



# WESLEY COLLEGE



9A's CRICKET  
1991/92

## YEAR 9A's



B: N.Owen, M.Fraser, M.Coles, A.Sayers  
M: G.Brown, A.Meiklejohn, G.Briglia, T.Halcombe  
A.Huddle F: N.Florentine, S.Tanner, B.King

## 1991/92

In statistical terms the 1991/92 season was only moderately successful for the Year 9A's. Having achieved some encouraging results in the lead-up games prior to Christmas with a team of Prahran and Elsternwick boys, it was hoped that the fielding of a genuine cross-campus team after the break would raise the Wesley flag still higher. The inclusion of the Glen Waverley contingent certainly strengthened the bowling attack, but as it turned out, the batting department was in greater need of assistance!

The opening round against Melbourne Grammar set the pattern for subsequent games. Set 145 to win Wesley struggled to be all out for 99 in the 43rd over. Although capable of occupying the crease, the team lacked batsmen who could really get on top of an opposition attack. Gareth Briglia looked as though he might take charge, but even when he appeared set he lacked the confidence to hammer the loose balls and build a big innings. A loss to Brighton in the second round followed the same pattern, but an excellent opening stand of 88 runs between Nick Florentine and Stephen Tanner gave us hope against Caulfield. Unfortunately the bowlers had an ordinary day and the result was again unfavourable. Not so the following match when the new ball attack of Matt Fraser and Andrew Meiklejohn routed Xavier. Matt's awkward inswingers returned him figures of 6/19 and set up our one and only victory for the season. A disappointing game against Geelong College followed but the return match against Caulfield brought some joy as Steve Tanner and Gareth Briglia showed form with the bat. Once again however, 110 runs from 49 overs was barely adequate. Batting on a sticky wicket against Scotch in the final round we occupied the crease for more than 50 overs and compiled a creditable 120 runs, thanks largely to Andrew Huddle, Nick Florentine and Grant Brown. A steady effort from all our bowlers kept us in the game and in the most exciting finish of the season, Scotch passed us with just one wicket in hand!

Regardless of the results, 1991/92 was an enjoyable season and the boys should be congratulated on their positive attitude and willingness to learn. With the ball, and in the field they were the equal of any opposition team, but with a season run rate of just 2.07 runs per over, it was never going to be easy!

Richard Stone

# SCOREBOARD

## WESLEY vs MELBOURNE GRAMMAR 8/2/92

<u>WESLEY 99</u>	<u>MELBOURNE 5/144</u>
King 8	Fraser 2/20
Briglia 26	Meiklejohn 0/5
Tanner 5	Sayers 0/26
Florentine 13	Owen 2/30
Brown 1	Bishop 1/41
Bolton 3	King 0/10
Gromotka 3	
Sayers 0	
Bishop 16	
Fraser 10	
Meiklejohn 0	

## WESLEY vs BRIGHTON GRAMMAR 15/2/92

<u>WESLEY 85</u>	<u>BRIGHTON 4/124</u>
Tanner 23	Fraser 1/16
Florentine 4	Meiklejohn 1/22
Briglia 6	Sayers 1/13
King 0	Huddle 0/19
Gromotka 2	Owen 0/20
Brown 10	Bishop 0/15
Bishop 4	Brown 1/5
Meiklejohn 8	
Huddle 1	
Sayers 3	
Owen 7x	

## WESLEY vs CAULFIELD GRAMMAR 22/2/92

<u>WESLEY 9/134</u>	<u>CAULFIELD 9/186</u>
Tanner 45	Fraser 0/28
Florentine 38	Meiklejohn 0/20
Briglia 3	Sayers 0/29
Huddle 11	Owen 1/34
Brown 1	Huddle 2/31
Coles 3	Coles 3/2
Owen 13	Bishop 2/24
Sayers 5	Brown 0/4
Meiklejohn 5	Briglia 0/5
Fraser 3x	Tanner 0/?
Bishop 4x	

## WESLEY vs XAVIER COLLEGE 29/2/92

<u>WESLEY 6/97</u>	<u>XAVIER 87</u>
Florentine 21	Fraser 6/19
Tanner 7	Meiklejohn 3/14
Briglia 27x	Owen 0/10
Owen 1	Halcombe 1/24
Huddle 18	Coles 1/1
Brown 1	
Coles 12	

## WESLEY vs GEELONG COLLEGE 14/3/92

<u>WESLEY 72</u>	<u>GEELONG 147</u>
Florentine 13	Fraser 5/38
Tanner 3	Meiklejohn 0/17
Briglia 16	Halcombe 1/21
Owen 5	Huddle 2/25
Huddle 14	Sayers 1/25
Brown 4	Coles 0/4
Coles 11	
Bishop 0	
Fraser 3	
Meiklejohn 0	
Halcombe 4	

