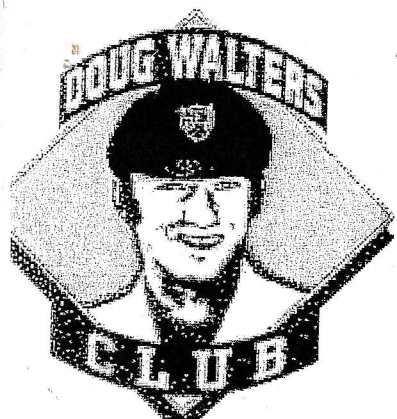
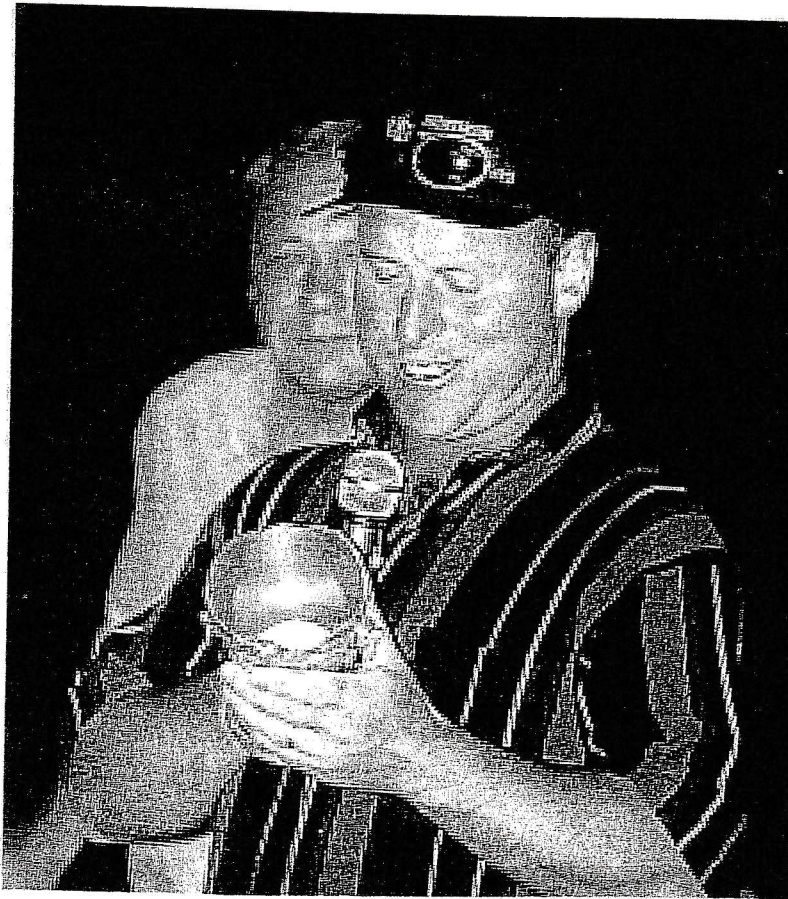


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HILLGROVE COLTS CRICKET CLUB YEAR BOOK 1998/99

Grove cricket champions



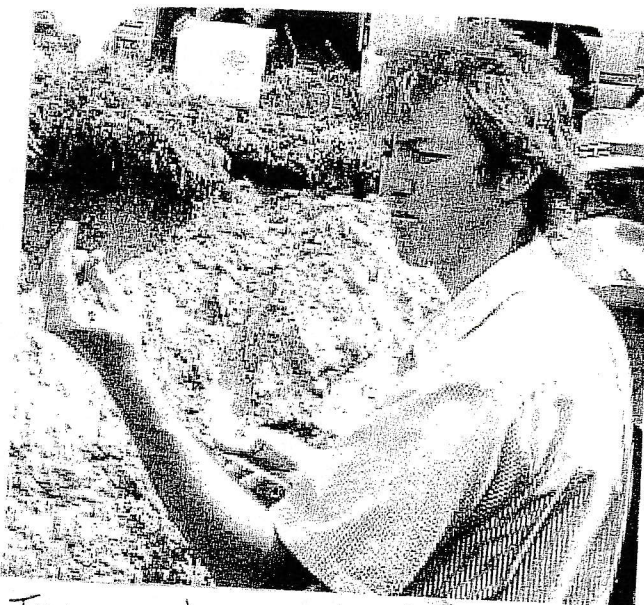
Presidents Report

- *HILLGROVE COLTS THE NUMBER ONE CLUB.
- *WE'VE A GREAT EXECUTIVE
- *OUR JUNIORS WELL ORGANISED AND SUCCESSFUL
- *FINANCIALLY SOUND
- *SPONSORS VERY SUPPORTIVE
- *GOOD COACHING PULLS OFF
- *WE SOCIALISE TOGETHER
- *OUR CLUB MEETS GREAT SUCCESS.

