

WESLEY CRICKETER





10As

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS

A season which began promisingly petered out after Christmas, and a team that looked set to take on allcomers struggled to put the runs on the board at the business end of the summer. Several cases of lost form, a serious back injury and the promotion of the skipper certainly affected the teams' performance, but too often the inability of our batsmen to adjust to the particular circumstances in which they found themselves contributed to our downfall. Although experience will be the best teacher, this is an area that each of our batsmen should consider before next season.

The season began on a winning note against Melbourne Grammar. Playing in all weathers on the allweather wicket of the Gregory Oval, we were placed in a strong position by some enterprising batting from Barnaby Chessell and Nick Carrington. John Dodd's debut bowling performance netted him three cheap wickets and we claimed our first victory. Brighton provided us with our second scalp when they fell short of a Wesley total compiled almost entirely by the Glen Waverley half of the batting order! Nick Carrington's good form continued with the bat, and despite a recurrence of Nick Harrison's old back injury, we managed to bowl them out some 25 runs short.

Although played in uncomfortably hot and windy conditions, the game at St.Kevins resulted in a comfortable victory to the visitors, as we powered our way to 223 and humbled St.Kevins for less than half our score. Doddy claimed the Man of the Match award with a stunning 6/41 and some ruthless hard hitting, while Jonno Rose provided valuable support with the ball and Karune Aurora surprised everyone with an exciting whirlwind innings. Cazza, meanwhile won the waterfights!

The Wesley juggernaut was on the roll, and another 200 plus total against Caulfield guaranteed us the points in the next round. Luke Sier finally hit his straps with a fine 75 - including his first six - while Greg Powell and Captain Harro contributed strongly with the bat. Ollie Clarke however suffered the disappointment of a diamond duck! Tight, accurate bowling by the Lions restricted Caulfield to just 101, and our confidence was skyhigh! The journey to Geelong was well worth the trouble, and in a close, highscoring match Wesley again took the points. Harro was at his punishing best with the bat, slathering the Geelong bowlers to the tune of 71 runs whilst newcomer Clinton Shelley showed promising form in his 'As' debut. Doddy and Greg shared the bowling honours with three wickets apiece, but Rosey and Alan Thomson were major contributors with miserly bowling stints when they were most needed. Support from the field was also vital in holding Geelong out by 15 runs.

Despite watching the Aussies demolish the Poms during the Summer hols, the Lions were unable to recapture their pre-Christmas form when play resumed in February. Our first batting collapse occurred at the hands of Caulfield, as we were bundled out for a dismal 75 on a good wicket and in perfect cricket conditions. The opposition cruised to victory, despite a threatening spell of hostile bowling from Doddy. Having defeated ladder leaders Scotch last season, the boys were looking forward to this year's encounter, but we scored the rough end of the stick on the Williams, and as the wicket crumbled around us, so did the Wesley wickets. Despite a solid knock from Luke Sier, we could only muster 107 - 100 runs short of Scotch's total. The lowlight of the match was Doddy's enforced retirement from the bowling crease with a stress fracture. The highlight was Rosey's first APS run!

Another scorcher the following week sent the players' comfort level well into the danger zone, but the Lions kept their cool in a tight finish at Carey on Tim Spicer's great uncle's oval. Harro claimed the silver goblet with a brief but demoralising batting display and a four wicket haul. Nico Lynch meanwhile, staked his claim as the next Shane Warne with a long, steady spell of leggies under ever increasing pressure from the batsmen. Cool hand Luke had the Carey batsmen scuttling for the crease with his sharpshooting fielding and a couple of timely bowling changes by the skipper brought about Carey's downfall in the final overs, but despite the excitement on the field, it was undoubtedly the sprinklers on the next oval which provided the real highlight of the day!

Caught again on a crumbling pitch, the Lions struggled for runs in Round 9, and only a gritty innings from Barny demonstrated the value of patience when batting in adverse conditions. The points went Haileybury's way, but a welcome return to form by Robin Laycock and a useful spell of swing bowling by Spice were positives. Reports that Geelong Grammar were struggling to notch a win had been circulating, and the Lions sensed blood as the next weekend approached, but despite a brilliant one not out from Clint, the game remained a hypothetical as Melbourne's notorious weather stepped in after just five balls.

The return match against Melbourne brought more joy however, and Wesley registered its seventh win of the season in a fluctuating game at the Glen. Bronson Ritterman, inspired by the presence of his little brother, led the way with a fine 46, whilst Richard Salter and wicketkeeper Andrew Bignall provided good support in our total of 147. Harro had been promoted to the Ones, and Barny took over as skipper, so he must take some credit for the victory! On paper however, it was great spells by Thommo and Robin, and three wickets to Greg which ensured a result in our favour.

The final round was a real anti-climax. Some last minute rescheduling turned a cancelled match into a shortened game on a shortened oval, but unfortunately Brighton were able to avenge their earlier loss as we fell in a heap, and they edged and deflected their way past our meagre total. Not even Bronny's bowling could save us!

Although the season failed to produce the overall result we had hoped for, there were enough encouraging signs to suggest a bright future for Wesley cricket, and First XIs of the future will no doubt boast a good number of the 10As from 1994/95.

Richard Stone (coach)



WESLEY vs HAILEYBURY COLLEGE

4/3/95
WESLEY 100 **H.C. 197**
 Shelley 8 Thomson 0/13
 Powell 1 Harrison 2/22
 Sier 0 Laycock 3/27
 Harrison 27 Carrington 1/45
 Chessell 32 Spicer 2/35
 Ritterman 13 Sier 0/22
 Carrington 5
 Salter 11
 Bignall 8
 Spicer 2
 Laycock 7x

WESLEY vs GEELONG GRAMMAR

18/3/95
WESLEY 0/2 **G.G.S. DNB**
 Lynch 0x
 Shelley 1x
 Sier, Chessell, Powell, Ritterman,
 Salter, Bignall, Laycock, Spicer
 Rose DNB

WESLEY vs MELBOURNE GRAMMAR

25/3/95
WESLEY 8/147 **M.G.S. 9/141**
 Shelley 0 Rose 0/17
 Lynch 1 Thomson 2/25
 Sier 13 Laycock 1/7
 Chessell 8 Spicer 0/11
 Powell 11 Lynch 0/18
 Ritterman 46 Sier 0/16
 Salter 16 Powell 3/32
 Bignall 26x
 Laycock 7
 Spicer 2x
 Rose DNB

WESLEY vs BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

4/4/95
WESLEY 75 **B.G.S. 164**
 Shelley 0 Thomson 1/32
 Lynch 7 Rose 0/28
 Sier 9 Laycock 0/8
 Chessell 22 Shelley 2/19
 Powell 3 Powell 3/13
 Ritterman 0 Spicer 0/8
 Salter 14x Lynch 0/3
 Bignall 4 Salter 0/6
 Laycock 4 Sier 0/7
 Spicer 0 Ritterman 1/10
 Thomson 1 Chessell 1/7



WESLEY vs CAREY GRAMMAR
 25/2/95
WESLEY 161 **CAREY 155**
 Powell 7 Harrison 4/26
 Shelley 14 Rose 0/9
 Sier 5 Sier 0/26
 Harrison 38 Laycock 0/7
 Chessell 20 Lynch 2/52
 Lynch 24 Powell 0/28
 Ritterman 26 Thomson 1/2
 Carrington 0
 Bignall 19
 Laycock 2
 Thomson 0x

