to mount a stronger second innings effort. A case in point was our 4th game against Kincumber Avoca Red. After being bowled out for a meagre 21 in the first innings, we dug in in the second innings and scored 9/170 to stave off an outright defeat - an amazing turn around! That seemed to be much the story for us - the lows and the highs. We were certainly capable of putting a good score together and of bowling other sides out - we just could not do it consistently enough!

In summary, we lost 6 games and won 2 games (1 outright). We did manage to put together a team score of 170 plus on more on 4 occasions with a highest team score of 9/230, and take 10 wickets on 3 occasions. Notwithstanding our struggle with consistency there were some notable performances with bat and ball, and in the field. Without exception everyone worked hard in the field and did their part in supporting the bowlers. Courtney was as always reliable behind the stumps and was well backed up by Josh and Aaron from time to time. It is always great to see the training drills pay off in the field. On occasions the fielding was brilliant with some terrific ground fielding and run outs, but some of the catches were awesome! A number of catches taken by Jessie in the covers and at mid wicket come to mind. He literally pulled some catches out of nowhere much to the surprise of opposition batsman who could not believe it. Amazing hands! Jessie ended up taking 7 catches for the season which is a tremendous effort for his first year in cricket. Aaron wasn't far behind with 5 catches and a stumping.

As with our fielding, every player also contributed with the ball. Our opening attack was consistent and reliable, with our bowlers often getting an early breakthrough. They were well backed up by some very reliable slow and medium pace bowling. Liam in particular troubled batsman with his mix of in and away swing bowling and was well supported by Xanda. Between them they claimed 25 wickets for the season with Liam taking 13 at an average of 11.5 and a best of 4/7. Well done! What was really encouraging though was to see the wickets spread throughout the team and the way in which our less experienced bowlers were sometimes able to slow the pace of the game as things were getting away from us. Jack, Daniel, Sophie and Jacob worked hard at their bowling and often did a great job of curbing the run rate and breaking partnerships. It was great to see Jacob, our youngest and most diminutive player, troubling opposition batsmen with his 'loop and bounce' spin bowling.

Our batting was probably the part of our game where we need to be more focussed and more consistent. We were just not able to string partnerships together at critical times against the better sides, but heh, that's part of learning and development. Nevertheless, there were some impressive efforts with the bat both in attack and gusing it out to keep wickets in hand. Alexander, Liam, Josh and Jack all did a great job at the top of the order. These guys scored the bulk of the runs and formed some very good partnerships. Alexander finished the season with 303 runs at an average of 30 and a highest score of 71 not out. Josh's hard hitting was at times exhilarating and Liam and Jack looked consistently solid as openers. But once again, the batting was not confined to the top order players. Our middle order players like Jarrod, Courtney and Aaron often had to 'steady the ship' on those occasions when we got off to a poor start. Similarly, our younger and less experienced players like Kris, Jessie and Jacob showed a lot of courage at times against some very lively and bouncy bowling. Great effort guys and girls!

Once again, congratulations and thank you to all of the players, mums and dads. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this side and hope that all of you will come back next season. Although cricket is a game of numbers sometimes statistics don't tell the whole story, and so it was this season. Every player in this team contributed to the teams efforts at critical times and had a positive impact on the players around them. I am proud of the way in which the players represented Gosford Redbacks and of the spirit in which they played the game.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents for their support and assistance throughout the season. It's always a team effort both on and off the field. In particular, I would like to express my appreciation to those who assisted with scoring, umpiring, setting up on game days and getting the stats in. To Debbie Elliot, Sue and Andrew Hunt and Andrew Barty, thank you for your efforts. A special thank you to Bill Yeo who took on the role of team manager and assisted in all aspects of the team organisation.

I look forward to seeing you all in season 2010/2011.

Cheers,

John White
Coach

UNDER 16A's

Season 2009/10 dawned with much excitement and anticipation, the arrival of two quality rep players to the side in Elliott Rozario and James Biles, the additional of an experienced, quality coach in Eddie Stothard and a year's experience playing in a very tough 16a's comp the previous season. It all ended rather disappointingly at Christmas, with the team withdrawing due to lack of players (as in quantity, definitely not quality) playing with 8 players each week is not easy. In between, some exceptional cricket was played, and some strong friendships formed.

Game 1 saw us thrash the defending and this season's premiers in Narara. Solid contributions with the bat came from Elliott Rozario, Ryan Wilson and James Biles, who's 36 included and extraordinary cover drive for 6 off the opening bowler. The wickets were shared with Ryan and Daniel White taking 2 each. As became the norm, our fielding was exceptional, with some great catches and a superb run out.

