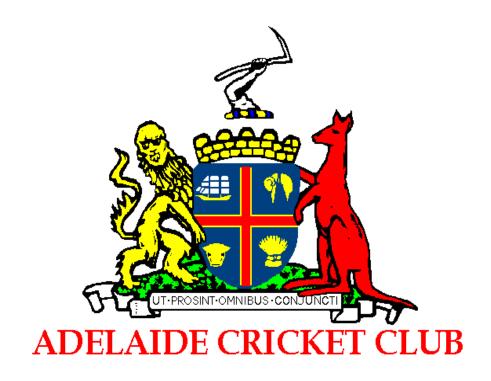
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1905/06	1906/07	1958/59	1989/90
1914/15	1956/57	1959/60	1992/93
1937/38	1958/59	1960/61	1997/98
1958/59	1959/60	1982/83	1999/2000
1974/75	1973/74	1992/93	2004/05
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1975/76	1989/90	1984/85	1993/94
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<u>A GRADE</u>	<u>B GRADE</u>	<u>C GRADE</u>
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1991/92	1992/93	1992/93
1993/94		

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2004/05

Season 2004/05 was so close to being the perfect season for any cricket club.....

The A grade was chasing back to back premierships and from the outset dominated the competition to finish minor premier. After a convincing semi final performance the club was confident the boys could achieve back to back flags. Unfortunately they fell short in the final and were out played by Northern Districts. The same could be said for the West End Cup where a batting collapse in the Final gave the match to Glenelg.

There were many team and personal highlights during the season but how could you go past Ben Johnson winning the Bradman Medal for a second time, well done Johnso. The season was also exceptional in that Dan Cullen, Jack Smith and Luke Williams played for the State. The icing on the cake was when Dan Cullen was rewarded for a fantastic debut season with the Redbacks to be contracted by Cricket Australia. Congratulations to Dan and lets hope he joins our other hero Jason Gillespie for a Test Match in the not too distant future.

For several seasons now the D grade has struggled. After some promising signs last season the D's really got their act together and dominated the competition by finishing streaks ahead as minor premier. The Final was hotly contested and in the end a fine team performance got them across the line. Well done to Scott Buchannon for winning the SACA batting award.

Senior coaches Chris Davies and Ian Wallace are congratulated on a fantastic season. They came perilously close (half a game) in winning the Club Championship award, something the Club has not won now for more than 15 seasons.

The juniors equally had a great season, with both Under 16 teams playing off in the finals. The Reds pulled off a come from behind win to take the Final and collect the premiership shield. The juniors came along way this year under the guidance of Coach Denis (Doc) Kildare and Ian Wallace. All goes well for next season with such a young squad already performing very well. Many thanks to the parents that helped out throughout the season.

Our school program continues to grow stronger and stronger thanks to Ian Wallace. Ian was able to increase the number of participants and teams, which in turn fuelled numbers for our Under 13 South Central and Under 14 SACA teams. Ian's next challenge is to develop an under 13 girls team next season.

The Committee was again busy this year raising funding and developing facilities. Thanks go to Peter Bahnert for attracting almost \$20,000 in sponsorship. It's amazing what you can achieve using Peter's philosophy 'you don't get if you don't ask'. Nick and Michelle Meiers and their band of junior parents cooked up a storm in the kitchen and raised over \$2,000 for junior cricket development.

Park 23 was only used for a few games this season. The upgrade of the oval took a little longer than expected but with the fantastic efforts of Andrew Ramage and Graham Warburton the oval is sure to be a treat to play on next year with a flat and well grassed surface.

It has taken a little longer than expected to finalise a long-term lease with Marion Council and plans for upgrading the Glandore Clubrooms. It is hoped building work may commence toward the end of football season and is completed before the end of Centenary celebrations.

This year marked the passing of club legend Cec Starr and life member Murray Churchett. Erin Bernhardt and Chris Davies also announced a close to their distinguished careers. Chris will however continue on as senior coach and I'm sure Erin won't be too far away.

This report signals the end to my role as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience over the past 6 years and have many people to thank for their kind support. Many individuals over the past 10 years have built the club into the success that it is both on and off the field today. The Club has a healthy bank balance, great facilities for all grades, is about to get new clubrooms and regularly experiences premiership success. This is all fantastic, but I hope that not at any stage this is at all taken for granted. It is critical that all past and current members continue to support the club to ensure the club continues to grow and build into the future. It is only just around the corner where we face turning grade clubs into full time commercial entity.

As you can sense, this season almost went down as the greatest in the history of the Club. Nonetheless, the 2004/05 season provides a great springboard for the Adelaide Cricket Club to celebrate 100 years.

The Committee seeks the support of all past and current players, family and friends to make the *Centenary* celebrations successful and memorable.

#### **Damien Kitto**

#### SENIOR COACH'S REPORT

The 2004/05 season was a vitally important one for the Adelaide Cricket Club and its players.

Club wise, it was important that we backed up our Premiership in the A Grade from the 2003/04 season and continued our push up the ladder from a Club Championship point of view after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2003/04 season. From an individual player point of view it was important that our senior core of players within the club start to produce the performances that the coaching staff thought they should or risk being left behind.

Upon reflection of the season, it would be easy to say that it was a successful one. In many ways it was - D Grade Premiers, A Grade Minor Premiers, Runner Up in the A Grade 2 day competition, Runner Up in the West End Cup competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Club Championship.

The question must be asked..... does anyone remember 2<sup>nd</sup> place?

Having said that, there were some positive signs for the future shown throughout the season. I must congratulate the Under 16 Red team for their Grand Final win. A fantastic effort and just reward for a great season – I hope to see many of you at senior training starting very soon, snapping at the heels of our more senior guys.

The **D** Grade were fantastic from game 1 of the season. Led fantastically by Scott Buchanan (for most of the season, see below\*) and Matt Plant. This team finished Minor Premiers by an absolute street (the street being 45pts) and did the club and themselves proud in the finals series, winning the Grand Final.