WESLEY vs MELBOURNE GRAMMAR

5/11/94
WESLEY 9/168 **M.G.S. 103**
 Rees 0 Harrison 2/22
 Lynch 9 Thomson 1/14
 Sier 18 Laycock 1/17
 Chessell 60 Spicer 1/22
 Harrison 2 Dodd 3/7
 Carrington 44 Aurora 2/16
 Powell 14
 Clarke 10
 Dodd 8x
 Laycock 0
 Aurora 2x

WESLEY vs BRIGHTON GRAMMAR

12/11/94
WESLEY 171 **B.G.S. 146**
 Ritterman 0 Rose 0/12
 Lynch 5 Dodd 2/42
 Sier 28 Laycock 0/10
 Chessell 28 Aurora 1/23
 Harrison 1 Powell 2/31
 Carrington 42 Lynch 2/18
 Clarke 7 Ritterman 0/4
 Powell 26
 Dodd 7x
 Rose 0x
 Aurora DNB

WESLEY vs ST.KEVINS COLLEGE

19/11/94
WESLEY 223 **St.K.C. 110**
 Rees 7 Harrison 0/6
 Powell 31 Dodd 6/41
 Sier 41 Rose 4/17
 Chessell 23 Thomson 0/3
 Harrison 5 Lynch 0/13
 Carrington 17 Aurora 0/3
 Lynch 29 Powell 0/20
 Clarke 2
 Dodd 23
 Aurora 26
 Rose 0x

WESLEY vs CAULFIELD GRAMMAR

26/11/94
WESLEY 215 & 7/127 **C.G.S. 101**
 Powell 44 1x Dodd 2/21
 Lynch 26 18 Harrison 2/8
 Sier 75 Rose 2/27
 Chessell 0 13 Powell 2/2
 Harrison 50 Spicer 1/20
 Carrington 1 Lynch 1/8
 Ritterman 12 10 Carrington 0/2
 Dodd 2x 23x
 Clarke 0 10
 Aurora 1 34
 Rose 0x 0

WESLEY vs GEELONG COLLEGE

3/12/94
WESLEY 6/210 **GC. 9/195**
 Lynch 10 Dodd 3/54
 Powell 36 Harrison 0/19
 Sier 17 Rose 1/36
 Chessell 28 Powell 3/41
 Harrison 71 Sier 0/5
 Shelley 24 Thomson 1/7
 Ritterman 4x Aurora 1/15
 Dodd 1x
 Clarke DNB
 Aurora DNB
 Thomson DNB

WESLEY vs CAULFIELD GRAMMAR

11/2/95
WESLEY 75 **C.G.S. 8/180**
 Powell 10 Dodd 3/19
 Lynch 15 Harrison 2/11
 Sier 0 Rose 1/25
 Shelley 9 Thomson 0/30
 Harrison 6 Powell 0/35
 Ritterman 14 Aurora 0/35
 Dodd 8 Shelley 1/11
 Clarke 0 Sier 0/5
 Aurora 2 Lynch 0/2
 Thomson 2
 Rose 0x

WESLEY vs SCOTCH COLLEGE

18/2/95
WESLEY 107 **SCOTCH 7/209**
 Powell 3 Dodd 1/19
 Shelley 0 Harrison 0/45
 Sier 30 Rose 1/38
 Chessell 16 Thomson 0/14
 Lynch 0 Lynch 0/19
 Harrison 4 Powell 1/38
 Ritterman 4 Sier 1/18
 Carrington 11
 Dodd 17x
 Rose 1
 Clarke 9

WESLEY vs CAREY GRAMMAR

25/2/95
WESLEY 161 **CAREY 155**
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 Shelley 14 Rose 0/9
 Sier 5 Sier 0/26
 Harrison 38 Laycock 0/7
 Chessell 20 Lynch 2/52
 Lynch 24 Powell 0/28
 Ritterman 26 Thomson 1/2
 Carrington 0
 Bignall 19
 Laycock 2
 Thomson 0x

ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

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N. HARRISON	9	9	-	<u>71</u>	204	22.6	73	17	149	12	12.4	3	2	374
G. POWELL	12	12	1	44	187	17.0	59	9	240	14	17.1	2	1	362
J. DODD	7	8	6	23x	89	<u>44.5</u>	74	12	203	<u>20</u>	<u>10.1</u>	1	1	354
L. SIER	12	11	-	75	237	21.5	29	-	98	1	98.0	<u>6</u>	4	302
B. CHESSELL	11	11	-	60	<u>250</u>	22.7	1	-	7	-	-	5	1	280
N. LYNCH	11	11	1	29	144	13.1	42	1	133	5	26.6	2	-	219
B. RITTERMAN	10	10	1	46	129	14.3	2	-	6	1	14.0	2	-	149
N. CARRINGTON	7	7	-	44	120	17.1	12	-	47	1	47.0	3	-	145
J. ROSE	10	7	5	1	1	0.5	75	13	209	10	20.9	-	1	136
K. AURORA	5	5	1	34	65	16.2	24	5	92	5	18.4	2	-	135
C. SHELLEY	8	8	1	24	56	8.0	5	-	31	3	10.3	4	-	111
A. BIGNALL	5	4	1	26x	57	14.2	-	-	-	-	-	2	5/2	102
R. LAYCOCK	6	5	1	7x	20	6.6	45	15	76	5	15.2	1	-	90
A. THOMSON	<u>10</u>	3	1	2	3	1.5	51	7	140	6	23.3	1	-	83
T. SPICER	5	3	-	8	10	3.3	26	5	96	4	24.0	1	2	75
O. CLARKE	7	7	-	10	39	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	3	1/1	64
R. SALTER	4	4	-	16	41	13.6	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	41
S. REES	2	2	-	7	7	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12

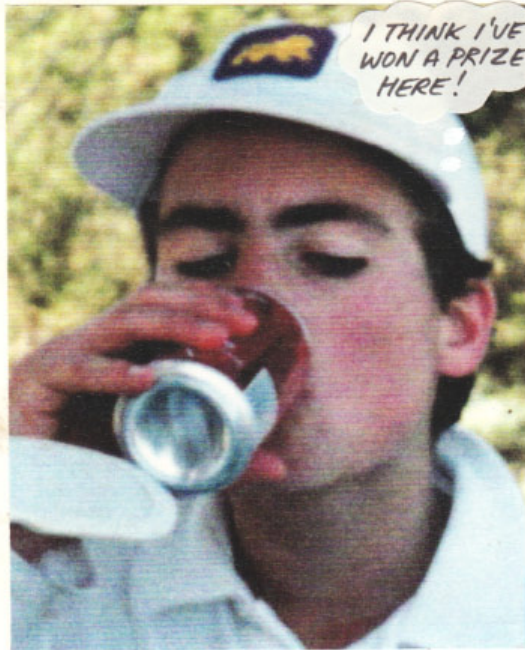
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 Scoring duties shared by assorted parents and 12th. Men
 Back massages provided by Mrs. Harro



10As TEAM PHOTO (Round 4 vs Caulfield)
BACK ROW: L.Sier, J.Rose, B.Ritterman, G.Powell
FRONT ROW: B.Chessell, J.Dodd, K.Aurora, T.Spicer, O.Clarke, N.Lynch, N.Harrison
A.W.O.L.: N.Carrington

PLAYER PROFILES

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N.S. (Harro) HARRISON RHB RMF

94/95 was ultimately a successful season for the skipper, despite some harrowing personal moments. His promotion to the Firsts for the final three rounds was a fitting reward for several extremely quick spells of bowling, particularly so, as a nagging back injury had restricted him before Christmas. Opposition batsmen were no doubt grateful that Harro could not always synchronise his line, length and velocity, because when he did, he was indeed a slippery customer! After a slow start, Nick's batting moved into gear, but his appearances at the crease were too often cut short by an unfortunate misjudgement. Nevertheless, his devastating 71 at Geelong and a little gem of an innings at Carey reminded us of his talents! Harro's captaincy continued to improve as his confidence grew and he pulled off a couple of inspired moves in challenging circumstances.

