



the allrounder

Official Newsletter of the Adelaide Cricket Club

The Finals Loom...



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Adelaide Cricket
Club President

The season so far has had its ups and downs, for both the juniors and seniors, however with a fair bit of luck some of our teams may be in a position to feature in the business end of the season...

Player depth is going to play an important part for the rest of this season as college cricketers have returned to their school teams and state players face a busy end to the season as well.

The 'A' grade competition is very tight with our A's probably needing to win the last two games and rely upon some results to make it in...

Assistant Coach **Ian Wallace** has been very busy strengthening our relationships with all our primary schools and importantly passing on plenty of coaching tips to the kids. The club has invested significant resources in its own primary school program, and, who knows, could perhaps develop another Jason Gillespie? To Ian's credit he has only recently conducted a coaching clinic that attracted over 80 kids to Glandore Oval!

The Management Committee's still patiently negotiating with Council to sign a head lease to manage the **Glandore Oval Complex** and also to redevelop the clubroom building. With any luck building works may commence late in the next football season, if the Club is successful in receiving funding support from the Office of Recreation and Sport.

For those who haven't visited **Bone Timber Reserve (Park 23)** recently the remaining two centre pitches have now been planted.

Bob Harris is happy to report that the two planted last season have now turned into a batting paradise.

It was hoped the Bore could be in by Christmas, however, with the severe drought conditions at this time, all the drilling companies are working up north. It's anticipated that it will now be installed in early September - in time for the coming season.

In closing, I would like personally to congratulate **Lachlan Stevens** for making his recent ING Cup debut.

On top of his fine performances for the Club, **Daniel Cullen** performed extremely well at the U/19 National championships and was recently rewarded by being selected in the Australian team to play England in a series of Test & One day matches. Keep an eye out for him, as the big tip is that he will become our next homegrown player to play for the Redbacks! And it goes without saying, the best of luck to **Jason Gillespie** in participating in his first World Cup.

Good luck to everyone, for their run into the finals...

Damien

From the ACC Management Committee, a big THANK YOU to all volunteers, especially our 'Social Director' and popular clubman, Jeremy Appleton, for organising & running a number of fantastic Social / Fundraising functions this season - ranging from huge Quiz Shows to the upcoming Golf Day on March 9, not to mention this year's Presentation Night! BOOK NOW and bring along your mates and/or partners to have some Fun & support Jem and YOUR Club!

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DARREN & RAY, HAPPY SUPPORTERS

The two happy blokes above are RAY DUDLEY and his son DARREN - both longtime avid followers of the 'A's since the Bailey Oval days. On any Saturday 'arvo you'll find them following every ball, & even rolling the arm over in the tea break. Their most treasured possession? A couple of Bone Timber Red BUFFALO CAPS proudly presented to them by that pair of well-known ACC slug-SMITHS - Buggy and Smudge. Keep cheering, boys...

Past Player News



'Banga' & Jenny Price

From the Ripley's Believe it or Not files!
Former Club Coach and stalwart Chris 'Banga' Price and Jenny Elsing have been married near their home in East Doncaster, Melbourne.

Christopher, (now having passed his first ever half-century), met Jen through work at Harper Collins in the eastern states

where he has been for a number of years. The wedding went brilliantly, despite the best efforts of dodgy groomsmen Mark Griffin and Warren Smith and Best Man, Trevor Neate. Banga is an ACC Life Member, and has seen many things come and go at the club, particularly players and hair. It is not clear what the hell Jenny was thinking... (Only joking!! Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to the happy couple!)



Trevor Neate, Chris Price, Mark Griffin & Warren 'Bugsy' Smith

ADELAIDE CRICKET CLUB *at Streaky Bay ... November 1965*



Back Row L.to R. :

G. Wickham , L. Hill (Capt. Ad.), R. Oliver, D. McLeod, I. McLeod, C. Gunderson (Scorer), P. Willoughby, J. Connolly, A. Smith, D. Bawden, R. Wohling (Capt. S.B.)

Centre Row L.to R. :

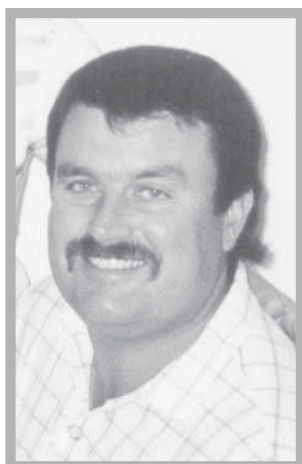
G. Rowe, W. Smith, B. Foster, B. Wood, P.P. Cook (Umpire), G. Seymour (Scorer), P. Vaughton, D. Sutherland, T. Goldsworthy, A. Neilson.

