

Ellerslie Cricket Club

2007/08



Annual Report

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Presidents Report

Another season is over and once again Ellerslie performed well across the grades with the Premier Reserve Grade (University/Ellerslie) and 20/20 Teams winning their respective grades. But for a bit of luck we could have won three or four other grades with the Premiers (University/Ellerslie), Senior C, U18 Premiers, 1D3B, U12 Girls all coming agonisingly close in second place and the U14's coming third.

The Premier team showed promise early on but missed getting into the top 6 but produced some good performances in the second half of the season coming second in the minor premiership. I would like to thank Shoruban Pasupati for his time and effort over the season, which presented some interesting challenges over the season. I would also like to thank Travis Buckley for his captaincy. Good luck for next season, I am confident we have the players to press for higher honors next season.

Last year the Reserve Grade was laying the foundation with a young team with potential to succeed. Well it was a fantastic performance throughout the season in winning the two day competition. I would like to thank Brodie Wakefield for his leadership and coaching this year and it was pleasing to see him produce some personal milestones with a century for the club along with some fantastic team results.

There was a bit of a new look to the respective Woman's teams this year with our top ladies combining with Parnell and Takapuna to form a combined Premier Team (North East) which while competitive struggled to win more than 3 games. The 1st Grade Woman's team having had to adjust to the loss of a couple of top flight players was competitive throughout the season and I am sure they will be back on top next year. It is hoped that as a Club we can look forward to the teams progressing and hopefully attracting more woman players to the club for next year. It was great to see the club being able, for sometime, to field a U12 Girls cricket team and I would like to thank Sarah Devoy and Amy Nield for their coaching role this season.

I would like thank our generous club sponsors. Our club could not achieve anything like we do without the fantastic support of our local community sponsors. A big thank you, we are forever grateful.

I and the committee thank Anthony Bowler for the effort he has put into the Club this season and the results he achieved. Anthony takes on a lot more than what is expected of him through his contract, especially in the coaching and representative management of our club players and we are fully appreciative of his efforts.

The committee was again a small but tireless and dedicated group of people who worked extremely hard to provide the opportunity for a large number of people to participate in the game of cricket. A big thank you to Robert Harman (Chairman), Angela Hurst (Secretary), Jeff Scott, Brynley Goodger, Rachel O'Sullivan, David Caird, Morgan McCann and Jacinth Gutla (Club web site & Mr. Cricket). I'm not sure who is returning next year but the club needs new committee members to carry on the good work so please put your hand up, your club needs you.

Financially the Club has survived another season with sufficient funds in the bank for next year's committee to start off on a positive note. Thanks to Almane Farman for his work on the accounts this year.

Thank you to all the coaches throughout the grades especially those taking our junior teams. I know that as a small club we sometimes find it hard to match some of the bigger clubs, but I know that the skill level and team dynamics that develop through teams having to knuckle down and work to get their results will hold the younger players in good stead for their future in cricket and for Ellerslie. So well done to the coaches for the results you achieved and for the impact you have on the club. We look forward to your return next year.

Thanks to the Captains and Managers of all club teams and to the supporters and helpers who assist with scoring and umpiring. The club appreciates and relies on your efforts, so thank you. Also a big thank you to the supporters and volunteers that have helped during the year, it is through your efforts that make Ellerslie the club it is.

Thank you to Shane Wilson for running the indoor cricket for the younger players during the off season. I know the kids have a lot of fun, so thanks.

Socially the club had a great prize giving and a great quiz night with the committee team coming through with a convincing win. Once again a big thank you to Jason Trowill who continues to amaze with the sport trivia questions he comes up with. I also thank Jason for organizing the Poker evenings which were enjoyed by all those who attended. I would also like to congratulate Jason on the continued success of his team and his personal achievement this year with a match return of: 3.2 Overs, 5 wickets and zero runs!!!

The plans to build new clubrooms and the indoor nets are advancing through the various consent stages and the club has committed to supporting the proposal. There are some concerns about getting consent for the indoor nets, but we are working hard to ensure we give it our best shot in ensuring Ellerslie Cricket needs are satisfied. The

Council is looking to re sow and to install new drainage systems on the main field in the near future. This will mean Ellerslie Cricket will miss out on home games for two seasons and soccer one season while the Council under take the revamp. The committee will keep you updated on this proposal.

By the time you get this message you may have missed the special Meeting (Tuesday the 29th of April, beginning at 7:30pm.) the Club has called to discuss the Auckland Cricket Associations revised bylaws. If we continue with the status quo, Ellerslie will lose its Premier Status and become a so-called "Community Club", which means (among other things) that our club will not be eligible to field a team in the Auckland Premier competition and we will only receive about 40% of the funding that Principal clubs will receive, which is projected at around \$15-000 to \$20,000 per year. To maintain our current Principal Club status, Ellerslie will have to increase its playing number across the board to at least 450 playing members, as well as have professional governance and management team.

I have brought this issue to your attention at the various Prize Giving's this year and through the web site, so I won't go through the specific detail here, other than to say that if you want the Club to retain its Premier status, then we will require some hard work from members to help achieve the playing numbers required to obtain the Premier status, otherwise we will end up being classified as a Community club with limited funding from Auckland Cricket which will have a flow on effect on our desired goals. So please become informed and help the club.

Currently there is a sub committee headed by David Caird undertaking various surveys to assist in preparing the Strategic Plan for the Club. Please, if you have any in put look up the website or contact any one on the committee in order to assist them in preparing the final report.

On a personal note I would like to thank you all for your support during the season and I was very humbled in receiving the Carson Cup at Auckland Crickets Club Awards this year.

Mark Benefield
President

University/Ellerslie Premier Team

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Coached by Shoruban Pasupati

The 2007/08 season started with great promise for the Premiers in late September when all preseason matches versus Waitakere and Parnell were won by U/E. The Premis had been practising indoors as well as working on their fitness (flexibility and core strength) for the best part of a month by then and were itching to get into some outdoor cricket.

The season proper started with 20/20 matches where we played well in patches. The undoubted highlight was Konrad's unbeaten 108 versus North Shore coming in at no 5. Unfortunately, the scorers didn't count the number of balls! With 20/20 becoming increasingly popular around the world and becoming a legitimate form of the game, it is important for us to start practising for it specifically in our preseason and play it with the intensity required to succeed.

The one day campaign started with 2 solid wins against Eden Roskill (KB 89, Shaun O'Brien 60*) and Nth Shore (KB 81, I Billcliff 52, O'Brien 3/36). We stumbled against Waitakere chasing 222 and lost heavily against Suburbs. Both these games were imminently winnable but batting without purpose and intent and dropped catches in particular were issues. We had Takapuna 59/5 but heavy rain stopped play and the game was washed out. Our win/loss ratio was enough to qualify for the quarterfinals where we met Parnell. Unfortunately, Parnell scored 287 and we lost early wickets and were never in it. With the number of all rounders we have in the Premis, we really should be doing a lot better in the 1dayers. Not bowling in consistently good areas by the specialist bowlers and creating pressure for the opposition batsmen to score is a major let-down as are the extras. Bowlers need to be disciplined and accurate. If this happens successfully, it's easier to maintain the fielding intensity. Batters have to be able to rotate the strike a lot more and be aware of their respective strike rates when batting in the 50over game.

The 2-day campaign started shakily against Suburbs when they scored 283 and we scraped together 173 with Beau scoring 50 and Jimmy 37. Jimmy came back well to finish with 6/60 and Dean picked up 3/48 lending good support. This was followed by 2 games when we beat Eden Roskill and Grafton in contrasting matches. Against E/R, a partnership of 155 between Konrad and Shaun O'Brien got our score to 303 with Konrad scoring a brilliant unbeaten 126. We played Grafton on a green seamer and put them in and rolled them for 108 (Dean 4/21, KB 3/26). When we batted, the difference between both teams was a superlative innings by Konrad. It seemed like he was batting on a different pitch to all the rest of the batters. He scored 70 valuable runs which included some of the best batting I've ever seen in club cricket. The support of Beau and Jimmy deserve special mention. Either side of the Christmas break, we had 2 bad games of cricket which killed off our 2day campaign. We did well to restrict Papatoe to 217 with Travis taking a solid 5/56 supported by KB with 3/32. We batted without any application and got beaten outright. After Christmas, we were decimated in the bowling with Travis and Jimmy overseas. We didn't help ourselves with many catches being dropped against Waitakere. We played in the Minor Championship due to these losses.

We played good consistent cricket and won 3 two day games in a row (with 1 washed out) to play Parnell in the final. We scored 308 and Parnell got there with 7 wickets down. This part of the campaign showcased what our team could achieve if the team played with unity of purpose and desire. There were many highlights. Shaun O'Brien's twin hundreds, Travis finishing the season with many wickets, the emergence of Thareeb with a 50 and a hundred and Steven Venville and Nikitha proving they can handle Premier cricket. Konrad had an outstanding season brought upon by simple philosophies when batting. KB had a solid season again without being spectacular. Jimmy showed allround promise but seemed to have lost a little of the 'zip' he had last season. Dean was unlucky but needs to pitch the ball up a little more to hit the top of off stump. Shaun Smith finished the season off with some scores but needs to score big runs consistently. Beau Dench also proved to be a determined batsman and a capable glove-man who helped lift and maintain the fielding intensity when required.

