



***FIFTY GREAT AND GLORIOUS
YEARS:***

**HILLGROVE CRICKET
1947- 1997.**



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FIFTY YEARS OF HILLGROVE CRICKET



Editor's couple of words.

I would like to thank all the people who contributed with ideas, memories and effort. The success of this book depends not on one or two people but the spirit and good will that is Hillgrove Cricket Club.

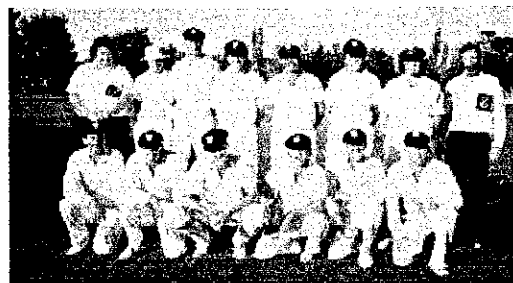


I hope there are not too many inaccuracies and that inclusions will be enthused over rather than omissions noted.

Personally I hope that the next fifty years will be as good as the last fifty.

Thank you one and all,

Ken Docksey. (sometime opening bat)



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Since our amalgamation with the juniors three seasons ago the cricketers are now flowing through the club. Players are now coming from the juniors, through the grades, to first grade. For example Michael Gadd, Craig Lobban, Anthony Gray and Billy Stellar have had a run in first grade this year -'the first crop'.

If everyone does five minutes work a week for the club it adds up to eleven players per team per grade every week. In turn, this adds up to the club championship two years in a row.

The people I need to thank are:

coaches of the juniors, Craig Lobban, Michael Jones, Harry Browne, Kim and Graeme Porter and Carl Smithson;

captains and managers of senior teams who chased up players all year, Warwick Browne, Peter Schaefer, Drew Ferguson, Dennis



Second Grade v. Third Grade: Wayne Partridge batting. Note the field setting.

Behrend, Mark Jackson and Harry Browne;

Schäef and Brian Dunlea for good advice; Greeny and Ally for their work for the social committee and

Harry, the club wouldn't run without him.

This work lead to the club championship, all teams making the semis, third and fourth grade making the grand finals and ultimately third grade winning the Grand Final.

SOO THE GROVE!!!!

Special thanks go to the Bowling Club for a very generous sponsorship which launched our quest.

My first season with Hillgrove was in 1983-84, lured from Churches 3rd Grade by Roger Roan with the chance to play first grade. That proved a good decision.

My memories of my first season are limited to a healthy respect for Gavin Gillard, Woody, Schaefer and T.B. and enjoying playing with the young fellas, Mike O'Neil and Roger Munday, and getting full of juice watching the leotard girls doing aerobics at a barbecue at Ken's.

I must take this opportunity to thank/curse/hate Gavin Gillard for elevating/

relegating/levitating me to the bat/pad position which to this day I have been unable to escape.

Since then many memorable times on and off the field have increased my loyalty and affection for the club resulting in the time I've put in for the club over the last four years.

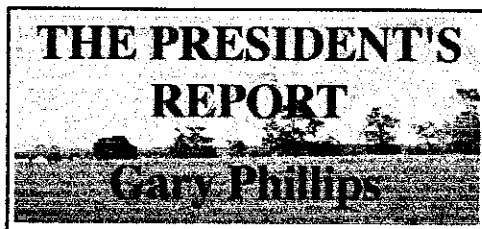
To take over the presidency, having won the club championship last year and the pleasure to surpass that with a premiership in third grade and a club winning:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Carl Smithson, 1st grade bowling agg.;
Brett Laybutt, 2nd grade best and fairest;
Tony Ferris 3rd grade best and fairest ;
Tony Ferris 3rd grade batting average;
Tony Ferris 3rd grade batting aggregate
Andrew Curry 3rd grade bowling agg.
THIRD GRADE MINOR PREMIERS;
FOURTH GRADE MINOR PREMIERS;
THIRD GRADE MAJOR PREMIERS.



Gary Phillips in action



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Continued hard work will undoubtedly reap further rewards in the future.

It is an honour to have been President of Hillgrove Cricket Club in its fiftieth year. I congratulate all present players and thank all past players for their contributions to the legend of Hillgrove Cricket Club.

This book is the culmination of the efforts of many people. The oldest contributor would be well over eighty and the youngest, eleven. I hope you will enjoy the book.

Please continue to contribute coaching juniors so that we can continue the legend of Hillgrove Cricket Club.

Yours in cricket,

Gadget.



Armidale Cricket 1850 -98

Armidale has always been prominent, from a cricketing point of view, and for a town of its size has taken a leading position. In the early days, as far back as the fifties, several of the pioneers were cricket enthusiasts, notably the Marsh family of Salisbury Court and the Taylors of Terrible Vale. These stations each had a cricket team, and matches between these country teams and the town team were frequent; and in later years these contests still went on. Salisbury Court and Terrible Vale were the first to use the matting wicket, which was the means of materially improving the game, as good cricket was impossible on the

old chipped, bumpy wicket which did duty before the introduction of the mat.

Some time after the discovery of Baker's Creek Gold Mine in 1887, Hillgrove took an active part in cricket, and Mr George Smith offered a valuable cup, to be played for between teams in Armidale, Hillgrove, Uralla and country teams. This competition, which was extended over three years, was the means of giving the game a fillip, and ultimately the Armidale team won the Cup, which was presented to the club at Hillgrove, at a dance given by Mr Smith and the Hillgrove cricketers.

from **The Jubilee Souvenir of the Municipality of Armidale 1863-1913**, p.64.

The Armidale Cricketers Association was formally birthed on the 1/9/1899. The first competition was organised in two divisions:

Town: Armidale, Orientals, **Hillgrove**, Dumaresq, Uralla, T.A.S., West End.

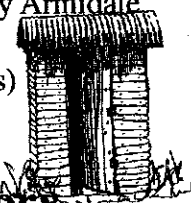
Country:

Black Mountain, Ollera, Guyra, Wandsworth, Booralong.

For 1911-12 the junior competition included a Hillgrove side as well as sides from Brick Villa, De La Salle College and T.A.S.

In the 1947-48 midsummer competition additional teams were entered by Armidale Timber Co. and **Hillgrove**.

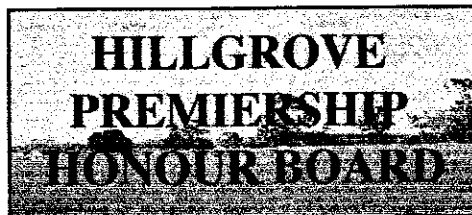
(Association records)



It is now that our story begins

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This is an attempt to list all of Hillgrove's premierships, a brave move. If you think we have understated or overstated or just misstated a particular year please let the president know!



- 1947/48 B Grade**
- 1952/53 B Grade (cap)**
- 1956/57 B Grade**
- 1961/62 Reserve Grade**
- 1968-69 Reserve Grade**
- 1970/71 B Grade**
- 1971/72 B Grade**
- 1973/74 B Grade**
- 1973/74 One Day Competition**
- 1974/75 Reserve Grade**
- 1976/77 B Grade One-Day**
- 1976/77 B Grade Two-Day**
- 1977/78 B Grade shared with Churches**
- 1981/82 Third Grade**
- 1981/82 Second Grade**
- 1982/83 Fourth Grade**
- 1984/85 Fourth Grade**
- 1985/86 Third Grade**
- 1985/86 Fifth Grade**
- 1987/88 First Grade**
- 1988/89 First Grade**
- 1988/89 Fourth Grade**
- 1989/90 Second Grade**
- 1990/91 Fourth Grade**
- 1996-97 Third Grade**

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As told to John Boundy by his father, Andy.

The formation of the Hillgrove cricket club came about in a somewhat accidental fashion.

Andrew and Esme Boundy had two daughters who played tennis and through this, they met the young Frost boys, Keith, John and Elvin.

Andy had watched these and other boys playing in the recreation ground with tennis balls and home made bats. He said he recognised a great deal of potential for a cricket team and they showed interest when he spoke to them.

Andy put a notice in Sam Martin's shop window and a number of the locals attended a meeting on the following Sunday morning. Hillgrove Cricket Club was effectively formed that morning.

When he lived in Newcastle Andy had dealings with a sports firm called Reg. A. Baker. He contacted this firm and Reg. A. Baker agreed to supply all the gear needed on a hire purchase agreement. Total cost of bag, bats, balls, pads and gloves was 80 pounds. About \$170 in today's money. Matting for the wicket was also purchased. Money to pay off the gear was raised through raffles, dances, sweeps on own games and Test Cricket and the sale of cakes and hot soup sold at the dances.

The first game Hillgrove played was against a team from Richardsons, and was played at Hillgrove. In those days a great afternoon tea was supplied to the visiting team set up

by ladies bringing a plate of sandwiches or cakes. Hillgrove was in "B" grade the first year and won the competition undefeated. To celebrate and for the presentation, a dance was held and all players were presented with a cap, dark green with the N.E.D.C.A. emblem.

Apart from the players, there was a number of other people who showed a lot of interest in the club and gave support. Among them were George Smith, Old Bill Frost, Ernie Edgar and Tom Faint and Alf Milner who drove most of the cricketers to games when they played in Armidale.

A wicket already existed, The Recreation Ground had been there for decades and a pitch laid down. Surrounding the pitch was an old bike track, and this became the boundary. The pitch was very old and not very even. It had been in existence for so long it was in a hollow. A fence surrounded the Recreation Ground and cows and sheep grazed on

the pitch. The cow dung would be picked up by the team on the morning before the game, using shovels and wheelbarrows.

The team decided a new pitch was needed and built one themselves after the first year. The ground was dug out to the depth of about one foot and the dirt replaced with ant bed material and puddled in with water.



Back row: Bob McGregor, Keith Frost, Alf Wayte, Jim Frost, Norm Waters, John Frost, Keith Martin, Mick Mc Gregor, Jim Witherdin, Laurie Sewell. Bob Witherdin. Front: Andy Boundy, Gordon Baker, Herb Edgar.

The material was dug from alongside the road from Hillgrove to the main road from Armidale to Wollomombi, and trucked to the ground in Alf Milner's truck.

It was a good wicket, but got marked by the stock which grazed on the ground. Andy built a grader, made of wood with a piece of angle iron on the bottom to smooth the pitch before the mats were laid.

Esme Boundy was official scorer for the team and cooked the soup for sale at the dances in a four gallon kerosene tin.

The shed to house the gear was built after several years, and was designed and built by Old Bill Frost, with all team members help.

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Apart from himself, Andy remembers the original team to be: **Jim Frost, John Frost, Keith Frost, Elvin Frost, Herb Edgar, Jim Witherdin, Jack Sewell, Laurie Sewell, Alf Wayte, Bob McGregor, Mick McGregor, Norm Waters and Jack Waters.**

He admits he may have missed some people, and lists the following names as those he played with. School teachers Tom Bowler, Gordon Baker, Bob Blevin, and Tom Lambert, Harold Upson, Bill Frost,



Blue Munday tells the story of a game at Lambert Park where the batsman kept hitting big sixes. Hillgrove put a fieldsmen on the road. He duly caught the ball, threw it back to long on and, on the subsequent appeal for a catch, the batsman was given out.

Les Lawrence, Brian Lawrence, Brian Charter, Stan Ross and a brother, Keith Martin and Tom Dye. There are undoubtedly others, but at his age and after 50 years, and three strokes the memory is not as good as it was.

Asked to mention a few of the more funny episodes, Andy told of the social game where all the players were to be in fancy dress. Jim Frost played in Esme Boundy's ankle length evening dress and John Frost played in the school uniform of one of the Boundy daughters.

He said Bob McGregor was not particularly happy facing fast bowling, and the faster the bowling became the more scared Bob became, and the harder he hit the ball.



4. Early Hillgrove Team 1948/50

Back row: Jim Witherdin, Norm Waters, Malcom Cox, Laurie Sewell,

Middle: John Frost, Elvin Frost, Bob McGregor, Keith Frost, Bob Blevin.

Front: Herb Edgar, Kel Faint, Alf Wayte, Mrs Boundy, Andy Boundy, Harold Upson.

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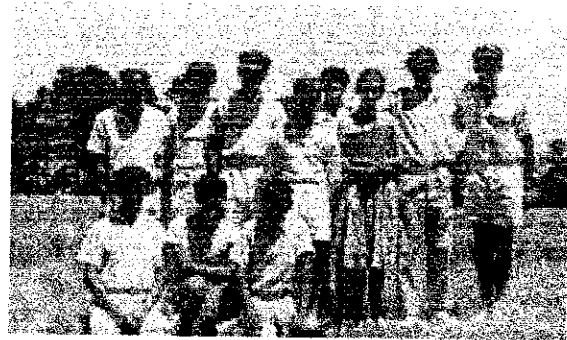
One game, Hillgrove needed about fifty runs to win outright in about twenty minutes, and Keith Martin, captain at the time, opened the batting with Jim Frost and Keith Frost with Bob McGregor at number three. They got the runs with an over to spare. In this innings Jim Frost square cut a ball over point for six, the only time Andy saw this happen.

The two hardest hits Andy ever saw must have been good ones! Gordon Baker hit a ball from the northern end of the ground and it reached Jock Usher's fence, across the road and a spare block at the southern end. Bob McGregor hit a ball from the southern end of the pitch over mid off. It struck a pine tree half way up still rising.

He still thinks Bob McGregor was the hardest hitter he ever saw over all, but he says everyone in the team could hit balls over the fence, except him. In his cricket life, Andy never hit a six, and never scored a century, but made a lot of scores very close to it. His highest score was 97, given out lbw by an umpire from the opposite team to a bowler bowling round the wicket with one foot outside the wicket. It was the first time he had been struck on the pads.

One player, Mick McGregor, always wore his cap backwards, and on presentation night when the players were presented with their caps, Mick put his on backwards.

As told to John Boundy by his father, Andy.

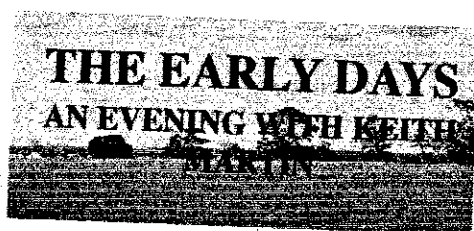


Hillgrove Cricket Team of the fifties.
Back row: Norm Waters, Keith Martin, Peter Sewell, John Frost, Bill Frost, Robyn Ferris, Elvin Frost, Jack Sewell
Front: Herb Edgar, Brian Charters and Brian Lawrence.



THE FROST BROTHERS
Jim, Keith, Elvin, Bill and John

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I got a job at the Services club. I had to do shift work on Saturdays starting at 3.00 p.m. so I had to give up cricket. I was 66. That was in 1978 against St Peters. We lost. I remember one game against Public Service. They made 200 plus. We were nine down with about 30 to get. Ray Sewell and Terry Witherdin were batting and I was umpiring. Ray collapsed. He said "I can't go on Keith".

I had a couple of aspros in my pocket so I gave him those and got a glass of water. He kept going and we scored the runs!

Next day he went down with the chicken pox.

Before the war (in 1908) and again in 1922-23 the Half-holiday Cricket Club played on Wednesday afternoon. In those days a lot of blokes worked Saturday.

I remember Professor Dillon umpiring at Consett Davis. Ron Smith was the batsman. There was a great appeal for caught behind but the batsman was given the benefit. Ron said "I didn't hit it. It hit my glove." Professor Dillon didn't appreciate that much.

We played Bundarra once. They gave us a hiding. Afterwards we went down to the pub. We were all full when it came time to go home. Only time we played there.

We played de la Salle at Lambert Park or West End Park in the '62 Final and beat 'em by one run. K.

Morgan bowled well and took the last wicket - Tom Dye caught him behind. TAS and de la Salle used to like to come to Hillgrove. They'd see tea and cakes like they never saw at boarding school. George Smith used to call out "Tea's Ready!" as soon as the billy boiled and off the players would come ... whatever the time was.

Jock Usher would come over late in the day and we'd hear "You'll never get 'em out!"

There used to be five pubs at Hillgrove. Miners, like cricketers, always got dry throats. Constable Blackman was the last policeman at Hillgrove. He used to score.

"I'll give 4 for that," he said one day when the ball was cut off well inside the boundary.

"It didn't go to the boundary!"

"I know that, but it was a fine shot."

