

# Cover Drive



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## Lewis an All Australian

AS a result of some solid performances with the WA Indigenous XI, Gosnells youngster Lewis Upton was chosen to represent Australia in their upcoming tour of England.

Lewis has represented the club in first grade as a wicketkeeper/batsman in his first season for the Hawks. He has acquitted himself with great maturity and will benefit enormously from his debut season.

As captain of the Indigenous team his report card from the tour was full of glowing praise. An enthusiastic young man with an outstanding personality. He guided them to two victories and five losses, some by a very narrow margin.

Congratulations Lewy, we wish you all the best on your tour to England and at the Centre of Excellence in the week prior to your departure. What a great experience for you. We are all very proud of your achievements.



### From the Pres.

# Loyalty a must for future success

AT the end of each season we all sit down and reflect on the season just gone. Have we got time to worry about the negatives or do we stay firmly focused on the positives.

I think it is important to continue to work in the areas in need of improvement, and to be honest, there is plenty of room for that but in saying that there were plenty of positives to draw from this season.

The number of juniors who represented the club at senior level with a reasonable amount of success, especially the fourths effort in beating the 3rd placed Subi Floreat in the last game with six juniors (two 15s) playing a major role in the win.

The colts making the semi finals, 18s making the grand final of the 20/20 and showing enormous amounts of enthusiasm all through the competition, thirds, 15s and Inverarity teams just missing finals action. Lewis Upton and Michael Bailey making WA's Imparja Cup team with Lewis being named captain and gaining All Australian selection and Ali Bivens representing WA in the national schoolboys competition. Michael also winning the 17s WACA Association batting average and aggregate was a mark of a great season by him.

To all our new players who played first grade cricket for the first time and acquitted themselves very well and showed they are going to be valuable assets for the club next season at that level. Baden Norwood, Ryan Jenkins and Steve Abbott can be really pleased with their contribution in the top two grades while Tom Barton showed raw talent in thirds.

To our great band of volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the bar, kitchen and grounds throughout the season and made the club one of the best in the off field department. Mark and Marg Sherwell continue to put their hand up to help out with lunches and bar work and Terri Walsh – our match day canteen lady. Marie James-Buckley's assistance behind the bar was fantastic along with Kathy Sharp. The list goes on and without these people we would be lost.

Phil Petricevich, our senior coach, was superb in his commitment to the club. Besides running excellent training sessions he also jumped on the roller making sure the wickets were of a good standard. He has worked tirelessly all year round in recruitment and winter program preparation. Also to our junior coaches, Phil, Steve, Mark, Peter and Bruce along with Lindsay Flinn and Kevin Loaring – a superb job done by all.

Once again a huge responsibility is placed on the Board of Management. Lots of areas and issues that bob up during the season which are often difficult ones to deal with. All the board have put an enormous amount of their time into the running of the club and to those continuing in their role a huge thank you and to those having a spell we are very grateful for your commitment.

Special thanks to our sponsors, David Bishop, Bankwest, Modern Catering, The Cricket and Football Shop Kenwick, Saddleworld and Raine and Horne.

Finally, take care in the off season and please stay loyal and committed to the Gosnells Cricket Club. If we stick together and remain loyal, the commitment will come naturally.



Sharnie and Justin Gauder with Luke Pomersbach at the 2008/09 annual windup.



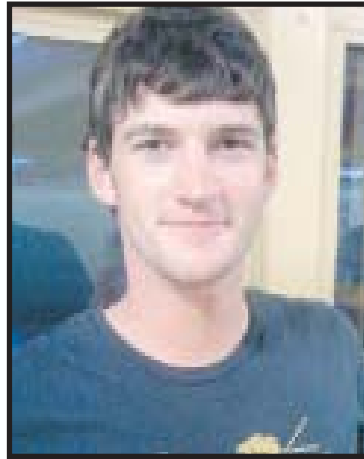
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# Our Englishmen serve us well



batting and some excellent fast bowling. Tom is returning next season and he will benefit greatly from his first season.

Adam Roussak (left), represented the club in fourth grade and was a valuable asset to the club at this level. He was staying in Perth and was required to travel by bus to training and match days which was a huge commitment from him. A fantastic fellow who fitted in really well at the club.