Many positives are evident but a huge disappointment is the attitude and commitment to Premier cricket of a majority of players. When players commit to a season of Premier cricket, they make certain they want to play at their best and do everything in their power to improve at all times. Unfortunately, many players didn't show this at all times during the season.

I want to thank Brodie Wakefield for being a sensational coach to work with and Travis Buckley for captaining the team even though he had to deal with a lot of work commitments. Thanks also to Anthony Bowler and Daniel Marsic for providing administrative support. Thanks also to Bomber for doing a sterling job with the scoring. Finally, thanks to all the players that put in the effort required to play Premier cricket to the best of their ability.

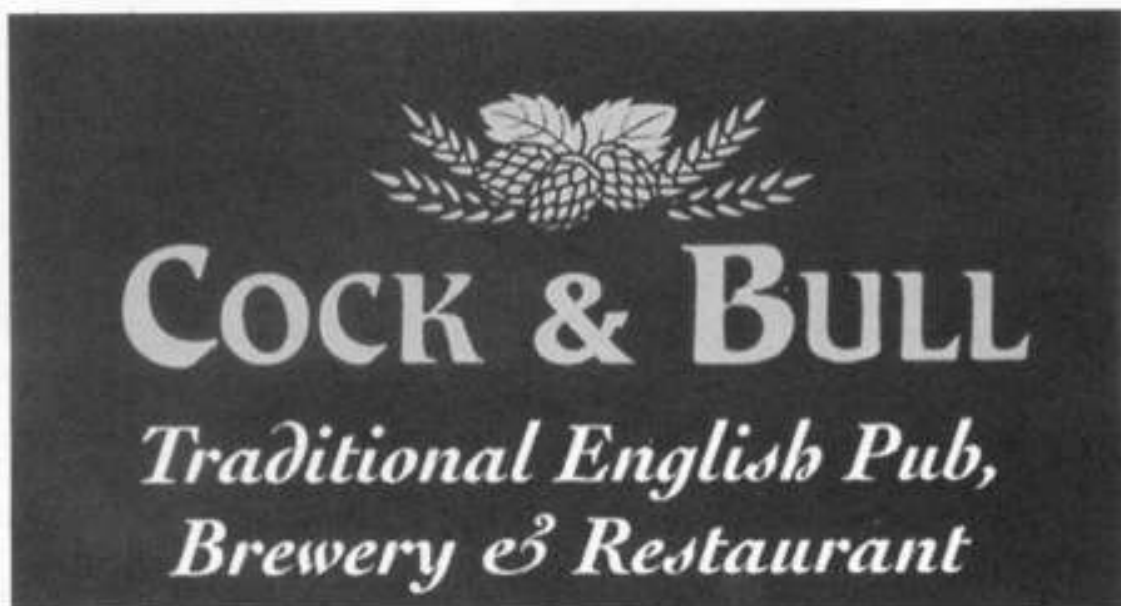
SHORUBAN
PASUPATI

University/Ellerslie Premier Team

2007/08 Season



Rear:- Ian Bilcliff, Konrad Kurta, Shoruban Pasupati (Coach), Kris Baker, Josh Healey
 Middle:- Shaun O'Brien, Dave McDonald, Josh Carmody, Thomas McLaughlin, Jimmy Cowell, Warwick Hart
 Front:- Beau Dench, Marc Carmody, Travis Buckley, Chris Wakim, Shaun Smith
 Absent:- Thareeb Mohammed, Chris Dineen, Dean Bartlett, Nick Smeeton



University/Ellerslie Premier Reserve Team

Kindly Sponsored by Cock n Bull

Coached by Brodie Wakefield

Before the 50 over games began, the season started with 20/20 games on artificial pitches. We had organised some practice games against Parnell. We won both very convincingly, with Brodie scoring 89 not out in the first game and Tom McLaughlin scoring 100 in the second game. The games were a good indicator as to how the season was to proceed. There was a lot of youth in the side and as I found out a lot of patience was required to get through the season. The 20/20 games proved to be a warm-up for the upcoming 50 over games. I think with the 20/20 in our grade for the first time, players did not adapt and we did not have the hitting power to get quick runs when it mattered. Having lost the first three games we were never in the running for the 20/20 title, so I got the players to use the next three games as batting practice to gear up for the rest of the season. We won the next three games and were starting to gain confidence with the Dineens and Kamran showing promise. Having said that, the 20/20 games on artificials with small boundaries is a lottery and in the scheme of the 2-day and 1-day competitions will always remain less of a priority. I was feeling happy with the start of the season and the team was starting to come together.

We played 6 games of 20/20, losing three and winning three. The fact that we lost the first three and won the next three was a big factor in how our season was going to pan out. One of our biggest problems of the year was player eligibility and that would later prove to be a major problem in the season. Having 23 potential players to choose from was great and I thought there would be no problems in terms of selections. However, during the season there would always be two to three players who were unavailable each week. Player commitment and rifts in the team would also cause mayhem in the Premiers and the Reserves.

The 50 over games began on artificials. We played Birkenhead, a side that had crushed us in the 20/20 game by nine wickets. I was a bit nervous about this game as to how my team would perform. We batted first and found ourselves in trouble losing early wickets. However, Tim Dineen and I put on 150 runs, and with Beau smashing a quick 50, we managed to score 240 runs and we rolled Birkenhead for 120 runs with all bowlers contributing to the win. The players had started turning a corner and the team was finally working together as a 'team'. We finished in the top six, winning two and losing two, finished fourth overall. I had a side that was starting to learn about patience, dot balls and pressure. These elements were the focus of our games. I consistently had approximately eight players each game, with other players moving up/down from the Premier and Senior A teams, depending on who was available. The team was very well balanced and it was truly a team effort with no players standing out at this point. We played Howick in the quarter-final of the knock out stage. Howick had not lost a game all season. We chose to bowl first and with some good bowling from Nishaal Chand and Chris Dineen, had them all out for 145 runs. I put some pressure on Tom McLaughlin who needed to step up in terms of performance. That is just what he did - smashing bowlers to all parts of the ground. We won in 22 overs. We then had Cornwall to play, who were a very strong side. I felt that if we could win against Cornwall, then we would be in the running for the 1-day title. Cornwall convincingly won, scoring 260 runs. We tried hard but were all out for 180 runs, with Tom McLaughlin once gain smashing another half century. That was the end of the road for the 1-day competition, but it was still a good result and I was proud of our boys.

It was a good first half of the season, with the players all functioning well as a team. My players had started to feel a sense of belonging and were enjoying there cricket. In my opinion, my players did not want to leave the team and play for the Premier side, causing the start of a rift between the two teams. I had players in my team who were good enough to play Premier cricket, however, they refused to move up a grade. There were problems within the Premier grade squad, which became more apparent when I returned from my trip to Australia (in early December 2007)

My team's goals for the 2-day competition were to score four centuries in the season or more; bowlers to take over 30 wickets; and 4 batsmen to score over 500 runs.

We started the 2-day game with a hiss and a roar, rolling Suburbs New Lynn for an average performance of 45 runs, with Chris Dineen and Matthew Scott ('King') ripping them apart. We scored a quick 200 runs and declared, putting them back in with Chris Wakim and the Dineens chipping in with some quick runs. We won outright and were looking like one of the teams to beat. We won the next three games on first

innings only, with some great all round performances from my team. Our worst performance of the season was against Papatoetoe, where we lost outright to the worst team in the league, with it being two weeks before Christmas and the players seemed to be in holiday mode. We managed to still have enough points from earlier rounds and finished second in our pool, qualifying in the top six teams of the competition.

We started well in the top six beating NorthShore and Cornwall on first innings and were in the top three teams with three games to go. Howick got rained out. We played Suburbs New Lynn on a green top, with the ball swinging all over the place. We scored a pathetic 100 runs. We had to dig deep and with some great bowling performances from Chris Dineen and Shane Dube, we managed to stay in the game. The opposition reverted to cheating, turning our 2-day season upside down. The player-umpire turned down a clear caught behind, resulting in us losing first innings by one wicket. I knew we would need to perform exceptionally well the following week. We demolished their attack and rapidly scored 275 runs (myself scoring 99 runs, Chris Wakim scoring 45 runs, and Nick Hawke scoring 59 runs) off 40 overs, leaving them 270 runs to win. Some aggressive bowling from Matthew Scott (five wickets) saw us win outright against Suburbs New Lynn. With Howick losing outright to NorthShore, we were back in contention for the 2-day title. A first innings result against Birkenhead, would bring us closer to the title. We were sent into bat and scored 280 runs in 42 overs, with Tom McLaughlin scoring 80 runs in as many balls, with good contributions from the Dineens. Although the result looked positive, I was unsure whether it would be enough to win the game. But the boys were ready with Chris Dineen taking three wickets and Matthew Scott taking a further five wickets, to roll Birkenhead for 100 runs. With one hand firmly on the trophy, the Birkenhead team put up a strong resistance on the last day, batting us out of a chance for an outright win. We then had to wait for the Cornwall versus Howick result, to find out the winners of the 2-day competition.