Front Row L.to R. :

W. Howlett (Manager), D. Kenny (Pres. S.B.), L. Brigden (Sec. S.B.), D. Walsh (Sec. A), I. Kruss, B. Isaacson, J. Younger.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: We would greatly appreciate it if anyone can tell us just why our club went to Streaky in '65?

Preparing for Finals...



Shane Bernhardt,
Senior Club Coach,
summarises the
Season with
only two rounds
to go....

With only two rounds to go our A & B Grade sides are not as well positioned to make their charge towards finals - due to a couple of heart-breaking very narrow losses in the last round. Both sides need to win the two remaining matches to have a slim hope of Major Round participation, while having to rely on the results of other teams. This is a reasonable position to be in when considering the high player turnover we always experience in any season, bringing about the resultant need to constantly 'blood' new players.

In 'A' Grade our side has performed particularly well with tight wins over Southern Districts and Sturt as well as a magnificent outright win over then top four side West Torrens.

Over the course of these matches, our batting has shown more consistency, with players conscious of developing partnerships. We have bowled 'good lines' and most importantly backed up the bowlers with better performances in the field. I have no doubt our young group of players have learned a great deal over this time!

Our 'B' Grade side, under the capable leadership of the former "A" keeper, Warren "Bugsy" Smith - playing as a batsman only - has had a rather mixed season with some good tight wins and a few disappointing games mixed in. However, like the 'A's, they are poised to play finals if they keep on winning.

Unfortunately, for our 'C's & 'D's, finals participation looks to be out of reach

but it is still important for these teams to finish off the season strongly. It is a great opportunity for most of them - particularly the younger players - to gain as much experience as possible at senior level in preparation for next season.

It is also tremendous to see our young 'A' Grade spinner Dan Cullen rewarded with selection in the Australian U/19 Team following a very successful U/19 State Carnival (where he took a bag of wickets). Dan has enjoyed a fine debut season at 'A' Grade level and his higher honours were well deserved. No doubt Dan must be putting some pressure on our State selectors for a look at first class action...

Our 'A' Grade skipper, Lachlan Stevens has also just made his debut for S. A. in the One-Dayers against Queensland and N.S.W., after a magnificent Grade season leading Adelaide from the front with runs AND wickets. Well Played, Lachie!

Additionally, Jack Smith, (our 'stand-in skipper' for Lachie in the last game), has showed some tremendous form with us recently and MUST be putting his name in front of the state selectors as well.

We have just FOUR WEEKS of cricket remaining - whether the 'A's and/or 'B's play finals is partly up to us. We have the great challenge ahead of us, but I am confident it is one that we can achieve...

Shane

LATE CUTS...

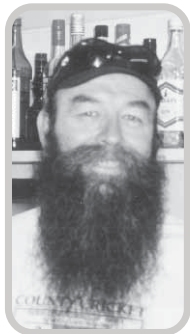
Sorry, Girls! Another bites the dust. Congratulations to big Speedster MATTHEW TUCKER and his girl ELISE BUCKERIDGE on their *Engagement* recently... Tucks has been busily 'enjoying' a rest from Saturday action due to work commitments (at CSIRO) while completing his PhD on the very 'sporting' subject of "Asexual Seed Development". Should be a lively topic of interest in the rooms on a Match Day...

Also ENGAGED was the popular 'A' batsman ABEL PODGER to HAYLEE SCOTT. Our Heartiest Best Wishes to the happy couple! We enjoyed Podge wearing his best enigmatic look for the Tiser at their Mitcham Party (It's on Page 8, Feb1 edition, if you missed it...)

In news just in, long-time servant of our Club ROB CAIRNEY has now finally decided to retire from all

committee positions. Robert has worked with our club since the late 1980's - mostly as Secretary - and though his duties at the Sub. Corp. leave little time, Rob has agreed to lead the Centenary Committee working towards our Club 100th. Birthday celebrations in the 2005/2006 season. Rob and his Committee are anxious for any ideas, any historical photos, past player reminiscences etc. to help make it a successful occasion...

Bar Man allrounder ~~Player~~ Profile



Dean SATTERTHWAITE

Full name : *MICHAEL DEAN SATTERTHWAITE*

Nickname (s) and Why ? : 'Deano' (I've often wondered why?)

Date of Birth : 23/9/1955. **Height :** 5'11" (or perhaps 180 cms.?)