WITH five overseas players sprinkled through the grades, we were fortunate to have received some good performances from them.

First grade skipper Paul Horton did a fantastic job at the helm and whilst team performance could have been better, there were a number of first year players that represented the club at this level.

Paul scored 604 runs at an average of 43.14 and chimed in with a few wickets on occasions with his best being four wickets in the second innings of the last game.

It is hoped that Paul will return next season to continue in his role as captain.

Nineteen year old Tom Maynard had an excellent season. Son of Matthew who came out from England 20 seasons ago and represented the club, Tom contributed in firsts, seconds and colts.

He averaged 30.77 in scoring 400 runs in first grade, 289 runs at an average of 57.80 and was outstanding in the one day colts competition by heading the WACA aggregate and average for that competition. He scored 269 runs at an average of 89.67. His total runs for the season was 958.

Gareth Rees was the third of our imports. He averaged 32.75 in first grade and 33.91 in second grade scoring a total 504 runs for the season.

Tom Barton (top left), was the youngest of the Englishmen. He played 17s and third grade and was a fine contributor. His efforts in the under 18 Twenty/20 competition was outstanding with some brutal



• Tom Maynard, Gareth Rees and club captain Paul Horton.



Players Jason Laming, Matt Brown and Ryan Jenkins enjoy the windup with their partners.



**Windup  
2008/09**

Audrey Leipold with life members Colin Biss and Peter Lennon.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4th May, 7.30pm  
Les Sands  
Pavilion

Very important the club has input from all its members in order to improve and become better in all aspects of the club. Your opinion is valued and required.

Please make an effort to attend this very important meeting.

# 2008/09 AWARD WINNERS

## CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

First **PAUL HORTON** - 912  
Second **RYAN DUFFIELD** - 673  
Third **STEVE ABBOTT** - 594

## JUNIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

First **MICHAEL MOBILIA**

## FIELDING AWARD

First **DEREK BLAND** - 22  
Second **LEWIS UPTON** - 18  
Third **JUSTIN GAUDER** - 16  
**PAUL HORTON** - 16

## 1st GRADE BATTING

(Criteria: Min 8 inn; 200 runs; ave 20+)  
**PAUL HORTON** - 18 inn; 2 not out;  
Highest Score of 155 not out; 2 centuries;  
607 runs @ 37.94

**TOM MAYNARD** - 13 inn; nil not out;  
Highest Score of 74; 400 runs @ 30.77st

**BADEN NORWOOD** - 14 inn; 2 not out;  
Highest Score of 88 not out; 290 runs @  
24.17

**DEREK BLAND** - 14 inn; 1 not out; Highest  
Score of 78; 284 runs @ 21.88

**RYAN DUFFIELD** - 15inn; 2 not out;  
Highest Score of 56 not out; 268 runs @  
20.62

## 1st GRADE BOWLING

(Criteria: 25 wickets min)  
**RYAN DUFFIELD** - 25 wickets @ 33.88

## 2nd GRADE BATTING

**GARETH REES** - 11 inn; nil not out;  
Highest Score 97; 373 runs @ 33.91

**DARREN MARIJANICH** - 10 inn; nil not  
out; Highest Score 57; 262 runs @ 26.20

## 2nd GRADE BOWLING

**RYAN JENKINS** - 27 wickets @ 19.89

## 3rd GRADE BATTING

**ROSS LEIPOLD** - 12 inn; nil not out;  
Highest Score 64; 378 runs @ 37.80

**MICHAEL MOBILIA** - 10 inn; nil not out;  
Highest Score 64; 226 runs @ 22.60

## 3rd GRADE BOWLING

**MARTIN SHARP** - 20 wickets @ 16.25

## 4th GRADE BATTING

**DAMIEN LEIPOLD** - 14 inn; nil not out;  
Highest Score 75; 307 runs @ 23.62

## 4th GRADE BOWLING

**LES SAXON** - 22 wickets @ 11.91

# Junior Awards



Coaches Bruce Bosanich (left) and Peter Agostino present the Under 13s trophies.