In summary, we won eight games in the 2-day competition on first innings; we lost 1 game outright; and lost one game on first innings but won outright. Over the last three months it has been a great success and the players have worked hard together. My team deserved to win the Premier Reserve 2-day competition.

There were many reasons why we had a successful team, with good team unity and players motivated to play in the Premier Reserve grade. Players have different strengths and weaknesses, and therefore I had to adapt my coaching style to the individual players. This in turn resulted in me gaining their respect. Being organised is the key to running a side, ultimately knowing who is available for selection each week. This seemed to be my toughest assignment off the field during the season. On the field, I struggled to get my entire team to turn up ready to play by 11am. It was important for me as the coach to get to know each individual player, in order to teach them accordingly. Some players do not benefit from the same weekly practice sessions, but excel where there is a mixture of batting in the nets and bowling (as opposed to constant fitness drills each practice). Therefore, for me as a coach, it is important to listen to your players, and take on board any feedback (both positive and negative) during the season.

Brodie Wakefield

Senior A

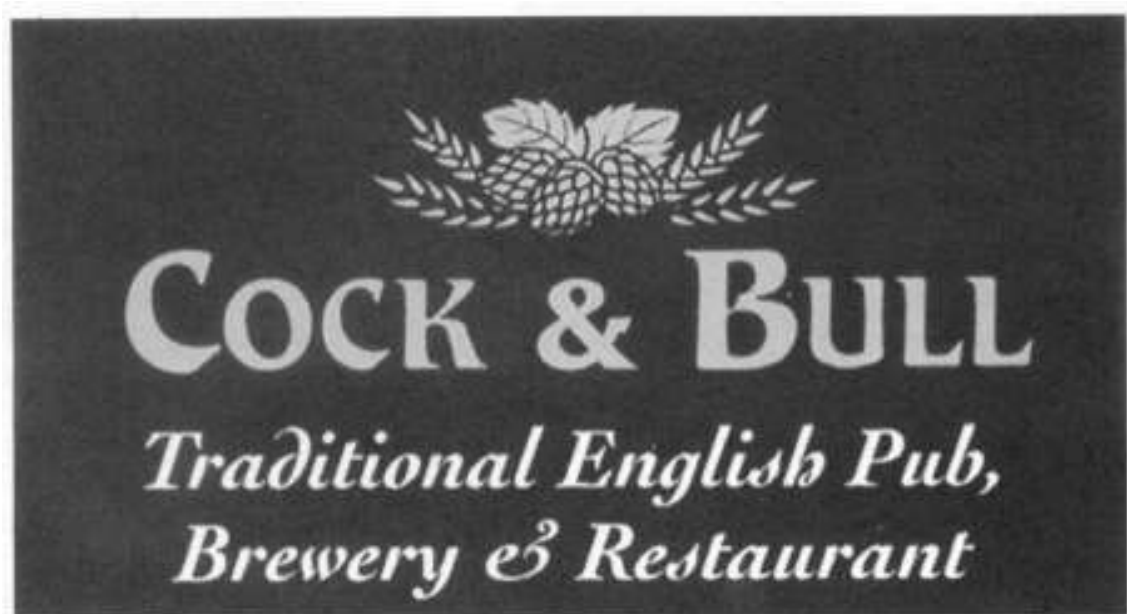
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Captained by Bruce Gibb

Coming into the season as defending champions there was a lot of expectation for us to retain it the championship. It was a rough start to the season not having all the players from last year due to people going up to premiers & senior school cricket. I'd like to thank the local 8-9 boys that were there for most of the season. Overall the season was an okay one, there were good achievements this year with Ruskin Dantra making good form with the bat, Dan Charman doing the damage with the ball & Brendan Smallbone doing everything. Considering all the player selection we had with the reserves & school cricket, coming 4th was probably a good result for us given the circumstances.

Highlight of the year was our run chase against Cornwall when we chased down 306 in the rain to win by 7 balls. Ruskin Dantra getting 103 & Jason Malipito getting 106 not out.

I hope all the boys return next year so we can have some fun & laughs again.

Bruce Gibb



Senior C

Kindly sponsored Cock n Bull Captained by Sanjeev Karan

Another season has finished and another title has gone begging two years in a row!! Thanks to all the boys for another top effort this season. Few fantastic wins after a rocky start to the season and regardless of the team finishing second (again), we were all winners in the end (very deep).

Great season by Robb Kidd who took out Player of the Year and Best Bowling Average (even though mine was better). Fantastic with the bat and ball and always a hottie in the field. Rob's brother Dave was a new recruit who came in at a critical stage of the season and produced some stunning innings hitting the winning runs on 3 occasions. What a fine specimen of man. Geoff Talbot also came into the Senior C scene and bowled some super spells with both the new and old ball. Rueben Hill finally drop kicked the black monkey off his back and scored an unbeaten 60 against Uni, (the only top order batsman in two seasons to not have past the 50 mark!! Well Done Porn Star!)

Everybody in Senior C is special in their own way and I would like to thank each and everyone who contributed towards another great season. It's always a pleasure to captain such fine young men (except Rueben who's old).

Thank you.....

Aditya Anupindi for talking crap for the entire season and still not scoring a 100. Huge improvement with the gloves.

Joe Barnes for being in the form of his life. What a guy. Some stunning innings with the highlight 100 partnership with Dave against Howick Pakuranga which saw us home.

Milan Jasarevic for a great season and his commitment to training and being the last man down after games to finish beers. Thank you for giving Senior C Julian, our most loyal supporter.

Rueben Hill for finally getting that 50, and having such fantastic stories to share with the boys. We all look up to you Dad.

Rob Kidd for an awesome season all round. Thanks cussie. You are my jaan. My beautiful jaan.

Dave Kidd for being related to Rob. Thanks for the contributions when needed and the armadillo streak.

Tim Phua for bringing Cynthia.

Elmo Senanayake for absorbing alcohol and backing into my new car 3 days after I bought it.

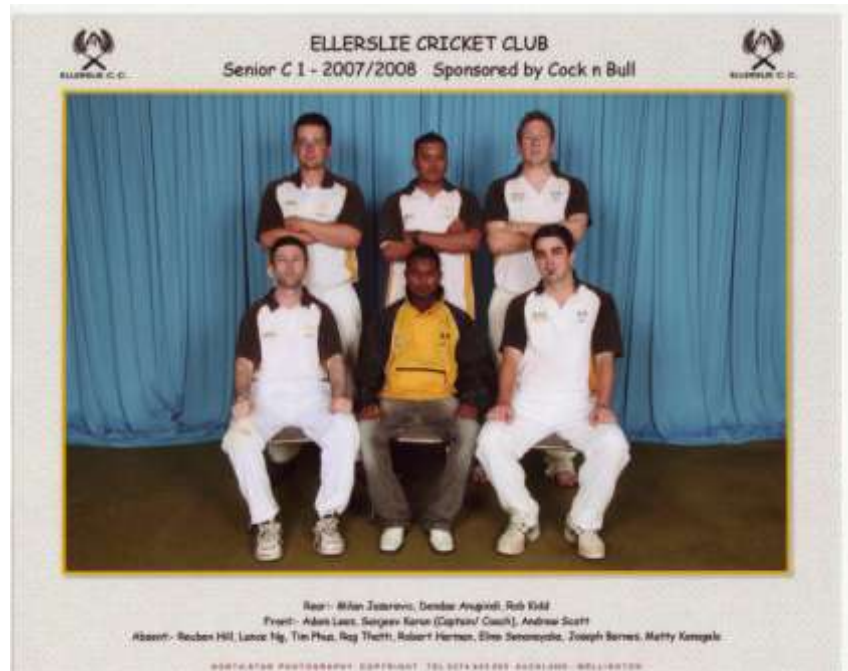
Geoff Talbot for a great first season with us. We would like to have you back (minus the nail polish of course)

Rag Thatta for being you. Got sahhs??

Andrew Scott we hope you don't come back you traitor. Ever since you got a girlfriend you changed.

