



**WELLINGTON
WANDERERS
CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**

**68TH ANNUAL REPORT
2013-2014 SEASON**

**Dedicated to young cricketers who
keep alive the traditions of the game
through generations**

OUR OBJECTIVES

**To provide Cricketers and
Enthusiasts with an opportunity
of playing social cricket with their
contemporaries and to encourage the
game by participation in matches
against Schools and Colleges in
New Zealand.**

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC)

Notice is hereby given that the 68th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday 30th October 2014 commencing at 5.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held October 29th 2013, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2014/2015 Season:
 - a) Patron
 - b) President
 - c) Committee
 - d) Honorary Auditor
 - e) 12th Man
9. Subscriptions for 2014/15 Season
10. General Business

E.J. Gray

General Manager

OFFICE BEARERS - 2013/14

12TH MEN

His Excellency the Governor
General of New Zealand
Lieutenant General Sir Jerry
Mateparae GNZM, QSO

Sir Ananad Satyanand GNZM
QSO KtStJ

PATRON

T.G. McMahon

PRESIDENT

A.McBeth

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

C.J. Taylor

LIFE MEMBERS

A. Hunt
M.D. Priest
R.J. Allen
B. Waddle
M. Coppersmith

COMMITTEE

M. Roche
W. Marshall
S. McHardy
N. Blair
R. Allan (Grants Sub Committee)
A. Batson (Secretary)

HON TREASURER

M. Coppersmith

WELLINGTON WANDERER'S CRICKET CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2013/2014



The 2013/2014 season saw the Club continue to build on the momentum that has been building for some years.

Our heritage is arranging mid-week playing opportunities, functions that bring together those who love the game, traditional college fixtures and promoting and developing our youth cricketers and their love of cricket. This is an important part of the fabric of cricket in Wellington.

The highlight of last season was the visit of the Willows Cricket Club from Christchurch. We have taken youth teams to Christchurch for the last two years and this was the first time we have had the opportunity to host them here in Wellington. We hosted them at the Basin Reserve and we thank Cricket Wellington and the Groundsman, Brett Siphthorpe, for making the ground available to us and presenting it in pristine condition. The Willows team was managed by former international, Paul McEwan. We took this opportunity to have our side play as the Governor-General's XI. Although the Governor-General, His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Jerry Mateparae was unable to attend his support for that game and for Wanderers is greatly appreciated.

We also hosted the two College T20 finals at the Basin Reserve. The Hunt Family Trophy was deservedly won by St Patrick's College Silverstream, who overcame Hutt International Boys School. The Richard Allen Challenge Trophy was won by Wellington College who defeated Paraparaumu College.

Our fixture list against Colleges in the Wellington region was again challenged by bad weather and school exams. We managed to play most of our traditional games and a feature was playing a match against the Newlands College First XI for the first time.

We hosted two pre-test breakfasts during the season. Our guest speaker for the West Indies test match was the former New Zealand Captain, Ken Rutherford. Our guest speaker for the Indian test was former New Zealand player and coach, Warren Lees. Both speakers did an outstanding job and the breakfasts were enjoyed by all who attended.

On a sad note, last season saw the passing away of one of our founding members, Wyvern (Bill) Hunt. Without him the Club would not be where it is today. Bill's sons, Tony and Dennis have also been members of the Club for many years. Tony is of course one of our life members.

Work is continuing on the website and building a database. I encourage members to regularly access the website as we are looking at improving it all the time. Our aim is for it to become a one stop access for our members' cricket interests.

This season saw a reduced number on our Committee with Roger Kinsella and Donny McLachlan's time on the Committee ending. I wish to record my thanks to them for their contribution. Roger has made a huge contribution as a member of the Committee and a player for the Club for many years.

I thank the Committee and Evan for their hard work. I also thank Peter Clinton and Wellington Cricket for their support. Finally, I thank our sponsors and benefactors, in particular, the Infinity Foundation for their continued financial assistance.

Next season promises to be an exciting season with the World Cup being hosted in Australasia for the first time since 1982. We will be having a number of events around the Wellington fixtures. We are also well underway in planning a tour to the UK in May' next year around the Lord's Test.

Alasdair McBeth

WANDERERS UK TOUR 2015

The broad plan is to arrive on or around Monday 17 May. The Lord's test starts on Thursday 21 May. In the days ahead of the Lord's test there would be scope for golf and I have been in touch with ex-NZ cricketer, Hamish Marshall, who is having a benefit event in London ahead of the test. After the test the plan is to play three or four matches over the following few days and head our separate ways on about 31 May. The teams that I am keen to target are the MCC, the Royal Household (Windsor), my old club the Surrey Wanderers and London New Zealand.



Lords Cricket Ground

In the past three weeks I have written to the MCC and have received a prompt and positive reply. The final decision on securing a fixture against the MCC and the venue for the match will be made in by the end of October when the Fixtures Committee meets to consider the 2015 season. Nick Bryant has been in touch with the Royal Household team and we are awaiting a response in due course. Both London New Zealand and the Wanderers have said that they are keen to play us and will be flexible with the dates to work around other matches to accommodate us.

The MCC will also be letting me know the process to secure tickets for the test. MCC members are given the opportunity to purchase test tickets in November each year. My expectation is that we will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets as a group, if not at the same time as MCC members, then certainly shortly thereafter. Therefore, I would encourage you to consider how many days you want to attend the test and plan on the basis that we might be seeking cash to secure tickets this side of Christmas. As soon as I hear from the both Cricket and Ticket Offices of the MCC I will let you know.

Over the course of the coming month, I will begin to price up accommodation options in earnest as the details emerge from MCC and other possible teams. As previously indicated, we are looking at shared accommodation in or around central London (Chelsea or similar). As plans are firmed up, I will be in touch on final matters such as costs and payments.

As noted in the initial correspondence, the expectation is that people will arrange their own flights to and from the UK. I have spoken very briefly to a consultant at Flight Centre who has expressed an interest in providing flight options that would work for the dates in question if that would be of interest. Individuals would be responsible for then taking up whatever options worked for them.

Scott McHardy

MINUTES OF THE 67TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB INC.

Held on Tuesday 29th October 2013

At Dockside Restaurant at 5.30pm

MEETING STARTED AT 5.45PM

A proposal was made that in the absence of A. McBeth the meeting would be chaired by P. Steele. This was proposed by T. Foster and seconded by R. Cubin

THOSE PRESENT:

R. Allan, A. Batson, M. Coppersmith, R. Cubin, T. Foster, E. Gray, B. Hall, M. Horsley, D. Priest, A. Satyanand, P. Steele,

1. APOLOGIES;

N. Blair, T. & D. Hunt, R. Kinsella, A. McBeth, S. McHardy, T. McMahon
W. Marshall, M. Roche, C. Taylor

2. THE CHAIR WELCOMED EVERYONE.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

4. IN MEMORIAM:

J. Oakley – the funeral was attended by D. Priest at which the family were very pleased to see him.

5. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM WERE APPROVED. P. D. PRIEST S. M. COPPERSMITH

6. ACCOUNTS:

It was noticed that the previous year's accounts had been included and not the year to 2013 so this needed to be corrected.

It was a good year for funding with a surplus of approximately \$16,000 in the bank. When asked what a good buffer for a year's finances would be M. Coppersmith suggested \$8-10,000.

Thanks to all who supported events and sponsors who supported the club throughout the year.

Account to be accepted. Proposed. B. Hall, Seconded R. Cubin

Congratulations were made to E. Gray for the booklet Proposed T. Foster Seconded. D. Priest.

