

The BENTLEY CRICKETER.

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Editorial.

Any analysis of the just-completed season, if realistic, must include the adjective "disappointing". The major objectives of any cricket side are to qualify for the finals and to win a Premiership. In this regard, our 3 sides all failed to achieve either objective. In fact, to be brutally honest, only one of our 3 sides could claim to have been consistently competitive and even they (our first side) took almost half the season before they began to play as a competitive unit. However, the purpose of this editorial is not to hold lengthy post mortems on the season past (that is done elsewhere in this publication) but to take a constructively critical look at the future of the Bentley Cricket Club. Firstly, the number 1 side performed well enough to suggest that they should be a force in 2nd Grade next year. The team had a good balance of youth and experience and was well led by Peter Quartermaine. Of the 19 players who represented the top side only one of the 4 who have since departed has been a major loss. Nevertheless, the Club desperately needs to unearth a batsman of consistency and quality and a bowler to support the present attack. Unfortunately such players neither grow on trees nor fall from the sky so the Club either needs to attract an outsider by offering the coaching position together with some remuneration, or to foster younger players within the ranks of the Club. The first option can only be decided upon by the administration of the Club, but the second course (regardless of who is appointed Coach in 1985/86) should become Club policy. This season has seen our number 2 side finish well down in 3rd Grade with players in that team rarely putting any pressure on our top side's players to retain their places. The side was overburdened with a large number of players who are in the twilight (or late afternoon) of their careers with little prospect of bursting into the top side. Meanwhile the Club's younger players have been playing in 6th Grade where the standard of play is noticeably lower and the experience they are gaining is totally inadequate in terms of preparing them for higher grades. With our number 3 side lining up in 7th Grade next season, I believe it is time for Bentley to bite the bullet. We should appoint a pair of experienced players to lead our 3rd Grade side and then fill it with all our younger players with the aim of developing their skills in a high stand-

-ard of competition under leadership more concerned with fostering and developing our younger talent than with remote Premiership hopes. In other words, we should use our number 2 side in a rebuilding process. Meanwhile, our number 3 side in 7th Grade would almost become a "Veterans" side, but they should be given a definite goal - to get the side from 7th Grade to 5th Grade within 3 seasons. So often our senior players have talked about needing targets to keep them going another year. Instead of them setting individual targets, an aim such as stated above would provide an entire side with a target. Unless a definite Club policy is formulated for next season, we cannot realistically expect either of our lower 2 sides to improve greatly on their 1984/85 efforts nor can we expect our younger players to develop as rapidly as they should.

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(a) NEW-LOOK COMMITTEE IMPRESSES

Although the Club may have had a disappointing season on-field, this is in no way a reflection on the efforts of our Committee. The tremendous social atmosphere and sound financial management is a credit to the work of the Club' Committee. Special praise should go to our President, Steve Mills, and our Secretary, Lyn Arnott tackled their responsibilities with enthusiasm and a good deal of professionalism. It is to be hoped that, to ensure a continuity of sound administration, the members of our 1984/85 Committee are available for re-election next season. Well done!

NUMBER 1 SIDE REPORT

After a somewhat dismal start to the season with only 2 wins from 6 matches, our top side fought back magnificently to be in a position to make the finals if they were able to win their final game. Unfortunately they failed, but the side will be undoubtedly desperate to avoid a slow start next season. The batting was once again headed by PETER QUARTERMAINE who opened the season in grand style with 3 half centuries. BRIAN HAYWARD, LLOYD DUNGEY, ANDREW HAYWARD, IAN DICKERSON and GARY HARBORD all gave substance to the middle order, whilst PHIL ROBERTS, although lacking support, was a reliable opener. The bowling lacked depth but this was more than compensated by the quality of performance of the leading four. DAVE GITTUS manfully held the attack together before his departure, but the Bentley revival could be traced directly to the penetrating bowling of ANDREW HAYWARD and GREG NAIRN. They were well backed up by veteran JOHN WILLIAMS who made a welcome return to the top side. In the fielding department there were some fine contributions with none better than 'keeper STEVE MILLS who took out the fielding trophy for an unprecedented 6th season in a row.

FIELDING VOTES (25 or more)

S.Mills 132; L.Dungey 114; B.Hayward 88; C.Lockyer 68; A.Hayward 62; I.Dickerson 59; P.Quartermaine 52; B.Williams 35; G.Harbord 38.

CATCHES & STUMPINGS (5 or more)

S.Mills 15 c, 8 st; L.Dungey 14; B.Hayward 10; G.Nairn 7; P.Roberts, P.Quartermaine 6; C.Lockyer 6; I.Dickerson 5.