Thank you to everyone for the good times and lets dedicate next season to Matty as he was never allowed to play cricket again soon after the arrival of Ramya. See you next season for beer, chips, sahhs, and cricket

Sanjeev Karan



One Day 5B

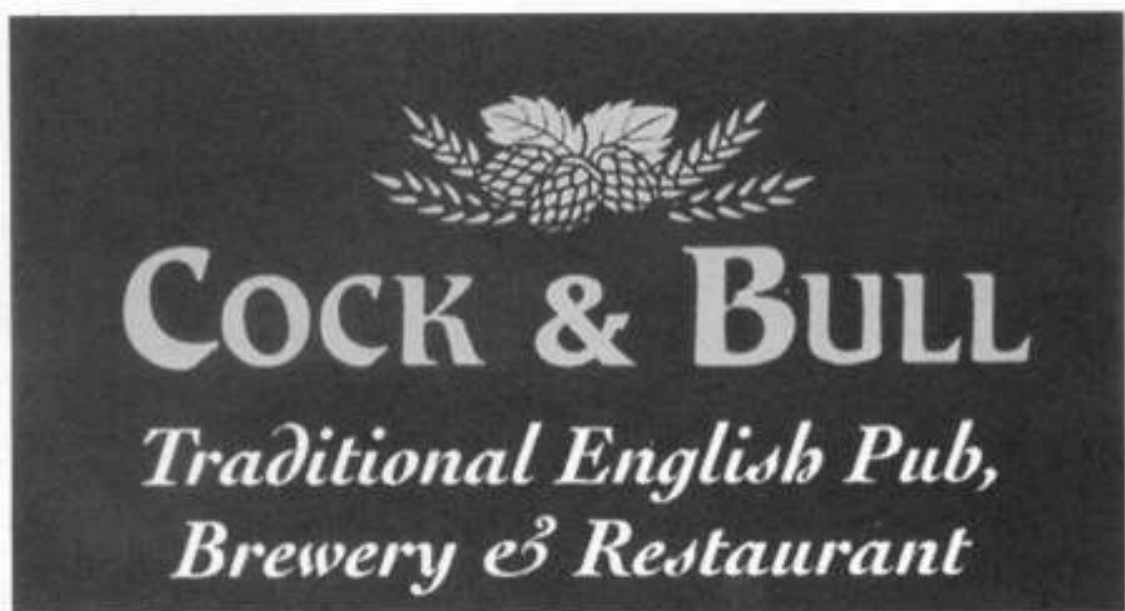
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Captained by Tim Oliver

2007/2008 saw a new team come together for 1D5B. Being a new team, it would be fair to say the team struggled to put runs together for the first half of the season.

The season certainly had its highlights and lowlights - a lowlight being bowled out for 37, and a highlight successfully defending 70. There were also some controversies throughout the season, notably when Birkenhead told our bowler that he must remove the bandage from his finger (as it was fractured) because it was distracting the elite batsman at the crease. However, regardless everyone in our team had a great time during the season playing cricket once and meeting new people, we look forward to next season.

Tim Oliver



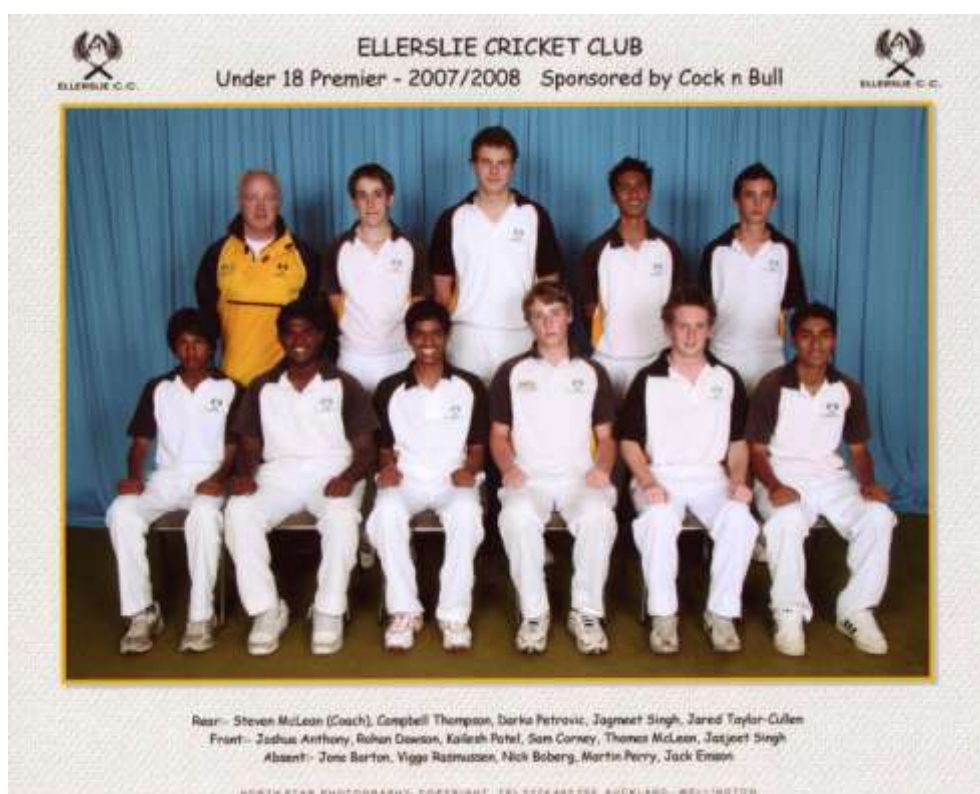
Under 18 Premier Coached by Steven Mclean

This was a season of “what ifs”, with a fine line occurring between winning the two day championship and coming second. In the end, we finished a mere 1.45 points adrift of Eden Roskill, and well clear of the third place side. Earlier in the season we had beaten the Eden Roskill side by 7 wickets in a very tense encounter. What if:

- Rain had not washed out two days in February, denying us the opportunity to take on Eden Roskill again.
- We had been at full strength all season, with school first eleven demands not being made on players who were available one week and not the next.
- Injuries to key players had not occurred throughout the season.
- We had played better in two key sessions in two separate games against a useful but not superior Howick Pakuranga side.
- One player in that Howick Pakuranga side had not scored a combined total of 326 runs for once out, these runs dominating their overall score.
- A good start against Hibiscus Coast had been sustained with some committed batting.
- The last ball loss to Papatoetoe had been a win.
- More catches had been taken.
- The coach better understood 16 to 18 year old boys!

Having said all that, there were many compelling performances from the boys, with Kailesh Patel scoring 290 runs and taking 20 wickets, Nick Boberg scoring 281 runs (with a team highest score of 97 runs), Rohan Dawson scoring 180 runs from 4 turns at bat, Darko Petrovic taking 14 wickets, and Sam Corney being very consistent in keeping wicket. Campbell Thompson bowled effectively, batted capably (including opening the batting when volunteers were hard to find) and attended every practice.

Importantly, the boys proved themselves to be a great bunch of guys who got on well together. Thank you to those who helped with the scoring – mainly Gay Barton and Frances McLean – your work was very much appreciated.



Under 18A

Coached by Anthony Bowler

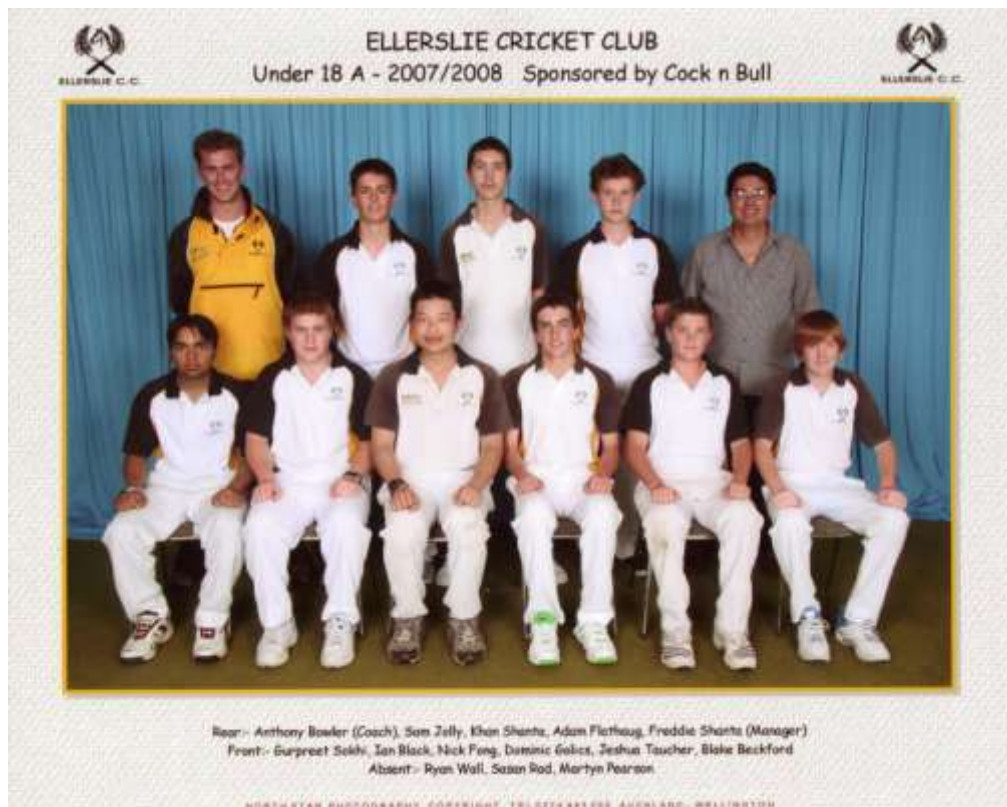
The Under 18A team this year saw a mixture of young U15 players and those U18A players from last year. Captained by Nick Fong the team enjoyed more success than last year and were unlucky not to have made it further in the competition. They played their best cricket when they played as a team and were able to dominant games because of this.