Game 2 saw a disappointing loss to Lisarow. Elliott and Ryan were amongst the runs again, while Daniel continued his good form with the ball. It was going to be interesting to see how the boys reacted to the rocket they received from the coaching staff.

Game 3 was against the strong Doyalson side and produced the finest performance from a junior side that I have seen in 30 years of coaching. All the boys showed true character and really wanted to prove a point to Eddie and me after the previous game. We easily batted through our 55 overs, with Brad 50, Ryan 59, Daniel 25 and James 42 showing quality and maturity with the bat. The best was yet to come, all the boys bowled superbly with Alec Herridge 3-12 and Sean Wise 2-17, returning the figures, Daniel and Kieran Easton both bowled without luck. The fielding was perfect, every catch taken, another great run out from Daniel and not one misfield. Doyalson never stood a chance. The camaraderie and spirit on the field was amazing and the very hard work the boys were putting in at training was paying off.

Game 4 was a hard loss to take against Kincumber. Their coach actually admitted that they only won because they had 11 and we had 8. Brad Brown continued his good form with 50, while Alec picked up 2-26.

Game 5 was played against Mountains and resulted in a loss. Sean bowled magnificently to take 4-14 and was well supported by Ryan with 3 wickets. Daniel batted well for his 22, while James hit a couple of enormous 6's in his 36.

This is a quality group of young men, and all their parents are very proud of the dedication and commitment that they put into their cricket and the support and encouragement they gave to each other. The ability of these boys can be shown in the fact that they all played grade in the seniors with 6 playing 2nd grade (and easily outshining the seniors) and Brad finishing the season in 1st grade. If their dedication, ability and hard work is continued, I don't think it will be long before these boys are playing together in that grade.

Personally, I would like to thank all the parents for their help this year - there were always plenty of volunteers to score or umpire - all we lacked was someone to look after Grant! I would also like to thank Eddie for his assistance, his knowledge of the game and, more importantly, his ability to pass that knowledge onto the players, which is second to none. I know all the boys learnt from and appreciated Eddie's input and I hope they remain in contact with him.

Tony Wilson
Coach

UNDER 16B's

Another season has come and gone, so it is important to remember where we were, and where we are now. This team competed well in A Grade last year, and this year we reverted back to the B Grade to learn how to apply our trade better. Clearly the last time we were very dominant we won the competition undefeated, so there was in our thinking something to live up to, and with that in mind we were horribly beaten in the first two games of the season, so the mirror was introduced at training. They looked at their own game, realised that this was a different team and we would have to work harder, and dug in.

From that point they improved every game, turned the tables and exacted harsh revenge on one of our early season tormenters, and rounded the season off beating the previously undefeated Terrigal side, quite comfortably, stringing seven wins in a row. This brought the semi-finals to the doorstep and we batted magnificently to score 4-228, with Bryce Ulacco scoring a hundred for the best score of the year, and Ryan Cox with a patient 50 also had us well placed. But alas it was not to be, and due to two wonderful innings for the Woy Woy side, they eclipsed us in the last over! There was improvement from EVERYONE to the point that some were leaning quicker than I could keep up with, with their minds working well outside the square, and with others just doing stuff all from confidence. They did the Gosford badge proud once again, and their coach is very proud of them.

Jonathan Lan is a legend and was our resident opening batsmen who works the angles and reverse sweeps brilliantly. After a swift start to the season, he lived in the competition's top 10 run scorers for most of the season. His deceptive bowling and whole hearted fielding made him a valuable asset.

Bohdi Adams opened the batting and the bowling on many an occasion and played it well. For the batting, it was only a couple of innings that were red hot in value, but that's all I ever wanted was just a couple, and the six in the semi-final did go between the posts. However, his primary role is our left hand spinner, and this season his bowling was at its best from where I saw it. He gets better every season and did not let me down when the pressure was on!

Bryce Ulacco finally kept the ball along the ground! We all know he can bowl and field like a freak from time to time, but the batting! So many times an innings would show promise only to have him caught off a lazy shot again. But half way through the season Bryce put it together, showed us all a good shot selection, kept the ball along the ground, showed patience, and started to click the runs up. He got better and better until the 100 in the semi-final which was a gem! His best season so far with me.