It is with mixed feeling I pen my final report. Congratulations on a great year. The aims and goals that I set four years ago have been achieved - with interest. If I were to thank everyone individually, I would write the name of everyone involved with the club over the past four years. Everyone having a go has helped achieve our aims. Thanks. It is now time to reset goals under a new president. I wish the club well as we explore new beginnings.

Yours in Cricket

Gary Phillips
President, Hillgrove Colts Cricket Club
1998/99



The sportsground wicket gets worse!



Hillgrove Colts Cricket Club
First Grade, 1998/99 Season.

This season has been unusual for a couple of reasons. One is the role of me as captain and the other the number of teams in the first grade competition.

The captaincy is unusual in the fact that I am only the on field captain. The selection and team building responsibilities lie heavily on the shoulders of just a few. I especially wish to single out one person that being Gary Phillips. The efforts he puts in behind the scenes are great and go largely unnoticed. I believe I have the easier of the two jobs, due mainly to the willingness of each player to put in 100% each Saturday afternoon.

We started the year with at least half of the grand final side of the previous year missing. The batting and bowling were effected equally. The side had to basically start from scratch in forming new combinations. Selectors had some tough choices deciding whether or not some players were ready to make the jump to first grade earlier than they had planned. So at the commencement of the 1998/99 season there was considerable uncertainty in how the team would perform.

Fortunately, The younger player's that the selectors shower faith in and the more senior players that were waiting for their opportunity in the top grade all performed and held their spot in the side.

For Me there has been two standout performers of the younger variety that are worthy of a mention. One been Andy Jeffrey and the other James Flemming.

Andy has been our most consistent batsmen this year, constantly scoring 40's, 50's and 60's in the demanding number three position. Andy is also a fine keeper, and he tells me he can bowl also (again and again and again). I have no doubt that Andy can go a long way in cricket and Country selection could only be five years away.

James came into the side as a bit of a bolter to share the opening bowling duties with Andrew Dickson. I had only seen James a couple of times in the nets (he disturbed my furniture at the first net session I attended for the year) and I felt that he had the potential but not a first grader at this point. Well he proved me wrong with bowling a consistent length, pace and a good off cutter. Again, if James chooses to stick with cricket, he could make an impact, especially in the Armidale competition.

I am writing this just before we go into the last round against East's. The winner of that match will finish Minor Premiers, Either way we will be involved in the Finals which I believe has been a great effort. To lose half a first grade side with people needing to step up in all grades and still having most grade if not all making the finals is a reflection of the depth and talent we have in our club at the moment.

What ever the result is of the final series, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express how much I have enjoyed the captaincy and the mateship of Saturday afternoons.

I would have liked to have made special mention of everyone in this article (you all deserve one) but I think there is a limit on how much I can write. I hope you have all realised your individual importance in the team.

Once again, Thanks for a great season and as Colin Gadd says, "See you in the middle".

Blair Chalmers
Captain, Hillgrove Cricket Club.
1998/99 Season



First Grade Premiers

Name: Andrew Jeffrey
Nickname: Squirt
Occupation: Bootlegger
Favourite Saying: "I'm a good bowler"
Well known for: Consumption of Alcohol at wrong venues
Favourite Player: Cuz
Favourite Hangout: Gadgets beer fridge



Name: Andrew Dickson
 Nickname: Dicko
 Occupation: Greenie
 Favourite Saying: "Oh, I'm injured. Can I Cry"
 Well known for: Hitting Winning Runs.
 Favourite Player: Lachlan Fulloon
 Favourite Hangout: Upstairs at the Newie

Last time Ex-servies
 were seen smiling.