## WESLEY vs CAULFIELD GRAMMAR 21/3/92

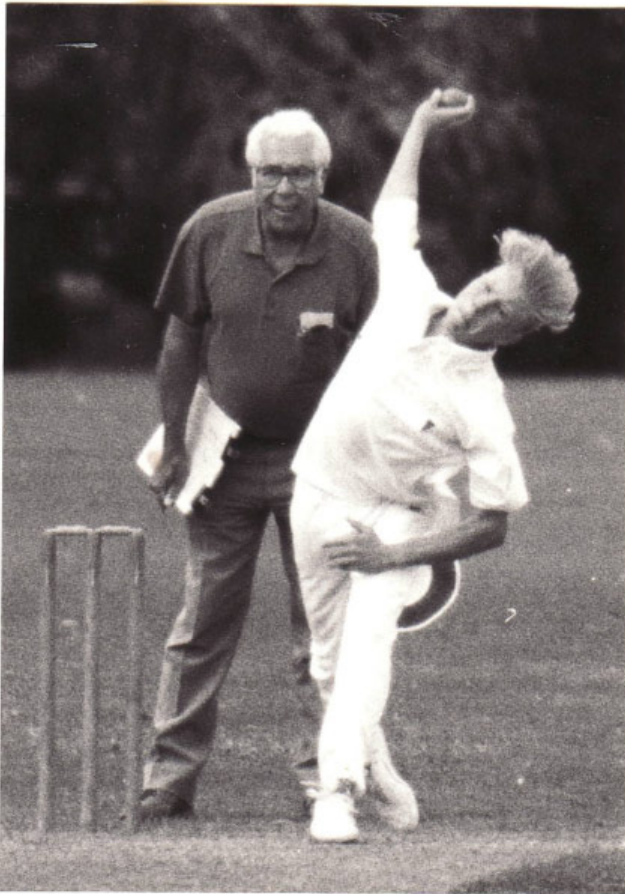
<u>WESLEY 8/110</u>	<u>CAULFIELD 134</u>
Tanner 28	Fraser 1/30
King 3	Meiklejohn 1/38
Huddle 9	Halcombe 2/29
Briglia 34x	Sayers 0/10
Florentine 14	Huddle 3/13
Owen 9	King 2/8
Henley 0	
Fraser 0	
Coles 0	
Halcombe 5x	

## WESLEY vs SCOTCH COLLEGE 28/3/92

<u>WESLEY 120</u>	<u>SCOTCH 121</u>
Tanner 1	Meiklejohn 1/17
Florentine 19	Fraser 2/20
Huddle 32	Halcombe 1/28
Briglia 1	Sayers 2/5
King 2	Huddle 2/18
Brown 23	Owen 1/0
Owen 7	Coles 0/10
Coles 4	
Sayers 2	
Halcombe 1	
Meiklejohn 12x	

