

" A GOLDEN SUMMER "

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To

GORDON DELL

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To commemorate the fifth anniversary of  
Lake Monger's historic Premiership year of  
1986/87

## FOREWORD

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by

Paul Collier

I will always have fond memories of the 1986/87 season, as this was the remarkable summer, that saw Lake Monger 2nd XI go from a team of "easy-beats", to the undisputed champions of the P.M.C.A., 2B Grade. This transformation from "cellar-dwellers" to Premiers in one season, was nothing short of phenomenal. The side went from strength to strength, continually meeting new challengers head on and leaving their opponents in awe.

The arrival of ready-made stars, was a godsend to the side, with these players adding new dimensions not seen before. More importantly though, players who could be described as "good, honest triers" in the past, now, finding their places in jeopardy, blossomed into key players, while retaining their insatiable appetite for success.

As the finals approached, the critics shook their heads and claimed the side's run had been too smooth and that a finals loss was inevitable.

But still the players defied the critics, defied the logic, all but defied Lady Luck and in the end, fate won out, with Lake Monger recording a thrilling 19 run Grand Final win over Maylands.

John has done a magnificent job in documenting the events of that unique summer of 1986/87 and this book is sure to keep alive the spirit of the 1986/87 Lake Monger 2nd side. Never has there been a more deserving Premiership side.

May, 1992

## INTRODUCTION

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The summer of 1986/87, was a season that shall never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be part of it.

The dream run by the "Mongrels" to their historic Grand Final victory on 22nd March, 1987, was nothing short of "fairy-tale" stuff.

As the only player, except for the Captain, to have played in all fifteen matches in this golden summer, I felt it appropriate that I officially document the events of the season in some detail.

Five years have now passed since we beat Maylands by 19 runs and as time erases some memories, I thought now was the time to publish an account of "Delly's Heroes".

One of the joys of cricket other than playing it, is in the recording of the matches and statistics and hopefully, this book will assist the reader in rekindling some waning memories.

In order to fully appreciate the significance of this victory, it is useful to look at the history of the seconds. The side was first formed in the 1979/80 season and in its first seven years of existence, had never finished any higher than three rungs from the bottom of the ladder.

As the 1986/87 season approached, there seemed no reason to think that the side would improve markedly on previous seasons. The focus within the Club was on the tops, as they had just been elevated to the 1B Grade.

Pre-season training again brought its usual speculation, however, the side was short on any "star" first-year players, on the first selection night of the year.

The most significant selection was the omission of Vince "Sundries" Del Prete, amid some controversy. "Grumbles" was to be the only first-year player in the team, incredibly the Premiership team fourteen matches later, was to include four rookies. Six members from the round 1 team; Dell, Pollard, Gray, Czerw, Collier.J. and Wearing, were to retain their places on Grand Final day.

Losses in the opening two fixtures of the season, had the side languishing down in eighth place on the ladder. The most positive single factor in Lake Monger's favour, was the emergence of "Killer" O'Keefe as the side's spearhead. "Killer" seemed to fuel the fire for his side, as he bowled quicker than any Lake Monger bowler I have ever seen. He bowled like a "mad-man", but he was deadly accurate.

The Bayswater match in Round 3, was the start of the unbeaten run to the Premiership. For a side which had never won three matches in a row, it was an amazing achievement to win nine on the trot.

The Premiership earned us promotion to the 2A Grade the next year. We celebrated by stretching our winning sequence into double figures, a Club record, but inevitably, our run of unprecedented success came to a grinding halt and we embarked on a losing-streak, subsequently finishing at the bottom of the ladder.

Gordon Dell was the man behind the remarkable Premiership of 1986/87. As a Captain, he moulded his squad of "Mongrels" into a balanced, well-disciplined unit.

His success as a Captain, had a lot to do with the respect he commanded from his players. While he may not have figured prominently as an on-field contributor, in terms of statistics alone, his greatest value was in his knowledge of those around him and how to manipulate his surroundings to his and his team's advantage.

It was not so much the calibre of the resources Dell had at his disposal, but rather his ability to maximise the effect of each.

His methods of motivating the various combinations of personalities in the team, differed as much as the individual personalities themselves, but his rapport with his players and general public relations work, was second to none.

I have written this book in four parts. Firstly, I've completed a match report on all matches, including the one-day games. These accounts are accompanied by a scoreboard.

I've also put together a player-profile on all 25 players, who played at various times of the year.

Statistics have been compiled at the back of the book for reference, and finally, I've included as a novelty, tributes to "Kev" and "Mega", in the appendix.

Finally, I would just say this. At the start of the year, it would have been considered a fine achievement, if the side had reached the finals for the first time in 1986/87. To go on and win the flag, given the history of the side, is remarkable to say the least, we did it!

1986/87 was a golden summer!

John Collier  
May, 1992

## SECOND SIDE CAPTAIN'S REPORT - GORDON DELL

It is usually the ambition of every player, myself included, that plays cricket, to play in a premiership team and so it was that at the end of the season, after the second team had withstood two nail biting finals to win their first ever flag, I realised that both the team and myself had experienced an ultimate high out of cricket that would leave an everlasting memory for all concerned.

However, way back at the beginning of the 1986/87 season, a premiership appeared to be our last concern. Our opening game against Carlisle had been hard fought with Carlisle's greater batting depth winning through. In game two against the lowly rated Coles we slumped to an embarrassing 6 for 12 before finally reaching our lowest total for the season of 56. In return Coles made 70.

Still, even with two defeats in our first two games, there were encouraging signs starting to emerge. First year player Graham Wearing had quickly adjusted to the tempo of grade cricket and was doing good things with both bat and ball. As well Chris Gray, John Collier, John Czerw and first year player Dave Stoate were all showing flashes of their batting potential that indicated they could form the backbone of the team's batting.

"Rooster" behind the stumps, in his new role as vice captain was showing a great deal of coolness and maturity with both bat and gloves and the attack with Mark O'Keefe as spearhead, backed up with Graham Wearing, Des Heavens, Chris Gray, John Czerw, Gordon Dell and Kev Vanderwolf had plenty of variety.

Game three really stands out in my mind as one of the turning points of the season. The match was against Bayswater 4 - a very experienced line-up that had been a bogey team of past seasons. We managed to win this game in practically one Saturday and this victory heralded the start of an unbeaten run to the grand final. This game was also our first look at Alec Miller, a player of very good all-round talent and a person who was also able to hype up the rest of the team. Some of Alec's performances are recorded elsewhere in this year book but let me summarise his arrival as a huge plus to the finals hopes of the second team.

In game four we fielded a strong line-up against the then top side - Belmont, and thrashed them on their home ground. After bowling them out for 148 we struggled early before top side players in Steve Tucker and Glen Miller each hit fifties to ensure victory. However, for the record total scored that day, a lot of credit must go to "Rooster" who was unbeaten six short of his maiden hundred when the 75 over limit was completed.

By new year we had added veteran Ron Ballucci to our regular line-up and wins followed against Mt Lawley and then Districts - outright. After these two victories confidence was picking up and hopes were high that we were going to make the finals. An important game for us was against Maylands where we really had the opportunity to gauge our performances.

Although weakened by the loss of Alec Miller and Peter Pollard to the top side we managed to overcome a bad start and with good depth in our batting mainly through efforts by Glen Miller, Graham Wearing and Peter Kontor, we were able to set Maylands a total of near 200, which was to prove a total they never really looked like getting. They appeared unable to get on top of our attack and backed up with good fielding this proved the difference. Two months later it was to prove the same.

We completed the home and away season with wins against Rivervale and Stirling and qualified for the second semi-final with a 7 win 2 loss season ratio. Summaries of the second semi-final and grand final are covered on other pages of this year book.

A pleasing thing to come out of the season had been the ability of the players to play as a team instead of individuals. Throughout the season each player had contributed towards victory and it was pleasing to see many players make their highest score for the club during the season as well as many fine bowling and fielding performances.

I would just like to say in summary, that the premiership would not have been possible had it not been for the fine bunch of players that put together the second side, especially the players that played most of the season there. Their support for my decisions no matter how strange they appeared was a huge factor. To the players who played in the final 11 and the players who narrowly missed out, my sincere thanks. Finally I would like to thank the other members of the club and the committee for the support roles they contributed to the victory. Let's now look forward to going on with it in 2A.

2B GRADE GAME - SUMMARY - 1986/87

- GAME 1:** CARLISLE 6/163 decl. (O'Keefe 2/23, Heavens 2/29, Wearing 2/48) def. LM 127 (Dell 42, Gray 29) and 5/96 (Gray 28, Wearing 20).
- GAME 2:** COLES 70 (Wearing 4/13, O'Keefe 4/25, Dell 2/7) and 7/55 (Vanderwolf 3/6, Heavens 2/17) def. LM 56 (Pollard 26) and 134 (Wearing 45, P Collier 22, Stoate 22).
- GAME 3:** LM 5/123 (Stoate 35, Gray 33) def. BAYSWATER 93 (Vanderwolf 5/29).
- GAME 4:** LM 8/277 c.c. (Pollard 94 n.o., G Miller 71, Tucker 54) def. BELMONT 148 (A Miller 4/61, Wearing 3/21).
- GAME 5:** LM 196 (Gray 38, J Collier 34, Tucker 34, A Miller 22) and 7/135 (Wearing 39, Trainer 23 n.o., J Collier 21) def. MT LAWLEY 109 (Wearing 4/22, Czerw 3/12, Heavens 2/18).
- GAME 6:** LM 8/155 decl. (A Miller 53, Stoate 42) def. DISTRICTS 75 (A Miller 4/22, Heavens 3/5, Jackson 2/29) and 25 (A Miller 5/14).
- GAME 7:** LM 191 (G Miller 64, Wearing 47, Kontor 38) and 4/65 (Gray 41) def. MAYLANDS 129 (Heavens 3/47, Wearing 2/31).
- GAME 8:** LM 7/251 decl. (J Collier 56, Islip 41, G Miller 40, R Ballucci 36, Kontor 21 n.o.) def. RIVERVALE 145 (Gray 4/30, Dell 2/2, Trainer 2/15) and 3/51 (Trainer 3/12).
- GAME 9:** LM 203 (Czerw 68, Islip 53) and 5/31 (Thacker 21) def. STIRLING 176 (Islip 5/29, Wearing 3/39, Dell 2/5).

PLAYER PROFILE  
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GORDON LESLIE DELL (CAPTAIN)  
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AGE: 30  
Right hand bat, right arm fast/medium bowler

NICKNAME: Delly, Bloodnut

MATCHES:85, Batting: 687 runs at 7.01, 56 not out highest score,  
Bowling: 73 wickets at 18.19, best 4-18,  
Catches: 27

No one can take more credit than Gordon Dell for Lake Monger's meteoric rise to a Premiership in the 1986/87 season.

Dell was the man behind all the masterstrokes and he demonstrated an uncanny ability to get the best out of his players.

His personal statistics for the season were not outstanding, however, he did have his moments throughout the year. He was of course, fortunate enough to be able to sit back for most of the time and watch his strategies work perfectly, but at the same time, he was able to lead from the front when the situation demanded it.

Unfortunately for Carlisle, it was they who saw Dell's best performances in each of their three meetings. Firstly, Dell's face-saving innings of 42 in the season's pipe-opener, when Lake Monger were struggling at 8-75. Then in the New Year, with the scores tied in the one-day quarter-final, it was the popular skipper who sent Catchpole's stumps cartwheeling, to give Lake Monger victory on wickets lost. But it was March 8th 1987, that Dell had his greatest opportunity to show his troops his great fighting qualities.

With Graham Wearing, he scored the six last wicket runs in the second semi-final, to put his charges into the Grand Final, which ultimately led to the flag. Had they lost this match, which would have broken their seven match winning streak, it's hard to imagine them regrouping again to dispose of Maylands and then Carlisle in consecutive weeks.

Dell was fortunate to have a large number of talented first-year players at his disposal, but it was his ability to harness their talents, that was outstanding. Even after losing his spearhead O'Keefe, early in the year, he showed great faith in Alec Miller, Wearing, Czerw, Heavens and Gray; and it was these bowlers who did what he asked of them all season.

Added to this attack, he introduced Glen Miller and Brett Islip for the final matches of the year.



Earlier in the season, experienced swing bowler Kevin Vanderwolf was used with success when required. Vanderwolf was the perfect example of Dell's "horses for courses" policy, which worked to perfection.

On the batting side, he persevered with a regular batting order in two-day matches and this paid dividends. Openers, Gray and John Collier, were compatible and consistent throughout, while first-year player, "Norm" Stoate was a "find" in the troublesome first drop position. At number six, was the side's batsman of the year, Peter "Rooster" Pollard, who scored at will and was a greatly improved player. It was the Captain's instruction, that in two-day games, his top order batsmen get through to tea with minimum loss and they did the job consistently well, allowing the stroke-makers, Alec and Glen Miller, Ballucci, Czerw, Islip and Wearing, to capitalise in the final session of play.

During the course of the year, Dell also destroyed the myth that he couldn't catch. At mid-off, he encouraged his bowlers and fielders earnestly and held most catches that came his way, including some very difficult ones - all with a minimum of fuss.

This was Gordon Dell, the Premiership Captain in 1986/87, popular with players, umpires and opposition alike, well-organised, determined, meticulous in his homework and single-minded in his quest for a flag.

Perhaps he did under-bowl himself, but he did not over-bowl himself and that is the man to a tee; a great team-man and leader of men.

He did not bat all that often either, but he was never out of the game, always talking, encouraging, evaluating.

He had the respect of his players, and they would do anything for him in the search of that elusive pennant, and they did and more.

This was Gordon Dell's greatest cricketing year and greatest cricketing achievement, an enormous effort when one considers that the side lost it's first two matches and at the time, had never won three matches in a row in its previous seven years of existence.

The stuff fairy-tales are made of, "and you did it Gordon Leslie Dell," and we salute you!

PLAYER PROFILE

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PETER VIVIAN POLLARD (Vice-Captain)

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AGE: 25  
Right hand bat, wicket-keeper

NICKNAME: Rooster

MATCHES: 25, Batting: 401 runs at 16.71, 94 not out highest score,  
Bowling: 0 wicket for 23,  
Catches: 46

Peter "Rooster" Pollard came to prominence in 1986/87, as an outstanding wicket-keeper/batsman, in the 2B grade. After his appointment as the side's Vice-Captain in October, "Rooster's" cricket improved markedly from his previous performances, but it was his batting prowess which was accentuated.

In second-side two-day matches, "Rooster" finished the season with 178 runs at 44.50, a tremendous effort from a man whose top-score prior to this season, was just 39.

Signs of "Rooster's" batting potential had been revealed late in 1985/86, but his efforts this season, far exceeded any expectations. Given the job as the side's anchor-man in the middle to late order, "Rooster" performed his role to perfection.

Early in the season, defiant, albeit painstaking performances against Carlisle and Coles for knocks of 17 and 26, held the Lake Monger innings together, enabling his bowlers to at least have a target to bowl at.

"Rooster" combined his stubborn batting with his customary immaculate work behind the stumps, and his role in the field of 'gee-ing up' his team-mates and irritating the opposition, all proved assets to the team.

November 30th 1986 was "Rooster's" day, however. On this day, with his team in a spot of bother at 4-37 chasing 149 for victory against Belmont, "Rooster" battled beautifully in scoring an unbeaten 94, as Lake Monger rallied to muster a record score of 8-277.

It was as if "Rooster's" dour efforts earlier, were that of a caged lion, as on this day, after a grafting 31 not out by drinks in two and a half hours, "Rooster" went beserk after 5pm, to belt up a further 63 before stumps were drawn.

"Rooster" figured in two consecutive record partnerships during this now famous innings, firstly with Steve "Mega" Tucker of 89 for the 5th wicket and then with Glen Miller of 128 for the 6th wicket. This performance gained "Rooster" a place in the 1B grade, and there he remained for all but one match for the remainder of the season, until the finals series.

Immediately, "Rooster" proved his value to the side, with solid glove-work in the two finals matches, but again, it was batting that took on the higher profile.

In the Grand Final, with his team in trouble at 6-57, the scene was set for "Rooster" to play a real Vice-Captain's innings, and that he did!

With Maylands applying relentless pressure, "Rooster" coolly defied the odds in a valuable partnership with John Czerw, which, in the end, was a Premiership-winning union. "Rooster's" own contribution of 21, was the equal top-score of this low-scoring contest and in the final analysis, went a long way towards clinching the flag.

Late on the first day of the Final, when Lake Monger were searching for early Maylands wickets, "Rooster" produced arguably his best catch of the year, when he dived full-length to his right to catch Samytowski in his outstretched right glove, as Maylands slipped to 2-8. This was just the tonic the side needed and they followed this up by taking another 3-3 that evening, with "Rooster" again figuring, this time in the run-out of the 5th wicket.

At the end of "Rooster's" brilliant season, where he enjoyed unprecedented success, it was perhaps fitting that the Grand Final co-incided with "Rooster's" twenty-fifth birthday, and at the end of that game, it could be said that all "Rooster's" birthdays had come at once!

PLAYER PROFILE

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RONALD WAYNE BALLUCCI (Deputy Vice-Captain)

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AGE: 28  
Right hand bat, right arm leg-spin bowler

NICKNAME: The Barrel

MATCHES:77, Batting: 1224 runs at 13.16, 73 highest score,  
Bowling: 69 wickets at 17.29, best 5-21,  
Catches: 42 plus 1 stumping

The champagne bottles finally cracked open for Ron Ballucci on March 22, 1987, after a decade of disappointment.

One of the surviving members of Lake Monger's early days of the seventies, Ballucci was a shock inclusion in the Grand Final team. Despite indifferent form, his selection seemed based upon his ability to "gee up" his team-mates, as much as on his recent batting performances, but nevertheless, he was welcomed back into the team, for what could have been his last chance of glory.

A shattered man, after his dismissal at 4-36, there was no happier man a little over a day later, (with the exception of Dell) when Lake Monger secured the Premiership from under Mayland's noses.

Ballucci's season was interrupted, in fact, he didn't appear in a second-side match, until the fifth two-day fixture of the year.

His lack of pre-season reflected in his batting, as he struggled for runs. It seemed, gone were the days of the famous "Ballucci's shots", the cuts over slips and gully and the flashing drives, as he scored at a near-pedestrian rate in some matches.

Eleven singles against Maylands, brought him his highest score at Empire Avenue in round 7, but in the next match, it was the "Ballucci of old" at his best.

A sizzling 36 from the desperate Rivervale side, saw the acting Vice-Captain return to top form and only impatience, cost Ballucci a certain 50 in that innings.

In the field, Ballucci added confidence to all those around him, with his constant encouraging and talk. He was the ideal team-man.

At times, his leg-spinners proved their value, a wicket in the one-dayer against Carlisle, put Lake Monger back in the game and he was his side's most successful bowler, in the losing one-day Grand Final effort against Stirling.

