

ST DAVIDS CRICKET CLUB.

Annual Report

Season 1975/76.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year 1975/76 are submitted for your approval.

It is always difficult to match revenue with costs. However despite a less than successful year from a social point of view our trading loss for the year was only \$56.57. I would like to thank all those people who supported social functions and in particular, those who assisted in a practical manner :- Graham Bishop for donations to special efforts, Allan Rowell for the use of his home, Nugget Hartney for his work with drinks every week.

On the field we again made people very much aware of the presence and performances of St Davids Cricket Club.

For the umpteenth time the first XI were runners up. Congratulations to Bruce Arthur on his selection in the combined Association side. Unfortunately due to personal commitments, Bruce was forced to withdraw from the team.

The most spectacular success within the club during the season was undoubtedly the Second XI. Having performed very ordinarily the previous season, this team, with a good blend of experienced and younger players, fought its way through to the grand final. To be runners up in this grade was a great achievement.

Inevitably, the Third XI became the chopping block for the seconds, but served a great purpose in "bleeding" junior players. My gratitude to Ron Clough for his efforts in leading the side during the season.

The Under 16's, dogged by a lop-sided draw, bad weather, and insufficient players for the first match after Christmas just missed the finals, which they would have given a real shake. During the season they defeated the eventual premiers with the assistance of a 12 year old.

The under 14's finished in a situation where the last game was to decide the fourth place on the ladder. Despite a lack of one or two experienced players, the side applied themselves to the task, only to suffer defeat on the day. Had the boys shown the same application earlier in the season results may have been more pleasing.

The Under 12's is primarily a training ground for those having their first taste of competitive cricket.

Bill Lambert, Jack and John Quilty are to be thanked for their work and encouragement of the boys during the season

First XI

After a very successful season the Firsts cruised into the Final with an outright win in the Semi. But a first innings score of 144 in a Final doesn't give the side much margin for error when fielding and we were beaten by the better side on the day. Our congratulations to Blackburn C of C.

On the brighter side there were some outstanding performances during the season. Bruce Arthur amassed over 500 runs and capped it all off by winning the Association batting average. Carrying the attack for almost the entire season, Mark Savage, Mick Grigorescu, and Ross Arthur totalled 107 wickets between them out of a total of 142 taken by bowlers. Ross "pipped" his fellow "quickies" for the trophy with an average of 12.4.

The team was again capably led by Nugget Hartney, who, at this stage is wondering exactly what we have to do to win a premiership.

Second XI

After losing the opening match with a "thrown together" team of only 10 players, Les Arther proceeded to establish a well balanced side with a combination of "old heads" and youngsters. Les, with what amounted to inspiring leadership at times, set a fine example to all, and not to be outdone, "topped" brother Bruce with 550 runs to also win the association batting trophy.

In an effort to strengthen the First XI batting. Les was promoted to

that team for the finals, and the moment of truth arrived for the rest of the Second XI in the semi final. Set 238 to win, we found ourselves 3/42 at stumps on the second day, but a great partnership by teenage brothers Stephen (66) and Peter Anderton (26) set a fine example for the batsmen to follow. Ray Mallett (82) Keith Gardner (75 N.O.) and John Quilty (41) carried us to a total of 352.

However, Despite further fine innings of 40 by Stephen and 25 by Peter in the final, we could not quite bridge the gap and failed by 75 runs. Congratulationa to premiers Wattle Park.

Peter Anderton capped a fine season by winning the bowling trophy.

Third XI

As in the past, this team was used to encourage and "blood" the younger players My thanke to Ron Clough (Captain), Allan Rowell, Don Mitchell and Ken Holding, for their support and Assistance with the other players, who in a number of cases were under 16, and under 14.

Early in the season, we were optimistic enough to hope that we may have three senior teams in the finals, but holidays, injuries and sickness in any of the three teams immediately has a chain reaction effect onethe Third XI, and any player enjoying success in this side inevitably found himself playing in a higher grade

Fourteen year old Philip Hartney was most consistant with the bat, and thoroughly deserved to win the trophy with a total of 267 runs for the season.