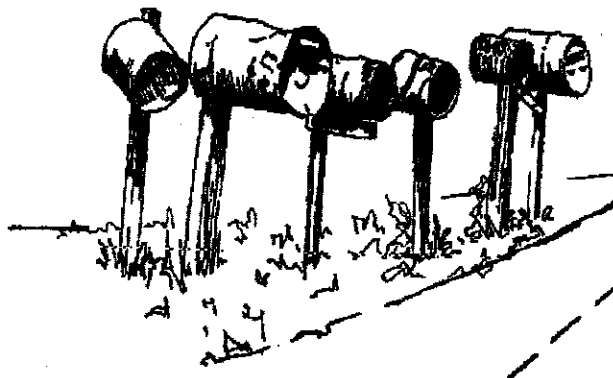
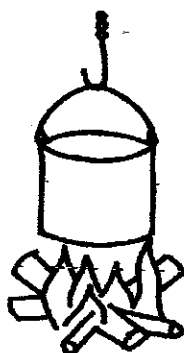
No-one argued. He was the copper. K. Morgan thought the blokes were having a good time going into town on the back of Keith Martin's truck. Thought he'd better join them. He did (of course) and made up for lost time too!

Wollomombi imported a few Rosses for one game. We took them a few beers before the game. They weren't as good as they could have been.

Obediah Frost went to play for Wollomombi. Could bat all afternoon and hardly trouble the scorers.

Tom Dye would have the runs. I would still be there.

As related by Keith Martin over a quiet beer in February 1997.



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THE EARLY DAYS



An article from the Hillgrove 1983-84
Yearbook

Hillgrove Cricket Club entered a reserve grade side in the Armidale competition in 1947. The president in that year was George Smith. The team included, Jim Frost, Keith Frost, Herb Edgar and Keith Martin. Hillgrove's inaugural season was a great success and the premiership was won.

The Grove won again in 1953 when they defeated High School. Scores for that game are shown below.

HIGH SCHOOL - First Innings - 28-11-53 and 5-12-53

K.Hargraves, l.b.w., b.K.Frost.....	15
D.Laurie, c Jim Frost, b Boundy.....	4
A.See, b Jim Frost.....	4
M.Bayliss, c Dye, b Boundy.....	4
B.McFayden, b Jim Frost.....	0
P.Shields, c K.Frost, b Boundy.....	12
J.Hadley, c A.Wayte, b Boundy.....	0
R.Clutterbuck, c E.Frost, b McGregor.....	2
G.Burgess, not out.....	4
R.Rich, b McGregor.....	1
T.Feros, l.b.w., b McGregor.....	4
Sundries.....	11
Total.....	74

Bowling: Jim Frost, 2 for 23; K.Frost, 1 for 10; A.Boundy, 4 for 20; R.McGregor, 3 for 10.

HILLGROVE - First Innings

A.Boundy, c Hargraves, b Laurie.....	6
H.Upton, c Rich, b Shields.....	18
T.Dye, c McFayden, b Clutterbuck.....	42
A.Wayte, c Shields, b Clutterbuck.....	1
H.Edgar, c Hadley, b Clutterbuck.....	3
R.McGregor, c Rich, b Shields.....	9
E.Frost, stp., Hargraves, b Shields.....	5
John Frost, b Shields.....	18
K.Frost, not out.....	20
L.Lawrence, run out.....	2
Jim Frost, not out.....	0
Sundries.....	7

Total.....131

HIGH SCHOOL - Second Innings

K.Hargraves, b Jim Frost.....	37
P.Shields, l.b.w., b Jim Frost.....	0
A.See, b Jim Frost.....	3
B.McFayden, c John Frost, b. Boundy	0
J.Hadley, b Jim Frost.....	15
G.Burgess, b Jim Frost.....	0
R.Clutterbuck, run out.....	28
R.Rich, b K.Frost.....	7
T.Feros, b K.Frost.....	7
R.Munro, b McGregor.....	0
R.Cooper, not out.....	2
Sundries.....	2

Total.....101

Bowling: Jim Frost, 5 for 36; A.Boundy, 1 for 36; R.McGregor, 1 for 16; K.Frost, 2 for 11.

HILLGROVE - Second Innings

A.Boundy, c Cooper, b Hadley.....	7
H.Upton, c Munro, b Shields.....	0
T.Dye, b Shields.....	6
A.Wayte, l.b.w., b Hadley.....	10
H.Edgar, run out.....	19
R.McGregor, c A.See, b Shields.....	0
John Frost, b Burgess.....	11
E.Frost, stp., Hargraves, b Shields.....	9
Jim Frost, c McFayden, b Burgess.....	2
K.Frost, not out.....	2
Sundries.....	5

Total.....71



2. Hillgrove Premiers Reserve Grade
(around 1955/57)

Back row: Peter Sewell, Elvin Frost, Keith Martin, Laurie Sewell.

Middle: Tom Dye, Kay Morgan, Jim Frost, Keith Frost, Jack Sewell.

Front: Bill Frost, Brian Lawrence, Brian Charters, Herb Edgar, John Frost.

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In the 1940/50 era a gentleman named Bill Boundy made cricket bats out of willow trees, which were used by Hillgrove cricketers. He would make them heavy or light according to specifications given to him. It can be assumed that he made extra wide bats for the openers.

The president in 1954 was Tom Dye with R. K. Martin treasurer and Les Lawrence secretary. R. K. Martin continued as treasurer until 1962 with the exception of 1960 when T. Witherdin did the job. Tom Dye was president until 1962 also, except for 1956 (L. Sewell). He was president again from 1972/73 till 1980/81.

Hillgrove won the reserve Grade premiership in the 1955/56 season with R. K. Martin as captain. Scores are shown below.

HILLGROVE - First innings

T. Dye, b. R. Roan	46
H. Edgar, b. R. Roan	0
N. Waters, b. R. Roan	19
E. Frost, c. S. Ferris, b. H. Munday..	9
K. Frost, b. R. Roan	0
John Frost, c. S. Ferris, b. H. Munday.	54
P. Sewell, b. H. Munday	1
I. Sewell, not out	27
K. Martin, b. R. Roan	0
J. Sewell, b. H. Munday	0
B. Charters, b. R. Roan	11
Sundries	24
TOTAL	191

Bowling: R. Roan 6 for 52, H. Munday, 4 for 70, B. Munday, 0 for 13, K. Milson, 0 for 30.

DUMARESQ - First Innings.

H. Upson, c. T. Dye, b. John Frost.....	13
W. Porter, c. and b. K. Frost.....	3
R. Roan, c. B. Charter, b. K. Martin...	5
B. Munday, b. K. Martin.....	20
A. Ferris, lbw., b. K. Martin.....	1
S. Ferris, lbw., b. E. Frost.....	6
K. Milson, b. E. Frost.....	11
M. Frazier, b. E. Frost.....	0
E. Roan, not out.....	3
H. Munday, b. E. Frost.....	2
N. Upson, c. and b. E. Frost.....	4
Sundries.....	2
Total.....	70

Bowling: E. Frost 5 for 12, K. Frost 1 for 22, K. Martin 3 for 25, John Frost 1 for 9.

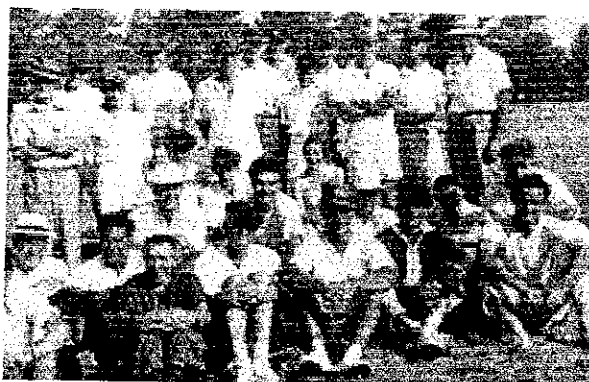
SEGENHOE

Segenhoe is a horse stud in Scone. A team came up and played Armidale on Saturday and a Hillgrove side on Sunday.

HILLGROVE VS SEGENHOE

Back row: Umpire, Munday, Brian Charters, John Frost, Keith Martin, Jack Sewell, Peter Sewell, Norm Waters, Brian Lawrence, Keith Frost, Laurie Sewell, Bill Frost, Umpire, Ferris, Frost, Herb Edgar, Elvin Frost, Robyn Ferris (scorer)

Foreground: Segenhoe team.



DUMARESQ - Second Innings

B. Munday, b. E. Frost.....	0
K. Milson, b. K. Martin.....	4
H. Munday, b. E. Frost.....	0
R. Roan, c. H. Edgar, b. E. Frost.....	6
W. Porter, b. E. Frost.....	7
E. Roan, c. E. Frost, b. John Frost....	0
S. Ferris, not out.....	27
A. Ferris, c. K. Frost, E. Frost.....	2
N. Upson, stp. T. Dye, K. Frost.....	4
M. Frazier, b. John Frost.....	9
H. Upson, absent.....	0
Sundries.....	0
Total.....	59

Bowling: E. Frost 5 for 14, K. Martin 1 for 15, John Frost 2 for 3, K. Frost 1 for 9, P. Sewell 0 for 18.

Annual games have been played against Manilla since 1958/59 for the Geoff Dowe Memorial Trophy. A Thames truck was used for transport to games. It had high sides (apparently so that high-spirited players wouldn't fall out). One story goes that the truck stopped once coming up the Moonbis. Jim Frost decided to inspect the carburettor, so he lit a match near it while it was being taken apart. Was he trying to blow himself up or trying to see what he was doing?

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Herb Edgar was secretary from 1959/60 until 1962/63 and was secretary/treasurer from 1966/67 until 1980/81.

In the 1960/61 season Hillgrove entered two teams in the comp. for the first time. Below are the scores from a very exciting Reserve Grade match at the beginning of that season.

HILLGROVE vs PUBLIC SERVICE 1-10-60

<i>Public Service</i>		<i>Hillgrove</i>	
1. E. Frost	14	1. H. Edgar	31
2. P. Swilks	65	2. K. Martin	44
3. D. Ainsworth	0	3. T. Dye	68
4. J. Biddle	0	4. B. Baillie	2
5. P. McFarlane	1	5. K. Frost	10
6. J. McDonald	not out	6. N. O'Halloran	1
	124	7. R. McGregor	2
7. P. Seaberg	1	8. P. Sewell	6
8. John Frost	8	9. Jim Frost	11
9. W. Frost	5	10. R. Sewell	not out
10. B. Hill	0		23
11. P. Carters	0	11. T. Witherdin	22
Sundries	13	Sundries	17
Total	231	Total	237
N. O'Halloran	1/55	P. Swilks	2/43
Jim Frost	1/50	John Frost	2/56
K. Frost	3/28	L. McCarthy	1/61
R. Sewell	4/36	D. Ainsworth	4/26

Public Service scored their runs off just 36 overs. Hillgrove looked gone at 8/173 but a ninth wicket partnership of 25 and a tenth wicket stand of 39 saw them to an exciting finish. Hillgrove's runs were scored off 53 overs.

Hillgrove won the Reserve Grade again in 1962 with De La Salle were 4-38 at the tea adjournment. The score went to 108 before the 5th wicket was lost - caught off K. Morgan. The next wicket was bowled by Morgan who finished with 5-22. Jim Frost bowled 18 overs and took 2-28. Noel O'Halloran took 2-12 off 11 overs. Jack Sewell was president from 1963/64, when K. Morgan was secretary treasurer, until 1971/72 - a stint of nine seasons. This compares with R. K. Martin's 8 seasons and Tom Dye's 17 seasons as president from 1954. Herb Edgar was secretary for 6 years and secretary/treasurer for 13 years. These gentlemen have been real stalwarts for the club and we owe them many thanks.

Hillgrove Cricket Club has produced many representative players over the years. The player who has gone to the highest honours is Gavin Morgan. He is a member of the exclusive Emus Club - the cream of NSW. Country's young cricketers. Gavin went on a world tour with the Emus.

An excerpt from the 1983/84 yearbook.



Dear Gary,

Thank you for your invitation to attend the celebrations for the 50 years of Hillgrove Cricket. I regret that I shall be unable to attend, and ask that you present my apologies.

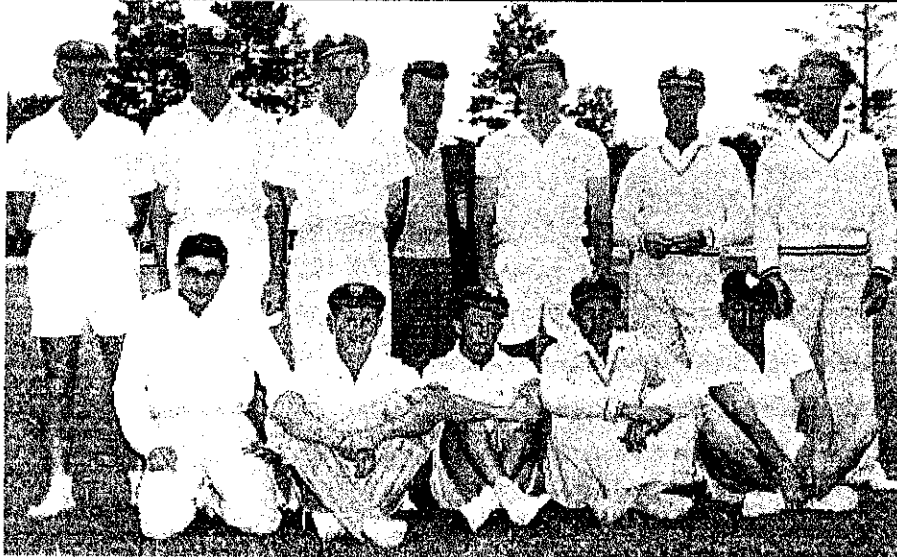
Your circular recalled to my memory the very happy association I had with Hillgrove Cricket Club in the years from 1951 to 1955. Like all cricket clubs we experienced "ups" and "downs" on the field, but comradeship, cheerfulness and team spirit were always "right up". If I mention a few of the names you will recognise the era to which I belonged - Jim, Keith and Elvyn Frost, Tom Dye, Keith Martin, Herb Edgar, Bob McGregor etc., etc. What a great bunch of guys!

Please accept my best wishes for a most successful "get-together".

Yours sincerely,

Bob Blevin (24/3/97).

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PREMIERS 1958

Back row: Jack Sewell, Peter Sewell, Keith Morgan, Jim Frost, Brian Charters, Bill Frost, Keith Frost.

Front: Brian Lawrence, Herb Edgar, John Frost, Elvin Frost, Kay Morgan.

Hillgrove - Some historical perspective

The quiet little village that is Hillgrove today was not always that way. The Hillgrove that long time resident George Smith recalled was a hive of activity.

George who was born in Hillgrove in 1889 spent most of his life looking and working for the riches offered by the discovery of gold at Baker's Creek. He remembered Bracken Street as a hive of activity with eight big stores, five bakers, five butchers, two restaurants, a technical college, a few fruit and confectionery shops and half a dozen hotels. He recalled Saturday night shopping crowds blocking the street, the hotels ringing with the tunes of faraway lands and the travelling picture shows that visited Hillgrove regularly.

Hillgrove once boasted sporting bodies in cycling, horse racing, rugby union, rugby league and tennis, as well as cricket.