It was a step up for Blake, Adam, Dominic, Jeshua and Ryan but all coped well and made impacts throughout the season. Congratulations to Dominic who narrowly missed out on his maiden 100, ending up on 98* at the close of play. Blake, Adam and Ryan all made impressions with the ball picking up wickets on regular occasions. Jeshua's leg spin although costly at times is developing well and is getting more consistent the more he bowls.

Those that played U18A's last year didn't dominate as much as they should have but still made contributions to the team. Sam Jolly had a consistent season with bat and bowl and now needs to step up next season to make an impact. Ian Black's off spin bowling always caused trouble and as a result he picked up numerous wickets. The slow but accurate line and length bowling of Khan Shanta was effective with the right field settings and Khan picked up wickets because of his ability to put the ball on the spot. Sasan, Martyn, Guru, Saga and Nick all contributed throughout the season making valued efforts towards the team.

From here some players will be making the next step up to Men's cricket one which will challenge them but they are more than capable of doing. Those that are returning to play Under 18's should make the step up to U18 Premier and continue to develop. Thanks to Freddie Shanta who managed the team and to Jane Flathaug for scoring. The best of luck to all players next season.

Anthony Bowler



Year 8/Under 14 B

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Coached by Jayesh Patel

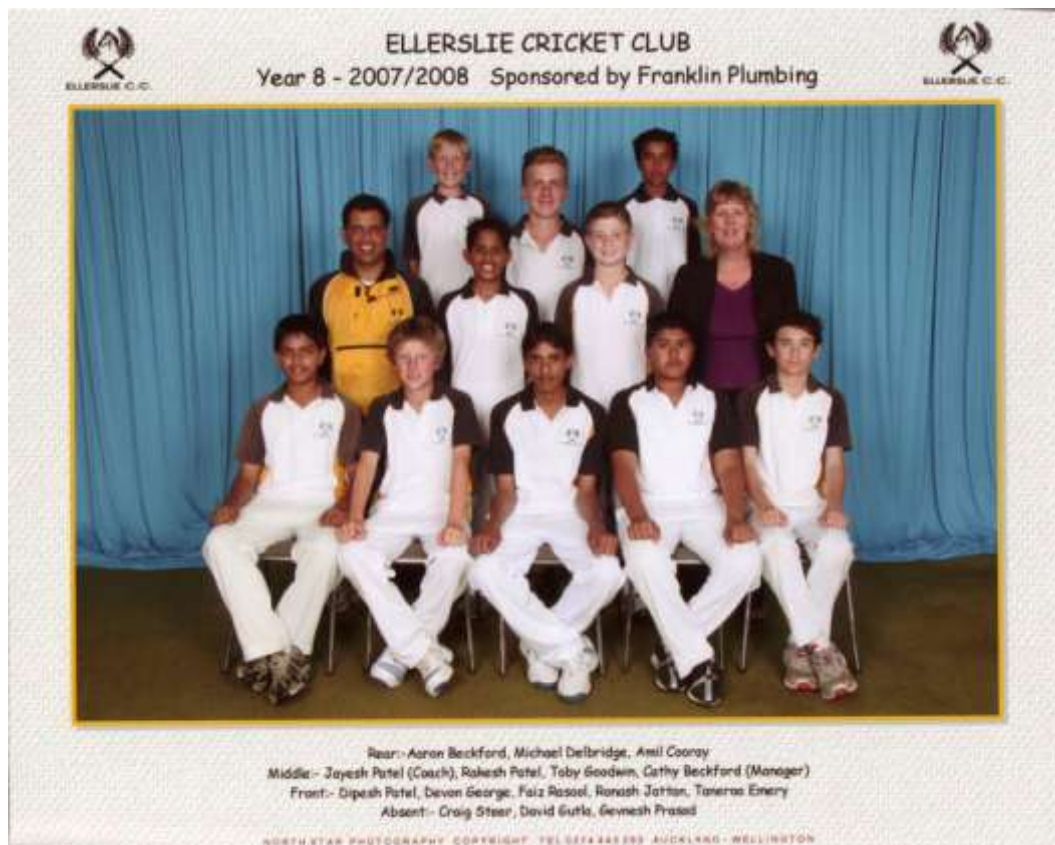
Our season has been a game of two halves. Up until Christmas the team played mornings in the Year 8A Grade and after Christmas playing in the afternoon in the Under 14 B Grade. We won one game in the A grade but were more competitive in the B grade winning 3 games and the rest were very close finishes. Unfortunately the weather played a large part in the final standings but we finished a proud third.

All the trainings were well attended and it was a season of change for all players coming to grips with afternoon cricket. I hope all the boys enjoyed their cricket and don't forget you can still practise cricket in the winter. Hope to see you all back on the cricket pitch in October.

I would like to thank all the parents who supported the team. It's unusual at this age to have such a large parent following. We were never short of an umpire, scorer or manager.

Thank you all for the opportunity to be part of your team.

Jayesh Patel



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Year 7

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Coached by Nigel Adams

Herding cats came to mind a few times during the season, trying to get 14 twelve year old boys to do what I wanted them to do at more or less the same time. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't. Results wise the season was somewhat of a rollercoaster. We performed well in the first part of the season, had a mid season slump but ended with a few victories towards the end. On balance the team bowled better than it batted. We ended up winning half of our 14 matches. Very pleasingly in a number of close fought matches that could have gone either way our bowling and fielding held together and we went on to win the match.

George was our player of the year with a great all round performance scoring 141 runs at an average of 20.1, taking 6 wickets for 78 runs and carrying the wicket keeping gloves for a number of matches.

Dean with his accurate, consistent deliveries was our best bowler taking 9 wickets for 78 runs. A total of 167 runs saw Josh taking the batting honours for the team.

Ovin continued to improve as a bowler opening the bowling in most matches. His optimistic nature saw him getting the vote as player's player.

Zac and Nikhil also performed well in the bowling stakes and along with Josh and Ovin formed our quartet of faster bowlers.

Liam had a good season particularly in the close in fielding taking a number of spectacular catches and backing up George with the wicket keeping.

Michael ending up with 6 wickets for 78 runs and took the award for our most improved player award with his accurate bowling.

Kelvin and Shea had a great end to their season with Kelvin taking 5 wickets in the last two matches of the season and Shea top scoring in our last match of the season with a quick fire 15. Harrison had the end of his season cut short with a broken arm but along with Stephen, Bhavya, Vipisan provided great support for our opening bowlers and on a couple of occasions all shored up the middle order batting.

Many thanks to our sponsor Impex cars and to Russell Carter for helping out with the coaching, Don Schnell for umpiring and Phil Anderson for scoring.

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Year 6A

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This year saw the Year 6 grade split into an 'A' and a 'B' grade. The 'A' grade included some strong teams from some of the bigger clubs within Auckland, as a result Ellerslie didn't win as many as they would have liked. Being able to put together consistent performances was where the Year 6A team struggled. One week the team played to their ability and the next it seemed as they'd forgotten the basics. Conrad Benefield was given the captaincy for the year and took this role very seriously and did a great job for a 10 year old.

The season included some outstanding performances these included 4 players being retired at 30 runs once or more throughout the season. Jason Wilson after being retired at 30 coming back in and ending up on 44 not out. Some outstanding catches were taken, and fabulous run outs created. Wickets were always shared around each week, but congratulations to Jason Wilson and Thomas Beuth who took 3 for 11 and 3 for 15 respectively.

A big thanks to the same parents, Shaun Beuth and Mark Benefield, that turned up each week and scored or umpired. Thanks to Aaron and Jeff who stepped in to help out on occasions too. Congratulations to all prize winners, it was season of testing times but contained many laughs, thanks Dinul, and I hope all players come back next year.