His slip-fielding, as usual, was of the highest order and bowlers found an extra yard, when they saw a slip-cordon of the likes of Ballucci, Heavens and Stoate.

A controversial selection in the 1C grade, the year before, seemed to have robbed him of his chance of playing in a Premiership side, then a duck in the one-day Grand Final, left him devastated, but when Maylands collapsed for a paltry 73, just six weeks later, all those bitter memories were erased for Ron Ballucci, with the sweet taste of success, which comes with a Grand Final victory.

A decade of perseverance for Ron Ballucci, was rewarded in the best possible way.

1986/87 was the "Barrels" year.

PLAYER PROFILE

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JOHN WALLACE COLLIER

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AGE: 20  
Right hand bat, right arm off-spin bowler

NICKNAME: Collie Dog

MATCHES: 36, Batting: 543 runs at 11.55, 56 highest score,  
Bowling: 9 wickets at 31.44, best 1-0,  
Catches: 15

As the only player, with the exception of his Captain, to represent the second-side in all of its 15 matches in 1986/87, it was perhaps fitting that John Collier had the honour of clutching the catch that won Lake Monger the 2B grade Grand Final on March 22nd.

Second only to his opening partner, Chris Gray, in the season's batting aggregates, Collier was one of the 'unsung heroes' of the Lake Monger Premiership campaign. His efforts with the bat were painstaking and dour, but his ability to figure in big partnerships with more aggressive partners was phenomenal.

Over the course of the year, he featured in no less than 7 partnerships in excess of 50, two for the first-wicket with Gray in consecutive innings (57 and 84), one for the second (53 with Wearing), one for the fourth (68 with Ballucci), two for the fifth (69 with Tucker and 54 with Glen Miller), and 54 (a Club record) with Wearing for the tenth wicket. All these partnerships, except the latter, were after Collier had opened the innings and illustrated his ability to bat for long periods of time.

He spent more time in the middle than any other player, and whilst his scores may not have been significant, his value to the team was enormous.

He recorded his maiden half-centuries in the new year, with 53 not out, when he batted throughout the innings in the one-dayer against Carlisle and a laborious 56 scored off 58 overs in 220 minutes against Rivervale. Although not attractive to watch, this gritty opener was to prove the scourge of both Carlisle and Maylands in the final's series, when he scored just 23 runs in four and a quarter hours off 76 overs, while eight partners lost their wickets.

In the second-semi, his marathon innings of 20, set up what was in the end, an exciting victory, after he and Stoate took the score to 2-54 in search of 117, before the customary Lake Monger collapse. In the Grand Final, Collier was at his "stone-walling" best, if it could be termed that, producing the now legendary feat of taking 70 minutes to score his first run. In trying conditions, he survived a harrowing 99 minutes against the moving ball, before the heavens opened, and his demise at 5-43, coincided with much improved batting conditions after the downpour.

A tribute to his powers of concentration, came by way of his team-mates, who claimed that, even after he was out, his shadow still remained at the crease. He occupied the crease for over 22 hours during the season, at an average of 90 minutes at a time and at times, his wicket was more keenly sought by opposition teams than any other player.

A useful fielder, Collier relished the backward square-leg position and it was here, that he held most of his catches, including the most celebrated catch of all, that gave he and his team-mates their greatest moment in cricket.

PLAYER PROFILE  
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PAUL DOUGLAS COLLIER  
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AGE: 20  
Right hand bat, right arm slow/medium bowler

NICKNAME: Collie Dog, the 'lesser'

MATCHES: 35, Batting: 454 runs at 9.46, 39 highest score,  
Bowling: 8 wickets at 27.62, best 2-19,  
Catches: 10

A talented, top-order batsman, who was unfortunate, in that he had limited opportunities to cement a place in the team, early in the year.

Collier appeared in only three matches, batting in two of these - both at Empire Avenue, when he was required to pad up after disastrous starts on each occasion.

His most impressive innings, was a knock of 22 in the second match of the year, when Lake Monger, after losing first innings points, were effectively 3 for minus 9 in their second innings. With Stoate, he added the hitherto best partnership of the match, to give his side some chance of avoiding outright defeat.

However, despite making third-top-score of the match, he lost his place before he had another innings, and was not recalled again until the top-of-the-table clash with Maylands in round 7.

In between second-side appearances, Collier was an integral part of the third side's one-day Premiership and he derived some consolation from this.

With his brother, John, and "Norm" Stoate, occupying two of the top three batting spots for most of the season, and with "Tank" Trainer also vying for a place, "the lesser" had to wait in the wings, for an opportunity that never really came his way.



## PLAYER PROFILE

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JOHN PAUL CZERW

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AGE: 30  
Right hand bat, right arm medium/fast bowler

NICKNAME: Johnny

MATCHES: 27, Batting: 520 runs at 17.33, 68 highest score,  
Bowling: 12 wickets at 18.92, best 3-7,  
Catches: 11

John Czerw was certainly the most enigmatic of the Lake Monger Premiership team. A man blessed with an enormous amount of natural ability and individual flair, Czerw nevertheless found it exceedingly difficult to achieve any level of consistency in his game.

As an attacking batsman, he could be brilliant on his day, however, more often than not, he was his own worst enemy, producing an indiscreet or rash shot that led to the premature termination of many of his innings.

Fortunately, just to add further fuel to the 'enigma' theory, he produced his best innings when they were most needed by his team, no more so than his score of 23 in the second-semi, which arguably was the best innings of the entire finals series.

Another characteristic of John's play, was his uncanny knack of falling to incredible catches. He stated prior to the Districts match, that this was so and complained about how unfair this was, and after his dismissal in this match, to an utterly amazing catch again, his team-mates sympathetically shook their heads and agreed with him. It seemed Czerw's poor run of scores would never end, any and every batsman requires some luck to break a trough of moderate scores.

When his luck came, it came in massive proportions. A subdued innings of 68 against Stirling, where he featured in a record 5th wicket partnership of 102, with Brett Islip, resurrected Czerw's batting career. This innings was totally out of character for this free-scoring stroke-maker, his first 49 of this knock, being comprised of ones and twos, with the exception of one boundary hit. He broke the shackles with an enormous six, to register his half-century and from this point on, he never looked back.

His contributions of 23 in the semi and 21 in the Grand Final, need no further emphasis here, as to their value in winning the flag. Czerw was an adaptable and versatile cricketer of the highest order. He could open the batting when required, (his preferred position) or slot in anywhere between number 4 and 9. His ability to drive the quick bowlers was a treat, and his statistics of 221 runs in all second side matches in 1986/87, lay testimony to his ability.

But it wasn't just with the bat that John proved an asset to the side. As a change bowler, he could produce a superb delivery or spell, seemingly out of the blue, his spell of 3-6 against Mount Lawley, being his greatest solo effort in swinging the fortunes of a match with the ball.

In the one-day series, he provided his Captain with any extra option by doubling up as an opening bowler.

Czerw also possessed a bullet-like arm from close range and when given the chance of a run-out from a direct-hit, he was almost an even money bet. In fact, in the Grand Final, he missed running out the last man with a direct hit by the narrowest of margins.

Like his batting, "Johnny's" fielding could be erratic. He missed some relatively simple chances over the course of the year, however, by the same token, he took some absolute 'blinders', just to prove what a mercurial player he was. His catch in the Districts match, when the ball appeared well past him, will be remembered for many a day.

PLAYER PROFILE

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O'NEIL JOSEPH "NEIL" FERNANDES

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AGE: 30  
Right hand bat, right arm medium/fast bowler

NICKNAME: O.J.

MATCHES:22, Batting: 384 runs at 14.22, 60 highest score,  
Bowling: 28 wickets at 16.32, best 6-31,  
Catches: 4

The Club's 1982/83 "Best and Fairest" winner, Neil Fernandes, returned to the Club in 1985/86 like the prodigal son and had an outstanding summer in the thirds.

High hopes were held that he could reproduce that form in the seconds in 1986/87, however, he soon informed the Club's hierarchy, that his game would be severely limited, due to a discomfoting back injury.

Even so, O.J.'s batting prowess was good enough to earn him a spot at number four, in the side's opening game against Carlisle.

After looking comfortable to his first few deliveries, it soon became obvious to all and sundry, that O.J. had absolutely no confidence against the short-pitched ball. This lack of confidence stemmed back to an incident in the previous summer and on seeing O.J.'s dislike for the ball around his ears, Carlisle's attack proceeded to pepper the batsman with "throat-balls".

Not surprisingly, O.J. in self-preservation, edged one to point and that was the end of his season.

Totally out of confidence, O.J. faded out of the limelight quietly and Lake Monger was worse off for it.

As a batsman, no longer will we see his flashing blade, no longer as a man, will we see his flashing white teeth and no longer as a bowler will O.J. "give 'em curry!".

PLAYER PROFILE  
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VINCE FURFARO  
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AGE: 30  
Right hand bat, right arm leg-spinner

NICKNAME: Vincey (not come home )

MATCHES:49, Batting: 591 runs at 9.38, 29 highest score,  
Bowling: 1 wicket at 83.00, best 1-3,  
Catches: 26

Vince Furfaro disappointed in his two two-day appearances against Carlisle and G.J. Coles. After an outstanding 1985/86 season, when Furfaro was by far the side's highest run-getter, he struggled early and was relegated to the thirds, where he performed soundly.

Recalled for the one-day series, Furfaro showed his value as a good team player, with some consistent efforts. Particular mention should be made of his innings against Bayswater, where he figured in good partnerships with the belligerent Thacker and the hard-hitting O'Keefe.

Then, again in the Grand Final of the one-day series, he paired with Thacker to almost pull the game 'out of the fire' with a timely partnership of 30. Furfaro was unlucky, in that of his six outings in the seconds, the side won only one of these matches. While he was turning out in the seconds unsuccessful one-day Grand Final side, his usual team-mates were toasting an unlikely victory in the thirds.

The season highlight for this likeable battler, was the one-dayer against G.J. Coles, where his looping leg-spinners accounted for two batsmen for no runs from four deliveries.

Perhaps, when the Captain reflects in years to come on this golden summer, this may be something to contemplate. Bob Holland was 38 when first picked for Australia, Vincey still has a few years to work at his art...

PLAYER PROFILE

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CHRISTOPHER JOHN GRAY

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AGE: 26  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: Crispies

MATCHES:17, Batting: 433 runs at 16.04, 46 highest score,  
Bowling: 16 wickets at 16.00, best 4-30,  
Catches: 6

Chris Gray maintained his 'perfect' record in two-day matches for Lake Monger in 1986/87, when he came away from trophy night with his second Premiership medallion, to add to the one he received in his debut season the year before.

One of only two players to have the honour of representing the Club in two Grand Final successes, Gray proved himself as a class all-rounder over the course of the season.

Although the big score eluded him, Gray, who was used primarily as an opener, was the side's most prolific scoring batsman, totalling 234 runs in two-day matches, plus a further 64 in the one-day series, for a season's aggregate of 298. A model of consistency early in the season, he put together successive scores of 29, 28, 33 and 38 prior to Christmas. In the new-year, he found runs harder to come by, but in between a top score in round 7 of 41 against Maylands, he contributed valuable runs in the one-day series, with knocks of 21, 25 and 18.

With John Collier, he established a good understanding as one of the team's openers and playing the more aggressive role, while Collier performed the sheet-anchor. He figured in good stands of 57 against Bayswater, 84 against Mount Lawley, 33 against Carlisle and 40 again against Bayswater.

With the ball, Gray was a valuable member of the attack, being required to take on the role of a stock-bowler more often than not. Added to this, he illustrated a remarkable ability to break partnerships, and in this capacity, Gray thrived, and his performance in taking 13 wickets at 14.54 in two-day matches was outstanding.

He managed to keep a check on the scoring at all times and varied his bowling intelligently, with some surprisingly nasty bouncers, which put the opposition on the back foot.

It was in the one-day series, that his bowling took on a higher profile, where he and Des Heavens were called upon to bowl economically, in the middle of the innings. He conceded just 74 runs from 22 overs in these matches, as well as snaring 6 wickets. A safe catcher and good out-fielder, Gray was in the game all the time and his contribution to the team as an all-rounder was substantial.

One of the more outspoken members of the team, Gray made the now classic quotation to his Captain, after Dell had brought him into the attack, with Bayswater already nine wickets down in round 3. After bowling the last man out, with only his second delivery, Gray claimed he was "grossly under-bowled". This comment was to be humorously repeated many times over the year, as Gray sought an introduction to the bowling crease.

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DESMOND HEAVENS

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AGE: 32  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: Dessie Boy, Boy

MATCHES:72, Batting: 880 runs at 11.43, 100 not out highest score,  
Bowling: 104 wickets at 18.58, best 8-56,  
Catches: 47

Another of the "unsung heroes" of the Lake Monger Premiership campaign, Des Heavens could consider himself extremely unlucky not to get a berth in either of the finals matches.

An erratic performer from past seasons, Heavens added new-found discipline to his game in 1986/87 and was rewarded with the "Captain's Trophy" at the conclusion of the season, in recognition of his consistent efforts.

A steady medium-pacer, Heavens was an unobtrusive player within an eleven that contained numerous "star" players, however, this did not stop him from being his side's highest wicket-taker in two-day qualifying matches, with 14 wickets at an average of 12.79 from 65.2 economical overs.

Des appeared in all two-day matches with the exception of the Belmont game and he performed the role of stock-bowler to perfection, being able to effectively tie up one end for long enough for the strike-bowlers to have a spell.

It was in the Districts match that Heavens recorded his best figures for the season of 3-5, in the process, reaching the milestone of 100 wickets for the Club, and thus becoming only the fifth man to do so.

Heavens also was a valuable player in the one-day series, where he was required to bowl out his eight overs economically in the middle of the innings. Always difficult to get away, bowling a nagging length and at the stumps at all times, he was a Captain's dream and was one of the first men picked when the one-day team was selected.

One of only four players to have scored a hundred for the Club, Heavens had a poor season with the bat, scoring 33 runs in two-day matches. His top-score was 11, after going in as night-watchman against Rivervale.

After some determined innings in the opening two fixtures, where he occupied the crease for sometime, figuring in face-saving partnerships with firstly, Dell and then Pollard, he then endured an horrific run, in fact, his duck in the second innings of the second match, was to be the start of a drought that was not to be broken until six matches later. In between, he managed just two runs, much to the amusement of his team-mates.

As one of the more reliable fielders in the team, Heavens grasped six catches over the year, mainly in the slip cordon.

However, at the end of the year, Des's efforts were not enough for him to gain a place in the elite eleven, that went on to Premiership glory.

This was a great disappointment to the unassuming medium-pacer, who found himself as drinks waiter on Grand Final day. If ever a man deserved to be in the Grand Final team it was "Dessie Boy", the side's leading wicket-taker of the season, however, with the likes of the Miller brothers coming back into the team, somebody had to miss out.



## PLAYER PROFILE

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BRETT ISLIP

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AGE: 17  
Right hand bat, right-arm fast bowler

NICKNAME: -

MATCHES:7, Batting: 141 runs at 20.14, 53 highest score,  
Bowling: 24 wickets at 7.04, best 7-5,  
Catches: 2

Class! In a word, that was Brett Islip. This seventeen-year-old rookie arrived unheralded at the Club in December, and immediately impressed all and sundry, with some amazing solo efforts in the thirds.

He almost single-handedly won the thirds two one-day matches, to earn a spot in the Grand Final, before going on to his greatest performance, in round 6, when he demolished Point Heathcote, to inflict an outright defeat in one day, by taking a total of 11 wickets for just 5 runs in the match.

If his bowling had been his main forte in the thirds, he showed that he had more than one string to his bow, when his two appearances for the seconds in qualifying matches, produced elegant knocks of 41 against Rivervale and 53 against Stirling.

Added to this, after a wayward performance at Middleton Park, his effort with the ball against Stirling, was staggering. His 21 overs returned 5-29, with 10 maidens, including an incredible spell of 5-7 from 52 deliveries, these wickets being the first five Stirling wickets to fall, for a total of 97.

With John Czerw, he re-wrote the record books during his innings of 53, when the pair added 102 for the 5th wicket, to rescue their side from 4-33. This innings provoked an angry response from a nearby resident, who on having an Islip six land in his backyard, claimed he was "sick of having cricket balls land in my pool!"

Off to the finals and again Brett showed his class. By now he was bowling with genuine pace and hostility and was clearly the side's fastest bowler, although he was held back, as the side's "shock" bowler in these matches, coming on to replace Alec Miller, after his opening spell.

In both finals, Brett proved hard to get away, conceding only 26 runs from 19.1, with two wickets.

He made the batsmen play at every ball, never wasting a delivery and although his figures don't show it, he bowled exceptionally well. Even when hampered by a toe injury in the Grand Final, he took 1-2 off 7 overs with 6 maidens, in a magnificent performance, snaring the prized wicket of Dickinson. His first 40 deliveries were not scored from!

With the exception of Czerw, he was the only batsman to reach double-figures in both finals matches, batting attractively for scores of 12 and 17, before getting himself out, when he looked set for a big score.

If this wasn't enough, his fielding in the Grand Final to set up the run-out, was simply brilliant, and the lad was not fully fit!

Brett's statistics of 123 runs at 30.75, as well as 7 wickets for 92 from 59.1 overs with 27 maidens, a fifty, and a record partnership, reveal to some extent, just what a class player Brett Islip was.

The seconds can consider themselves very fortunate indeed, that this outstanding cricketer, who we used to call "Hoggy", when he bowled to us in the nets years earlier, chose 1986-87 to play for Lake Monger.

Hopefully, he will go on to bigger and better things in his cricket career, but one hopes he will also remember where he "learnt" his cricket, at the Teakwood nets, with the Lake Monger boys!

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MAX JACKSON

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AGE: 22  
Right hand bat, right arm medium/fast bowler

NICKNAME: Jacko

MATCHES:18, Batting: 317 runs at 14.41, 47 highest score,  
Bowling: 38 wickets at 16.47, best 5-41,  
Catches: 6

Some players step into a top-team, only when short-term vacancies arise, fill the gap with a minimum fuss, and then they are out of the team as quickly as they were in.

One such player in the Lake Monger Premiership campaign of 1986/87, was all-rounder Max Jackson.

Injury restricted his appearances in 1986/87 to just 2 matches, with only one of these in the seconds.

Max received his call up for the round 6 clash with Districts, when he replaced the unavailable Grahan Wearing. Opening the bowling with Alec Miller, Max's swing bowling was to prove too much for the shallow Districts batting. His first seven overs, produced a wicket and just two scoring shots and his spell in tandem with the fiery Miller, reduced the opposition innings to a shambles.

His final reward of 2-29 from 13 overs, was not a true indication of his bowling that day, but it was in the second innings, that Max featured in the total capitulation of Districts.

With Miller, he combined to rout Districts, albeit four men short, for an embarrassing 25 all out, to give Lake Monger outright points.