7. NEW MEMBERS: NONE

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Patron: | T. McMahon | p. M. Coppersmith | s. M. Horsley |
| President: | A. McBeth | p. D. Priest | s. M. Horsley |
| Treasurer: | M. Coppersmith | | |
| Secretary: | A. Batson | Recommended from the Committee | |
| Committee: | N. Blair | | |
| | B. Hall | | |
| | W. Marshall | p. T. Foster | s. R. Cubin |
| | S. McHardy | | |
| | M. Roche | | |
| | P. Steele | | |
| | C. Taylor | | |
| Auditor - | tba | | |
| 12th Man - | Sir Jerry Mateparae | | |
| | Sir Ananad Satyanand | | |

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

It was recommended they stay the same as last year at \$50 full membership and \$25 Associate membership. A. Batson to chase up some lapsed members to see if they want to rejoin.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Fixtures – work in progress but Rathkeale College is set for Sunday 8th December and the Willows on March 13th at the Basin. He mentioned that he was having difficulty getting dates for the Governor General's game.
- b) Website- should be going live tonight with photos to be scanned. There is a registry for membership and A. Batson has a database of current members. Possible Facebook and Twitter accounts to be linked – B. Hall to get involved in this.
- c) T20 – Businesses are running a competition in Auckland so any possibility to run one in Wellington any WW members playing in one already?
- d) R. Allan wanted it included in the minutes his thanks for the dinner in his honour. There was appreciation on both sides.
- e) Thanks to E. Gray for all his hard work.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

PS. Anand said he was happy to stay on as a 12th Man but did not want to be like Robert Mugabe and outstay his welcome!!!

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S COLLEGES XI V THE WILLOWS SCHOOLS XI

The Wanderers Cricket Club were this year very proud to host The Willows on the sacred turf of the Basin Reserve. For the past two seasons The Wanderers have visited the magnificent setting of The Willows Cricket Club in rural Loburn, North Canterbury.

The Willows followed the tradition of selecting a side representative of Christchurch schools when it would have been easy to select the best schools XI.

The Willows were managed by former Blackcap Paul McEwan, coached by former Canterbury player Brad Doody and skippered by Hamish Kennett from St. Bedes College.

The Governor Generals Schools XI was coached by former Wellington player Rhys Morgan and captained by Troy Johnson from Hutt International Boys College.



Troy Johnson (HIBS) Captain GG's XI with Don Neely



Umpires Evan Watkin and Chris Parkin, with skippers Troy Johnson & Hamish Kennett

The local side won the toss and elected to bat. Matt Reyneck from Upper Hutt College anchored the top of the innings with a patient 35 while Josh Lawrence (Scots College) took some initiative away from The Willows with a hard hitting 75 through the middle of the innings. This resulted in the Governor General's XI compiling 212-9 off their allocated 50 overs.

The Willows XI replied strongly aided by a fine 51 from Shirley Boys High's Reuben Spicer meant The Willows XI were strongly placed at 150-5 with plenty of overs to go. However the introduction of Josh Lawrence to the crease and the outstanding figures of 5.5-1-15-4 quickly wrapped up The Willows XI and they were dismissed for 170 in 46.5 overs.

Thanks must go to Cricket Wellington and their staff for making the ground available for this game. It can never be underestimated the impact of playing on the Basin, seeing your name on the scoreboard, sitting in the same dressing room as the International players and treading the same paths they do. These opportunities fire the ambitions of young cricketers to return and to keep involved in the game long term.

It was gratifying to get the many emails and phone calls from both teams thanking Wanderers and The Willows Cricket Clubs for organising this fixture.

Governor Generals XI:

Troy Johnson (HIBS), Francois Swartz (Wellington College), Josh Lawrence (Scots College), Mike Fenton (Tawe College), Zac Donaldson (St Pats Town), Sam Brandwood (Wellington College), Alex Ridley (College), Jack Sargentina (Wellington College), Daniel Pile (Onslow College), Liam O'Brien (HVHS), Jayden Miles (Paraparaumu College), Matt Reynecke (Upper Hutt College), Rhys Morgan (Coach and Manager).

The Willows XI:

Hamish Kennett (St Bedes College), William Tucker (St Bedes College), Joseph Watts (St Bedes College), Reuben Spicer (Shirley Boys College), Chris Hogan (Timaru Boys College), James Copeland (Timaru Boys College), Ben Michael (Shirley Boys College), Corey Marsh (Shirley Boys College), James Hunt (Cashmere Boys College), George Moore (Cashmere Boys College), Brad Doody (Coach), Paul McEwan (Manager).



Governor Generals XI and The Willows Schools XI

HUNT FAMILY TROPHY AND RICHARD ALLAN CHALLENGE CUP

The finals of the Hunt Family Trophy and the Richard Allan Challenge Cup were once again held on a balmy autumn day on the picturesque Basin Reserve. As was the case last year, Cricket Wellington ran the round robin games in both divisions mid-week.

Previous finalists, St. Patrick's College Silverstream and Hutt International Boys College won their respective pools and were thus drawn to meet in the final on the Basin Reserve. Both XI's are formidable sides well coached and were expected to provide an exciting final. In two previous encounters HIBS had prevailed and Stream were determined to reverse the result. Reverse it they did with an enterprising batting display followed by an outstanding defensive bowling effort. HIBS played well but on this occasion they were beaten by the odd run in ten and St Pat's Silverstream were deserved winners for the first time of the Hunt Family Trophy.

In a surprise Wellington College were beaten in pool play and ended up qualifying for the final of the Richard Allan Challenge Cup where they met Paraparaumu College who had won through to their first final.

Wellington College were expected to be too strong for Paraparaumu College and so it turned out to be. The Kapiti Coast team were not in any way disgraced, it was just the more experienced play of their city opponents which won through on the day.

It was interesting to note when speaking to the various coaches how many of the players from all four teams were playing on the Basin Reserve for the first time. It can never be underestimated the impact of playing on the Basin has on a young player.

Entering the pavilion via the back of the RA Vance stand, down the stairs and into the magnificently refurbished dressing rooms. They have taken the same steps their heroes take and are sitting in the same places in the dressing rooms.

The Home dressing room has an honours board covering feats of Wellington players and also New Zealand Test players to score test hundreds or take five wickets in a test on the Basin and the Away room has the same information for visiting players.

Wanderers will be assisting Cricket Wellington and College Cricket again this year to run these two tournaments and look forward again to seeing four schools given the opportunity to play their finals cricket on the Basin.

BEIGE BRIGADE: REAL FANS WEARING BROWN AND TAN

WE COLLARED KARORI-BASED CO-FOUNDER OF THE BEIGE BRIGADE, PAUL FORD, AND INTERROGATED HIM RECENTLY. HERE'S WHAT HE HAD TO SAY FOR HIMSELF ABOUT NZ'S MOST DEDICATED CRICKET FRATERNITY.



Seddon Park Full House

How did the Beige Brigade originate?

There was never a plan, it was an accident waiting to happen. The Beige Brigade was founded by a chap named Mike Lane and I last century.

Dan Vettori had been on tour to England with Young New Zealand and he bought an original beige kit with Boots Edgar's name sewed in the collar at an auction night over there. He gave it to Mike who would wear it along to sports events, supermarket shopping and university lectures. He attracted a lot of feedback. Everyone was asking where they could get a retro cricket kit from. So it all started with a sewing machine in the lounge at a student flat.