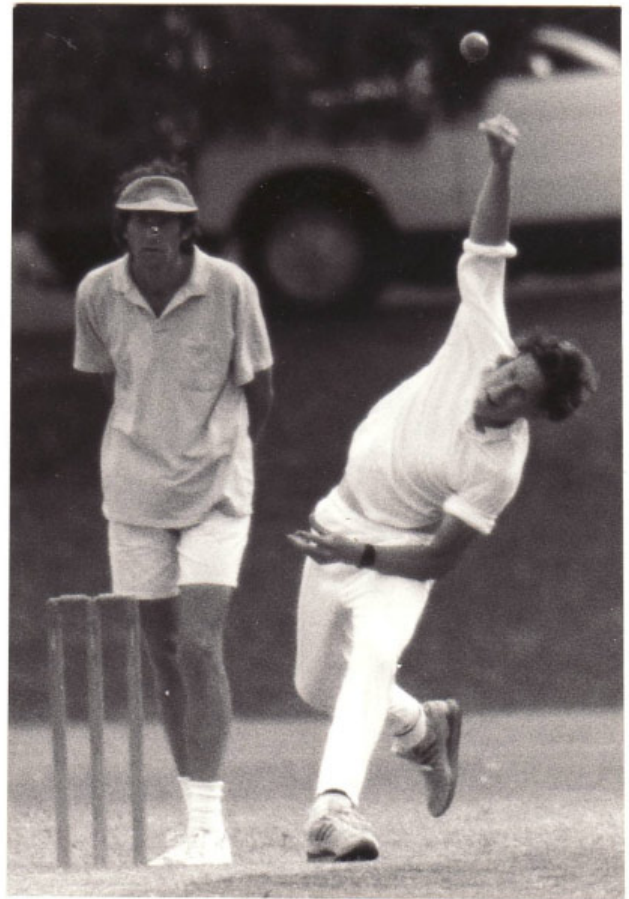


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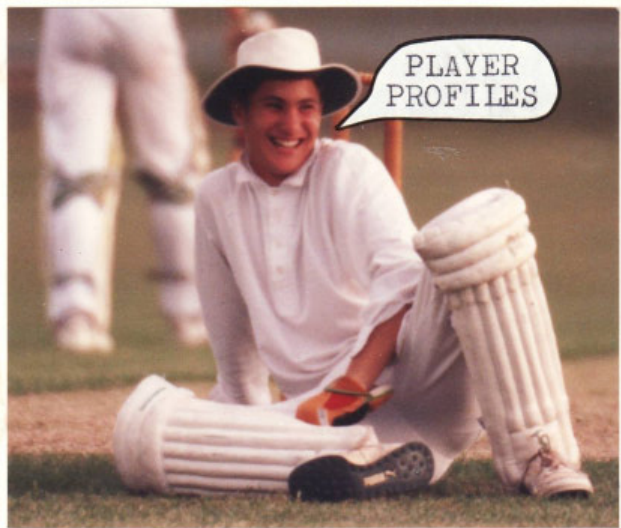
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MATT



MICK IN FULL FLIGHT



G.I. (Gazza) BRIGLIA RHB RSMF?

A frustrating season for the skipper who promised so much with the bat but struggled to deliver the goods. Although looking every inch the cricketer, Gazza had some problems co-ordinating the movement of his bat with the movement of the ball. Despite receiving advice from every coach in the Wesley directory, he just couldn't get it right! The closest he got was an undefeated 34 against Caulfield - but even then we only saw glimpses of what might have been (and will surely be in the future!). Gazza's captaincy improved as the season progressed, but there were times where his field placings raised more problems than they solved. His half-time speeches were inspirational!

**CAREER AMBITION:** To put away the loose ball.

M.S. (Matty) FRASER RHB RMF

Surprised the cricketing world this season with his windmill action and big looping inswingers. Matt produced several dynamic performances with the ball, but none better than his extraordinary spell at Xavier where after six overs he had uprooted the stumps of five opposition batsmen for just four runs! The poor perplexed Xavvys were absolutely clueless! The two successive yorkers which swung, dipped and found their mark against unsuspecting Scotch batsmen will likewise long be remembered. Matt's opportunities with the bat were limited, but there were some promising signs. His 17 wickets came at an economical 10 runs each, and this alone was enough to secure Matt the Team Champion award for 1991/92.



**BIGGEST GOAL IN LIFE:** To bowl an outswinger

N.V. (Nick) FLORENTINE RHB WK

Cheeky little Cato kid with an aggressive approach to the game and an answer to every question. At the batting crease Nick was always good value, and his willingness to put the loose ball away was particularly welcome. Not afraid to take a risk and loft the new ball, Nick showed an uncanny ability to place his shots just out of the fieldsmen's reach. His 38 runs against Caulfield was a particularly impressive innings. Behind the stumps Nick's acrobatic skill was frequently tested, and he treated the crowds to some spectacular saves down the leg side. The Ian Healy runout was marvellous cricket, but how on earth did he drop that sitter in the last match?

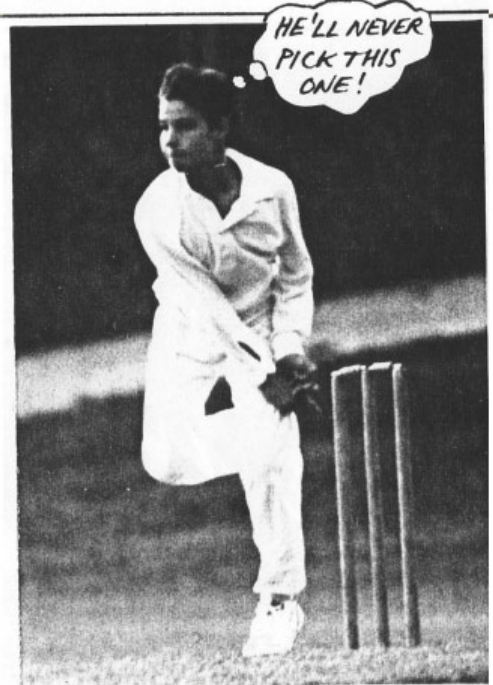
**FAVOURITE HOBBY:**  
Collecting cricket balls



A.J. (Hudds) HUDDLE RHB RLS WK

Talented allrounder who gradually worked his way up the batting order with several steady, patient innings. Finally settling at first drop, Andy saved his best knock until last, and against Scotch on a sticky wicket, he compiled an excellent 32 before being unfortunately run out. His solid defensive technique will provide the basis for future development. The leggies floated, dipped, and turned sufficiently to regularly deceive opposition batsmen, and a hat trick against Geelong was only inches away! Hudds also revealed some fancy glove work behind the stumps at Xavier. A big future is predicted for this boy!