The last four wickets crumbled without addition to the score, as Max sent Irwin on his way, to set Miller up for his hat-trick.

An ideal replacement for Wearing, Max, if fit, could quite easily have commanded a permanent spot in the eleven, however, injury was to plague him, and he was not to appear in two-day matches again, in this season.

A consolation for Max, or perhaps even a greater personal achievement, was his selection and form in the thirds one-day Premiership team. He found the rigours of the one-day game less hazardous to his ankle injury, where he could bowl out his eight overs and be done with, and his efforts for the thirds, although when not fully fit, were quite outstanding nevertheless.

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PETER DAVID KONTOR  
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AGE: 30  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler, wicket-keeper

NICKNAME: -

MATCHES:55, Batting: 881 runs at 13.35, 68 highest score,  
Bowling: 11 wickets at 23.64, best 2-4,  
Catches: 103, plus 7 stumpings

Peter Kontor experienced a rapid fall from grace, from the half-way mark of the season. At Christmas time, he had established himself as the top-side's wicket-keeper and was performing solidly, if not spectacularly.

With the bat, he was also acquitting himself well, but his exclusion from the tops in round 6, was more to do with accomodating Peter "Rooster" Pollard with the glovesman job in the 1B grade, than anything else.

"Rooster's" outstanding batting form in the seconds, meant the tops couldn't play two wicket-keepers and in order to qualify Kontor for the second sides final series, he played the final four games of the year in the 2B grade, plus turning out for the seconds in two one-day matches, including the Grand Final.

His form in the seconds was consistent as usual and his innings of 38 against Maylands in round 7, went a long way towards the side's eventual Premiership. With Glen Miller, he helped repair the Lake Monger innings, after it had earlier been in tatters at 6-30.

His aggressive batting, although unorthodox, was a frustration to opposition attacks, and his ability to put together quick runs in the mid to late order, was a bonus to his team.

With Islip, he added 32 in just 19 balls for the 7th wicket against Rivervale, his own contribution, 21 not out from only 13 deliveries. In the same match, his glove work was slick, claiming five victims behind the stumps, including a record three stumpings, all from "Tank's" bowling.

However, late in the season, his batting fell away and after managing only 1 run in his two outings against Stirling in round 9, he was overlooked for both finals matches.

With "Rooster" assuming the keeping duties in the finals, Kontor's season came to an early end, but undoubtedly, his individual highlight for the season, was his catch against Districts, while fielding at point, that gave Alec Miller his "hat-trick". A great moment indeed, for all those who witnessed it and one would not be untruthful, if they admitted that when that "hat-trick ball" was edged at catchable height, that one prayed it was not coming in one's own direction.

History has shown, that "hat-trick balls" are traditionally hard to catch, but Peter Kontor, even without his customary wicket-keeping gloves, made no mistake of it, as Alec Miller went down in history, as only the second man to take a "hat-trick" for Lake Monger in two-day matches.

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JOHN KEITH KREIBICH

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AGE: 25  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: -

MATCHES:7, Batting: 90 runs at 9.00, 23 highest score,  
Bowling: 2 wickets at 19.50, best 2-26,  
Catches: 4

One look at Keith Kreibich out in the middle, is enough to reveal his class. Here is a stylish batsman in the classical mould, who potentially could be anything.

His appearance at Lake Monger, at the start of the season, had many in exited states of expectation, as they heralded this new saviour, a craftsman in the same mould as "Crackers" Keenan.

A class act in the thirds, justified his immediate promotion to the tops for the next five rounds, before a series of relative failures, saw the Victorian's relegation to the seconds, for the showdown with top-side Maylands.

Keith was not well known amongst his second-side peers and it was his Captain, who was to pay the penalty the day after, for taking the time out to get to know this likeable drinker, on a social basis.

A few drinks revealed that Keith was, in fact, a Victorian legend, and a few more, a man who, as a lad, had scored a record 197 run-out, and who at any time, was quite capable of reproducing this breathtaking form.

A trophy at his home was testimony to the run avalanche, however, in his sole appearance in the seconds in 1986/87, no such repeats of famous past deeds materialised.

Keith managed only 3 and 1 and was promptly "relegated", not to play again in any grade in the season.

A dashing cover-fielder, Keith impressed with a rocket-like arm and contributed well in a desperate Lake Monger outfit, that was to run out two batsmen, in safely defending their total, to snatch top-spot on the ladder away from Maylands.

In a season where many legends joined the Club, (Tucker, Miller, Wearing, Islip etc.) Keith's legendary efforts were restricted to the area of the bar, but his tales were no less impressive than any of Kev "Candles" greatest efforts, on that swinging, seaming pitch, and sometimes batting paradise of the bar stool!



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ALEC MILLER

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AGE: 28  
Right hand bat, right arm fast bowler

NICKNAME: "General"

Matches: 9,  
Batting: 142 runs at 14.20, 53 highest score,  
Bowling: 22 wickets at 13.77, best 5-14,  
Catches: 1

The roots of Lake Monger's success in 1986/87, could be traced back to the influence of "Killer" O'Keefe in the opening fixtures. However, after "Killer's" untimely demise from the scene, it was first-year player, Alec Miller, who came to the fore as the side's new spearhead.

A man exuding self-confidence and all-round cricketing ability, Miller quickly established himself as a key figure in the side's make-up. But it was not just on the field, that Miller was a vital member of the team. Off the field, he proved "innovative" and his most celebrated effort, was that of "flag-man" in the Grand Final.

After Lake Monger had batted on day one, Miller was quick to volunteer to set the flags on the second day, as Maylands chased their victory target. Miller, true to his word, set the flags back a further 5 metres from the lawful 75 metres, and it was not until the umpires measured the distance, that the "miscalculation" was detected.

At this point in time, Miller's Captain, Dell, was required to diplomatically explain to the umpires, that his fast-bowler had made an "honest" mistake. Nobody really imagined that Alec would attempt this "swifty" right in front of the Maylands players and supporters, but he did, and would have got away with it, if not for the intervention of the umpires. Unbelievable!

It was this type of single-mindedness, that was characteristic of the way Alec approached the game. At times, one didn't know whether to take Alec seriously, as he claimed to have done "this and that", and given the opportunity, he would do "this and that" again.

However, the remarkable thing was, that he invariably did! The man seemed to have the Midas touch!

A flashing drive to the cover boundary, from the first ball he received for the Club, was an early indication of Alec's enigmatic ability.

However, it wasn't until January, that Alec hit his straps. The match against Districts was somewhat of a danger game, but Districts were to come away, a demoralised unit, after Alec, almost single-handedly blasted them into oblivion.

Firstly with the new ball, Alec put the skids under Districts, at one stage, taking 4-8 from 40 deliveries for a return of 4-22. Asking his Captain for a promotion in the batting, to the number 5 position, despite a top-score of only 22 in five matches, Alec, as he had promised, registered his maiden fifty for the Club, adding a record 4th wicket partnership with "Norm" Stoate, to win first innings points.

Returning to action upon the start of Districts second innings, Alec ensured the match was over within the twinkling of an eye, as his career-best 5-14 from 39 deliveries, including a "hat-trick", skittled Districts out for a record low 25. Alec's five-for began all too predictably, when he comprehensively bowled the first batsman with his first delivery of the innings.

At the completion of his 6th over, he had 2-14, but three balls later, he had his 'hat-trick" and Districts, batting four men short, were all out.

From this moment on, Miller was one of the most-feared bowlers in the grade, but it was not just his thunderbolts that had opposition players worried. His batting, with a new sense of purpose, was becoming prolific and he batted with contempt, bordering on arrogance in the ensuing one-day finals, with aggressive contributions of 31 in the semi and a brilliant 58 in the Grand Final.

Unfortunately for the seconds, his continued excellent form, saw Alec in the top-side until finals time, where he had his final opportunity to show his true class.

This came in the Grand Final, when with Wearing, he bowled his side to an unlikely win, with a magnificent haul of 5-43 from 20.2 overs.

A man of great character, Miller possessed an ability to inspire his team-mates to greater heights and his leadership ability, combined with his ability to set an example, were catalysts in Lake Monger's dream-run to the Premiership.

The man with the "Midas-Touch" did not play in a losing Lake Monger side in two-day matches, he also bowled the delivery that clinched the Premiership.

What remains to be said about the man ....

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GLEN SHAND MILLER

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AGE: 24  
Right hand bat, right arm fast bowler

NICKNAME: -

MATCHES:10, Batting: 233 runs at 23.30, 71 highest score,  
Bowling: 6 wickets at 30.33, best 3-35,  
Catches: 2

If one word could be used to describe Glen Miller as a cricketer, it would be 'aggressive'. Glen was aggressive in everything he did, whether it was with bat, ball, or mouth. With the willow in his hand, he couldn't wait to take the long-handle to the opposition bowlers, also, with the red 'cherry' he was very fast and hostile and his general manner towards the opposition in the field, could hardly be described as gentlemanly.

Heralded on his arrival at the Club at the start of the 1986/87 season, as a quick bowler of genuine quality, Glen found it difficult to cement a regular position in the top-side. Playing in a team with an abundance of quick bowlers, Glen was denied opportunity, and on his relegation to the seconds he immediately made an impact.

However, it was with the bat that Glen shone in his second-side appearances, even though his efforts with the ball were solid, rather than spectacular.

In his second-side debut, Glen featured with 'Rooster', to add the first-ever and record partnership for the team, when they put on 128 for the 6th wicket against the then, top-side Belmont. Glen's enterprising innings of 71 was made in even time and he, together with 'Rooster' and Steve Tucker, were instrumental in helping the side to a Club-record score of 8-277 that November day.

This performance saw Glen go back to the tops, but he was back again for the top-of-the-table clash with Maylands in round 7. It was here that Glen demonstrated his previous un-tapped fighting qualities with the bat, when he, in most uncharacteristic fashion, scored 64, after going to the wicket with his side in dire straits at 6-30.

Maylands, in the first hour, had taken all before them, as Lake Monger collapsed abysmally at Empire Avenue, but with firstly, Peter Kontor and later, Graham Wearing, Miller resurrected the innings, so much so, that Maylands were set a target they were to find too difficult. With Wearing, Glen re-wrote the record books with an 8th wicket partnership of 88, which was far and away the best exhibition of batting by two mid to late order, witnessed all season.

In the next match, Miller was at it again, with a blistering 40 against Rivervale, for a total of 175 runs in qualifying matches at an average of 58.33.

His statistics with the ball were less impressive, but with his brother Alec, Wearing, Czerw, Gray, Heavens and Islip, he formed a formidable attack.

He, along with Alec and Islip, provided the genuine pace to what otherwise, was no more than a steady, tidy attack.

Though his performances in the Finals with the bat, were below expectations, it was his bowling that was more prominent. His pace in the second-semi against Carlisle, was scintillating, as his figures of 0-10 off 10 overs with 6 maidens, suggest. Used as a second-change bowler in this match, he was quicker than any other such bowler in the competition and he surprised Eddie Munro with his pace, causing the batsman to take some painful blows on the body.

Again used sparingly in the Grand Final, Glen conceded only 2 runs from three of the most hostile overs seen all season. In the closing stages of this tense match, Glen's tongue proved an invaluable asset to his team as he unleashed a verbal assault on the Maylands last pair, which was directed at Gibson. Gibson took the bait, gave a bit back in Glen's direction everytime Maylands reduced the deficit, but in the end, it was Glen who had the last word, when the vociferous batsman was out shortly after, to give Lake Monger the Premiership.

## PLAYER PROFILE

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MARK CHARLES O'KEEFE

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AGE: 24  
Right hand bat, Right arm fast bowler

NICKNAME: Killer

MATCHES:13, Batting: 160 runs at 11.43, 41 highest score,  
Bowling: 24 wickets at 14.42, best 4-25,  
Catches: 5

If ever a player bowled like a man possessed, it was "Killer" O'Keefe, in 1986/87. Was it the same man who appeared twice in the seconds the previous season and struggled with nerves, rhythm and direction?

O'Keefe came from virtual obscurity to become the fastest, most talked about and most feared bowler in the 2B grade, almost overnight.

However, like a comet, he was gone all too quickly and it was left to his comrades to do their bit in a more subtle, but equally effective way.

If Lake Monger were to win a flag, Dell needed a spearhead and it was O'Keefe, the unlikely quick, who stepped in to fill the breach.

From his first ball of the year, it was evident O'Keefe meant business and it didn't take long until he had his first victim. Carlisle master batsman Eddie Munro was made to look second-rate as he ducked and weaved until he too, became an O'Keefe victim.

Game two probably saw "Killer" at his best. Defending only 56, O'Keefe shell-shocked the Coles batting, as they scraped to first innings points. Then on the second day, in an effort to waste time in order to avoid an outright loss, Coles batted on into the second day at 9-70.

O'Keefe, who had worked from 5.30am that morning until 12.30pm, fruit-picking under a blazing sun, came out and bowled the last man with the first ball of the day, with a thunderbolt. We all thought he would, and he did, it was all so predictable. That was "Killer".

He added aggression to Lake Monger, an ingredient that had been lacking in recent years, and an ingredient that every good side has.

Coupled with his hostile bowling, he used verbal abuse to unsettle the opposition, with telling effect.

This was O'Keefe at his best, fast, fiery, aggressive, brutal and merciless. Batsmen paid dearly for an extended stay at the wicket and they were to feel it next morning.

In two-day matches, he took 8-91 off 65 overs, a remarkable effort made all the better, when it is considered that half these games were played on the small confines of Empire Avenue and that half the runs were scored off snicks over the slips. Twenty-seven of these relentless overs were maidens.

"Killer" made a brief return to the side for the one-day semi-final against his old 'friends' Bayswater, and enjoyed an outstanding performance of 32 runs in even time and 3-20 off eight deadly overs.

Although unavailable for the finals, "Killer's" spirit was there as Lake Monger marched on to their flag. It was O'Keefe who ignited the Lake Monger spark in 1986/87, a man desperate for success. In the first two games of the year, he showed how to counter adversity and it was from this, that his team-mates learned as the season progressed.

"Killer" O'Keefe had a pronounced influence on the 1986/87 Lake Monger Premiership and his deeds are now legendary.

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MICHAEL RAJECKI  
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AGE: 29  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: Rajeck

MATCHES:33, Batting: 310 runs at 9.39, 53 highest score,  
Bowling: 23 wickets at 19.91, best 4-61,  
Catches: 29

Mike Rajecki's appearances in the second side in 1986/87 were all too brief. Having been relieved of the captaincy from the previous season, it was hoped that his batting prowess would return and with this in mind, he was picked in the opening two games of the year.

After a double failure in the opening fixture, Rajecki was given the opportunity of batting at three and opening against G.J. Coles in the next match, however, he came away from this match without a run to his name and was not picked again in the seconds.

A determined top-order batsman who knew his limitations, useful change bowler and brilliant slip fielder, it was disappointing that Rajecki was not able to recapture his batting form of previous years.

His very presence in the slip cordon, albeit only for two matches, gave his bowlers and fielders confidence and his brilliant catch off the fiery O'Keefe on the first afternoon of the season, will long be remembered.

Later in the year, he was a member of the triumphant third side one-day Grand Final team.

PLAYER PROFILE

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DAVID STOATE

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AGE: 20  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: Normie

MATCHES: 8, Batting: 148 runs at 16.44, 42 highest score,  
Bowling: no bowling in two-day matches,  
Catches: 4

Sports history has shown that when a team reaches a Grand Final, team selection panels feel compelled to make changes to their side's line-up, irrespective of the individual players and team's performance in the preceding match. The reason for this inexplicable phenomenon is not clear, however, what is clear, is that on countless occasions one unlucky player is denied their chance to play in a Grand Final, while another steps in when a more rational selection process would have otherwise dismissed this.

"Norm" Stoate was one such unlucky player in the 1986/87 season, when he was omitted from the Grand Final team, after performing a more than servicable job in the second semi-final. In a low-scoring match, he combined with John Collier to attain the the side's highest partnership of the Finals series, batting in the uncustomary position of number four for 71 nerve-wracking minutes.

Earlier in the year, "Norm" established himself as a vital link in the Lake Monger combination, as the side's first-drop batsman. After an indifferent start to his career, when he was out to the first ball he received in his first-game against Coles, he went from strength to strength, reeling off scores of 22 in the second innings of his debut match, followed by 35 in the next match against Bayswater, a top-score of 42 against Districts and a fighting 37 in the one-day Grand Final against Stirling.



In all, he totalled 198 runs over the course of the season, at the respectable average of 18.00. This was an outstanding performance from a first-year player, who had the enormous responsibility of batting at number three and it was "Norm's" ability to adapt to the role of "third" opener, that was particularly admirable as well as impressive.

Time and time again, after an early breakthrough, "Norm" was able to steady the innings, as well as capitalise on a good start, when the openers had laid a solid foundation for him.

In the field, "Norm" was safe and reliable in the slip cordon or at gully and proved himself a useful change bowler in the one-day series, with a couple of wickets.

At his controversial omission from the Grand Final eleven, many felt "Norm" should have been included and even when the victory in the Final appeared to 'vindicate' his exclusion, it is still hard to fathom the rationale behind it.

History will show that David "Norm" Stoate did not play in the 1986/87 Grand Final, however, had it not been for his efforts throughout the season, not at least his second semi-final performance, his side may not have even played-off for the flag.

PLAYER PROFILE

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DARRYL THACKER

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AGE: 19  
Right hand bat, right arm medium bowler

NICKNAME: Dazzling

MATCHES: 29, Batting: 361 runs at 9.26, 36 highest score,  
Bowling: 21 wickets at 14.81, best 3-12,  
Catches: 2

Without a doubt, the star of the Lake Monger one-day series campaign was Darryl Thacker. This hard-hitting late order batsman and brilliant outfielder shone in all three of his one-day appearances, but was unable to obtain a berth in the team for the two-day fixtures until the final qualifying match of the season.

Despite a handy double, Thacker was overlooked for a spot in the two-day final series, but it was in the one-day competition that he made his name.

Firstly, against Carlisle in the quarter-final, he blasted a quick-fire 16 not out from only six deliveries, including one enormous six on the spacious Higgins Park arena. That blow travelled close to 100 metres.

Then, when it came Darryl's turn to field, he gave further proof of his one-day value by running-out Whittleston with a direct hit from fifty metres, an event that saved Lake Monger from almost certain defeat.

Next came Bayswater in the semi-final, and it was here that Thacker produced his most savage display yet. In ten deliveries, this strong 'axe-wielding' pinch-hitter belted 35 runs, including three massive sixes, to take his total of runs in the one-day series to 51, from just 16 balls.

Later the same day, he again ran out the opposition's danger-man with a direct hit, this time from 40 metres, with a flat lightning throw. This deed effectively guaranteed his side a place in the Grand Final.