In winning the bowling trophy, John Hall established a new record for a season in this te am with 31 wickets at an average of 13.5.

Probably the most outstanding performance by this side for the season was against Burwood Socials. Set 175 to win, St Davids was soon in trouble at 5/44, but "Silver" Rowell (64) and 15 year old Murray Hill (64 N.O.) and David Haythorne(26) had different ideas. St Davids totalled 227 and when the team arrives back at Donvale they were complaining that there was not enough time for an outright!

Under 16's

Despite the fact that the Under 16's lost only two games for the season, they were denied the possibility of playing in the finals because of two washouts and a forfeit due to lack of players immediately after Christmas. However some outstanding performances were recorded.

Batting.

Peter Anderton Av. 42.75 Murray Hill Av. 34.4. Stephen Anderton Av. 49.8.

Bowling. Peter Anderton Av. 13.2. Stephen Anderton Av. 10.5. Murray Hill Av. 8.5.

Dale Butterworth in one purple patch took 7/20, to assist in an outright win.

In addition to winging the batting trophy, Stephen Anderton was a regular member of the Second XI and recorded 248 runs at an average of 24.8. To cap of a great season, he also won the Under 16 batting trophy.

Under 14's

With a number of the boys having their first season in Under 14's, we looked to the experience of Gary Arthur and Mark Burnip to set the example for the younger ones.

Despite the success of Gary and Mark the team was not quite up to it, but gained considerable experience for next season. Although we lost his services after Christmas, Mark carried off the batting trophy with an average of 36.7. In the bowling department, a great tussle resulted in the emergence of a new spinner in Glenn Barrow, who took 23 wickets for an average of 8.1.

Under 12's

Despite a rather dismal start to theseason, the boys never gaveup, and at the finish, were playing as a combination, and enjoying some belated success.

The arrival of Robert Van Raay as a batsman was very rewarding for those

who have encouraged him for two seasons. Robert not only won the batting trophy with 32.8, but established a new under 12 record for one innings of 97.

We also found another bowler by the name of Clough. Ron's son David took off the bowling trophy with 27 wickets at an average of 7.0.

In conclusion I would like to express my gratitude to the following people, who were always there when needed;

Ken Holding Treasurer and Club Recorder
 Bill Lambert Secretary and Manager Under 12's
 Bill Henning Property Steward- drove people crazy worrying about the gear, as a good property steward should.
 John Quilty Delegate to B.H.R.D.C.A.
 Allan Hurren Under 16's Manager
 Ken Peters
 Ross Arthur Who stepped into the breach to assist with the under 16's
 Craig Gibson
 Don Mitchell

All the ladies who helped with the afternoon tea. You will forgive me for not naming them, as I'd be sure to forget someone.
 My wife for tolerating my sons and me during the season.

President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1975/76.

Cash Statement

Opening Balance	\$ 406.01.
Cash Banked	\$1196 .92
Interest Received	\$ 23.48
	<u>\$ 1626.41.</u>
Cash paid	\$ 1276.97
Cash in hand	<u>\$ 349.44.</u>

Cash received and Expended details.

Receipts.

Senior Subs	\$ 308.00	
Junior Subs	\$ 74.00	
Drinks	\$ 88.02	
Match Fees	\$ 242.90	
Raffles	\$ 64.00	
Barbecue	\$ 99.00	
Hire of Equipment	\$ 20.00	
Interest Received	\$ 23.48	\$ 919.40

Payments

Ground Rent	\$ 97.50	
Equipment	\$ 622.07	
Affiliation Fees	\$ 132.00	
Fines	\$ 14.00	
Trophies	\$ 74.40	
Wreath & Wedding Gift	\$ 16.00	
Cups etc.	\$ 20.00	\$975.97

1975/76 Defeciency \$ 56.57