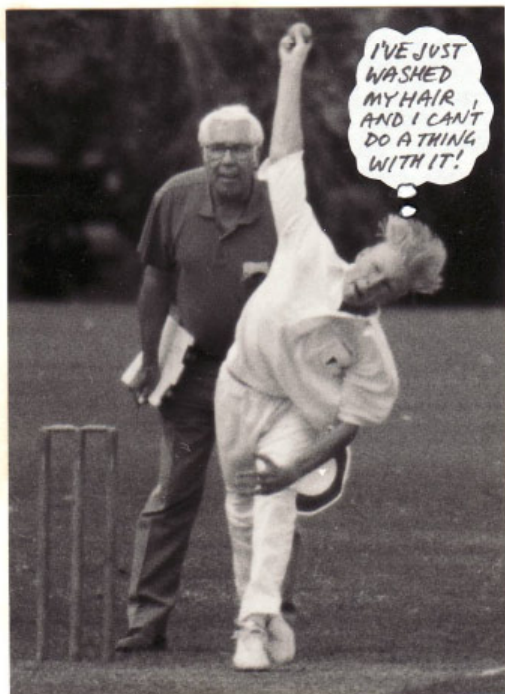
**CRICKETING AMBITION:** To score a century, take five wickets and take five catches behind the stumps all in one match.



A.R. (Mick) MEIKLEJOHN RHB RMF

The other half of the Glen Waverley new ball duo, Mick complemented the Fraser inswinger with a stock ball that moved off the pitch and away to the slips. His accurate, economical bowling was a valuable asset to the team and even when the edges were just wide or dropping just short of the slips and the whole world seemed to be against him, Mick could always be relied upon to keep the pressure on the batsmen. Stan the statistician informs us that 40.9% of Andrew's overs this season were maidens! In one amazing sequence of 36 deliveries against Xavier he picked up 3 wickets without a run being scored! Mick showed some ability with the bat and was set for a big score in the last match - until he ran out his partner and ran out of partners. What can you say about his fielding except - Great arm!

**CRICKETING DREAM:** To have somebody actually take a slip's catch off his bowling



S.R. (Steve) TANNER RHB RMF (Dream on!)

A promising season from this Elsternwick flyweight. Steve's thoughtful, patient approach to the game was evident early in the season and his ability to occupy the crease while continuing to work the ball around the field earned him a promotion to the opening position. Several valuable innings followed - in particular his 45 against Caulfield and a 28 in the return match. Unfortunately Steve was run out twice in the twenties this season after doing the hard work and looking set. Steve's bowling proved very popular with opposition batsmen.

**DREAM IN LIFE:** To own a REAL cricket bat with a REAL middle



N.A. (Nick) OWEN RHB RM ROS

A new name on the Wesley list after Christmas, Nick impressed in the nets with his strong offside driving and accurate medium pace bowling. In the middle however, his performances were variable. Batting down the order in the early games Nick provided some useful contributions when quick runs were needed, but when promoted up the list he struggled to settle into a big innings. Too often the eyes lit up when the spinner came on to bowl and up went the head - along with the umpire's finger! Nick's bowling was economical, and he managed to pick up several valuable wickets. Towards the end of the season he turned his hand to the spinner's craft and collected a wicket with his second ball! Nick's over-head specky against Geelong was an early entry in the Channel 7 Mark of the Year contest.



AMBITION IN LIFE: To keep cool in every cricketing crisis.

M.M. (Merlin) COLES \*RHS RMF

The Wesley selection panel was so impressed by the tall, powerful hitter from Glamorgan who brutalised our bowling in a pre-season practice match that they determined to secure his services. After much negotiation a deal was clinched and for a hefty transfer fee of 3 dozen Mars Bars, a Wesley keyring, and an autographed photo of Stewy Anderson, Merlin the Magician was ours! Starting in the B's, Merlin was quickly promoted to the A's in an attempt to provide some much needed aggression in the middle order. Without setting the world on fire, he did succeed in entertaining the crowds with a few big hits. But it was Merlin's shock bowling which captured the public's imagination. His 3 for 2 against Caulfield and his 1 for 1 the following week sent tremors of fear through the APS's tailend batsmen!

\*RHS - Right Hand Slogger



MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN CRICKET: Tonking Dan Herring around the park

T.G. (Tom) HALCOMBE RHB RMF

Another new arrival at the nets after Christmas, Tom made an immediate impression on the locals with his good pace and accurate line and length. Tom's first A's game was memorable - but for the wrong reasons! The Wesley boys batted first, faced their 46 overs and then tucked into their usual nutritious lunch of Burger Rings, sausage rolls and Coke. When it was time to take the field for the afternoon session, a head count came up negative - Tom was missing AWOL! Subsequent investigations revealed that Tom had made an innocent mistake, thought the game was over until next week and had gone home! In subsequent weeks Tom filled the role of third seamer admirably, collecting several valuable scalps and developing a deceptive slower ball. His 12 overs for 28 runs in the final round was particularly impressive.