Although a fantastic team effort, some great individual performances throughout the season need to be highlighted:

**Scott Buchanan** had a great season, making 544 runs @ 60.44. \*Unfortunately, Scott was unable to play in the finals for the D Grade, the SACA obviously wanting to even the competition up! The less said about that, the better.

Marcel Frossinakis played for the second half of the season making 247 runs @ 42.

The Grandfather of the team **Matt Plant** had another consistent year, making 184 runs @ 27 and taking 26 wickets @ 11.

**Doug Fraser** took 27 wickets @ 9!

Andy McGuire in his first year at the club showed that he has a huge future opening the batting and bowling, taking 19 wickets @ 20.

Who could possibly forget the Grand Final and the heroics of **Sam Cabot**, making 99 and the determination of **Will Spargo** to be involved in the partnership that eventually won us the game.

The support that this team had in the Grand Final was fantastic and the senior players should be congratulated on helping the D's over the line.

Our **C Grade** ended up finishing out of finals contention in 10<sup>th</sup> place. We made a decision before the season to give the captaincy of this team to someone that we thought would be a future leader of our club. I am glad to say that **Sam Raphael** took on the responsibility and handled himself very well.

This team was a very young side, with inexperience showing at various stages throughout some games. I know that the players used in this team will be better for the experience and will come out ready to take on Season 2005/06 running.

Sam Raphael took the batting honours with 306 runs @ 30.6.

Ben Ramsay spent a little time in the C Grade making 282 runs @ 141.

The **B Grade**, I think fair to say had a disappointing year. Finishing 7<sup>th</sup> at the end of the season with a chance to make the finals in the last game realistically probably flattered the teams season. When all is said and done, our club needs players pushing up from the B Grade, performing well (100's not 30's) and demanding to be picked. This season we had 1 player make a 100, this was **Warren Smith** who continues to show why he will go down in our clubs history books. A fantastic guy and an even better

performer for the club this season when the odds were against us. Warren finished the season making 572 runs @ 81.71.

Next best was daylight then **Michael Talbot** making 337runs @ 30. Talbs also took 20 wickets @ 24. **Ali Fraser** had another good season with the ball taking 31 wickets @ 16 and showing why he will be contributing to the success of the A grade in season 2005/06 along with **Tom Clark** and **Tarkin Brown** who had good all round seasons averaging 29 with the bat and taking 22 wickets @ 26 and 20 wickets @ 21 with the ball respectively.

The **A Grade** as I mentioned previously had an indifferent season. Finishing runner up in both competitions, losing to Glenelg in the West End Cup and Northern Districts in the Grade competition has been hard to take. It does give everyone incentive for next season to go one better.

The season and competition was really dominated on an individual basis by the Adelaide Cricket Clubs own great **Ben Johnson**. Ben made 644 runs @ 36 and took 40 wickets @12. These figures were enough the see Ben win his second Bradman Medal a medal that he thoroughly deserved. A fantastic player, who continues to prove that he is without doubt the best player that this club has had for a long time if not ever.

There were a lot of other solid contributions, with no one really standing out. **Sam Williams** held down the number 4 spot with 570 runs @ 33, **Luke Williams** made 482 runs @ 34, **Jack Smith** 388 @ 25 and **Josh McLean** 385 @ 24. Our batting at stages this season certainly let us down and this is where we will need to improve.

On the bowling side, **Dale Bradley** had a great season in the A Grade taking 32 wickets @ 17. Dale showed on a number of occasions just how much he has improved and we will be looking for another solid season from him next year. **Dan Cullen** was also able to take 25 wickets for the Adelaide Cricket Club in between his Redback commitments.

The retirements of both Erin Bernhardt and myself opens the door for at least two new faces into the A grade for next season. Erin has left big boots to fill and will be sorely missed by not only players within this club but within the competition in general. Over 200 A grade wickets and a lot of runs shows that Erin has been one of most brilliant and consistent performers over the last 20 years. It has been an absolute pleasure playing with you and sitting along side you for the past 8 or so years.

It would be remiss of me not mentioning our state representatives for the season.

Jack Smith started in the Redbacks team and will be looking to get back into it next season with a lot of runs for the Buffs.

Luke Williams forced his way back by sheer weight of runs – unfortunately injury hampered his season after Christmas. I am sure he will be back as he is the best opener in my opinion in SA.

Dan Cullen had a great first season with the Redbacks, taking a lot of wickets. A hard worker who gives his all for the Buffs whenever he is back with us. Someone that all of our junior players should be looking up to. Now contracted to Cricket Australia.

Jason Gillespie – The great man. Over 200 test wickets. One test 50. Enough said.

Finally, in closing – Season 2005/06 is one that I am looking forward to. There will be a lot of opportunities for the younger players within the club to represent us at A grade level. We are at a point where we need to find the next group of players to take us forward. It will not be the likes of Johnson, Williams (x2), Smith who make us a better team. This will have to come from the next group of players.

To, Ian Wallace, the players, supporters and the committee thanks for you support and guidance over the season.

Look forward to seeing you all for Pre-Season!

#### **Chris Davies**

#### A GRADE REPORT

The mighty Buffalos continued to dominate the A-grade competition finishing minor premiers and making the grand final in both forms of the game. This was a tremendous achievement and something each buffalo that played in the A's this season should be proud of.

However losing both finals in the fashion we did was very disappointing. With the departure of two of the clubs prodigal sons, Chris Davies and Erin Bernhardt, we will need to continue to strive for excellence in order to continue the era of success that the club is currently enjoying.

The season was full of individual achievement as well as overall team success and I have chosen to touch upon some of the individual achievements in this report.

Without a doubt our best performer in the A-grade was Ben Johnson who shined consistently with bat and ball all season. Ben was rewarded with the Bradman Medal for his outstanding all-round efforts and was voted the MVP in the A-grade this season. Well done on a fantastic season Johnno.

Accompanying Ben with the new ball was Dale Bradley in his first full season of A-grade. Dale impressed his peers and competitors with increased pace and control as the season progressed, taking 32 wickets at 17 runs a piece. If Dale continues to show a willingness to learn and develop in physical stature the buffs will prosper as a result.