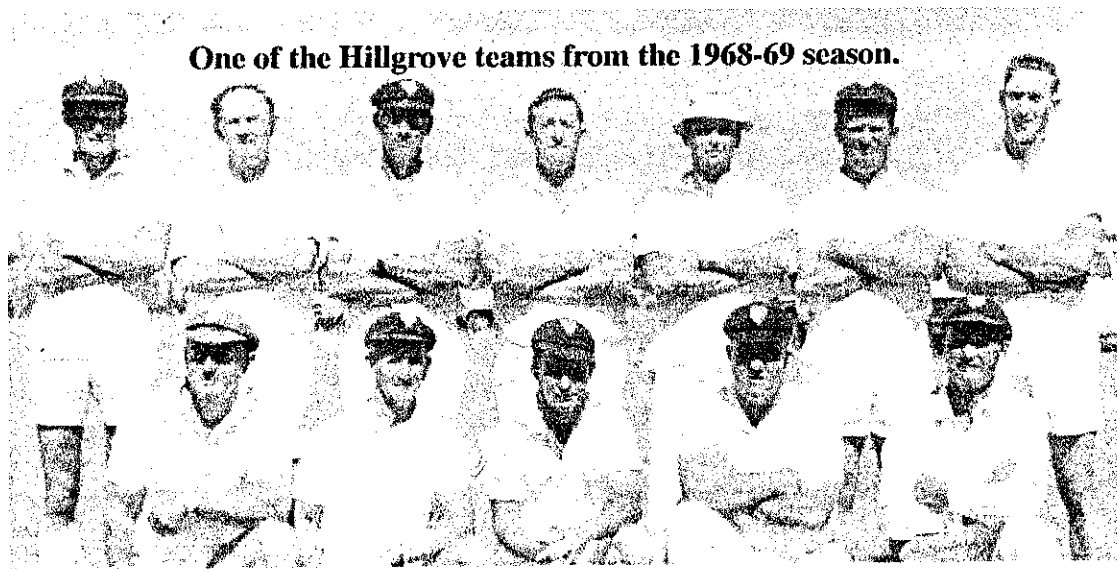
The fortunes of Hillgrove fluctuated with mine production and commodity prices. Today the mining activities continue even though the village is a 'ghost' of its former glory. One thing that does continue is the Hillgrove Cricket Club.



Mr. George Smith demonstrates panning for gold.

The Armidale Express.

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One of the Hillgrove teams from the 1968-69 season.

Back row: Cyril Lawrence, Keith Martin, Jack Sewell, Brian Charter, John Stathers, Keith Frost Peter Sewell **Front row:** Kay Morgan, Herb Edgar, John Frost, Bob McGregor, Bill Frost.

What about this!?!

On 15th December 1956 Hillgrove played Dumaresq. Dumaresq was bowled out for 21. Keith Martin took 7 for 14. In reply Hillgrove scored 23, Roger Roan took 5 for 7. In the second innings Dumaresq scored 13 with Keith Frost taking 6 for 5 and Elvin Fost taking 3 for 8. In their second innings Hillgrove scored 35 and R. Milson took 7 for 10 including a hat trick. The Armidale Express reported, "Although the scores were not high both clubs agreed it was the most exciting match they have played.

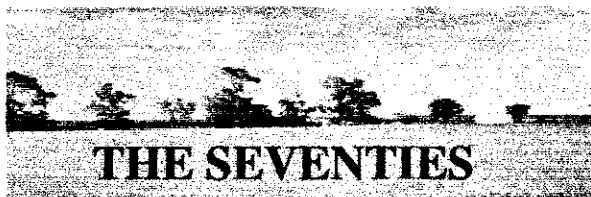
Main feature of the match was the bowling of Roger Roan who took 12 wickets for 17 runs including a hat trick.



Meeting at Kevin Morgan's place to discuss history, March 1984

Keith Frost, David Dye, Jim Frost, Kevin Morgan, Herbie Edgar, Keith Martin and Howard Munday - there's nothing new under the sun.

FIFTY YEARS OF HILLGROVE CRICKET



THE SEVENTIES

In 1970 I was playing 1st grade cricket with St Peters Club in Armidale (now Norths). My close friends, Joe Sewell and David Dye, were playing for Hillgrove and had been nagging for some time for me to come across. I guess the deciding factor was the social aspects of the Club. I remember there was a mardi gras in the main street one Saturday night. I had a drink or five with Joe and Stipe and we wandered down to the New England at about 9 o'clock to see the boys. "The boys" were there all right - still in their whites (RK Martin, Herby Edgar, Kay Morgan, Bud Sewell, Jack Sewell, Brian Charter and of course, numerous Frosts). I will never forget what we saw - they'd obviously run out of money - Kay Morgan was in full flight singing songs and Herby was going around the bar collecting "donations" - I played for the "Grove the next season and have played for them ever since.

Peter Schaefer

After a long day in the field at Hillgrove it was nice to sit down for a beer in the pavilion. This particular afternoon I had some home brew and I told the boys it was XXXX and that they had to drink it before the good beer came out. After a few Phil (Cano) Gibbons stood up and said, " Joe this beer isn't XXXX it tastes like bloody XXXXXXXXXXXX."

Alan (Joe) Sewell

Bryant, Morgan chosen

Two Armidale players have been named in the combined North and North-West Under 23 cricket team.

They are all-rounders Rod Bryant and Gavin Morgan ... Other players are T. Williams (Tamworth, captain) T. Browne v.c....

The Armidale Express

Hillgrove all-rounder, Alan Hollenbrandse, could not be accused of not using his head in Saturday's match against Waratahs at Hillgrove.

That's
using
your
head!

Hollenbrandse was fielding at square leg when Ross Bell was bowling to Waratah's batsman, Graham Johnson.

Johnson who had already hit four boundaries in his only four scoring shots, pulled a ball to his leg side.

Before Hollenbrandse could react to the situation, he had been struck on the forehead, bad luck for 'Holly' but good luck for Hillgrove.

... the ball ricocheted off his head into the air, and Bell was able to complete a caught and bowled dismissal! Johnson was heard to say something to the effect that " there's another way you can get out."

The knock did not appear to harm Hollenbrandse, who later came on to bowl and took four wickets.

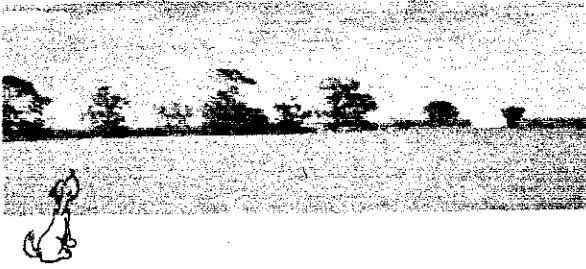
The Armidale Express, Monday,
March 5 1979.



Presentation of
Life membership 1981/
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K Morgan, David
Dye (for Tom Dye), H.
Munday, Herb Edgar.

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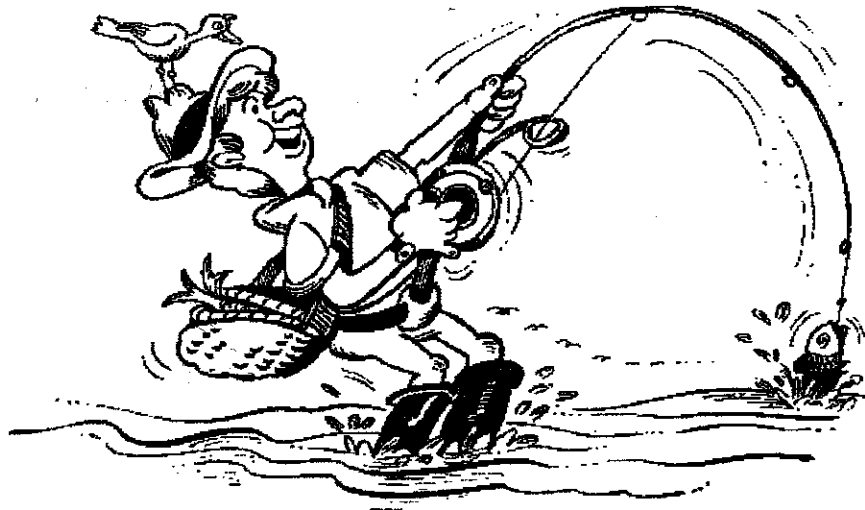


Fishing or Cricket? - (A 1972 tale)

Our motto used to be - come prepared. I always had my fishing gear in the boot of the old Corolla - just in case the cricket at the 'Grove was washed out! As it happens we found ourselves at Ebor one wet Saturday afternoon chasing trout in Biscuit or Kangaroo Creek. There was Sewell, Kay, Gavin, and Ian Morgan, Joe Sewell and myself.

It was at a time prior to the Ebor Pub burning down (another story) and as would be the case on several occasions we found ourselves parked outside. We were in two cars - I had about \$1.00 and I think the Morgans could scratch up a bit. Jack had an old "backie" tin in the glovebox of the Kingswood in which we found various coins. We pooled our resources and fronted the bar - the barman thought it quite hilarious and sorted out the array of coins - from pennies through to cents. We had enough for a middie and a seven each! After they were dispatched we were still thirsty - but didn't have any money left! Kay came to the rescue with an old sock full of worms, a dead grasshopper and an old pocket knife! -- The barman took sympathy on us and gave us another round! I Remember the Day.

Peter Schaefer



I can't remember if we caught anything, it didn't matter anyway, but we had certainly worked up a thirst by stumps!



The last round of reserve Grade one day competition was held at the 'Grove and we won. This meant that we qualified for the final against Austin College at Harris Park. After the game we had our usual beers at the pavilion at the HCG but this time it went a bit late. Dave Dye, Greg Polson and I were dancing to 2SM on the car radio and singing "we'll bat all day". This didn't eventuate as we got 2 runs between us and Hillgrove were all out for 32 chasing only 75.

Alan Sewell

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Hillgrove v Manilla, at Hillgrove.
Back row: Joe Sewell, Phil Gibbons,
Peter Hickey, Noel Hatch.

Middle: Gary Hamilton, Tom Dye, Blue
Munday, John Waters, Roger Munday.

Front: Alan Gray, Herb Edgar, Kay
Morgan, Frank Tanner, David Munday.



Jeff Dowe Memorial Trophy played
between Hillgrove and Manilla. (This visit
Manilla beat Hillgrove).

Keith Martin presenting Jeff Dowe Tro-
phy to Hugh Hawker.



MANILLA TEAM

Dear Gary,

Please pass on my apologies for not being able to attend the Hillgrove celebra-
tions, especially to Joe Sewell who I was
looking forward to sending down a few
bouncers to. I have really fond memories of
playing cricket in my early years with
Hillgrove and have little doubt as to why I
still love and play the game today. Bruce
Sewell and Stan Davies can also be remem-
bered for teaching me the finer points of
cricket and more notably the consuming of
alcohol which goes with the game, and to
this day that skill seems to be improving
with age while my cricket skills seem to be
going into decline.

I hope your night turns out to be a
successful one. Please keep me in mind for
any future celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

John Leahy (2/4/97)

'GROVE HANG ON TO FORCE DRAW

Hillgrove batsmen, Gavin Morgan
and Greg Polson defied the Waratah's
attack for the last five overs to force a
draw in the match at Harris Park on
Saturday.

At stumps Hillgrove were 9/102 in
reply to Waratah's 4/128 declared. The
result means that Hillgrove slip from
second to third, but still with a good
chance of making the final.

**The Armidale Express,
Monday, February
28, 1977.**

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Clippings from The Armidale Express, 1975-79

**THE ARMIDALE EXPRESS, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 1977**

HILLGROVE

P. Schaefer, not out	201
R. Bell, run out	8
P. Coorie, c. _ b. Barnden	0
G. Morgan, b. McMahon	8
P. Hickey, c. _ b. McMahon	4
A. Sewell, c. Terry b. McMahon	8
G. Northam c. _ b. McMahon	8
T. Butler, c. _ B. Priddle	43
K. Morgan, not out	3
Sundries	9
TOTAL	7/296

Fall: 49, 52, 69, 73, 91, 99, 268

SCHAEFER STARS FOR THE 'GROVE

A brilliant keeping and batting display by Peter Schaefer has put Hillgrove in a strong position for their second A Grade win from as many matches.

Hillgrove dismissed Easts for 153 and were 1/86 at stumps - requiring 68 runs with nine wickets in hand.

Schaefer assisted in five Easts dismissals from behind the stumps.

He took two catches and made three stumpings.

Schaefer opened the innings for Hillgrove and was still unbeaten on 45 when stumps were drawn.

He and Gavin Morgan (30 not out) will resume next week with the Grove on the verge of their second win.

Bowling honours went to T. Butler with 5/47, while Morgan took three wickets.

SCHAEFER HITS A 'TON'

An unbeaten century by Hillgrove opener, Peter Schaefer, was the highlight of Saturday's play in the A Grade cricket competition.

Schaefer made 102 of his team's total of 2/179 against St Peter's

HILLGROVE

P. Schaefer, not out	102
A. Sewell, b. Mitchell	16
G. Morgan, lbw, b. McDowell	37
J. Teege, not out	13
Sundries	11
TOTAL	2/179

Visit by NZ Colts

The touring Canterbury (New Zealand) Kiwi Colts cricket team will play in Armidale next Friday, January 10.

Players to represent New England include Ray Eddie, Gavin Morgan, Mick Porter, Rick Porter and Brian Bower

Morgan 135 not out for Hillgrove

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**THE ARMIDALE EXPRESS,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1976.**

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Memories of Playing for the 'Grove, Alan (Joe) Sewell



My cricket started at High School, playing U 14 junior cricket. Other young budding cricketers were Dave Dye, Peter Schaefer, Ian Morgan and Bob Johnson. Ian was still at primary school and would open the bowling for us. Schaefer and I played rep cricket and on one trip went to Maitland to play a representative side and to see the MCC play NSW at Newcastle. One of the highlights was meeting Doug Walters after his maiden test century against England.

I started playing cricket with Hillgrove B Grade in '67-'68 season and the players in the team then were, Peter Sewell, Ray Sewell, Greg Witherdin, Brian Charters, Laurie Sewell, Ross Sewell, Cyril Lawrence, John Waters and Norm Waters. Dumaresq beat us in the semifinal that year at Lambert Park and my best mate, Peter Schaefer, ruined any hopes we had of winning, by scoring a ton. '68-'69 and '69-'70 were building years. With Ian and Gavin Morgan hitting their straps and a couple of new players we hit the '70-'71 season hungry for a premiership. The team then was Ian Morgan, Gavin Morgan, Alan Sewell, Bruce Sewell, Ross Sewell, Dave Dye, Gary Northam, Stan Davies, Keith Worthing, Cyril Lawrence, John Leahy and Ben (Trooper) Little.

Kay, Ian, Gavin Morgan and myself



would train ferociously every chance we could in Morg's tennis court. John Stathers and Jack Sewell would also join in. This must have paid off as we won the '70-'71 one day final. The '71-'72 season was also a top one with wins in both the one day and two day comps.

After winning for two years it was time to move to Reserve Grade and as it turned out Schaefer decided to join the 'Grove. The Reserve Grade players then were John Stathers, Kay Morgan, Jack Sewell, Peter Sewell, Keith Frost, Bill Frost, Elvin Frost, Herb Edgar, Keith Martin, Keiren Moore and some new recruits, Ian Morgan, Gavin Morgan, Peter Schaefer, Chris Pitkin, Phil Gibbons and Alan Sewell. Our first game was at Consett 3, Behind Lake Zot. I can still remember John Stathers and Gavin Morgan batting in the dark to get the winning runs. We won the one day final but lost the two day final in the '72-'73 season. The two day final against waratahs was one game we thought we could win, but a couple of terrible umpiring decisions put us in trouble and we never recovered. Schaefer's 21st birthday party on the Saturday night was a great night and two kegs later and a few sore heads we were back on the field defending our first innings but it wasn't enough and Waratahs won.

The '73-'74 season opened sadly with the death of Ian Morgan who was killed in a motor bike accident and a few days later his cousin, Warwick Dye, died in New Zealand. A very sad time for their families and Hillgrove. In November we played a one day final against DLSC and won. The final was played on the Sunday after my 21st birthday party, this time we were victorious. The players in this team were Peter Schaefer, Alan Sewell, Gavin Morgan, Chris Pitkin, Jeffery Teege, Tony Butler, Greg Polson, Kay Morgan, Phil Gib-

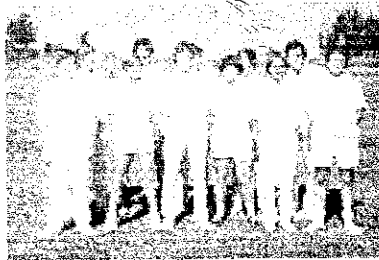
Hillgrove B Grade Premiers 1970/71
Bruce Sewell with Willman Cup, Gavin
Morgan - Bowling Average, Alan Sewell -
Batting Average.

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bons and Elvin Frost. St Peters 1st Grade dropped to Reserve Grade for the two day comp and with players like Blair Hunt, David Armitage, Keith Smith, Bede Ryan and Luke Foster they were a strong side. They defeated us well and truly.