Going into the big one, high hopes were held that Thacker would again do something extraordinary, and he did not let his side down. Arriving at the crease with Lake Monger in desperate straits, he proceeded to pepper the neighbouring houses of Middleton Park with six-stitchers, as he clobbered his way to a whirlwind 29, before he was caught at the wicket.

In all, Thacker amassed 80 runs for twice out, in approximately 35 deliveries and 40 minutes batting, over the course of the one-day series, a feat which we may never see challenged again, sadly however, this heroic performance wasn't enough to give his side the pennant.

The "Darryl Thacker Show" will not be forgotten in a hurry, 'old' McDonald of Bayswater can vouch for that!

PLAYER PROFILE

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ARTHUR GEORGE TRAINER

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AGE: 36  
Right hand bat, right arm leg-spin bowler

NICKNAME: Tank

MATCHES:70, Batting: 1268 runs at 14.41, 80 not out highest score,  
Bowling: 20 wickets at 15.65, best 4-21,  
Catches: 27

Veteran "Tank" Trainer is, in every respect, a Club legend. With Chris Gray, he shares the distinction of one of only two players to have represented the Club in both its two-day Premiership teams. An outstanding achievement for a man who did not make his debut until he had reached the ripe old age of 29.

With the Club's two top-sides both enjoying unprecedented successes in November, "Tank" shelved plans of retirement and his addition to the seconds from the round 5 fixture added some much needed experience to a young team, the nucleus of which revolved around a band of excellent first-year players.

Although he struggled at times with the bat, "Tank's" value was most appreciated when pressure was exerted, particularly in the second semi-final, when he took a battering from Catchpole, but never flinched. This example of courage was typical of Trainer's approach to the game and it was with this trait in mind, that he was regarded as an automatic selection at finals time.

His form with the bat was patchy, however, this may have been due to the fact that he batted out of position, batting in the mid-order, allowing the successful Gray-Collier opening partnership to remain intact.

Late in the season, when he did open the innings in the thirds, he relished the opportunity, scoring a polished 52 in good time.

"Tank's" value to the side was not limited to his batting and experience. With the ball, he proved a puzzling proposition for opposing batsmen, with his well-flighted leg-breaks.

Bowlers of his type are a rare commodity indeed, and "Tank" added variety to what was predominately a medium-paced attack, based around its nagging and economical method.

Although used sparingly, "Tank" wielded an enormous influence over the game at Middleton Park, against Rivervale. On a track the quicks found unresponsive and the medium-pacers too slow, "Tank" thrived, capturing 5-27 from just ten overs.

However, a 'victim', as Kev "Candle" was, earlier in the year, "Tank" was relegated to the thirds after this magnificent performance, in line with his captain's "horses for courses" policy.

One of the real characters of the team, the old 'Yakka' was conspicuous by his constant nattering, either to a colleague, umpire or opposition player, but most commonly to himself. This idiosyncrasy, whilst an annoyance to his team-mates, was also a cause for amusement amongst his comrades, as was his uncanny ability to wander aimlessly while fielding.

He possessed an amazing ability to get himself hopelessly 'lost' in the field and it was not uncommon for him to move from square-leg to deep mid-on in the period of a few minutes, or from point to deep extra-cover.

At times, his Captain had to pull him into line, "Hey, Yakka, get in here. I want you at square-leg, what are you doing on the mid-wicket boundary?" or "Where's "Tank" gone?" "Tank" even failed to notice that "over" had been called on occasions and in the Rivervale match, stood totally oblivious to the situation and new bowler for three balls at long-leg, when he should have been at point!

When questioned by Delly as to what he was doing, he simply muttered "Is it over, where am I fielding, where do I go, where am I?"

"Tank" Trainer certainly deserves to be referred to as a "thirty-six year-old Club legend!"

PLAYER PROFILE

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STEPHEN JOHN TUCKER

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AGE: 20  
Right hand bat, right arm fast/medium bowler, wicket-keeper

NICKNAME: Mega

MATCHES:9, Batting: 168 runs at 15.27, 54 highest score,  
Bowling: No wickets for 2 runs, best 0/2,  
Catches: 1, plus 1 stumping

Another of the Club's band of outstanding first-year recruits, Steve 'Mega' Tucker's thirst for runs in 2B grade, was matched only by his insatiable appetite for the amber fluid.

One of the most likeable and popular members of the team, "Mega" slotted neatly into the side, after failures in his first three matches for the top side.

His impact on the seconds was immediate and enormous. His first claim to fame, which will be talked about for many a day, was the over he bowled before tea, in the match against Belmont. This was indeed a controversial move by his Captain, to bring "Mega" into the attack in preference to Kev. "Candle", who had taken 5-29 against Bayswater, the week before.

Later, in "Mega's" memorable debut for the seconds, he completed a run-out with a direct-hit when he had only one stump to aim at. He followed this with a blistering innings of 54, featuring in a record partnership with "Rooster" and helping to set up a record-score for the team, against the previously undefeated Belmont combination. This innings of 54 takes on even greater proportions, when it is remembered that "Mega" was batting with numerous stitches in his right hand.

Aggressive innings of 34, 33 and 35 followed, as "Mega" demonstrated his consistency in the middle-order, in his four second side outings. A batsman who liked to 'get on with it', "Mega" particularly enjoyed the one-dayers, where he was at his belligerent best. He treated all bowlers with contempt, and caused close fielders to seek sanctuary in the outfield, away from his blazing willow.

In the one-day series, "Mega" showed his all-round cricketing abilities by assuming the role of wicket-keeper in the matches against Carlisle and Coles and not conceding a bye in 78.1 overs. He also undertook this role in the qualifying match against Mount Lawley and impressed with agility and speed behind the stumps, which was pleasantly surprising, not least of all to his team-mates, who regarded him as something akin to a bear.

His enthusiasm for the game and his approach to it, which was positive at all times, had a contagious effect on his team-mates, and his very presence in the team, gave his comrades confidence and the desire to keep enjoying their cricket.

It was no coincidence, that whilst "Mega" was in the team, the sides average all out total increased from a miserly 134 after round 3 to 258 in his second side appearances.

A confident individual, a man who never shirked the issue, Steve Tucker made a valuable contribution in his four matches. If further evidence of this is required, look no further than four record partnerships in five innings, two a piece in one and two-day matches.

A model of consistency to the letter and a great team man.

PLAYER PROFILE

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KEVIN SHANE VANDERWOLF

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AGE: 25  
Left hand bat, right arm fast/medium bowler

NICKNAME: K.C., Kev Candle

MATCHES: 31, Batting: 163 runs at 8.15, 36 highest score,  
Bowling: 69 wickets at 16.14, best 7-56,  
Catches: 2

Kevin Vanderwolf would have justification in feeling harshly treated at the end of the 1986/87 season. An honest right arm medium/fast swing bowler, Vanderwolf performed creditably in his appearances in the seconds.

A vastly under-rated bowler, Vanderwolf's highlight of the year was the Bayswater game in Round 3. Incensed by his Captain's "Candle Board" at cricket training on the Thursday night, Vanderwolf answered his biggest critic in the best way possible, by converting his overnight figures of 0-9 into 5-29.

Prior to the Bayswater game, a good contribution against G.J. Coles, appeared to have cemented Vanderwolf's spot, however, he was sparingly used on the flat track at Centenary Park against Belmont and he was omitted after that match.

Always one of the great characters and clubmen at Lake Monger, "K.C." was in full cry on both days of the Grand Final and his contribution to the Club, both on and off the field, was substantial.

See Appendix 1 you legend!



PLAYER PROFILE

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BRETT DOUGLAS WALDOCK

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AGE: 19  
Right hand bat, right arm fast/medium bowler

NICKNAME: -

MATCHES: 4, Batting: 17 runs at 5.67, 7 highest score,  
Bowling: 7 wickets at 20.43, best 3-14,  
Catches: 1

Brett Waldock's sole appearance in the 2B grade in the 1986/87 season, was in his debut match, when he turned out against G.J. Coles in the one-day series.

A last-minute inclusion into the team, Waldock had little influence on the match, called upon to bowl just four overs, in what was a shock loss for Lake Monger.

His analysis of 0-23 left him far from disgraced, in comparison with some ordinary Lake Monger bowling in that match, however, for the remainder of the year, he found himself playing in the Reserve grade.

Waldock appeared to have the ability to develop into a very good all-round cricketer, however, he needed to curb his natural aggression, if he was to gain the confidence of the selectors at a higher level. This should come with greater experience and maturity.

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GRAHAM WEARING

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AGE: 24  
Right hand bat, left arm medium bowler.

NICKNAME: Grumbles

MATCHES:9, Batting: 184 runs at 20.44, 47 highest score,  
Bowling: 25 wickets at 8.44, best 4-13,  
Catches:4.

One of the great success stories of the golden summer of 1986/87, was the performance of Graham Wearing. Way back in October, when "Grumbles" first showed up for training, he looked a handy type of cricketer, someone who may get a few runs from time to time and an over here and there.

To most observers, his greatest asset appeared to be his speed in the field and sure hands, but not so Gordon Dell.

Drafted into the side for the first game, Wearing was given the opportunity to bowl 15 overs against Carlisle and after picking up his first wicket for the Club, with just his 7th delivery, finished with the impressive figures of 2-48.

His left-arm medium-paced "banana balls", had batsmen guessing all the time as to which way they may swing and he proved exceedingly difficult to score from.

From here, Wearing, better for the outing, just got better and better. He combined with O'Keefe, to skittle Coles for 70 in the following match, with his best figures of 4-13, before following up with tidy spells in the next two matches.

Match 5 at Churchlands High School, saw his most destructive spell of swing bowling, when in the space of ten deliveries, he took four wickets without conceding a run against finals aspirants, Mount Lawley.

His ability to perform with such consistency, saw him rewarded with a place in the top-side, during the one-day series.

However, it wasn't just with the ball, that "Grumbles" was reaping havoc. His batting was quickly establishing him in the genuine all-rounder class and he enjoyed scores of 45 against Coles and 47 against Maylands, when batting in the latter order. In both these knocks, he wrote himself into the record books, figuring in a hurricane tenth wicket record stand of 54 with John Collier in the former match, and a delightful 88 run record partnership with Glen Miller, for the 8th wicket in the latter. This innings of 47, was an absolute gem of a knock. The same could also be said of his 39, scored in the second 'dig' of the Mount Lawley match, after he went in, first wicket down. "Grumbles" struck 36 of his 39 that day in boundaries, an innings that was all over within half an hour.

What many didn't know, was that Wearing was a champion squash player and he liked nothing more than smashing the ball back over the bowler's head, or swinging through or over mid-wicket, or to long-on.

"Grumbles" greatest solo effort with the ball, came in the second-semi, when he all but wrapped up the match in the first hour, taking four Carlisle wickets at the cost of just six runs. His 'banana' balls worked perfectly on that hot, sultry, March day; some going this way, others that way and the batsmen totally non-plussed at all times.

His heroic 16 not out, scored in the semi-final, when all seemed lost for Lake Monger, has been well documented elsewhere, however, it must be said that he never looked like getting out that day. He kept a cool head in a crisis situation, when others had seemed to panic and this approach rubbed off well on Czerw and Dell, as Lake Monger earned an historic victory.

While Alec Miller may have got the bouquets for bowling out Maylands in the Grand Final, it should be remembered that "Grumbles" triggered the collapse with the first wicket of the innings and then took the fourth in the last over of the first day. This wicket was followed by the run-out two balls later, when it appeared Maylands would go to stumps at 3-11, instead, they were in diabolical straits at 5-11.

In the final analysis, Wearing's performance of 2-11 off 20 immaculate overs, of which most were maidens, went a long way towards winning the Pennant. He kept the pressure on all the time and he was the most perfect of all foils for his aggressive bowling partners.

Trophy night brought him the coveted Lionel Piesse - Best First Year Player Award, a distinction that is widely acclaimed, in a year where four rookies played in the Premiership team.

A dream season for an immensely talented sportsman.

MATCH NO. 1 v's CARLISLE

EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 11, 18, 1986

FIRST DAY

Under the leadership of Gordon Dell, the team selected for the first match of the season, contained only five players who had represented the second side in the final match of the previous season.

Only Dell, Vince Furfaro, John Czerw, Neil Fernandes and new Vice-Captain, Peter "Rooster" Pollard, retained their places, while former Captain Mike Rajewski, batsman John Collier and Chris Gray and bowlers Mark O'Keefe and Des Heavens, came back into the line-up. Curiously, the side comprised only one first-year player, all-rounder Graham Wearing, (later in the year, the side was to contain no less than five first-year players at one time).

After being sent in, Lake Monger started well, against a seemingly innocuous Carlisle attack. Openers, Gray and Czerw, were particularly severe on anything short, as they each hammered a six over square-leg from some early wayward bowling. However, once Czerw was dismissed, the rot set in. Carlisle successfully applied the brakes, as the middle-order became hopelessly bogged down.

From 1-41 it became 8-76, as young Carlisle speedster Stuart Price collected 4-7 from 57 balls in a destructively accurate spell. The only batsman to show any fight was Pollard, who defied the attack for almost two hours, in scoring 17.

Once Pollard went, it seemed only a matter of time before Lake Monger took the field, but the experienced pair of Dell and Heavens had other ideas. Immediately, Dell set about trying to hit Price off his length and succeeded in fine style, while Heavens played a solid support role. So successful was Dell, that in Price's first over to him, the red-headed skipper struck him for sixteen runs (4 fours).

Dell could well have been satisfied with his flamboyant innings, as it enabled his side to recover, to a respectable 127 all out. With Heavens, the ninth wicket had added 45, Dell's contribution 42, to give Lake Monger some chance of first-innings points. Heavens was still there when the innings was wrapped up, having stood firm for 80 minutes, while the last three wickets had doubled the score.

Needing only 128 to win, Carlisle started poorly, losing Pratten to a brilliant catch by Rajewski at second slip, from a nasty delivery from O'Keefe. However, after this early set-back, they steadied, to go to stumps in a commanding position at 2-51.

MATCH NO. 1 v's CARLISLE

EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 11, 18, 1986

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SECOND DAY

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Mark O'Keefe stamped himself as an express bowler of genuine quality, as Carlisle struggled in search of the additional 77 runs they required for first-innings points. Bowling with great fire and accuracy, O'Keefe had all batsmen constantly in trouble, as Carlisle meandered their way to 4-69, O'Keefe 18 overs, 2-19. With good support from Wearing and Heavens, Lake Monger threatened to pull off a remarkable victory, as Carlisle batted sluggishly.

But it was the experienced duo of Betts and Whittleston, that guided Carlisle home, with a stand of 45 in over an hour, in what was (with the outstanding exception of O'Keefe), a very dull afternoon's cricket.

Late in the day, Betts took toll of a tired attack, finishing with 67 not out, as Carlisle accelerated their pedestrian run-rate, to close at 6-163 from their 75 overs.

O'Keefe was the star for Lake Monger, returning 2-23 from 23 fiery overs, of which 13 were maidens. Heavens and Wearing each picked up two wickets, while "Rooster", behind the stumps did an excellent job, holding four neat catches.

Going in a second time, Lake Monger reached 5-96 from 28 overs. Chris Gray again led the way with 28, while Wearing appreciated his elevation in the order, making 20.

MATCH NO. 1 v's CARLISLE  
EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 11,18, 1986  
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LAKE MONGER

C.Gray		b Munro	29 (4)		b Banting	28
J.Czerw		b Price	15	c ?	b Munro	8
J.Collier	c Betts	b Price	1 (1)	c Betts	b Jones	7
O.Fernandez	c Whittleston	b Price	1			
P.Pollard	c ?	b Andersson	17 (6)	Not out		14
V.Furfaro	c Betts	b Munro	0			
M.Rajecki	c Whittleston	b Price	1 (3)	c Munro	b Andersson	4
G.Wearing	st Betts	b Pratten	7 (5)		b Banting	20
D.Heavens	Not out		4 (7)	Not out		7
G.Dell	c Betts	b Munro	42			
M.O'Keefe		b Price	6			
Extras			4			8
TOTAL			<u>127</u>			<u>5-96</u>
Fall of Wickets:		41,46,47,48,49,54,64,76,121,127.		12,21,41,72,77.		

Bowling:	Price	19.4-7-50-5	4-2-7-0
	Smith R.	4-1-19-0	3-1-6-0
	Munro	16-7-13-3	3-1-8-1
	Pratten	8-1-17-1	
	Andersson	7-2-24-1	3-1-6-1
	Smith P.		3-0-11-0
	Whittleston		3-0-12-0
	Banting		4-0-13-2
	Jones		3-0-10-1

CARLISLE

J.Pratten	c Rajeck	b O'Keefe	0
Banting		b Wearing	42
D.Jones	c Pollard	b Wearing	6
E.Munro	c Pollard	b O'Keefe	9
M.Betts	Not out		67
R.Whittleston	c Pollard	b Heavens	13
P.Smith	c Pollard	b Heavens	4
P.Andersson	Not out		8
A.Wilman			
S.Price			
R.Smith			
Extras			14
TOTAL			<u>6-163</u>
Fall of Wickets:4,32,57,69,114,139.			

Bowling:	O'Keefe	23-13-23-2
	Heavens	13-4-29-2
	Gray	11-2-24-0
	Wearing	15-0-48-2
	Rajecki	1-0-5-0
	Dell	2-0-3-0
	Collier	1-0-1-0
	Czerw	9-4-16-0

Carlisle Won on 1st Innings by 5 Wickets.

MATCH NO. 2 v's G.J. COLES

EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 2, 1986  
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FIRST DAY

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For the match against G.J. Coles, Lake Monger lost Chris Gray and Neil Fernandes through unavailability, as well as John Czerw to the top-side. To compensate these losses, the selectors chose in-form third side batsman Paul Collier, first-gamer David Stoate and bowler Kevin Vanderwolf.

With both openers out of the team, Vince Furfaro was picked to partner John Collier at the top of the list, in a predictable move.

Lake Monger had not beaten Coles for five years, but a victory here was essential, if the 'Mongrels' were to keep in touch with the top four. However, after an hours play, Dell must have been regretting his decision to bat first, in conditions which gave the bowlers little assistance. Against a gentle attack, Lake Monger went from bad to worse, losing Furfaro with only 6 runs on the board, to begin a procession. 3-7 became 5-12 and when "Norm" Stoate joined an 'illustrious' band of players to be dismissed by the first ball he received for the Club, Lake Monger were an embarrassing 6-12.

Things had to improve, and they did, through the patient efforts of Peter Pollard and Des Heavens. In a fine rearguard action, Heavens batted 42 minutes in partnership with his Vice-Captain, before Pollard received excellent support from last man Vanderwolf.

In a fighting last wicket stand, the pair established the second highest partnership of the innings, 17 before the innings closed at 56.

It was a pathetic effort by the home side, however, it marked the turning point of the season. With the pace battery now fired up, Coles were soon in for a torrid afternoon, as they began their innings in search of 57 - a target which was to prove far more difficult than it first appeared.