MOST ANNOYING THING ABOUT CRICKET:

The No-ball rule.

B.C. (Barny) CHESSELL RHB ?

The 1994 edition of Wisden has described Barny as "an exciting young batsman with a good eye and an uncanny ability to conserve energy." This was borne out during the season as Barny thrilled Lion fans with several swashbuckling innings, but sent them to sleep on a number of occasions with extended crease occupations during which he managed to minimise physical movement to the max! As a fieldsman, Barny was deceptive. Casually strolling around the field looking for all the world like he would rather be somewhere else, he revealed an uncanny ability to do something brilliant when opposition batsmen least expected it! Taking over the reins as Captain after Harro's departure, Barny showed himself to be an astute judge of the coin toss.

BIGGEST THRILL IN CRICKET: Winning the inaugural Father & Son Cricket Tournament with the old man.



L. (Luke) SIER RHB RM

Luke began the season in promising fashion with a valuable 75 against Caulfield and several solid innings during the early rounds. But his footwork seemed to desert him after Christmas and with it went his form. Perhaps it was too much backyard cricket - had he adjusted his stance to make the most of that gap between the BBQ and the compost bin? Whatever the reason, it was ultimately bad for Wesley cricket! Apart from a gutsy knock against Scotch, Luke struggled to reach double figures again. Fortunately his fielding remained unaffected, and he continued to get his safe hands to anything that was barrelled towards him. The sharp catch at St.Kevins and the run outs at Carey were highlights. Although Luke's bowling average was not exactly flattering, he produced several useful spells of tidy seamers.

GREATEST MOMENT IN CRICKET: Hitting a six.

G.H. (Greg) POWELL RHB RMF/ROS/LS etc

Another successful season for this ambidextrous all-rounder, but a season which did not ultimately fulfil the promise shown in the early games. A couple of sensible stays at the crease earned Greg a promotion to the opening slot before the break and he produced several valuable innings in which anything on the legside was converted into runs. Then the wheels fell off! After the holidays Greg struggled to get out of single figures - in fact, his best batting was produced during the Father & Son knockout competition! A few tentative snicks and a run of LBs suggested footwork and confidence problems - fortunately these are problems that can be rectified! A brief encounter with Tim May early in the season converted Greg to a more orthodox bowling approach, but the results were variable! There were a couple of fruitful spells, but there was also much tonking!

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN CRICKET: Losing the Father & Son Tournament to Barnas and his dad.



B.S. (Ritters) RITTERMAN RHB RSM

Bronny seized the opportunity to return to the As this season when Sammy Rees' form slipped, and despite an inauspicious start against Brighton, he settled comfortably into the middle order. At first Bronny was a dabber and a prodder, but as his confidence grew so did his range of strokes. His imaginative innings against Carey was instrumental in setting up a win and two weeks later his 46 against Melbourne provided an object lesson for his team-mates in concentration, stroke selection, and ball placement. A promising batting future beckons! Bronny's sharp reflexes were again in evidence this year, and his diving grab against Caulfield was nothing short of SENSATIONAL, but in the slips he proved himself a master at avoiding confrontations with fast moving spherical objects. Ritters' bowling lacked everything but variety!

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Anton

J. (Doddy) DODD RHB RMF

Doddy came from nowhere at the start of the season, bursting onto the APS Scene with some sensational bowling. Three cheap wickets on debut and a bag of six against St.Kevins had everybody talking about this tall, straggly haired speedster. Everybody that is, except opposition batsmen who seemed to get tongue tied when Doddy followed all the way through to give them the GLARE! Accuracy, bounce and the occasional leg cutter were Jonny's main weapons - and really, what more do you need? What's more, he could bat a bit too! By round 7 Doddy had already netted 20 scalps at a very miserly average - then tragedy struck! A niggling back injury was diagnosed as serious and he was reduced to spectator status. Not at all good for cricket!

MOST ANNOYING THING IN CRICKET: Being tonked.





N. (Nico) LYNCH RHB RLS

An intensive physical and psychological pre-season program was designed to prepare Nico for another gruelling summer of APS cricket, and the hours of meditation in his home gym obviously paid off, because Nico's health was no longer an issue! Unfortunately though, his inability to go on and make a big innings was! Half a dozen times Nico did the hard work only to get out before he could capitalise on his efforts. Dodgy umpiring decisions also nipped a couple of promising innings in the bud. Nevertheless, Nico did enough to suggest that as increasing confidence enables him to overcome the nervous moments, his batting will flourish. Nico's leggies were given an airing on a number of occasions, and his lengthy spell at Carey attracted the particular attention of First XI talent scouts!

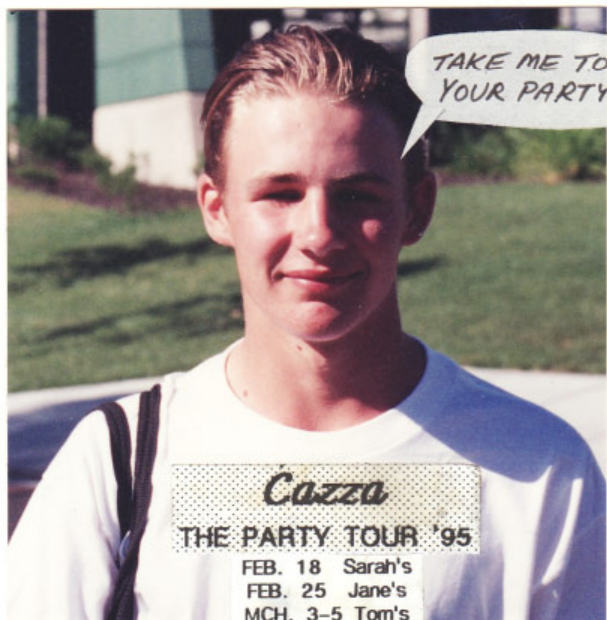
CRICKETING AMBITION: To bowl a perfect wrong-un.

N.D. (Cazza) CARRINGTON RHB RMF PA*

We were very fortunate this season that Nick could squeeze a few games into his busy social calendar. What with parties, rages, concerts and camps there wasn't much time left for Saturday sport. His training schedule too was seriously interrupted by his frequent extra curricular classroom commitments, so we saw little of the explosive talent that impressed so much in 1993/94. This was particularly disappointing as Cazza produced a hard hitting 44 in the opening round, and followed it up with top score the next week. But as his Friday nights lengthened, Nick's form form started to slip. He popped up briefly after Christmas to take a couple of crucial chest marks at Carey, then it was off on tour with *Pearl Jam*. As Nick himself said, "I should have been dropped weeks ago!"

AMBITION IN LIFE: Party, Party, Party!

*PA denotes Party Animal



C. (Clint) SHELLEY RHB RLS

Clint earned himself a spot in the As just before Christmas with impressive net form and several pleasing efforts in the Bs. His debut innings at Geelong was very encouraging, and Clint showed himself to be a batsman with a textbook technique and good temperament. Unfortunately, he developed a few technical problems during subsequent games and the big scores remained elusive. Clint was contracted to play Friday night cricket for the season, and adapting each week from the mats to the turf clearly presented a few difficulties, and there was the inevitable uncertainty with his footwork. There were also a few problems judging the length of a cricket pitch! Clint bravely accepted the challenge of opening the batting late in the season, but probably wished he hadn't. Quack!