In '74-'75 we started off strongly and reached the one day final against Austin College. The strength disappeared and the only thing we looked like winning were the drinks back at Austin College. It wasn't all in vain and we picked up some valuable players for the 'Grove in Ross Bell and Paul Gorrie. The two day final was against Waratahs was played at the Sportsground. This win was one of the most pleasurable as we'd been trying for years. The team was: Peter Schaefer, Alan Gibbons, Gavin Morgan, Chris Pitkin, Jeffrey Teege, Tony Butler, Greg Polson, Bill Monroe, Phil Gibbons, Bob Johnson and Gerard Burke. Gavin Morgan was attending college at Wollongong but managed to fly home for the final.

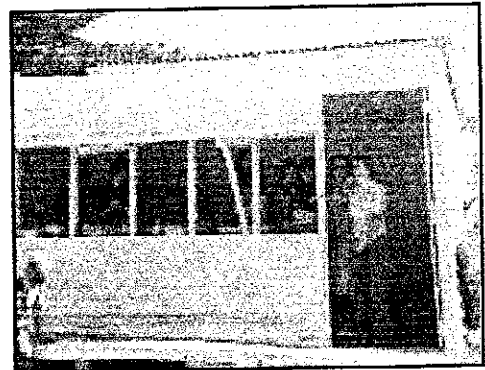


5. Hillgrove Reserve Grade Premiers 1975 - defeated Waratahs at Sports Ground.
Back row: Jeff Teege, Joe Sewell, Phil Gibbons, Bob Johnson, Chris Pitkin.
Front: Gerard Burke, Tony Butler, Peter Schaefer, Greg Polson, Gavin Morgan, Bill Munroe.

After winning the Reserve Grade Final the Association decided to put us into First

grade in the '75-'76 season. Our first game was against St Peters at Lambert Park. We beat them outright. The team was Peter Schaefer, Alan Sewell, Jeffrey Teege, Chris Pitkin, Gary Northam, Phil Gibbons, Tony Butler, Greg Polson and Bill Monroe.

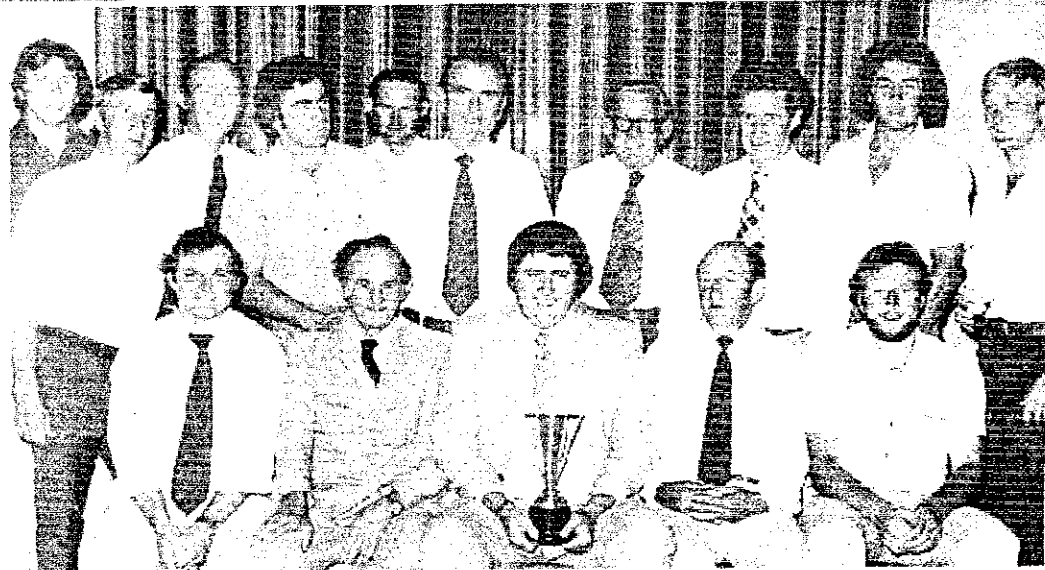
Even though we were playing first grade we still had home games at the 'Grove. This upset the opposition a bit because they were playing on a hard wicket and with uneven approaches and field. One would have thought that the afternoon tea would have made up for this.



Some of the hard working Afternoon Tea Ladies at the Hillgrove Cricket Ground.
l to r: , Carol Waters, ,
, Dorrie Sewell, Janet Edgar, Sue Hickey,
Beryl Dye, Jenny Schaefer.

We won many home games but didn't make the semifinal. The team then was Peter Schaefer, Alan Sewell, Alan Hollenbrandse, Rowan Chandler, Chris Pitkin, Tony Butler, Peter Hickey, Gerard Edey, Greg Stevens, Ross Bell and Paul Gorrie. We reached a semifinal in 1978 against Easts at Lambert Park and were beaten. We continued playing in Hillgrove until 1980. The Association brought in the fourth grade so the conditions at Hillgrove were deemed not suitable for first grade (so they thought).

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1. One Day B Grade Premiers 1977

Back row, 1 to r: Kerry Burke, Frank Tanner, John Waters, Rod Darcy, Cyril Lawrence, Bob Simpson, Tom Dye, Howard Munday, Peter Martin, Rowan Chandler.

Front row, 1 to r: Cliff West, Keith Martin, Dave Dye, Kay Morgan, Wayne Burgess.

In 1977 Hillgrove won both the 1 day and 2 day comps.

April, 1977 B Grade Grand Final

WARATAHS - First Innings

S. Philp, b. Lawrence.....	24
M. Connolly, c. West, b. Lawrence.....	13
J. Briggs, c. Edgar, b. Munday.....	15
G. Frost, c. and b. Lawrence.....	0
L. Strong, c. Edgar, b. Munday.....	11
J. Baillie, b. Munday.....	1
M. McDougall, c. Tanner, b. Morgan.....	0
T. Muldoon, run out.....	1
D. Wheaton, stp. Edgar, b. Morgan.....	0
G. Joice, b. Lawrence.....	3
Sundries.....	2
Total.....	84

Fall: 22,24,35,51,57,77,78,80,81.

Bowling: C. Lawrence 4-22, F. Tanner 0-3, G. Hamilton 0-32, H. Munday 3-22, K. Morgan 2-3

Second Innings

J. Briggs, c. West, b. Lawrence.....	0
M. Connolly, lbw, b. Lawrence.....	3
S. Philp, c. Schumacher, b. Hamilton.....	18
G. Frost, b. Lawrence.....	0
L. Strong, b. Lawrence.....	11
J. Baillie, c. and b. Hamilton.....	0
P. Baillie, lbw, b. Hamilton.....	22
M. McDougall, b. Tanner.....	5
T. Muldoon, c. Munday, b. Morgan.....	10
D. Wheaton, not out.....	5
G. Joice, b. Hamilton.....	4
Sundries.....	5
Total.....	83

Fall: 0,3,7,38,47,59,68,74.

Bowling: C. Lawrence 4-30, F. Tanner 1-12,

G. Hamilton 4-24, K. Morgan 1-12.

HILLGROVE - First Innings

H. Edgar, lbw, b. Muldoon.....	0
K. Martin, c. McDougall, b. Strong.....	7
D. Dye, c. P. Baillie, b. Connolly.....	4
G. Hamilton, run out.....	15
K. Morgan, c. Philp, b. Strong.....	10
W. Schumacher, b. Wheaton.....	0
C. Lawrence, b. Connolly.....	28
C. West, c. Connolly, b. Strong.....	3
J. Waters, not out.....	5
F. Tanner, run out.....	1
H. Munday, c. McDougall, b. Strong.....	0
Sundries.....	11
Total.....	84

Fall: 0,6,23,25,45,65,74,78,84.

Bowling: T. Muldoon 1-13, M. Connolly 2-12,

D. Wheaton 1-22, L. Strong 4-26.

Second Innings

H. Edgar, c. Strong, b. Connolly.....	6
K. Martin, c. Strong, b. Muldoon.....	3
G. Hamilton, lbw, b. Briggs.....	21
C. Lawrence, lbw, b. Strong.....	6
D. Dye, lbw, b. Muldoon.....	3
K. Morgan, c. Frost, b. Briggs.....	18
W. Schumacher, c. J. Baillie, b. Briggs.....	0
C. West, not out.....	8
J. Waters, b. Wheaton.....	8
F. Tanner, not out.....	3
Sundries.....	8
Total.....	8/84

Fall: 11,22,29,33,64,64,64,74.

Bowling: T. Muldoon 2-21, M. Connolly 1-10,

D. Wheaton 1-16, L. Strong 1-16, J. Briggs 3-13

20 Hillgrove won outright by two wickets.

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ALAN (Joe) SEWELL'S RECOLLECTIONS



I started the '80-'81 season in First Grade and finished in second grade making way for cricketers such as Trevor Wiley and Michael Hawkins. My opening role with Schaef had come to an end. We had opened for Hillgrove since 1972. I enjoyed opening with Schaef even though I had the junior role. It was great to watch how he could take a bowling attack apart, especially at Hillgrove, where some opening bowlers with long run-ups and short pitched deliveries were promptly put into the pine trees. Back in second grade we reached the semifinals but were beaten.

In the '81-'82 season second was skipped by Alan Hollebrandse. He led us to the finals against Easts at Elizabeth Park 1. We won. The team was Alan Hollebrandse, Alan Sewell, Brian Siemens, Gerard Edey, Robert Brookes, Stuart Moen, Russell Parberry, Scott Hourigan, Alan Gray, Wayne Fuller and Barry Reynolds.

The '82-'83 season was started in Third Grade. It was an enjoyable year. We reached the semifinals against Churches but were still beaten. This was where we came across a young crick-

eter (with more hair than he has now) called Gary Phillips. He later played for Hillgrove and is the present president of the club. I played third grade for most of the eighties. The late eighties we were better known as the "thirsty thirds". The team included Bob Kelly (Briz), Pat Kelly, Mick Howard, Mick Shorter, Gary Hamilton, Ken Docksey, Jason Garske, Greg Partridge, Peter Green, Scot Freeman, Peter Sims and Paul Haydon. We reached the semifinal against Easts with Brizy Kelly at the helm but that wasn't enough; we were beaten.

I haven't fully retired as I take an active role in the club and am involved with the junior cricketers to keep the "Grove" the top club it has been for the last fifty years and hopefully the next fifty years.

Alan (Joe) Sewell.

IT MAKES YOU
ALWAYS FIT FOR A GAME
WITH THE KIDS

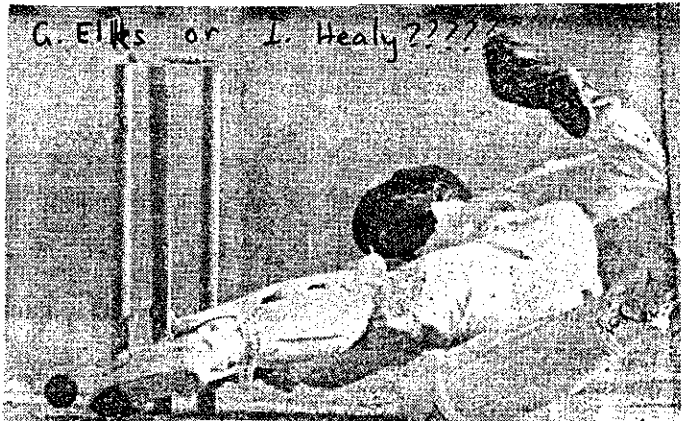
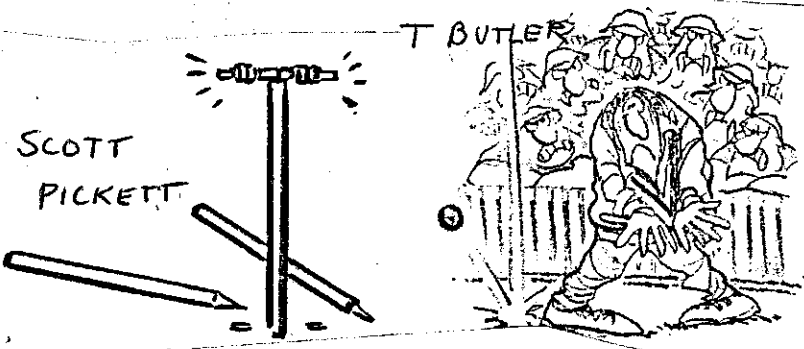
PRICE 2/6 CHEMISTS

DOUGIE'S MATE

500!



The official journal of Hillgrove Cricket



"Look where I was. I had no idea"

We'll fight them on the beaches
We'll fight them on the shores
We'll fight them on the cricket field
AND THEY CAN ALL GET STUFFED



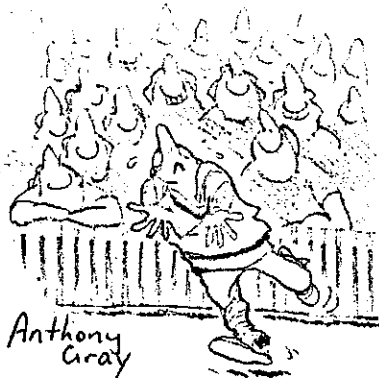
Elksy stops the ball

In the pursuit of excellence.

G. Phillips, c Courtney, b Martin	0
R. Kramer, b Kippax	0
M. Trehy, c Northam, b Stahlhut	0
M. McRae, c ---, b Whiteley	0
G. Harlow, b Lunn	0
M. Ball, b Stahlhut	0



"APPEAL AGAINST THE LIGHT!"



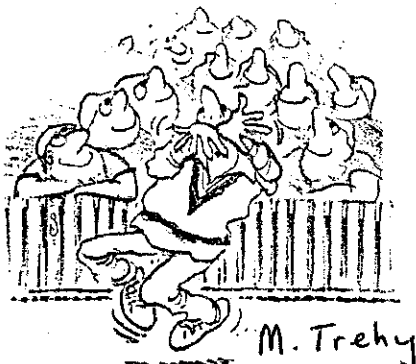
Anthony Gray

HILLGROVE

M. Teege, c ---, b Gratton	11
K. Docksey, c ---, b Flint	98



M. BALL



M. Trehy

DOUGIE'S MATE

17-12-83

IN THE BOOTS OF THE UMPIRE

Number 1 in a series.

Wardy delivers the ball down the off side, out of reach of the batsman in his normal guard position. The batsman moves to the line of the ball but does not offer a stroke. The ball goes to Geoff Fisher at 1st slip and he surprisingly takes it cleanly. He passes it directly to the esteemed R. Brown who majestically throws down the wickets with the batsman out of his crease but not attempting a run. A resounding appeal is belched out by Wardy. Is the ball a wide? Is the batsman out? If so, how is he out?

DISCUSS THIS WITH SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AS IF THEY SHOULD KNOW AND IF YOU COME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER, COOP WILL SHOUT YOU A DRINK.
"Don't ask M. Waugh. Ed."

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HILLGROVE C. C. WOMEN'S TEAM - 1983/84

Kath Dolan (c), Jo Dolan, Leanne McKinnon, Anne Mink, Tracey Kilner, Fiona Starr, Colleen Brennan, Robyn Blanch, Helen James, Sue Emanuel, Diane Farrell, Louise Humphreys, Leonie Hague, Julie Bullen, Debbie Simmons, Donna Reeves, Deanna Kilner.

The 1983/84 cricket season was our first with Hillgrove and proved to be very successful, although we only managed 5th in the competition points.

Hillgrove Women's Team won their first game since their inception into the AWCA. We played ex-Services, who bowled us out for 80 odd but then could only manage the paltry score of 37, as Hillgrove bowlers took charge of the game. Cindy Blanch and Kath Dolan took the figures of 4/19 and 4/15 respectively in this game. The Royal Hotel has never seen such a celebration.

Our other success of the season came in the game against St. Peters. Hillgrove won the toss and batted first to score 154 runs, with Louise Humphreys scoring 43, Colleen Brennan 29, Kath Dolan 32 n.o., Robyn Blanch 17 and Jo Dolan 22. Hillgrove opened their bowling and quickly claimed the wickets of Teresa McNamara and Carolyn Kirk. St. Peters last wicket fell when the score was on 154, therefore making the game a tie.

Hillgrove's newcomers, Helen James, Colleen Brennan and Louise Humphreys were all very successful in their first season with Hillgrove.

Helen took some good wickets and ended the season with the fine average of 4 wickets at 17 runs. Colleen and Louise both batted extremely consistently throughout the season and finished with averages of 20.71 and 23.6 respectively.

Five players from Hillgrove were picked to play Tamworth in the representative games. They were Colleen Brennan, Louise Humphreys,

Leanne McKinnon, Cindy Blanch and Kath Dolan. Each player played exceptionally well in these games.