Dale Wilson has matured into a quality cricketer. When he was on, he would put us on the front foot with his batting, and he had some good scores to take away from season 09/10. He has a never say die attitude in the field with a safe set of hands, whether they be gloved or not, and this makes him a 360 degree asset. His bowling is challenged, but it gets wickets from time to time! But most of all he is a real team player which is what I am most proud of! Always asking questions, listening and learning!

Ryan Cox was my captain this year and my choice was sound. This season I have been leaving a lot of our field placing's to Ryan and he thinks very well on the field. His batting improvement this year just blossomed from nowhere. He shared the keeping duties with Dale and did that well as captaining, not easy to concentrate on both. He led our boys well and I have a very high opinion of him in every dept. Of all the batsmen I would have to choose from, he would be the one I always felt would handle any pressure thrown at him.

Damien Kelly is an all-rounder who let his bowling nudge out the batting in his game this year. On a stage of just sheer consistency, he really excelled. He worked out that the different angles, change of pace, changing the swing from ball to ball, would always create havoc. He is going to be a good bowler who can bat well also, as his 50 in the last round demonstrated this fact. He is a dream in the field, with some good run outs to top things off.

Jared McNee has potential to score so many runs it is scary, but his head is clouding his judgement. Once he relaxes, look out, because he possesses so many good shots, and can play them well. As a team member you would not trade him, always chirpy and stirring the pot, he keeps things moving which you need in a cricket team. He is torn between his spin and his medium swing bowling because he can do both so well. He is my outstanding run out king in the field and can catch a ball pretty well too!

Ben Talbot took one season to settle in with us obviously, because the difference in the two seasons was chalk and cheese! As a bat, he stood up and had his best innings with us so far. His bowling due to increased strength, nudged the ball along a yard or two quicker, and with zip off the pitch too. His fielding moved forward in large strides as well, which made this a great year for him. Strange what belief can do, but I'll take it, as he just strengthened our team even more, giving us further depth in an already good side.

Sam Johnson is the quickest man across a cricket field. Sam insists on taking impossible catches and dropping sitters. Sam shows us his worst balls before the really good ones in a freak spell. Sam always showed us his smile all season and is one of the most likeable players in the team. Sam was simply Sam - playing for fun - and I hope we have given him that in his last season with Gosford Juniors.

Jacob Speziale is bowling really mean now that he is bowling quicker. He gets edges every spell which is something that as an opening bowler you need to be able to do, and I am always talking up the edge even when it goes for four, and telling him that this was a good thing to happen. It was true to say that we looked to Spez to take a wicket when we needed one and, on most occasions, he would shake up the game, which would probably bring the wicket! His batting when he is on-song is scary, as he can really smack a cricket ball, when all is well. Excellent year Spez!!

Morgan Futter is our opening bowler, and he has the speed, the height, the action, and knows what he wants to do, but keeping it straight is the problem. Practice Morgan when you find the time and get it right! If he can direct these bullets he bowls, it won't be pretty! Many times he just completely beat the batsman and the fielders, and should have had more wickets this year. His fielding is getting better every year and he took some screamers this year! Two freak catches that we will all remember!!

Alexander White played in our last game when Jonathan Lan was not available for the semi-final. Zanda's bowling spell had me on the edge of my seat and I thought he may have been the one to get our breakthrough, he was bowling that well that day. I don't think I had a chance to say that on game day! Thanks very much for playing for us Zanda.

Craig Wilson
Coach



Under 16B's – Semi Finalists in 2009-10

REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Redbacks had a number of players chosen for representative squads this season of whom we are extremely proud of. It is great to see so many of our players succeeding at representative level and our congratulations is extended to them for their efforts.

These players are:

Under 11's IDCA - Damien Herd. Damien was also named batsman of the carnival at Newcastle.

Under 11's DCA - Ben Shelley. Ben also won the award for most wickets in this team.

Under 12's DCA - Bradley Ryan, Lachlan White and Jack Shelley (this team won the carnival at Lismore in January).

Under 12's IDCA - Tom Lavelle.

Under 15's IDCA - Elliot Rozario, Dale Wilson and James Biles. This team won the IDCA competition. Dale also won the award for top run scorer in this team

Under 16's President's Cup - Ryan Wilson, Bradley Brown and Kieran Easton.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is vital to the running of any club and Gosford Junior Cricket Club is certainly no exception. As such, we would like to very sincerely thank our two major sponsors – Bendigo Bank and James Ryan Accountancy - for their generous contributions to our club over the past season.