A year later our indoor cricket team in Wellington, the Scripps Howard Memorial XI, deployed the Beige Brigade kit as our inspiration come finals

time. We had a post-season tour to the World Series in Australia when we made the finals and pumped the Aussies in their own backyard thanks to Shane Bond in particular. Throughout that series we managed to be interesting enough to get on telly a bit and it started to get a bit silly from then on.

Why the beige?

That's easy. It's an iconic colour for cricket in New Zealand. We should still wear it in one-dayers as an homage to the great one-day teams of the 1980s when Kiwis fell in love with cricket. It's bloody awful too, eye-catching and monumentally uncool. Beige Brigade kit has become emblematic for passionate NZ cricketing supporters. The Beige Brigade has always been about fans celebrating cricket so it's a perfect fit.



UK Tour

How many members do you have?

We're not really organised enough to know – there is no membership fee or formal structure. If you buy a shirt or a piece of kit and you love cricket then that is enough for us. There are probably about 10,000 Beige Brigadiers all around the planet.

How have you found other supporters around the world?

We've had some interesting ventures with the Australian sports supporters The Fanatics, but the best times are always with the Barmy Army crew. Just cricket mad and watch the game for the love of it, not to win. We had a great cricket series against them when the Poms were here last time and they're great value. In other countries the support is a bit more haphazard.

Have you made heaps of money selling beige gear?

Ha, no. We've sold a lot of shirts but every dollar we've made we've ploughed back into travelling to cricket games, buying preposterous memorabilia, cricket tickets for our mates and beers. It has never been about money – it's a lifestyle and a passion, not a revenue generator.

What's the best piece of memorabilia?

We've got all sorts of stuff but the underarm ball from the infamous match at the MCG is probably the piece de resistance. We keep it under lock and key – and fingerprint scan.

What has been the NZ team's view on the Beige Brigade?

We've always had a great relationship with the players. We know a few of the chaps and they recognise we're not the psycho fans who hang around in the hotel pestering them. We get along to the games, tour overseas to watch them play, and we have a few beers with them along the way. They appreciate the support - and we're there for the next game win, lose or draw.

Do you guys play cricket?

Mike was a decent cricketer and he plays in a social team up in Auckland alongside lunatics like Jeremy Wells. I've always been an annoying backyard cricketer who never made it past the 3rd XI.

How do you keep things ticking along on the beige front?

Random opportunities crop up pretty regularly. We do a regular podcast called The BYC on Cricinfo, and I write a few offbeat blog posts every now and then. Mike and I have both been involved in the cult commentary called The ACC that kicked off last summer, and we've done a few things with the team at Cricket World Cup too.

We're still selling shirts and running the website (beigebrigade.co.nz), along with making social media noises on Twitter ([@beigebrigade](https://twitter.com/beigebrigade)) and Facebook (facebook.com/beigebrigade).

Paul Ford



Kevin Sinnott and Paul Ford at Ben Burn Park

WB HUNT 1918-2013

Wyvern Hunt was born in Lower Hutt, the youngest of 3 children of Ethel and Ernest Hunt who was a prominent Wellington Public Accountant, patron of the arts and also a vice president of the Wellington Cricket Association, as it was known at that time. The family lived across the road from the Hutt Rec and Wyvern was educated at Hutt Valley High School and then Wellington College where his love of cricket was enhanced by later joining the Hutt Cricket Club when he left school. Although, by his own admission, he was of average ability on the cricket field, he instilled a lifelong love of the game in his own family by investing in an annual family pass to the Basin Reserve, where as a family man, he was never happier. Being a somewhat private and reserved man, he never talked of his on field efforts but transferred that passionate love of cricket into a lifetime of cricket watching whether it be the efforts of his two sons, club cricket at Karori Park (he was a vice-president of the Karori Cricket Club), or Plunket Shield and Test matches at the Basin.



Bill (Wyvern) Hunt, founder of Wellington Wanderers CC

After service to his country in WW2, Wyvern succeeded his late father as senior partner in the family firm, Ernest Hunt Turner & Co (which later became immersed in the accounting world of Ernst & Young), and latterly loved nothing better than exercising his keen mind in the share market though his conservative nature rarely allowed him to speculate wildly. Like many of his vintage, he was a great admirer of Sir Ron Brierley (a fellow Wellington College Old Boy) and was one of many who filled the Michael Fowler Centre to hear Ron speak at the AGM of BIL. He retired somewhat prematurely but always kept in touch with his fellow partners in `the firm` and channelled his family interests into his adult children, grandchildren and latterly his great grandchildren. In fact, Wyvern's love of cricket and his grandchildren was severely compromised when, in 2005, one of his grandsons `inadvertently` scheduled his wedding in Canberra on day 2 of a Basin Reserve Test. As he had seen every Test at the Basin since its first in 1930 when his father took him aged 11, he was determined that this unbroken record was not going to be spoilt by a wedding, even his own grandson's. So he and his faithful and loving wife Jan, attended the wedding and then flew back to Wellington to witness days 4 and 5 of the Test match! When he attended the Basin and his 50th Test in 2009, he was interviewed by the Dom Post and spoke of that wedding by chuckling "I was keen to get back from Canberra otherwise I wouldn't maintain my record of attending at least one day of every Test played at the Basin Reserve".

On the occasion of the 50th Test at the Basin, the Black Caps honoured Wyvern by asking him to present their Test caps the night before the Test commenced. He told the NZ captain, Daniel Vettori, that in 1930 he had sat with his father on wooden seats in front of the stand (no Vance stand in those days!), enjoyed Richard Hadlee's 10-100 when NZ beat England for the first time, John Wright's 120 against Australia in 1990 and, of course, Martin Crowe's 299 against Sri Lanka when in a typically understated manner, Wyvern mused "I was a bit disappointed that he didn't make 300"!

But it was the Wanderers Cricket Club to which he gave so much of his early years being a founding member of the Club in 1946 along with his brother Ron and great mates Dutchy du Chateau and local architect, John Standish. The Club's beginnings were hatched in the public bar of Barrett's Hotel and around Sunday parties at Dutchy and Ote's Lucknow Crescent home in Khandallah. St Pat's Silverstream, a college 1st XI which Sir Patrick Goodman captained, was an early host of Wanderers games as the Club was true to its ideals of fostering college cricket with the Club featuring such prominent Wellington cricketers as Bob Vance, Mick Randall, John Oakley and John Beck. And, of course, after the game it was down to the river to attack the keg and eventually find homes to go to as darkness approached! Wyvern willingly took on the task of Honorary Auditor, a role he maintained for in excess of 20 years with only John Rose and Denis Lander holding that office since. He was extremely proud and humbled to be honoured with Life Membership of the WWCC and until age and ill health overtook him in recent years, he was always at the Club AGM's.

In the late 1940's, the same Patrick Goodman arrived at Wyvern's office in Featherston Street having won the St Pat's Silverstream accountancy prize. Pat studied at Victoria University and Wyvern closely looked after the young student who recalled that Wyvern would sometimes say "Goodman, you're working with me today" which invariably meant they were off either to the Basin for cricket, Central Park for tennis or Athletic Park for rugby! Pat gave away his studies but continued working full time at Ernest Hunt Turner & Co recalling that he sat at a desk alongside a young Tom Williams who later became Cardinal Tom Williams. Pat eventually returned to Motueka to manage the family bakery business which later still evolved into Goodman Fielder. Sir Patrick Goodman had huge admiration for Wyvern's abilities in those early days in 'the firm' and the friendship between the young accountancy student and his employer endured, recently resulting in Sir Pat presenting a magnificent antique sterling silver trophy named the 'Hunt Family Trophy' for the winner of the Wellington Colleges T20 Tournament, the final of which is played at the Basin Reserve.