Our rock at the top of the batting order, Luke Williams, had yet another solid season with the bat and deserved his call up at the First Class level in the second half of the season. Unfortunately the timing of his selection coincided with a serious knee injury that I have no doubt hindered his ability to produce the form that had got him there. With a careful offseason program and an opportunity for greater leadership responsibilities next season, Luke will be a vital component of future club success at the Buffs.

The major success story of the season was the news of Dan Cullen being awarded a Cricket Australia contract for his outstanding first class debut season for SA. Having made my first class debut with Dan this season it was great see him take his opportunity and the cricket world by storm. Dan's natural talent, strong work ethic and enthusiasm for the game will hold Dan in good stead for national selection in the years to come. Congratulations Dan.

I would like to finish by thanking those people that provided their assistance to the A-grade each and every weekend.

Firstly to Chris Davies and Ian Wallace for their effort as senior coaches. The youthful buffalos will need strong mentoring and direction in the coming years and I am confident that Chris and Wal, with the assistance of other senior players, will be able to do just that.

Secondly to Warren Maclean for his efforts as the A-grade manager. Warren's commitment to the sound preparation of playing facilities and the resources needed to cater for the players' needs on game-day, coupled with his passion for team success, was very much appreciated. To the committee thank you for your support and open communication throughout the season, and finally to our scorer, Neil Rickets, who kept score of every ball during the season.

Jack Smith A-Grade Captain

#### **B GRADE REPORT - SEASON 2004/05**

Season 2004/05 came to a close with the B Grade side lying exactly mid table in 7<sup>th</sup> position. It was a fair indication of our season, one in which we had to battle hard every week and ended up being hurt by some inconsistency.

There were a number of fantastic team performances. On three occasions we didn't capitalise after having the chance to bat first, making less than 150, and yet wins against East and West Torrens, Southern and Tea Tree Gully were memorable for our brilliant run chases.

We tended to go in a little batsmen-heavy most weeks and yet found runs hard to come by at times, losing 'sets' of wickets as is often the case. Highest scorers were Warren Smith with 572 runs and Michael Talbot with 337.

Michael showed signs of maturing as a player and was rewarded with more exposure at A grade level. He played some important, bigger innings for the team and with his off-spin bringing 20 wickets at an improved economy rate, 'Talbs' was probably our best player during the year.

Up there with him would have to be Ali Fraser who continued to impress as he developed as a front line bowler. As we struggled for strike power, Ali was asked to both take early wickets and put the runrate squeeze on during the day. He responded brilliantly, claiming 30 wickets and setting up some of our better performances. It was great to see 'Frase' make his A Grade debut at the end of the season and if he can remember to get tall at the crease and hit the pitch hard I'm sure he'll be able to follow in the footsteps of Dale Bradley.

Many of the bowlers had heavy workloads during the years and they should be extremely proud of the way they stuck to their task and held their quality. Tarkin Brown battled injury all year, but was always being dangerous with the ball and played some great little cameos with the bat. Tom Clark showed his normal fight in another strong season and I know his team-mates were rapt when he made his A grade debut. Clarky probably tried a bit too hard with his leg spinners so with a more patient approach and a focus only on those things that he can control himself, I'm confident that he will get the higher success he deserves.

Jeremy Appleton's season was highlighted by the grit he demonstrated in some match-winning contributions with the bat. 'Jem' was batting on three occasions when we won tight run chases, setting a great example for some of our newer batsmen.

Chris Geddie looks a promising player of the future and is to be congratulated on his A Grade debut. Nathan 'Tiger' Woods slotted into the team late in the season after a few years away and looked like he'd never put his bat down. A fantastic talent capable of more A Grade success.

Some of our talented, more experienced players have found themselves at the crossroads a bit over past years and I look forward to watching their careers blossom again as they relax and enjoy themselves. Meanwhile, a large batch of promising, young players have been awarded early opportunities and will be better for the experience. I'm confident many of those have what it takes to surge ahead on the back of some more energetic efforts, self belief and camaraderie.

My deepest thanks and gratitude to all our varied support staff during the year, those who scored or helped out with some of the managerial tasks. We couldn't have got by without the help of Keith Wheeler, Simon Fraser, Greg Wyman and Dean and Sharon Satterthwaite in particular.

Thanks also to coaches Chris Davies and Ian Wallace, Congratulations on an entertaining career CD, been brilliant to watch. Thanks also to John Job and to the Committee for their tireless volunteer work getting us out there.

Congratulations to over-worked committee man Scott Buchanan and the D's on a gutsy (and successful) finals campaign, and to the Under 16 Red's for their perfect finish to the season. Nice work.

Last of all, thanks to my team mates who have been generous in their support over the year and a great bunch to be in the trenches with. Enjoy the break.

#### C GRADE REPORT- Season 2004/2005

The C grade started the season in a concerning fashion with 3 straight loses, with game one against University an embarrassing outright loss, which saw us bowled out for 27 in the second innings, and probably one of the team's and clubs low points of the year. However, the 'young' team, which consisted of players without much senior experience, had enough talent to produce the goods, and all that was needed was a bit of self-belief and confidence.

The game against Port Adelaide saw us take our first win, one in which was looking unlikely, until we took 8/38 led by a magnificent spell by Andrew McLean, and a spirited fight back in the field. This gave the team, I believe a platform in which we could build from, and try to emulate in other encounters. Half-way through the season the team managed to get back level with 4 wins and 4 losses, which had us sitting in sixth position and not far out of the top 4. The 'young' side was starting to play well, and a sense of team was starting to develop, however, with the success with the D grade, it was difficult to promote players from the D grade, and ultimately cost the C grade for numbers, where one week, three players had to be found at the last minute to cover the shortage.

Toward the end of the season, the team played more of the stronger, or more experienced teams, including, Sturt, and the eventual premier, West Torrens. With different players basically every week the team did not really have a chance to 'settle' and less 'team' performances were occurring.