Weight : Was 88 Kg. (until recent drip-feed 'diet').

Where currently living (suburb / town) : Glandore (mostly behind the bar).

Marital Status : Married With Children.

Occupation / study (if applicable) : Professional Dogsboddy.

Position / job at club currently: Players' Nurse-maid & Sympathetic Listener...

Year first at ACC ; First Position ? : 1998 (as Volunteer Alcohol Expert).

Biggest influence on career : Paul Maraun.

Best bowler faced : Shane Maraun (across the bar, of course!).

Best batsman played against : Ben Hook (naked drink trips to Bar, after we won a Final)

Favourite music group / performer : AC/DC, ZZ Top **Favourite drink :** Water (now!)

Favourite dish : Sharon. **Likes :** Talking, knowing what's happening, Talking, ACC.

Dislikes : Dog Droppings on Oval! **Most Memorable Moment :** 'A' Grade Grand Final.

Favourite actor/actress : Tarkin Brown, 'Jacquie' Smith, particularly at Xmas Shows.

Last book read : 2002/2003 Grade Cricket Handbook? **Favourite Oval :** Glandore.

Biggest career highlight : Meeting Graham Warburton!

Superstitions : Walking under Ladders. **Favourite Movie :** "Lady Hawk".

Heroes : Rick Davies, Paul Bagshaw, Jason Gillespie

Other hobbies / interests : Collecting Australiana, Valiants.

Current partner aside (sorry Sharon!) who would be your dream date? : Rachel Ward

Name 3 people you would love to meet in person :

Suzie Quatro, Billy Connolly, & Ned Kelly (to compare Beards?)

General view of Glandore's new seating...



So how about this for Comfort PLUS at the Cricket? Anonymously, from left: 'Damo', (Elliott), 'Buchs', 'Talbs' & 'Clarky'



Mystified onlookers couldn't help noticing some unusually plush seating at Glandore Oval recently for the big Sturt One-Dayer. Rather miraculously the 'lounge-room' just appeared & was well utilised by animated spectators as Adelaide got up with a well-deserved win!

According to the LOST and FOUND columns next day the errant furniture was last seen making its way ON ITS OWN across Margaret St in the general direction of the nearest Oval (Glandore) where it was carefully guarded by a big genial heavily disguised friend of the owner who looked quite a bit like another off-spinning giant from Adelaide's 'A' Grade...

No names, no pack-drill, but we hear that the big bloke had some fairly odd creative excuses for Jay!

LATE CUTS...

Not sure about the real significance of the news that *Matty Crook*, *David Bell* and *Nathan Woods* all contracted a bout of glandular fever almost simultaneously! All three have recovered well...

Popular Pommy Pair *Dan Shillock* & *Dave Barrick* put up with all the jibes during the English Test Tour with good humour, but FORTUNATELY (after the 4 previous disasters) both were overseas and missed the huge Fifth Test WIN by the Poms! Some very RELIEVED Adelaide team-mates back here...

CONGRATULATIONS to our Club Senior Coach *Shane Bernhardt* for his recent appointment in at SACA... Our 'voice' at the top, eh?

It's THAT time again...



Eric Freeman
*Club Junior Coach,
is eyeing off the
Finals again!*

Once again, we can report that *all four* SACA Junior Teams have a good chance of playing off in the finals. At the completion of **Round 8** (Feb 1st.) the *U16 Reds* are *1st*, the *U16 Whites* are *3rd*, the *U14 Reds* are *4th* and the *U14 Whites* are also *4th*.

The *U15 team* - in the *South Central Junior Association* - have performed above expectations and may also be a chance of winning the title.

The **SACA Under 16 Reds** are now starting to fulfil their capabilities with consistent performances and although we lose some players for the remainder of the minor round (at least), to College First X1, I still rate the team a reasonable chance to win back-to-back flags. *Scott Carman, Sam Raphael, Chris Geddie, Scott Clifton* and *Sam Cabot* are the five players we will definitely miss.

The **leading run-getters** so far in the *U16's* are: *Ben Zanol 326, Kurt Laatz 354* (Red and White), *Ryan Sawade 200, Matt Quist 168, Brad Portlock 168* (combined), *Scott Carman 143, Sam Cabot 115* and *Nik Ciruak 102*.

The **leading bowlers** are: *Sam Cabot 16 wickets, Craig Dollman* and *Ryan Sawade 12 wickets* each, and *Adam Lidiard 10*. The Reds have 3 tough games to complete the minor round - West Torrens, Southern Districts and Northern Districts.