In the last few years, Wyvern had suffered a couple of falls, his health declined and he died at the Rita Angus Retirement Village on Christmas Day 2013, 6 years after his lifetime companion and wife Jan died at the same Village. He was 95 and is survived by 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

AW Hunt
August 2014

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | Notes | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Subscriptions | | 1,105 | 2,315 |
| Interest | | 130 | 49 |
| Donations | 2 | 3,100 | 7,375 |
| Grants | 1 | 45,997 | 52,186 |
| Surplus on club functions | 3 | 4,610 | 13,526 |
| | | 54,942 | 75,431 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Club administrator | | 46,000 | 46,000 |
| Box rental | | 185 | 185 |
| Gear and balls | 4 | 2,550 | 5,994 |
| Insurance | | 426 | 424 |
| Match expenses | 5 | 1,528 | 4,814 |
| T20 Tournament | 6 | 1,234 | 2,113 |
| Secretarial expenses | 7 | 3,262 | 2,339 |
| | | 55,185 | 61,869 |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | | (243) | 13,562 |

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

| | Notes | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | | |
| Balance 1 July | | 19,507 | 5,945 |
| Surplus | | (243) | 13,562 |
| | | 19,264 | 19,507 |
| REPRESENTED BY | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Ball Stocks | | 170 | 2,720 |
| Bank | | 18,617 | 12,189 |
| Debtors | | 1,020 | 5,395 |
| | | 19,807 | 20,304 |
| Less Current Liabilities | | | |
| Grant in Advance | | 0 | 0 |
| Creditors | | 2,591 | 797 |
| | | 2,591 | 797 |
| Working Capital | | 17,216 | 19,507 |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| | 8 | 2,048 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | 19,264 | 19,507 |

The financial statements are prepared on a GST inclusive basis.



Murray Coppersmith BCA, CA
Hon Treasurer

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Grants

The club was successful with a number of grant applications during the year. The amounts and the use of these funds shown as revenue in the 2014 financial year were as follows:

| Issuer | Amount | Use |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Four Winds Foundation | 1,500 | Laptop |
| Infinity Foundation (various) | 44,497 | Club Administrator |
| | <u>45,997</u> | |

2. Donations

The club received donations from a range of benefactors during the year. While many of these wish to remain anonymous, the club would like to acknowledge their on-going support.

3. Surplus on Club Functions

The Club ran a number of successful functions which assisted with fundraising during the year. These included a breakfasts centred around Basin Reserve test matches, a golf day and functions run in association with the Carillion Club.

4. Gear and Balls

This expense reflects balls used in Wanderers matches, balls donated to colleges as part of traditional fixtures, and balls used in the college T20 tournament.

5. Match Expenses

These relate to the Governor General's XI match against the Willows and a match against the Law Society.

6. T20 Tournament

The Club ran a T20 tournament for Wellington colleges. Costs relate to ground and facilities rental, umpires and catering costs for the final held at the Basin Reserve. The assistance of Cricket Wellington in running these matches is appreciated.

7. Secretarial Expenses

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report, setting up the club website and club functions. Part of this cost was met through donations.

8. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets comprise a laptop that was purchased at year end.

9. GST Registration

The Club is not registered for GST.

JOHN OAKLEY – A LIFETIME SERVING CRICKET

EULOGY BY DON NEELY

John Hayward Oakley I am honoured to have been asked to speak to you today about John Hayward Oakley's involvement with cricket and the Basin Reserve.

Cricket has been played at the Basin Reserve since 1868. In its 145 years, few men have had a wider influence on cricket at the Basin Reserve than John Oakley. As a young man studying law at Victoria University in 1944 John began playing for University in the Wellington Men's Senior Championship. He was an aggressive, attacking right-hand batsman who was not afraid to loft the ball in search of boundaries. He was a member of the team that won the Senior Championship and the Cook Shield in 1945-46 and again in 1952-53. Some members of those teams are in attendance today. Tom Larkin, John Martin, and David Boyer.

John represented Wellington against the touring MCC team in 1947 that contained such great names as Walter Hammond, Denis Compton, Cyril Washbrook, Alec Bedser, Godfrey Evans, Bill Voce and Bill Edrich.

John was the co-creator and an executive member of the New Zealand Cricket Foundation which was formed in 1972 which has so far contributed over \$5.39 million dollars to the development of cricket throughout New Zealand.

In 1974 he became a Trustee of the Wellington Cricket Trust and served on it for 30 years.

During the 1960's and 1970's the large rectangle known as the Basin Reserve had grown tired. Facilities such as players changing rooms, public toilets and the grandstand, which were hardly acceptable decades earlier, were now simply not up to international standard. Change began under the leadership of one of John's Varsity team mates – Rob Vance. In 1979 the Basin underwent its most significant changes in appearance since the 1855 earthquake. It was re shaped into an oval with a new scoreboard at the southern end; banks were created the length of the eastern side and a spectacular new stand was built in the North West corner, the R A Vance Stand. The Basin was transformed from a windswept, drab looking sports ground into a modern eye-catching cricket arena, one that uniquely combined the modern with the quaint.

When the restored Basin hosted its first Test against India in February 1981 the players viewing area was a single room at the eastern end of the Vance Stand.

Interest in cricket was exploding thanks to coloured clothing and increased television with New Zealand playing in World Series Cricket in Australia and the players in their viewing area complained that it was like being in a gold-fish bowl.

From 1982-1985 John Oakley was the president of the Wellington Cricket Association. He immediately enticed Ron Brierley and some other colleagues to rectify the players viewing area. A further storey was added and the players were treated to the best views of a game being played at the Basin.

From late 1985 until 1987 John was the President of NZ Cricket. Since the opening of the R A Vance stand the old grandstand had ceased to contribute anything to the ground but the seating on the top. The old dressing rooms were no longer used and the tea rooms were used by the cricket umpires for their weekly meetings. One of their number, Stanley Cowman, had over the years accumulated a collection of cricket memorabilia. During the test against Australia in February 1986, he borrowed some trestles and magazine stands and with the help of other umpires, laid out the material in the tea room. The game was interrupted by rain and a large numbers of spectators, some in search of shelter, came through the "temporary museum". One of them was

the NZ President, John Oakley. I remember, as if it were yesterday. I was talking to Rob Vance in the Norwood Room when John, excitedly burst into our conversation. "I've just been to the old stand" and he described what he had seen. "We must establish a permanent museum there - soon." Vance listened, thought cocked an eye and quietly said "Oakley, if you want a museum you have my blessing but



The Home of the New Zealand Cricket Museum

do not expect me to help. It's over to you! I'm still exhausted from getting the ground changed." Within 21 months the Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves, opened the permanent National Cricket Museum that had arisen from the derelict tea rooms. It was John Oakley's dream beautifully created by museum designer, Gary Couchman. John was the founder and Chairman of the Trustees for the National Cricket Museum, and in 2002 it became known as the NZ Cricket Museum and the new area was named the John Oakley Gallery.

In 1988 John was awarded the CBE for his services to cricket and on 2001 was made a life member of Cricket Wellington.

During his working life, John was a welcomed guest into world crickets major test pavilions. In 1989 he was invited to join the centenary of South Africa's



New Zealand Cricket Museum

involvement in Test Cricket. Many former test cricketers and administrators from around the world congregated in Port Elizabeth where South Africa's first test was played. When he returned from South Africa, John was determined that the standard of the Basin Reserve had to be raised for test matches as well as the hosting area, the Norwood Room. Together with the other great benefactor of Wellington Cricket, Ron Brierley, they combined their resources to bring previous New Zealand teams and sometimes their opponents to a test match for 5 days. The first reunion was in 1997 and was for the living members of the Australian and New Zealand teams that played in 1946 as well as other prominent cricket lovers from around Australia and

New Zealand. Since then 19 reunions have been held and they have received international acclaim.