Again, it was the hostile "Killer" O'Keefe, who, breathing fire, made first inroads into the fragile Coles batting. O'Keefe's two wickets in two balls, reduced Coles to 2-22 and when Wearing picked up wickets in his third and fourth overs, Coles had truly been exposed at 4-22.

At 5-35, the game was evenly poised, but Coles regained their composure as Jackson and Simmons took them through to victory, without further loss. Four wickets late in the day, saw Coles finish at 9-70, O'Keefe 3-25, Wearing 4-13 and Dell 2-7, the successful bowlers. A highlight of the day, was Wearing's amazing one-handed catch, fielding close in off Dell.

MATCH NO. 2 v's G.J. COLES

EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 2, 1986

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SECOND DAY

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It was surprising that Coles batted on. The feeling in the Lake Monger camp, was that Coles were concerned that they may be beaten outright, and in order to reduce this possibility, they batted on to waste ten minutes time for change innings.

If this was their game plan, it certainly worked, as O'Keefe took only one ball to finish the innings off at 70, before the mandatory ten minute break was applied.

Lake Monger's quest for outright victory, started disastrously, as again, they batted carelessly. Only a dazzling partnership between Paul Collier and "Norm" Stoate, firstly, saved the side from outright defeat and then set up a possible victory. In the best batting of the match, the pair added 41 in even time, before Collier sacrificed his wicket in search of quick runs.

"Norm" followed soon after, and consequently the innings lost its momentum. This time it was the mid-orders turn to put in an inept batting display, as Lake Monger plummeted to 9-80. With a lead of only 66 and two and a half hours of play remaining, Coles were well placed to take outright points.

However, it was the unlikely last wicket pair of Wearing and John Collier, who completely turned the match around. In a whirlwind record stand, 54 was added, with Wearing playing some awesome leg-side shots. Seven when Collier joined him, Wearing looked set for a well-deserved fifty, before he holed out in the deep, after getting to 45.

134 all out, gave Coles a chase of 120 in 26 overs. This target was certainly too much for them, but Lake Monger still had some chance of outright points. Aply led by Vanderwolf, Coles crashed to 3-3 after 6 overs, (Vanderwolf 3-1).

Jackson again proved the rock of the innings, but his demise at 7-31, left Coles precariously perched, with eight overs remaining. But it was that man Simmons again, who thwarted Lake Monger's bid for victory. For the second time in the match, he saw his side through to safety as stumps were drawn at 7-55.

Despite this loss, Lake Monger could take great heart from this match and better things were sure to come, with the great team spirit, which was being generated in their competitive close-knit unit.



MATCH NO. 2 v's G.J. COLES

EMPIRE AVENUE, OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 21st 1986

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LAKE MONGER

J. Collier		Run out	2 (11)		Not out	12
V. Furfaro	c ?	b Simmons	2 (1)		b Cusick	1
M. RajECKi		b Simmons	0 (2)		b Simmons	0
P. Collier	c ?	b Cusick	5		b Simmons	22
G. Wearing		b Cusick	0 (8)	c ?	b Cusick	45
P. Pollard	c ?	b Simmons	26		b Cusick	9
D. Stoate	c ?	b Cusick	0 (5)	c Jackson	b Simmons	22
D. Heavens	c ?	b Cotham	4 (10)	c ?	b Cotham	0
G. Dell		b Simmons	0		Run out	11
M. O'Keefe	c ?	b Cotham	4 (7)		b Cusick	4
K. Vanderwolf		Not out	9 (3)		b Simmons	1
Extras			4			7
TOTAL			<u>56</u>			<u>134</u>

Fall of Wickets: 6, 6, 7, 9, 12, 12, 33, 34, 39, 56.

3, 3, 5, 46, 55, 60, 65, 80, 80, 134.

Bowling:	Cusick	13-8-11-3	11.3-3-34-3
	Simmons	20.1-7-30-4	17-1-45-4
	Cotham	8-4-11-2	9-0-33-1
	Jackson	?	2-0-15-0

G.J. COLES

P. Blackburn	c Pollard	b O'Keefe	12 (4)	c Pollard	b Vanderwolf	0
P. Girling	c Pollard	b Wearing	9 (1)	c P. Collier	b Vanderwolf	1
D. Jackson		b O'Keefe	0	c Heavens	b Vanderwolf	0
P. Jackson		b Wearing	17 (5)	c RajECKi	b Heavens	15
A. Mullett		b Wearing	0 (6)	Run out		0
T. Cusick		b O'Keefe	9 (7)		b O'Keefe	4
D. Simmons	c Pollard	b Dell	17 (8)	Not out		17
C. Cotham	c RajECKi	b Wearing	3			
N. Meek	c Wearing	b Dell	0	Not out		5
R. Van Dueran	Not out		0 (2)	c and	b Heavens	10
G. Walter		b O'Keefe	0			
Extras			3			1
TOTAL			<u>70</u>			<u>7-55</u>

Fall of Wickets: 22, 22, 22, 22, 35, 66, 70, 70, 70, 70.

1, 3, 3, 16, 27, 31, 31.

Bowling:	O'Keefe	10.1-4-25-4	10-3-16-1
	Vanderwolf	7-0-22-0	6-2-6-3
	Wearing	7-3-13-4	5-2-5-0
	Dell	4-1-7-2	2-0-10-0
	Heavens		3-0-17-2

G.J. Coles won on First Innings by 5 Wickets

MATCH NO. 3 v's BAYSWATER

JAMES COOK RESERVE, NOVEMBER 9, 16, 1986

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FIRST DAY

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On a day best remembered as the day the umpire abandoned play for the day, too early, and took the match ball home with him, Lake Monger clashed with bogey side, Bayswater.

With two losses from as many matches, Lake Monger desperately needed to beat Bayswater, one of the veteran sides of the competition, to retain any chance of a Finals berth.

Bolstered by the return of all-rounder Chris Gray and the inclusion of Alec Miller - a very talented first-year player - Lake Monger looked a far better proposition than in their previous match.

After Gordon Dell won the toss, Bayswater displayed no willingness at all to get on top of the Lake Monger bowlers, as they reached 2-14 in the 45 minutes of play available.

Spearhead, Mark O'Keefe, struck a telling blow, when he bowled dangerman Alan Mitchell with a bouncer, which skidded through and Wearing's left-arm swingers picked up a wicket, just four minutes before a heavy downpour ended play for the day.

Bayswater, in the past, had shown a tendency to occupy the crease all day and with this in mind, Lake Monger knew they would be hard pressed to claim any match points from the match. As a result of the rain, reducing playing time, Bayswater were entitled to bat with no over restriction on day two - not a good sign for Lake Monger and a draw loomed as the likely outcome to the match.

MATCH NO. 3 v's BAYSWATER

JAMES COOK RESERVE, NOVEMBER 9, 16, 1986  
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SECOND DAY  
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Lake Monger's bowlers produced an outstanding performance, as their side turned the tables on the experienced Bayswater combination, to win a rain-interrupted match by eight wickets.

Resuming at 2-14, Bayswater were placed under enormous pressure by the Lake Monger attack and field, as they crumbled to be all out for 93. For Bayswater, only Hogg, Pattrick and Ogden (with the aid of the umpire!), offered any resistance, as firstly, O'Keefe shell-shocked the batsmen and then, Wearing, Heavens and Vanderwolf, polished them off.

\*\* Vanderwolf, after starting the day with figures of 0-9, thrived in the conditions, as he returned 5-29 off 17 penetrative overs, his third five-wicket haul for the Club. "K.C." received excellent support from fielders Dell and Gray, who held three good catches between them.

Gray's 1-0 from two balls, also warrants mention. "He was grossly under-bowled!"

Set only 94 to win, Lake Monger cruised home, thanks to a solid opening stand by the sides fifth opening pair of the season, Gray and John Collier. Gray, after a cautious start, asserted his authority on the Bayswater attack, as he dominated the 57 run stand with Collier.

Collier playing his customary dour role, took 44 minutes to score, at one stage the score read 0-30, Gray 21, Collier 0, sundries 9.

After Gray played on to Markey, "Norm" Stoaate impressed with a dashing 35, which included five boundaries. He showed a special liking for McDonald, dispatching him to the flags on four occasions. In doing so, "Norm" could find himself permanently in the side at number three - a position which has presented problems this season.

Partnered by "Rooster", Stoaate steered Lake Monger through to an eight wicket victory.

Late in the day, Alec Miller made an auspicious debut with the bat, stroking Markey through mid-off for 4, from the first ball he received.

When stumps were drawn, Lake Monger were 5-123 in their first innings - by far their best batting performance of the season.

\*\* See Appendix 1, to discover what motivated "K.C." to take 5 wickets.

MATCH NO 3 v's BAYSWATER

CYRIL JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 9,16, 1986

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BAYSWATER

A.Mitchell		b O'Keefe	1
Mellowship	lbw	b Wearing	3
Hogg	c Gray	b Vanderwolf	22
B.Ogden	c Pollard	b Vanderwolf	13
Patrick	c Gray	b Vanderwolf	24
K.Ayton	c Dell	b Vanderwolf	6
S.Markey	c P.Collier	b Vanderwolf	1
Pilton		b Heavens	7
R.McDonald		b Gray	0
Walker	Not out		4
Grist	Absent		-

Extras 12

TOTAL 93

Fall of Wickets:11,11,48,48,78,79,87,87,93.

Bowling:

O'Keefe	11-4-14-1
Vanderwolf	17-8-29-5
Miller	6-1-21-0
Wearing	5-2-7-1
Heavens	6-3-10-1
Gray	0.2-0-0-1

LAKE MONGER

C.Gray		b Markey	33
J.Collier	c (sub)Wirth	b McDonald	9
D.Stoate	c ?	b Markey	35
P.Pollard		b Ayton	9
A.Miller		b Markey	11
M.O'Keefe	Not out		6
G.Wearing	Not out		1

P.Collier  
D.Heavens  
G.Dell  
K.Vanderwolf

Extras 19

TOTAL 5-123

Fall of Wickets:57,67,103,111,117.

Bowling:

Markey	17-6-33-2
Ayton	6-2-15-1
Pilton	2-1-3-0
Walker	2-0-16-0
McDonald	8-2-37-1

Lake Monger Won on 1st Innings by 8 Wickets

MATCH NO. 4 v's BELMONT  
CENTENARY PARK (BELMONT), NOVEMBER 23, 30, 1986  
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FIRST DAY  
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Fresh from their resounding victory over Bayswater, Lake Monger travelled to Centenary Park, for their match with top and undefeated side - Belmont.

Weakened again by Chris Gray's work commitments, the selectors were forced to make near wholesale changes to the line-up, with Paul Collier and Des Heavens being relegated, while top-side players Steve "Mega" Tucker and Glen Miller came in. The selectors also recalled Club legend, Arthur "Tank" Trainer, to open the batting in Gray's absence.

On a flat docile pitch, Belmont made hard work of 148 from 74 overs. Only patient opener, Steve "Brick" Wall, defied the attack for any significant length of time, labouring 225 minutes over his 58.

Again, it was the persistent accuracy of Graham Wearing, who allowed Lake Monger to dictate proceedings. His 3-21 off seventeen overs, was further testimony of his value to the side. Wearing was well supported by Glen Miller, 1-21 and Alec Miller, who toiled manfully for his 4-61 from a marathon 25 over stint. Had it not been for Alec's effort off his short run in the final hour of the day, there is no way Lake Monger could have bowled 23 overs in that time, and thus avoid a penalty.

Dell was slowly developing an excellent fielding side, with a number of fielders specialising in a particular position, and this was no more evident, than when Belmont lost two batsmen to run-outs. The best of these was the Collier-Tucker effort to dispose of Comley for 31.

Comley hammered a short ball from Alec Miller, over square-leg, where Collier leapt high to almost snatch a freak one-handed catch. The ball ricocheted to Tucker at mid-wicket, who with only one stump to aim at, completed the run-out by nonchalantly throwing the stumps down (it was never in doubt!)

MATCH NO. 4 v's BELMONT  
CENTENARY PARK (BELMONT), NOVEMBER 23, 30, 1986  
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SECOND DAY  
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In a day of records, Lake Monger threw out a challenge for the top four, when they annihilated top-team Belmont by 129 runs. The star of the day, was twenty-four year old Vice-Captain Peter "Rooster" Pollard, who scored a career-best 94 not out.

When Pollard walked to the crease, Lake Monger were staring down the barrel at 4-37 (oddly, all the top four batsmen had been dismissed for six runs a piece), but three and a half hours later, "Rooster" was still there and his side had staged an amazing recovery, to establish a new Club record score.

Early in the day, Peter Di Marco sent Lake Monger crashing, before Pollard, in partnership with the injured "Mega", Tucker, resurrected the innings. Batting with stitches in his right hand, Tucker, after a subdued start, blossomed to unleash some powerful straight hits, while Pollard adopted his familiar role of "sheet-anchor".

At tea, it was 4-87, 62 needed for victory, with the compact Tucker on 34 and Pollard on 12. With Tucker growing in confidence, the pair soon smashed a five year Club record fifth-wicket partnership, when they brought up the team's 100, Neil "Bluey" Anderson and Mark Ashton's 62 run stand finally being broken.

Despite numerous bowling changes, Belmont could not break through, as Tucker registered his well-deserved half-century with his sixth boundary. However, at 54, "Mega" threw it away, when he failed to get hold of a big hit and was caught in the deep.

One cannot speak highly enough of "Mega's" innings, without it, the team would almost certainly have lost this match, as well as any hope of making the finals. With Pollard, the partnership had produced 89 invaluable runs and Lake Monger was only 24 runs from victory.

At drinks, Pollard had advanced to 31, while new batsman Glen Miller was 8, - 13 needed. With victory now a certainty, against a demoralised Belmont attack, Dell was faced with a dilemma. "Once we pass their total, should I declare and give our bowlers an hour at them, or should we bat on and let "Rooster" get his fifty?"

It was ironic that "Rooster" himself should advocate for a declaration. However, "Delly" insisted that "We'll bat on and you'll get your fifty". How right Dell turned to be, as not only did "Rooster" get his half-century, but he went agonisingly close to making a hundred.

Once the match was won, Pollard and Miller launched a savage assault on the Belmont attack. In 89 minutes, the pair blasted 128 runs, a record partnership for the second side and its first-ever century stand, as Miller smashed his way to 71.

Runs came with such a flurry, that even the scorers found it difficult to keep up. Soon after "Rooster" posted his fifty, Miller also reached the landmark, as the Belmont fielders became most dispirited.

Due to Belmont's slow over rate, stumps was rescheduled for 6.30pm, and with twenty minutes of play remaining, it seemed quite possible that both batsmen could make their hundreds and Lake Monger could score over 300. But, as fate would have it, it was not to be. Firstly, Miller was run out at 6-254, and then the successive cheap dismissals of Wearing and Kevin Vanderwolf, combined to stifle "Rooster's" run avalanche and subsequent hundred quest.

MATCH NO. 4 v's BELMONT

CENTENARY PARK (BELMONT), NOVEMBER 23,30, 1986

BELMONT

W.Trute	lbw	b Wearing	4
S.Wall	c Collier	b A.Miller	58
M.Smith	c O'Keefe	b A.Miller	5
P.Allsop		b G.Miller	12
G.Sneddon	Run out		7
D.Symcox		b A.Miller	19
C.Comley	Run out		31
M.Hammond		b A.Miller	0
P.Di Marco	c Dell	b Wearing	5
J.Trute		b Wearing	0
R.James	Not out		1
Extras			6
TOTAL			<u>148</u>

Fall of Wickets:12,17,40,52,91,132,  
140,143,143,148.

Bowling:	O'Keefe	11-3-13-0
	A.Miller	25-7-61-4
	Wearing	17-7-21-3
	G.Miller	10-3-21-1
	Tucker	1-0-4-0
	Vanderwolf	4-1-12-0
	Dell	6-1-12-0

LAKE MONGER

A.Trainer	c ?	b Comley	6
J.Collier		b Di Marco	6
D.Stoate	c Symcox	b Di Marco	6
A.Miller		b Di Marco	6
S.Tucker	c Sneddon	b Wall	54
P.Pollard	Not out		94
G.Miller	Run out		71
G.Wearing	c ?	b Trute ?	0
K.Vanderwolf		b Trute ?	0
G.Dell	Not out		10
M.O'keefe			
Extras			24
TOTAL			<u>8-277</u>

Fall of Wickets:15,16,25,37,126,254,254,254.

Bowling:	Di Marco	17-6-23-3
	Comley	28-3-90-1
	Allsop	7-1-24-0
	Wall	13-0-50-1
	Sneddon	4-0-28-0
	Trute ?	6-0-38-2

Lake Monger Won on 1st Innings by 5 Wickets

MATCH NO. 5 v's MOUNT LAWLEY

CHURCHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL, DECEMBER 6, 13, 1986

FIRST DAY

Lake Monger continued their new-found batting form, as they scored an impressive 196 all out, to be well placed at stumps on the first day of their important match with Mount Lawley.

At close of play, Mount Lawley had reached 12 without loss, in what loomed as an intriguing contest.

Lake Monger welcomed back Club veteran Ron Ballucci for this encounter, however, they were weakened by the loss of fifties batsmen, Peter Pollard and Glen Miller. With Chris Gray coming back into the team as opening partner to John Collier, the team looked far better balanced, and it was this pair who set about providing a solid base, from which their side built after Lake Monger were sent in.

Against the most potent speed attack of the season, both openers scored steadily as they put together 84 before the first wicket fell. Collier, whose place in the side came under close scrutiny before this match, was uncharacteristically attacking, as he beat his normally more aggressive partner, Gray, into the thirties.

However, after Collier (34) went caught behind cutting, Mount Lawley struck with a vengeance, picking up Gray (38) just two balls later, with the score still on 84. Any fears of a total collapse were quickly dispelled, as "Norm" Stoate and John Czerw consolidated on the fine start given them and later Steve Tucker scored a polished 34. At 3-141, with "Norm" and "Mega" in full control, a "Belmont" size total looked possible, but once Stoate was bowled by Kynaston, Mount Lawley clawed their way back into the game, predominately through their ability to restrict the Lake Monger run flow.

Frustration accounted for no less than four batsmen, as the innings fell apart at 196. Of the middle and late order, only Alec Miller, with an aggressive 22 (one six), showed any inclination to get on with it. "Tank" Trainer's laborious dozen in over an hour, did little to help the Lake Monger cause, as wickets tumbled at regular intervals, however, on a positive note, he did get some much needed batting practice.



MATCH NO. 5 v's MOUNT LAWLEY

CHURCHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL, DECEMBER 6, 13, 1986  
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SECOND DAY  
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Lake Monger firmly entrenched their position in the top four, when they outclassed a disappointing Mount Lawley side, on the second day of the two-day match at Churchlands High School.