With the backing of Hillgrove Cricket Club, our team should go from strength to strength in the 1984/85 season.

Jo Dolan.

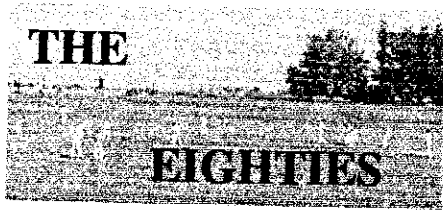


Women's Team:

Back: Donna Reeves, Keith McIntyre, Tracy Kilner, Deanna Kilner, Colleen Brennan, Kath Dolan, (captain), Helen James, Louise Humphreys.

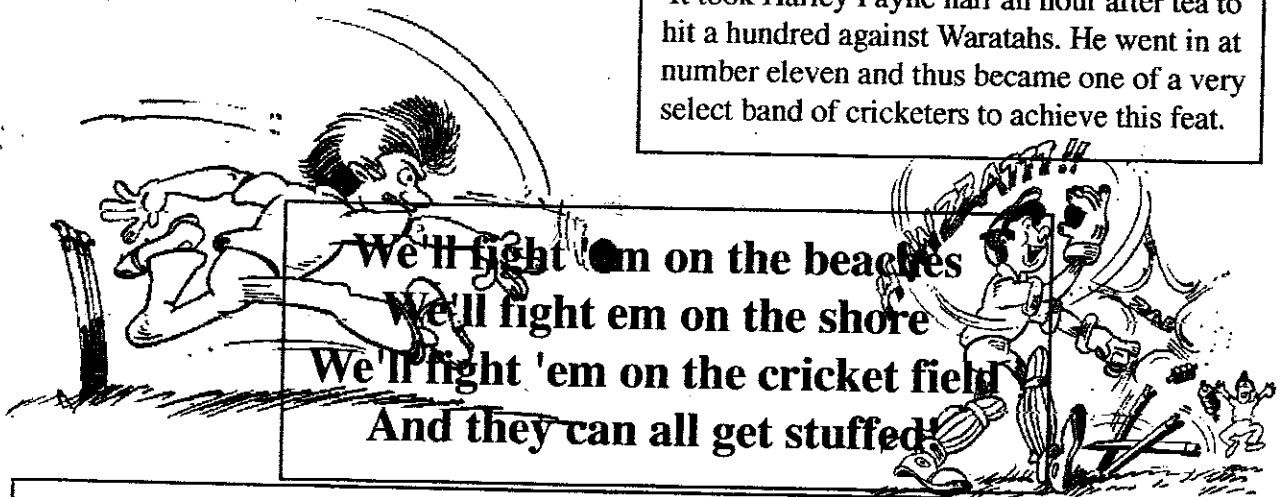
Front: Leanne McKinnon, Robyn Blanch, Fiona Starr, Cindy Blanch (vice captain).

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CENTURY BY NUMBER ELEVEN

It took Harley Payne half an hour after tea to hit a hundred against Waratahs. He went in at number eleven and thus became one of a very select band of cricketers to achieve this feat.



Group Photo at the Royal

Back: Warren Rice, Peter Creagan, Barry Reynolds, Peter Schaefer, Gered Edey, Geoff Wood, Pat Kelly, Ross Bell.

2nd: Ken Docksey, Geoff Fisher, Peter Roan, David March, Alan Cubitt, Tony Butler.

3rd: Russ Parbery, Peter Hickey, Howard Munday, Gary Phillips, Paul Lush, Gavin Gillard, Robbie Brown, Brett Reedman, Alan Gay, Greg Campbell.

Front: Simon Pickering, Adam Kent, Wayne Cooper, Gary Hamilton, Robert Kelly, Grant Parberry, David Munday, Andrew Kirk, **24** Jason Kirk.

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"This yearbook has been produced to provide a record for all club members of the season just completed. In years to come you may well have only faded memories of this season, but a look in this book should bring the memories flooding back".

Gavin Gillard,
Hillgrove Cricket Club Yearbook, 1984

PETER ROAN remembers ...

I joined Hillgrove Cricket Club in the 1982-83 season for the opportunity to having played lower grades with C.C. This year and was quiet but relatively prior to the following season Colin House (Sarah) had approached me to become President of Hillgrove Cricket Club which I did for the 1983-84 season. These were the only two years I spent at Hillgrove with a lot of work and pleasure the rewards for my time as president.



However, my first introduction to Hillgrove was playing against the 'famous' B Grade side of 1976-77. Churches had only been a one team club to that date so I formed a team from school mates to play B Grade. We played two games against Hillgrove at Hillgrove and were convincingly beaten both times. They had a couple of good opening bowlers in Rod Darcy and Cyril Lawrence followed by Howard Munday and Rowan Chandler. Their batting was dominated by David Dye and Herb Edgar.

We made the final; against Hillgrove that year but fortunately it was a washout and a joint premiership was declared. They were the gun side. Little did I realise then that years later I would be with Hillgrove. A couple of years later we played Hillgrove Reserve Grade at Harris Park 2, where one of their players, a scruffy young teacher, went out of sight in Dumaresq Creek whilst retrieving a cricket ball. His name was David March with whom I was to share a house with and who obviously suggested I would be better off playing for the Grove. The first Saturday of my debut with Hillgrove was washed out and it was also the day of being inducted into the 'spirit of things' at the Royal. It was quite obvious that Hillgrove were a very social club.

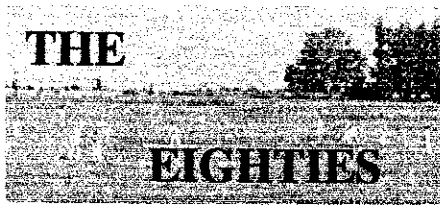
In 1982-83 Hillgrove had only three teams. In 1983-84 the 'grove' entered 5 men's grades sides plus a woman's cricket side, representing a significant achievement in growth. Gary Phillips was one player I talked into coming across as it would do him good to play 1st grade and see how good he was. Gary has since played for Armidale and higher representation whilst becoming an integral part of Hillgrove. He was player of the year in the 1983-84 season.

That season the Club had a men's and a women's drinking side and it would be improper for me to replay some stories in this article be-



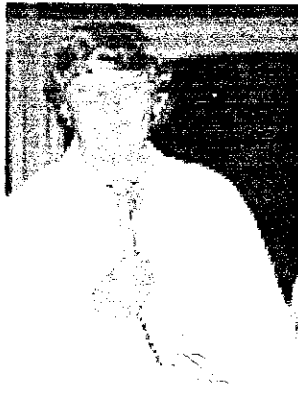
cause of censorship laws, but after all clubs were duly thrashed in the after games functions at the pubs etc. It was at a club function at Marchy's place that the men's team took on the women's drinking side. The women won.

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Scott Hourigan was so devastated and was never the same even settling down to get married and hardly drinking in later years. Colin House was very much affected that he moved to Sydney mid season and I have not seen him since. David See was never the same and the old heads of Brizzy (Bob Kelly) and Hammo (Gary Hamilton) who to this day do not mention the incident.

Another character of this era was Mulga Fox, alias Greg Campbell, who captained 5th grade. Mulga in obviously a former life had com-



posed Winston Churchill's famous war time speech- "We'll fight them on the beaches" ... which Mulga re-released as the Hillgrove Anthem with much more passion and patriotic appeal as this was recited with such vigour as any opportunity arose.

Mulga was also a man of great foresight as he had argued strongly about writing to the Armidale Cricket Association to have spin bowlers banned from 5th Grade. Obviously, he had foreseen the deadly destruction a cricketer named Warne would unleash nearly a decade later.

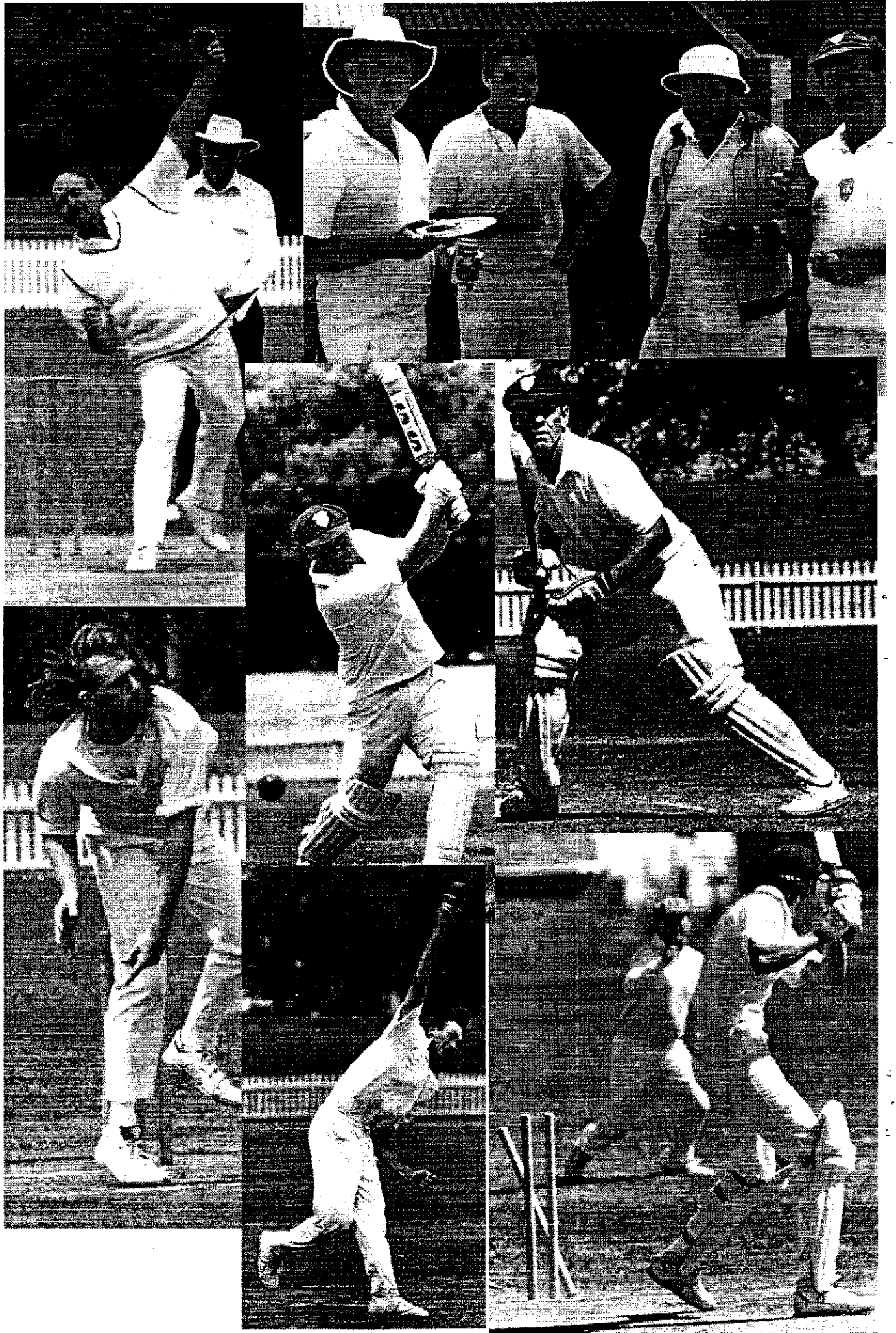
The 1984 off season saw Hillgrove Cricket Club enter 3 baseball teams - two men's and a mixed in the newly formed Armidale Baseball Competition. The Hillgrove "diggers" which included, Gavin Gillard, Harry Browne, Barry Reynolds, Paul Holding and myself won the competition.

Being President for the 83/84 Season wasn't only just restricted to playing, having a few meetings and making sure the Club was running but it involved other things such as writing and publishing "Dougie's Mate". This was a joint effort with Gavin Gillard, with Ken Docksey providing word processing facilities and Ross Bell allowing us to use his photocopier.

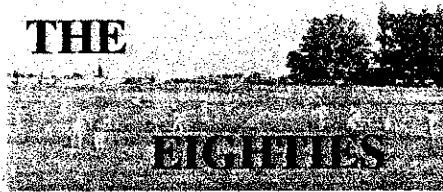
This wasn't the only document we wrote and for those who have read Gavin Gillard's article you will know we used to write the "Over the Pickets" by Slasher for Friday's Edition of the Armidale Express. Sometimes this took a lot of time involving late nights but it really gave us a buzz to be writing about any aspect of Armidale Cricket, sometimes contrary to our own beliefs, preferences and ideas. A typical week for Gavin and myself was a selection of teams along with all captains, organize and write Dougies Mate and Slasher, we may have played Rep. Cricket on the Sunday and throw in Armidale Cricket Association meeting, as I was publicity officer, the Weekly Radio Cricket show and it was a very hectic week. The season culminated in the release of the 1984 Hillgrove Yearbook which we managed to finish in time for Presentation Night. I remember we took a break to meet with Harry Browne at the St Kilda Hotel to "virtually sign" him and Warwick up for Hillgrove.

It was a pleasure to be part of Hillgrove and play cricket with the like of Peter Schaefer, Geoff Wood, Gavin Gillard, Tony Butler, and a true legend and gentlemen, Peter Hickey.





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In 1984 I moved to Tamworth and joined Harry Browne's old club, South Tamworth.

The time spent with Hillgrove was unique. The spirit in 1983/84 was fantastic and it is pleasing to see "Dougies Mates" and Yearbooks have endured since. Congratulations to Hillgrove in its 50th Year. As you see it holds a special place of great times, friendships and memories albeit for the short time I spent with the Grove. All the best.



Dave March

PETER ROAN



Third Grade about 1986.

Back: Warren Hay, Harley Payne, Mark Jackson, Peter Sims, Ken Docksey, Adam Kent

Front: Roger Roan, Harry Browne, Andrew Kirk, Mark Teege, Grant Beard.



Ross Bell, Mick O'Neil, Gerard Edey, Geoff Wood, Paul Holding, Gavin Gillard and Gary Phillips.



Kevin Pike, Peter Roan, David March and Harley Payne

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Some enthusiastic Hillgrove Teams of the eighties.



Fifth Grade 1983/84

Back: Greg Campbell (c.), Robbie Brown, Stephen Ward, Pat Kelly, Paul Lush, Mark Bourke, Wayne Cooper.

Front: Adam Kent, John Clarke, Mark Cross, Gary Howe, Peter Freer, Warren Rice.



Third Grade 1983/84

Back: Mark Jackson, Mario Gasbarri, Kath Dolan, David March (c.), Ken Docksey, Wayne Fuller.

Front: Robert Kelly, Andrew Kirk, Alan Cubitt, Harley Payne, Mark Teege.



Second Grade

Back: Roger Roan, Peter Byrnes, Alan Shorter, Peter Hickey, Scott Hourigan (v.c.), Alan Gray.

Front: David See, David Munday, Derek Jenkins, Gary Hamilton (c.), Peter Roan.

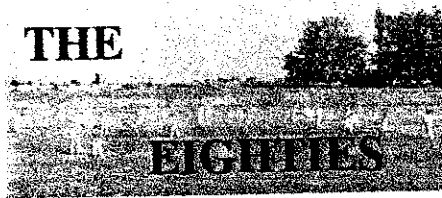


First Grade

Back: Paul Holding, Roger Munday, Peter Roan, Tony Butler, Gavin Gillard, Peter Schaefer, Gerard Edey, Errol Browning (umpire), Peter Hickey.

Front: Geoff Wood, Mick O'Neil, Russ Parbery, Gary Phillips.

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"IRON MAN"

We were playing at Lambert Park and Neil Johnson (very fast) was cleaning us up. John Henderson came in and played some beautiful square drives to the boundary off Johnson. I'm pretty sure I was either batting with him at the time or umpiring at square leg. Anyway, after the 3rd boundary, Johnson gives Hendo 'the stare' from 10 paces.

Hendo wasn't very interested but this changed dramatically when Johnson said, "IRON MAN!" to go with 'the stare'. Now, I don't know if Johnson knew about the metal in Hendo's leg (or was it his head?), but whether he intended it or not, he certainly got Hendo going.

His bat assumed an 'over-the-head' position, his eyes rolled back in their sockets, and he began a very purposeful march towards Johnson. He would have 'clocked' him too, if he hadn't been restrained.