Although, there was not a great deal of success on the field in season 2004/05, many positives can come out of it. The fact that the team played younger blokes at this level was a fantastic thing as younger players can only develop and become better players in the future. With younger guys exposed to C grade cricket and not a lower grade, such development should occur quicker, hence develop more players to hopefully one day play A and B grade cricket, and add to the clubs depth at the higher levels.

The statistics basically tell the story for the C grade, with the leading run scorer only with 306, and the leading wicket taker with 23 wickets. Although these are admirable performances, they do not resemble the statistics of a higher placed team. Another significant figure is that throughout the year, the team used 38 players, which shows that the team never really settled, and with a number of different players, inconsistent efforts was the result.

A number of fantastic individual efforts occurred during the year, including many consistent performances from Andrew McLean, who led the teams bowling attack, and was rewarded with games in the B Grade. Ben Ramsay averaged 141 with the bat, and was rightly played in the B grade, as well as a few games in the A grade. Mark Lawson, the English recruit was our leading wicket taker with 23 in only half the season, and was a good performer during his stay. Mark Howard, kept wickets admirably throughout the year, and was one of our more permanent players, which saw him take out the fielding award. Other consistent performers included Andrew Bahnert, and Phillip Maddocks. Next season should see a great improvement from all players involved in the C grade from 2004/05.

I would like to give great thanks to Andrew McLean for taking over the captaincy when I wasn't there, and for being a great help to me when I was there. Also, to Bob Harris, and Mike Raphael who handled the majority of the scoring over the year. Thanks to Ian Wallace, and Chris Davies for supporting me throughout the year, and finally to my team- mates who I enjoyed playing this great game with over the year. Also congratulations to the under 16 reds and the D grade for winning their respective premierships. Well done!

Looking forward with expectation next season.

Sam Raphael C Grade Captain

#### D GRADE REPORT

The 2004-2005 season proved to be one of the most successful and without question most enjoyable seasons I've ever experienced. Fielding a team consisting mainly of players who were in either their first or second full season's of senior cricket, we were able to win all but one game, finishing the season minor premiers and defeating University and Kensington to capture the premiership.

Our bowling was our strength with Doug Fraser, Matt Plant, Richie Veroude, Andrew McGuire, Adam Lidiard and Will Spargo forming a potent and varied attack which was able to bowl out every side except one over the course of the season. Doug was undeniably our lynchpin bowling with intelligence and incredible accuracy, he never allowed the opposition batsmen to settle and he allowed our other bowlers to attack at every opportunity. The find of the season was Andrew McGuire an unbelievably talented allrounder he finished the season opening the batting as well as the bowling and showed all the hallmarks of a future star.

Our batting while short on star performers were always able to grind out competitive scores with only once being bowled out for under 200 and having different people contribute runs at crucial stages. It was vital going into the finals that everyone batting in the top 7 had scored at least one fifty through the year and had all scored runs at different times against different opponents. Of all the batsmen Ben Zanol was the standout coming into the team before Christmas, he immediately announced himself with a match winning 71 versus Kensington and it was only a couple of concentration lapses that prevented him from putting some big scores on the board. Special credit must go to Sam Cabot for his 99 in the grand final, under pressure against a quality attack he stood up to play a special innings and he fell just one run short of a deserved century.

Fielding was our achilles heel throughout the season and at times we looked like letting the opposition back into the game with some basic errors. However this could be put down to the inexperience of our squad and it is an area which can be improved upon if the players are prepared to put in the time and effort at training.

Special credit must go to Matt Plant not only for the wickets that he took, the runs he scored, or the support he provided me through the season, but for the way he stepped up and assumed the captaincy on the eve of the finals. He led the team superbly against two of the most experienced teams in University and Kensington and his performance in the grand final taking 5/51 and his innings on the Sunday were fantastic performances and he deserves full credit for the way he led from the front.

On behalf of the players it is important to thank all of the other people who helped me through the season, Ian Wallace for all of his support through the season was vital and the team would not have enjoyed the level of success it did without him or Chris Davies. A special thanks also to Georgia for scoring most of the season and to Mrs. Barrett who stepped in when Georgia was unavailable both did a fantastic job and I can't thank them enough for giving up their weekends to help us.

Finally thankyou to all the players who provided me with so much support and enthusiasm throughout the season hopefully they'll realise how special it is to play in a premiership and will continue to strive to play in one at the highest level.

Scott Buchanan
D Grade Captain

## BANK SA SHIELD REPORT

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank Ian Wallace for once again giving me the opportunity to coach the Shell Shield this season. It was always going to be a tough ask to go back to back, having lost quality senior players from the season prior. However, preparation began around November to see if this were possible. The team was captained well by Ben Wyman, and well supported by Chris Geddie, two senior players in their own right that had performed brilliantly the season prior in the Shield, and were looking to repeat their performances.

The team got off to a great start, first beating Northern Districts, then Prospect, with the expectation of finals success on everyone's mind. However, this expectation was short-lived, when the boys lost the next two matches against a weak Tea Tree Gully, and eventual premiers East Torrens, both games that were thrown away from winning positions. The final two matches were won easily against Country Red, and Woodville, with the boys missing the finals by one solitary win.

Highlights of the carnival from a batting point of view only came in the final game, with Ben Wyman and Chris Geddie finally showed their real talent, scoring brilliant centuries each, with the team scoring 303. One wonders if the batting order had shown even a glimpse of this brilliance that they were capable of, we would have been lifting the shield once again.

Despite these positives, question marks remain over a number of players as to whether they are capable of playing high up the senior grades next season, after putting forward performances that did not reflect the strength of the club at junior level, or the outstanding efforts of the Junior Coaching staff this season.

Josh Mclean Bank SA Shield Coach

# PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT JUNIOR COODINATORS REPORT

Season 2004/5 was disappointing one for the club in as much as we reached the Grand Finals in the "A" Grade and in the West End Cup only to fail in achieving our goals in each of these games. We were also runners up in the Club Championship being beaten by West Torrens.

Back-to-Back premierships are not easily achieved but we gave it our best shot and fell short of achieving that particular feat. We now need to look at the areas where we can improve on last season and make the necessary moves to ensure that we can achieve another "A" Grade Premiership next season.

