

COVER DRIVE

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TOP: 3rd Grade on Day 1 of their Elimination Final vs Scarborough

LEFT: Elijah Panetta celebrating 50 after taking 4/16 in the same session

RIGHT: Aqeel Wahid takes a Hattrick in the Premier T20 vs Country XI



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Paul Cullinane

Our Season ended last Sunday with our Third Grade boys beaten in the Semi Final, after beating Scarborough in the Elimination Final in week one. This was a fantastic achievement and one better than last year's Finals campaign where we were eliminated in the first week of finals.

It is customary for this edition of the Cover Drive for the President to thank the many hard workers that contributed across Season 2023/24. So, I would like to thank our Board Members this year for another great year. Bruce Bussanich, Simon Acomb, Sam Parkyn, Dinesh Burah, Chris Rice, Ronan DeGrussa, Ryan James-Buckley and Craig Ladhams. Particularly Ryan and Craig in their first years on the Board, and Sam Parkyn, who will retire from the Board after serving 11 years.

We again thank Bobby Wiltshire for his contribution on Match Days and Del in the bar/kitchen and game day Canteen. Thank you to Tona Robson, Lynn Dixon, Morgan Goldsworthy, Taylia Lewis and Susie Wiltshire for stepping in to help with Game Day lunches and canteen, and Marie James-Buckley for helping with Saturday night meals when we were without Del. As well of course Chris and Leanne Allen for preparing Selection night dinners in the kitchen on Thursdays, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Brad Dixon for assisting through the season with the Bar and lock up on Thursdays. And finally to the Social Committee, Ronan Degrussa, Sam Parkyn, Liam Henderson and Keelie Hoskin for organising our Presentation Dinner and events through the year.

To our Junior Coaches, PK, Sam Hill, Jordan Wright and Shawn Southam thank you for your hard work. And to their Assistant Coaches and Team Managers, thank you very much for your commitment as well.

To our Senior Coaching group, Wayne Andrews, Christian Agostino, Danny Neretlis, Guy Hoskin, and Chairman of Selectors Peter Agostino, a huge thank you for your hard work. I want to thank Wayne, who will retire this year, for his hard work and dedication over the past three years. I wish he and Sharon all the best with their travel plans and more time with the Grand kids. Luis Reece will Coach the Club next season and we look forward to continued improvement in our playing group and working towards the goal of consistent effort and ultimately success on field.

This past Season was a mixed bag. Our Fourth Grade boys looked likely to play finals right up to Round 12 but dropped a close game then won their last game to finish just one game out of the eight. The boys won 9 of 14 games and topped the One Day Ladder. A superb effort by Captain Brad Dixon, who also took a Competition best haul of wickets tallying 41 for the year. Our Third Grade as mentioned above were again the pride of the Club, winning 11 of 14 games and finishing Second. They won their first final before going down to Perth in the Sem Final. Well lead by Club Assistant Coach Christian Agostino, the boys played well all season and ensured they always played hard and competitive cricket. Our Second Grade again battled with the two wins for the year. It was a year of development and growth for at times a very inexperienced line up. First Year Captain Nic Roberts did a great job in keeping his team motivated and enthused about learning and bettering their game and it was pleasing to see the two wins come at the back of the year. Ronan Degrussa was superb after Christmas and was pivotal to the sides lift in competitiveness in the second half of the year. Our First Grade also struggled with a very inexperienced group turning out most weeks. With one win we will benefit from exposing our young players to another season and build of that. We already have two "recruits" locked in with Luis Reece to be our International and Brodee Foster available for a bigger part of the season due to his Hockey Schedule allowing him to play more Cricket. But it will be great to watch the further development of our players like Savar Deeplaul, Connor Southam and Noyan Rostame in the coming years.

Our Wickets improved this year and we also had a new Curator installed by the City of Gosnells. We trust this will continue and that we continue to get Playing and Practise wickets prepared at an acceptable quality. This is very important for both the development of our young batters, but also to attract talent to our Club.