HAMMO

Without doubt, Gary Robert Hamilton is one of the great 'Grove characters. Does anyone remember Hammo's beer diet? Yeah, I know, he was always drinking beer, but this was prescribed!

SECRET IDENTITIES REVEALED

'Slasher' was the cricket columnist for the Armidale Express during the 1983/84 season. The column was called 'Over the Pickets'. The identity of Slasher has been a closely guarded secret for over 13 years, but thanks to the Freedom of Information legislation, the previously top-secret file has been accessed. Slasher was in fact Peter Roan, with assistance from Gavin Gillard and David March.



Some classic quotes from 'Over the Pickets':
(a) ... to take over the keeping duties from Peter Schaefer, who is temporarily unavailable due to golf commitments. Peter enjoys huge scores and his hooking proves very effective towards this end.

(b) That's all I've got to tell you this week but I'll leave you with a comment by W.G. Grace: "Cricket is a game for gentlemen - sometimes played by ruffians." Last Saturday night certainly proved that. (in reference to a particularly wild night after cricket)

(c) I didn't know John Hopwood was a bowler. He must be though, because he took 6 wickets for 13 runs.

(d) Of course, what happens after a game can make the day's labours worthwhile.

(e) In the lower grades, Hillgrove have gained a wily spinner and dogged batsman called Ken Docksey.

(f) St Peter's have acquired the services of Mick Hawkins and Bob Mack. Mick must think he's on a pub crawl - he seems to play for a different club each year.

(g) Someone must have moved the fence back at Lambert Park. That's the only reason I can think of to explain why Peter Wayte scored 51 runs without putting one ball over the pickets.

(h) ... however, Geoff Wood blessed his stumps, the umpire and his three pound tusker. he was 75 n.o. when stumps were drawn.

(i) One of the Easts players got out of goal on Saturday morning and the whole team repeated the effort on Saturday afternoon (The Express didn't print this - they reckoned it could be libellous - but it was true).

(j) Mick Hawkins is another man who has come back to form with a vengeance. Daylight saving must have confused Mick. Instead of putting his clock forward an hour, he turned it back a few years.

(k) Wayte had to retire hurt briefly with an injured forefinger, but he really knuckled down to the task upon resuming his innings.

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Association Club Champion

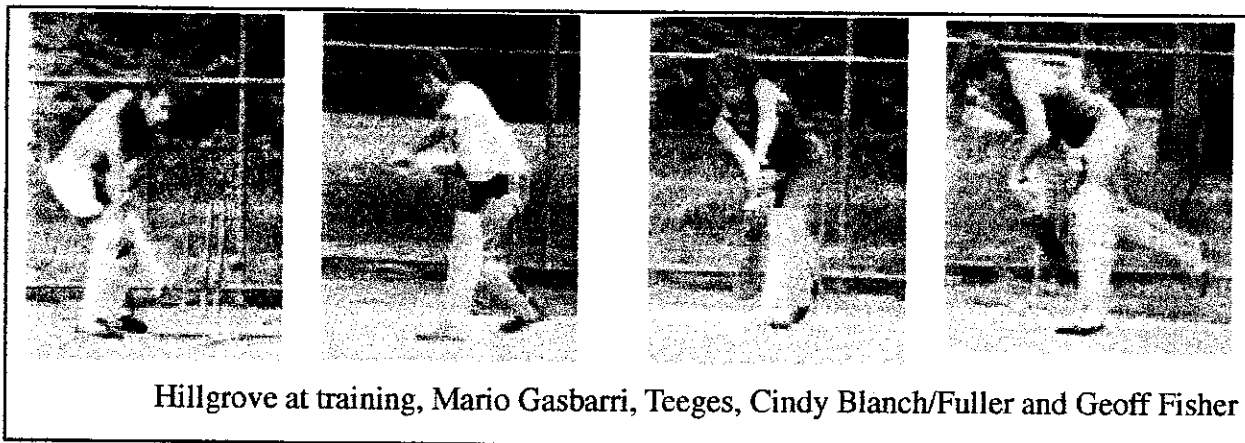
Hillgrove have won the club championship only three times since association records have been kept for the Ron Seery Trophy. The first time was in 1985-86. The second time was in 1995-96 and the third time ... the season just concluded, 1996-97!

HILLGROVE DIGGERS

Who remembers the mighty DIGGERS baseball team, premiers in 1984? Our emblem (printed on our shirts) was the silhouette of a miner with a pick. We beat Hinies (Warwick Browne was in their team) 15-5 in the Grand Final. Paul Holding did a great job as captain/coach. He was the only member of the team who had played any baseball.

Our team was: Paul Holding, Peter Roan, Gavin Gillard, David O'Brien, Barry Reynolds, Harry Browne, Mark Teege, Craig Aldridge and Darren Varcoe. (I hope I haven't missed anyone)

Gavin Gillard



ARMIDALE AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION NIGHT 23 RD MARCH, 1986

Ron Seary Trophy	Club Championship	Hillgrove
The Dick Croft Memorial Shield	1st Grade Minor Premiers	Waratahs
St Kilda Trophy	2nd Grade Minor Premiers	Waratahs
Secretary's Trophy	3rd Grade Minor Premiers	Hillgrove
Cannon Ford Shield	4th Grade Minor Premiers	Hillgrove
Roberts and Morrow Trophy	5th Grade Minor Premiers	Hillgrove

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The Hillgrove Rock Oyster (17-12-83)

Reference to the rock oysters still occasionally found in the more inaccessible sections of Baker's creek was made in a recent edition (1983) of that respected Grovian journal "Dougie's Mate". It reminds me of that great story, still often told, of the day in 1887 that Hillgrove (Elenora) played Armidale at cricket.

At lunch on that historic day the "Grove" was in a spot of bother. Dismissed for 26, despite the efforts of the local umpires, they took the field in some trepidation, yet determined to win. A player with the unlikely name of Smith opened the batting for Armidale. The first ball was despatched into the creek for 6, the next three deliveries all suffered the same fate. Consternation! The Hillgrove bowler whose name was strangely not mentioned in later match reports was under intense pressure. Indeed his very life was threatened by noisy spectators in the Chinese section of the ground.

Surely all was lost! But after the fourth foray into the crystal waters of the creek the Grovers returned not with the ball but two dozen rock oysters!!! and suggested lunch.

No-one could have imagined what an influence this suggestion was to have on the entire village and its history. The Armidale team headed by their big hitting opening batsman were despatched to find their own oysters. Sadly they must have searched in all the wrong places. Rocks were flung from the stream, frantically, dug and dredged. Alas, no oysters.

As darkness fell the Hillgrove team repaired to the Royal Hotel claiming victory by 2 runs. As for Smith and his team from Armidale, their consolation was digging the Bakers Creek Gorge. A game of cricket lost for the taste of a rock oyster!

YOBBO YARNS

ROGUE'S GALLERY

Bob Kelly was causing a Saturday England Horror and get into the They then some inter-Pat Kelly was they had finished to close the back of the wagon but Brissy wasn't in it.



(Brisbane Bob) disturbance one night at the New tel. The police asked Brissy to paddywagon. proceeded to do views (I think there too). When finished, they went

They were pretty pissed off, especially when they found Brissy sitting in the front.

Gavin Gillard

"THE HERO"

Ken Docksey was the new boy in town. Having transferred from Menindee to Armidale City Public School. I (Gavin Gillard) was casual teaching there at the time and that is how fate determined Ken was to become a 'Hillgrove Legend'.

Anyway, his first game for the 'Grove was in one of the lower grades (he was an unknown quantity) at Uralla. I can remember sitting in the front bar of the Royal at about 6 p.m. on that Saturday night. Ken was the first to return from Uralla and he was asked how the game had gone. Everyone was keen to hear the result and Ken didn't let us down. We were pleased to hear that the 'Grove had been victorious. "How did you go, Ken?" someone asked.

Ken very modestly described how he had scored a century, having opened the batting, then, when Uralla were in a good position to take the points, Ken had been called upon to bowl. As he told it, he had deceived with his flight, bamboozled with his "wrong 'un' and flummoxed with his 'toppies'. He quickly bagged 5 wickets and hadn't had to resort to using his 'googly' nor his 'chinaman'. He hadn't been at his best in the field, although he had managed two sharp catches in the slips and a run-out (off-balance, he had thrown down the stumps, side-on, from the square-leg boundary).

Amid numerous pats on the back, Ken was plied with complimentary beers. While he regaled the enthralled audience with the finer details of his performance, the selectors were writing his name in indelible ink for 1st grade the following week and Schaef was on the phone to the district selectors.

About half an hour later the rest of the team started to return from Uralla and we heard the real story. They had won all right, but Ken hadn't been required to bat nor bowl!

Gavin Gillard.

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'GROVE NEW CHAMPIONS - BY 1 RUN!

ASSOCIATION FIRST GRADE REPORT 1987/88

Hillgrove came from fourth position to take out the Premiership, in a last ball thriller. Congratulations to Tony Butler and his boys for a memorable effort, it was their season and may be the start of a new era.

Batting Average: P. Schaefer, 331 runs at 47.29

FIRST GRADE REPORT 1988/89 (an excerpt).

Phillip Melville (1st Grade Recording Secretary)

The 1988/89 season was really a season for batsmen with some twenty qualifiers for the batting awards and only five qualifiers for the bowling

awards. This could most probably be put down to the dry summer experienced in

Armidale and the high standard of wickets prepared - my congratulations go to the curators for their tireless efforts.

Once again Hillgrove came from fourth spot to win the title. Congratulations to Tony Butler and his boys who pulled themselves from a near impossible situation just before Christmas - winning five games straight throughout the one-dayers, and to knock off

Pandemonium broke loose after Hillgrove's heart-stopping one-run victory over Centrals in the final of the Armidale first grade cricket final at the Sportsground over the weekend.

Needing three runs off the last ball to win and two to tie, Centrals skipper, Peter Hickey was unable to make contact and a run out was effected by 'keeper, Andrew Kirk, after the two batsmen had attempted a suicidal second run to equal the scores. (from the Armidale Express match report)



Bull Turnbull (ump), Simon King, Johnathon Watson, Mark Jackson, Allan Gray, Peter Schaefer, Mark Thompson, David Milne (ump) fr. Allan Chambers, Phil Vercoe, Andrew Kirk, Gary Phillips, Tony Butler, Derek Jenkins.

minor premiers, Ex-Services to find themselves in the final yet again. The Hillgrove spirit brought them through and as we know they defeated Easts convincingly to retain the Antill Cup.

My congratulations go to all trophy winners, Gary Mick, Craig, Dean and Mark; especially Thommo and Jacko who in past seasons have been good bowlers without luck and have been rewarded for their efforts deservedly...

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1988-89

A Two Premiership Year!

FIRST GRADE

EASTS

N.Piggot, b Watson.....	13
C.Cuskelly, c Vercoe, b Watson.....	0
R.Porter, c Chambers, b Jackson.....	7
G.Smith, c Schaefer, b Watson.....	5
N.Baillie, c Phillips, b Gray.....	17
P.Davis, c Kirk, b Thompson.....	26
P.Baillie, c and b Thompson.....	1
P.Webb, c Thompson, b Gray.....	13
P.McClenaghan, c Butler, b Watson.....	2
M.Porter, c Vercoe, b Thompson.....	20
D.Nosworthy, not out.....	
Sundries.....	9
TOTAL.....	120
Fall: 1, 20, 31, 34, 59, 60 86, 93, 99,120.	
Bowling:P.Watson 17-2-32-4, M.Jackson 14-1-46-1, A.Gray 7-0-15-2, M.Thompson 13.2-2-25-3.	

HILLGROVE

A.Gray, c and b Porter.....	1
G.Phillips, c R.Porter, b McClenaghan.....	29
A.Kirk, not out.....	62
P.Vercoe, not out.....	21
Sundries.....	11
TOTAL.....	2-124
FALL: 1, 63	
BOWLING: D.Nosworthy 2-1-1-0, R.Porter 6-0-26-1, M.Porter 4-0-11-0, P.McClenaghan 11-2-28-1, N.Baillie 10-0-25-0, G.Smith 3-2-3-0, N.Piggott 3-0-19-0.	

HILLGROVE WON BY EIGHT WICKETS

FIRST GRADE REPORT

Over the season A Gray & Gary Phillips gave us consistently good starts and as an opening pair produced the best results of my 16 years with the club. Andrew Kirk was really reliable and has matured out of sight. Phil Vercoe and A Gray are to all-rounders hard to go past in the Armidale competition. Al Chambers and Peter Schaefer did their job, again and again. When the first 6 batsmen score over 2100 runs it's pretty hard for tail enders to get a bat.

Jacko did really well. It is a great attribute to take out an association trophy and he deserved it. Thommo slept but came good at the right time. Watto was great, a big asset, he learnt and improved with every game...and scored 1 run for the year.

One thing that is happening in the club is that the wisdom of some of the older players such as Schaefer and Harry is beginning to filter through. Harry has helped us to get many wins with his words of wisdom. He makes people just want to play good cricket.

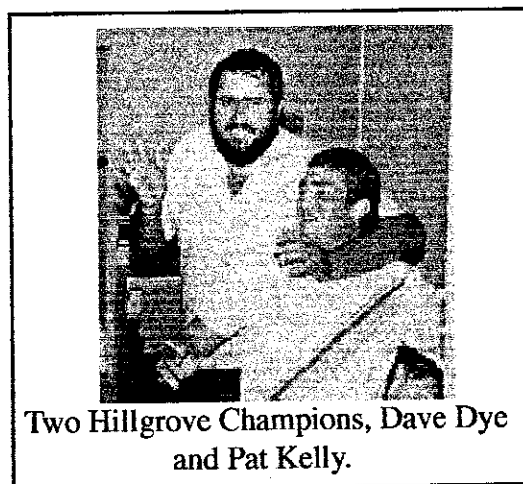
All the best next season,
Tony Butler.

4TH GRADE REPORT

Well what a start, a forfeit it was, against Wollomombi. Couldn't get a team together. Next game a couple of old fellas with a heap of young blokes were the go, mind you Mick and Wardy aren't really that old.

Got the team rolling and virtually never stopped all season. A great season all round, great knocks from batsmen like Dave (Blue) Russell, Andrew (Lairdy) Laird, Chandra Jayraman, Jake Roff, Steve (Mad) Ward, classic fielding from all rounders like Paul (give me a bowl) Schmude and Brad Mitchell. Then there was the superb accuracy from the forth grade bowlers Lindsay McIntyre and Aaron David, GREAT STUFF FELLAS...

Who'll ever forget the trips out to Hillgrove in Mick and Wardy's racing machines, we weren't racing just for a game of cricket, it was for the great afternoon teas (thanks very much Mrs Lawrence) scones, sponge cakes, billy tea, unreal stuff. Also a mention to all those who filled in for us throughout the year. Greg (Womble) Clarke who always put in a great effort and Ken (Steroidy) Docksey who performed great in the final.



Two Hillgrove Champions, Dave Dye and Pat Kelly.

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SECOND GRADE REPORT 1989-1990

"Hillgrove won the premiership in second grade when rain washed out play with Easts at 3-109 with Adam Green unbeaten on 44 and Todd Lockeridge making 31." Armidale Express

Well we finally cracked the big one! After two years playing Easts in the final at Wicklow and coming second, we thought, this year, that we would reverse the trend. **SECOND GRADE PREMIERS 1989/90.**

Special mention must go to all those players who spent some time in second grade with either Harry or myself as captain.

Teeges.

Batting aggregate : Scott Freeman 291 runs
Bowling aggregate: Clive Pearson 28 wickets
Best and fairest: Peter Hickey
Most Improved: Greg Hickey
Fielding Award: Jason Garske
Player of the finals: Greg Hickey

Second Grade batting

H. Browne	169	at	28.2
D. Nay	60	at	10
D. Nixon	118	at	28.3
S. Freeman	291	at	36.4
W. Fuller	59	at	9.8
A. David	161	at	26.8
C. Pearson	17	at	5.7
D. Reid	61	at	12.2
M. Teege	270	at	27
P. Holding	76	at	38
S. King	126	at	25.2
G. Partridge	117	at	13
P. Hickey	70	at	10
J. Garske	30	at	10
G. Phillips	15	at	3.8
G. Jenkins	9	at	9.

SECOND GRADE FEATS

H. Browne 61 v Ex-Services 18-11-89
S. Freeman 90 v TAS 2-12-89
M. Teege 115 v TAS 2-12-89
G. Hickey 64 v St Peters 13-1-90
S. King 61 v Centrals 4-11-89.

