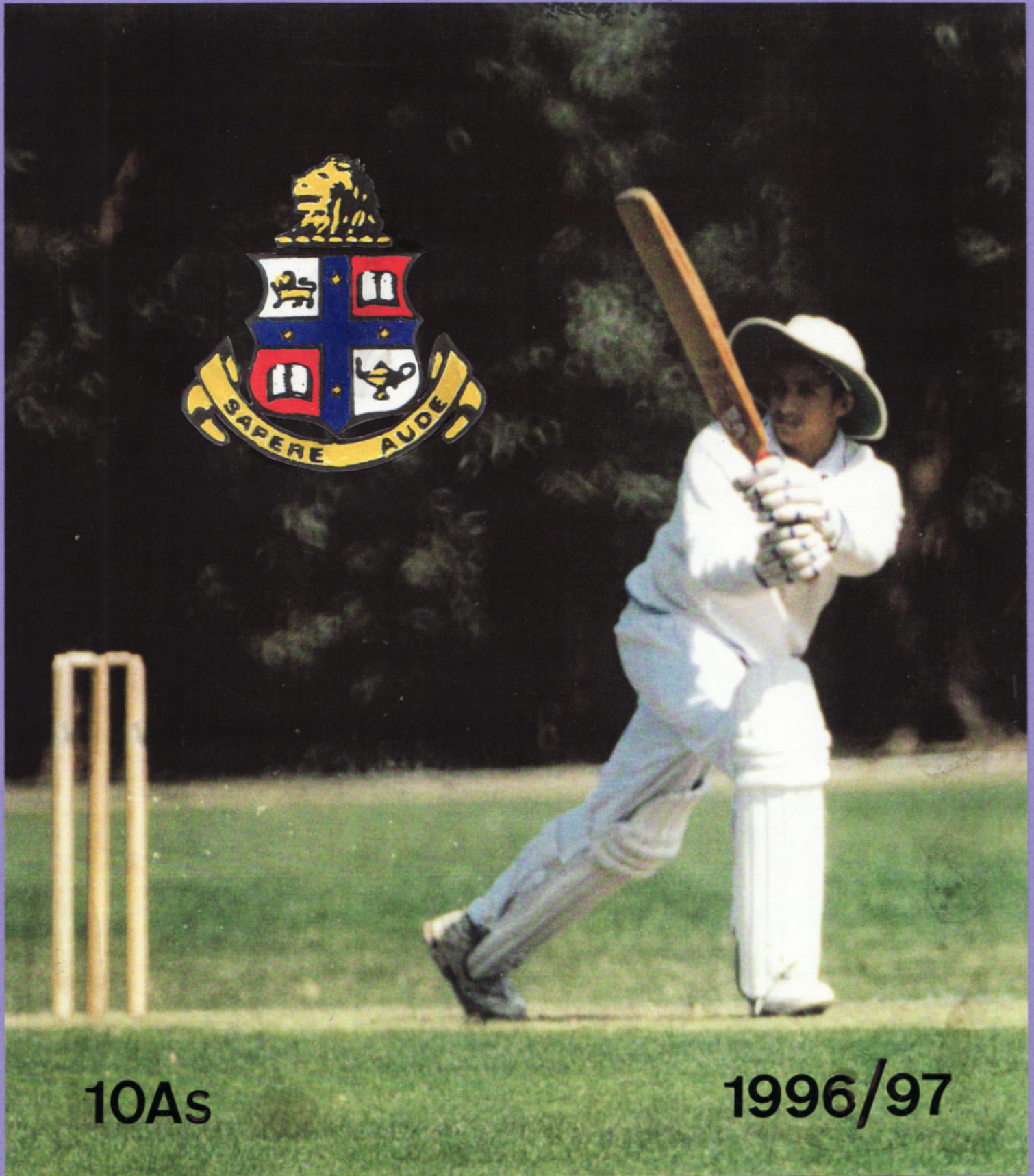


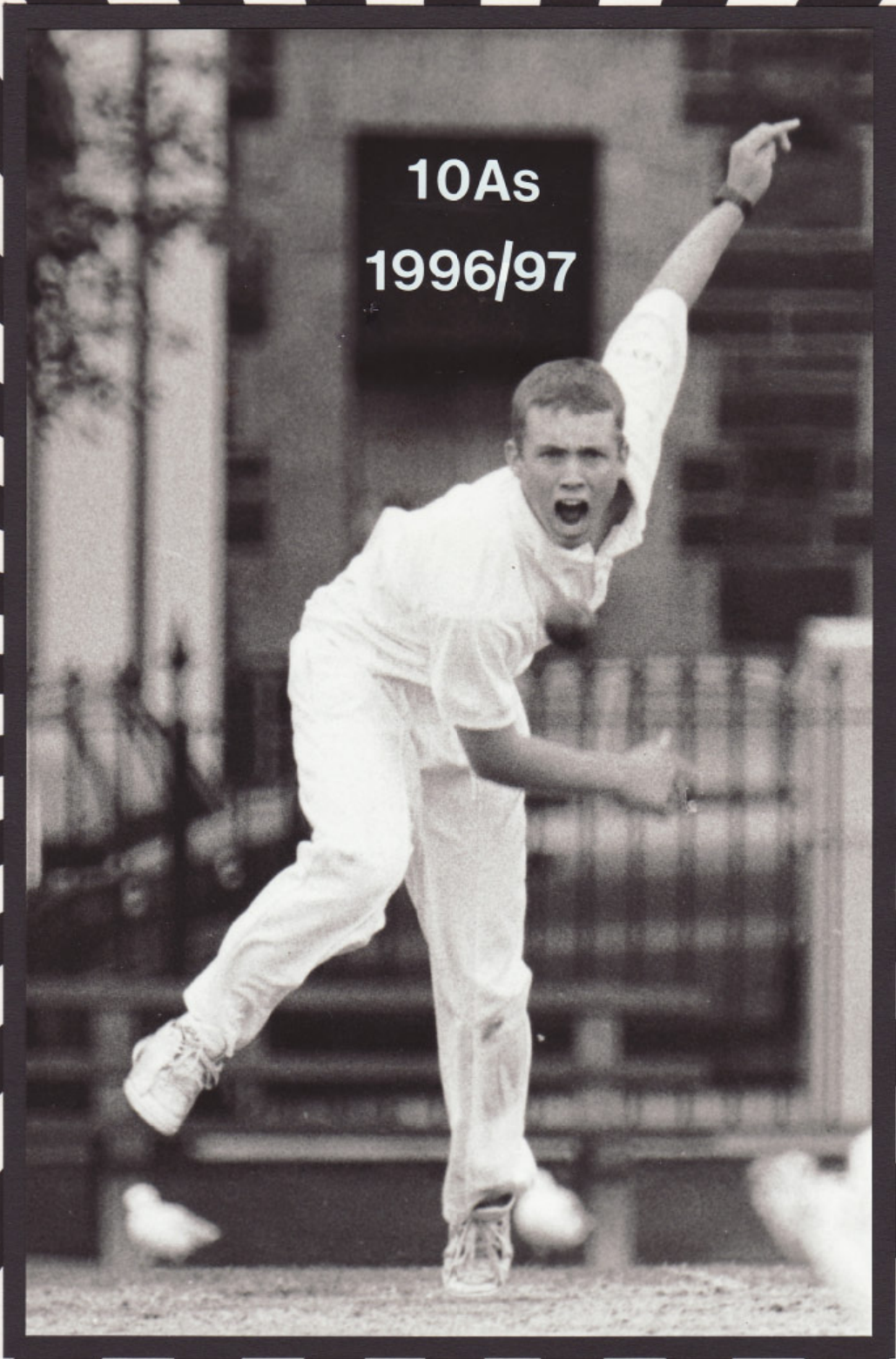
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For once the 10As managed to maintain a consistent level of performance throughout the season, matching promise with achievement. The final record of 8 wins and 3 losses was a credit to the team - just one narrow loss after the Christmas break proved that we had matured into a solid unit. Consistent batting performances from Tom Harber, Andrew Shinkfield, Droova Rastogi, Nick Stone and Ben Lumb helped us establish winning totals most weeks. Good support was provided by Andrew Schokman, Michael Wallis, Owen Pittman, Nathan Herman and Tom Bowring who each chipped in with the bat at vital moments. Consecutive century opening stands during March allowed us to post daunting totals against Geelong and Caulfield, whilst some powerful middle order batting took us to around the two hundred mark on other occasions. The bowling this season was steady rather than brilliant, with a number of players contributing tight, accurate spells when required, and occasionally rising above themselves to produce match winning performances. Nathan Cooper-Brown and Leigh Wiegard worked tirelessly each week - but both were handicapped by the questionable six over rule which barely allowed them to work up a sweat. Ben Lumb's mediums were always close to the stumps and kept the batsmen honest, whilst Tom Robertson's unorthodox tweakers always had them guessing (until he was poached by the Firsts!). Andrew Schockman developed into a handy new ball bowler, and his ability to swing the ball prodigiously reaped a match winning reward of six wickets in the final round. Nathan Herman, Andrew Shinkfield - and very occasionally - Tom Harber provided useful variations on a spinning theme, and Neil Chalmers bowled promisingly towards the end of the season. The bowlers were well supported by the reliable wicket keeping of Peter Gavin, the mature captaincy of Ben Lumb, and enthusiastic fielding. Nick Stone's endless stream of entertaining banter in the field kept the fieldsmen alert and no doubt contributed to the downfall of many opposition batsmen as they struggled to keep a straight face and a straight bat.