The great Australian Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies wrote "For the elderly onlooker, we should have more attention given to the art of cricket, the pictorial beauty of cricket, the juicy humanity of cricketers, the memories of cricket which do so much to enrich the reflective and retrospective mind of the cricket lover."

To me John Oakley was the cricket lover par excellence. His spirit will always attend Test matches played at our beloved Basin.

WANDERERS XI AT WAIKANAE

Here's a team (with comments) that is comprised from people I recall as having played at some time or another for the Wanderers at Waikanae.

Batting Order:

Rodney Redmond. LH Bat, and occasional LH Orthodox. Kilbirnie and Upper Hutt Club and NZ Test Player. Rod never said much. So I won't either.

T G McMahon. Wellington Club, and NZ Test Player. Wicketkeeper. Trevor is picked to open the batting because, on his own admission to one of his captains, Lester Castle, he is "more likely to succeed having a whack at the new ball" rather than be forced to use his feet if placed further down the order.

Paul Standidge. Karori Club. Possibly Wellington Rep, and if he wasn't he could have been if he'd shown more attention to fitness and less to other young male pursuits. When Paul batted there was always a need to refresh the ball as he was pretty good at losing them well over the boundary.

John E. F. Beck. Karori, Tawa and Kilbirnie Club and NZ Test Player. Left Hand bat. A legend in his time.

Martin D. Crowe. (Captain). No CV necessary. Nice initials too.

B. A Waddle. Yes I'm not joking. Bryan has been seen on more Test match grounds than most other Wanderers put together. His experience in the middle order will be invaluable. OK as travelling MC too and has a Blazer.

A (Archibald, Archie) Taylor. Upper Hutt, Karori, Wellington and Auckland .NZ Under 23.

Rt Hand Medium Fast. LH Bat. Extraordinary talented cricketer in the mould of Bruce Taylor.

EJ Gray. LH Orthodox. RH Bat. Karori, and NZ Test Player. Member of several winning NZ Test sides. More than just a good pair of hands a leading UK Journo once described him after a match winning performance with the bat at Trent Bridge in 1986, that he was "Gray by name and Grey by nature"!

Jon St John Parson. Karori Club. RH Quick and all over the place. This fellow was picked for the Canterbury Plunket Shield whilst still at school at Christ College. He returned to his home in Karori that summer, and after one club match he was then picked for the Wellington team. This caused a dilemma but

not for Jon, who was such a nice person and in those days very keen on the game, he announced he would play for both provinces if he could. WW 3 was avoided as the decision was taken out of his hands.

Rue Morgan. Institute and Wellington, Wellington and 12th Man for NZ once or twice. Rue was a parsimonious right hand dribbler who always embarrassed the opposition. Handy with a glass in hand too as he was wonderful company. He was the driver behind the building of the Waikanae Pavilion.

Jack Ashenden. Kilbirnie and Wellington. RH Medium. Bowled the same stuff as the legendary Bill (Tiger O'Reilly) and like Rue Morgan he often embarrassed the opposition.

I consider this side to be well balanced and each player has a cricketing CV to be proud of. In addition, and no small point this, the group would make an excellent travelling team. There would be few early nights.

MD Priest

KIWI YORKSHIRE CRICKET CONNECTION

There has been a long and prosperous cricketing connection between New Zealand and England's Northern Leagues. The North, has been and continues to be the power house of English Cricket, with the majority of English greats emanating from Lancashire and Yorkshire. The list is endless, and the roots are planted in their Club Cricket Leagues. The strongest being the Central Lancashire League and Bradford League. The Yorkshire Council and the Yorkshire League also provide the roots on which Yorkshire Cricket is founded and ensures the passion and success of the County Cricket Club persists. (At time of writing Yorkshire are leading the County Championship)

New Zealand Cricketers have long taken the long trip to the North of England to gain experience in the Leagues, often being paid for their labour. The cricket is the closest in intensity and quality of Senior Cricket in New Zealand's own graded structure of local competition. This time is well spent and allows young New Zealanders the opportunity to experience different conditions and to 'feel' the pressure of having to perform. Locals pay ground entry at the matches, and are not afraid of speaking (often shouting) their views on the participants performance.



Chris Pringle

The Wanderers own Evan Gray profited from his time in the Central Lancashire League in the 1980's. The 80's saw a great number of Kiwis take their chance in the Northern Leagues and all achieved great success and developed their games. The Kiwis were well loved by the Northerners as their techniques were well suited to the playing conditions. In contrast, the Australian cricketers of the same era were not as well received and struggled to make the same impact.



Mark Greatbatch

My own connection with the Kiwis started in the early 80's at Heckmondwike Cricket Club, where Ronnie Hart and Gavin Larsen were 'pro-ing'. Heckmondwike got through to the Heavy Woollen Cup Final, unfortunately losing in front of a vociferous local crowd. Larsen went to Yorkshire as a batsman, and returned home to NZ as a batsman who could bowl... The rest is history!

As I was growing up my brother was playing for the Bradford Cricket Club at Park Avenue in the Yorkshire League. Yorkshire legend, Don Wilson, MCC Coach would arrive at the ground every Saturday morning with a certain young Martin Crowe, my brother ended up opening the batting with him. There was a young teenage Kiwi that joined the team at Bradford half way through the season. Batting in the lower order by the name of Mark Greatbatch. I would watch in awe and loved my Saturday afternoons at the local cricket.

In 1983 New Zealand Toured England, they were touring later in the summer and before the tour started, Martin Crowe was snapped up by Pudsey St Lawrence in the Bradford League. Crowe tuned in for the tour at Tofts Road and made a significant contribution, but he never scored a hundred! The Pudsey team cantered to the Bradford League Title. When Pudsey tried to re-engage Crowe for the following season, he declined the offer, but put the club onto Mark Greatbatch. Batch played for Pudsey from 84 through 86, dominating the league, surpassing 1,000 runs each season and the club again pocketed the league title.



Martin Crowe

As I grew up, I made my own way in Yorkshire Cricket Circles and after formative teenage years at Heckmondwike, was signed up at Pudsey St Lawrence in the Bradford League. The year was 1987, the year Greatbatch decided he wouldn't return to Tofts Road. My left handed batting was a pale imitation of Batch! But made some contributions to the first Priestley Cup success for the club since the 1950's. I was making my way as a County 2nd XI hack and picking up some cash at the weekends with Pudsey. The club has such a rich history as an incubator of Yorkshire talent. Herbert Sutcliffe, Len Hutton, Ray Illingworth to name but three! During my time Sir Len would pop into the clubrooms, quietly spoken and modest, he was

frail at the time, but always generous with his chat. He used to pinch cigarettes off me, as he wasn't allowed a 'gasper' at home! He always discussed cricket tactics, and was a mind of knowledge. Some pearls that have lived with me ever since:

'If you put the opposition in, you're saying you can win the match on the

first morning. I prefer to keep my options open a little longer...'

'Watch how the locals bat, understand what they're doing and copy them...' He explained how he always pressed forward to allow him to move back in Australia.

During my time, the club celebrated 150 years at Tofts Road. A celebration match was organised against the MCC. It was captained by Sir Len's son, Richard. Sir Len had privately educated his son, and his behaviour that day was deplorable, pompous and inappropriate. He had never played for Pudsey St Lawrence. His father watched on, as he marched out to bat. Richard Hutton, Yorkshire & England, LBW second ball for a duck! He got a Yorkshire send off.