BIGGEST THRILL IN CRICKET: Hitting Harro around Hislop Park.



J.D. (Rosey) ROSE RHB? RFM

The big Rosey continued to improve during the early part of the season and managed to sort out his run up problems sufficiently to produce several impressive performances including a very handy spell against St.Kevins which netted four wickets and a tidy stint at Geelong. Although there were days when his rhythm seemed to desert him later in the season, Jonno's long run up and big delivery stride had many opposition batsmen on the backfoot even before he delivered the ball! As a batsman, Rosey set all sorts of records with an extraordinary sequence of five not outs, a brilliant single through slips, and an overall average of half a run!

AMBITION IN CRICKET: To score a run off the face of the bat.



A.G. (Thommo) THOMSON RHB RFM

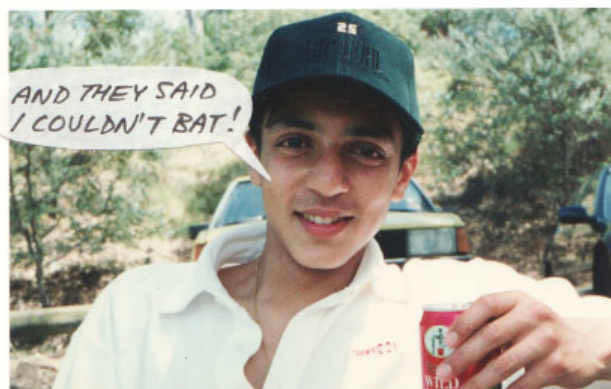
Although Thommo sometimes found it difficult in the middle to recapture his excellent net form, he invariably found something extra when the situation demanded, and when Harro departed, it was Alan who rose to the occasion with the new ball. His finest achievement came against Melbourne Grammar, when all the hard work in the nets finally paid off! As a batsman, Al had some brain to bat co-ordination problems, but there is hope! As a fieldsman, he proved capable - except for one embarrassing error of judgement at Carey!

GREATEST THRILL IN CRICKET: Hitting Stoney for six on the front turf.

A.J. (Biggs) BIGNALL RHB WK

Biggs was promoted to the As for the final rounds and after a nervous start, he settled down to produce some creditable performances behind the stumps. The game against Melbourne Grammar was particularly fruitful, with stumpings, runouts and catches as well as a hard hitting 26. As a batsman, Andrew's biggest problem is that he's really only got one shot! This would be OK if opposition bowlers would co-operate and put the ball in the slot, but not all of them were sporting enough to do so this season!

CRICKETING AMBITION: To hit 36 off an over.



K.G. (Roony) AURORA RHB RMF

Roony produced several tidy spells of bowling early in the season, but did not really threaten opposition batsmen as he would have liked. If he can develop greater variety in his bowling, Roony will no doubt become a more valuable bowler in the future. His explosive performance with the bat at St.Kevins brought the house down as he hit hard, high and straight. No one would dare call him a number eleven after that!

AMBITION IN CRICKET: To open the bowling for the As and the Bs on the same day.



O.R.B. (Ollie) CLARKE RHB WK

With Cookesy unable to resist the call of the surf, the keeping job was there for the taking this season, and Ollie took up the challenge. Resplendent in his brand new gloves and pads, Oll showed some smooth glovework in the early rounds, but he struggled to establish the necessary consistency, and his confidence seemed to slip after the break. As a batsman, Ollie always looked good...but he just could not put the runs on the board. Maybe next year?

MOST FRUSTRATING MOMENT IN CRICKET: Being run out for a diamond duck!

R. (Rowdy) LAYCOCK LHB LMF

Robin has lately developed a successful career as a muso, and his appearances this season were restricted by his rehearsal, recording and performance commitments. We were however, grateful to welcome him back late in the season, when once again his accurate, frustrating left arm seamers put the screws on opposition batsmen. Rob's stingy ten overs for just seven runs against Melbourne was a match winning performance!

AMBITION IN LIFE: To have his picture on the cover of *Rolling Stone*.



R.J.C. (Rich) SALTER RHB RM

Rich's legendary reputation as a Bs Champion could not be ignored for ever, and eventually he was invited to mix it with the big boys. Initially there was some trouble obtaining an all day leave pass from the tyrannical Mrs.S, but a box of scorched almonds and a bunch of flowers broke her resistance, and Rich made his season's debut in Round 9. His sensible, opportunistic batting produced immediate dividends, and he was a lynch pin in several valuable middle order partnerships. Each time he steadied the ship and set us up for a final run chase - but each time he made the ultimate sacrifice - being run out trying to make something out of nothing!

AMBITION IN LIFE: To be able to stay out after dark.

T.W. (Spice) SPICER RHB RMF

A difficult customer in the nets, where he could swing the ball a proverbial mile, Spice suffered severe butterflies when thrown the ball early in the season, and as a result he struggled to find a consistent line and length. Fortunately a stint in the Bs allowed him to settle the nerves, and when he returned after Christmas Spice handled the pressure like a veteran! Tim's athleticism in the field was a major asset, and his somersaulting into the crease provided a radical alternative to sliding the bat!

FAVOURITE TRAINING DRILL: Taking speccys.

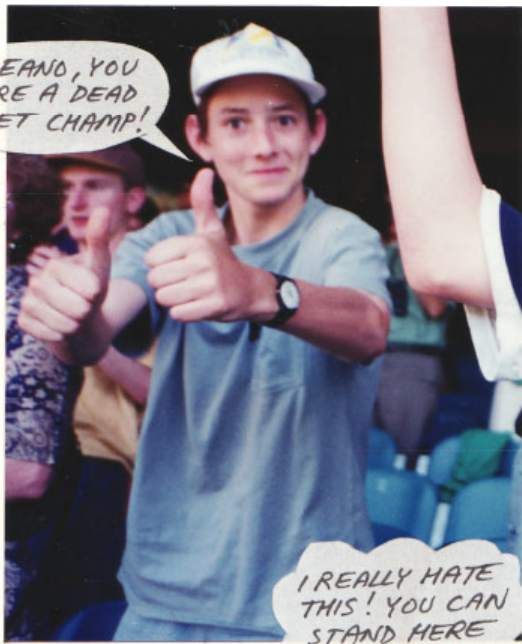


...and not forgetting...

S.D.R. (Sammy) REES RHB RLS

One of the game's great characters found himself out of favour with the selectors early in the season, and was asked to find some form in the twos. But before he went, Sammy snapped up an amazing catch close to the wicket, went for an impossible second run, and did not get a bowl!

GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN LIFE: Plugga leaving the Saints.



10As TEAM PHOTO



(Round 12 vs Brighton)

BACK ROW: G.Powell, R.Salter, C.Shelley, T.Spicer, J.Rose
 A.Thomson, Mr.R.Stone
 MIDDLE ROW: B.Chessell, L.Sier, B.Ritterman, R.Laycock
 FRONT ROW: A.Bignall, N.Lynch

ANSWERS TO GM QUIZ TIME

Q.1 Barnaby Chessell. 7 Q.2 Greg Powell. 13 vs Geelong Q.3 Jonno Rose
 Q.4 Clinton Shelley. 3 Q.5 Nicholas Harrison Q.6 Centurion Sanchez (or was
 that Sanchez Centurion? Q.7 BOONY!

Tim Spicer's

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THE SPECCY

One of the best parts of cricket is taking speccys. The Year 9 girls love them and it gives you a real buzz. Max is the biggest legend on the speccy scene as you can see in this photo. I swear he's made of rubber! Although Bronny has been known to dive the wrong way sometimes, here is a great speccy that didn't get away!