The season opened at Scotch, without Stoney and the skipper who were on camp. Early wickets put us in a good position, but the sudden and unexpected insistence of the Scotch coach on bowling limits forced us to change our game plan in the middle of the innings! Newcomer, Nick Barr and the part-timers were forced to bowl at the business end of the innings, and Scotch ended with an inflated total of 234. Debutante, Michael Wallis teamed with Harbs to add 51 of an entertaining 76 run second wicket partnership, and Droovs chipped in with an enterprising 47 - much to the Scotchies frustration! - and at 6 for 190 we were in with a chance, but nine runs later it was all over. The last three wickets had fallen on 199, and in what was to be his one and only appearance at the crease for the entire season, poor Coops was left stranded at the bowler's end.

The game on the Williams against Melbourne brought a more favourable result, as a steady performance by our top order put the runs on the board. A sensible 42 from Harbs and an unbeaten 47 by Ossie allowed us to reach 6/153. Despite some spirited late order batting, Melbourne were always struggling after their top six had departed for less than 60 runs. Lumma was the chief destroyer with a long and controlled spell which netted him four valuable scalps. Gav's three catches behind the stumps impressed the selectors so much that they stopped looking any further for a keeper.

Haileybury set things back the following week by outbatting us to take the points. Although all the batsmen got a start, nobody went on to build a big score and we ended up defending a total which should have been thirty or forty runs greater. Robbo had gone bike riding so a few part-timers were called up to share the ball. Both Harbs and Shinks showed promise and both took wickets. Stoney's single over was of variable quality, but he too managed to claim a victim - a feat which we were not allowed to forget!

St.Kevins compiled an unenterprising 153 the following week, with the bowlers sharing the wickets. Pixie's eleven overs, 2 for 21 was particularly welcome given Robbo's continued absence. Our early loss of wickets was disturbing, and when Stoney was dropped with the score on 56, there were sighs of relief - which soon turned to dismay when it was discovered that he had also trodden on his wicket! In the end, it was Plugga Herman and the Taxi who saved us with an 80 run unbroken partnership. Droova's dashing innings included two sixers and his constant pummelling of the boundary knocked the heart out of the Skevvy bowlers.

Robbo returned after the holidays, but Ossie was picked up by the Seconds in the mid season draft. His absence left a vacancy which was quickly claimed by that quiet, unassuming cricketer, Tom Bowring. Tom joined the rest of the team on the bus to Geelong Grammar and was a useful contributor in our unspectacular, rain interrupted victory on a water sodden oval. Lumma's 4/12 (he was on a hat trick twice), Robbo's sensational sparrow plucking catch and "Sydney" Harber's 45 were highlights on the field, whilst Schockers took out his

frustration on the coach's tripod after dropping a sitter. Meanwhile, the Seconds upset the local mums with their game of stump cricket and Stoney impressed everyone when he unveiled his hand crafted, velvet lined bat box!

The return game against Melbourne, played out in sweltering conditions on the Domain oval, will long be remembered as Droova's match. Arriving late after a week at Mallana, suffering from severe cramps in both legs and refusing to remove his thick woolly jumper, Droova destroyed the Melbourne bowlers in the space of a couple of overs. We had held them to 162, thanks to sharp fielding and a double spin attack of Robbo and Plugga, but had lost early wickets in reply. Lumma was showing some resistance until he too was dismissed, after a valuable 41, and Bowring followed soon after. It was left to Droova (60) and Shokkers (40) to save the day with some aggressive (but not always orthodox) batting.

The game against Brighton was the one that got away! The visitors batted steadily for 172 from their 55 overs. Leigh was the best of our bowlers with 2/13 from his eleven overs, whilst Lumbles invited controversy when he tried his trick of bowling mediums off a short run to overcome the six over rule. Lethal's juggling catch at square leg was the highlight of our fielding - which unfortunately fell away towards the end of the opposition innings. In reply, Lumma and Pixie gave us a solid half century start, but at two runs an over it was a shade on the slow side. Useful knocks from Harbs and Stoney kept us in the game as we desperately sought to re-establish momentum, but we were playing catch up cricket and Brighton's score remained just out of reach. Droova's biorhythms were out of sync and not even he could save us as we fell a paltry five runs short.

The following week, on the sacred Front Turf, the 10As snuck home in a nail biting finish. Unfortunately, Wesley were also the losers! The Second XI must have fancied their chances, but in an abbreviated contest they were held to 128 by some tidy bowling and sharp catching. First man out, Richard Salter, must have known his team was in for a bad day when Pixie swallowed a rare chance in the slip cordon during Cooper-Brown's opening over. An ounce or two of good fortune enabled Harbs, Shinks and Stoney to guide us towards a win, but it wasn't sealed until the final ball of the innings, when Plugga covered himself in glory with a slamming pull shot off guess who? Richard Salter.

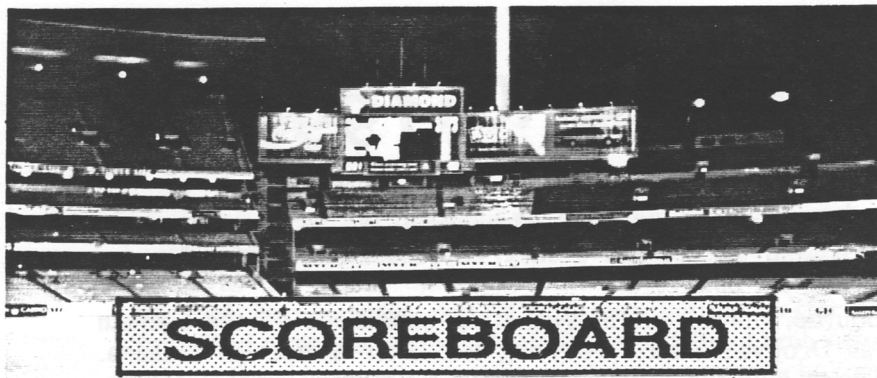
The Wesley batting machine was in fine working order for the next two matches on the Williams, and our games against Geelong and Caulfield produced very comfortable victories. Batting first against Geelong the opening combination of Lumb and Shinkfield laid the basis for a big score with an even 100 opening stand. Shinks went on to record a fine 58, and then it was Harbs and Stoney who kept things ticking over while Droova and Shokkers once again turned on the entertainment. Shokker's sixer over mid on was a real demoraliser! Geelong was never really in the race chasing our 4/230 as Coops and Shokkers restricted their scoring early and both Lethal and Lumma kept up the pressure. Leigh's 3/24 from 11 overs was particularly creditable. A soaring specky by Harbs was a highlight in the field, but Lethal's direct hit run out to prevent Stoney from bowling the final over was even more memorable!