Grand final scoreboard

EX-SERVICES v HILLGROVE COLTS EX-SERVICES 1ST INNINGS

Stuart Finlayson, run out	.61
Ran himself out after backing up too far	
Mark Roberts, c McRae, b Curry	.10
Skied a drive to mid off	
Mick Walford, c Gray, b McRae	.24
Caught at second slip after edging a drive	
Mark Haydon, c Browne, b Fleming	.26
Caught at point on a cut shot	
Mitchell Woods, b Gray	.2
Beaten by spin off the pitch. Bowled playing back	
Greg Johnson, c Phillips, b Gray	.9
Lofted drive to mid on	
Marty Wayte, c Phillips, b King	.30
Miscued drive to mid on	
Simon Forsyth, c Chalmers, b King	.11
Skied attempted pull shot in chase for runs	
Michael Johnson, c Churcher, b Curry	.7
Skied attempted pull shot to keeper	
Rob Kelly, not out	.23
Valuable runs late in the order	
Daniel Roberts, not out	.4
Leant good support to Kelly	
Sundries	.13
TOTAL	.9-219
Fall: 20 (M. Roberts, 57 (Walford), 91 (Haydon), 110 (Woods), 130 (G. Johnson), 168 (Finlayson), 182 (Forsyth), 188 (Wayte), 208 (M. Johnson).	
Bowling: Andrew Dickson 23-9-53-0, Andrew Curry 14-1-56-2, Alan Gray 24-6-37-2, Mick McRae 8-2-22-1, James Fleming 6-1-17-1, Brad	

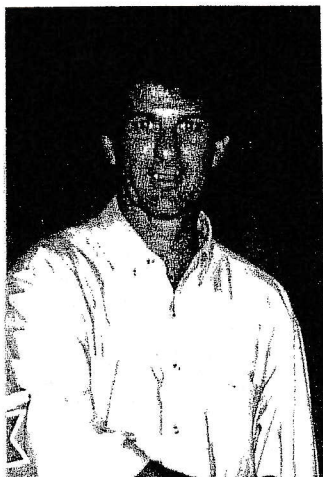
King 10-3-22-2.

HILLGROVE COLTS 1ST INNINGS

Blair Chalmers, c and b Kelly	.81
Miscued drive return catch to bowler	
Ben Churcher, c Roberts, b Woods	.15
Skied hook shot and caught by keeper	
Gary Phillips, c Wayte, b M. Johnson	.7
Lofted drive straight to mid off	
Mick McRae, c M. Roberts, b Kelly	.46
Edged to keeper playing a late cut	
Brad King, c M. Roberts, b Kelly	.14
Caught behind playing a drive	
Warwick Browne, c M. Roberts, b Kelly	.8
Defensive edge to keeper from lifting delivery	
Glen Finlay, b Kelly	.4
Played defensive shot onto stumps	
Alan Gray, b Woods	.10
Bowled playing defence on back foot	
Andrew Curry, not out	.3
Handled himself well under great pressure	
Andrew Dickson, not out	.12
Battled on courageously using a runner	
Sundries	.21
TOTAL	.8-221
Fall: 21 (Churcher), 64 (Phillips), 150 (McRae), 172 (King), 183 (Browne), 188 (Chalmers), 201 (Finlay), 211 (Gray).	
Bowling: Mitchell Woods 15-2-50-2, Rob Kelly 21.3-3-60-5, Michael Johnson 23-9-41-1, Simon Forsyth 4-1-14-0, Greg Johnson 8-2-23-0, Daniel Roberts 7-2-17-0.	

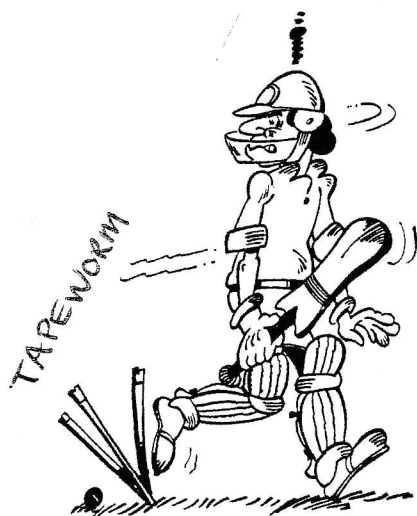
Hillgrove Colts won by two wickets

The Armidale City Bowling Club Ltd. Is delighted to be a sponsor of the Hillgrove Colts Cricket Club as both have similar objectives in the promotion and encouragement of a sport and hopes the association will continue in the same vein.