AMBITION IN LIFE: To average 10 hours sleep every night

A.J. (Andy) SAYERS LHB RM

Andy struggled to find form this season, and despite coaching clinics, specialised coaching sessions and hours in the nets he was unable to produce in the middle the kind of performances which his fans expected. Although delighting them briefly in the practice match against MGS, where he struck a timely 4 boundaries in as many balls, Andy's next 5 innings yielded a grand total of 9 runs! Opposition bowlers had obviously been doing their homework, and like Kapil Dev with Alan Border this summer, they too were able to exploit a couple of weaknesses that had crept into Andy's batting. The Sayers bowling only really came together in the final round on a poppy pitch which suited his style -until then he found a consistent line and length elusive. Andy's fielding was safe - his arm strong and his catch against Brighton brilliant!



**DREAM IN LIFE:** To see the Tigers win another flag before they join the VFA

E.A. (Eddy) BISHOP RHB RLS

Eddy's versatile talents, sense of humour, and general enthusiasm guaranteed him a place in the A's during the early games, but as the season progressed his opportunities decreased and he returned to the B's. Whilst in the A's he showed encouraging signs with both bat and ball. His 16 against MGS was both entertaining and imaginative, but his cameo innings in Round 3 was especially memorable. Arriving at the crease in time to face the last ball of our innings Ed wasted no time in dispatching a well pitched delivery through mid wicket for four! As a leggie Ed revealed potential but he found that a consistent line and length does not always come easily. If he fails to make the grade as a cricketer, Ed should have no trouble finding work with a circus.

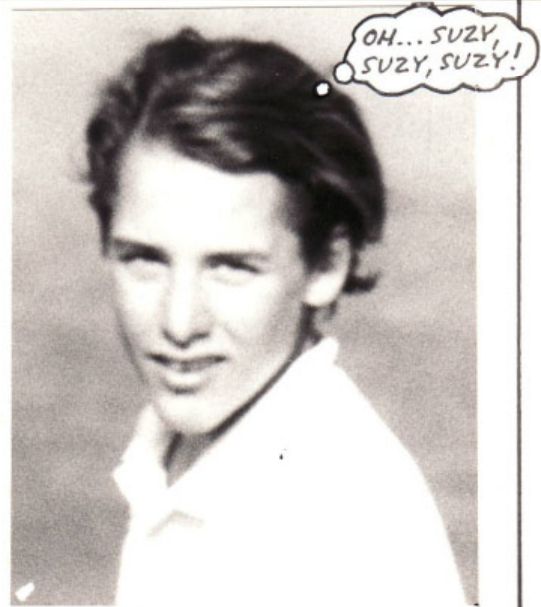


**CAREER AMBITION:** To be a regular performer on the Big Gig

G.M. (Brownie) BROWN RHB RM (sort of)

Picked up from Malvern Central in the mid-season draft, Grant showed some early form in the nets and was given the chance to secure a place in the A's middle order. The transition from matting to turf presented a few problems, and Brownie's hectic social schedule created a hiccup or two, but he always looked as though he was going to make a score! Those of us patient enough to wait were eventually rewarded in the last match with an impressive 23. Brownie's lack of footwork at the batting crease is a major concern - perhaps some tap dancing lessons might be the answer. The less said about his running between wickets the better!

**AIM IN LIFE:** To find a party that goes from Friday night until Monday morning





B.W.D. (Ben) KING RHB RM (little outies)

A couple of useful innings before Christmas suggested that Ben would be an important part of the A's campaign, but although he showed himself capable of occupying the crease, the runs barely trickled from his bat and he found it increasingly difficult to change from first into second gear. In the game against Melbourne Ben struggled to find the ignition switch and just 8 runs came in 90 minutes. Even the scorers dozed off! Some success in the B's earned Ben a second chance later in the season, but his bowling proved more successful, as he talked himself out against Caulfield and committed suicide against Scotch. Ben will have better seasons - but his vegemite intake might have to be doubled!



CAREER AMBITION:  
To be featured in  
"Hairstylists Monthly"

P.J. (Pete) HENLEY RHB RM (odds & ends)

Some encouraging performances before Christmas and in subsequent games with the B's earned a promotion for this serious young cricketer with the warped sense of humour, but unfortunately he failed to trouble the scorers in his A's debut. Peter's catching in the slips region has become legendary, and his aggressive approach to net practice has already left several young cricketers scarred for life!

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Red



M.P. (Marty) GROMOTKA RHB RM

Cheeky little cricketer whose efforts with bat and ball in the practice games suggested that he might be a handy member of the A's team. Unfortunately the APS Espionage Network spread the word about Marty's unusual footwork and it wasn't long before he was struggling against accurate bowling. A new career as a tri-athlete beckoned and Marty faded from the scene. Temporarily we hope - as it would be a pity to waste all that State of the Art cricket gear!

GREATEST THRILL IN CRICKET: Sharing a beer and a sandwich with Imran Khan at the Hilton on the Park.