THE GATE



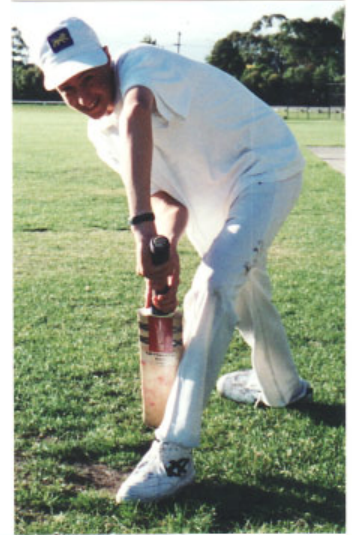
"The Gate" is the technical term for the gap between bat and pad. You could drive the proverbial truck through Bronny's gate!

PUTTING



Not often seen on the cricket field but a good way to kill time after you've made a quack!

BEING BORING



Bronny demonstrates the Pommy way of batting. Notice how the bat is tucked firmly behind the front leg to minimise the chances of the ball actually hitting it. I reckon there should be a boring rule when we play the Poms. BORING!

PLAYING ACROSS THE LINE



Most of the coaching books say this is a no no, but it can be pretty hard to control yourself sometimes! Here Harro shows how risky it can be - even paying the ultimate price. But at least he's not BORING!

QUENCHING A THIRST



You know the story - a big strong thirst needs a big strong cordial! After a long hot day in the field you want to get that cordial in fast! Forget about Stoney's cups! Luke does it the Glen Waverley way, glugging it down in big gulps, but I prefer the more refined Prahran method, letting it flow smoothly through the tap.

RUNNING THE FIRST ONE HARD



One of the fundamentals of good batting is to run the first one hard. Although it sounds easy, a lot of cricketers waste opportunities because they're lazy! I'm not saying that the Don was lazy, but if he'd run that first one hard in his last test he could have retired with an average of 100! Sometimes you've got to think about who you're running with though. I once ran three runs while Sammy was still backing up! Once you've run that first one you'll be ready for the second. Make sure you ground the bat or Stoney will call "One Short!" I once dropped the bat and had to do a forward roll to make my ground. Not a good move!

TURNING FOR TWO



THE SITTER



Barney's body language says it all! He's just dropped a sitter, and has made the fatal mistake of dropping his head. Chin up son!

THE DISMISSAL



Cazza leaves the crease quickly and without fuss. Notice how he has tucked the bat under his arm like a true pro! He's obviously done this before!

LEARNING A LESSON

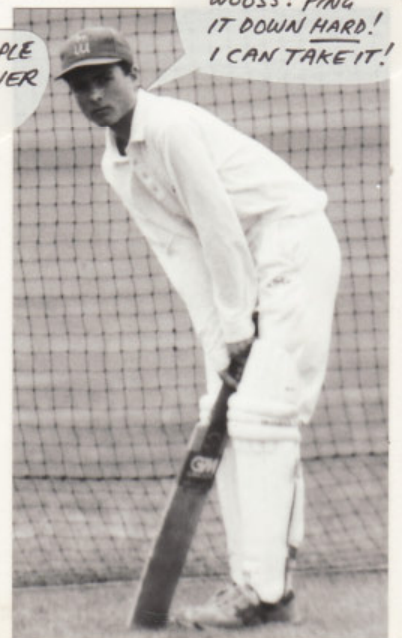


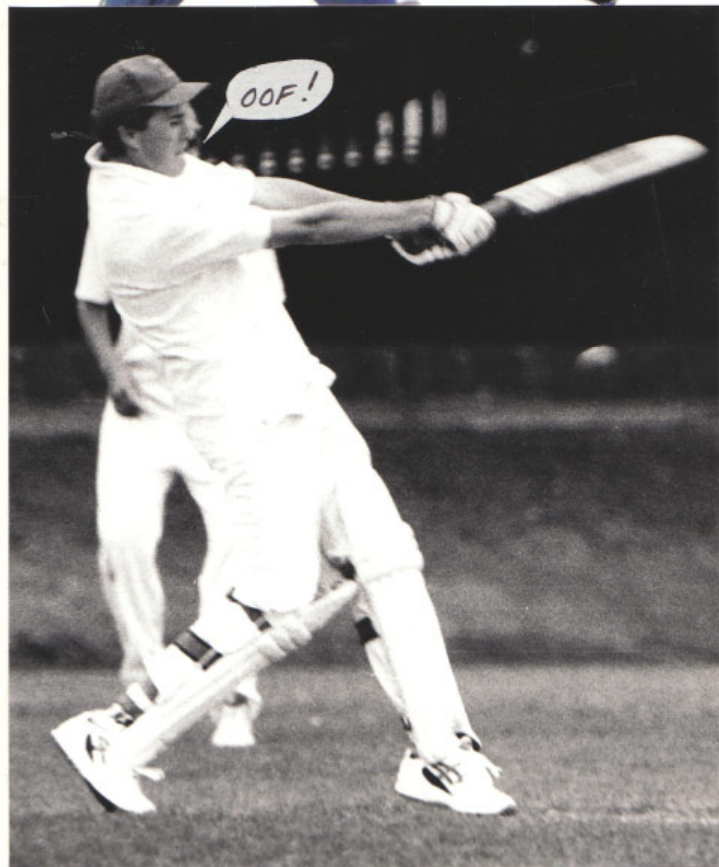
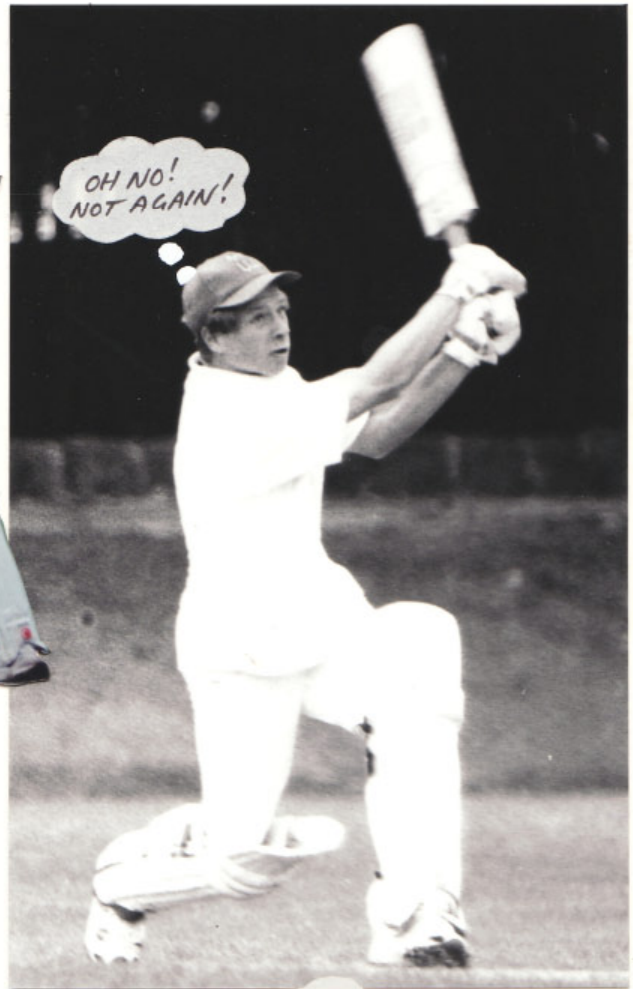
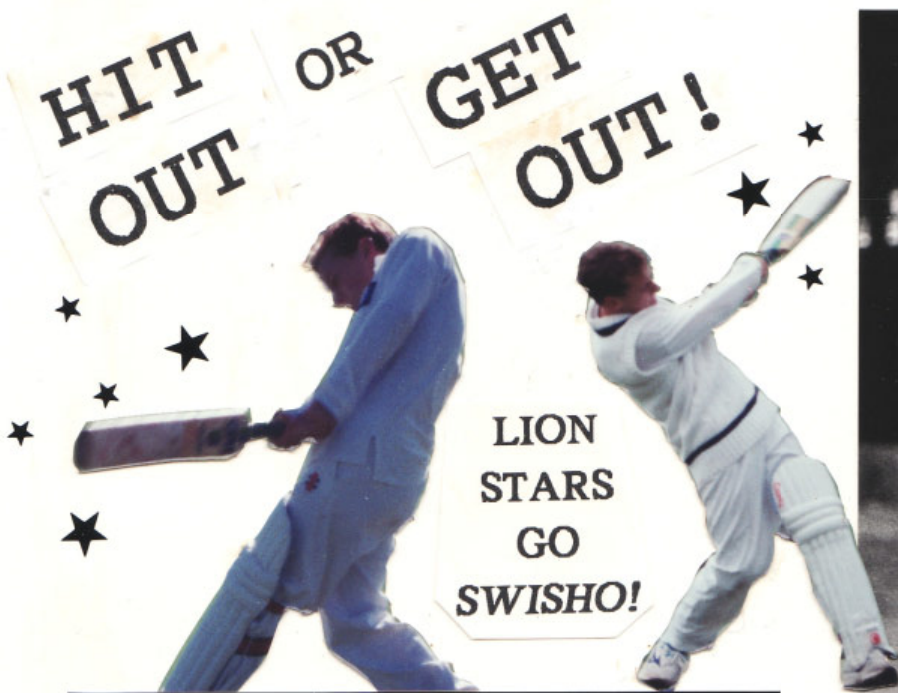
I'm a great subscriber to the "No pain, no gain" theory, and I reckon the quickest way to learn a lesson is to suffer a bit of physical punishment. Harro's got out cheaply again so his Mum is breaking a couple of ribs for him. I usually find a few push-ups to be adequate!