NUMBER 1 SIDE REPORT (cont)

BATTING AVERAGES (50 or more runs)

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
P.Quartermaine	14	1	93	383	29.46
B.Hayward	11	-	65	258	23.45
P.Roberts	14	2	63	258	21.5
J.Williams	6	2	32*	86	21.5
L.Dungey	14	3	52	205	18.63
A.Hayward	9	-	38	166	18.44
G.Harbord	9	2	50*	127	18.14
G.Nairn	11	6	27	90	18.0
I.Dickerson	12	-	36	188	15.66
S.Mills	12	1	30	128	11.63

BOWLING AVERAGES (5 wickets or more)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave
A.Hayward	195	50	479	34	14.08
G.Nairn	181	58	420	29	14.48
J.Williams	83.2	16	268	18	14.88
D.Gittus	128	34	327	18	18.16
I.Dickerson	42	5	147	5	29.4

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	37	P.Roberts/B.Williams
2nd Wicket	69	P.Roberts/P.Quartermaine
3rd Wicket	48	P.Quartermaine/S.Mills
4th Wicket	126	P.Quartermaine/B.Hayward V Applecross (New Record)
	75	P.Roberts/G.Harbord
	72	P.Quartermaine/G.Harbord
	72	A.Hayward/B.Hayward
5th Wicket	39	A.Hayward/B.Hayward
6th Wicket	65	A.Hayward/B.Hayward
7th Wicket	77	P.Quartermaine/I.Dickerson v Nedlands (New Record)
8th Wicket	21*	L.Dungey/T.Dawson
9th Wicket	57	J.Williams/G.Nairn
10th Wicket	48	J.Williams/G.Nairn

R.DUNGEY MEMORIAL TROPHY POINTS (*denotes ineligible player)

A.Hayward*	695	P.Farrall*	286	D.Knowles	142
R.Harmer	547	C.Dillon	268	G.Dickerson	115
J.Williams	454	S.Mills*	260	D.Fox	100
M.Dickerson*	452	S.Cairns	240	G.Dart	95
P.Quartermaine*	435	P.Roach snr	236	A.Ferguson	86
G.Woodhead*	406	J.Ford	234	L.Beckett	77
G.Nairn	398	T.Fisk	227	P.McGuinness	63
G.Farrall*	396	C.Lockyer	224	G.Duncan	49
A.Malins*	382	D.Gittus	214	K.Harmer	31
G.Harbord	362	B.Williams	213	W.Skuthorpe	26
B.Hayward	346	S.Carr	196	G.Clarke	18
L.Dungey	319	P.Webber	187	M.Cole	15
P.Roach jnr	303	K.Chapman	184	T.Dawson	13
I.Dickerson	297	B.Napier	172	M.Rind	7
P.Roberts	293	D.Leddon	160	D.Spicer	5
D.Hitchen*	292	C.Quinones	150	M.Oettinger	3

NUMBER 2 SIDE REPORT

Bentley's number 2 side found the transition from 4th Grade to 3rd Grade a difficult hurdle to overcome winning just 2 games (and obtaining points for a third when a side played an unregistered player). No batsman scored over 200 runs for the season but several performed creditably. Openers TONY MALINS and STEVE CAIRNS had a number of solid partnerships, DARRYL HITCHEN, PETER FARRALL and KEITH CHAPMAN were regulars to do well at times whilst GARY HARBORD, JOHN WILLIAMS, CHRIS DILLON, STEVE CARR, DAMIEN KNOWLES, BRIAN WILLIAMS and GREG DICKERSON did well in limited appearances. Unfortunately the batting lacked consistency and depth. The bowling provided an even sorer picture. Even allowing for the poor fielding that plagued the side, only captain GEORGE WOODHEAD performed with any consistency. TONY FISK showed promise and veteran TONY MALINS had his moments but the side lacked penetration with the new ball. As was stated, the fielding was generally poor, but DARRYL HITCHEN rose to great heights and deserved to dominate the fielding votes.

FIELDING VOTES (25 or more)

D.Hitchen 125; S.Cairns 72; P.Farrall 61; R.Harmer 58; D.Ledden 57; G.Harbord 50; B.Williams 49; C.Lockyer 43; M.Dickerson 38; D.Knowles 30; S.Carr 26.

WICKETS & STUMPINGS (5 or more)

P.Farrell 5 c, 1 st; D.Ledden 5 c, 1 st; G.Woodhead 6; D.Hitchen, S.Cairns 5.