Phil Wheaton
Manager, Armidale City Bowling Club

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Name: Lachlan Webb
Nickname: Solid
Occupation: Chalkie
Favourite Saying: $e=mc^2$
Well known for: Weight lifting ability
Favourite Player: Ziggy
Favourite Hangout: School Yard

WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN

Second Grade back to back Minor and Major premierships, YEEH HAH!!!!, 'Soo the Grove'

What a year the club has had. Four grades in the Major Semi's, 3 in the Grand finals, First and Second grades Minor and Major premierships and Club Champions again. It's hard not to feel the emotion or feel like a winner in the company of such a healthy club.

Second Grade has had a fantastic year. Not only as a team on the cricket field but as a team of mates who have combined so well in sportsmanship, comradely and just generally enjoying themselves. Making families, friends, supporters and even the opposition (sometimes) feel welcome is just a part of the Hillgrove spirit week in week out.

It was great to see Billy, Cuz, Benny, Mick and later on James, Promoted to First Grade and be part of a winning side.

Joining what was left of last years 2nd grader side was Matt See and Matt Griffith and, to confuse us for one match, Matt Schaefer. We had Kingy for a while (just to get him on the right track) and the ever reliable Teege's and Jacko were promoted from 3rd grade. Ant Gray came in after Christmas to complete this successful side.

An unfortunate broken finger kept Schaefer out of the final series (but is still considered part of it all) allowing Lobbo his chance in the side and Luke Stonestreet to be 12th man.

Well done to everyone for the way you have represented Hillgrove and conducted yourselves this season.

A Special thanks to Mrs. Newbs for her effort this year. With Jenny Schaefer now taking her role to 4th grade with Matt, Merrill carried her usual 'Mother Hen' duties in 2nd grade. Looking after us all with cold drinks, band aids, afternoon teas, sympathy where needed and even the odd pair of jocks. Thanks from us all.

I would like to congratulate all individual trophy winners, not only second grade but throughout the whole club. Also, I would like to thank the ABC and the tireless effort put in by the delegates and families, committees and Harry Browne who have made this season so successful for the Hillgrove Colts Cricket Club.

Tony Butler

'SOO THE GROVE'



OFF TO THE BOWLO

Name: Darryl Porter
Nickname: Daggs
Occupation: Grease Monkey
Favourite Saying: "Hee Yah! See the G'a"
Well known for: Duck spotting ability
Favourite Player: Torro
Favourite Hangout: Irresistible Style



Second Grade Premiers

OWZAT!



Jacko

Name: Ray Matthews
 Nickname: Razor
 Occupation: Sheep Tickler
 Favourite Saying: "She'll be right, Bud"
 Well known for: Bat collection
 Favourite Player: Gus Elks
 Favourite Hangout: Dave Robbins sports store

Name: Nick Sewell
 Nickname: Sewelly
 Occupation: Minor
 Favourite Saying: "Two dollar Rum please"
 Well known for: Spewing after Grand Final in Teege's backyard
 Favourite Player: Uncle Mark Teege
 Favourite Hangout: Hillgrove Mall

Name: Matt See
 Nickname: Wee Wee
 Occupation: No one knows
 Favourite Saying: "Just give me one more over T.B"
 Well known for: P.D.A (Public Display of Display)
 Favourite Player: Richard Pails
 Favourite Hangout: On his back

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Thinnest books ever written.

- 'The greatest overs I have ever faced' By Mark Jackson
- 'My Fitness tips' By Matt Griffith
- 'My all time favorite hairstyles' By Alan Gray
- 'Big hitting' By Mark Teege
- 'Keeping your kit like new' By Mick McRae
- 'Slowly across the field' By James Flemming
- 'The new Oxford Dictionary' By Ray Matthews
- 'Controlling nerves in Finals' By Wayne Fuller
- 'The art of the defensive shot' By Peter Lawler
- 'Quick Singles' By Harry Browne
- 'Playing a full day of cricket' By Glen Finley
- 'How to gain weight' By Dion Strahle



YOU'RE HALF AN HOUR LATE!