Anthony Bowler



Year 6B

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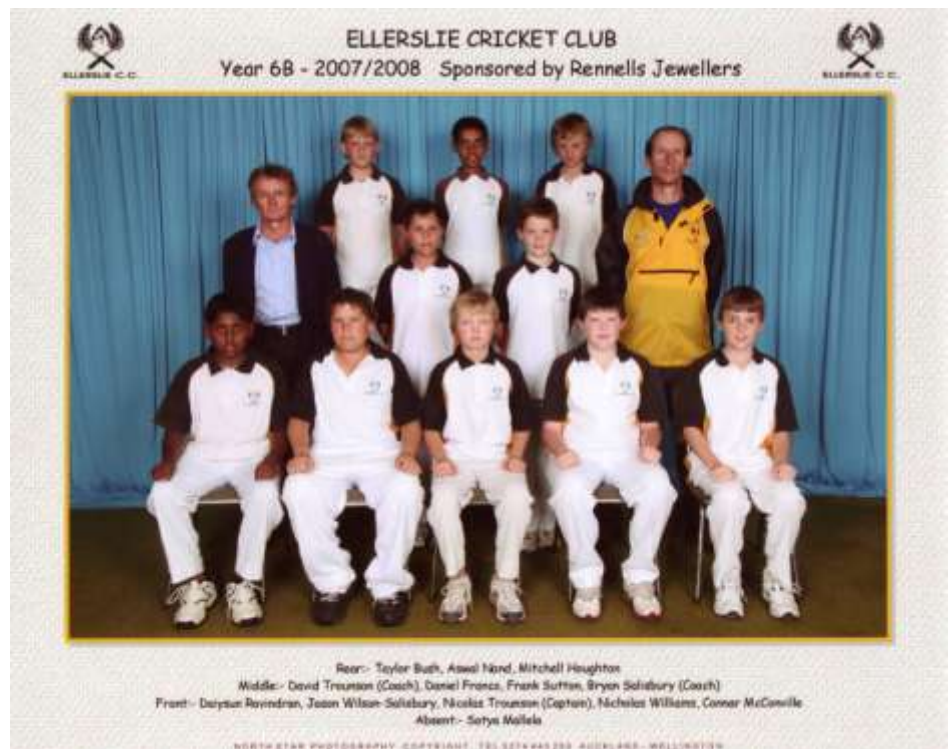
The season began with a couple of close losses around a comprehensive win. The second game against Papatoetoe we scored 107/0 in reply to their 105/7. Nick 30no, Taylor 25no and Connor 16no all batted well. Unfortunately for the rest of the first round we struggled to contain the opposition even when the batsmen had posted reasonable totals. On some occasions the opposition chased down our score in under 20 overs. At the Christmas break Daniel left Auckland and Rohan was drafted into the team. The second round started promisingly enough with two wins in a row. The first was a comprehensive win over the other Papatoetoe team. We scored 154/4 (Jason and Nico both 32 no) and bowled them out for 99. The following game was the most exciting game of the season and was a very satisfying win against arch rivals University. They scored 155/7 and it looked all over when we were 128/9 with 6 overs to go and 28 still need to win. However Nico (48 no) who had retired on 33 returned and he and perennial number 11 batsman Frank (5 no and season top score) put on the 28 runs needed with Frank scoring the winning run off the last over. From that high point the season went downhill and the boys lost the remainder of the games. Nico and Mitchell were invited to play for the Ellerslie Year 6 rep team against University for the inter club Kohi Cup and both made significant contributions in a rare and solitary win for Ellerslie.

There was a lack of consistency in the batting and we struggled to take wickets all season. We only bowled the opposition out once. Nico was the top scorer with 165 runs. Daiysun (35), Jason (32), Nick (30) and Nico (30, 32 and 48) all reached the batting Honours Board. Nick was the most successful bowler with 9 wickets followed by Aswal (7) and Rohan (7).

The team enjoyed their cricket but the year must be seen as disappointing from a results point of view.

Thanks to all the parent's who turned up each week to support the boys and help out. Keep training over the winter guys and I hope to see you all back next season.

David Trounson and Bryan Salisbury



Year 5

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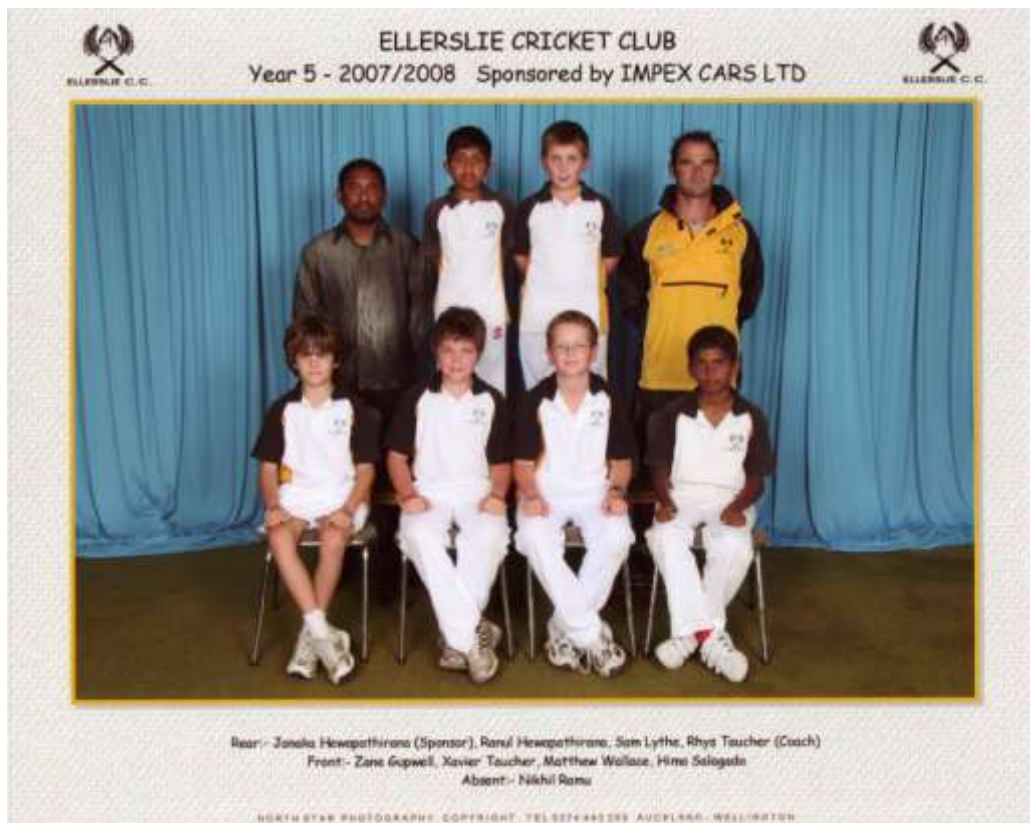
This was a stunning season from an extremely talented team. The boys have continued to work on the basics of cricket and have shown strengths in all areas of the game, particularly pleasing to me has been the teamwork and team-spirit that has been shown by all of the members. Once again, this has been the strength of the team and a dominant factor in the great wins that they have had this season. The introduction of the hard-ball was a challenge that the boys were more than ready to take up, they practiced hard and loved putting their awesome skills into practice during Saturday games.

We have a great batting order with solid and consistent performances, and it was a dream for the coach to know that everyone could step up and do the job with the bat on their day, so that if a couple of top-order batsmen failed there was always someone else who would stand up and deliver. It was a joy to see that boys were developing a range of shots and starting to play the right choice of shot depending on the ball... true class! The bowling attack was second to none in the competition, with 4 or 5 front-line bowlers and a consistent line and length that really made it difficult for the big hitters in other teams to dominate at any stage of the season.

The 'Rotation Policy' was adopted, as we had such a large team, and it was very successful. Thanks to the boys for understanding that they occasionally had to miss a game, I think that it probably increased the desire when they were playing. The fact that our team did not lose any games after Christmas shows how well we developed. It was a great finish to the season when we won by over 50 runs against a team that we had beaten by only 3 runs in the first game of the season.

Special congratulations to the special award winners for their efforts and successes and a very big thank you to the great group of parents for their support. I hope that you all enjoy the winter, and come back ready for another one next year....See you all then.

Rhys Taucher



Year 4 A

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Coached by Nathan Benefield

The 2007/2008 Cricket season for the Scarborough Bros Year 4 was definitely a season of nervus and intense game situations with 7 of our games won or lost by less than 20 runs. With these games going down to the wire we managed to take 3 wins and unfortunately lost the other 4 intense games, two of which ended with 3 runs between our score and the opponents score. As you can see the Scarborough Bros played hard and were not a team of quitters.

The whole team played well together and enjoyed playing with their team mates. The whole team loved to beat Cornwall Cricket Club and with every win against Cornwall brought great joy to the team. Even though we didn't like to lose to Cornwall we still enjoyed playing them and played with great sportsmanship.


- Justin Teo progressed well though out the season and was clearly our number one catcher of the team. Justin also had a very good block shot that defended his stumps well.
- Tom McManus was a genuine all rounder and a top team mate with Tom being awarded Player's Player from his team mates.
- Patrick Dempsey improved a huge amount from the start of the season to the end of the season. Patrick was awarded Most Improved at the end of the season.
- Kevin Hewapathirana was a great all rounder with outstanding stats at the end of the year. Kevin was awarded overall Player of the year for the Year 4 grade for Ellerslie.
- Aster D'Souza had a lot to say throughout the season and when it came round to his turn to captain the team he did a professional job. Aster also was one of our team's top batsmen.
- Jack Nixon was a very talented bowler. Jack could bowl a variation of different types of spin. Jack was always on his toes in the field and saved some great runs.
- Joe Smith was a top all rounder. Joe had outstanding stats at the end of the season with more than 200 runs for the season making him the top run scorer for the team. Joe can play the pull shot better than most his age. Joe was awarded Player of the year for the team.
- Brock Duckmanton started this season as a new player to the game. Brock progressed steadily throughout the season and showed off his talent towards the end of the season. Brock is very good at running between the wickets with the quick single used a lot.
- Rejo Britto is another top all rounder in our team. Rejo had very good stats at the end of the season. Rejo was a top fielder with lots of catches and great backing up in the field. Rejo focused hard every time he came to bowl which made him a top blower. Rejo was awarded Coaches Award at the end of the seasons for his overall attitude and contribution to the team.