Set 197 to win, Mount Lawley collapsed, to be all out for 109, as Lake Monger, for the first time in the side's history, won three consecutive matches. Led by left-arm swing bowling "find", Graham Wearing, Lake Monger crashed through an undisciplined Mount Lawley batting line-up.

After a magnificent start, Mount Lawley raced to 0-68 at drinks, before medium-pacer John Czerw produced a remarkable spell of 3-6 in 25 balls, to begin the Mount Lawley demise.

Allan Kynaston loomed as the dangerman to Lake Monger, and he was soon involved in an enthralling battle with economical medium-pacer Des Heavens. Heavens started with a maiden, before Kynaston dispatched him to the flags for two boundaries in his second over, but in his third, Heavens picked up what was arguably his most prized wicket of the season.

Kynaston drove a full length ball, firmly but slightly uppishly, to mid-on, where Dell made no mistake of a deceptively difficult catch.

At 5-105, Mount Lawley still had some chance, but it was Wearing with four wickets for no runs in ten balls, that sealed Mount Lawley's fate.

Wearing, with 4-22 was the outstanding bowler, with good support coming from Czerw, Heavens, Gray and the luckless Alec Miller.

Going in a second time, late in the day, the Lake Monger batsmen made the most of the bonus points system, as they rattled up 7-135 at nearly five runs per over. The "hero" of the day, Wearing, continued with the bat where he had left off with the ball, hammering an enterprising 39 in half an hour, after going in first wicket down.

With Collier, who enjoyed his fourth fifty partnership in five innings, Wearing blasted six fours and two huge sixes, before skying Mineham to end his belligerent knock. Had he not gone then, it seemed a real possibility that he might have gone on to three figures - such was his supremacy!

Very late in the day, it was pleasing to see veterans "Tank" and Ballucci, having some good batting practice. "Tank", in direct contrast to the first innings, attacked from the outset, smashing the second and fourth balls he received, to the flags. Ballucci, on the other hand, was more sedate, as he scored a useful 18.

With the side now in the four, the challenge ahead was to stay there, however, with the Christmas break now upon them, it was important that the side didn't lose its feel for winning.

MATCH NO 5 v's MOUNT LAWLEY

CHURCHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL, DECEMBER 5,12, 1986

LAKE MONGER

C.Gray	c ?	b Mineham	38		b Widdeson	7
J.Collier	c Downs	b Walker	34	c Mineham	b Kynaston	21
D.Stoate		b Kynaston	18			
J.Czerw	c ?	b Kynaston	16			
S.Tucker		b Kynaston	34 (8)	c ?	b Walker	2
A.Trainer	c ?	b Page	12 (5)	Not out		23
R.Ballucci		b Widdeson	4 (4)	c ?	b Miller	18
A.Miller	c ?	b Page	22 (6)		b Walker	9
G.Wearing	Not out		2 (3)	c ?	b Mineham	39
G.Dell	c ?	b Mineham	0 (7)	c and	b Bone	2
D.Heavens		b Mineham	0 (9)	Not out		1
Extras			16			13
TOTAL			<u>196</u>			<u>7-135</u>

Fall of Wickets:84,84,112,141,156,  
161,194,195,196,196.

11,64,81,111,125,128,131.

Bowling:	Widdeson	12-1-37-1	5-1-23-1
	Page	16-4-30-2	3-0-14-0
	Mineham	12-3-22-3	3-1-14-1
	Walker	8-1-33-1	2-0-8-2
	Kynaston	16-4-51-3	3-0-8-1
	Jurgiellan	5-2-7-0	
	Curtis		3-1-12-0
	Jones		3-0-18-0
	Miller		3-0-19-1
	Bone		1-0-5-1

MOUNT LAWLEY

L.Jurgiellan	c Tucker	b Czerw	32
K.Miller	c Ballucci	b Czerw	38
P.Page	c Collier	b Czerw	1
A.Kynaston	c Dell	b Heavens	8
B.Jones	c Czerw	b Heavens	4
S.Bone		b Wearing	5
L.Widdeson	c Stoate	b Gray	5
J.Walker		b Wearing	0
Curtis	Not out		0
Mineham	c Ballucci	b Wearing	4
B.Downs	c Trainer	b Wearing	0
Extras			12
TOTAL			<u>109</u>

Fall of Wickets:71,75,89,89,95,  
104,104,104,109,109.

Bowling:	Miller	11-2-20-0
	Wearing	8.5-2-22-4
	Gray	9-5-17-1
	Dell	4-0-8-0
	Czerw	8-3-12-3
	Heavens	8-5-18-2

Lake Monger Won on 1st Innings by 87 Runs

## ONE-DAY COMPETITION

QUALIFYING MATCH v's COLES  
WOODFORD PARK, DECEMBER 19, 1986  
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In a result which would be best described as a boilover, Coles defeated an over-confident Lake Monger side, in the first one-day match of the season.

However, despite the loss, Lake Monger still advanced to the quarter-finals, by virtue of their formidable batting score.

Set 179 to win, Coles had to pull out all stops, to beat a persistent Lake Monger side. Depleted by the absences of a number of regulars, the "Mongrels" did well to reach 178, mainly through the efforts of "Tank" Trainer, John Czerw and Steve Tucker.

With neither side revealing much resemblance to the teams which had clashed earlier in the year, it was Coles' unknown quantities, who spurred them on to a memorable victory.

After Ron Ballucci and John Collier gave their side a reasonable start, the loss of three quick wickets had Lake Monger shakily placed at 3-35. But Czerw, with an innings characterised by superb driving and timing, put the innings back on the rails with a majestic 39. With the dour Trainer, he added 60 for the fourth wicket, before Tucker joined "Tank", to add a further 55 to the total.

"Mega" was particularly severe on the spinners, punishing one six and four fours, before impetuosity got the better of him and he was stumped, after making a whirlwind 33.

With Trainer patiently picking off the singles and late support from Vince Furfaro, Lake Monger got through their forty overs at 7-178. Trainer's 42 not out, was a marathon effort and contained only one boundary. A feature of the day was Gordon Dell's "golden one", run out going for a second run, from the first ball he received.

There was a message in this, "never run on a Tim Cusick misfield, he may be a slob, but so are you, Delly!"

Coles began the run chase in blazing fashion, but once dangerman Damen Teague was out for 28, it seemed a formality for Lake Monger. But, as Coles was to demonstrate, they were a far different proposition to what they were earlier in the season, and with batsman Walker making 50 and "bogey" man Simmons 35, Coles recovered to snatch victory after some tense moments.

It was a frustrating day for Lake Monger, however, Dell did take the opportunity to experiment with his bowlers and uncovered some "finds" in Stoate, 2-28 from six overs and new spinning "sensation", Furfaro, 2-0 from four balls.

Had Furfaro been introduced into the attack earlier than he was, who knows, the result could have been far different.

Des Heavens reinforced his reputation as the sides "one-day" specialist, his eight overs of economy, returning 2-26, however, the other bowlers were too erratic and this was to prove costly in the end.

ONE -DAY QUALIFYING MATCH v's G.J. COLES

WOODFORD PARK, DECEMBER 19, 1986

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LAKE MONGER

R. Ballucci		b Simmons	15
J. Collier		b Cusick	5
D. Stoate	Run out		7
J. Czerw		b Walker	39
A. Trainer	Not out		42
S. Tucker	St ?	b Simmons	33
A. Miller	c ?	b Girling	5
G. Dell	Run out		1
V. Furfaro	Not out		8

B. Waldock

D. Heavens

Extras

TOTAL

23  
7-178

Fall of Wickets: 24, 26, 35, 95, 150, 159, 160.

Bowling:	McCarthy	3-0-17-0
	Cusick	8-3-19-1
	Meek	3-0-16-0
	Simmons	8-1-36-2
	Becker	8-1-26-0
	Girling	7-0-22-1
	Walker	3-0-25-1

G.J. COLES

D. Teague	c Miller	b Heavens	28
J. McKie	c Trainer	b Czerw	13
. Bermaz	c Tucker	b Stoate	13
. Walker	Run out		50
T. Cusick	c Stoate	b Heavens	13
D. Simmons		b Czerw	35
N. Meek		b Stoate	12
P. Girling	c Czerw	b Furfaro	11
. Becker	c Heavens	b Furfaro	13
R. Van Deuren	Not out		0
. McCarthy	Absent		-

Extras

TOTAL

11  
199

Fall of Wickets: 37, 47, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, 199, 199.

Bowling:	Miller	8-0-50-0
	Dell	5-0-30-0
	Heavens	8-0-26-2
	Czerw	7-1-33-2
	Stoate	6-0-28-2
	Waldock	4-0-23-0
	Trainer	1-0-8-0
	Furfaro	0.4-0-0-2

G.J. COLES Won by 3 Wickets

## ONE-DAY COMPETITION

### QUARTER-FINAL v's CARLISLE

HIGGINS PARK, JANUARY 3, 1987

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In a controversial match, Lake Monger continued their run towards the one-day series Grand Final, when they were awarded the game, after the final scores had been tied, in the one-day match with arch-rivals, Carlisle.

When Lake Monger Captain, Gordon Dell, clean bowled Richard Catchpole with the third ball of the 38th over, Carlisle were all out for 170, however, Lake Monger were awarded the victory, on the basis that they had lost only six wickets in achieving their total of 170 from 40 completed overs.

It was day of high drama, as firstly, Lake Monger's new-look one-day side batted methodically to set Carlisle a target they should never have challenged.

On the huge expanses of Higgins Park, which resembled a cow paddock, with its long grass and divets, it was an excellent performance to score 170. Led by dour opener John Collier, who batted throughout the Lake Monger innings, in scoring his maiden half-century, 53 not out and with support from Chris Gray, Ron Ballucci, Steve Tucker and Darryl Thacker, Lake Monger appeared to have the match in control.

The Gray-Collier combination proved to be a winner yet again, with 33 going on the board, before Gray, as he so often does, threw his wicket away.

At drinks, it was 3-56, but after the break, Ballucci started to hook compulsively at anything pitched on the leg-stump and in one over from Jones, the shot got him four lots of two runs.

After his exit for a well-made 19, "Mega" joined Collier in a whirlwind record partnership of 69 in just 12 overs. By this time, Collier was in full flight and he kept pace with "Mega", as the score rattled up to 144 and Collier, towards his fifty. However, a mix-up resulted in Tucker's demise for a power-packed 35, as he continued his remarkable run of consistent scores in the 2B Grade.

Collier, who again came in for some punishment from Catchpole, returned the compliment momentarily, pushing the fiery paceman through point to register his 50 in the penultimate over. Pinch-hitter Thacker, who came to the wicket at the fall of Alec Miller's wicket, struck Catchpole for 13 runs from just 4 balls, including one massive six over square-leg, which must have travelled all of 100 metres.

Thacker's six-ball innings of 16 not out helped boost the Lake Monger total to 170 and set Carlisle a victory target, which would require a monumental effort, given the size of the ground.

However, the key to scoring on Higgins Park appeared to be in ones and twos and not boundaries, as emphasised by Collier, whose inspirational knock did not contain a boundary hit.

It was a superb inning by Collier, so often in the shadow of Gray, as the side's silent opening partner. After a shaky start and a sickening blow from Catchpole, he played every bit as well as he had in the Mount Lawley game.

Carlisle's chase began well, with 33 being scored from the first seven overs of the innings, as they went hell-for-leather. Thacker's bowling in particular, came in for punishment, where his slant down the leg-side, proved easy pickings for the batsmen. Twenty-five came from his four overs.

However, Dell's early introduction to the attack of Gray, in tandem with his one-day specialist, Heavens, proved a master-stroke. The effect was immediate, as the run-rate slowed to a trickle and Gray picked up two cheap wickets as the batsmen lost patience. Gray's first five overs brought him an outstanding return of 2-11, while Heavens bowled out his quota of overs, to finish with 1-22 from a typically economic spell.

When new 'break-through' bowler Stoate, had David Smith well caught by Alec Miller at cover-point, Carlisle were all but beaten at 6-96, in the 24th over. Enter Captain Ric Whittleston, and Carlisle were back in the game. With dour support from Jones, the prolific-scoring skipper scored at four runs an over, as the score raced to 140.

Lake Monger had to stem the run-flow now, as Carlisle appeared likely to snatch an unlikely victory, but again, Dell had an ace up his sleeve, as he surprisingly brought Ballucci into the attack. As it was, it took the veteran leg-spinner only five deliveries, before he had snared the wicket of Jones and the whole complexion of the game had changed.

Thirty runs were still needed by Carlisle, with three wickets intact, as Whittleston continued to use all his experience, with assistance from Pratten, to wipe off the deficit. With just seven runs needed, Dell re-introduced his trump-card Miller, for one last-ditch effort. Miller, who had found the going difficult to date in the one-day series, rose to the occasion, by getting Pratten to spar at one outside the off-stump and Heavens completed a well-judged catch at fly-slip.

However, with Whittleston still there and overs in hand, Carlisle appeared to have the match in their keeping. Also, in Carlisle's favour, was the umpiring of Carlisle 'A' grader, Dennis Smith, late in the match, who proceeded to call Stoate for a number of dubious 'wides', much to the displeasure of Dell, who told him in no uncertain terms, what he thought of his umpiring. Whittleston then turned Miller away to deep fine-leg, for what would have been an easy two on anyone's arm, but Thacker's. The lightning flat 50 metre throw from Thacker was a direct hit and found Whittleston well short and left Carlisle nine wickets down, with five runs still needed and four overs to be bowled.

Whittleston's innings of 42 was beautifully compiled, highlighted by a series of drives off the back foot through the off-side, but his decision to run on Thacker's arm, when he had a capable ally in Peter Andersson at the other end, appeared incomprehensible.

Catchpole, a genuine "bunny", now joined Andersson as the tension mounted. Catchpole was all at sea, but Andersson, cool in a crisis as usual, took two behind square in the 37th over, to leave three to get, when Dell began the third-last over of the innings, to Catchpole. The first ball was well up and through the batsman, but it bounced over the stumps. The second ball was fractionally short on the off-stump and Catchpole slashed at it. The ball skied off the top-edge and Collier desperately ran back twenty metres from point to pick it up on the first bounce, as the batsmen scurried through for two, to level the scores.

All the fielders crept in closer to the wicket, as Dell delivered his next ball. It was pitched on middle, on a good length and Catchpole swung lustily across the line, missed, and the middle stump was sent cartwheeling out of the ground, to give Lake Monger a famous victory.

Confusion followed the game, as the players believed at the time, that a re-match would have to be scheduled as a result of the tie.

That night was a memorable one for Dell, who re-counted the final moments of the match to "K.C." at the 'Herdies'. Good on him, it was a legendary performance and a great Captain's effort!

ONE-DAY QUARTER FINAL v's CARLISLE

HIGGINS PARK, JANUARY 3, 1987

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LAKE MONGER

C.Gray	c	D.Smith	b	Catchpole	21
J.Collier		Not out			53
D.Stoate	c	Gandy	b	Andersson	6
B.Priest		Run out			6
R.Ballucci	c	?	b	Lawrence	19
S.Tucker		Run out			35
A.Miller	c	Aylesbury	b	Whittleston	2
D.Thacker		Not out			16
G.Dell					
V.Furfaro					
D.Heavens					
Extras					12
TOTAL					<u>6-170</u>

Fall of Wickets:33,39,53,75,144,150.

Bowling:	Catchpole	8-0-44-1
	Andersson	8-4-15-1
	Whittleston	8-1-37-1
	Jones	8-2-32-0
	Lawrence	5-0-27-1
	Pratten	3-0-14-0

CARLISLE

.Aylesbury	c	Tucker	b	Gray	13
J.Lawrence		lbw	b	Miller	21
P.Smith	c	Miller	b	Heavens	16
A.Wilman			b	Gray	4
M.Gandy	c	Tucker	b	Dell	15
D.Smith	c	Miller	b	Stoate	17
D.Jones	c	and	b	Ballucci	13
R.Whittleston		Run out			42
J.Pratten	c	Heavens	b	Miller	5
P.Andersson		Not out			2
R.Catchpole			b	Dell	2
Extras					20
TOTAL					<u>170</u>

Fall of Wickets:33,49,57,58,88,96,140,164,166,170.

Bowling:	Miller	8-0-28-2
	Thacker	4-0-25-0
	Gray	8-0-25-2
	Heavens	8-2-20-1
	Dell	3.3-0-15-2
	Stoate	4-1-16-1
	Ballucci	3-0-21-1

Match Tied. However, Lake Monger Won on Wickets Lost.



MATCH NO. 6 v's DISTRICTS  
EMPIRE AVENUE, JANUARY 10, 17, 1987

FIRST DAY

Although Districts were placed well down the Premiership ladder, Lake Monger approached this clash with some caution. In the six previous encounters between the two Clubs, Lake Monger had emerged as victors only once, and with this in mind, Districts could not be underestimated.

Good form saw Trainer and Tucker return to the top-side, while outstanding first-year player Graham Wearing was unavailable for selection. Into the team came Vice-Captain Peter Pollard, while top-side wicket-keeper Peter Kontor and opening bowler Max Jackson, made their first second side appearances for the season.

Empire Avenue had not proved a happy-hunting ground for Lake Monger this season, however, the new year appeared to have brought the side good fortune and by stumps on the first day, Lake Monger had already taken first innings points.

The trend that had emerged in round one of the season, whereby the side batting first, had found it difficult in putting together a sizeable total, continued as Districts crumbled for 75. A combination of some excellent bowling from Alec Miller, Max Jackson and Des Heavens and good fielding, particularly from Ballucci, Heavens and Stoate in the slip cordon, saw Districts all out in the first over after tea.

Only prolific-scoring opener, Alf Rodrigues, who scored 26 out of 32 while he was at the wicket, and 29 from tail-ender Louis Danua, gave the Districts innings any respectability. In defence of Districts, it should be pointed out that they batted a man short, however, despite this, their application to the task was lamentable.

Their batsmen appeared to have been "psyched" out by Miller, after the fiery paceman had earlier peppered Rodrigues, with a series of short-pitched deliveries. Rodrigues was clearly uncomfortable against this type of bowling and his anxiety appeared to rub-off on his team-mates. Miller was the most successful bowler, returning 4-22 from 14 overs. He was well supported by Jackson, with 2-29, while Heavens destroyed the tail with 3-5 from 20 deliveries, the final two wickets in consecutive balls.

It was a memorable afternoon for Heavens, who during the course of it, picked up his 100th wicket for the Club. In doing so, he became only the fifth player to achieve this rare distinction. This milestone was testimony to his endurance, as the feat took nearly 70 matches to accomplish.

The target of 76 for a Lake Monger victory, was attained with seven wickets still intact, but not before the Empire Avenue batting hoodoo had threatened to strike again. At 3-30, the game was up for grabs, when "Normie" Stoate and Alec Miller joined forces, in what turned out to be a match-winning partnership. After both openers had been dismissed cheaply, and Czerw continued his run of falling to unbelievable catches, it seemed anything could happen. Could Empire Avenue be the scene of an inexplicable batting collapse again?