## Under 13

**BATTING:** Daniel Payne  
234 runs @44.80  
**BOWLING:** Christian Agostino  
13 wks @9.85  
**FIELDING:** Trae Phillips

## Under 15

**BATTING:** Alistair Bivens  
437 @48.56  
**BOWLING:** Liam Collis  
24 wks @ 9.79  
**FIELDING:** Stephen Pisano

## Under 14

**BATTING:** Jet Shaw  
139 @19.86  
**BOWLING:** Yagan Walley  
12 wks @ 10.58  
**FIELDING:** Jake Lemmer

## Under 17

**BATTING:** Michael Bailey  
587 @97.83  
(Association Batting Award)  
**BOWLING:** Tommy Lee Barton  
18 wks @11.44  
**FIELDING:** Joshua Bailey

## Promising signs from juniors

SEASON 2008/09 produced some outstanding individual performances and some very good team performances.

The under 17s can look back on their season and suggest that it was inconsistency which was the costly factor of their season.

When they were good they were very good but the same went for the other way as well. Nevertheless, there are a number of the boys who will line up again next season and with a good crop of 15s coming through they should prove a tough unit to crack.

The under 15s were the most successful of our junior teams. They were unlucky to miss finals action finishing 7th and only 7.51 points away from 3rd spot.

They produced some excellent team performances with many contributors in the team.

One pleasing factor to finish the season

off was the fact that three of the boys were part of a successful fourth grade team in the last game against third place Subiaco Floreat.

Our 14s finished in 5th place of the South Division. They struggled at times but once again some promising signs were shown at different times.

Our Inverarity Shield side was also very unlucky not to see some finals action. They finished just .67 of a point away play off in the finals.

Well done to the boys as they have many young players who can line up again next season.

Well done to Michael Bailey on winning the under 17 association batting award with an outstanding average of 97.83.

Congratulations to all the boys who represented the Gosnells Cricket Club this season.

## Solid performance by Ali in nationals

ALISTAIR Bivens has returned after successfully competing in the Australian National Schoolboys Championships, held in Cobram-Barooga.

In the final WA scored a convincing win chasing Victoria's 6/190 making 0/191 in the 43rd over.

While Alistair was not required to bat in the final, he scored 113 runs at 37.67 from three innings which included a top score of 52 when he opened in the game against Victoria followed up by a 50 against NSW in the semi final batting an number 4.

Coach Sam Davis was impressed with Alistair's batting and felt that it was only a lack of batting opportunities that prevented him from gaining selection in the Australian Schoolboys team. He was however named as an emergency reserve for the Australian team that will tour India in Sept/Oct 2009.

Ali would like to thank the City of Gosnells, Gosnells Cricket Club, Gosnells Junior Cricket Club, Mr Alan Marsh, Life Member of Gosnells Cricket Club, Mr Jonas Edner, Cannon Foods, Canning Vale and Sandra & Kevin Loaring for their financial support.

# Plenty of positives to draw from in 2008/09

by **PHIL COOPER**  
Director of Senior Cricket

THE 4 senior Gosnells teams enjoyed a relatively strong finish to the 2008/9 season.

In 1st grade, a well earned drawn match v Fremantle, with Ali Turner, Derek Bland and captain Paul Horton fighting hard, saw Fremantle's chances of a Finals appearance all but dashed; this was followed by a sound win against Mt Lawley and despite a 1st innings loss to Subiaco Floreat in round 15, we managed to set-up an exciting finish to the season, with Subiaco-Floreat having to "put up the shutters" late on Day 2 in order to avoid an unlikely outright loss.

Where other lower placed teams in the 1st grade competition fell away badly in this round, it was heartening to see our boys finish the season in such a positive way.

Second grade enjoyed wins against Fremantle in round 13 and Mt Lawley in round 14, and despite a loss to Subi in round 15, again played out the season in a proudly competitive manner.

Our 3rd grade narrowly missed the final 6 despite a win in the last round, and while that in itself is disappointing, our 3rd grade side was highly competitive throughout the season; we trust that the experience of 2008/9 will influence many to go that little bit further next season.

And the 4th grade finished with a Win, Loss, Win record in the final 3 rounds, the last game win, in particular, being rewarding

given that we fielded a team containing no fewer than six junior players.

While it would be improper to claim the 2008/9 season as being successful, there were positives that came out of the season. Steve Abbott, Baden Norwood, Ryan Jenkins, and Lewis Upton, all in their first season of senior WACA cricket, showed us that they have what is required to make a successful career at this level.