Support is essential to any sport and cricket is no exception, so many thanks to the parents, brothers and sisters whose support was a great help to the teams performance.


I would just like to say many thanks to Mr. Dempsey for all your help umpiring our games and many thanks to Mr. Smith for all your help scoring the games throughout the season.

To all the boys in the team I enjoyed coaching you all this year and I hope you all enjoyed the season. I hope to see you all back next season ready to play your first year of hard ball Cricket. Thanks for the whole season boys

Nathan Benefield



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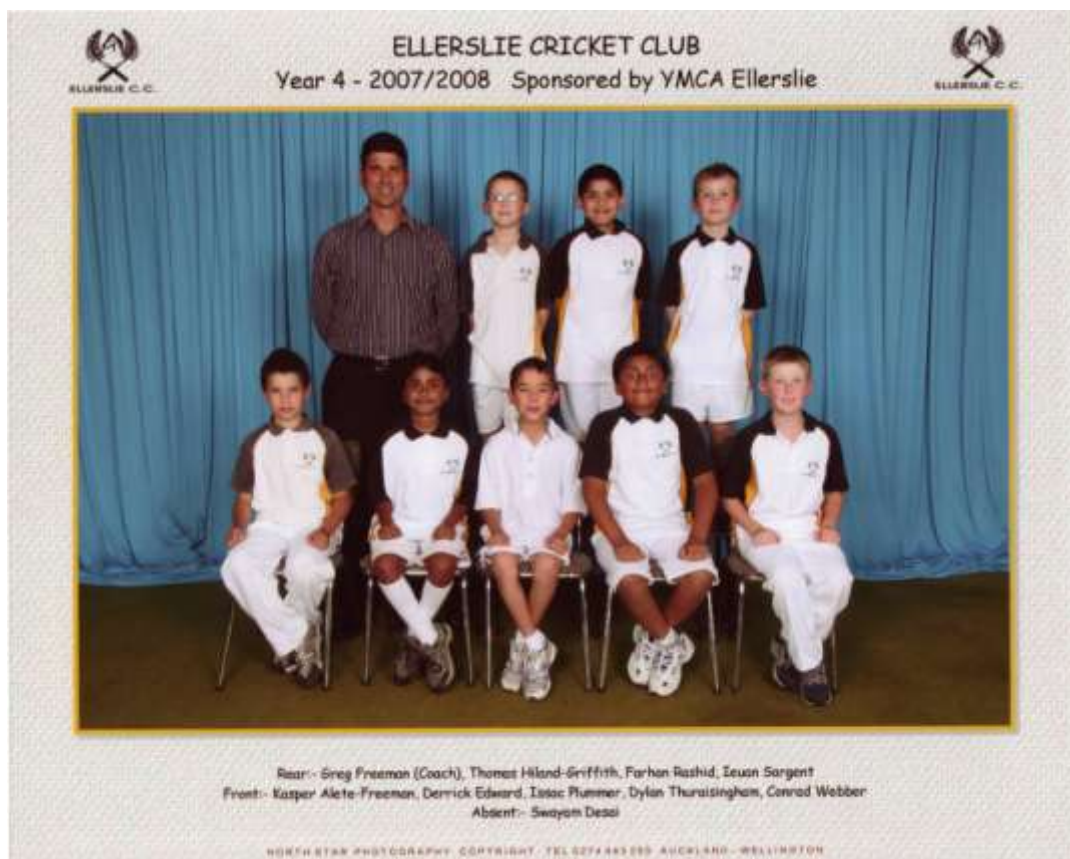
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Year 3 B

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This season was the first season of Saturday morning cricket for the team. Four players played nursery grade last season, while the other five players were playing their first season of cricket at a club. As you can imagine, the season was a big learning curve for all the boys, but by the end of the season they had learnt the game of cricket, learnt to support each other in the field and perform as a team.

Most weeks were played against Cornwall teams that had been playing morning cricket for 2 years, which was evident in the results. But the team should be congratulated on their desire to win every week and perform to the best of their abilities.

Liam Smyth, Sammy MacDonald-Everett and Milan Caird were the standout performers with the bat. Liam, our most competitive player, top scored with the bat, bowled consistently and was very determined in the field. Sammy showed the greatest improvement with the bat, to become the best performer after the New Year. Milan had the best batting defence, recording the least number of outs.

The teams most improved player, Keanu Barnard, began the season not knowing how to bowl but through hard work and practise ended the season with the best bowling statistics. Keegan Smith, often bowled at pace and surprised a few batsmen by bouncing them. Keegan, also, made sure opposing batsmen held their ground by running out a number of batsmen with great fielding and a strong throwing arm. Bradley Yovich was not just a top performing bowler, but was one of the most consistent players from week to week for batting and fielding as well.

Ieuan Davies, Shivneel Singh and Kaarthic Purushothaman showed great enthusiasm for the game and improved immensely with every week. Ieuan chased every ball in the field and took one of the best catches. Shivneel and Kaarthic did everything with determination and a big smile.

Special thanks to Karen, Blue, Cushla and Mark whom scored and helped umpire the games. Without their help I would not have been able to organise and coach the team on Saturdays. Also, thanks to all the parents who supported the team each week.

I hope that all members of the team return next year, as each player has shown great cricketing potential. I'm already looking forward to coaching them all next year.

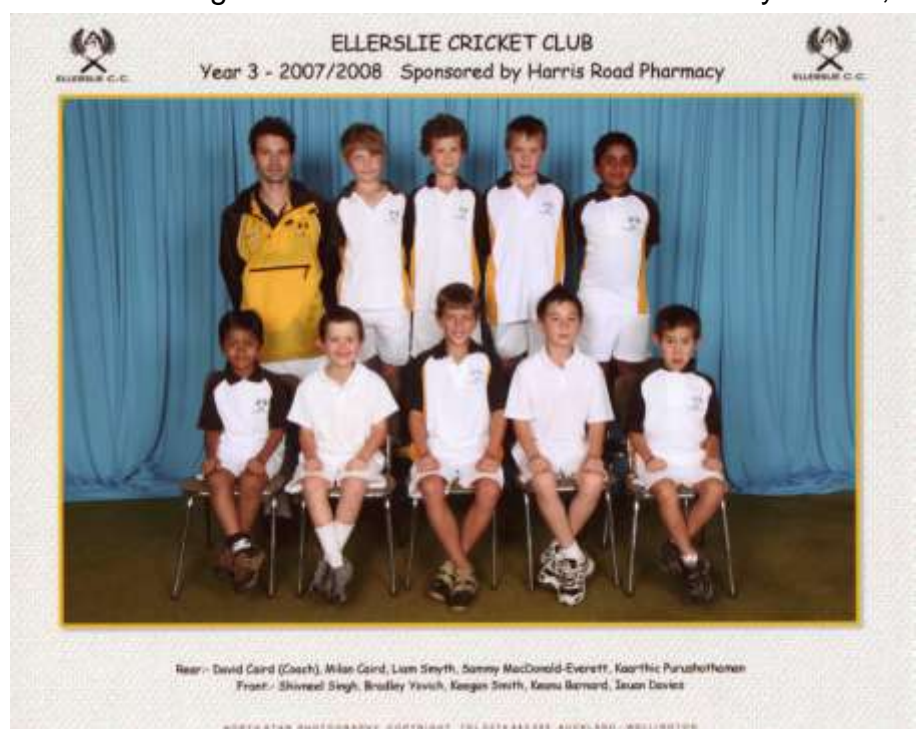
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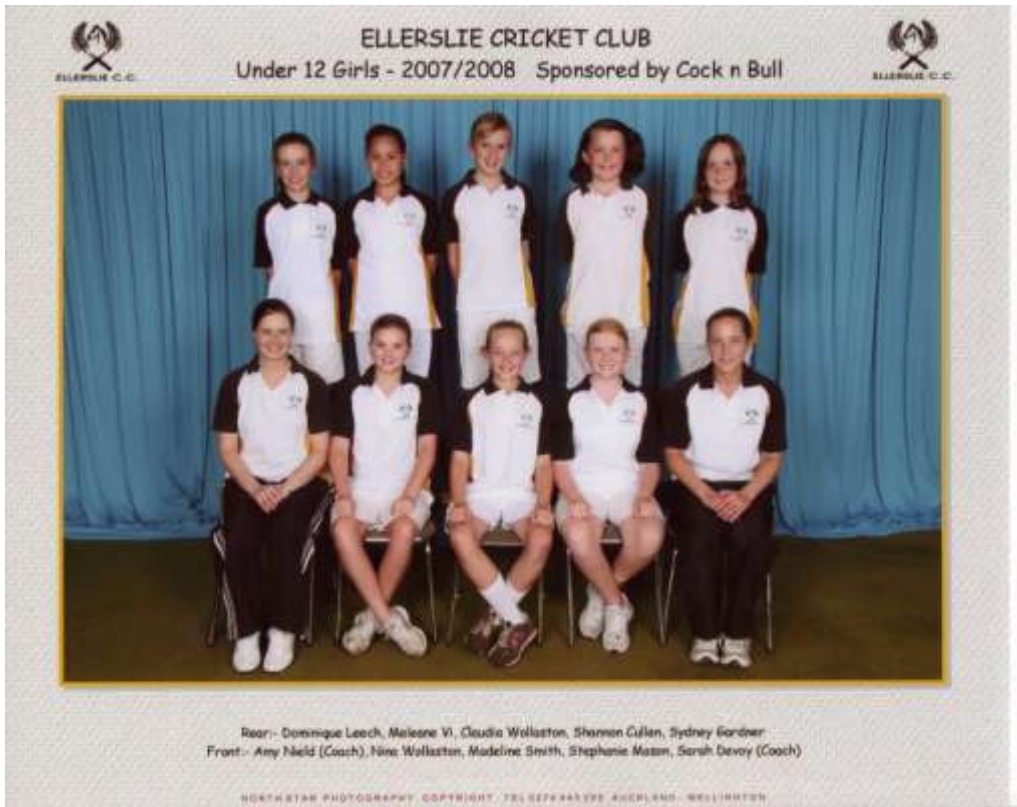
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U12 Girls