The **U16 Whites** have been in the top two all season, but after losing a vital game (against Prospect last Saturday) will need a big lift in the batting if they are to participate in the finals. With the Reds requiring several players from here on, there will be opportunities for so-called "fringe" players to step up and to prove the selectors wrong!

Leading rungetters so far are: *Adam Kennedy 136, Matt Nicholas 179, Adam Perry 158* and *Kyle Tapscott 121*, while the **leading bowlers** are: *Will Spargo with 20 wickets, Jackson Ramsay 18* (combined), and *Matty Nicholas on 11*.

The **Under 14 Reds** are also now hitting their straps and, although they do have a tough run home to the finals, I think they can make it - particularly after the thrilling win against Prospect with their backs to the wall. Prospect made 189 and after 12 overs we were 6/46, with Will Kearvell at the hospital and out of the game we were virtually 7/46. But full marks to *Matthew Nobes 52** and *Michael Maurici 61*, these 2 boys put on 126 runs and steered the team to within 22 runs of victory. *Josh Carver* came in and belted 19* in 9 balls and it was all over...so well done Reds... just shows what can be done when you build partnerships! That win has put the Reds 26 points in front of fifth side Prospect - where a loss would have seen Prospect in the four, instead...

Leading rungetters are *Scott Luders 257, Luke Behn 191, Malcolm Pitcher 184, Matthew Nobes 143, Adam Willson 141* and *Michael Maurici 129* while *Maurici* has taken *14 wickets*, *Luke Behn 13* and *Josh Carver 10*.

The **Under 14 Whites** are a young team but have learnt a great amount under the guidance of *Barrie Curtin*. Most of these boys are only 11, 12 or 13 years of age and will be Reds players in the future. This team also won a thriller against Prospect by only 1 run which now sees Adelaide 4th and Prospect 5th. Well done to the boys, you've got a hard run home but, with all of the squad available for the remainder of the season, we should see a much stronger team competing for a spot in the finals...

Leading rungetters are: *Jamie Kempster 191, Cameron Lithgow 101, Chris Muggleton 89* (combined) and *Alex Curtin 76*. Both *Patrick Hartland* and *Alex Garlick* (combined) have taken *11 wickets*, *Myles Perry* and *Tom Fitzgerald 9* and *Curtin 6*.

Our training will be stepped up from now on in an effort to get *all 4 teams* into the finals! **Good luck** to all boys!

Eric

THE BALLAD OF THE 'BOX' - a True Story...

There's this tale I'll unfold, 'bout a batsman so bold
Whose stroke-play was just a delight!
He would train twice a week, perfection to seek,
While smashing balls way out of sight...

With 'Pull' and with 'Hook' (some NOT in the book!)
He'd belt every ball far and high:
Or ruthlessly 'Cut' any slow-turning nut,
And each 'Bouncer' or 'Yorker' defy...

'Til one awful night, as he tried to smite
A short ball from Jobby to 'leg' -
With an almighty WHACK! he felt his 'box' crack,
And his 'privates' were gripped by a peg!

But, tough to the core, he faced EIGHT balls more
Before groin could get signal to brain,
Then - in sheer disbelief - he sought quick relief
From the burst of incredible pain:

He'd sunk to his knees just hoping to ease
His cricket shorts down past his 'box',
But now the truth hit - when the plastic 'box' split
It was actually INSIDE his jocks!

(For those who don't play, perhaps I should say
It is pain you can't visualise!
And all cricketers know such a blow down below
Can REALLY bring tears to their eyes...)

All his mates smirk with glee and shout out their plea -
"Where's the 'Practice Captain'?" they call...
But HE squeals with dismay: "My orders don't say
I have to collect EVERY ball!"

Two mates try to start to yank it apart
(In spite of some visible blood)
But their hopes aren't too good for his swelling manhood
Not to mention his future at stud!

And more drastic measures (to set free his 'treasures')
Are called for immediately:
As 'life saver' Kelly shows just how well he
Can use scissors to hack the 'box' free!

Now 'Candles' is back, still having a whack,
As he waits for his soft parts to heal...
And, though of good cheer, he would still LOVE to hear
Of a cricket 'box' made out of STEEL!

And the next Practice Night, straight after his fright,
Our Sammy turns up full of sorrow:
His parts that were bruised, he'd been not GAME to use -
And they're checkin' his VOICE-BOX tomorrow...