But I'm in my whites!
Matt See



Guess who?

Third Grade report

I've enjoyed this year, it gave me the chance to try something new to me - the captaincy, and no it isn't as easy as it looks. Thanks to a great bunch of blokes we did okay Special thanks must go to Daggs, Errol, Elksy, Ziggy and the two Finno's who helped me through out the year. I started the year with no idea and have learnt heaps from my experiences- I think.

We played with 24 different players through out the season. So it took a while to get to know each other and gel as a team. The year had some great Highlights:-

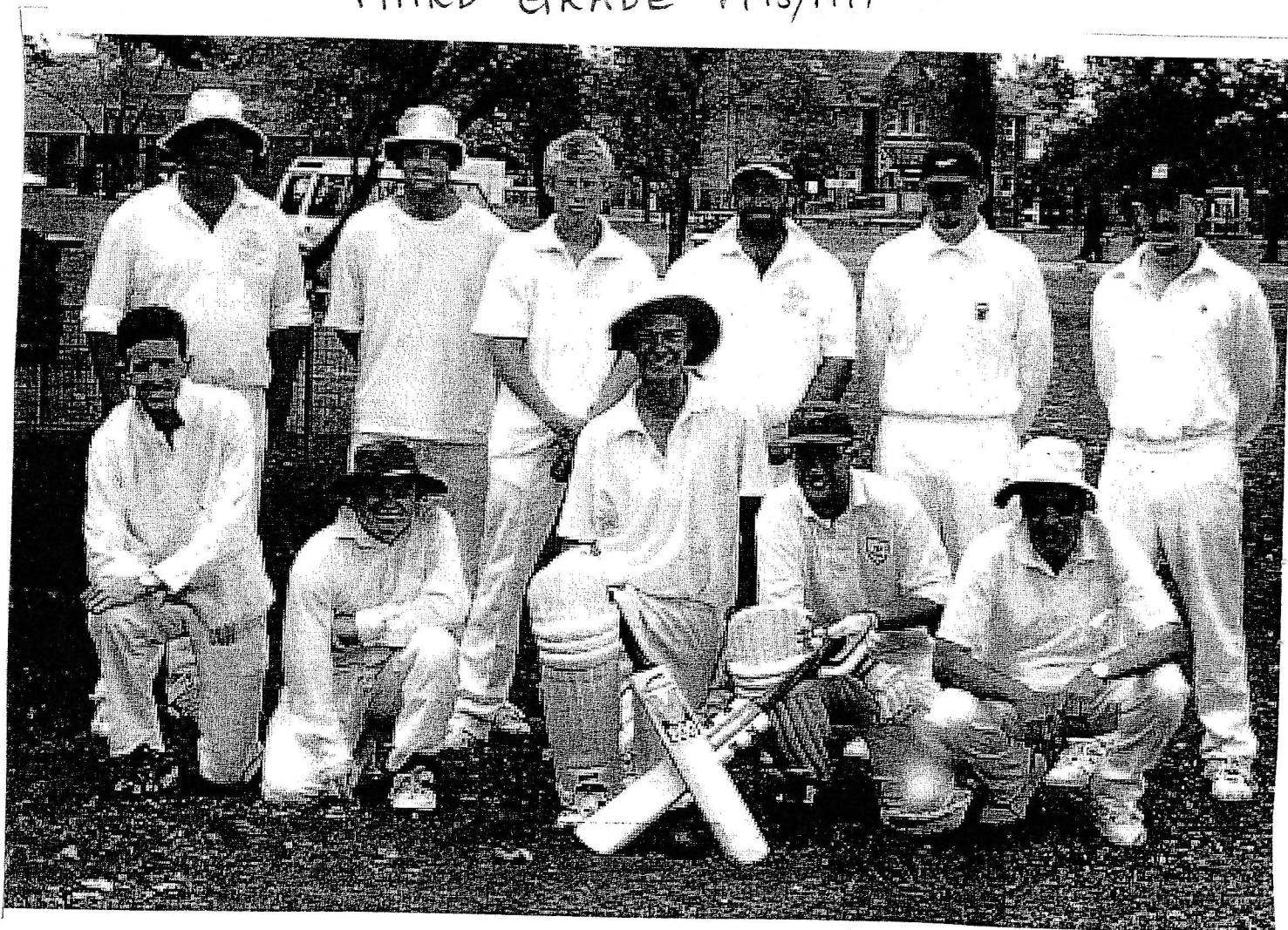
- *Finno scored a great 150 odd, Plus alot of other high scores.
- *Everyone who bowled, did well at sometime or another.
- *Andy McGann's inspirational fielding playing TAS (Ask him about it)
- *Elksy smashed a six first ball (Don't ask him about it)
- *Best drinking display, Finno - Every week.
- *Luke Stonestreet best player - every week.
- *Best win - all of them
- *Worst loss - all of them.