Caulfield had no answer to the Lions on a roll, and they were well and truly outplayed by a confident Wesley combination. Another solid opening stand took our score beyond the century as both Lumma (66) and Pixie (44) found gaps all over the field and kept the scoreboard ticking over relentlessly. Their 127 was the season's best partnership and was extended by a further 100 runs as the middle order maintained the momentum. After Coops and Shokkers had finished their mandatory six over opening spells Caulfield had barely made a dent in the Lions' score, and they never really got going as Lumma, Leigh and Neil Chalmers maintained the pressure. Neil finished with the impressive figures of 3/14, while Coops finally had a bit of luck and picked up a couple of scalps as the visitors stumbled to be all out for just 83.

The season's final game was a long awaited rematch with Scotch, and this time the result was more favourable - thanks primarily to Andrew Schokman who certainly proved himself a shock bowler on a rain affected wicket at Glen Waverley. Shokkers found the overcast conditions to his liking, and after a wicket with his first ball, he never looked back. Producing an unpredictable mix of speeding parabolas and skidders he demolished the Scotchies for 63 and finished with a bag of 6/12 from his eight overs. At 4/35 in reply there was some cause for concern, but it was Shokkers' day and his 27 runs helped steer us home.

Thanks to all the players for contributing to a very successful season, and thanks to the parents who lent their support in many ways - particularly to John Shinkfield who acted as team manager. It has been a pleasure to coach this group of boys over the past two seasons, and I wish them all the best for their cricketing futures.

Richard Stone (Coach)



WESLEY vs SCOTCH COLLEGE
16/11/96

WESLEY 199 S.C. 7/234
Shinkfield 0
Wallis 51 Cooper-B 2/49
Harber 38 Wiegard 2/35
Pittman 20 Lumb 0/9
Herman 2 Schokman 0/48
Wiegard 14 Robertson 3/42
Rastogi 47 Wallis 0/23
Schokman 6 Barr 0/30
Gavin 0
Robertson 0
Cooper-B 0x

WESLEY vs MELBOURNE GRAMMAR
23/11/96

WESLEY 6/153 M.G.S. 9/139
Shinkfield 25
Wallis 19 Wiegard 2/35
Harber 42 Lumb 4/47
Pittman 47x Schokman 1/16
Lumb 0 Robertson 3/32
Stone 10 Herman 0/29
Rastogi 0
Herman 0x
Schokman DNB
Wiegard DNB
Robertson DNB

WESLEY vs HAILEYBURY COLLEGE
30/11/96

WESLEY 8/167 H.C. 7/184
Shinkfield 13
Wallis 7 Cooper-B 1/45
Harber 22 Wiegard 0/16
Pittman 19 Lumb 1/33
Stone 17 Schokman 0/13
Lumb 26 Herman 0/3
Rastogi 37 Harber 1/18
Herman 6 Shinkfield 2/7
Schokman 9x Wallis 0/7
Wiegard DNB Stone 1/7
Gavin DNB Pittman 1/20

WESLEY vs ST.KEVINS COLLEGE
7/12/96

WESLEY 5/166 St.K.C. 153
Shinkfield 6
Harber 3 Cooper-B 2/36
Stone 14 Wiegard 0/23
Pittman 23 Lumb 2/27
Herman 33x Schokman 0/10
Wiegard 17 Herman 1/5
Rastogi 56x Harber 1/10
Lumb DNB Shinkfield 2/21
Schokman DNB
Gavin DNB
Cooper B DNB

WESLEY vs GEELONG GRAMMAR
8/2/97

WESLEY 6/153 G.G.S. 102
Lumb 16
Shinkfield 22 Cooper-B 0/26
Harber 45 Wiegard 2/25
Stone 16 Lumb 4/12
Wallis 6 Schokman 0/11
Herman 20 Robertson 2/18
Bowring 18x Herman 2/8
Schokman 0x
Gavin DNB
Wiegard DNB
Robertson DNB

WESLEY vs MELBOURNE GRAMMAR
15/2/97

WESLEY 215 M.G.S. 8/162
Shinkfield 14
Lumb 41 Cooper-B 0/37
Harber 7 Wiegard 0/32
Stone 1 Lumb 0/18
Rastogi 60 Schokman 0/24
Herman 2 Robertson 3/18
Bowring 0 Herman 3/17
Schokman 41
Wiegard 9
Gavin 4x
Robertson 9

WESLEY vs BRIGHTON GRAMMAR
22/2/97

WESLEY 7/167 B.G.S. 7/172
Lumb 19
Shinkfield 33 Cooper-B 0/27
Harber 42 Wiegard 2/13
Stone 30 Lumb 1/21
Rastogi 5 Schokman 1/13
Herman 0x Robertson 2/48
Schokman 8 Herman 1/48
Wallis 1 Harber 0/8
Wiegard DNB
Robertson DNB
Gavin DNB

WESLEY vs WESLEY 2nd X1
1/3/97

WESLEY 5/130 WESLEY 2nds
Shinkfield 27
Lumb 0 Cooper-B 1/11
Harber 45 Wiegard 1/17
Stone 32x Lumb 2/32
Rastogi 2 Schokman 0/24
Schokman 5 Robertson 2/24
Herman 4x Herman 1/8
Bowring 0x Shinkfield 1/11
Wiegard DNB
Robertson DNB
Cooper B DNB

WESLEY vs GEELONG COLLEGE
15/3/97

WESLEY 4/230 G.C. 172
Lumb 36 Cooper-B 0/47
Shinkfield 58 Wiegard 3/24
Harber 15 Lumb 2/14
Stone 28x Schokman 1/9
Rastogi 41 Herman 0/12
Schokman 19x Harber 1/23
Herman DNB Shinkfield 0/5
Wallis DNB Stone 0/1
Chalmers DNB Wallis 0/9
Wiegard DNB Rastogi 0/7
Gavin DNB Chalmers 0/23

WESLEY vs CAULFIELD GRAMMAR
22/3/97

WESLEY 4/227 C.G.S. 83
Shinkfield 44
Lumb 66 Cooper-B 2/24
Harber 32 Wiegard 1/6
Stone 25 Lumb 2/7
Rastogi 23x Schokman 1/11
Wallis 1x Herman 1/14
Schokman DNB Chalmers 3/14
Herman DNB
Chalmers DNB
Wiegard DNB
Gavin DNB

WESLEY vs SCOTCH COLLEGE
5/4/97

WESLEY 109 S.C. 63
Shinkfield 16
Lumb 8 Cooper-B 1/22
Harber 0 Wiegard 1/6
Rastogi 4 Lumb 1/14
Stone 14 Schokman 6/12
Schokman 27 Shinkfield 1/1
Wallis 1 Chalmers 0/2
Herman 1
Wiegard 15
Chalmers 10
Gavin 4



ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

	M	I	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO/S	PTS
B. LUMB	10	10	-	66	212	23.5	89	18	193	19	10.1	5	2	472
T. HARBER	11	11	-	45	291	26.4	14	-	59	3	19.6	6	1	366
A. SHINKFIELD	11	11	-	58	258	23.4	22	7	45	6	7.5	4	1	358
D. RASTOGI	10	10	2	60	275	34.3	2	-	7	-	-	4	-	295
A. SCHOKMAN	11	8	3	41	116	23.2	67	14	191	10	19.1	1	-	246
L. WIEGARD	11	4	-	17	55	13.7	107	24	210	13	16.1	4	1	225
N. STONE	10	10	2	32x	187	23.3	2	-	8	1	8.0	1	-	202
T. ROBERTSON	6	2	-	9	9	4.5	59	9	182	15	12.1	1	-	184
N. HERMAN	11	9	4	33x	69	13.8	31	2	144	9	16.0	1	-	164
O. PITTMAN	4	4	1	47x	109	36.3	8	1	20	1	20.0	1	-	124
N. COOPER-BRN	10	1	1	0x	-	-	104	20	324	9	36.0	1	1	110
P. GAVIN	10	3	2	4x	8	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	14	1/5	108
M WALLIS	9	7	1	51	86	14.3	6	-	39	-	-	-	1	91
N. CHALMERS	3	1	-	10	10	10.0	12	3	39	3	13.0	-	-	45
T. BOWRING	2	2	1	18x	18	9.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
N. BARR	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	30	-	-	-	-	-