The Indoor Training Facility was busy with pre season training, Junior trial's and in season training. We had about the same level of External bookings and we could certainly look to bolster this next season. Again I would encourage our members to go onto the Club website and book some sessions. This is one of the best Indoor facilities in WA and we need to be utilising it to help our young cricketers grow and develop. Members receive a Club discount and sessions can be booked through the day so a great time to use it in the holidays. We are also keen for Community Clubs and other non Gosnells Cricket Club members to be booking the facility, so if you hear of someone wanting this type of training environment please let them know about our facility.

The Club, in conjunction with the City of Gosnells and the Southern River Hockey Club, are assisting the City with the redevelopment of the Sutherland's Park Precinct, specifically the area utilised by Cricket. New ground lighting and a shift of the Turf Practise wickets will be incorporated in this development, but we are also working with the other parties and are in discussion for the potential redevelopment of our Clubrooms and Change rooms. This is ongoing and we hope to be discussing funding opportunities prior to the next State and Federal elections, as well as the Governing Sporting bodies for Cricket and Hockey. Further information about this project will be made available as discussions progress.

In closing, I want to thank the Gosnells Cricket Club and its Members for allowing me to serve the Club for the past 20 years in various roles. Particularly the last 16 as a Board member, and the last 4 as your President. I have decided it is time to stand down as President and it is my intention to also retire from the Board at this years AGM. It is time for the new talent in our Club to step forward and take the Club through the next phase. I am very confident in this talent, and also the talent which currently sits on our Board, that they will make this will happen. I am proud and satisfied with the contribution I have made over this time, and I look forward to joining other retired Board Members who also made significant contributions to our great Club, as well as continuing to support the Club as a Life Member.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy off season, and look forward to seeing you all next season.

Paul Cullinane
President
Gosnells Cricket Club.

Hello to all junior players, families and the wider GCC community.

I will have to firstly say thank you to the many people who made our season a success. The dedication, countless hours of personal sacrifice often go unrewarded but is very well appreciated by the GCC players and parents.

Personal thanks to the following

U13- PK Sharma, Claus Lotter, and team manager Tanya Ladhams

U14- Sam Hill, Shawn Southam, and team manager Gaven Tennent

U15- Parveen Kalyan, Abbas Rostame, Trish Trowbridge, and team manager Jodie Ward

U17- Jordan Wright and team manager Bambi Bashford.

Special mention to Christian and Peter Agostino for their help with the under 17's preseason and specialist coaching throughout the year.

This season saw the introduction on group specialist coaching groups throughout the year. I would like to thank Ryan James-Buckley (wicket keeping) Danny Neretlis (Batting) Michael Thistle (Bowling) Tim Edmond (Fielding) and Jim Allenby (Batting).

Having started way back in July of 2023, our committed group of coaches and team managers have guided our players through yet another season.

I hope that all our players have enjoyed their seasons. Most importantly I hope they have grown and learnt about themselves, what they can achieve and built some long-lasting friendships, both on and off the field.

Casting our minds back to the start of the season, our focus as a junior program was not solely about winning. It was about player development and setting our players along the path to make them highly skilled young cricketers who will one day graduate into the senior grades of our club.

Whilst we didn't have any junior sides in the finals there were significant improvements across the junior squads. We won more games as a group than we did last season and I believe with the development programs now in place and junior coaching structure will set us up for a bright future.

We recently ran a month of junior trials and squads are now locked in for next season. We also have 4 independent coaches for next season which is a huge building block for our development. A positive for GCC is that we are now starting to see interest from players from surrounding district clubs who now want to be a part of our program.

I would also like to make a big mention of those players who have now completed their time within the junior program at Gosnells and will now progress into our seniors ranks.

These players are, Brayden Rice, Ian Sharma, Braden Ferritto, Jacob Deckers, Caleb Rogerson, Connor Third, Kieran Simons, Justin Wiggill, Savar Deelaul. Well done to all of you on your fantastic junior careers' boys, and best of luck for your future endeavours.

At the conclusion of the season, we held our trophy presentation and wind-up night. We had over 100 people in attendance. This was a great opportunity to recognise the performances of our players and to socialise with our junior families prior to heading into the off season.

Lastly congratulations to Noyan Rostame from under 15's who this season debut in the First Grade team and earned his Baggy Blue. I'm sure there will be many more like Noyan in the near future.