Hillgrove Mother's Day Fund-Raising Cricket Match 1988.

The success of the Mother's Day cricket match stunned organisers. Cricket players from past and present teams converged on the historic Hillgrove sports ground to contest the match between Hillgrove and neighbours Wollomombi.

On a glorious day some keen competition took place with the final score of Wollomombi 183 and Hillgrove 162 indicating the excitement of the tussle. Batsmen were required to retire at 30 runs while bowlers were limited to 4 overs each.

The main run scorers for Wollomombi were Ed. Wyndham 22, Baden Williams 24, Robbie Keeping 30, B Sewell 27, Bob Menzies 22 and M Jackson 22.

At one stage when Hillgrove were 4 for 140 they looked set to take the match however a devastating bowling spell by Wollomombi captain Dennis Frost, when he took 5 for 5, put an end to Hillgrove's hopes.

The highest scorers for Hillgrove were Gavin Morgan 30, Cyril Lawrence 30, T Butler 30, and P Schaeffer 18. Mark Teege was Man of the Match.

Hillgrove seniors who made a return to the game included Keith Martin, Jack Sewell, Kevin Morgan, Jim Frost, John Frost, Herb Edgar and Laurie Sewell.

It was truly a day to remember!

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The Armidale Express, Monday, March 25, 1991

Cricket Scoreboard

FOURTH GRADE

HILLGROVE

J.Norley, b. A. Frost	1
D. Morley, c. Copeland, b. Butler	81
P. Thomas, run out	1
S. Ward, c. Copeland, b. Pearson	48
B. King, c. Moran, b. Pearson	20
B. Mitchell, b. Baker	70
L. Freeman, b. A. Frost	47
M. Bourke, b. Baker	10
D. Black, c. Butler, b. Baker	2
R. Kramer, not out	8
D. Waters, b. Baker	70
Sundries	8
TOTAL	296

Bowling: A. Frost 11-3-36-2, T. Butler, 19-8-69-1, M. Pearson 11-0-57-2, D. Frost, 7-0-28-0, P. Moran, 18-2-61-0, R. Baker 8-1-47-3.

WOLLOMOMBI

E. Wyndham, c. Kramer, b. Ward	27
P. Moran, c. Morley, b. Ward	53
R. Baker, b. Freeman,	3
M. Pearson, b. Ward	13
T. Butler, c. Bourke, b. Ward	22
A. Frost, b. Freeman	0
P. Copeland, c. D. Waters, b. Ward	24
D. Frost, c. Mitchell, b. King	31
R. Menzies, c. Freeman, b. King	9
G. Craig, run out	39
B. Mullen, not out	1
Sundries.....	3
TOTAL.....	226

Bowling: L. Freeman 30-3-81-2, B. King, 21.5-3-64-2, S. Ward 18-2-66-5, D. Black 3-0-12-0.

The Armidale Express, Wednesday, March 27, 1991

Apparently the Hillgrove fourth grade cricket side gained the inspiration for their premiership win over Wollomombi from an unusual source.

The players were all fired up after reading Another Slip by Lango in the Express on Friday where the cricket scribe had Wollomombi already past the post and with the trophy in their hands.

It just goes to show that no sporting contest can be regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Wollomombi will be cursing their bad luck reaching the final in the past two years only to meet with defeat.

Mark Bourke would have had some feeling of deja vu when Hillgrove won their fourth grade cricket title at TAS Wakefield over the weekend.

A few years earlier on the same ground, Bourke, who skippered the side this year played in the Hillgrove fifth grade side which won under the captaincy of Greg Campbell.



Jason Garske doing it with his eyes closed.

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THE NINETIES

A Barbecue 1996

Warwick and Teege spent three hours talking about spider legs and spider leg licking etc. All from a shaft of light hitting a spider on a web.

A Lad

A lad, Brad, on semi final night gate crashed a wedding. Couldn't remember the wedding ... and couldn't walk from heat rash caused by dancing ...

Barbed Wire Cup

Had a proud win over Wongwibindra at Wongwibindra. The most notable part was Judy Elks scoring the winning run for Hillgrove.

A Funny Turn of Events

We were playing at Bellvue. The score was, set the game was tight, ... it was getting desperate. A thunderstorm was threatening ... Testrail hit the ball into the covers ... lightning hit the light pole... attempted run out ... big appeal... Bruce Sewell trying to get off the field ... Warwick running like a startled hare .. no decision from Bruce heading for the showers. The game was washed out , a pretty dead ending, but a funny turn of events.

Gadget.

"Give 'em nothing except afternoon tea"
Mick McClennaghan Fourth Grade 1989-90 yearbook.



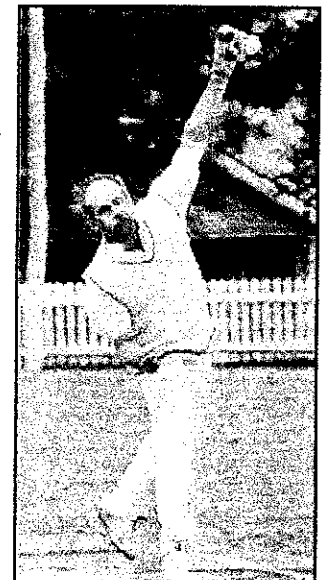
Bill and Gadget

"I don't really think I should come to the 50 year do. I only played one and a half games for Hillgrove. I took one catch and dropped one."

John Galvin at the Kilda 22/3/97.



Ken and Greg Hickey prepare for a Barbed Wire Cup match



Mitchell Woods and Al Gray cut loose.

Association Best and Fairest
In 1993-94 Gary Phillips became the only Hillgrove player to attain this honour.

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Some great individual feats

It was at Bruce Browning against Norths, 27th November 1993 and Geoff Dare had one of those magic days when everything went right. Opening the innings Geoff has hit 29 boundaries (including 4 sixes) and featured in seven partnerships to finish with a score of 156 runs. When it was Hillgrove's turn to bowl, Geoff still on the boil, has got his hands on the ball and has taken 5 for 53 off 14.2 overs. Just to complete the picture and to top off a brilliant day, fielding the ball on the boundary, Geoff's thrown down the stumps for a run out. Hillgrove's won the day!

Back to the Pub for a few well earned beers!

Gary Elks at Wakefield on 26th November, 1994 against TAS finished with figures of 6 for 7 off 6 overs and has taken 2 catches behind the wickets and TAS were a man down.

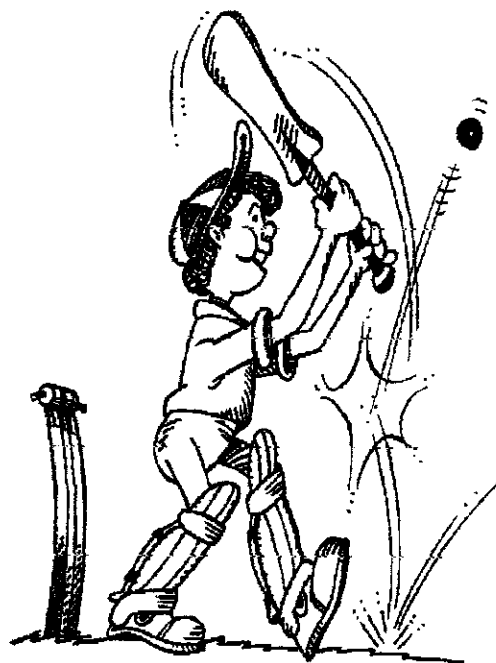
Bowled 6, caught 2 and they were one man down!

Peter Hickey joined the club as a bowler. In his first season Peter topped the averages and aggregates as a batsman.

Peter founded the annual matches between Hillgrove and Wongwibindra. He was a true gentleman and a sportsman much loved by all who knew him. He is sorely missed.

REP Players

This year 1996-97 representative players included Brad King, Wayne Partridge and Gary Phillips. Gary played in the Central Northern side. He was dropped and scored a duck.



PRESIDENT'S CHIT CHAT

I present my president's report for the '95/96 season with great pleasure.

This has been our most successful season in years particularly in being Association Club Champions, SOO the Grove! Congratulations go to every Grover for their achievement in reaching the semi-finals. Special congratulations to 3rd Grade for participating in the grand final.

A successful club requires efficient administration, special thanks to Gary Phillips, Wayne Partridge and Stuart Hutton for their assistance this year. Our players have played excellent cricket this season thanks in particular to Harry Browne.

This season Hillgrove formally amalgamated with the Colts Junior Cricket Club. Our first year already showing dividends with success for both organisations. I thank Steve Irwin and Julie Dawson for their outstanding efforts in organising the Junior club.

AL

from Hillgrove Colts Yearbook 1995/96

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The Barbed Wire Cup

Almost every year Hillgrove and Wongwibindra do battle in the battle for the Peter Hickey Memorial Barbed Wire Cup. It is likely to be the most fiercely contested totally social day out in Australia.

It wasn't always the Peter Hickey memorial. For many years Peter captained Wongwibindra and they seldom lost. For away games, Teeges would spend Saturday night selecting a team at the Royal then spend an hour or two early on Sunday morning gathering up his players from all sorts of strange places after an inevitable Saturday night session and drive them up to Wongwibindra. By tea, after a few hours of hot sun, leather chasing, and a variety of fast, medium and slow bowling even the loudest lad about town would be sitting in the hall sipping tea, little finger extant.

Home games were little different except more first grade players would be available and it might take the boys from Wongwibindra a little longer to gain supremacy.

Sometimes Hillgrove won. Always good winners the Grovers responded with Peter Costello magnanimity in victory.

Everyone has a Barbed Wire Cup story. The score card reproduced below tells only a few.



M. Woods 7-3-7-4, G. Hickey 4-2-11-0, A. Brazier 6-0-19-1, P. Hickey 6-0-19-2, B. Williams 4-0-15-0, S. Newberry 4-2-8-0, R. Keeping 3-0-12-1, K. Brazier 3-1-9-0, R. Woods 2.2 -0-12-2.

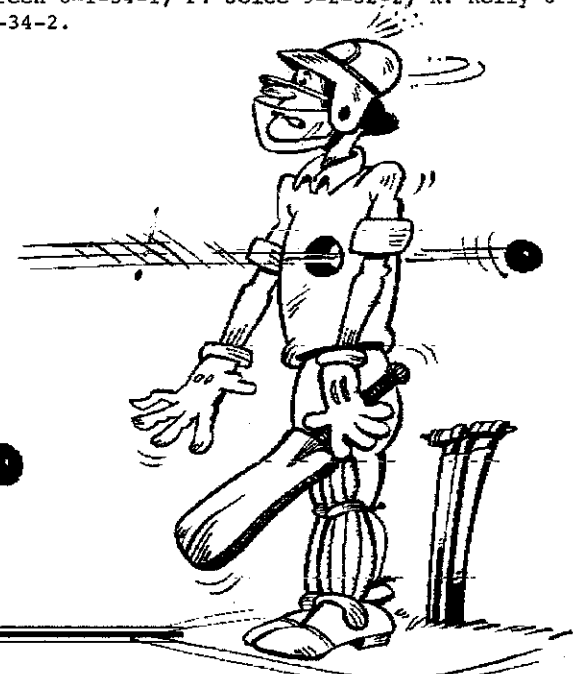
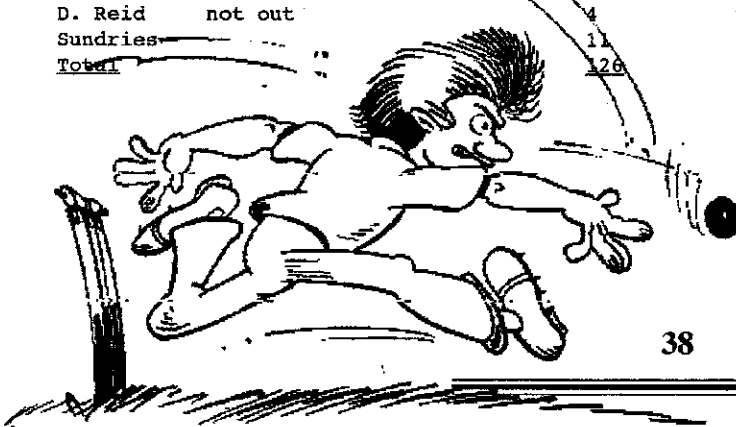
Wongwibindra 6/3/88

A. Brazier c. D. Reid bowled M. Jackson	20
B. Williams run out	4
K. Brazier retired	40
S. Newberry c. P. Joice b. P. Green	37
P. Hickey run out	9
M. Woods lbw P. Joice	0
R. Keeping bowled P. Joice	29
G. Hickey bowled R. Kelly	14
T. Brazier bowled M. Jackson	28
R. Woods c. D. Reid bowled R. Kelly	0
D. Keeping not out	0
Sundries	19
TOTAL	200

M. Jackson 10-1-52-1, M. Thompson 8-0-37-0, P. Green 8-1-34-1, P. Joice 9-2-32-2, R. Kelly 6-0-34-2.

Hillgrove 6/3/88

K. Docksey bowled T. Brazier	10
M. Teege c. R. Keeping b. M. Woods	49
P. Green, c. B. Williams b. P. Hickey	2
P. Freer c. Newberry b. P. Hickey	0
P. Fayle c. R. Keeping b. M. Woods	16
M. Jackson c. R. Woods b. R. Keeping	10
M. Thompson, b. M. Woods	0
F. Lehr, c. G. Hickey b. M. Woods	0
P. Joice b, R. Woods	4
R. Kelly, c. K. Brazier b. R. Woods	12
D. Reid not out	4
Sundries	11
Total	126



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Pick your Hillgrove team to play England for the Ashes this winter. You are allowed to be captain and sole selector.

Gavin Gillard's team

Geoff Wood (vc)
Peter Schaefer
David Pratten
Warwick Browne
Gavin Morgan
Gerard Edey
Harry Browne (c)
John Henderson
Gavin Gillard
Peter Hickey
Tony Butler
Peter Roan (12th)

Mark Jackson's team

Geoff Wood
Peter Schaefer
Gavin Gillard
Andrew Kirk
Harley Payne
Tony Butler
Harry Browne
Gary Phillips
Phil Watson
Mark Jackson

Gadget's Team

Mad Ward (c)
The Fox
Al Chambers
Peter Sims
Froggy Fuller
Paul Schmude
Andrew Kirk
Kevin Bullock
Zig & Zag
Al Gray
Gadget
Mark Teege (12th)

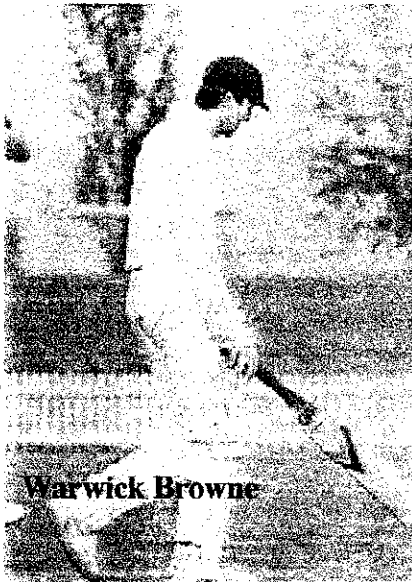


Jason Garske



Stuart Hutton

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Warwick Browne



Scott Freeman explains it all to Peter Wayte



Ross Browning

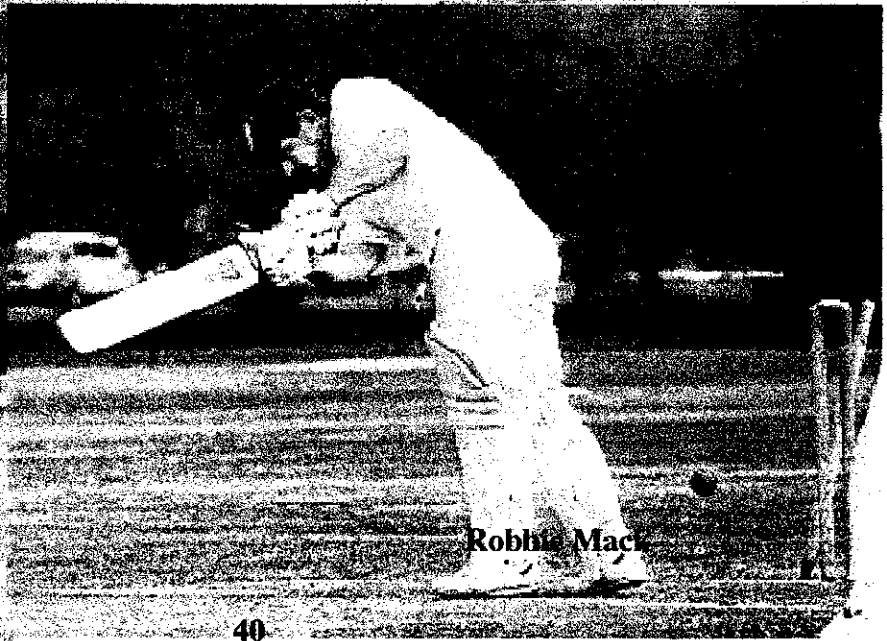


Peter Schaefer

Doyens of style



Stuart Hutton



Robbie Mack

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Hillgrove Colts First Grade Report 1996-

97

To get in the mood to write this I had a quick flick through the scorebook for the year. I wish I could bowl that quick ... it was real fast. If the weather next year is the same we can use the same scorebook. That will save some trees. Add to that the fact that we didn't wear out any bats this year, and we should be in line for a Landcare award ... plus *we* didn't ruin the wetland on Harris park either. Anyway ...