Our biggest problem all year was our dropping of catches, My biggest dummy spit a catch both Finno and Errol just didn't want to catch, I can laugh about it now.

See you all next year

Ray Matthews.

THIRD GRADE 1998/1999



Hillgrove Colts Cricket Club Social Report

One of the things that makes Hillgrove such a successful club is the fact that we are all great mates on and off the field. Go to a game on Saturday and you will see wives, girlfriends, parents and kids supporting the Grove and catching up with their cricket friends. Let's face it, there's not too many things better than sitting down at the club after the game (beer in hand) and talking about the days play.

Social events of the 1998/1999 season began early with the inaugural 'Hillgrove Grape Escape' where 20 Grovers hit the Hunter Valley for a weekend of wine tasting. Everybody had a great time and tasted some of Australia's best wine (and beer and rum and vodka and....need I go on?). The trip was a great success and details of the 1999 'Escape' planned for August will be out soon.

Many BBQ's were held at the club on Saturday nights which were well supported by the players and their families – some were even lucky enough to see the strip by Cuz and Newbs. A fantastic Christmas party was held at Rugby League Park for the Juniors and another Kebab night at Teege's was a treat! The golf day after the Grandfinal was interesting to say the least and who can forget those special nights at Dagg's workshop!

Finally, Cuz, Merrill and I would like to thank everyone for their involvement this year and especially to Lee, Gadget and the Teege family. We would also like to thank Phil Wheaton and all of the Staff at the Armidale City Bowling Club for their sponsorship and continuing support throughout the year.

I am already missing my 'cricket family' and can't wait for the summer!
Soo the Grove!
Torro



1998 'GRAPE ESCAPE'

Fourth Grade Report

After loosing at least three opening (promising) bowlers due to promotion. Things didn't seem rosy for the prospects of the coming season. But true to the grit and determination of the Hillgrove spirit other players came to the fore. The players gelled together to form a team with plenty of promise.

If any weakness were exposed they were compensated by the teams all round ability, If one failed with bat or ball there were always others to contribute to our teams overall effort. Made the grand final hope it is our year for a change.

Player profiles:

Nick Sewell:- Calling all cars, be on the lookout for a white Toyota Hilux ute seen travelling at high speeds between Hillgrove and Armidale on Saturdays. Our broad shouldered batsman who had a great year with bat and ball.

Harry Browne:- Rookie of the year. Could turn out a handy cricketer with a bit more experience. Had a typical ever reliable year as opening batsmen to get the side away to a solid start.

Roger Watson:- Needs 10 wickets to become the leading bowler of the year (only Joking). Came into the side as a firey much needed opening bowler and lived upto all expectations.

Matt Schaefer:- Is Maturing with every game, achieving confidences with both spin and bat. Probably looking forward to his first shave.

David Farmer:- What can I say? Well aah, umm. Not much really. No only joking. Probably has the greenest whites in the whole club, not only from his brilliant fielding, But more likely from the in between wicket rumbles with Matty Schaefer.

Kevin Bullock:- Ever reliable team talker and gee up man, even to the extent of giving the opposition positive advice.

Dennis Behrend:- Always looking for quick runs but need to remember a cricket pitch is longer than 18 yards. Handy acquisition to the team this year.

Brendon Pink:- Nicknamed "Yappy" Shut up you talk too much! Shy, quite young great keeper and batsmen. What a year Pinky.

Peter Lawlor:- If it ain't six, It ain't big enough. Ranatunga by name. Only batsmen who needed a runner after lunch. Very handy player much needed for our quest for the premiership.