THE ALMOST MADE IT DEPARTMENT

Y.S. (Yossi) ROGERS RHB? RMF

Despite his attempts to talk his way into the A's Yossi never made it. His encouraging bowling efforts in the B's were noticed, but there was little room in the A's for another medium pacer. (Actually the real reason he wasn't selected can be seen in the photograph!)

AMBITION IN LIFE: To learn how to bat properly



# ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

	M	I	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	O	M	R	W	AVE	C	RO	PTS
M.FRASER	7	4	1	10	16	5.3	71	18	172	<u>17</u>	<u>10.1</u>	1	1	266
A.HUDDLE	6	6	-	32	85	14.1	25	1	106	9	11.7	2	1	185
N.FLORENTINE	7	7	-	38	<u>122</u>	17.4	-	-	-	-	-	<u>3</u>	3/1	167
A.MEIKLEJOHN	7	5	1	12x	25	6.2	66	27	133	6	22.1	2	-	125
S.TANNER	7	7	-	<u>45</u>	112	16.0	1	-	?	-	-	2	-	122
G.BRIGLIA	7	7	2	34x	113	<u>22.6</u>	1	-	5	-	-	1	-	118
N.OWEN	7	6	1	13	42	8.4	29	5	94	4	23.5	1	-	97
M.COLES	5	5	-	12	34	6.8	11	2	17	4	4.2	1	-	89
T.HALCOMBE	5	2	1	1	6	6.0	33	3	102	5	20.4	2	-	71
A.SAYERS	7	5	-	4	9	1.8	32	1	108	4	27.0	1	-	69
E.BISHOP	5	3	1	16	20	10.0	15	-	80	3	26.6	1	-	60
G.BROWN	6	6	-	23	40	6.6	2	-	9	1	9.0	1	-	55
B.KING	4	4	-	4	9	2.2	3	-	18	2	9.0	-	-	29
M.GROMOTKA	2	2	-	3	5	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
M.BOLTON	1	1	-	3	3	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
P.HENLEY	1	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0



ANSWERS TO CRICKET QUIZ ON PAGE 13: Q1. Nick Florentine(10)  
 Q2. Andrew Meiklejohn(41 vs Xavier) Q3. Gazza(10 vs Caulfield)  
 Q4. Eddy(18 vs Caulfield) Q5. Brownly Q6. Nick(tut,tut)Q7. Brownly

ACTION FROM THE GAMES....



