



The University of Sydney Cricket Club Foundation

December 2008 News

The Season thus far

SUCC have made a solid start to the season.

At the time of writing, all teams are well in contention and we have the chance to repeat last year's great effort of six grades playing in the semi finals. We are top of the tables in 3rds and have taken the lead in the Club Championship. First Grade have registered wins from the last 3 rounds and sit in equal 5th position. Second Grade are currently placed 5th, Fourth Grade are 8th, as are Fifth Grade. Sixth Grade have made a solid start and are in the top 4. Particularly pleasing has been the start in Poidevin-Gray (under 21), with convincing wins in rounds 1 and 2 and a narrow loss in round 3.

Representative Players

Stuart Clark returned from the Indian tour to a busy home season with tests against New Zealand and South Africa. Greg Mail and Mark Cameron began the season as senior players in the NSW side before injuries put them on the sideline. Eddie Cowan and Ian Moran have both performed well for the NSW 2nd XI, with Eddie now back in the NSW 1 day and 4 day sides. Dave Miller has been named as captain of the NSW under 19 side, with Mitch Cook and Matt Morgan unlucky to miss out in the final round of selections.

Director of Cricket

Dave Jessep has commenced work in this newly created role. It is the first time SUCC have had a full time employee on the books and the appointment is seen to be a crucial step for the club as we look to develop and prosper as a leading force in the Sydney grade competition. Dave's role will be to co-ordinate player development and the scholarship program with the coaching staff, generate new revenue through sponsorship and other fundraising activities, and improve links to schools and the community. The Foundation is contributing to the funding of the position to the tune of about 30%, with SU Sport providing the balance.

20/20 day

On 9 November 2008, SUCC was one of 5 grade clubs to host round 1 of the inaugural grade 20/20 tournament. Our 1st grade side played round robin games against Gordon, Wests and Sydney, with each team playing each other team during a hectic day when 3 games were played on each of Uni 1 and Uni 2. SUCC unfortunately did not progress to the next round, with just one win and two heart stopping losses. It was, however, a most successful day and a very pleasing aspect was the attendance of so many former SUCC players and Foundation members.

Investments

In recent months, the transition of the Foundation's investments to a more aggressive portfolio has been completed. This means that there is now a split of near to 70:30 between growth and fixed interest investments. Clearly, the financial market turmoil of 2008 has been as worrying for the Foundation as it has for

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all investors, but our new investment strategy was decided on after a good deal of thought and on the basis of detailed professional advice. We should be well placed to benefit from better investment periods which the future no doubt holds, whenever that may be.

Dave Miller

As mentioned earlier, Dave Miller has been chosen to captain the NSW under 19 side.

The team will play in the National Championships, to be held in Newcastle during December.

Dave came to Sydney in 2008 from Old Bar (near Taree) and played for

SUCC in the final few games of last season. He is studying for a Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise & Sport Science) at the Cumberland Campus of the University of Sydney. Dave was awarded the only Bradman Scholarship for this year. He also holds a Sydney University Sport Scholarship which provides financial assistance for him to complete his studies and pursue his cricketing ambitions. After starting the season in 2nd grade, some solid performances saw Dave promoted to 1st grade where he has settled in well.



Foundation members

Attached is the current list of Foundation members. We are eternally grateful for the support and generosity of our members but always need additional donations. The Foundation's philosophy is that donations are never spent and are maintained to work for SUCC in perpetuity. Attached is a donation form. All donations, no matter how small, are valuable to us and will help ensure that the Foundation can continue to support SUCC with initiatives such as the appointment of a Director of Cricket.

Communications

Many thanks to those Foundation members who since the previous newsletter have contacted us to provide email addresses, or to request that paper communications be continued. Again, to the extent possible we need to limit paper communications so if at all possible, please provide us with an email address by emailing it to Geoff de Mesquita at g.demesquita@sport.usyd.edu.au. If you prefer to maintain paper communications, please call Geoff on 0419 277 059 to arrange that.

Games online

First Grade matches will soon be reported live on the web. First Grade scorer, Martin Amy is putting the final touches to the system which will allow you to view live game information each Saturday. When this facility is available you will be advised.

Coming Games

The complete draw can be found on the Cricket NSW website but in summary:

First Grade are away against Parramatta this Saturday.

After the Christmas break, **First Grade** take on UNSW at Uni (Jan 10th & 17th), Sutherland at Uni (Jan 24th/25th), Blacktown (Jan 31st & Feb 7th away), Penrith away (Feb 14th & 21st), Eastern Suburbs away (Feb 28th & Mar 7th), and Fairfield-Liverpool at Uni (March 14th).