What his old man was thinking, we'll never know... In the same match Martin Crowe, who had agreed to play for the MCC, was anxious to score that 100 he never did in 1983. That day he batted beautifully with his usual elegance to score that 100 at Tofts Road. It was a pleasure to watch from square leg.

By this time, I was travelling to Wellington to play and coach cricket, courtesy of that Gavin Larsen connection. And my Pudsey team mate Chris Gott, played for Waitemata and Cornwall. We were both irresponsible larrikins, but loved our cricket. Gotty went on to dominate Auckland Senior Cricket for 5 years in the late 80's early 90's and was the best player I saw never to play 1st Class Cricket. During this time, the Pudsey / Kiwi connection flourished. Chris Pringle famously being pulled from Pudsey St Lawrence to play for New Zealand in a one day international at Headingley to start his international career. Pringle was followed by Simon Doull, who dominated the Bradford League with the conditions ideally suited for his swing bowling.

If you ever get the chance to pop into Tofts Road and walk through the Hutton Gates, you'll be welcome in the clubrooms. They are open 365 days a year. You'll enjoy the memorabilia on the walls, a good percentage of which in honour of the Yorkshire Kiwi Connection.

Doug Pollock



Simon Doull

CARILLON CLUB

Wanderers and Carillon Clubs have for many years now run fundraising functions in conjunction with each other. Both clubs exist for the benefit of junior sport in our region. The Carillon Club has undergone many changes in the past couple of years and are looking for more volunteers to assist with events. Currently it is left to Bryan Hall with some help from Wanderers to put these events together.

We have run a number of very successful evenings over the years. This year we attempted to put together an evening with the Pulse netball team. We arranged for the team to attend and for Pulse coach Robyn Broughton to speak. Sadly this was not supported and we ended up cancelling the event.

This was doubly disappointing in that Wanderers have many projects that need to be funded and at that time Carillon Club had applications for around \$15,000 awaiting answers. The losers that night were young Wellington sports men and women.

As a club Wanderers can do their bit and have some fun by supporting Carillon Club and their endeavours. Currently there are extremely limited choices for families looking for \$500- \$1000 to help fund their children's activities.

Since 1994 Carillon Club have raised in excess of \$750,000 for youth sport.

WANDERERS GOLF DAY

The Wanderers annual golf day was once again held at Manor Park Golf Club. Again we were blessed with a perfect day and this year there was some seriously good scoring.

For the second consecutive year NZ Hospitality were victors over a strong field. Whiting Financial finished second with Poneke RFC finishing in the bronze medal position.

This year seventeen teams took part and while this was satisfactory if we had another eight teams we would be looking at a very successful day. Having said that thank you to those teams who year in and year out support us.

Thanks must again go to Alan Hunter who again assisted us with the running of the event and also to Kirstin Phipps and Kevin Kelly at Leisure Days for their help and expertise in putting the day together. Steve Wallace Manager of Manor Park and his staff are always most obliging, nothing is too much trouble.

The suggestion has been made by many people that we should make this tournament one for the cricket clubs and put up a trophy. That is a very good idea and one we will definitely follow up on.

TONY BLAIN – LOVE – LIFE AND THAT '86 TOUR

ANDREW ALDERSON

If you compiled a list of players-who-never-took-themselves-too-seriously, Tony Blain would surely be skipper.

Few ex-players are as unaffected by fame which can come with the international cricket territory. Blain is one - his irreverent humour is infectious.

However, he came across a serious issue a few years back. He re-acquainted himself with Sharon, the woman he got engaged to after the 1986 England tour.

The relationship foundered in an age of extortionate international phone bills and no internet. Sharon wasn't sure she wanted to give up a solid job in the police to pursue a mullet-haired Kiwi to the other side of the world.

She wishes she had. The pair rekindled their romance and married on the shores of Lake Taupo in 2010.

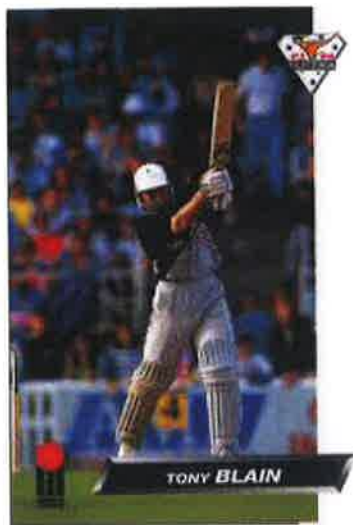
They returned to live in Gomersal, a village 16km south-west of Headingley cricket ground, which is hosting the second test between New Zealand and England.

"I was always a bloody legend with the ladies," Blain ventures, "but I fell head over heels in love. In 1986, it turned to custard, we went our separate ways. Now, 27 years later it's domestic bliss, at least once I trained her to do the washing, the ironing and the dishes," he cackles, as Sharon chides him.

Blain is attending the test today and tomorrow (with his gear packed "just in case").

He's hosting a few mates. His plan is set: present his loyalty card at the Ugly Mugs Café opposite the ground, scoff a bacon and brown sauce 'banjo', then sit in the stands supping his tippie of choice - alcoholic ginger beer. He recently discovered after "years of perseverance" he was allergic to beer.

The 51-year-old first played for Gomersal cricket club in 1983. His career soon took off and he returned on his debut New Zealand tour in 1986. Blain was the



Tony Blain

understudy wicketkeeper to Ian Smith (as he was for much of his career) and enjoyed a “social” tour.

However, during the New Zealand Herald’s December “Shame game” series, Blain saw the team teetering on the edge of dysfunction. Having clocked up 11 tests and 38 one-day internationals over eight years, he was well-placed to observe such things - he did so with the social interactions of the 1980s team in their pomp.

“It was a very odd do,” he recalled of a tour which is trumpeted as a success with New Zealand’s inaugural 1-0 series win. He said one of the young players became so disillusioned by the stand-offish behaviour and occasional hostility of others that he preferred to travel alone in the kit van.

“1986 was a swansong for a lot of New Zealand cricketers. The only young bucks were myself, Stirlo [Derek Stirling], Rudder [Ken Rutherford], Willie [Watson], Brian [Barrett] and Hogan [Martin Crowe].

“[Richard] Hadlee was in his benefit season with Nottinghamshire so only played the internationals, Jerry [captain Coney] buried himself away writing his book, Turns [coach Glenn Turner] generally only joined the team on game days, and Chats [Ewen Chatfield] became manager after he broke his thumb and [original manager] Bob Vance got ill.

“There was no team bonding. We were simply united by the silver fern.”

A highlight of Blain’s tour was his entrance as 12th man at Lord’s when Willie Watson split his trousers on debut.

“All of sudden Willie appeared on the visitors’ balcony with me. He’d just walked off and said ‘they’re waiting for you’. I looked down and saw the team gesticulating. I took off, but doing three flights of stairs in spikes is a hard act. Old diggers were yelling things like ‘not that door’. As I raced through the Long Room I saw the sight screen and realised I must be close, but I couldn’t get out.

“I looked up, and I’m not kidding, there was a hand-written sign saying ‘this door is closed on Tuesdays’. I was tricked because when a batsman or team walked out the sight screens usually parted. My entrance didn’t qualify.

“A mini-Mexican wave had started in the members’ pavilion following my progress. I thought ‘bugger this’ and leapt the picket fence only to catch the slope. I had to start sprinting so I didn’t fall over.”