Dan Scott:- Mr. Super keen, always seeking advice, even from the opposition, Umpires and fellow players. Seemed to enjoy the competitiveness of cricket this year. Always looking to improve all facets of play.

Tom Ducat:- Our secret weapon. Watch out here he comes. Check the future form guides as he will be a player to watch in the coming years.

Mark Wren:- Nick named "Dickie Bird". The new manager of fawlty towers. Watch out Manwell, eh Manwell. Enjoyed his cricket this year.

Ben Redfern:- Good cricket, Good times, Good beer, Just ask Ben. Excellent fielder, Yet to see him bat.

Wayne Fuller:- Captain Frog. This is my chance to write about my great feats, where do I start, born again bowler, Just joking again. Enjoyed one of my finest years of cricket with a great bunch of guys a captain couldn't ask for more. Must acknowledge Harry who was always there to lean on for advice.

How close can you get? Bridesmaids again, three years in a row. But the club should be proud of the spirit 4th grade showed in defeat in the grand final. Everyone put in 120% effort and should not be to disappointed in loosing to a very strong side. They can justifiably hold their heads high. What a team effort.

Congratulations to first and second grades. Bad Luck to third grade missing out on a grand final appearance and congratulation to the junior premiers, It just shows what great strength and what a great club we are. It can only get better. Keep it up, Soo the Grove

Wayne Fuller



Fourth Grade 1998/1999

Name: Roger Watson
Nickname: Todger
Occupation: All rounder – Beer, Cricket, Uni, Women
Favourite Saying: Are you going to eat that steak Tapeworm
Well known for: Hanging out at the Abbey
Favourite Player: Ben Churcher
Favourite Hangout: Sydney Hospitals



Pace bowler, Andrew Curry took two wickets but could have done more damage with two catches going down.

Baptism of fire

Hillgrove seconds victorious



HARRY BROWNE has spent most of his life playing and coaching cricket. His philosophy is it's most important that players enjoy the game



Colts' new bowling king

NOT SURPRISING REALLY HE NEITHER DRINKS NOR SMOKES...



Youngster picking up pace

Hillgrove fight back to win

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stunt at the

Hillgrove Cricket Club 1998/1999 Averages

(Averages do not include the Final Series)

Batting:

First Grade:

		Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
Blair	Chalmers	12	1	364	33.09
Andrew	Jeffrey	10	0	257	25.7
Mick	McRae	12	1	218	19.82
Gary	Phillips	11	0	244	22.18
Warick	Browne	6	3	144	48
Brad	King	5	1	131	32.75
Andrew	Dickson	7	4	101	33.67
Ben	Churcher	11	3	95	11.88
Ged	McLeod	4	0	85	21.25
Alan	Gray	7	2	59	11.8
Andrew	Curry	5	0	37	7.4
Anthony	Gray	3	0	31	10.33
Craig	Lobban	3	0	29	9.67
Mark	Irwin	2	0	25	12.5
Billy	Stellar	3	3	17	
Eddie	Davis	5	0	9	1.8
David	Green	4	1	7	2.33
James	Flemming	1	1	5	
Matt	Griffith	1	0	1	1

Bowling:

First Grade:

		Wickets	Runs	Average
Eddie	Davis	19	214	11.3
Andrew	Dickson	14	228	16.3
Alan	Gray	13	296	22.8
Mick	McRae	12	183	15.3
Andrew	Curry	12	228	19
Brad	King	10	64	6.4
James	Flemming	6	172	28.7
David	Green	5	168	33.6
Billy	Stellar	2	37	18.5
Warick	Browne	1	22	22
Craig	Lobban	0	2	
Ged	McLeod	0	10	
Mark	Irwin	0	12	
Andrew	Jeffrey	0	12	
Matt	Griffith	0	19	