The **PG's** remaining games are:

Sydney at Uni (Dec 21st), Northern District at Uni (Jan 11th), Sutherland away (Feb 8th), and Hawkesbury at Uni (Feb 22nd).

The **Green Shield** (U/16) side play:

Sydney at Uni 2 (Dec 21st), Sutherland away (Dec 23rd), Hawkesbury away (Jan 4th), Blacktown away (Jan 6th), Randwick-Petersham at St. Paul's (Jan 8th), Northern District (Jan 11th at Uni 2) and Manly (Jan 13th away).

Phil Logan

Chairman

Blue and Gold Cricket Luncheon Friday 20th February Tattersalls Club

Hosts Mike Coward and Adam Spencer.

Join them as they go in depth with a swag of cricket celebrities.

Drinks will start from midday with cleansing ales from 3pm.

To book or for more information, contact Dave Jessep on 0415 075 411 or at

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OBITUARIES

Greg Urwin died on 10 August 2008, aged 61

Greg Urwin was born in Lithgow and was educated at Fairy Meadow Public School, Wollongong High School (where he was school captain) and the University of Sydney (he was senior student at Wesley College). He graduated with honours in History at the end of 1971.

For two seasons, Greg played for the Club as an opening batsman and occasional off spinner. His 83 against Cumberland in 5th grade in 1969-70 was his only score above 50 but his reliability was unquestioned as he often opened the batting in difficult circumstances on underprepared and uncovered pitches. He regularly battled through these bowler-friendly conditions only to lose his wicket in the 20s. He was eventually promoted to 3rd Grade in 1969-70 and then spent the next season entirely in a very successful 4th Grade side, expertly captained by Alan Jakes. This was a side that won games, enjoyed each other's company and finished fourth. It contained some stalwart lower graders of the period including Bruce Druery, Clive Smoker, Gary Smoker and Bob McLeod.

After graduation, Greg joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Seasons	Inns	No	HS	Runs	Ave
1969-71	26	1	83	500	20.0
	Wkts	Runs	Ave		
	6	84	14.0		

Trevor Pearson died in 2007, aged 87

Mr Pearson, who was living in Ballina up until the time of his death, had played one season with the Club, in 1937-38. He played in a particularly unsuccessful 3rd Grade side that won only one game out of 12 in a dismal season. Mr Pearson batted in the middle order in most games. For the last 15 years, Mr Pearson had been a Member of the Sydney University Foundation.

Harry Carson Abbott, died on 19 October 2007, aged 88

Mr Abbott played for the Club in three seasons after the Second World War where he had served in the 2nd A.I.F. He died in Wauchope but had lived at Boggabri for many years.

He was a member of the Second A.I.F. in the anti-Aircraft Regiment during the Second World War and on discharge, enrolled in Sydney University and played in 1st and 2nd Grades as a determined lower order batsman and wrist spinner.

His best performance in 1st Grade came in 1946-47 in the game against Manly which was the Club's only victory in 1st Grade during a dismal season. His 4-43 was instrumental in University's memorable win. In contrast, two games later, his 2-37 was respectable in Balmain's 6 (decl) 342 but the side was thrashed by an innings and 247 runs as the collapses in both innings were humiliating – all out 22 followed by all out 73.

In the same season, Abbott's all round performance against Queensland University, when he took 4-14 and then scored 105, earned him deserved plaudits. He was awarded his Blue for cricket in 1947.

Mr Abbott was survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret, and by five of his children.

Seasons	Inns	No	HS	Runs	Ave
1945-48	36	6	36	326	11.2
	Wkts	Runs	Ave		
	21	800	38.1		

Jim Stenmark, SUCC 1943-45, who died in mid-November, aged 84.

He was a Wallaby on the 47-48 tour and a dentist for many years. His father, Ossian Stenmark, was president of the club in the 40s.

James F Rodgers

Membership of the Foundation

We have currently 324 members in the various categories and I am eternally grateful for their generosity and continued interest in the Club.

BUT.....we always need more.

A 'Securing Our Future' form is attached. Your contribution and your encouragement for other past players and supporters to join the Foundation will keep the Club vibrant and help it set the standards throughout the 21st Century.

\$20,000 to become a Patron of the Foundation

\$10,000 to become a Trustee

\$2,500 to become a Life Member

\$1,000 to become a Member

Any other amount to become a Subscriber

Your donation is tax deductible.

To donate please use the updated attached form

Where Does the Money Go?