Fortunately, common sense prevailed and Lake Monger went to stumps at 3-83, with "Norm" playing the sheet-anchor role on 25 and Miller playing handsomely for 36 not out. Miller was a batsman of immense talent and it was pleasing to see him apply himself to the test, one which he passed with flying colours.

MATCH NO. 6 v's DISTRICTS  
EMPIRE AVENUE, JANUARY 10, 17, 1987  
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SECOND DAY  
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Alec Miller etched his name into the record books, when he became only the second Lake Monger bowler to take a hat-trick in a two-day match, and in the process, demolish the feeble Districts batting line-up for a paltry 25.

Miller performed his histrionics in his seventh over, when firstly, he had Nilen caught behind by "Rooster", before bowling Lewis next ball. With the Districts innings in tatters, Danua, the last man, then informed Dell, the fielding skipper, that Districts would have only seven batsmen in their second "dig".

Dell, sensing that Miller had a big chance of a hat-trick, brought in all his fielders a number of paces, before Miller delivered his "hat-trick" ball. It was fractionally short, just outside the off-stump, and Danua, as if in a trance, was drawn into spooning the ball towards silly-point, where Kontor, diving forward, held onto a good catch near to the ground.

Miller's figures of 5-14, were magnificent and had been instrumental in dismissing Districts a second time, for just 25, thus giving Lake Monger a stirring victory, by an innings and 58 runs.

It was Alec Miller's day. Earlier, he completed his maiden half-century for the Club, when he scored a polished 53. With Stoate, who he completely over-shadowed, he added a record 89 runs for the fourth wicket.

"Norm's" dismissal for 42, run out, was a very disappointing end to what was an invaluable knock for his side, and his innings also was deserving of a half-century. With his side looking at a declaration, he was dismissed in the quest for quick runs.

Lake Monger's declaration, at 8-163, left Districts with the task of staving off outright defeat. It was Miller who set the wheels in motion, with his first ball of the innings, when he bowled Rebelo. Rodrigues was again in the firing-line against Miller and soon fell for the "three-card-trick", when Miller bounced him and Czerw held onto an unbelievable catch at mid-wicket.

Rodrigues swung lustily at a short-pitched delivery, which would have collected him on the helmet, connected solidly and hit the ball uppishly over mid-wicket. Czerw was late to move and stuck out his left hand, when the ball appeared well past him. Czerw appeared more surprised than his team-mates, that he actually caught the ball, however, he was quick to see humour in the situation, and was soon offering to show his mates how to catch!

While all the commotion went on after Miller's deeds, it was interesting to reflect on what might have been...

Des Heavens, who was himself on a hat-trick after the first innings, was to have bowled the next over, when Miller wrapped up the Districts innings. Had Districts had more batsmen, who knows, Des might of...

This win firmly entrenched Lake Monger in second spot on the Premiership ladder, and they now keenly await their next two-day encounter with Premiership favourite, Maylands.

This was Alec Miller's match, fifty runs, a "hat-trick" and nine wickets for 36 runs. A tremendous effort!

MATCH NO 6 v's DISTRICTS

EMPIRE AVENUE, JANUARY 10,17, 1987

DISTRICTS

A.Rodrigues	c	Stoate	b	Miller	26	(3)	c	Czerw	b	Miller	18
N.Mauricio			b	Jackson	0			Absent			-
C.Irwin	c	Heavens	b	Miller	0	(1)	c	Kontor	b	Jackson	2
A.Roberto	c	Ballucci	b	Miller	0			Absent			-
M.Nilen	c	Heavens	b	Miller	1	(4)	c	Pollard	b	Miller	4
M.Saltel			b	Jackson	11			Absent			-
L.Danua	c	Collier	b	Heavens	29		c	Kontor	b	Miller	0
S.Lewis			b	Heavens	0	(6)			b	Miller	0
D.Rebelo		Not out			0	(2)			b	Miller	0
T.Rebelo			b	Heavens	0	(5)		Not out			0
M.Doyle		Absent			-			Absent			-
Extras					8						1
TOTAL					<u>75</u>						<u>25</u>

Fall of Wickets:4,14,14,32,33,63,64,75,75. 0,19,25,25,25,25.

Bowling:	Miller	14-6-22-4	6.3-1-14-5
	Jackson	13-6-29-2	6 -3-10-1
	Gray	4-0-11-0	
	Heavens	3.2-0-5-3	

LAKE MONGER

C.Gray	c	?	b	Roberto	2
J.Collier	c	?	b	Danua	8
D.Stoate		Run out			42
J.Czerw	c	?	b	Danua	7
A.Miller	c	Sub ?	b	Danua	53
M.Jackson	c	Sub ?	b	Danua	3
G.Dell	c	?	b	Danua	10
R.Ballucci			b	Danua	7
P.Pollard		Not out			9
P.Kontor		Not out			6
D.Heavens					
Extras					8
TOTAL					<u>8-155</u> Decl.

Fall of Wickets:6,10,30,119,122,125,137,143.

Bowling:	Roberto	11-3-18-1
	Danua	15-2-48-6
	Lewis	7-1-20-0
	D.Rebelo	11-0-61-0
	Nilen	1-1-0-0

Lake Monger Won Outright by an Innings and 55 Runs

## ONE-DAY COMPETITION

### SEMI-FINAL v's BAYSWATER

COKER PARK, JANUARY 18, 1987

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As in keeping with the trend that the selectors had set throughout the one-day series, the line-up which slaughtered Bayswater in the semi-final, was significantly different in personnel to the one which annihilated Districts.

Lake Monger earned their place in the one-day Grand Final of February 8, brushing aside a feeble Bayswater combination, to the tune of 62 runs.

Bayswater were never in with a sniff, after the "Mongrels" ran up the massive total of 8-194. Led by big-hitters Darryl Thacker (35 from 10 deliveries!), Mark O'Keefe (32) and Alec Miller (31), Lake Monger scored at a rate, Bayswater were never going to challenge.

The highlight of the day, was undoubtedly Thacker's sensational innings. In an awesome display of power, Thacker treated all bowlers with contempt, particularly "old" McDonald, whose last two overs cost 36. This act of brutality, brought Thacker's aggregate this season in one-day matches, to 51 off only 16 deliveries. He was well supported by O'Keefe, who belted two enormous sixes (one less than Thacker), in his farewell innings for the second side.

Earlier, after the Gray-Collier combination had provided yet another good start, 40, Alec Miller blasted a quick-fire 31, before a suspect umpiring decision terminated what looked destined to be, his second fifty, in as many days.

Throughout the savage displays of Thacker and O'Keefe, Vince Furfaro batted resolutely in scoring 5, while 71 was added to the total. His ability to get off strike, was commendable.

Gordon Dell, even managed to get involved in the run bonanza, by helping O'Keefe put on 42, for the eighth wicket against the demoralised bowlers. Dell's 20 not out, included some good shots - not all from the copy book. One attempted big hit, over mid-wicket, saw his bat ("the giant"), fly out towards the square-leg umpire!

Once O'Keefe got rid of Alan Mitchell, Bayswater were never really in with a showing. At 3-97, they may have had a silly chance, but that arm of Thacker's, again put that thought to rest.

Zeplin had made 22, when he glanced to fine-leg, what looked like two runs, one on the arm. But, Darryl was quick to size up the situation and run Zeplin out narrowly, with a superb throw.

Again, the steady Lake Monger attack, performed with distinction, wickets shared in what was again, a tremendous team-effort. Gray and O'Keefe shared the honours with 3-20 each, O'Keefe's last five overs producing 2-8, to go out in grand style.

ONE-DAY SEMI-FINAL v's BAYSWATER

COKER PARK, JANUARY 18, 1987

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LAKE MONGER

C.Gray	c	?	b	McDonald	25
J.Collier	c	Ogden	b	Ayton	8
J.Czerw			b	Ayton	0
A.Miller		lbw	b	Zeplin	31
P.Kontor		st Ogden	b	Zeplin	14
V.Furfaro	c	Ogden	b	Markey	5
D.Thacker			b	Zeplin	35
M.O'Keefe			b	Hewson	32
G.Dell		Not out			20
A.Trainer		Not out			2
D.Heavens					
Extras					22
TOTAL					<u>8-194</u>

Fall of Wickets:40,41,72,78,94,131,149,191.

Bowling:	Markey	8-1-39-1
	Hewson	7-1-29-1
	Ayton	8-1-31-2
	McDonald	8-1-55-1
	Zeplin	8-2-32-3

BAYSWATER

B.Ogden	c	Furfaro	b	Heavens	26
A.Mitchell	c	Gray	b	O'Keefe	6
C.Shannahan	c	Dell	b	Gray	12
W.Zeplin		Run out			23
R.Hogg			b	O'Keefe	12
.Pattrick	c	Kontor	b	O'Keefe	13
S.Markey			b	Gray	10
K.Ayton			b	Miller	2
R.McDonald			b	Miller	4
.Denys		Not out			4
.Hewson		lbw	b	Gray	1
Extras					19
TOTAL					<u>132</u>

Fall of Wickets:21,55,64,97,103,110,118,126,130,132.

Bowling:	Miller	6-2-18-2
	O'Keefe	8-3-20-3
	Gray	6-1-20-3
	Heavens	8-1-32-1
	Czerw	7-1-23-0

Lake Monger Won by 62 Runs

MATCH NO.7 v's MAYLANDS

EMPIRE AVENUE, JANUARY 24,31, 1987

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FIRST DAY

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Honours were about even at stumps on the first day of the top-of-the-table clash, between the undefeated and Premiership favourites, Maylands and 2B Grade glamour team, Lake Monger, at Empire Avenue.

In what was expected to be a one-sided match in Maylands favour, Lake Monger showed enough resolve to indicate that they were serious Premiership contenders, not pretenders, after they fought back superbly to set Maylands a formidable target for victory.

However, earlier in the day, it seemed that Maylands were headed for an outright victory, after the Empire Avenue strip had again proved a graveyard for Lake Monger's early order batsmen.

The Lake Monger batting line-up on paper, was impressive, very similar to the scenario in the Coles match earlier in the year, also at this venue. Even more fascinating, was the performance of the top order in this match, compared with that of Round 2.

Although Alec Miller and Peter Pollard were picked in the top side and David Stoate and Max Jackson were unavailable, the side's batting was strengthened by the inclusion of batsmen, Paul Collier and Keith Kreibich, while the all-round capabilities of the team, were enhanced by the return of Glen Miller and Graham Wearing.

Maylands strength it seemed, was in their batting, so it came as a shock when their medium-paced attack decimated the top six Lake Monger wickets, for just 30 runs.

At this point in time, the match was taking on striking similarities to the Coles game and a total of about 50 looked optimistic, to say the least. Lake Monger were now at the crossroads and surely at 6-30, could not be considered as Premiership material.

However, it was the unlikely duo of Glen Miller, playing with rare discipline and Peter Kontor, playing his natural game, who slowly turned the day's fortunes around.

Miller was slower than usual, but Kontor compensated this, as he attacked with vigour and soon Maylands were forced to replace their medium-pacers with spin from both ends.

It seemed that Maylands had perhaps had things a little too easy all season, as they appeared to become most despondent, as the seventh wicket partnership became increasingly difficult to capture.

One after another, the fielders dropped their heads as four simple catches went to ground, as Miller and Kontor continued to change the complexion of the game.

Cracks were beginning to emerge in the hitherto seemingly invincible Maylands combination and it wasn't until the score had reached 89, that Kontor lost his wicket, after scoring 38 invaluable runs.

With Miller, he had put on 59 runs and Lake Monger now had some chance of providing Maylands with a victory target.

If Maylands had begun to lose heart while the Miller-Kontor partnership was in progress, then they were to be completely devastated, by the time the Miller-Wearing partnership was over.

Coming together at 89, the pair almost doubled the score, as they took the total to 177, before Miller lost concentration after reaching 64.

Miller, who had been unusually subdued, opened up on the arrival of Wearing, as the pair cut the Mayland's attack to ribbons. Wearing was proving something of a rarity, as he continued his run of scores on the bogey ground, as he quickly approached his highest score of 45.

Blessed with an exceptional eye, Wearing treated all bowlers with contempt and at one stage, struck three cover drives to the boundary, off consecutive deliveries. It was a gem of an innings.

Miller reached his second half-century for the seconds in as many innings at 4.40 p.m. and at drinks was on 64, while Wearing had eclipsed his previous best, to be three short of his maiden fifty for the Club.

At 7-177, with an hour to play, it seemed a real possibility that Lake Monger could score something in the vicinity of 250 and that Miller, Wearing, or both, could score centuries that afternoon.

How funny a game is cricket! It would have been ludicrous to consider such a healthy scorecard 90 minutes earlier, after the Lake Monger innings was in tatters at 6-30.

The Maylands players must have been wondering what had possibly gone wrong. Their only salvation from this unbelievable onslaught, was the sanctuary of the drinks break and with this, they hoped that the batsmen may lose concentration. Their hope had now turned to prayer.

Mayland's prayers must have been answered, as immediately after the adjournment, both batsmen were out, without addition to their tea-time scores.

The Miller-Wearing partnership of 88, easily surpassed the previous record of 57 and this stand will long be remembered, not just for the number of runs added, but also for the way in which they were made.

To rub salt into the Mayland's wounds, Dell and Heavens then enjoyed a spirited last wicket union, to raise the total to 191 all out.

It was an absorbing batting performance from the "Mongrels" and one from which the top-order gained a lot of confidence, after watching the tail-enders destroy the 'feared' Maylands attack.

Maylands began their task of scoring 192 runs for victory, 40 minutes before stumps and it was Dell, with some shrewd captaincy, which allowed the men-of-the-moment, Glen Miller and Graham Wearing to rattle through 15 economical overs before the close.

Excellent field placings, coupled with Dell's knowledge of the Empire Avenue ground, made runs hard to get and it came as no surprise, when Maylands opener, Neil Clothier, tried to slash Wearing over mid-off, minutes before stumps.

The free-scoring opener was completely frustrated by the Lake Monger tactics and it was an elated Dell, who grasped the attempted lofted drive inches from the ground at mid-off.

After 15 overs, Maylands were in some trouble at 1-8, still 184 runs in arrears, but more importantly, now having to acquire these runs in only 60 overs.

With this, Lake Monger had gained a psychological advantage over their rivals and this match was set for an outstanding conclusion.

How the pendulum swings ..., but with Maylands batting depth, the scales were marginally in Mayland's favour, if at all.

Wearing's figures of 1-1 off 7 overs, virtually summed up his day. An outstanding effort, while Miller was proving a more than useful new-ball partner.



MATCH NO. 7 v's MAYLANDS

EMPIRE AVENUE, JANUARY 24,31, 1987

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SECOND DAY

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Lake Monger emerged as Premiership favorites, when they easily accounted for a disappointing Maylands side, in the showdown between the competition's two top sides.

Set the daunting task of having to score 192 runs for victory, Maylands never recovered from a shaky start and were all out for 129, after 65.5 overs batting time, in what was their first defeat for the season.

A combination of steady bowling and excellent fielding, had Maylands under pressure from the start of the day's play, however, after nearly an hour's play, their score of 1-35, after having resumed at 1-8, looked imposing.

Glen Miller and Wearing, although economical, had not been able to dislodge either Steve Crowe or John Reilly, but the introduction of Des Heavens changed that.

Crowe tickled one to Kontor behind the stumps and soon after, Heavens had another victim, this time bowling Samytowski, who aimed an over-ambitious drive at the veteran medium-pacer.

At 3-41, Maylands were in a spot of bother and when John Collier darted in to run out Willoway without facing a ball, with a direct-hit from short square-leg, Maylands were in big trouble, still 150 runs in arrears.

Chris Gray did his usual job of keeping a check on the scoring and Maylands, although steadying through the agency of Reilly and Dickinson, found themselves falling behind the clock.

Even so, Reilly (38) was beginning to assert himself and was looking dangerous, when he attempted a short single to Paul Collier, only to be run out on a suicidal single.

The left-handers, Dickinson and George Clothier, held up proceedings for a while, but the demise of Dickinson, to a catch behind off Wearing, signalled the end. 6-84 became 7-85 and only some bold hitting by the tail, got the Mayland's total up past the hundred.

For Lake Monger, this victory was a huge psychological boost, they now knew that they could mix it with the best of them. To have such a disastrous start, where they lost 6 wickets for 30 runs and still win by 62 runs, speaks volumes for the batting depth of the side, not to mention the character, commitment and spirit of the players.

Heaven's figures of 3-47 were the best of the bowlers, but again the victory was built around the steadiness of the attack, with Wearing and Gray economical, Miller aggressive, fast and relentlessly accurate and Czerw chiming in, to add more variety.

The fielding seemed to slip up a notch in this match, with two run outs and Czerw (two), Wearing and Dell, all taking good catches.

With a chance to have a second look at the Mayland's attack, Lake Monger scored 4-65, before stumps were drawn in their second innings.

Chris Gray was in brilliant form, smashing his highest score for the season, 41, before he fell to a freak catch from the bowling of part-timer Samytowski. Gray, although failing to strike a boundary, dominated a second wicket stand of 43, with Ballucci, who painstakingly achieved the personal milestone of double figures, for the first time on his 'bogey' ground, albeit all in singles.

Lake Monger had now staked a genuine claim to the 1986/87 Pennant, as they moved ahead of Maylands, to top spot on the Premiership ladder. With only two qualifying matches to go, against bottom side Rivervale and final's hopefuls, Stirling, top spot looked assured, provided Lake Monger continued their golden run.

They had now won five qualifying matches on the trot and the incentive of winning their last seven on end, should be enough to see them take out the Champion Team award.

Dickinson in the eighth over. Then four overs later Lake Monger plunged into more trouble when Trainer, cutting, was freakishly caught left-handed by Steve Crowe, diving full-length in the gully.

Brett Islip, who had gone into this match under a fitness cloud, began cautiously and after 17 overs Lake Monger had only 15 runs on the board. It was then that the seventeen year old tyro took up the challenge to Dickinson as he took 9 runs off 3 balls to liven up proceedings. Islip's scorching off-drive to the boundary was the highlight of the first session's play.

At 29 it appeared Lake Monger was getting back into the match as Maylands' skipper, Neil Clothier, brought himself on for one over before drinks. This move was to pay instant dividends for Maylands as Islip looking to cut, was well caught by keeper Gibson standing up.

With their backs to the wall, Lake Monger took drinks at 3-29 and still no sign of rain. Throughout the session, the dour opener Collier had remained unruffled, however he had still to open his account after 17 overs and sixty minutes batting.