# "D" Grade Premiership

One of the highlights of the season was the "D" Grade Premiership. Two seasons ago this side was really struggling as we were a chopping block for other sides but 2003/4 saw a big improvement and this year we were clearly the superior side in the competition. Congratulations to Matthew Plant and all his players, who participated throughout the year. Also I must mention Scott Buchanan for his splendid season with the bat and also his leadership. Congratulations to Sam Cabot for his outstanding effort in scoring 99 against University in the Grand Final. This side developed into a very close unit throughout the season and to chase 230 in the Semi Final and then 240 in the Grand Final speaks volumes for the spirit and fight this team displayed. Well done boys.

## **Pre Season and General Training**

I thought that our numbers at pre season training were good along with the enthusiasm. There are however some ideas which need to be looked at to enhance training sessions further.

# **Community Club Relationships**

Our relationships with Community Clubs within our boundaries continue to develop and I will be in contact with these clubs on a regular basis again next year. I must thank the Richmond Clarence Park Club for allowing us to use Goodwood Oval on Saturday mornings as a venue for our school Kanga Cricket competition.

## Country Players

This season as a club we decided to try and entice some Country Juniors into our junior ranks and I must say that they performed quite well. New players from the country were:

Ashley Barton	from Orroroo	U/16
Anthony Jennings	from Mt Gambier	U/14
Aaron Miatke	from Barmara Monash	U/16

Also special mention to Simon Potts for his outstanding efforts in the Under 14 reds this season in scoring 428 runs taking 21 wickets and winning the fielding award together with the Best Junior Trophy. Simon travelled from Wilmingtton to play each Saturday. Well done to all our Country boys.

Season 2004/5 saw some new initiatives introduced at Junior level such as the mentor system together with specialized sessions in respect of Fast Bowling, Spin Bowling,

Wicket Keeping and throwing for the Under 16 players. An evaluation of these sessions will be made and if favourable they will be repeated in 2005/6.

From a junior point of view we were indeed fortunate to acquire the services of Dennis Kidare as a Junior Coach for the club last season. Dennis has a lot of coaching experience and his expertise was certainly appreciated by all the players and parents, congratulations Dennis on a job well done.

The U/17boys did not perform as well as one would have expected. We had a good first week of the Carnival but fell away in the second week. We need to look into why we didn't perform to expectations and put in pace some procedures and practices to ensure we play to the best of our ability next season.

Congratulations to Ben Wyman who captained the side, kept wickets and also opened the batting. He was rewarded for his fine contributions with selection in the U/17 team of the year and also being appointed Captain of that side. Well done Ben!

The juniors had a good year with the highlight being the success of our U/16 red team in winning the Premiership. The Grand Final was an exciting encounter and full marks to all the lads that played not only in the grand final but also throughout the minor round as well.

Our U/16 White side had a very good season as well in making the Semi Finals but falling short. The boys particularly our bowlers played exceptionally well throughout the year and it was our batting which we couldn't score sufficient runs, which caused problems. Well done to the under 16 white boys they played the game as it should be played hard and fair.

The under 14 lads were a shade disappointing although I thought we picked up a bit after Christmas. Alex Cutin was promoted to the under 16 Reds in accordance with our philosophy and this gave the opportunity to another player.

The Under 14 White side was a very young side consisting of all the Ray Sutton Shield Squad and I am sure that the experience gained by these lads in playing in the Under 14 Whites will assist their future development.

The Under 15 boys had a good year in the South Central Competition and finished up winning 5 games and losing 3. The majority of these boys will be lining up in the U/16 sides next season and it will be an interesting to see just how much they have developed. Well-done boys on a successful season.

In closing there are a number of people who need to be recognised for their efforts during season 2004/5.

To the following Managers thank you for your efforts:

Roger Luders U/16 Reds

Peter Coombe U/16 Whites

Michael Pickering U/15's
Greg Peake U/15's
Andrew Pedersen U/14 Reds

David Clift U/14 Whites and Ray Sutton Shield

## Kevin Payne U/14 Whites and Ray Sutton Shield

I would also like to thank the scorers of all grades for your valuable contribution in season 2004/5. Mention must be made to Sharon and Dean Satterthwaite for their untiring efforts behind the bar and assisting me with the preparation of barbeques for junior functions. Special thanks to parents for transporting their children to and from matches and practices. Last but not least is a special mention to Chris Davies who has announced that he won't be playing next season but will continue in his coaching role. Chris congratulations on what you have achieved playing wise both with the Redbacks and some valuable innings for the Buffalos. Also mention should be made of Paul Pasculli for his valuable contribution of Chairman of Selectors.

Ian Wallace Performance Manager Junior coordinator Adelaide cricket club

#### JUNIOR COACH'S REPORT

#### GENERAL OVERVIEW

On balance, the past season has been one of steady progress for the majority of junior cricketers in the Club. When asked to take on the role of Junior Coach I immediately made up my mind that the pursuit of individual honours by any one individual was secondary to the Club policy of nurturing each and every junior cricketer to strive for excellence as part of a team environment which has enabled this proud Club to remain one of the leading lights in Adelaide Grade Cricket for so long.

One of the disappointing aspects of our modern game is the saturation coverage of all forms of cricket by TV stations that panders to the histrionic predilections of a number of international players which in turn are copied by grade cricketers at all levels. Unfortunately, a number of junior players allowed this unfortunate "fashion" to creep into their game rather than concentrate their efforts into improving individual techniques. Remember, you are judged on your results.

#### PRACTICE NIGHTS

Practice for was held over three nights (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and was very well attended by the majority of players. The main aim was to improve the technique of all players in the basics of the game and, just as importantly, their attitude.

The disappointing feature of practice nights was the absence of a regular Practice Captain. This is a matter that I urge the Club to address as a matter of some urgency as it allows the coaching staff more time to devote to specifics, rather than have to worry about timekeeping duties. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of this position in the Club. Accordingly, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the parents who gave their time in assisting with "the book", especially David Lithgow and Martin Forsyth. Also Simon Marshall was of inestimable assistance on practice nights as was Barry Curtin, and I wish to record my appreciation to these gentlemen. Whilst on the subject of practice, it became very apparent early in the season that a large number of players were aerobically unfit which I found disappointing for players of that age. Next season, there needs to be a greater emphasis placed on this aspect of the game as it is folly to think you do not have to be fit for cricket.