Craig Ladhams & Chris Rice
Community and Junior Directors
Gosnells Cricket Club

JUNIOR WINDUP



TOP LEFT: Ian Sharma and Brayden Rice being acknowledged for 40 GCC games
ABOVE: 17s Coach Jordan Wright presents Rohan Crook the fielding award

BELOW: Toby Ladhams is presented with the Under 13s bowling award



RIGHT: 1st Grade captain Clayton Stone poses with Under 15s Champion Player and MVP Amien Murdoch



RIGHT: Club President Paul Cullinane presents Shubi Sharma with the Under 13s batting award
BELOW: Rishi Das from the Under 15s receives the fielding award from the coaches



BELOW: Bayley Southam is presented with the Under 15s MVP award after a stellar season



JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS

Under 17s

Batting: **Connor Third** - 270 Runs

Bowling: **Ian Sharma** - 20 Wickets

Fielding Award: **Rohan Crook**

Champion Player: **Ian Sharma**

Clubman Award: **Caleb Rogerson**

MVP: **James Free**

Under 15s

Batting: **Niyor Sharma** - 190 Runs

Bowling: **Amien Murdoch** - 18 Wickets

Fielding Award: **Rishi Das**

Champion Player: **Amien Murdoch**

Clubman Award: **Kasey Hamilton**

MVP: **Amien Murdoch**

Under 14s

Batting: **Josh Anish** - 180 Runs

Bowling: **Ryan Roshan** - 11 Wickets

Fielding Award: **Oliver Benson**

Champion Player: **Ryan Roshan**

Clubman Award: **Marshall Prince**

MVP: **Bayley Southam**

Under 13s

Batting: **Shubi Sharma** - 148 Runs

Bowling: **Toby Ladhams** - 9 Wickets

Fielding Award: **Vidhu Fernando**

Champion Player: **Toby Ladhams**

Clubman Award: **Evan Hillyard**

MVP: **Toby Ladhams**



JUNIOR TEAMS



Firstly, a huge thank you to Paul Cullinane and the Gosnells CC for giving me the opportunity to be their Head Coach over the past three years. I am extremely grateful to the Committee and Dinesh for your unwavering support. Although our on-field performances may not have achieved as many of the successes we were all working and striving for, I have certainly enjoyed the journey with each and every one at this Club.

On field 2023/24 for 1st and 2nd Grades proved to be incredibly challenging for both players and coaches. Even in the adverse times I could not fault your commitment and endeavour in your attempts to reach the ultimate goals of success for the team. Continue to work at improving individually and collectively and you will find cricket will not only become more enjoyable, but you will have the successes you are chasing. Would like to pay tribute to 2`s Captain Nic Roberts for his outstanding role and endeavours with the 2`s this season. Nic never wavered in his pursuit of team success and after a tough year, the improvements made and the hunt for this success that eventuated later in season is certainly a credit to Nic`s persistence. I look forward to the team`s continued improvement.

Congratulations to 3rds on a particularly good season through the guidance and passion of their Captain Christian Agostino. We went one better than last season in making the semi-finals so with a little bit more development, hard work and hunger I can see us progressing to the GF next year.

Unfortunate to see 4`s just miss out on finals. To win more games than the teams who finished 4-6 shows there is the talent to play finals next season. We just need to win more of the 2 day matches to achieve this. Great work to you Brad in managing the 4`s, it`s certainly a difficult task with the influx of 17`s players and surplus of players we had this year however you did so without any complaints by just getting on with it. Also, a special thank you to Christian and Brad for not only taking on the role of Captains but for also being brilliant assistants on training nights with your preparation and organisation of the 3`s & 4`s training.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance from my support staff, Rex (Guy Hoskin) and Nerra (Danny Neretlis). You guys have always had my back and it`s been greatly appreciated. Also, would like to acknowledge the work and passion of Chairman of Selectors Peter Agostino. I`ve been grateful for the many robust discussions around the development and future direction of the GCC which I believe the rewards are not too far away.

Finally, I would like to wish Luis Reece all the success in his appointment as Head Coach next season. I also wish the GCC Committee, Volunteers, and the players a successful season ahead.