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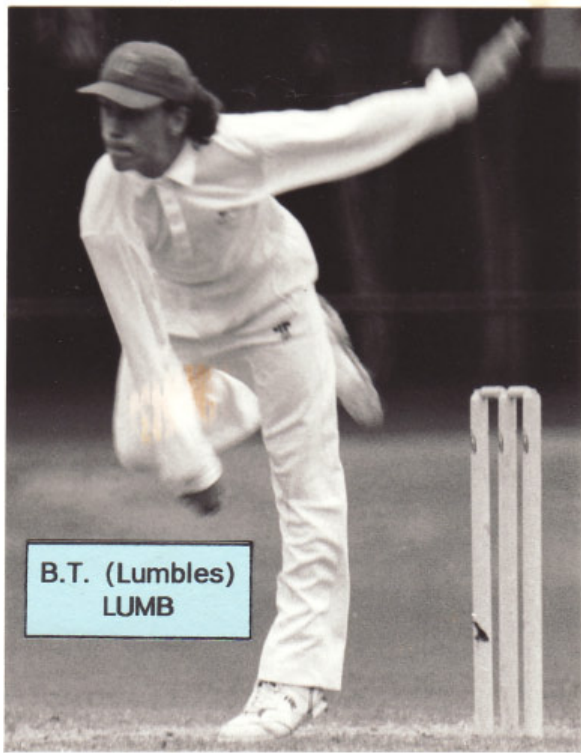


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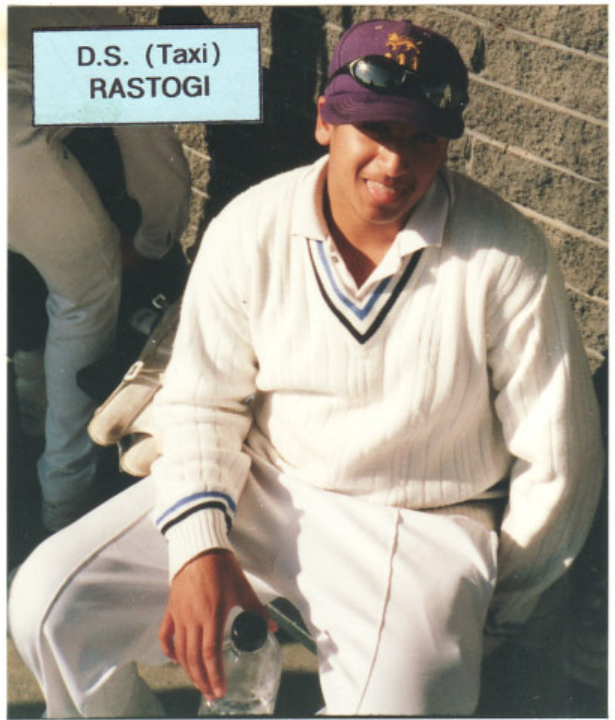
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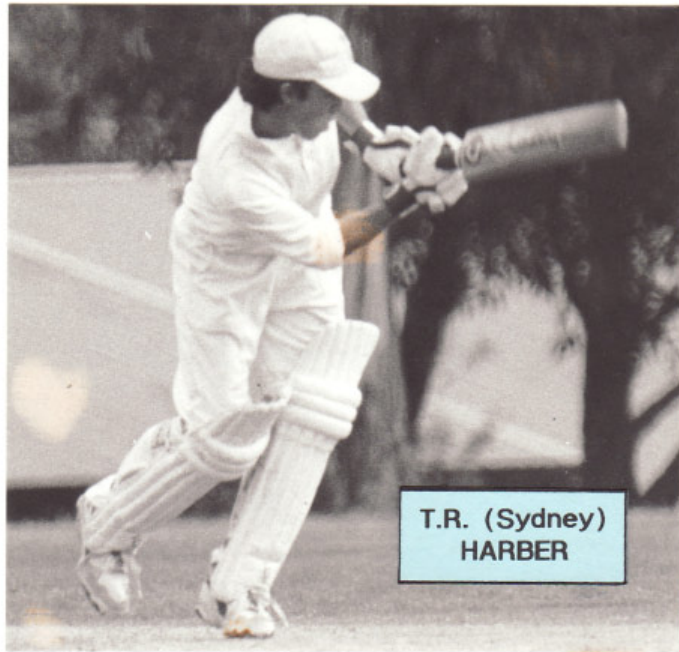
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LUMB**