Collier was now partnered by the veteran Ron Ballucci, who had received his re-call to the line-up for this important match. Ballucci began streakishly, getting two runs from an edge just wide of slip. Soon after Collier finally posted his first run after 70 minutes, with a push to square-leg in the 19th over, as the score reached 33. On doing so, he was advised by John Czerw to "start again, John!".

When Willoway bowled Ballucci (4) Lake Monger was in big trouble and they were to plunge into even deeper trouble soon after when Willoway yorked Collier with the last ball of his 16th over. At 5-43 Lake Monger was staring right down the barrel, Willoway 16 overs, 7 maidens, 3 for 13.

Collier had batted 99 minutes over his 3, but more importantly he had kept one end safe while wickets tumbled around him. Had wickets been tumbling at both ends Lake Monger may well have lost more than 5 in 31 overs, and thus not had the batsmen left to take advantage of the improving conditions after the rain.

As it was, rain interrupted play one over later, Lake Monger 5-45 with the ever reliable "Rooster" Pollard on 6 and Alec Miller yet to score.

After an 18 minute adjournment, play resumed at 3.08pm but 8 minutes later rain and poor light was again to intervene as the players took an early tea at 46. It was at this total that one of the day's highlights took place when "Rooster" aiming a big hit off George Clothier, received a loud condemnation from the heavens (in the form of thunder!) for missing the ball all together. This brought a quick apology from "Rooster" who immediately asked for forgiveness.

This must have had some effect as "Rooster" soon brought up the Lake Monger 50 with a drive to deep mid-on. He followed this with a lofted straight hit for 3 off George Clothier. However, it was that man again, Willoway, who worsened Lake Monger's plight when he sent Alec Miller's stumps cartwheeling to make it 6-57, Willoway 4-15 off 20.

Second semi-final hero John Czerw now joined his vice-captain and he began nervously, french-cutting Willoway to the boundary. Two balls later Czerw again took runs, on-driving a full-pitched delivery for two as the score reached 65. With Czerw shaping to take up the attack to the tireless Willoway, Maylands swung a welcome change (as far as Lake Monger was concerned) removing their strike-bowler from the attack after 21 overs.

With Pollard solid at one end it was Czerw who aggressively set about accelerating the run rate as he took seven from Neil Clothier's next over, including one sweetly struck shot through a wicket to the boundary.

Czerw then greeted Dickinson back into the attack by clipping him superbly off his toes through mid-wicket for four more. With the batsmen getting set Maylands was forced to replace Neil Clothier with his brother George and this move was to pay off handsomely for Maylands as in his third over, George had Czerw caught at mid-wicket after scoring 21 precious runs.

It was a fine contribution from Czerw who had continued his sensational end-of-season form. For a man who had struggled for runs early in the year, Czerw had timed his run to perfection, registering scores of 68, a match-winning 23 and 21 in this match.

His partnership with Pollard had realized 32, to lift the score to 89. However, as so often happens after a good partnership Pollard was to follow Czerw back to the pavilion without addition, when he steered a wide ball from Dickinson to slip as Lake Monger crashed to 8-89. In all the gritty wicket-keeper had batted 78 minutes over his 21, in a top vice captain's innings.

Drinks were taken with "Rooster's" departure after 51 overs. With Glen Miller and Graham Wearing now in occupation it was hoped the pair could repeat their outstanding efforts from their past encounter with Maylands, however any hopes of this were quickly dispelled when Miller skied a George Clothier full-toss to square-leg and in the next over Wearing had his leg-stump, knocked back by Dickinson to finish off the Lake Monger innings at 92.

For Maylands, Willoway and Dickinson captured seven wickets between them to route Lake Monger for their second lowest total of the season. With only 93 to get Maylands had all but wrapped up the 2B flag as they began their innings with sixteen overs to go before stumps. For a side which had averaged 230 over the season, the target seemed a mere formality, however, Maylands was not to count on the great character and resilience within the Lake Monger team.

Dell felt that if the field could keep it tight, Maylands may struggle to get 93 against the new-ball attack of Alec Miller and Graham Wearing. It was obvious early that neither batsman was comfortable against the fiery Miller, and he was unfortunate not to have picked up Owen's wicket with his second delivery, when a lofted drive just cleared Dell at mid-off.

After seven overs it appeared Maylands had weathered the storm as Wearing, after three immaculate overs began his fourth. A single to Crowe took the score to 7 but with his next ball Wearing trapped Owens right in front to send the opener on his way. Victory was in the air as Lake Monger sensed an urgency in Maylands.

This was to become even more apparent when the in-form Samytowski was controversially caught behind by a diving Pollard in Miller's next over, Maylands 2-8. "Rooster's" catch was inspirational and Lake Monger was on a high. Fleming joined Crowe with 26 minutes to go to stumps and was immediately all at sea against the hostility of Miller. Dropped by "Rooster" from the second ball he received, he was all but bowled by the next three deliveries before Miller got him in his following over, clean bowled - not playing a shot. At 3-10 and with only 17 minutes to go to the close, Maylands would have been well advised to have made use of a "nightwatchman", however they resisted this and sent in McKenna.

Not to be outdone Wearing was back in the action moments later, when he appeared to have Crowe caught and bowled, however Umpire Wright ruled that the ball had come off the batsman's boot. With McKenna playing solidly it looked unlikely that Lake Monger would break through again on Saturday evening, as one run was added in four overs. The enthusiasm within the Lake Monger was great as they took only nine minutes to bowl these overs.

When Wearing commenced the final over of the afternoon, it appeared Maylands had "shut-up-shop" for the day however, to the second ball, McKenna indiscreetly aimed a big drive, and had his off-stump bent back as Maylands crumbled to 4-11.

Four balls remained as "nightwatchman" George Clothier came to the crease. To his first delivery, George came forward, gliding the ball firmly and wide of point - two runs off the bat. But Islip, at point, typifying the great desperation within the team, dived full-length to cut the ball off. A brilliant return to "Rooster" found both batsmen stranded at the one-end as "Rooster" broke the stumps, but the umpire, and rightly so, ruled in favour of the batsman.

It was then that "Rooster" demonstrated the coolness that had earmarked his play all year as he threw to the bowler's end where a not so cool "Delly" snatched, fumbled, dropped and then regained the ball before breaking the stumps to run out Clothier by metres. It seemed like an eternity.....

Maylands 5-11 as the Lake Monger players rejoiced around their captain "Delly" and Islip. Crowe successfully played out the three remaining deliveries as Maylands went to stumps in diabolical straights. For a side whose lowest total all season had been 129 (against Lake Monger), Maylands had collapsed abysmally, and with the heart torn out of their batting a further 82 runs looked beyond them.

However, if they could start afresh on Sunday and regain some of their composure, Maylands on paper, still looked a side capable of scoring well in excess of 92. This was evidenced by the fact that their number eleven, Barry Gibson, had scored 74 in a 2B grand final only four seasons earlier.

When play re-commenced on Sunday Maylands again failed to take the initiative from the bowlers as Islip and Wearing conceded only two runs from the first four overs of the day. It was now that Dell surprisingly replaced Islip with his trump card Alec Miller, from the western end.

Miller justified his captain's decision immediately by knocking Willoway's off-stump out of the ground with his first delivery of the day as Maylands slumped to 6-13. Maylands needed to attack if they wanted to get back in the match, and that's exactly what Neil Clothier did as he tried to hit Miller

off his length. On off-drive first-ball got him off the mark and this was followed by three boundaries in four overs as Maylands mounted their first serious challenge to Lake Monger.

With Crowe lending solid support, the pendulum began to swing back Maylands' way as Lake Monger sought a breakthrough. At 35 Clothier had a life when the usually safe hands of Wearing at slip failed to hold a "hot" chance from Miller's bowling.

For the final over of the session Dell brought the "little-fella" Gray into the attack, and he immediately tested Clothier with a short ball at his face, which the batsman fended away uppishly towards point. Dell was quick to notice Clothier's dislike for the rising ball at his body, and called in Alec Miller some 10 metres from cover-point. This move proved a masterstroke for Lake Monger as two balls later, Miller accepted a good catch, rolling forward.

At drinks it was 7-38, the scales tipped in Lake Monger's favour but the experienced Maylands' late order could not be underestimated. Crowe was still there but, shortly after, it was Alec Miller who appeared to seal Maylands fate when he had the patient opener caught behind to make it 8-43.

That was the one Lake Monger wanted, only two wickets to go and the flag was theirs. Crowe's 13 had taken 122 minutes to compile, but with his dismissal Maylands was all but beaten.

Could Lake Monger snatch defeat from the jaws of victory? Possibly, as in the next 46 minutes they were to find the pairing of veterans Kevin Dickinson and Tom Batt very difficult to separate. In a tension packed period of play, Maylands clawed their way back into the game as Lake Monger became increasingly frustrated. When Dickinson smashed Miller over mid-wicket to the boundary it looked as if the big-hearted firebrand was finished, but as is the character of the man, Miller fought back to have Batt precariously close to being leg-before in his next over, maybe going over the top.



After nineteen superb overs Dell relieved Miller with Islip, and as had been the pattern over the entire season, the bowling change was an instant success. To a delivery he could well have left alone, Dickinson chased a wide ball and "Rooster" did the rest.

Maylands 9-61, 32 to get. The mop-up operation would normally have been expected to take a matter of minutes but as Lake Monger was to find, Batt and Gibson had other ideas. Maylands was not beaten yet.

Drinks were taken one run later and on the resumption of play Dell was forced to switch his bowlers in a frantic effort to break through. Glen Miller was introduced into the attack and Gibson was immediately on the look-out for sharp singles.

This tactic worked well for Maylands as Lake Monger became a little flustered. A dab to gully saw Czerw dart in and with a superb pick up and throw he all but ran out Batt, the ball missing the stumps by millimetres, so close but yet so far....

The game was slipping through their fingers as Dell brought back Alec Miller, this time from the eastern end. A maiden to Batt was followed by a fiery over from Glen Miller to Gibson, which resulted in a heated verbal exchange between batsman and bowler.

For over three quarters of an hour the last pair had thwarted the Lake Monger attack. Maylands needed only another 20 for victory as Alec Miller started his twenty-first over. It was getting desperate, things seemed to be going Maylands way, as Dell tried to keep his hungry charges concentrating on the job at hand.

Lake Monger was not going to let this one slip away and it was Alec Miller, the man with the "Midas touch", that produced the delivery that won the flag. Victory came when square-leg fielder John Collier held on to a magnificent "pressure" catch at the second attempt as Lake Monger won by 19 runs in a heart-stopping finish.

Wild scenes followed as the premiership captain Dell, Miller and Collier were congratulated by frenzied team-mates and supporters. It was a sensational experience for all concerned. For Dell it was a triumph as well as a dream come true. He had put together a great team which was characterised by its ability to play as one.

The side had shown outstanding fighting qualities in the face of adversity in both its finals matches and it was a credit to the players that they were able to stretch their winning sequence to nine. This was a champion team!

What followed was a night of celebration at "Delly's" house where a "Mega-chuck" was on proud display!

Well done boys and Delly.

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## 2B GRAND FINAL SCOREBOARD

LAKE MONGER versus MAYLANDS at Hillcrest Reserve on 21, 22 MARCH 1987

### LAKE MONGER

C. Gray		b Willoway	5
J. Collier		b Willoway	3
A. Trainer	c Crowe	b Dickinson	3
B. Islip	c Gibson	b N Clothier	17
R. Ballucci		b Willoway	4
P. Pollard	c Fleming	b Dickinson	21
A. Miller		b Willoway	4
J. Czerw	c McKenna	b G Clothier	21
G. Miller	c Batt	b G Clothier	1
G. Wearing		b Dickinson	2
G. Dell	not out		0
Extras			<u>11</u>
TOTAL			<u>92</u>

Fall of wickets: 6, 9, 29, 36, 43, 57, 89, 89, 91, 92

MAYLANDS Bowling:	D. Willoway	21-9-21-4
	K Dickinson	14.3-4-26-3
	N Clothier	13-4-27-1
	G Clothier	4-1-7-2

### MAYLANDS

S. Crowe	c Pollard	b A. Miller	13
S. Owens	lbw	b Wearing	5
E. Samytowski	c Pollard	b A. Miller	1
J. Fleming		b A. Miller	0
G. McKenna		b Wearing	1
G. Clothier	run out		0
D. Willoway		b A. Miller	1
N. Clothier	c A. Miller	b Gray	20
K. Dickinson	c Pollard	b Islip	10
T. Batt	not out		14
B. Gibson	c Collier	b A Miller	3
Extras			<u>5</u>
TOTAL			<u>73</u>

Fall of wickets: 7, 8, 10, 11, 11, 13, 38, 42, 61, 73

LAKE MONGER BOWLING:	G. Wearing	20-11-11-2
	A. Miller	20.2-7-43-5
	B. Islip	7-6-2-1
	C. Gray	7-2-10-1
	G. Miller	3-1-2-0

12th Men: D Heavens (Lake Monger); A Morgan (Maylands)

LAKE MONGER WON BY 19 RUNS

TWO-DAY BATTING AVERAGES 1986/87

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>INN</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>50's</u>	<u>CT/ST</u>
1.G.Miller	5	5	-	177	71	35.40	2	-
2.P.Pollard	7	9	3	206	94*	34.33	1	14
3.B.Islip	4	4	-	123	53	30.75	1	-
4.S.Tucker	2	3	-	90	54	30.00	1	1
5.J.Czerw	8	10	2	167	68	20.88	1	5
6.G.Wearing	9	12	3	184	47	20.44	-	4
7.D.Thacker	1	2	-	36	21	18.00	-	-
8.P.Kontor	4	6	2	67	38	16.75	-	8/3
9.C.Gray	9	13	-	215	41	16.54	-	3
10.D.Stoate	8	9	-	148	42	16.44	-	4
11.A.Miller	6	7	-	105	53	15.00	1	1
12.J.Collier	11	14	1	189	56	14.54	1	5
13.A.Trainer	5	5	1	57	23*	14.25	-	2
14.G.Dell	11	11	12	104	42	11.56	-	5
15.P.Collier	3	4	1	32	22	10.67	-	2
16.R.Ballucci	6	9	-	92	36	10.22	-	3
17.D.Heavens	8	9	5	33	11	8.25	-	6
18.M.O'Keefe	4	4	1	20	6*	6.67	-	1
19.K.Vanderwolf	3	3	1	10	9*	5.00	-	-
20.M.Jackson	1	1	-	3	3	3.00	-	-
21.K.Kreibich	1	2	-	4	3	2.00	-	-
22.M.Rajecki	2	4	-	5	4	1.25	-	3
23.O.Fernandes	1	1	-	1	1	1.00	-	-
24.V.Furfaro	2	3	-	3	2	1.00	-	-

TWO-DAY BOWLING AVERAGES 1986/87

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WKTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>BEST</u>	<u>5WI</u>
1.A.Trainer	18	2	41	5	8.20	3/12	-
2.G.Wearing	125.5	43	211	25	8.44	4/13	-
3.K.Vanderwolf	34	11	69	8	8.62	5/29	1
4.G.Dell	28	8	60	6	10.00	2/2	-
5.A.Miller	93.5	28	200	18	11.11	5/14	2
6.M.O'Keefe	65.1	27	91	8	11.38	4/25	-
7.D.Heavens	65.2	16	179	14	12.79	3/5	-
8.M.Jackson	19	8	39	3	13.00	2/29	-
9.B.Islip	59.1	27	92	7	13.14	5/29	1
10.C.Gray	83.2	20	162	11	14.73	4/30	-
11.J.Czerw	34.5	11	65	4	16.25	3/12	-
12.G.Miller	51	19	82	2	41.00	1/21	-

ALSO BOWLED

M. Rajecki 1-0-5-0  
J. Collier 2-0-2-0  
S. Tucker 1-0-2-0  
R. Ballucci 4-0-9-0

ONE-DAY SERIES BATTING AVERAGES 1986/87

<u>BATSMAN</u>	<u>MATCHES</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>N/OUTS</u>	<u>AGGREGATE</u>	<u>HIGHEST SCORE</u>	<u>AVGE</u>	<u>50's</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>
1.D.Thacker	3	3	1	80	36	40.00	-	-
2.J.Collier	4	4	2	70	53*	35.00	1	-
3.S.Tucker	2	2	-	68	35	34.00	-	3
4.M.O'Keefe	1	1	-	32	32	32.00	-	-
5.A.Miller	4	4	-	96	58	24.00	1	4
6.C.Gray	3	3	-	64	25	21.33	-	1
7.J.Czerw	3	3	-	54	39	18.00	-	1
8.D.Stoate	3	3	-	50	37	16.67	-	1
9.V.Furfaro	4	3	1	28	15	14.00	-	1
10.G.Dell	4	3	1	28	20*	14.00	-	1
11.P.Kontor	2	2	-	23	14	11.50	-	2
12.R.Ballucci	3	3	-	34	19	11.33	-	1
13.B.Priest	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	-	-
14.D.Heavens	4	1	-	3	3	3.00	-	3

ALSO PLAYED: A.Trainer - 2 matches (42\*, 2\*) plus 1 catch.

B.Waldock - 1 match - did not bat.

ONE-DAY SERIES BOWLING AVERAGES 1986/87

<u>BOWLER</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WICKETS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>BEST</u>
1.V.Furfaro	0.4	-	0	2	0.00	2-0
2.M.O'Keefe	8	3	20	3	6.67	3-20
3.C.Gray	22	2	74	6	12.33	3-20
4.R.Ballucci	9	2	64	4	16.00	3-43
5.D.Stoate	11	1	57	3	19.00	2-28
6.G.Dell	14.3	-	77	3	25.67	2-15
7.A.Miller	35	2	143	5	28.60	2-18
8.D.Heavens	30	3	118	4	29.50	2-26
9.J.Czerw	19	2	84	2	42.00	2-33

ALSO BOWLED: B.Waldock 4-0-23-0

A.Trainer 1-0-8-0

D.Thacker 4-0-25-0





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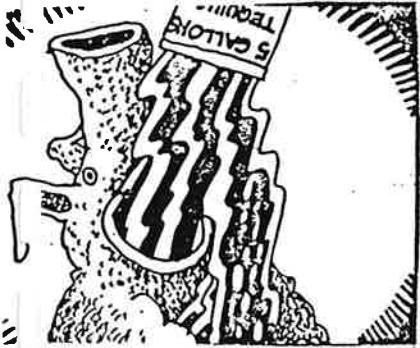
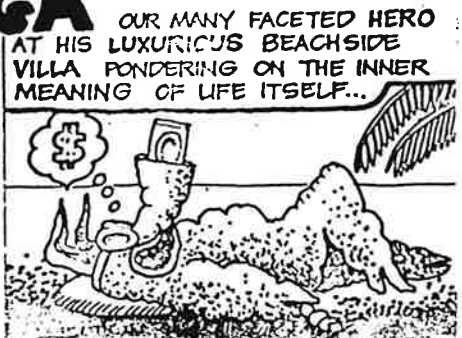
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