#### MY PHILOSOPHY

As stated previously, I believe the main aim of junior coaches in any sport is to strive at all times to ensure improvement both in technique and attitude. Whilst Premierships are a bonus (and should be treasured forever), I want to see as many junior players as possible go on and play their cricket at the highest possible level at Adelaide Cricket Club. That will only occur with a lot of dedication and hard work, something each and every individual has control over; "You can lead a horse to\_water but you can't make it drink"

#### **TEAM MANAGERS**

I would like to sincerely thank all the team managers not only for their managerial efforts on game days and at the selection table, but also for assisting with the finer points of the game in terms of coaching. Their role should not be underestimated, as they are expected to be mentor, coach, parent (in some cases), psychologist, medico etc.

#### **PARENTS**

As important a part of the Club as anyone or anything! To each and every parent, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for all the sweat and tears, worry, excitement, fear, trepidation and any other feeling you had to endure throughout the season. Your help was immeasurable and I hope in general terms you all received a sense of satisfaction from your boys during the season. I also hope that a few parents learned how hard it can be at the selection table and that all decisions are made at all times with the interests of both Club and individual players being considered.

# **SENIOR PLAYERS**

To Chris Davies and his senior players, thank you for assisting with the mentoring scheme during the season and I can assure you that from the feedback I received from a number of players, they learned another side to the game and an insight as to what is required at the senior level to be successful.

# **JUNIOR PLAYERS**

I need to let you all know that I enjoyed the experience of coaching you all this past season. At times it was probably just as frustrating for you as it was for me, but remember all methods of coaching were employed to assist you and your development as cricketers of the future. Your future is in your hands and minds and I wish each and everyone the very best for your future in this wonderful game called cricket. To all the Trophy Winners and the Under 16 Reds, congratulations for a job well done.

# **CONCLUSION**

Finally, no report from me would be complete without a heartfelt thanks to that mighty man, Ian Wallace. I am in awe of the time and effort he devotes to this great Club across a wide range of responsibilities. Ian, I am honoured not only to have assisted you in some way, but also to be associated with your tireless efforts in helping this Club to achieve its goals. Thanks for your support mate.

Denis 'Doc'Kildare
Junior Coach

## **RAY SUTTON REPORT SEASON 2004/5**

The Ray Sutton Shield side was selected with a view of development in mind. There were four lads who were in year 6 chosen and these boys will be available again in season 2005/6.

At the end of the competition we achieved one victory over Woodville a narrow loss against West Torrens and were defeated convincingly against Glenelg, Southern Districts and Sturt.

In looking at the future I am confident that some of the lads that participated in the competition have a bright future and will become good grade cricketers.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their support during the competition with special thanks to managers David Clift and Kevin Payne. All of the squad with the exception of Mitchell Tiller also played in our Under 14 White side and the improvement in all the lads' skill levels was most evident at the end of the season.

I hope all the boys enjoyed the experience.

Ian Wallace Junior Coordinator

#### **ADELAIDE U/16 RED**

As you are probably aware the U/16 Reds had a very successful year winning the premiership with a great win against Northern Districts in the Grand Final.

During the season probably we achieved mixed results with a very good start to the season winning 6 out of 7 games before Christmas. At the Christmas break we lost the first 2 one-day games against teams well below us at the time. This put us back in the middle of the table fighting for a finals position. From there on we didn't lose another game winning the last three minor round games as well as the semi final and grand final.

Over the season we played 21 players, which indicates we struggled to settle a regular team due to loss of form and injuries. Our strength was that each team we put on the park did not give up at any stage and believed that we could win each game no matter what situation.

#### **BOWLING**

All year our bowling was our strength with Michael Maurici being the outstanding bowler taking 40 wickets for the season at an amazing average of 10.32 (Michael was the second highest wicket taker in the U/16 Red competition). Both Scott Luders and Mathew Meiers had good seasons taking 21 wickets each and Malcolm Pitcher chipped in with 17 wickets. This enabled us to bowl teams out for gettable totals.

#### **BATTING**

Our batting at times was brittle causing us to sometimes struggle to reasonable totals. Scott Luders was our stand out batsman scoring 401 runs for the season at an average of 29. He looked to be in trouble. Luke Behn (97), Malcolm Pitcher (63) Zack Butler (85 in the grand final), Mathew Nobes (78), Phillip Neate (50) Will Kearvell (50) and Scott Luders (67) all scoring over 50 in games where we were in trouble.

I would like to thank both Ian Wallace and Denis Kildare for their help and guidance during the year and to all the parents who helped with scoring, afternoon tea and any other duties that needed to be done.

WELL DONE BOYS

ROGER LUDERS

#### U16 WHITE - Season Review 2004/05

The U16 Whites enjoyed a successful season winning 8 out of 11 minor round games to make the semi-finals and finish officially third overall. Whilst we were beaten by the eventual premiers, Southern, the experience of playing finals will benefit all concerned.

The team was well led by skipper Luke Pedersen and displayed fine fighting qualities in winning 6 tight games by small margins. They showed that when the going got tough they were able to lift a cog and exert extra pressure on the opposition. The Whites played 25 players throughout the year but this did not stop them playing consistently as a team.

Our bowling & fielding was consistently good throughout the season and was the reason we won many of the tight games. Gus Clarke, 20 wkts @ 13.2 and Jason Fisher, 18 wkts @ 14.4, were the mainstays of a generally accurate attack. Gus (5/36) and Adam Willson (5/13) were the only 5 wicket hauls in an even bowling performance while Patrck Hartland, Chris Muggleton, Adam Willson and Jordon Pinto produced some very good individual performances.