Wayne Andrews

Well, another season comes to an end and feels like just the other week we started pre-season.

The 3rds missed out on playing grand finals, but know they played really well all this season under the leadership of Chris Agostino. 4s missed out on finals by one game. There were several individual performances in the 1st and 2nd grade, and there is much talent to work with in the coming seasons.

As you know, there are several people behind the scenes supporting the 4 senior teams and would like to thank them first. This season, a coaching team headed by Wayne, supported by Danny Neretlis, Guy Hoskins and Chris Agostino for the efforts with all aspects of training.

The game set up for our home games were done with little fuss by Bobby again this year. There were several other player supporters ensure the games could go on smoothly, frogbox, ground marking and pack up after a hard day, thank you.

Selections are never easy and is a thankless job when you have to select 44 players from a pool of 50. With all these challenges, we made huge progress in this area with Peter Agostino, taking on the role of Chairman of Selectors.

I extend a special thanks to my fellow board member colleagues for the support and guidance to succeed in this new role.

Thank you

Dinesh Burah



SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

First Grade Averages

Batting

Clayton Stone - 337 Runs @ 21.06
Anthony Collova - 347 Runs @ 18.26
Curtis Holmes - 365 Runs @ 18.25

Bowling

Cam Sawatzky - 16 Wickets @ 26.38
Sourav Goyal - 19 Wickets @ 32.42

Second Grade Averages

Batting

Savar Deeplaul - 313 Runs @ 31.3
Daniel Smedley - 257 Runs @ 28.56
Ronan DeGrussa - 284 Runs @ 28.4

Bowling

Ronan DeGrussa - 21 Wickets @ 18.33
Connor Kennelly - 15 Wickets @ 25.87

Third Grade Averages

Batting

Elijah Panetta - 292 Runs @ 36.5
Jack Sutton - 247 Runs @ 35.29

Bowling

Mitch Reader - 15 Wickets @ 12.4
Jack Sutton - 23 Wickets @ 12.48
Jordan Wright - 17 Wickets @ 13.53

Fourth Grade Averages

Batting

Tim Horan - 214 Runs @ 23.78
Harry Marshall - 235 Runs @ 19.58
Aakash Raut - 275 Runs @ 18.33

Bowling

Brad Dixon - 41 Wickets @ 9.17
Ben McLauchlan - 14 Wickets @ 8.07



SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

John Marsh Memorial Trophy

Senior Cricketer of the Year

Ronan DeGrussa - 875.5 Points

Brad Dixon - 827.2 Points

Curtis Holmes - 819 Points

Gil McDonald Memorial Trophy

One Day Cricketer of the Year

Cameron Sawatzky - 389 Points

Brad Dixon - 374 Points

Jack Sutton - 361.4 Points

Mait Armstrong Perpetual Trophy

First Grade Bowling Aggregate

Sourav Goyal - 19 Wickets

Cameron Sawatzky - 16 Wickets

Curtis Holmes - 12 Wickets

Peter Lennon Perpetual Trophy

Under 19 Cricketer of the Year

Jack Sutton - 801.7 Points

Savar Deeplaul - 651.3 Points

Connor Southam - 608.1 Points

1st Grade Fielder of the Year

Anthony Collova - 28 Votes

C Lotter, A Wahid & C Sawatzky - 17 Votes



MILESTONE PERFORMANCES

100s

- Clayton Stone 132*** vs Basywater–Morley (1st Grade)
- Maninderpreet Singh 101** vs Midland–Guildford (2nd Grade)
- Jakob Woodhouse 104** vs University (2nd Grade)
- Elijah Panetta 107** vs South Perth (3rd Grade)
- Brodee Foster 107** vs Fremantle (3rd Grade)

5 Wicket Hauls

- Sourav Goyal 6/62** vs Willetton (1st Grade)
- Ronan DeGrussa 5/42** vs South Perth (2nd Grade)
- Connor Kennelly 5/58** vs Joondalup (2nd Grade)
- Aditya Sharma 5/53** vs Wanneroo (3rd Grade)
- Jordan Wright 5/25** vs University (3rd Grade)
- Varinder Sandhu 5/32** vs South Perth (3rd Grade)
- Brad Dixon 6/17** vs Bayswater–Morley (4th Grade)
- Brad Dixon 6/52** vs Joondalup (4th Grade)
- Brad Dixon 5/28** vs University (4th Grade)
- Ben McLauchlan 6/6** vs University (4th Grade)