Firstly, a huge “thank you” is extended to Bendigo Bank at East Gosford, Kincumber and Lisarow - and in particular Michael Bell, Senior Manager of these branches - for their generous donation to our club which allowed us to purchase Redback fielding hats for all players and playing shirts for new players. Their sponsorship of the Redbacks is greatly appreciated.

For more details on Bendigo Bank, and the range of services and benefits they offer our local community, click on their link on our club website (www.gosfordcricketclub.com).

Our thanks also goes to James Ryan, who is the principal of James Ryan and Associates accountancy practice at Wyoming. James is also a former president of the senior club and a long time supporter of the juniors, which he generously continued this year. James' direct sponsorship and ongoing support of the juniors is greatly appreciated. Thank you James.

In addition, Alan Hutchinson has supplied meat for our numerous club functions over many years and his ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated. His products are always top notch and always provided in large numbers to ensure our players and families alike are catered for. Patronage of Big Al's Kariong Quality Meats by our club would be well received and a great token of our appreciation.

Anyone else that may be interested in sponsoring the club for next season (be it via a monetary donation or the donation of goods, services or prizes for raffles, fund raising or presentations) would be welcomed with open arms and is asked to contact Tim Shelley on 4365 5385 or 0409 306 186 or via e-mail on tandjshelley@dodo.com.au. In return, we will pit your business' logo and a link to your website site on our home page, which offers wide exposure. Alternatively, anyone wanting to simply promote their business on our website can do so for as little as \$500.

OTHER ITEMS

- Website – the club website has now been up and running for over a year and hopefully has been a useful source of information about our club for everyone. It provides draws, results, information on upcoming events, information about the club and links to other cricket related sites. If you would like to see something else on it or have any comments as to how it can be improved, please contact Tim Shelley (details above). The website is www.gosfordcricketclub.com.

- Registration for 2010-2011 – rego for next season is likely to be around the end of August and again at West Gosford Shopping Centre. Details will be on the website beforehand. We will also mail out rego forms to everyone registered with us this year and again allow electronic payments to make registering even easier. Details will be provided at the time. Please also pass on our rego details to other kids that want to play cricket so we can get as many new players as possible to our club.
- Contact Details - if the address provided on last season's forms is out of date or if you have changed your contact details over the course of the season, please contact our recorder Simon Scarr via e-mail on simon.scarr@bigpond.com with your new details.
- Fund Raising – a huge thank you to all the players and parents for their assistance in our chocolate fundraising project this season. This event raised significant funds which were put towards club equipment (kits, stumps, new helmets etc), water bottles for players and also towards the cost of the net upgrade (which was significant). A big thank you is also extended to all of the coaches and committee for their assistance, and in particular to Donna Ryan and Jodie Shelley.
- Fagan Park nets – everyone would have noticed that the nets at Fagan Park received a complete upgrade just prior to the start of the season, including repairs to the netting and rubber and a new surface over the entire slab. This work was the result of fundraising by all of our players and parents over the past few years, as well as donations from Hotel Formule One at West Gosford and from Phil Conacher and his staff at Conacher Environmental at East Gosford. A big thank you is extended to all parties for their help with this project, which has resulted in fantastic facilities for our club.
- Fencing at Terry Oval –protective fencing has now been installed along the edge of Terry Oval to stop balls going on to Wells Street and in doing so, has greatly improved the safety of this facility. A big thank you is extended to Geoff Patterson and Gosford Council for their help in getting this project completed with the funds left over from the grant towards the new pitch at that ground.
- Coaching – we are always on the lookout for new and additional coaches. Anyone that may be interested in getting involved in coaching any of our junior teams next season is asked to contact Chris Shelley on chrisannshelley@exemail.com.au or on 43283448. The club will provide as much assistance as possible to help you out and also pay for a two evening Level 1 Coaching Course at Mt Penang if you are keen to progress to this level.
- Senior Players – our senior club is always in need of extra players of all abilities to help fill teams. So any dads, brothers, uncles or friends who are keen to get back on the field would be welcomed next season, along with anyone that hasn't played before as well. If interested, please contact Tony Belcher (Senior Secretary) on gosfordcricketclub@hotmail.com.
- Shirts and Socks - we still have plenty of adults polo shirts for sale at \$25, as well as Redback socks and caps (both standard - one size fits most). These are a great way to support our club and get our Redback logo out into the world to promote us. Please ask your coach or manager, or anyone from the committee, if you want to pick up any of these items. Alternatively, e-mail Tim Shelley on tandjshelley@dodo.com.au.

That wraps it up for this season!

GO THE REDBACKS!
SEE YOU ALL IN 2010-2011