The batting was a different story and was generally a bit brittle, especially in the top order. We relied on gutsy lower order partnerships and spasmodically brilliant performances from a variety of players. George Heliotis scored a powerful 128 no against East Torrens to steer us to victory while Jordon Pinto played a lone hand against Kensington with a swashbuckling 101. Other players to score a half century were Alex Peake 56, Adam Willson, an outstanding 91 batting at no. 8, and Ashley Barton 50 in a last wicket partnership of 118 with George Heliotis which turned out to be our highest partnership of the year. Phil Neate and Steven Coombe were each in 3 highest wicket partnerships for the season.

Congratulations to Luke Pedersen for winning the Batting Aggregate (163) and also the fielding trophy. Luke's fielding was highlighted by two outstanding outfield catches against Southern.

Thanks to Doc Kildare and Ian Wallace (as always) who have prepared our boys extremely well for battle and to the parents who came along to support and help out. Special Thanks to Jan Pedersen, Greg Peake, Peter Willson and Craig Fisher.

It was a pleasure to manage this young team and I am confident that many players who played U16 Whites will push for a spot in the Reds next season. A special congratulations to Roger Luders and the U16 Reds for a brilliant Premiership victory. Based on this years overall U16's performances it appears the Adelaide Cricket Club is well placed to receive some very good senior players in the future.

Peter Coombe Team Manager

## **UNDER 15 CRICKET TEAM REPORT 2004–05 SEASON**

Adelaide's Under 15 cricket team had a very successful season finishing third (3<sup>rd</sup>) out of nine (9) teams. This was particularly pleasing especially considering the fact that throughout the season a total of twenty-one (21) players were rotated through the Under 15's team. Both Mr. Mike Pickering and myself thank all the boys for both their 'on-field' sportsmanship and their approach to training. I believe that all parents and families could identify the marked improvements in the boys' commitment and sporting endeavours, by season's end!

I make special mention in regard to the parents who assisted the team and training personnel, throughout the year, with many and varied tasks which included scoring and coaching – and especially for the help given with helping to set up the matting and ground boundaries, and the packing away after each home game.

Another special mention goes to our 'on-field' leadership group — Oliver Peake as captain and Jeremy Pickering as Vice-Captain. Both boys led from the front in the batting and the bowling, throughout the season. Their willingness to take charge of the team was great to see — especially with regard to the way they organised the fielding, batting and bowling line-ups, with positive spirit and genuine sportsmanship!

Finally, to all the boys who played during this season, both Mr. Mike Pickering and myself thank you for your willingness to learn, your unwavering enthusiasm, outstanding sportsmanship and your camaraderie in support of one another – you really are great ambassadors and a credit to the Adelaide Cricket Club, and everything it stands for. We sincerely hope that you all continue to progress on in your cricketing careers well into the future and hereby offer my congratulations to you all!

Mr. Gregory Peake

#### **UNDER 14 REDS – END OF SEASON REPORT 2004/05**

This season we had 2 Captains, initially Alex Curtin (until he was promoted to the U16 Reds) with Simon Potts taking over for the latter part of the season. Both Captains represented their Club well. Alex very much led by example, in particular with his batting. Simon was a very outgoing Captain who worked hard at engendering good team spirit & player involvement.

This year's U14 squad was very much depleted as a result of a large number of last year's squad moving on to the U16's. Of this year's line up only Alex Curtin played regularly in U14's the previous year. Most other U14 Red players were rotated in U14 Whites & our U13's the previous year. Others were recruited from other U13 sides. Effectively we were less experienced than most opposition teams & this reflected in our early season form, winning only 1 of 6 matches prior to the Christmas break.

Our post-Christmas results were much better, i.e. we won 3 of 5 matches. We improved our position on the ladder from around 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> as a result. This improvement was largely due to a number of players realising that they were now at U14 Red standard.

Our batting performances were very much centred around our Captains, intially Alex Curtin who scored 207 runs in his 5 matches at an average of 41.4 & then Simon Potts who scored a very impressive 428 runs for the season at the healthy average of 42.8. The other batsman to perform very well was Nick Pedersen who scored 248 runs at an average of 35.4. The highlight of the season being Simon & Nick's magnificent 230 partnership against East Torrens, having come together when we were in trouble at 3 wickets for 8. Simon made a brutally commanding 163 & Nick compiled a tidy 80.

Other batsmen to make at least two 30+ scores were Wayde Storr, Jordan Wright, Mark Fitzgerald & Mitch Ruth. Jordan's "top order" efforts in particular are notable given that he was selected mainly for his bowling.

One of the most pleasing aspects of our batsmen this season was the willingness of players to "open" the batting – we had 7 players who keenly offered their services for this tough job. Well done to all those who made the effort.

Over all our batting performances were competitive for U14 cricket—our average score being 8 for 175 (includes one-day matches).

Our bowling performances were a bit sporadic this season, with a number of players finding it difficult to step up to this next level. The best performances came from Simon Potts 6/49 vs Pt Adelaide & 4/13 vs Kensington, Dom Davis 5/47 vs Kensington & Craig Lancake 3/12 vs Sturt. Our most consistent performers were our opening bowler, Craig Lancake (he was both penetrating & tidy) and our left arm finger spinner, Simon Potts who was also our main wicket taker with 22 wickets for the season. Another pace bowler to show good promise was Hayden Jolly.

Our fielding was generally of a high standard with Simon Potts again leading the way with his very athletic & desperate saves, not forgetting his deadly throwing arm. All other players impressed with their fielding efforts at various stages & it is difficult to single out individuals. I would however like to note the great improvement of two players, Braden Collins & Wayde Storr. Both players are to be commended on some great "pressure" catches & improved ground fielding.

Our main wicket keeper this season was Mitch Ruth. He too showed commendable improvement as the season progressed, conceding only 7 byes in the last 5 matches. Mitch's best haul was 4 catches in one innings. Mark Fitzgerald also provided good support as our back up keeper.

Summarising our season I would have to say that although we didn't achieve ideal scoreboard results we were generally competitive. Our players represented their Club well at all times & are to be commended on their attitude, willingness to learn & for their support of each other.

Personally I have been very pleased with the support I received from players & their families this season. The players were very enthusiastic & keen to learn. Their family including parents, grand parents & siblings have all provided great support to myself and the players. This year we had 9 different scorers – a great show of support!