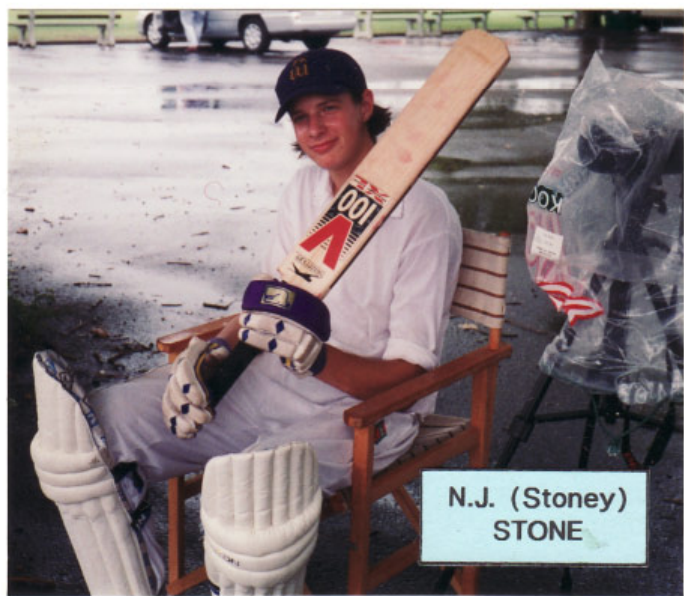
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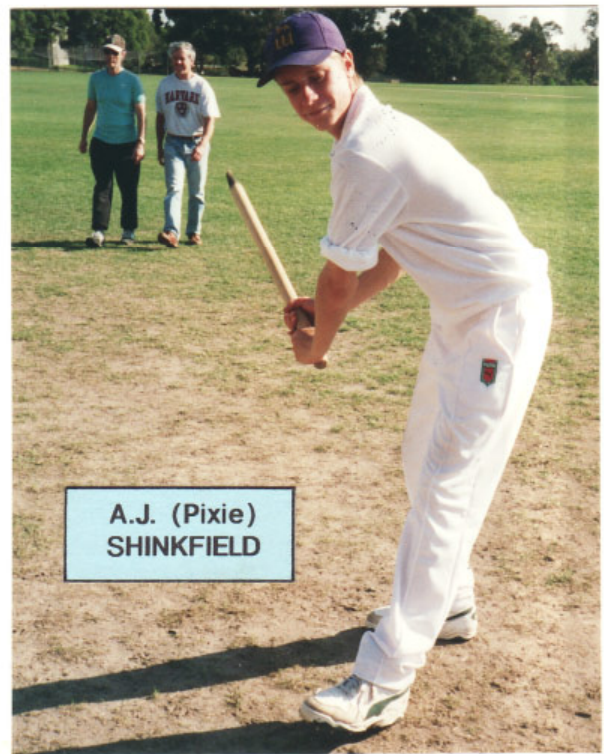
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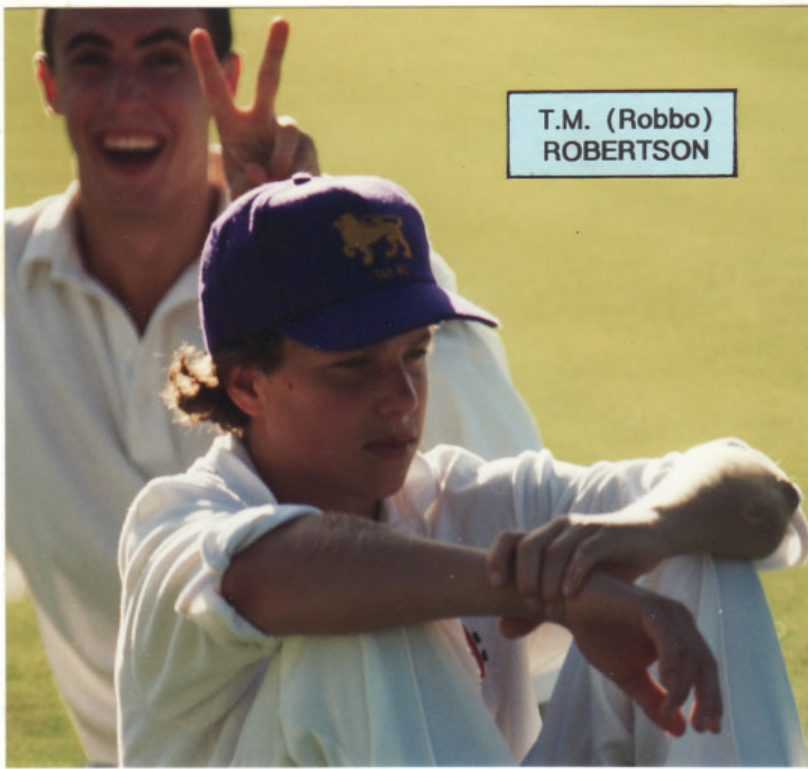
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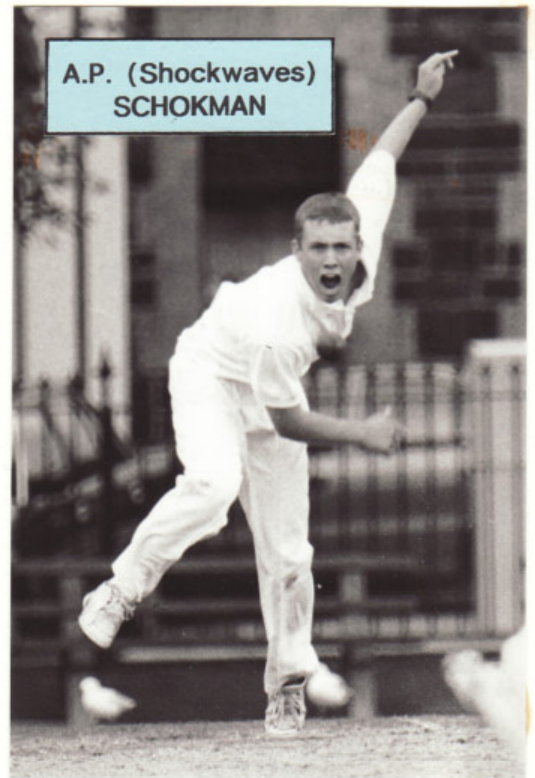
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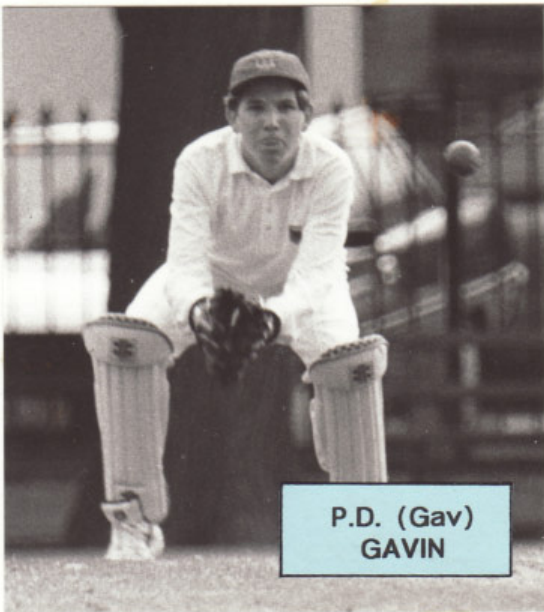
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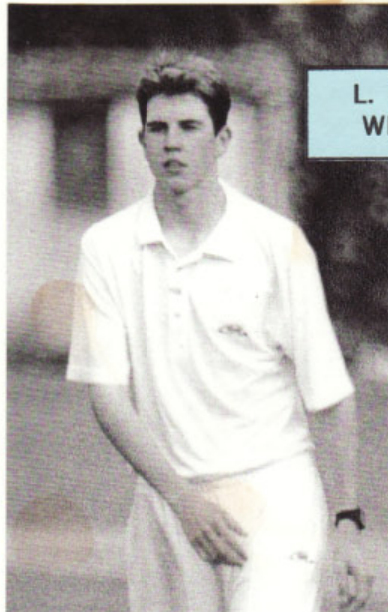
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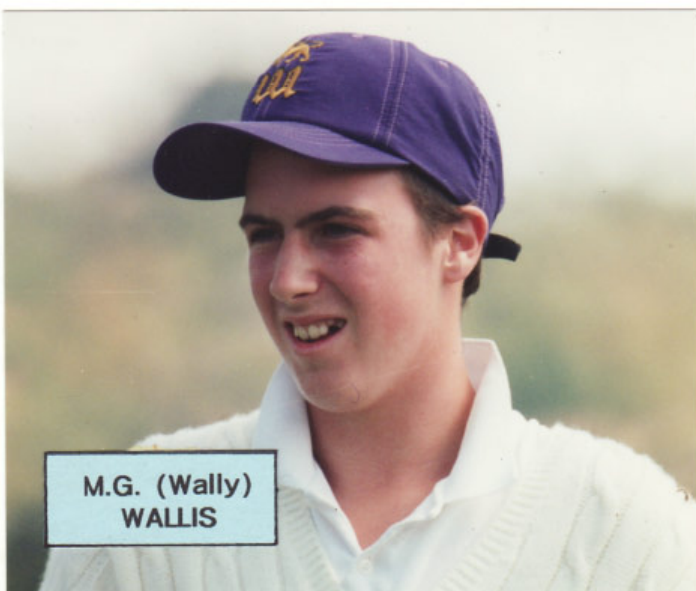
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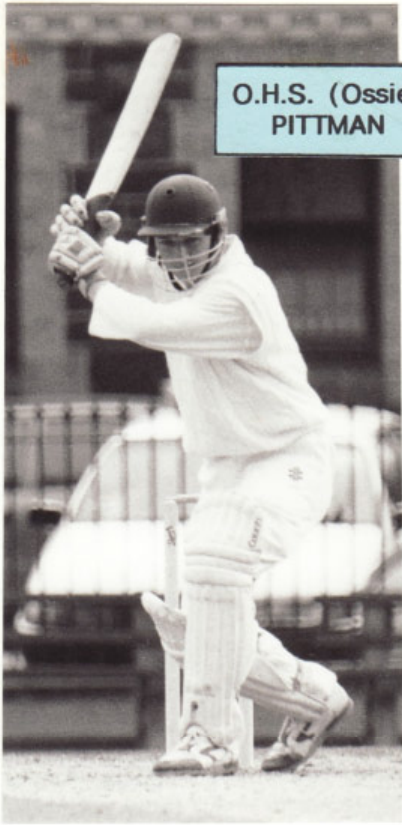
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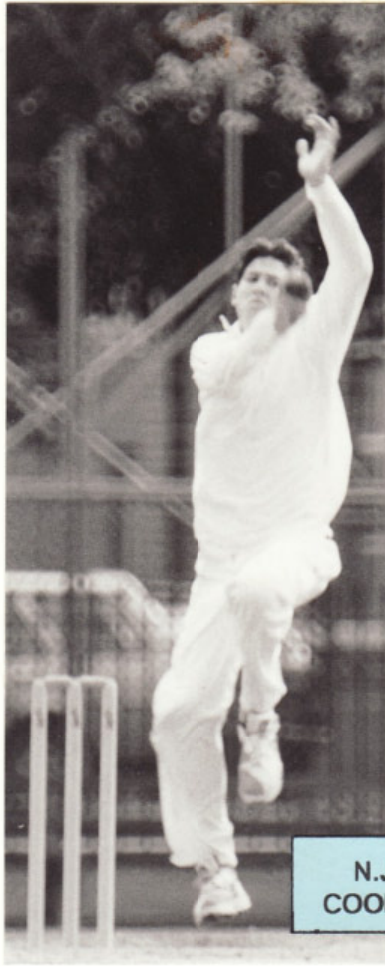
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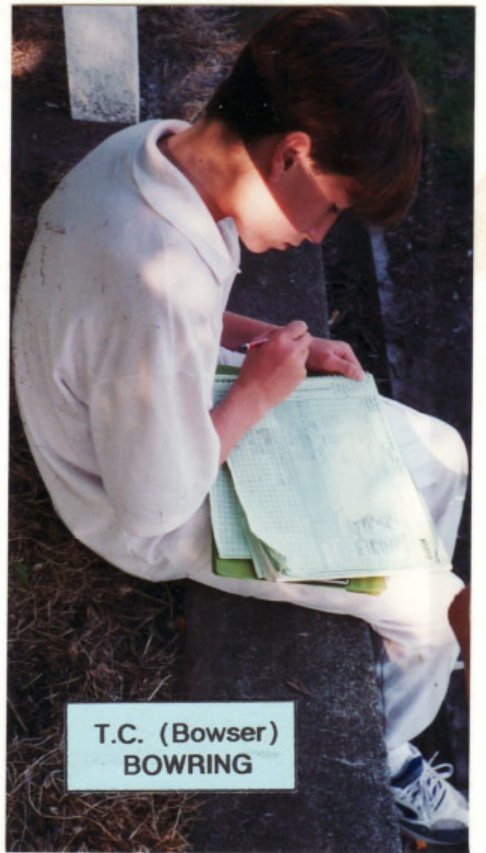
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BOWRING