SAMMY REES

The forgotten man of cricket

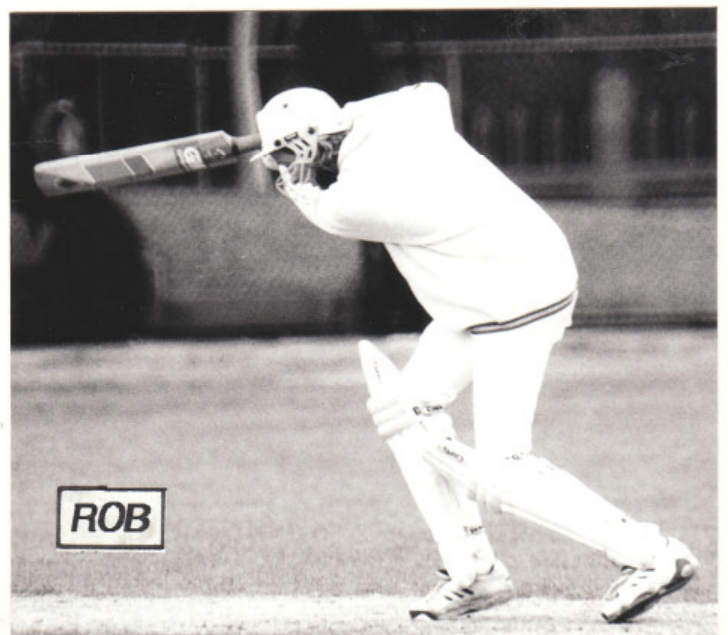






Salter Style

Richard Salter displays his batting talents in the final match at Brighton.





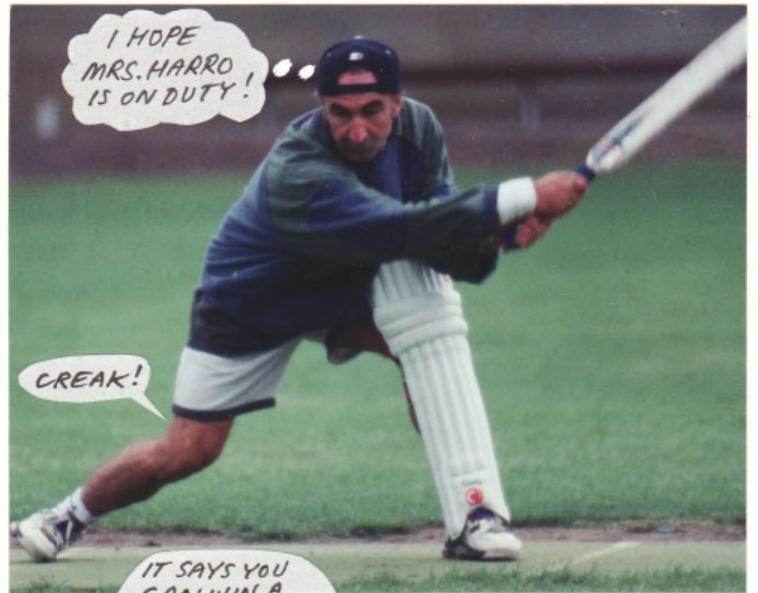
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LION BOWLERS PUT IT ON THE SPOT!