A qualified teacher, Blain used to moonlight over summer as commentator at Eden Park. His main media commitment now is a weekly ‘Letter from

Dewsbury' which is read on the Beige Brigade fan site podcast, a show he reveres for its "natural shabbiness". He teaches at a school in Bradford and estimates 94 per cent of his students are Pakistani.

"Once they find out I've played a bit of international cricket, teaching is a breeze. But try telling a 14-year-old I played in 1986. It may as well be 1833."

Weekends are the highlight. He opens the batting for the Gomersal second XI, still scores centuries and often tops the season scoring charts.

"We play at places like Pudsey St Lawrence which has a real Kiwi connection with photos of Martin Crowe, Mark Greatbatch, Simon Doull and Chris Pringle adorning the walls. The other day we were at a club called Farsley and [former England captain] Ray Illingworth was walking the boundary.

"There are purpose-built grounds, pavilions and scones for afternoon tea. It beats getting changed under a tree in New Zealand."

TEST MATCHES ARE CRICKET'S LIFE SOURCE

BY RAHUL DRAVID

Rahul Dravid has made a spirited call for nurturing first-class and Test cricket, saying the longer and more traditional formats provide players with the grounding needed to prosper in the newer, shorter versions. The steps Dravid suggested for bolstering Tests included a more serious consideration of day-night Tests, increasing pay for long-form specialists, a streamlined and regularised cricket calendar, and providing more context to matches through competitions like the Test championship.

Perhaps the most radical idea Dravid proposed was for the less successful countries to find a way to involve some of their teams in the first-class structures of more robust cricketing nations, such as a Bangladesh side participating in the Indian domestic season.

Dravid was speaking at the ESPNcricinfo for Cricket event held in London on Monday, part of a series of events held to celebrate the website's 20th anniversary.

While highlighting the primacy of Tests, he acknowledged the benefits provided by Twenty20s, not just financially but with the innovations in cricket it has spurred. Dravid urged people to think beyond pat metaphors like "fast food v fine dining" when comparing the two formats, and, putting forth a more nuanced explanation of the difference between them, said he believed they could exist alongside each other.

"Test cricket, an older, larger entity is the trunk of a tree and the shorter game - be it T20 or ODIs - is its branches, its offshoots," he said. "Now to be fair, it is the branches that carry the fruit, earn the benefits of the larger garden in which they stand and so catch the eye. The trunk, though, is the old, massive, larger thing which took a very long time to reach height and bulk. But it is actually a



life source: chip away at the trunk or cut it down and the branches will fall off, the fruit will dry up.”

Dravid elaborated that the sustained examination cricketers faced in the longer version helped them, especially youngsters, better understand their basic game. “The fundamental core of every cricketer’s game is enriched by playing four- and five-day cricket,” he said. “By using those well-trained powers of adaptability, discipline, resilience and focus as a T20 cricketer, you will have double the advantage than the player possessed only of talent and timing.

“The skill of learning how to think clearly under pressure is required in T20, but it is built through having to endure pressure for a session, two sessions, an entire day, a series of spells.”

Most of the biggest stars today honed their game over years of first-class cricket, but with the ever-increasing focus on T20, Dravid sounded a note of caution for the future. “We are, I believe, maybe one generation away from reaching the point where our entire youth structures could cater only to T20 without any emphasis on the longer form of the game. By not giving young players a chance to explore their versatility, endurance or even improvisational skills, we will be selling ourselves and our sport well short.”

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He then elaborated on measures to prop up the long form. “If that means reworking how first-class and Test players can be out on more lucrative contracts, let’s get the accountants on this,” he said. “If it means playing day-night cricket, we must give it a try, keep an open mind. The game’s traditions aren’t under threat if we play Test cricket under lights. I know there have been concerns about the durability of the pink ball, but I have had some experience of it having played for the MCC, and it seemed to hold up okay.”

A regularised itinerary was another of Dravid’s ideas. “We can start by sorting out the scheduling around Test cricket, to ensure that teams can complete their home-and-away cycles against each other over a four-year period. This will mean balancing and creating context for all the three formats.” He argued that the Ashes didn’t lose its lustre over the years partly because of its fixed place in the calendar, allowing a sense of anticipation to build up.

“If we can answer that question - what’s this for? - with something other than the words ‘television rights’ we will have done well.” One way to address

the lack of context, he felt, was to have marquee tournaments like the Test championship and the Champions Trophy.

The most important step was to shore up first-class structures, especially in the smaller cricketing countries. “Bangladesh is a good example of a country with a great passion for the game and they don’t lack in talent. But they are still struggling to find their feet, literally and figuratively, in Test cricket because of the lack of a strong first-class structure,” he said. “Test cricket is not the place to start trying to learn new skills.”

He argued that more established nations should help out the less-resourced countries, by integrating overseas teams in their domestic competitions, suggesting pairs of “India for Bangladesh, South Africa for Zimbabwe, England for West Indies, Australia for New Zealand.” The way ahead was to put aside short-term profit and work collaboratively, he contended, since “we are a very small community and we can’t afford to lose the members of our family”.



Rahul Dravid

DAVID GOWER

“AN ENDANGERED SPECIES”

AN EXCERPT FROM HIS BIOGRAPHY.



David Gower leaving Trent Bridge Pavilion

There's No Easy Answer.....

Life is good. The alternative, I have to say, is not something I am particularly looking forward to but that is not really my point. Somehow I have arrived at this point of my life, happy in middle age, to know that I have achieved things that others have not and happy for all the ups and downs that are an integral part of life as a sportsman, I can look back with satisfaction on two careers one as that sportsman and one, still I hope very much extant, as a broadcaster, both of which I have hugely enjoyed and both of which have been deemed by others a success.

The last point too is vital. Nobody I have ever met in cricket, not even the most introspective, the most selfish of players – you know who you are, you don't need me to point you out! – has ever survived on personal satisfaction alone. That is not how it works. It is surely not why any of us would play the game, any game, especially a team game, just to be smugly pleased with ourselves at the end of the day because we have done well.

Far more valuable is the warm glow that comes with the pat on the back, from one's captain, from one's team-mates, from those that applaud from the stands and those that welcome you at the back of the pavilion at the end of the day. Personal pride and selfish satisfaction can get you through a day when you have thrived while others and the team have suffered, but it is a consolation, no

more than that. The greatest moments are those balcony moments, one of you with trophy in hand, the rest jubilant in celebration of a job well done.

In the twenty years since I consigned my bats to now unused 'coffins' in the attic and folded my England sweaters for the final time, I have met four kinds of people. There are those who have not a clue who I am, or was, and could not give a monkey's. There are those who remember the good times and say thank you for all the pleasure, which I will take any time and which adds to the pleasure I undoubtedly got from those times too. Then there are those whose image of me is of the lazy left-hander with the great gift of guiding the ball with inestimable ease into the hands of second slip.

Then there is the other type: the man, never a woman, who wants to ask every question under the bloody sun about the current state of the game, who the best batsman is today, who was the best in your day, who was the fastest bowler you ever faced, what about Kevin Pieterse and is the IPL going to kill test cricket, who do you work for now, are you still in cricket, why did you never think to leave the ball outside of off stump? – all in quick succession, and each question following on, before you have had a chance to answer the one before. He is the man for whom the 12-bore was invented.

Even though I became professional enough to do well, I always retained a strand of amateurism in my game. On a bad day I was 80 percent amateur and on a good day I was 80 percent professional. I have to admit that.

Today, when I am working for Sky TV, I like to think I am more professional than ever but still have fun, and there's an ethos which allows and encourages us to do that.