- ☺ To scholarships that have enabled some of Sydney's most gifted young players to combine cricket and study;
- ☺ To support for the Club's overseas tours of 1993, 1997, 2002 and 2004/05. The possibility of the Club touring England again in 2009 will attract further support from the Foundation;
- ☺ To support for Undergraduates to participate in Intervarsity Tours;
- ☺ To the Club to help upgrade its facilities (pitch covers, scoreboards, practice pitches, fairway mowers);
- ☺ To the Coaching and Administrative sections of the Club.

The Foundation capital is never spent.

Only the interest and dividends received are spent.

Your donation will work for the Club in perpetuity.

The Generations

Fathers and sons who have played for Sydney University Cricket Club

In recent years, there have been a few young cricketers, some of Green Shield (under 16) age, who have started their careers with the club and who have familiar surnames. In other words, the cricketing generations have continued to grow at SUCC. The attached list prepared by James Rodgers is intended to be comprehensive (but he would be happy to be proved wrong if there are any omissions).

Bernie AMOS (1952-57), Richard AMOS (1990-93)
Hartley ANDERSON (1961-65; 91-93), Jai ANDERSON (1998-2001)
George BARBOUR (1894-95), Eric BARBOUR (1909-15), Dick BARBOUR (1946-50) – **3 generations**
Stuart BOLAND (1964-65), Steve BOLAND (1997-98)
Neil BONNELL (1954-58), Max BONNELL (1987-97)
John CAMPBELL (1954-56), Jock CAMPBELL (1986-91), Scott CAMPBELL (1985-89)
Tom CLOUSTON (1901-02), John CLOUSTON (1946-50)
Peter CROSS (1964-67), Joel CROSS (1996-98)
Sonny de CARVALHO (1946-50), Andrew de CARVALHO (1976-82)
Jon ERBY (1954-74), Geoff ERBY (1989-92)
Norman FALK (1932-36), Andrew FALK (1970-74)
Frank FARRAR (1910-15), Frank FARRAR (1939-49)
Bob FINDLAY (1944-47), John FINDLAY (1982-88)
Wallace FOULSHAM (1930-33), Ian FOULSHAM (1963-76), Lachlan FOULSHAM (2000-03) – **3 generations**
David FOX (1957-67), Chris FOX (1985-86)
Bob GRANT (1959-64), David GRANT (1992-95)
Bruce HILLIAS (1940-45), Bruce HILLIAS (1970-74)
Matthew HORTON (1981-85), David HORTON (current)
Geoff KEIGHRAN (1973-82), Adam KEIGHRAN (2000-03)
Ted Le COUTEUR (1960-74), Michael Le COUTEUR (1990-93)
Jim L'ESTRANGE (1940-43), Michael L'ESTRANGE (1971-76), Jim L'ESTRANGE (1975-81)
Phil LOGAN (1978-98), Alex LOGAN (2006-current)
Peter LOVELL (1957-65), Geoff LOVELL (1985-96)
Greg MATTHEWS (2002-current), Nolan MATTHEWS (2006-current), Darcy MATTHEWS (2006-current) ***see below**
John McDONALD (1951-57), Paul McDONALD (1973-76)
Dick MESLEY (1966-72), Michael MESLEY (1995-98)
Fergus MUNRO (1924-26), Fergus MUNRO (1959-64)
Tom NEVELL (1942-46), David NEVELL (1978-84)
Rodney NOBLE (1939-44), Errol NOBLE (1962-66)
Phillip NOTT (1967-68), Hamish NOTT (1998-99)
Forbes PRATT (1923-27), Forbes PRATT (1950-54)
Damon RIDLEY (1972-82), Andrew RIDLEY (1981-2000), Nicholas RIDLEY (1992-2005), Lloyd RIDLEY (1981-82)
Cecil ROGERS (1902-08), Dick ROGERS (1931-40)
John ROWEN (1968-70), and his stepson, Paul BERTELLE (2006-current)
Bob SCOTT (1969-71), Aaron SCOTT (1999-2003)
Gary SMOKER (1969-74), Ben SMOKER (1987-88)
George STENING (1922-24), Frank STENING (1955-61), Michael STENING (1982-85) – **3 generations**
Jim SULLIVAN (1918-23), Jim SULLIVAN (1946-50)
John TOMKO (1955-57), Craig TOMKO (1980-99)
S.G. WHITFIELD (1915-16) and his grandson, Philip BEALE (1977-82)

* Greg and Nolan Matthews both played 4th Grade in the same match in the first round of this season. The only previous known instance of a father and son playing in the same game for SUCC was Phil and Alex Logan in 6th grade in 2006/7.

This unusual occurrence has happened in the Veterans' XI over the years but rarely does a Grade match provide this achievement.

James Rodgers