Second Grade:		Inning	Not Out	Runs	Average
David ✓	Newberry	12	0	293	24.42
Matt ✓	See	10	2	273	34.13
Mark ✓	Teege	9	3	178	29.67
Tony ✓	Butler	11	3	164	20.5
Bard	King	6	0	155	25.83
Peter	Schaefer	9	1	136	17
Cameron	Chaffey	7	0	98	14
Mark	Irwin	6	1	83	16.6
Daryl	Porter	4	0	60	15
Chris	Torenbeek	9	1	58	7.25
Anthony	Gray	5	1	53	13.25
Matt	Griffith	5	2	42	14
James	Flemming	3	1	26	13
Scott	Murphy	1	1	18	
Billy	Stellar	3	1	17	8.5
Dean	Jeffrey	1	0	12	12
Gavin	Finlayson	2	0	6	3
Mark	Jackson	6	2	6	1.5
Mick	McRae	1	1	4	
Kevin	Attard	1	0	1	1
Steve	Bullock	1	1	0	
Craig	Yates	0	0	0	
Matt	Schaefer	1	0	0	0
Andrew	Curry	1	1	0	0

Second Grade:		Wickets	Runs	Average
Mark	Jackson	31	314	10.13
Chris	Torenbeek	22	282	12.82
Tony	Butler	19	235	12.37
James	Flemming	18	146	8.11
Matt	See	18	242	13.44
Billy	Stellar	8	111	13.88
Brad	King	5	19	3.8
Peter	Schaefer	2	21	10.5
Steve	Bullock	1	7	7
Craig	Yates	0	4	
David	Newberry	0	4	
Matt	Schaefer	0	8	
Gavin	Finlayson	0	8	
Andrew	Curry	0	13	

Third Grade:		Inning	Not Out	Runs	Average
Gavin	Finlayson			530	53
Ray	Matthews			103	14.7
Mark	Teege			37	12.3
Lachlan	Webb			112	12.4
Dion	Strahle			202	15.5
David	Morley			257	32.1
Gary	Elks			62	8.9
Jason	Lowe			107	15.3
Jake	Biffen			14	7
Craig	Lobban			25	25
Peter	Lawlor			69	34.5
Errol	Yates			120	17.1
Daryl	Porter			135	45
Luke	Stonestreet			149	18.6
N	Lobban			1	1
Dean	Jeffrey			35	35
Scott	Murphy			27	27
Mark	Partridge			50	12.5
Andrew	McGann			17	4.2
Kris	Strahle			9	9

Third Grade:		Overs	Wickets	Runs	Average
Ray	Matthew	112	20	358	17.9
Mark	Teege	9	3	35	11.7
Lachlan	Webb	34	5	136	27.2
Dion	Strahle	19	3	86	28.7
David	Morley	20	4	81	20.25
Gary	Elks	73	8	242	30.3
Jason	Lowe	116	16	441	27.6
Jake	Biffen	30	8	86	10.8
Peter	Lawlor	5	2	12	6
Errol	Yates	22	6	72	12
Luke	Stonestreet	112	24	340	14.2
Dean	Jeffrey	7	2	45	22.5
Mark	Partridge	18	4	79	19.8
Andrew	McGann	6	1	26	26
Kris	Strahle	6	0	30	

Fourth Grade

		Runs	Average
Nick	Sewell	390	27.9
Harry	Browne	427	30.5
Mark	Partridge	114	14.3
Kevin	Bullock	122	17.4
Brendan	Pink	397	36
Matthew	Schaefer	35	8.8
C	Hunter	1	
Wayne	Fuller	159	22.7
David	Farmer	276	27.6
Dennis	Behrend	190	27.1
Roger	Watson	159	15.9
Mark	Wren	14	2.8
Nick	Tanner	21	21
Todd	Howlett	25	25
Ben	Redfern		
Dan	Scott	11	11
Peter	Lawler	142	71
Tom	Ducat	37	12.3

Bowling

		Overs	Wickets	Runs	Average
Nick	Sewell	83	17	314	18.5
Mark	Partridge	17	2	46	23
Matthew	Schaefer	111	23	446	19.4
C	Hunter	17	3	95	31.6
Wayne	Fuller	123	43	364	8.5
David	Farmer	95	15	298	19.9
Dennis	Behrend	7		33	
Roger	Watson	145	28	434	15.5
Todd	Howlett	1		12	
Dan	Scott	12	3	72	24
Peter	Lawler	52	9	98	10.9
Tom	Ducat	19	3	80	26.7

Wicket Keeping**Second Grade:**

Cameron	Chaffey	12	2	14
Peter	Schaefer	1	0	1
Daryl	Porter	2	0	2

Third Grade:

Errol	Yates	27	0	27
David	Morley			2