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Lumma



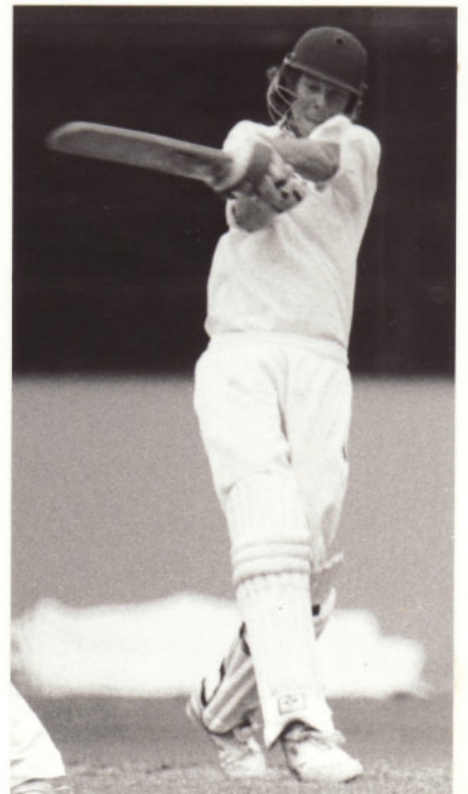
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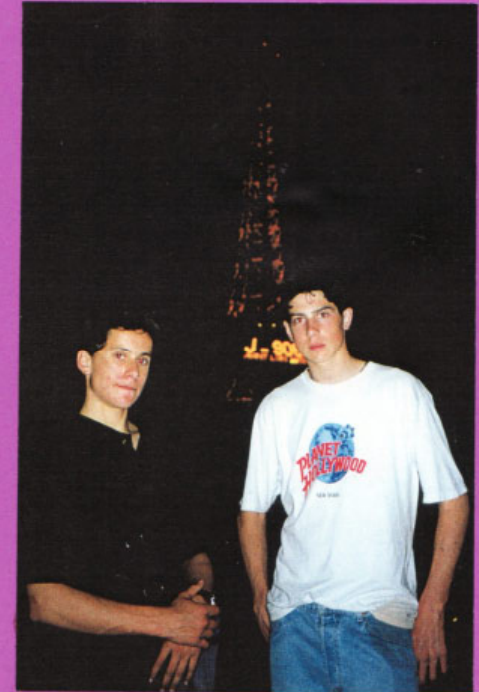
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Lion stars keep the scoreboard ticking over



Nicholas Stone



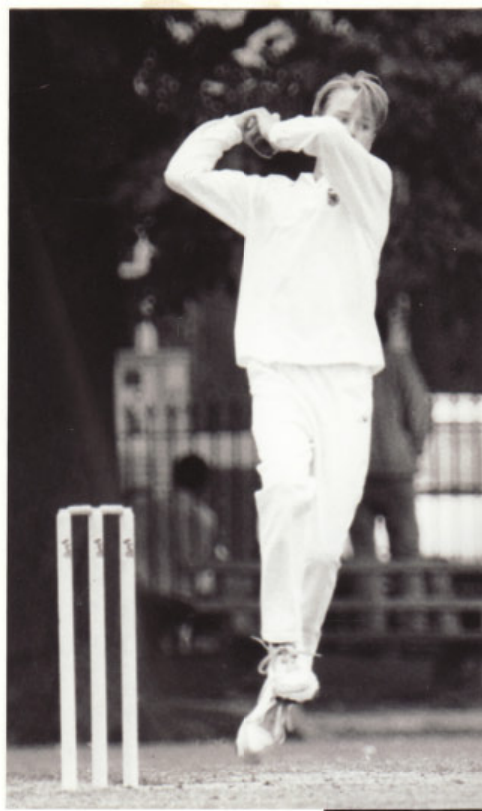


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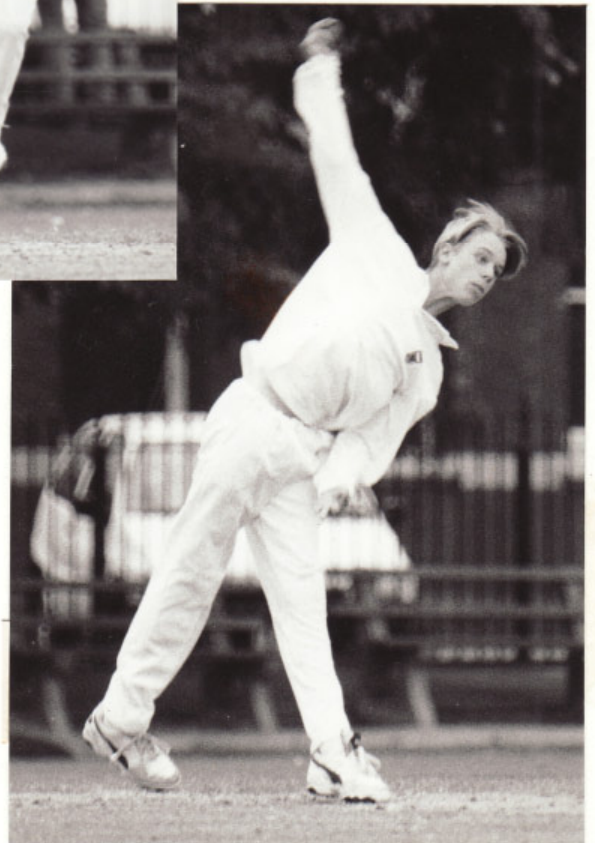




Come
in
Spinner



Robbo
The Master



Pixie
The Apprentice



... AND THIS IS
HOW I HOLD MY
MYSTERY BALL...

HOW YOU EVEN
GET A BOWL IS
A MYSTERY TO
SOME OF US
HARBS!

&
Harbs
The Dreamer

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT with **THE TAXI**



Droova "Taxi" Rastogi



"You have to laugh!"