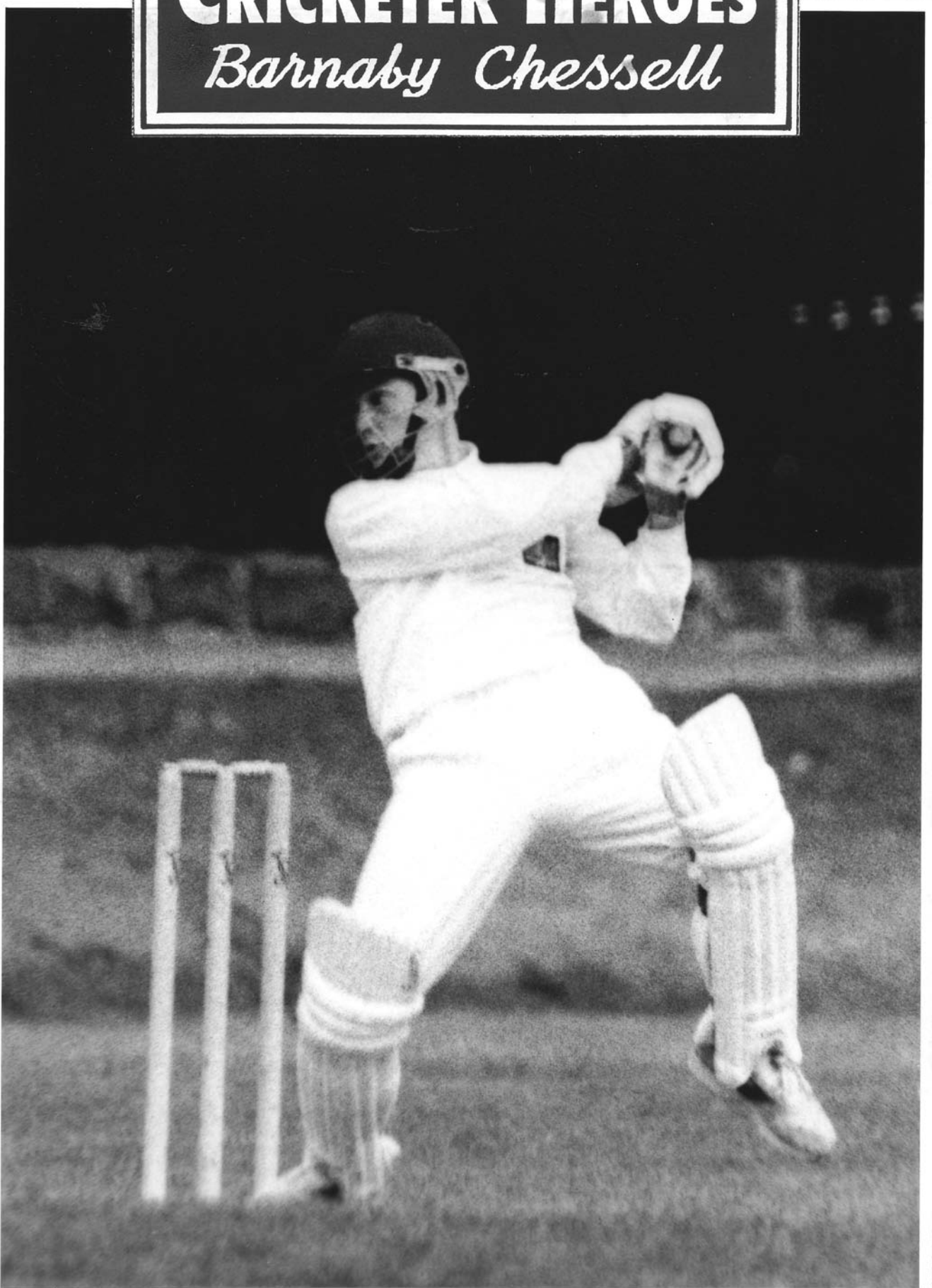
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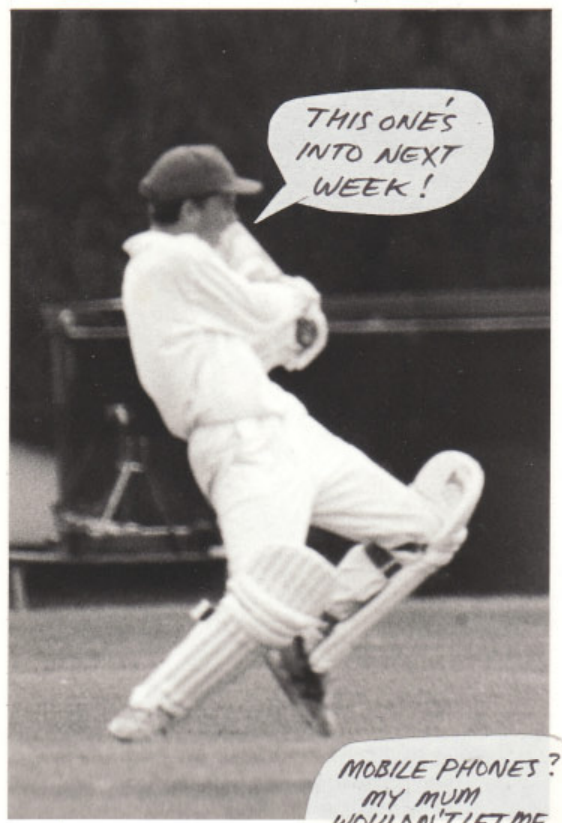
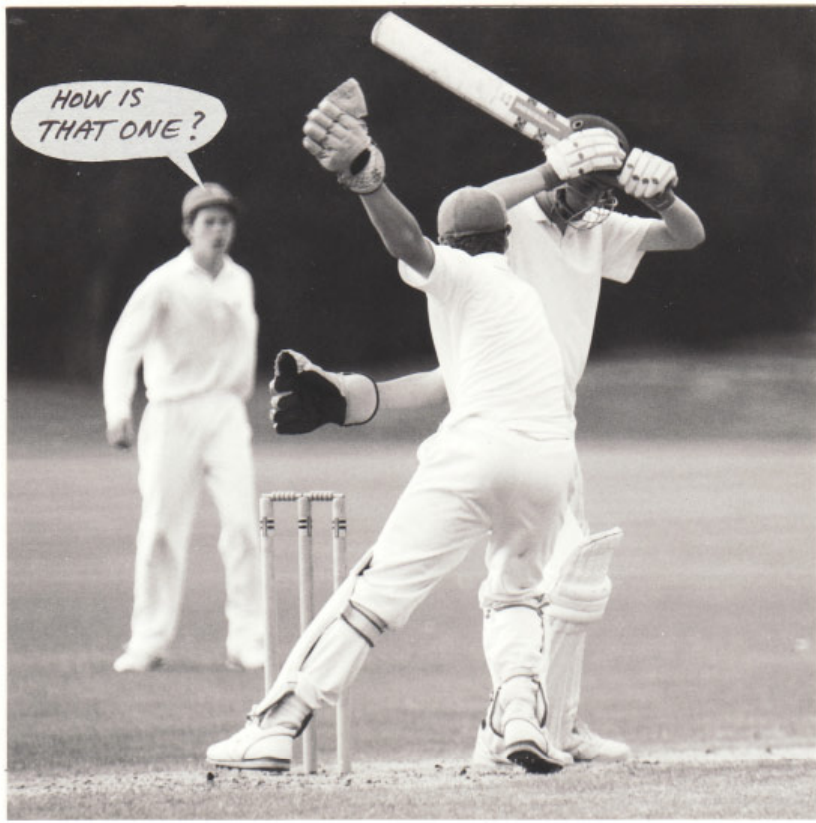


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"EASY!!"
 - The whole team to Karune whenever he fielded a ball

"It's not footy mate!"
 - Umpire Stone to overenthusiastic Geelong batsman after he shirtfronted Harro in mid-pitch.

"Oh shit!"
 - Thommo waiting under a skier at Caulfield.