Alistair Turner, Darren Marijanich, and Mitchell Irwin, as reasonably recent graduates from junior cricket, indicated that they too are on a promising pathway, while there is considerable promise being shown by those still in underage ranks.

A strong winter skills development program is being planned and with sound attention to detail, we may well be able to claim greater success into the future.

As a club, we most certainly have to embrace an attitude of making finals cricket as a minimum criteria; as individuals, we most certainly have to redouble our efforts to ensure the attitude becomes a reality.

Congratulations to Phil Petricevich on maintaining a consistent coaching message throughout the season.

Phil again performed outstandingly well for the club in his role as Club Coach.

Thanks go to Glen Roberts for assisting Phil, where he could, in performing the role as Net Captain, to all the players who remained loyal to the aspirations of the club, for their friendship and effort.

Many thanks to Graemme Weston, our 1st grade scorer (and to Lee Lennon as Graemme's substitute at times); thanks to all the people behind the scene who make the club run smoothly (lunches and

meals, the bar and canteen etc).

Thanks to the kids from the juniors who from time to time administered the scoreboard at Sutherlands. And, of course, to all those who support the club, financially or otherwise, thanks for your support.

My personal thanks also to Scott Biddle who helped out with the Newspaper Score service throughout the season.

I particularly enjoyed the time spent with Paul Horton as captain of our 1st grade side. We set Paul a difficult task, but he handled it with aplomb and skill.

## 1st Grade v Mt. Lawley



**BACK ROW: L-R:** Steve Mason, Derek Bland, Steve Abbott, Baden Norwood, Alistair Turner, Gareth Rees.

**FRONT ROW:** Ryan Duffield (V. Capt.), Luke Pomersbach, Paul Horton (Capt.), Justin Gauder, Clay Townsend.

# Strong commitment for hard work will bring success



by **LINDSAY FLINN**  
Gosnells zone  
SunSmart Cricket Officer

AS the season draws to a close I would like to make some observations regarding the season at the Gosnells District Cricket Club from the perspective of the SunSmart Cricket Officer for the Gosnells zone.

There are a number of positives to draw from the season. We completed our third pre season program for some of the better players in the under 17 and 15 age groups. Although finals cricket still eludes us, the performances of some of our juniors give us all great optimism.

Alister Bivens getting selected in the championship winning School Sport side was a great boost to the club. Ali worked extremely hard on his game and I expect him to continue his rise through the cricket ranks. Michael Bailey also performed very well in winning both the WACA under seventeen batting

aggregate and average. Michael was also selected in the WA Indigenous team which competed in the Imparja Cup held in Alice Springs in February.

From a team viewpoint, the under fifteens finished just outside the six (as was the case last season) while the under thirteens also just missed out on finals. It is important to set our sights on going one better next season so that we can have at least half of our junior sides experiencing finals.

In regard to seniors, an extensive pre season was undertaken in a bid to lift the clubs performances, however by seasons end only third grade were in contention for finals and they narrowly missed out, finishing seventh.

It is clear that there is talent around the club – we just have to find a way to harness it. As is the case with plenty of other clubs, we need to have a much stronger work ethic to turn talent into wins in the scorebook.

This can only be done by having a strong desire to want to improve our cricket. In short players at the Gosnells Cricket Club need to develop a hunger for success. If we can do that then cricket will become a much more enjoyable experience for everyone and finals

appearances and premierships will follow.

There are a number of people who made my work around the club much easier so I need to acknowledge their contribution. Ross Leipold was fantastic as President. He was always available to help me in all aspects of my job.

Phil Petricevich was a tireless worker as coach of the club. Phil has a clear vision that all players need to follow. All the junior coaches from Phil Cooper, his assistant Paul Cullinane, Steve Miller, Mark Bailey, Bruce Bussanich and Peter Agostino were all a delight to work with. Their dedication was obvious and I would like to thank them for their support.

Other people behind the scenes were Andy Bivens, Russell Burt, Russell Ring and especially Kevin Loaring. Kev is a true inspiration and his passion for cricket rubs off onto all players that he comes into contact with. He is a wonderful person.

In closing, let's have a great night at the wind up, go into the winter, get refreshed and make a strong commitment to work harder to become the best cricketer that you can be. That way success is assured for the Gosnells Cricket Club.