For me one of the hardest things was getting in the right frame of mind to perform well day in, day out. Playing one good innings was both very difficult and very satisfying. But to repeat it was another altogether different story especially if any little self-doubts surfaced.

When I retired, I think I realised there were things, many things that I could have done better, or at least differently. However, I firmly believe that time spent pondering one's regrets is time wasted and I certainly felt that I'd done enough to feel more than satisfied.



David Gower Style

FOUR BRIGHT STARS

Prior to hitting their peak as a test batsman, between the ages of 24-32, the young player will go through teething problems, highs and lows, swings of fortune. If he is destined, he will bounce back and climb the ladder to become the best of his time.

In an exercise to assess the future, let's look at four young tyros who have shown themselves to be the leading young bucks in test cricket today - Kane Williamson from New Zealand, Virat Kohli from India, Joe Root from England and Steven Smith from Australia. No one from the other countries quite matches these four so far. All four are seriously earmarked as future captains of their respective countries.

Here are their records to date:

Williamson age 24, bats no 3, 34 tests, 62 inns, 2377 runs, 40.28 average, HS 161*, 7 x 100's, 13 x 50's, 5 ducks.

Kohli age 25, bats no 4, 29 tests, 51 inns, 1855 runs, 39.46 average, HS 116, 6 x 100's, 9 x 50's, 4 ducks.

Root age 23, bats no 5, 22 tests, 40 inns, 1732 runs, 50.94 average, HS 200*, 5 x 100's, 7 x 50's, 1 duck.

Smith age 25, bats no 5, 20 tests, 38 inns, 1361 runs, 40.02 average, HS 138*, 4 x 100's, 6 x 50's, 2 ducks.

The common denominator in all four records show that in each case there was a period of extreme failure, albeit in different stages.

Steven Smith started very slowly - after twenty-two innings had just one century. He has since struck three more centuries in his last sixteen innings and looks solid at five, and a chance to build even further batting behind Michael Clarke. Initially, he looked anxious and fidgety, lacking in a still position when watching the ball,



Steven Smith

but now seems comfortable home or away, against pace or spin, front or back foot.

Kane Williamson began with a bang, 131 on debut in India, against slow bowlers batting at five. A teething period followed, another twenty innings on he pulled off a rearguard resistance against South Africa and broke the slump scoring 102*. Then ten more innings went by with no return until 135 versus Sri Lanka away, then fifteen more before he hit another crossroad, took the right fork and since has notched four more



Kane Williamson

tons in his last sixteen innings. After moving to number three and struggling to counter bounce outside off stump, he is firmly on his way to becoming the greatest run scorer in NZ history.



Virat Kohli

Virat Kohli started steadily, but it wasn't until he scored his first hundred at Adelaide in his 14th innings, that he showed genuine world class, going on to nail three more hundreds in the next twelve innings. Everything, especially with his form in the one-dayers being outstanding, was turning too gold, literally. At his point, Kohli was the talk of the world, the heir apparent to Sachin Tendulkar.

Then disaster struck.

Recently, in his last ten innings he has hit absolute rock bottom, with a need to assess and start again. What appeared to be a solid technique with no obvious weakness given centuries in Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, he has found the late swinging ball against England to be his nemesis, and his work-on. He will fix it, to what extent given all the limited over cricket he plays?

Joe Root started positively like Williamson, 73 on debut in India batting at six, then took ten innings to raise his first hundred at Leeds against New Zealand. In the following Ashes, he jumped up the order to open and down again to three and struggled to get off the crease, battled for twenty innings, until hitting 200* at Lord's this summer, batting at five, against Sri Lanka.



Joe Root

Next year he faces Australia and South Africa, and will no doubt be challenged to hold on to a fifty plus average, his front foot play will be tested against the best quick bowlers in the world. But by holding a permanent spot at five, it will enable him to build on the superb form he showed in the summer of 2014. Root, at present, has the upper hand on the other three.

All four have shown one obvious weakness at some point, but not two. They have been able to overcome problems with a permanent batting position locked down, with only Kohli showing a need to resurrect a weakness at this stage of career.

All four have similar hunger, ambition and responsibility. All four will go on to captain their countries. All four will reach their peak form in a few years time, and then the real battle will commence as to who will be the number one batsman in the world, let alone the number one team.

And who will join these fabulous four?

Martin Crowe

MATCH RESULTS FOR 2013-14 SEASON

Match 1 v Rathkeale College at Rathkeale

Wellington Wanderers: 303 off 40 overs

D. Ranchod 52, R. Price-Moor 50

R. Tonkin 8-0-52-4

Rathkeale: 274 – 8 off 40 overs

G. Deans 67, J Ryan 65

Wellington Wanderers won by 29 runs

Match 2 v St. Pat's Silverstream

Wellington Wanderers: 254 – 7 off 40 overs

B. Rammell 66, P. Tunncliffe 54

St. Pat's Silverstream: 215 – 8 off 40 overs

Wellington Wanderers won by 59 runs

Match 3 v Rongotai College:

Sides were mixed and became:

Wanderers NZ: 222 – 9 off 40 overs

S. Mycock 56, L. Johns 54

C. Ravi 8 – 1 – 4 – 28

Wanderers India: 144-10 off 25 overs

Chanda 78*

D. Rose 8 – 2 – 5 – 20

NZ won by 78 run

Match 4 v Onslow College

Wellington Wanderers: 280 – 9 off 50 overs

Onslow College: 234 -10 off 39.1 overs

Wellington Wanderers won by 46 runs

Match 5 v HVHS

Wellington Wanderers: 211-10 off 35.4 overs

M. Goldsbury 93

HVHS: 159 - 10 off 38 overs

Wellington Wanderers won by 52 runs

Match 6 v Wellington College

Wellington College: 269 – 4 off 40 overs

W. Martin 105 Ret.

Wellington Wanderers 171-10 off 34.1 overs

C. Ravi 61

T. Kithulagoda 5.1 – 1 – 12 – 4

Wellington Wanderers lost by 98 runs

Match 7 v Newlands College

Wanderers: 245-6 in 40 overs

Newlands College: 221-10 in 40 overs

Wanderers won by 24 runs.

Match 8 v The Willows covered elsewhere in this report.

Match 9 Hunt Family Trophy St Pats Silverstream beat HIBS in the final

Match 10 Richard Allan Challenge Cup Wellington College beat Paraparaumu College in the final

Match 11 v St Patrick's College Wellington on 5.3.14 Cancelled Rain

Match 12 v Tawa College on 11.3.14 Cancelled Rain

Match 13 v HIBS on 16 3.2014 Cancelled Rain

Match 14 v Paraparaumu College on 18.3.2014 Cancelled Rain

Matches 15 and 16 v Parliamentary XI and Law Society XI Cancelled Rain

PROGRAMME FOR 2014-15 SEASON

Matches:

Clifton County Cricket Club away match at Clifton.

Clifton County Cricket Club – Wellington

Hastings Boys High School away match Hastings.

The Willows Cricket Club at The Willows, Loburn, North Canterbury

Governor Generals XI Basin Reserve

College T20 Finals

Parliamentary XI

Rathkeale College in Masterton

SPC Town

SPC Silverstream

Rongotai College

Wellington College

HIBS

Tawa College

Paraparaumu College

Onslow

Collegians CC - Larry Macer Memorial Match

Golf Day.

Manor Park

World Cup Dinner.

Dinner to be held on the eve of New Zealand v England World Cup Match
February 19th.

Cocktail Party

– Details to be advised.

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Taita District CC – Dave Gillespie

Rob Morrison – Palliser Estate Wines

John Porter – Porters Pinots

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