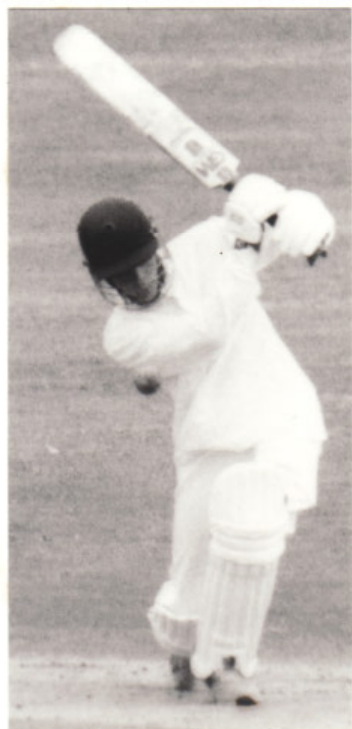
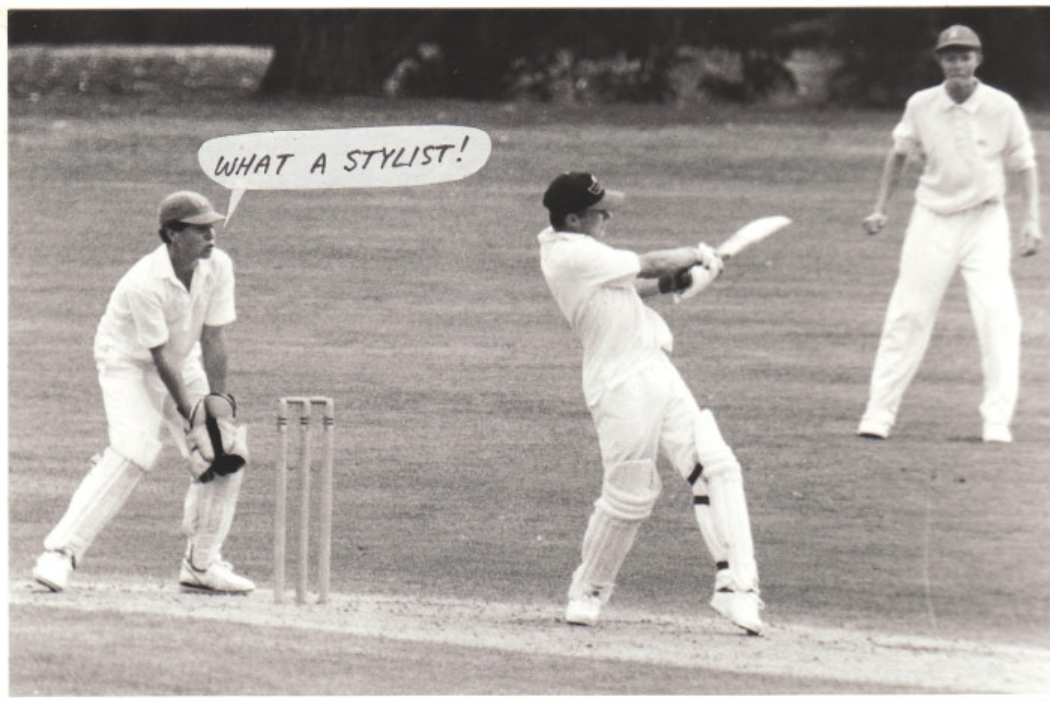
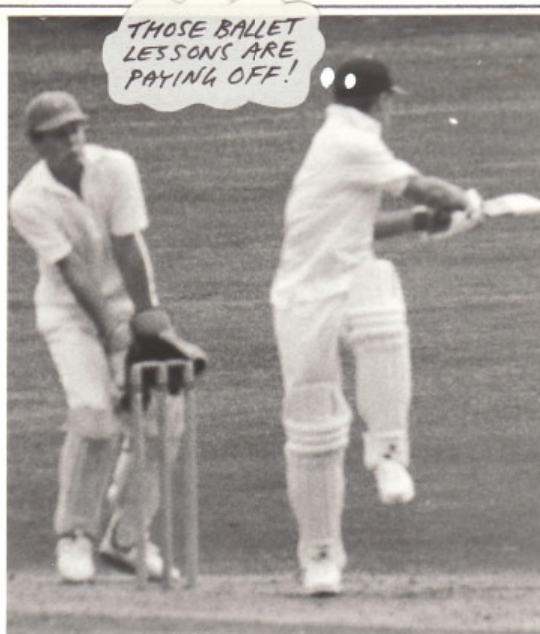

"Oh shit!"
 - Thommo after making a meal of another skier a few overs later.

"I should have been dropped weeks ago!"
 - Cazza after a run of outs.

"Gee...you'd reckon it'd have to be good for cricket!"
 - Bruce McAvaney after Jonno Rose scored his first APS run during Round Seven.




Cazza's CORNER

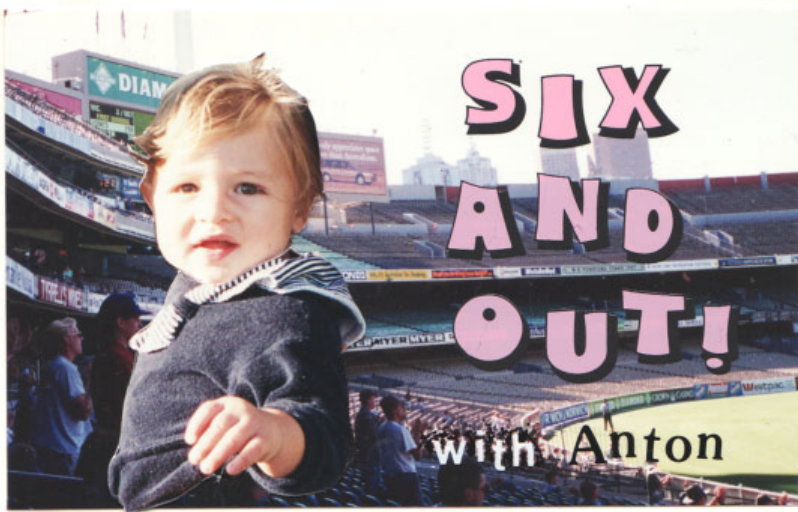
QUIZ TIME

1. Which Wesley batsman struck the most sixers and how many?
2. Which Wesley batsman scored the most successive singles? (Boring!)
3. Which Wesley batsman scored just one run in 7 visits to the batting crease?
4. Which Wesley batsman was dismissed for the most ducks and how many?
5. Which Wesley bowler had the longest follow through?
6. Which opposition bowler had the best name?
7. Who is the mystery cricketer?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 9





SIX AND OUT!

with Anton

Hi kids! How's your form? Have you been keeping the scorers busy? My big bro Bronny has - at last! All my backyard coaching has finally paid off!

REMEMBER KIDS! Anytime is a good time for cricket practice!



The teacher has just left the class room for a moment and Andy & Sibba are making the most of the opportunity!



Backyard cricket is a great Aussie tradition. It's where most of us kids learn the game. Mr. Stone was a kid once, and he has allowed me free access to his personal archive. Here he is in a typical backyard pose. The old tennis ball has just sailed over the clothesline and into No.18 next door. Six and Out! Notice the long handled bat and the cool plastic sandals!

DON'T FORGET KIDS! It's important to stick up for your big brother if his mates try to bring him down!



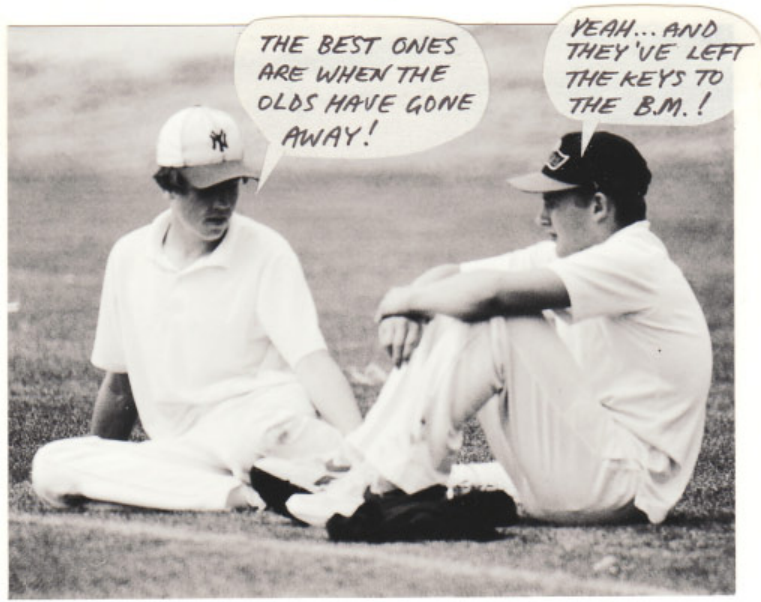
In this photo, young "C" Harrison is doing the right thing by his brother, and is therefore guaranteeing him self a decent game of backyard cricket when he gets home.

Here's another rare, unpublished photograph of Mr. Stone shaping up in the backyard during the early sixties. Check out the authentic baggy green cap! One of the big challenges of backyard cricket is to minimise damage to mum's garden - the other is to avoid windows! This is not always possible, and the 'X' marks the point of entry of a very fine hookshot. The result? Two runs - but no pocket money for a week!



Bronny insisted that I include this photo of Miss Russell. I don't know why - she's not a cricketer!







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