Brownny in action



Bowling the Merlin Coles way



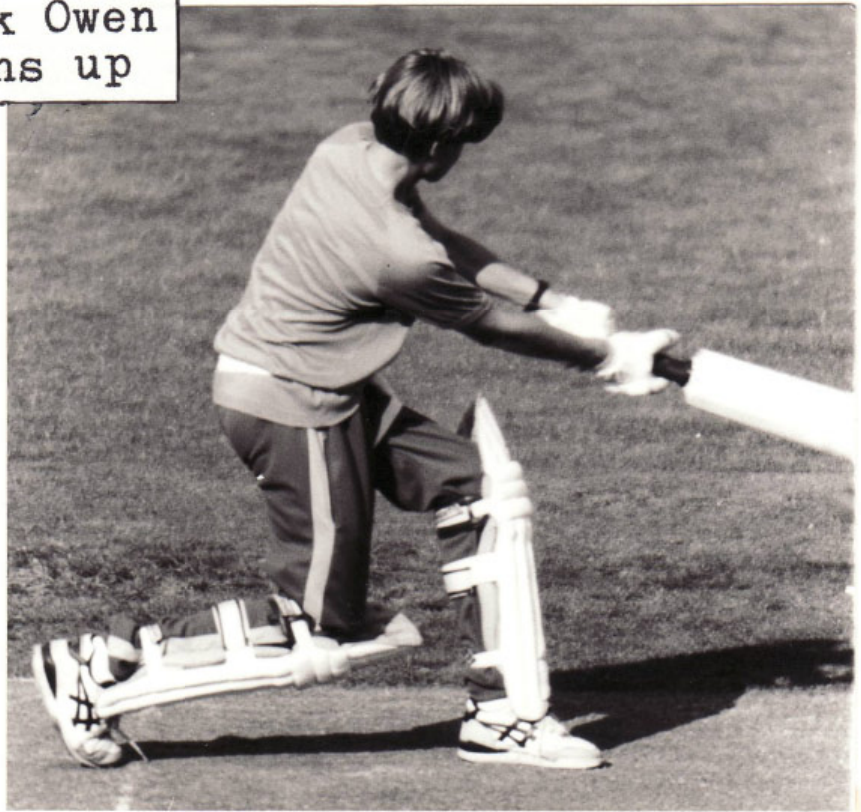
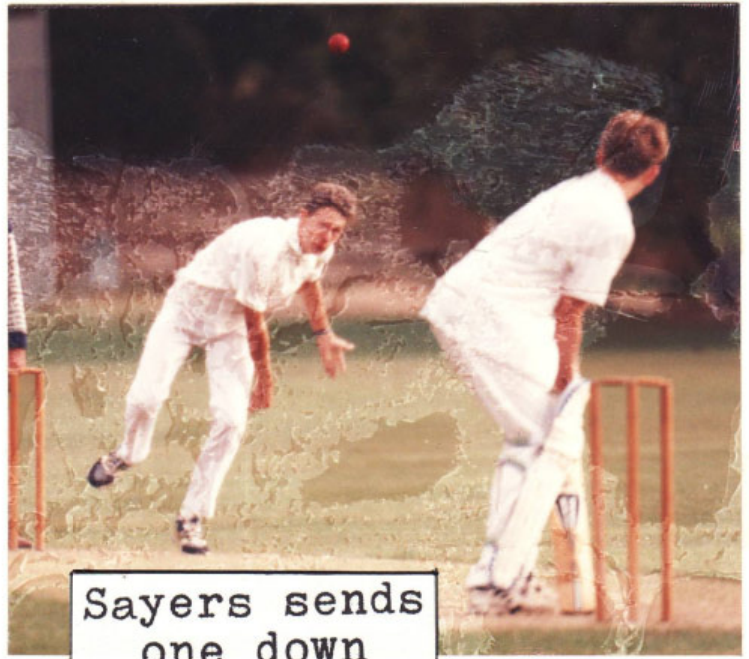
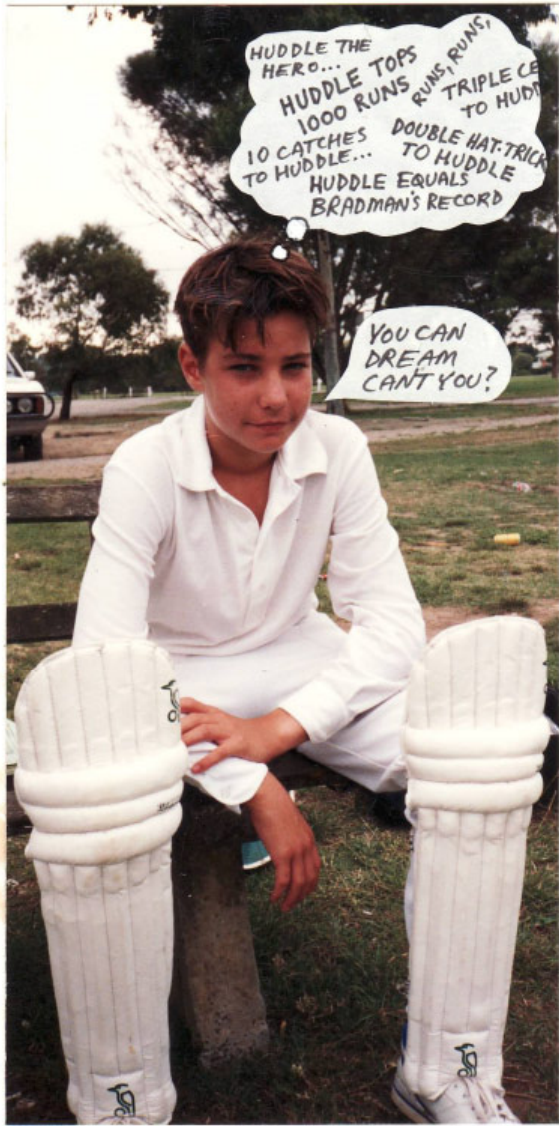


WESLEY vs XAVIER

GIVE ME TEN MAN!