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ADELAIDE CRICKET CLUB UNDER 14 RED - PREMIERS 1997-98



Back Row: Eric Freeman (Coach), Matthew Kakoschke, Andrew Mackie, Hayden Cawley, Andrew Dutton, Doug Fraser, Ryan Bailey, Nic West, Alan Dutton (Manager).
Front Row: Mark Bannon, Daniel Loveridge, Jordan Schmidt, Tom Chadwick (Captain), Josh McLean, Dan Cullen, Luke Warburton.

It can be an interesting exercise to study just what has happened - particularly in a sporting sense - to each of the members of a good team of promising junior cricketers six years further on into their careers. In the **1997/98** season, the Under/14 Reds went top. It was **Eric Freeman's** first year at Adelaide as the **Junior Coach**, and from that team of fresh-faced youngsters a quick look at their sporting fortunes to follow makes interesting reading...

From that team there has been:

One **Australian U/19** representative: **Dan Cullen**
One **SA U/17** Rep: **Josh McLean**, 2 **SA U/19** reps:
Josh McLean & Dan Cullen, 3 Playing 'A' Grade:
Josh McLean (keeper), **Dan Cullen** (spinner) and
Matt. Kakoschke (batsman).

In addition, the other team members have also done well in many other areas:

Andrew MACKIE (who batted at No. 4): Drafted to Geelong F. C. at pick No. 7 in the 2002 draft.
Tom CHADWICK (No. 3 Bat): Premierships with West Adelaide U/17's & U/19's in successive years (2001 & 2002), also Tomkins Medal for Best & Fairest (SANFL U/19) after playing ½ season.
Nic WEST (opening bowler): SA rep. - Volleyball.
Rowan BAILEY: (opening bowler): achieves a perfect 20 in 5 subjects to gain scholarship for 5 years at University.
Daniel LOVERIDGE: plays off low single-figure handicap at golf.
Luke WARBURTON: Captain Westminster 1st. XI at Cricket.

The message for all our young junior cricketers must surely be - persevere! You never can tell...

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2003 Shell Shield Report

The *Adelaide Cricket Club* team performed below all expectations in this year's **Shell Shield**, only winning 3 of the 7 games played.

The first week saw losses to *Country Black*, then *Sturt*, *West Torrens* and *Tea Tree Gully*, but in a complete turnaround in the 2nd. week we were successful in all 3 of our games - against *Port Adelaide*, *CUSA* and *Northern Districts*.

The **Adelaide Team** this year was: *Sam Cabot* (captain), *Ali Fraser* (v. c.), *Phil Maddocks*, *James Raman*, *Adam Lidiard*, *Ben Zanol*, *Bryce Heath*, *Nik Ciruak*, *Matt Quist*, *Matt Farlam*, *Craig Dollman*, *Adam Kennedy*, *Steve Brennan*, *James Bond*, *Ben Wyman* and *Kahl Emerson*, while *Ryan Sawade* and *Chris Geddie* played for the **State Under 15 team**.

Phil Maddocks topped the team batting with *262 runs* from the *4 games* that he played (at an *ave. of 131.00*) whilst **Adam Lidiard** won the **SACA Award** for the leading wicket-taker in the competition with *17 wickets @ 13.58* and was rewarded with selection in the **Shell Shield Team of the Year**.

Others to do very well were **Ben**

Zanol (*176 runs*), **James Raman** (*109 runs*), **Bryce Heath** (*over from Tumby Bay - 86 runs*), **Ali Fraser** (*91 runs and 11 wickets*), **Nik Ciruak** (*83 runs*) and **Matt Quist** (*80 runs*).

My thanks go to **Brian Quist** as *Team Manager*. Brian kept the team in order despite some off-field dramas while **Philip Neate** acted as the "rouseabout" with drinks for the players etc. (his turn will come as a player in the future!) Our thanks also to **Bob Harris** for his scoring duties. **Ian Wallace** and **Greg Wyman** also assisted with various duties with the team and their assistance was greatly appreciated by the players.

The team would also want me to acknowledge the tremendous help given by **Sharon and Dean and family**, and also **Miriam**, for preparing the lunches and for support in the clubrooms. *Their assistance was appreciated by all.*

It is pleasing to note that *11 of these players* are eligible to play in next season's **Shell Shield** - as well as *Ryan Sawade*, *Chris Geddie*, *Sam Raphael* and *Scott Carman* who were unavailable.