In closing I would like to wish all the players well for their future years of cricket & I am confident that some of them will become high achievers in the sport.

Finally thanks to our Captains, Alex Curtin & Simon Potts for their efforts. Thanks too to Ian Wallace, "Doc" & Simon Marshall for their great work in preparing the players each week. Thanks also to Jackie & Wayne Ruth for their regular assistance & to the many other parents who helped throughout the season. Well done on a real Team effort!

Andrew Pedersen Team Manager.

# Adelaide Cricket Club Team Report - Under 14 White Season 2004 - 05

Season 2004 - 05 for the U/14 White team could be considered disappointing if only the win /loss record of 4 and 8 was considered. The first half of the season started with a win against Prospect and finished with a win, against Pt Adelaide. The real turning point of the players' belief in their abilities was the first game after Christmas when we narrowly lost to the  $2^{nd}$  placed team Tea Tree Gully by 2 runs. The second half of the season produced two comprehensive wins against Woodville and Glenelg.

Our coaching philosophy and approach to the games was to try to ensure that all players enjoyed themselves, improved their skills and learned to play cricket with a fair and positive attitude. Our success can be better measured by the great team spirit and friendships which developed and the number of players (six) who earned the opportunity to play in the U/14 Red team. The level of parent support that we willingly received during the season at matches and in cooking meals on Saturday nights was outstanding. These factors all combined to produce a positive atmosphere for the boys to learn cricket at the district entry level.

The team was led by Jordan Holman (captain) and Lindsay Clift (vice captain and wicketkeeper) in a very positive and encouraging manner. The whole team respected and supported, to the best of their ability, their leaders in every game. The remainder of the team comprised, Alex Tam, Daniel Hack, Harley McKenzie, Rupert Peake, Tom Cooper, Daniel Payne, Sam Wright, Daniaal Ali, Jed Flavel, Chris Forsyth, Jake Hollis, Kane Chapman, and Ashleigh Willson. Craig Langcake and Hayden Jolly began the season in the White team but were promoted to the Red team for the season. Other players who earned the opportunity to play in the Red team were Daniaal Ali, Harley McKenzie, Daniel Hack and Rupert Peake.

Although all players contributed to the team's batting, bowling and fielding performances the most consistent were -

Daniaal Ali (batting, 207 runs @ 41.4), Jake Hollis (bowling, 11/200 @18.18) and Alex Tam (fielding).

I would like to thank my co manager Kevin Payne for his help and guidance throughout the season and the parents who supported their sons week by week. This I believe produced a positive environment for the players to enjoy and appreciate cricket and improve their skills.

David Clift, Kevin Payne Managers

## U/13 Green REPORT

The U/13 green experienced a successful year in terms of development of their cricketing skills. The results of the season were that we won 9 out of 10 games, which we played and were defeated in the game against Richmond/Clarence Park.

The behaviour of the boys was good and they played the game in the right spirit hard but fair and in accordance within the spirit, which has been out lined by the South Central Junior Cricket Association.

For a number of the team this was their first taste of club cricket and they acquitted themselves very well. As I have indicated previously their skill development was the most important aspect of the season and I was very happy with that area of their play.

I am sure there are boys in the team who have the ability to play grade cricket provided they continue with their dedication and attitude towards the game. Congratulations boys on a fine season and I look forward to seeing you on the track next season.

Special thanks go to John Munroe, David Lithgow and Martin Ellis who shared the Managers role very well between them.

To the scorers Graham Norris and Catherine Barry thank you for your efforts in scoring and obviously you did a fine job, as we were defeated in only one game.

I must pass a special thanks John (Barbeque) Karran for his untiring efforts with the barbeques and pancakes. Well done John, your efforts were greatly appreciated by players and parents alike.

Finally I wish to record my appreciation to Andrew Tyson for his efforts in officiating as an umpire during the latter part of the season.

Ian Wallace Performance Manager Adelaide Cricket Club

## **UNDER 13 GOLD REPORT**

SQUAD MEMBERS: Jamie Banfield, Patrick Cadiang, Nicholas Chesser, Edward Chittleborough, Matthew Crocker, Luke Crocker, Justin Dienelt, Thomas Humphreys, Billy Kouts, Russell McLean, Michael Mills, Max Parker, Jonathon Rhodes and Marcus Warn.

The team took a few weeks to get to know each other and come together as a team, but once that happened they became a very close knit group and enjoyed each others company. We won the first three games, beating Coromandel at Coromandel, Unley at Marion P.S. and Sheidow Park also at Marion P.S. We lost the game to Sturt at Bailey Res. where Sturt was clearly the better side, We narrowly won the next game against Plympton at Marion P.S. and then in the first game back after the Christmas break allowed Richmond Clarence Park to take the points in round 6 with a poor resumption to the second half of the season. Round 7 saw us journey to Hackham to play ICC Sharks which we won in a high scoring game. In round 8 we played Sheidow Park at Sheidow Park winning fairly comfortably. Round 9 saw the rematch against Sturt this time at Marion P.S. but we were not good enough to knock off the old foe. The final round of the season was against Plympton at Paringa Park P.S. In a high scoring game we were treated to some excellent hard hitting from a Plympton player. We batted first and put together 227 runs for 4 wickets, next week Plympton were 9 for 100 when a player who was previously retired on 40 came back to the crease and proceeded to take control of the game, the 10th wicket partnership put on 132 runs with the star player finishing on 156 not out ( the other lad sharing this partnership scored 11.)

The boys' learnt much about team discipline and set an excellent example in the way they went about their games.

Thanks to the parents for your support during the season and in particular Bob McLean, Grant Banfield, Jim Kouts and the band of people who helped at practice and scored for the season (scorers Peter Warn and Grant Banfield). I must also mention the matting team who worked tirelessly to pick up the matting after matches and games. Overall it has been a very successful season and I wish the boys' all the best in their cricket future and I am sure they have enjoyed their introduction to Club cricket.

Season results: played ten games, won six, lost four.

**BOB HARRIS**