# MORE ACTION...



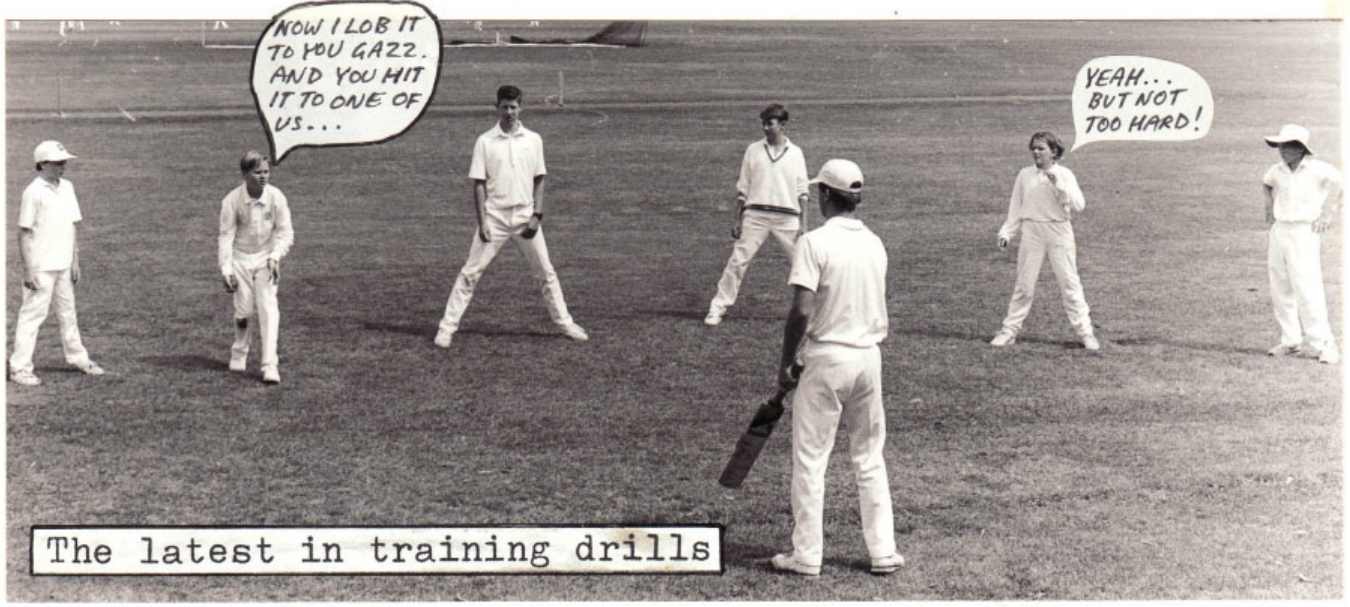


## CRICKET QUIZ

- Q.1 Which batsman hit the most boundaries this season?
- Q.2 Who bowled the most dot balls in succession this season?
- Q.3 Who scored the most singles in succession?
- Q.4 Who bowled the season's most expensive over?
- Q.5 Who dropped the catch on Huddle's hat trick ball?
- Q.6 Which wicketkeeper dropped the season's biggest sitter?
- Q.7 Who had the biggest Friday night this season?

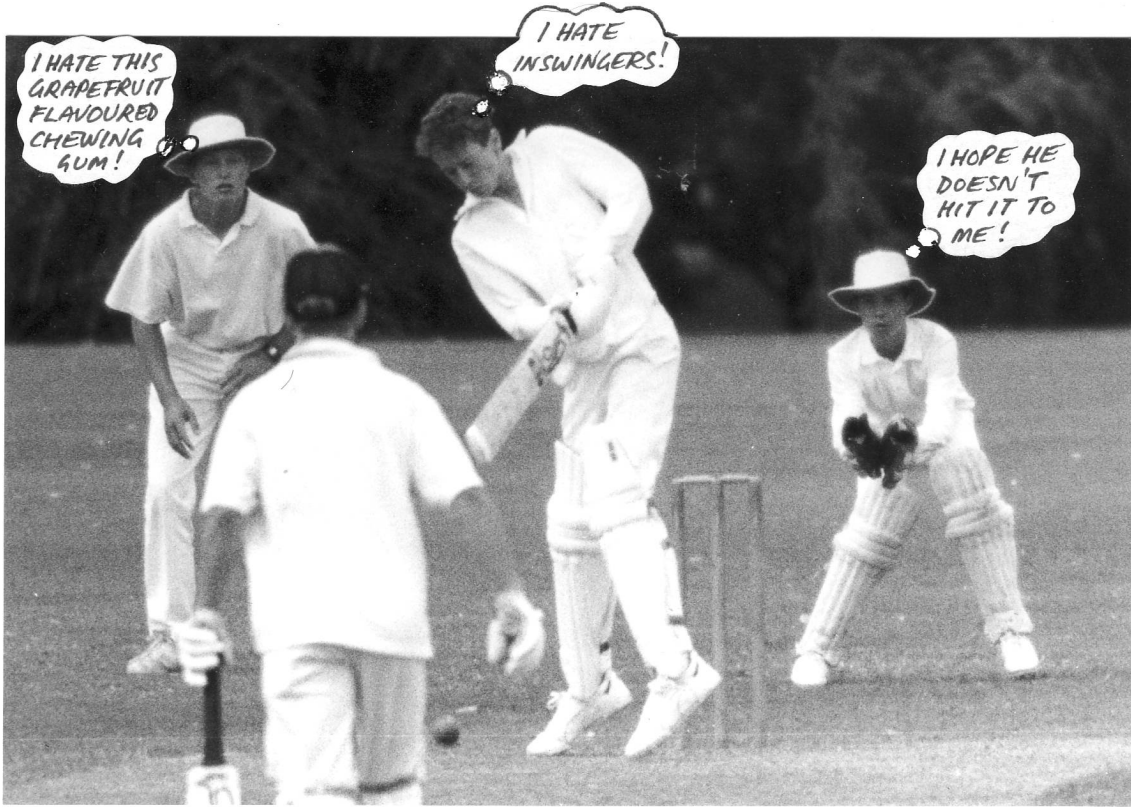
(Answers on Page 9)





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