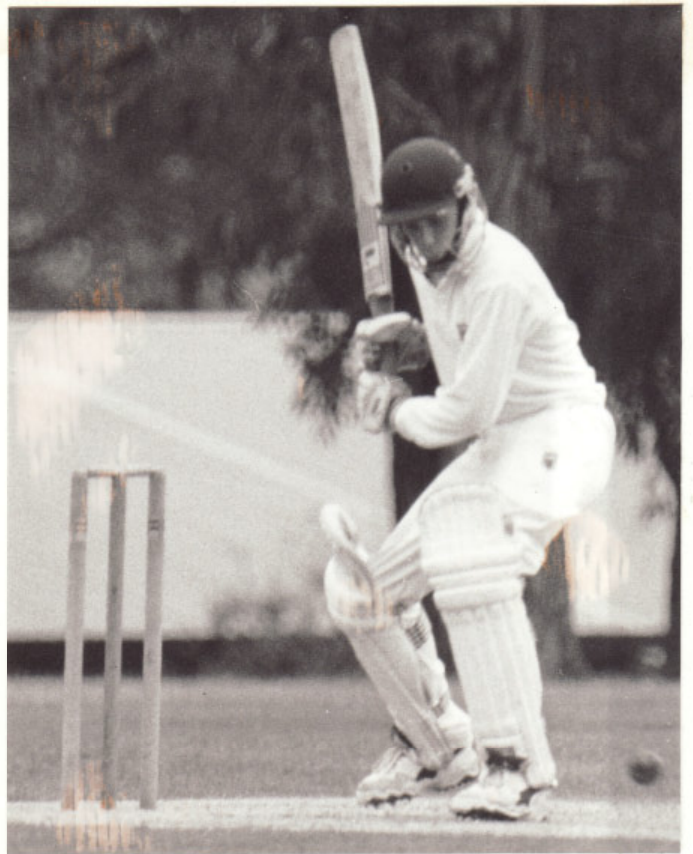
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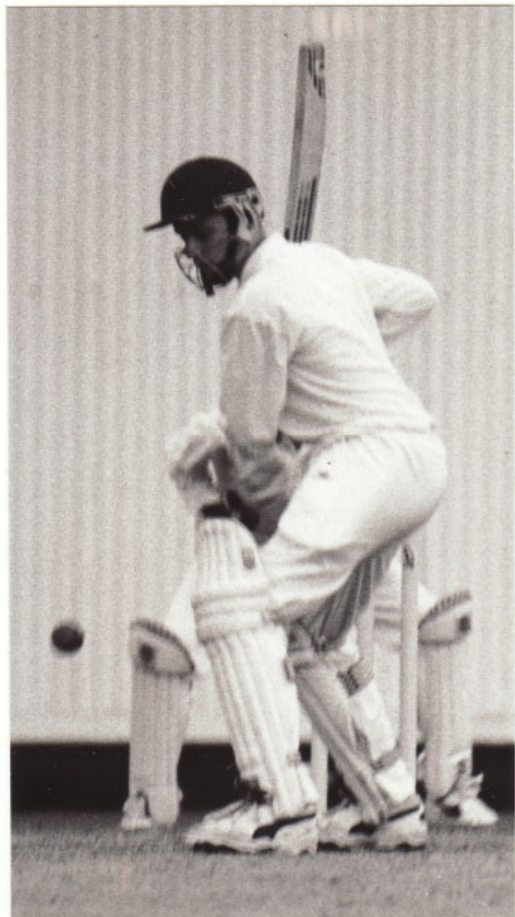
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"Be there at Stumps"

says Wesley opening bat
Andrew Shinkfield

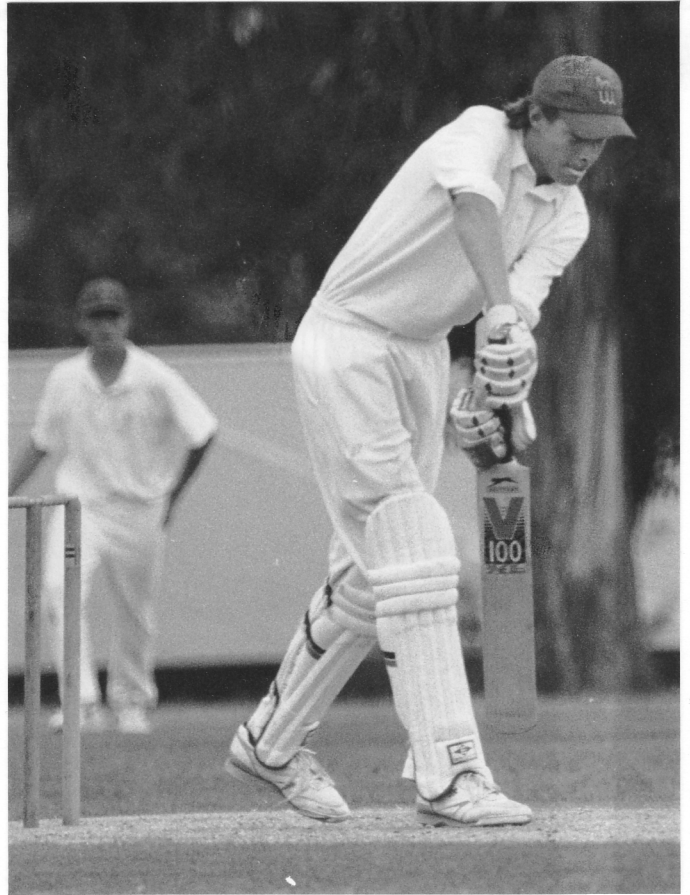


Most people think that scoring runs is the most important part of cricket, but I reckon that the best batsmen are the ones who know how to dig in for a long stay. My theory is that if you're there long enough, the runs will come. Strike rates are a waste of statisticians' time! What does it matter that I scored 33 runs from 92 balls against Brighton? Surely time at the crease is what really counts. Droova says that hitting sixers gives him a buzz, while for me it's the gentle nudge wide of short cover that sends shivers down the spine, but for the ultimate thrill in cricket you cannot beat playing out a maiden!