Hat-Tricks

- Elijah Panetta 4/40** vs South Perth (3rd Grade)
- Aqeel Wahid 4/12** vs Country XI (Premier T20)



A WORD FROM THE OVERSEAS

Jordan Wright & Sam Hill

Sam Hill:

To everyone at the GCC, firstly I just want to say thank you! It's been my dream to come to Australia and play cricket and I can now say I've lived my dream! Not the season we all hoped for but plenty of positives to take from it! 3s have shown the level needed to achieve big things and with such a young club, it's coming!

I have to say thank you to a few people. Dinesh, Ronan and Chris Rice were all so crucial to making this move possible for me and without them nothing would have happened. The playing group have been fantastic with introducing me to the club from the first day we turned up for training. It's been a pleasure sharing the field with you all over the season.

Lastly I just want to say thank you to all the sponsors that helped make this trip possible aswell. Without your support it might not have happened. Those who are still with us and those who are sadly not with us anymore. One person in particular who was close to me and Jordan, made a significant contribution to us and for that I want to thank him! If you have a beer in your hand when reading this, I want to ask if you raise your drink to Ian Walker!

Thanks again everyone, be sure to keep in touch and see you all again very soon!

BELOW: Sam Hill bowls in 2nd Grade against Bayswater-Morley



Jordan Wright:

BELOW: Jordan Wright celebrating a wicket in the 3rd Grade Semi-Final



My time at Gosnells this summer has been incredible. From the moment I arrived, I was welcomed by all players and coaches very warmly which made the arrival even more amazing. My journey throughout the season has been nothing shy of a rollercoaster. From being injured and not bowling, to then having a great finish to the season and reaching a semi final - it has been phenomenal. I have really enjoyed the competitive nature this club brings and how all coaches work together to get the best out of all players. I feel I have been pushed to my limits and learnt a great deal from all the coaches as well the playing group.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed the coaching side of my time here at Gosnells. I had the opportunity to coach the under 17s side which turned out to be one of my best decisions. Even though we didn't have the season we wanted, the time and effort the boys put made my experience even better. I would like to say to all the playing group how it was great to meet so many brilliant blokes - definitely made some friends for life. I would also like to thank in particular the 3rd grade team who I played a huge part of my cricket with after Christmas and the awesome journey we went on. I want to thank everyone who was involved with the under 17s side from players to parents.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to the coaches for all of their work they've had done with me personally. And lastly, a huge thankyou to the board for making my experience happen, in particular Chris Rice, Dinesh and Ronan Degrossa who played a massive part in making all this happen. I will miss you all and hope that I may even return to Gosnells some day in the future.

Lots of love, Jord

HAWK MEDAL

Brad Dixon & Ronan DeGrussa



The 2023/24 Hawk Medal was Jointly awarded to Brad Dixon and Ronan DeGrussa after they were tied for 18 votes after 15 rounds of cricket, in a thrilling count Brad led most of the night, being 2 votes ahead going into the last round of the season but a 3 vote game from Ronan and Brad only polling 1 vote meant they were crowned joint winners after Nic Roberts narrowly pipped Cameron Sawatzky in the 2022/23 Hawk Medal.

It was a fantastic season for both players, Brad especially with him picking up 41 victims in 4th grade this year at an average of less than 10 including 3 5 Wicket Hauls. Brad also sat top of the competition 4th Grade bowling award only to be caught by Willetton's Aaron McCall after their side made finals. This is nothing short of incredible Brad and we look forward to seeing what you can provide in the years to come.

Ronan played majority of the season in the 2nd Grade under skipper Nic Roberts, having a consistent year with the bat and ball taking 23 wickets and scoring 286 runs. After Christmas, Ronan got opportunities to bat in the middle order and capitalised on the opportunity scoring 2 40s and a 64.

Congratulations on a fantastic year boys and we look forward to the 2024/25 season!



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