Eric Freeman

Billy Buffalo's



WICKET WHISPERS



New addition to the clan of former 'A' pace-man, STUART WELLS. Dale and Stuart are now proud parents to a girl - Jaslyn - a sister to Danyon. Wellsy's skipper to a Club in the Hills and his offies are still creating major havoc among cows in adjoining paddocks! Also confirmed - his son Danyon has perfectly copied Dad's much imitated and distinctive squeal...

Two more of our present-day popular players have also joined the ranks as new first-time 'daddies'. To club great BEN JOHNSON and wife SARAH (a former Allrounder Editor!): a little girl, Mackenzie Jean. Congratulations to her parents as they adjust to their new sleep patterns! Also recently, a son, Ben Harrison, to DAMIAN KELLY and CATE. Little Ben has already visited Glandore often, and happily 'sings' along to the club 'Juke-Box'...

Now to the odd world of masculine aftershaves! After unknown amounts of refreshment at a party, ex-Mildura all-rounder TIM CAMERON (and a group of stayers) decided more thirst-quenchers were necessary down at the Ramsgate Hotel. With car space limited, Big Tim volunteered to make the trip to the Pub in the BOOT of his OWN CAR. Apparently, his not-quite athletic leap into his boot actually turned into the launching of a new 'manly odour' which his mates soon dubbed "Eau de Cammo"- he had unwittingly landed heavily on his new bottle of ENGINE COOLANT!

Sensational Performance by the SA Police Cricket Team in taking out the National Comp. - undefeated! The first trophy win for a few years was somehow achieved even without the leadership of CRAIG 'Scazza' SCOTT - a former ACC stalwart - but big SHANE MARAUN performed strongly & victorious captain was past Buffalo strong man: MARTY CLIFTON...

Another Classic Christmas Show was highlighted by disgraceful items from senior players. Big Andrew McLean was a brilliant Mike Munro doing a 'This-is-your-Life' on reluctant 'star' Craig 'I'm not in it this year' Cooper. Many veiled references to Woodville sides and amorous sheep, with our Coops looking sheepish indeed - without his famous Koala Suit!



"Shirty" Bear, "Deano", "Dr. Bill" & "Shane B".

The A's & B's found themselves in an over-acted less-than-"Perfect Match" - with a debonair Lachie Stevens in the part of Greg Evans. Other mostly embarrassing Bit Parts were taken by Jack ('Jacquie'), Buggy in impressive beard ('Deano'), Tucks ('Dr. Bill'), & Sammy (Coach Shane). A vaguely familiar slow-moving quick took the part of Shirty the Slightly Aggressive Bear and seemed mostly interested in lewd movements to ALL the poor contestants and MOST of the noisy crowd... followed by an incredible secret video - shot earlier that day - exposing the soft underbelly of these modern 'dating' programs... In short, a fun night for everybody!

Congratulations to PAUL ANGLE, who recently 'hung up the finger'. Playing in our 82/83 'C' Premiership side, 'Panda' fittingly chose to make his last game umpiring the "A" Grade contest between his two old Clubs: Adelaide & Southern. With our guys in the field last there was plenty of pressure to go out with a bang (only the players will know if he was able to fire a final shot before the end!) Our Best Wishes for retirement, Paul!

Funny little cameo in the 'A' Grade's dressing room in a recent match. As young spinner DAN CULLEN reached for his cricket bag, DAMIAN KELLY mentioned casually he had seen a huge Spider disappear into the bag, which brought instant panic from Dan! With extreme care, arms hyper-extended, Dan carefully removed, piece by piece, the entire contents of his bag. No sign of the arachnoid, so a mystified Damo moved closer to help the search. Suddenly, he began an extremely energetic 'rain dance', hopping wildly from one leg to the other as he tore down his shorts - to reveal the three-legged remains of an extremely HAIRY intruder - which had somehow managed to make a hasty escape up the leg of Damo's shorts! His instantaneous change of expression brought the house down!

Great to see yet another Award for our favourite International. At the Adelaide Test Match Dinner Jason 'Dizzy' Gillespie was presented with one of only five 2002 'Cricketer of the Year' awards given worldwide by the 'Bible' of Cricket - Wisden. Of the 5 awards, 3 went to Australians: 'Dizzy', Adam Gilchrist, & Damien Martyn. (The others: India's Laxman, and Zimbabwe's Andy Flower). Our Best Wishes go to Diz - hurling them down in the World Cup in Sth. Africa.

And finally, our sympathies to one of our Redback regulars - Chris Davies. After shoulder surgery last season, Chris was having a good season (253 runs at 31) before sustaining a ruptured ligament in his left elbow. Here's to a full recovery, Champ!



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