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Nursery Grade

For once we had a season where the weather did not impact greatly on the number of days we had to play with. The club continues to undertake the 'Milo' programme to help develop the children to a level where they can play the game of cricket.

The utilization of players from the senior team on a Friday is a fantastic way of coaching skills into the children which will serve them well into their cricket playing days. Thank you to Jarrod Talyor-Cullen, Ryan Wall, Neil Bisman, Stephen Venville, and Nathan Benefield.



It is amazing to see the growth in the children as the season progresses and the parents can take pride in the results achieved by their children, not to mention pride in the behaviour and sportsmanship they display. Each game was played in a strong competitive spirit and increased skill level as the season progressed, to such an extent that some of the straight drives that I saw would make nay Black Cap proud of. Well done Bond, Oram, Fleming and Vettori.


Thank you to all the parents that helped each night leading the teams around, scoring, assisting keeping the batting side occupied and helping on the BBQ. Without your support we could not run the fantastic programme that we run each week.

Finally good luck to all the players going up to year 3, we look forward to seeing you next season

Mark Benefield



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Senior Prizegiving

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Individual Awards

Grade	Award	Name	
Youth	Most Ducks	Campbell Thompson	
	Most Catches	Ian Black	
	Most Consistent	Nick Fong	
	Best Wicketkeeper	Sam Corney	
	Best Fielder	Kailesh Patel	
	Best Batsman	Kailesh Patel	
	Best Bowler	Kailesh Patel	
	Most Improved	Campbell Thompson	
	U15 POY	Dominic Golics	
	U18 POY	Kailesh Patel	
	Best and Fairest	Campbell Thompson	
	Mr Cricket	Kailesh Patel	
	Coach of the Year	Steve Mclean	
	Senior 1day Grades	Most Catches	Kane Lindsay
		Most Wickets	Ryan Hibberd
Best Bowling Average		Kane Lindsay	
Most Runs		Russell Harvey	
Best Batting Average		Russell Harvey	
Most Ducks		Sam Forde	
Most Improved		Chris Loomb	
Best Wicketkeeper		Rob Middleton	
Mr Cricket		Russell Harvey	
Senior 2day Grades	Most Catches	Warrick Hart and Brodie Wakefield	
	Most Wickets	Matthew Scott	
	Best Bowling Average	Rob Kidd	
	Most Runs	Brodie Wakfield	
	Best Batting Average	Konrad Kurta	
	Most Ducks	Bruce Gibb	
	Most Improved	Aditya Anupindi	
	Best Wicketkeeper	Beau Dench	
	Mr Cricket	Brodie Wakfield	
Club Awards	Most Promising Woman	Sarah Devoy	
	Most Improved Senior A	Ruskin Dantra	
	Sports Quiz Champs	Committee	
	Sportsmanship	Sarah Guy	
	Club Person of the Year	Mark Benefield	
	Most 6's	Jarred Hards	
	Highest Score	Russell Harvey	
	Team Trophy	Premier Reserve	
	Most Promising Fast Bowler	Shashank Kumar	
	Player of the Year	Konrad Kurta	
Williams Award for Club Spirit	1D4B		
Hat Trick	Krishan Ariyawansa	vs Howick Pakuranga	

Junior Prizegiving

2007/08

Individual Awards

Award	Name
McIntosh Trophy	Aswal Nand
Kumho Tyres Trophy	Matthew Wallace
Nursery POY	Joseph Murray
Year 3 POY	Seth Gupwell
Year 4 POY	Kevin Hewapathirana
Year 5 POY	Divanga Doluweera
Year 6 POY	Adam Khan
Most Promising 1st Year	Faiz Rasool
Best Morning Fielder	Aaron Beckford
Best Morning Batsman	Dipesh Patel
Best Morning Bowler	Adam Khan
Best Morning Allrounder	Rakesh Patel
Best Wicketkeeper	Xavier Taucher
Junior Club Personality	Nigel Adams
Form 1 POY (Y7)	George Bonnici-Carter
Form 2 POY (Y8)	Rakesh Patel
Beauty Spot Trophy	Nina Wollaston
Junior Player of the Year	Rakesh Patel
6 a side winners	Adam Flathaug
	Taneroa Emery
	Dean Schnell
	Harrison Carroll
	Conrad Benefield
	Divanga Doluweera
Hat Trick	Joe Smith vs Cornwall

Junior Prizegiving Team Awards 2007/08

Team	POY	Players Player	Coaches Award	Most Improved Player
Nursery Bond		Sidhant Makkad		Lewis Anderson
Nursery Fleming		Matthew Waghorn		Samuel Beuth
Nursery Vettori		Lachlan Arthur		Aiden D'Souza
Nursery Oram		Joshua White		Armit Patel
Y3 Living Flame	Seth Gupwell	Sajith Dhambagolla	Melvin Kirkland	Jordan Woodward
Y3 Harris Rd Pharmacy	Liam Smyth	Keegan Smith	Kaarthic Purushothaman	Keanu Barnard
Y4 YMCA Ellerslie	Joe Smith	Tom McManus	Rejo Britto	Patrick Dempsey
Y4 Scarborough Bros	Swayan Desai	Kasper Alete-Freeman	Farhan Rashid	Thomas Griffiths
Y5 Impex Cars Ltd	Aunbhav Thapa	Xavier Taucher	Ranul Hewapathirana	Samuel Lythe
Y6B Rennells Jewellers	Nico Trounson	Rohan Sharma	Mitchell Houghtan	Aswal Nand
Y6A Cricket Express	Adam Khan	Jason Wilson	Conrad Benefield	Thomas Beuth
Y7 Impex Cars Ltd	George Bonnici-Carter	Ovin Hewapathirana	Nikhil Narayan	Michael Anderson
U12 Girls	Nina Wollaston	Dominque Leech	Madeleine Smith	Meleane Vi
U14 Franklin Plumbing	Dipesh Patel	Ronash Jattan	Aaron Beckford	Toby Goodwin

Senior Prizegiving 2007/08 Team Awards

Team	POY	Players Player	Best and Fairest
U18A	Dominic Golics	Sam Jolly	Khan Shanta
U18 Prem	Kailesh Patel	Nick Boberg	Darko Petrovic
Twenty/20	Zahid Iqbal	Sarbjit Singh	Gerard Ryan
1D5B	Hayden Cameron	Hamish MacKenzie	Shiv Narayan
1D4B	David Jack	Sam Boughey	Sam Forde
1D3B Black	Kane Lindsay	Russell Harvey	Ollie Lucas
1D1B	Chris Loomb	Ryan Hibberd	Kelvin Tangaiti
1D1A			
Presidents	Krishan Ariyawansa	Kabir Das Devaraj	Senthil Corattur
Senior C1	Rob Kidd	Rueben Hill	Milan Jasevic
Senior A	Brendan Smallbone	Shashank Kumar	Daniel Charman
Women's 1st Grade	Susan McKegg	Kimberly Windsor	Amy Neild
Women's Premier	Sarah Guy	Teresa Kerr	Rachael O'Sullivan
University/Ellerslie Premier Reserve	Tim Dineen (Uni)	Matthew Scott	Brodie Wakefield (MVP)
University/Ellerslie Premier	Shaun O'Brien	Konrad Kurta	Travis Buckley (MVP)

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