In the most disrupted season of cricket I have seen we were a team that would be competitive at every level, but Lady Luck (and I apologise to the female supporters of the club in using the title " Lady" because *she* didn't do much of a job and you did) was otherwise engaged. This, however, is not to say there were not a number of very positive things to come out of this year.

There were some great individual bowling efforts in most games throughout the year, Wayne partridge 3 for 16 off 18 overs, Carl Smithson 4 for 26 off 12, Dave Green 4 for 14 off 8, Tony Butler 5 for 7 off 7. Carl also picked up the association Bowling Aggregate (the trophy holds 3.75 schooners). In most games someone fired.

Most batsmen (I can't class myself in that category any more ... Long live Mark

Taylor) contributed at one stage or another: Al Gray 56, Brad King 62, Gary Phillips 49, Stuart Hutton 66, Tony Butler 43, Cameron Chaffey a couple of twenties, and a cameo by those Jenkins boys around Christmas. A good effort in a difficult year to find form.

I think the fielding and the catching has been really good, but we found it difficult to maintain intensity all afternoon. Hard to blame Lady Luck for that I suppose, but what the heck ... **YOU B__CH!** ... That feels better.

Most importantly though, the contribution to the enthusiasm of the club by the first grade players has been exceptional. At practice, at the bowling club, after games, at the bowling club, it has been a real club effort. And in passing on the team's congratulations to the other grades for their fine efforts in the finals, I also hope the first grade team feel they have been a part of the successes ... because I think they have been. Thanks.

Warwick " Just call me Mark Taylor" Browne.



Warwick Browne



Cameron Chaffey



41 Jacko's Dad -long time supporter

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FIRST GRADE STATISTICS 1996-97

	SEASON		
G. Phillips	220	@	31.4
A. Gray	121	@	17.3
S. Hutton	196	@	49
B. King	160	@	22.8
W. Browne	43	@	14.3
D. Russell	4	@	2
Ant. Gray	1	@	.5
C. Lobban	7	@	7
M. Gadd	2	@	2
D. Green	64	@	12.8
T. Butler	102	@	25.5
C. Chaffey	75	@	18.7
W. Partridge	12	@	4
C. Smithson	20	@	20
B. Stellar	3	-	-
D. Ferguson	0	@	0
G. Jenkins	36	@	18
D. Jenkins	79	-	-
D. Partridge	D.N.B.		

	O	W	R	Ave.
W. Partridge	77	13	217	16.7
C. Smithson	86	20	203	10.1
T. Butler		67	18	175 9.7
D. Green		70	16	166 10.4
A. Gray		27	7	95 13.6
W. Browne	10	0	45	-
B. Stellar		18	1	76 76
B. King		8	1	16 16
D. Partridge	6	2	28	14
Ant. Gray		1	-	2 -
G. Phillips		1	-	7 -



Drew Ferguson and George Power



Captain Cook, Matthew Schaefer and Ben Churcher



Michael Bulwe and Wayne Partridge

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HILLGROVE COLTS CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REPORT

Hillgrove Colts Juniors met with success on the cricket field. In terms of enjoyment and love of the game all teams experienced outstanding success. However it would be inappropriate of me if I didn't mention the excellent performances of the Under 14's who were undefeated minor and major premiers and threw under 16 Green Machine who were also minor and major premiers.

I wish to express my appreciation to the coaches, namely Craig Lobban (Under 10's), Kim and Graeme Porter (Under 11's), Michael Jones (under 14's), Harry Browne (Under 16 Gold) and Carl Smithson (Under 16's Green)

For their hard work and dedication throughout the season. I also thank all the parents for providing support in terms of scoring, transport etc. as their help is an essential element of the clubs's success.

Finally a special mention must be given to Allan Sewell 9 Registrar) and Gary Phillips (President) for all the help they have provided me throughout the season. Also, if the numbers and enthusiasm shown on presentation day is any indication, Hillgrove Colts Juniors should look forward to another successful season next summer.

Steve Irwin.



The Cricketing Views of an Under 11 Sportsman

I like cricket because it is fun and I like being in the team with the players.

The best part of the game is batting. My best score is ten runs. In the last game I hit a boundary.

Bowling is harder than batting. I can do spin pretty well but I haven't bowled anyone out yet.

For my birthday I will get some cricket gear, some pads and a bat, so I can use them next year.

Chris Wild. Hillgrove Colts U11 1997.

CRICKET REPORT - HILLGROVE COLTS 1996/7

I played against Norths on Saturday. I was captain for the day. I bowled the second over and got a maiden. Next over I got a catch, then it was my turn to bowl. I got a hat trick. I bowled all the batsmen out.

ANDREW CLEGHORN (age 11).

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Hillgrove Colts Second Grade 1996-97 Report



George Power, Brett Laybutt (with mallet), Drew Ferguson.

As a bleeding ground for First Grade, the aim was to give the kids ago. Players like Billy Stellar, Michael Dunlea, Michael Gadd, Craig Lobban and young A. Gray, performed admirably.

Right from the first day there was plenty of enthusiasm, it was absolutely fantastic. A joy for the old blokes to play with a team filled with so much young talent.

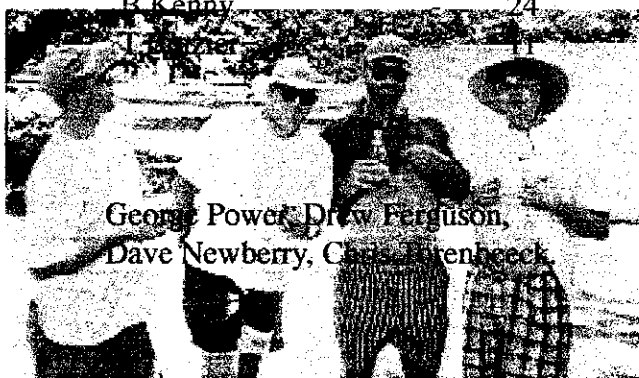
No one really gave us a chance, but we got to the semis, and that made a good year that was a lot of fun, an even better one.

Peter Schaefer.

It was a brilliant year with a beautiful blend of youth and experience.

1996/97 - SECOND GRADE

Batting	Runs	Ave.	Bowling	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
B.Laybutt	174	15.8	C.Torenbeck	8	228	28.5
G.Power	96	13.7	B.Stellar	11	161	14.6
C.Lobban	177	17.7	P.Schaefer	14	128	9.1
D.Ferguson	39	7.8	B.Laybutt	21	277	13.2
P.Schaefer	220	27.5	M.Dunlea	1	183	183
D.Newberry	130	16.2	S.Pickett	3	106	35.3
C.Torenbeck	155	25.8	M.McRae	1	33	33
M.Gadd	108	13.5	P.Sloan	1	33	33
M.Dunlea	75	15	M.Gadd	-	30	-
Ant.Gray	131	18.7	Ant.Gray	1	24	24
T.Butler	113*	113*	M.Jackson	1	33	33
B.Stellar	18*	18*	A.Curry	-	23	-
P.Sloan	20	10	J.Norman	-	14	-
M.McRae	51	17	G.Hickey	-	10	-
S.Pickett	15	7.5	T.Butler	1	36	36
G.Hickey	24	24	B.Kenny	-	24	-
H.Browne	26	26	T.Burner	-	-	-
M.Jackson	3	3				
A.Curry	4	4				
D.Sheeran	17*					
J.Norman	13*					



George Power, Drew Ferguson, Dave Newberry, Chris Torenbeck

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H.Browne	26	26	T.Brazier	-	11	-
M.Jackson	3	3				
A.Curry	4	4				
D.Sheeran	17*					
J.Norman	13*					

1996/97 - Fourth Grade

Batting	Runs	Ave.	Bowling	Overs	wickets	Runs	Ave.
M.Irwin	364	36.4	J.Lowe	68	12	143	11.9
H.Browne	432	43.2	A.Tilley	89	12	186	15.5
M.Dunlea	3	1.5	D.Farmer	13	1	87	87
K.Bullock	129	16.1	K.Hickey	53	16	180	11.25
K.Hickey	161	23	M.Dunlea	8	2	52	26
J.Fleming	148	16.4	J.Flemming	114	19	294	15.5
A.Tilley	58	9.6	M.Irwin	72	21	238	11.3
W.Fuller	266	38	J.Biffen	58	9	145	16.1
J.Biffen	20	10	P.Crick	6	1	36	36
D.Farmer	48	8	B.Kramer	6	1	51	51
J.Lowe	17	8.5	K.Bullock	2	-	19	-
B.Kramer	-	-	J.Fraser	4	2	20	10
P.Crick	71	11.8					
N.Sewell	14*	14*					
J.Fraser	6	6					

Wouldn't be dead for quids



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The all conquering, walk on water, heirs to the throne 3rd grade side, Minor and Major Premiers 1996-97

From the first game of the season Hillgrove was on the front foot, winning the toss, the game and the fans. Playing Y.C.W. Centrals we amassed again. 174 (M. Teege 51, T. Ferris 32, A. Curry 34). It was a walk in the park for the bowlers (M. Jackson 3-25, T. Ferris 2-26).

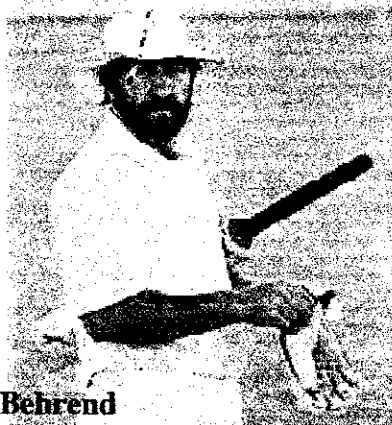
Batting first against Easts we comfortably scored 109 with wicketkeeper batsman, A. Wheeler on the way to a big score, 13 n.o. A. Curry 5-21, helped dismiss Easts for 66. A quickfire 72 from T. Ferris let us declare 2-136. Gary (I don't need to score runs) Elks took a humbling 6-19 off 10.

Next to fall was the Ex-Services side. Batting first they were lucky to make 52 when J. Norman ripped through them to take 4-14 off 10 and T. Ferris 3-25 off 9. Hillgrove racked up 5-182 (M.Teege 39, T. Ferris 55, M. Jackson 36 n.o., B. Churcher 17 n.o.). Ex-Services were bowled out for 110 thanks to R. Matthews 2-11, J.



The winning team

Norman 2-8, A. Curry 3-35. M' Jackson 2-32 (he was banned from bowling after this effort).



Dennis Behrend

Norths 75, D. Schumacher 4-11. We passed them 1 wicket down.

U.N.E. Vets 171 G. Johnson 69. T. Ferris and M. Jackson put on the highest partnership of the season of 142 to steer Hillgrove home again.

Uralla was a fiery exchange. Just ask 'Supermit' M. Teege. D. Russell 36, D. Behrend 30 and A. Curry 35 and 7-85. They tasted defeat for the second time by 4 runs.

Playing the game for the minor premier-ship against Waratahs R. Matthews gave us a great chance taking 4-39 in a score of 191. The only century of the season came at the right time as Tiny Ferris smacked 114 not out.

THE GRAND FINALE THE CRUNCH

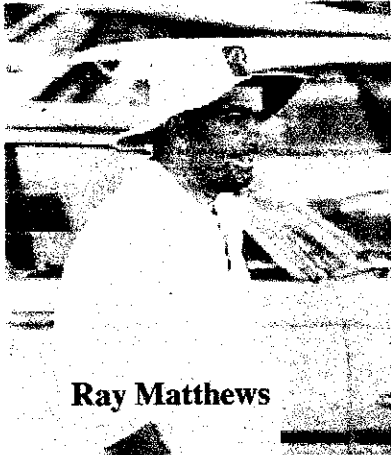


Marty Dye, Gary Elks and Andrew Wheeler

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GAME

This game was always going to be bigger than 'Ben Hur' playing a substantially strengthened UNE Vets team, we tossed, we won, we



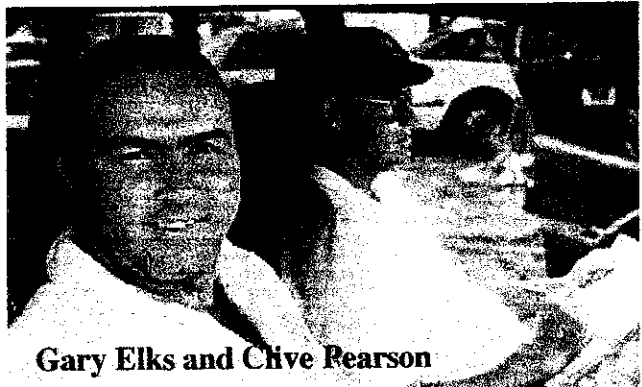
Ray Matthews

batted first. Run scoring machine T. Ferris got caught by a screamer for a "golden", M. Teege got shotgunned for a classy 43. Elks didn't get a "golden" but he didn't trouble the scorers. Vets were spinning it a foot and swinging it twice as far. We all made heavy weather of it until A. Wheeler strode to the crease. On the way to a swashbuckling 51 he smashed 9 boundaries, broke two bats, 3 palings on the fence and shattered two shins on an outfielder, all this in only seven overs.

Vets were 0 for 10 overnight with high hopes, but A. Curry made a mess of the openers stumps in only the third over of the day, this was a great start. Bowling from the other end was G. Power with a marathon effort of 29 overs (up hill at Lambert Park) for figures of 3 wickets for 42 runs.

B.Churcher kept like a demon all day, taking 2 screamers (and questioning the 5 byes).

The hero of the day was the brilliant Gus Elks. He had three bowling stints on the day. In the first spell he bowled 3 overs for figures of 1 for 3. In the second, 2 overs at 0 for 4.



Gary Elks and Clive Pearson

When Gus came on for the third spell Vets had 4 wickets in hand and 18 runs to get. Gus bowled 2 overs and took 4 wickets for only 2 runs. He finished with figures for the day of 7-1-5-10.

Thanks guys (family & friends) for a great year. See you next year .

JACKO



The Last Word

HILLGROVE COLTS 4TH GRADE REPORT 1996-97

It has been a great year for 4th grade, despite rain disrupting about 90% of matches. We finished the rounds undefeated, being minor premiers, lost the first semi to a strong Churches team and then recovered from 5/18, with all leading run scorers out, to defeat Ex-Services in the final.

Highlights of the season, apart from our great team successes, have been: with Irwin's batting; James Flemming's consistent bowling with wickets in nearly every match; Alan Tilley's fast outswing bowling; Harry Browne's steady opening batting; Wayne Phillip's wicketkeeping, batting and ability to read a game; Patrick crick's absolutely brilliant fielding; Ken Hickey's all round game; Kevin Bullock's great heart; Jason Lowe's swing bowling and great effort to improve his batting; David Farmer's fielding and improvement with the bat; Jake Biffin's consistent bowling, probably our best bowler for length and line, Brad kramer's great fielding and catching and also Mark Irwin's sudden improvement with leg spin bowling (5 wickets in final).

A great season, and not only from a cricket point of view. Everyone mucked in, tried their heart out and wanted their team mates to succeed. Cricket is a great character builder.

Harry Browne