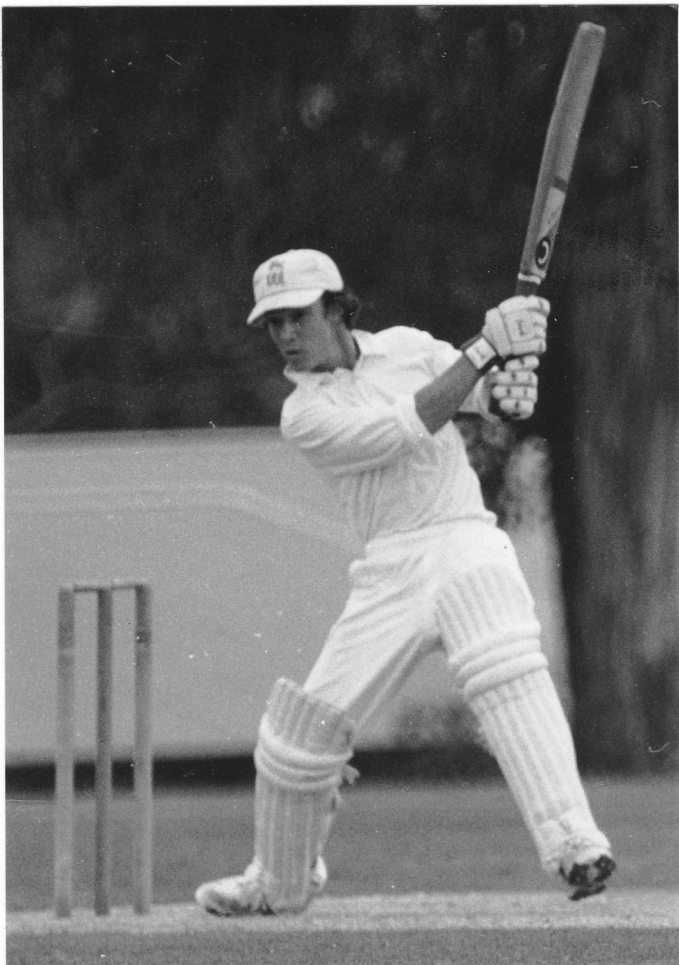




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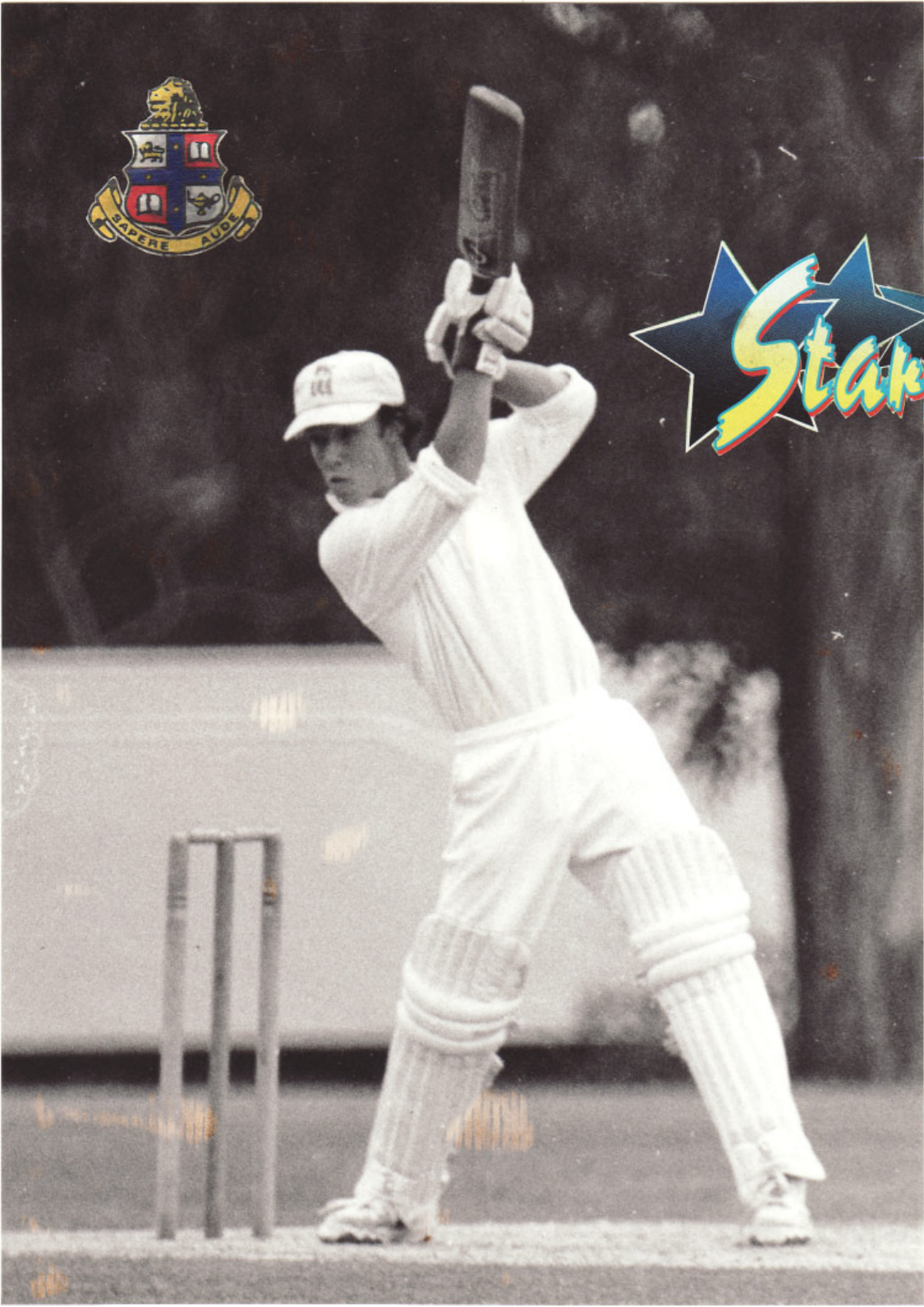
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Harbs



Lumbles



Starspot

Tom "Sydney" Harber







THEY Said it...

"On your way - you know you knicked it!"

- Shokkers to stubborn Geelong batsman

"Does an off-spinner spin it away from me?"

- Stoney to Harbs as he was about to face up to an off-spinner

"Did we cross?"

- Stoney to the umpire after his partner Shokkers was caught by the keeper

"Did we cross?"

- Stoney after Droovs was out bowled

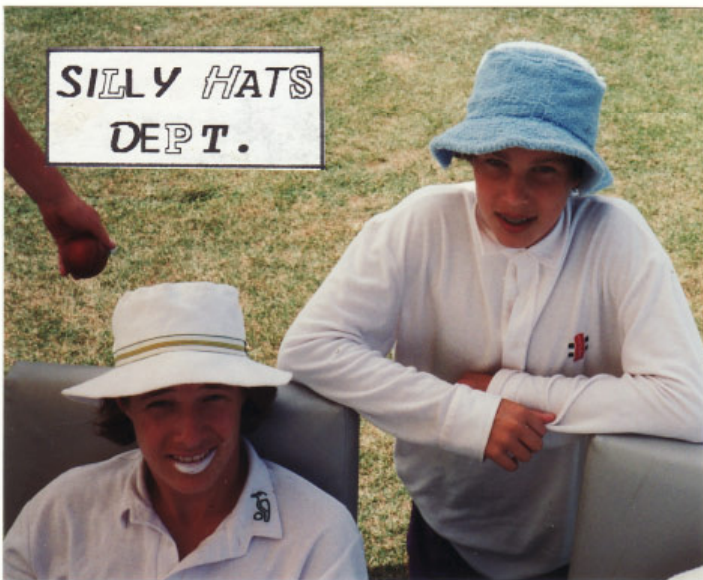
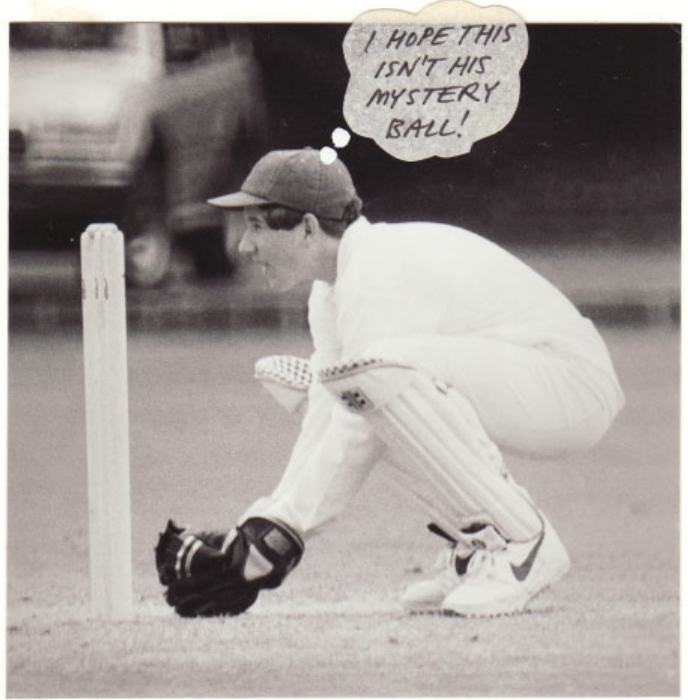
"Did we cross?"

- Stoney to the Geelong umpire

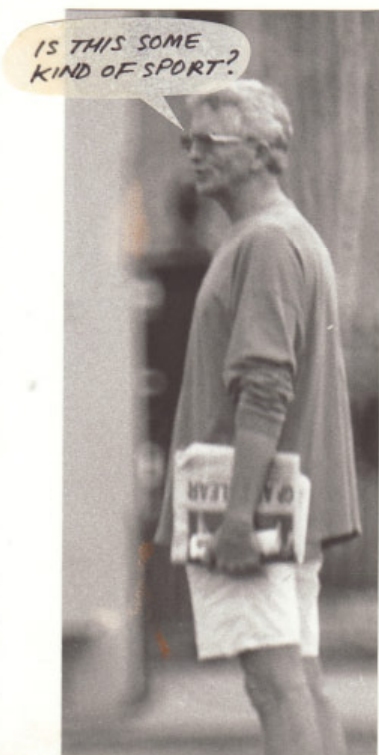
"You hadn't left the crease!"

- Geelong umpire to Stoney





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