BATTING AVERAGES (50 or more runs)

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
J.Williams	5	1	39	110	27.5
D.Knowles	6	1	32	112	22.4
C.Dillon	6	2	31	89	22.25
G.Dickerson	4	-	59	82	20.5
G.Harbord	7	-	51	141	20.14
P.Farrall	11	2	46*	157	17.44
S.Carr	8	1	61	120	17.14
C.Lockyer	4	-	25	65	16.25
D.Hitchen	13	2	36	167	15.18
B.Williams	7	1	30	83	13.83
A.Malins	14	-	55	191	13.64
K.Chapman	14	1	27	155	11.92
S.Cairns	16	-	25	168	10.5
G.Woodhead	13	2	24*	67	6.09

BOWLING AVERAGES (5 or more wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave
G.Woodhead	150.2	16	532	33	16.12
J.Williams	34.2	3	98	5	19.6
A.Fisk	74.3	18	226	11	20.55
A.Malins	164	37	430	16	26.87
L.Beckett	53	11	174	6	29.0
S.Carr	32.2	4	150	5	30.0
R.Harmer	83.4	20	279	8	34.87

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	50	A.Malins/S.Cairns	6th Wicket	37*	D.Knowles/C.Dillon
2nd Wicket	41	S.Cairns/G.Harbord	7th Wicket	42	B.Williams/K.Chapman
3rd Wicket	97	G.Harbord/G.Dickerson	8th Wicket	22	K.Chapman/M.Dickerson
	52	S.Cairns/D.Hitchen	9th Wicket	32	D.Ledden/G.Woodhead
4th Wicket	34	D.Hitchen/G.Dickerson	10th Wicket	49	R.Harmer/G.Woodhead
5th Wicket	71	S.Carr/C.Dillon			
	69	D.Hitchen/J.Williams			

NUMBER 3 SIDE REPORT

Being unable to field a settled line-up once again took its toll of our third side and, despite 2 outright wins, they were unable to avoid being relegated from 6th to 7th Grade. Those 2 wins saw captain RAY HARMER take a total of 20 wickets for just 60 runs. The side undoubtedly would have fared better had he not been required in the number 2 side for half the season. The bowling, in RAY'S absence, was shared around with evergreen GEOFF FARRALL once again earning the honours. TONY FISK did well before being promoted whilst PETER ROACH junior showed much promise. Sadly, the batting was not up to scratch. All-rounder MAL DICKERSON showed he is a player of promise JOHN FORD and BRUCE NAPIER applied themselves well as openers and PETER ROACH senior topped the aggregate with some solid performances. Undoubtedly the highlight of the batting was ANDREW HAYWARD'S undefeated century made whilst under an injury cloud and making up numbers. MAL DICKERSON stood head and shoulders above his peers in the field and deservedly took out the fielding honours.

FIELDING VOTES (25 or more)

M.Dickerson 137; P.Webber 84; C.Quinones 78; J.Ford 62; C.Dillon 47; D.Fox 44
B.Napier 42; P.Roach snr, D.Ledden 36.

CATCHES & STUMPINGS (5 or more)

C.Quinones 6 catches, 3 stumpings; P.Roach snr 6.

BATTING AVERAGES (50 or more runs)

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave
A.Hayward	2	1	114*	118	118.0
C.Dillon	7	-	35	118	16.9
M.Dickerson	12	-	68	159	13.3
G.Dart	8	1	39	84	12.0
P.Roach snr	16	-	35	187	11.7
J.Ford	13	-	28	139	10.7
B.Napier	13	1	48	124	10.3
P.Roach jnr	14	2	19	67	5.6
P.Webber	14	3	22*	73	6.6
G.Farrall	14	4	13*	64	6.4
C.Quinones	12	3	23	63	7.0

BOWLING AVERAGES (5 or more wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave
R.Harmer	124.2	39	226	31	7.3
G.Farrall	137.1	29	378	32	11.8
A.Fisk	61	20	121	10	12.1
P.Roach jnr	160	37	387	23	16.8
M.Dickerson	85.4	17	211	10	21.1

BEST PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket	32	J.Ford/B.Napier
2nd Wicket	53	B.Napier/D.Ledden
	51	B.Napier/J.Ford
3rd Wicket	74	J.Ford/A.Hayward
	69	J.Ford/G.Dart
4th Wicket	41	A.Hayward/P.Webber
5th Wicket	100	M.Dickerson/P.Roach snr v Old Wesley (New Record)
6th Wicket	21	C.Dillon/G.Farrall
7th Wicket	20*	P.Roach jnr/K.Harmer
8th Wicket	20	P.Roach jnr/A.Ferguson
9th Wicket	16	R.Harmer/G.Farrall
10th Wicket	15*	G.Farrall/A.Fisk

CAREER RECORDS - BATTING (Current players only)

NAME	Games	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
L.Dungey	217	293	49	94*	4493	18.41
G.Farrall	327	447	57	75	4168	10.69
K.Chapman	161	233	22	95	3016	14.29
G.Dart	169	251	27	77*	2933	13.09
B.Hayward	150	188	18	107	2711	15.95
A.Hayward	120	138	9	114*	2517	19.51
P.Quartermaine	86	111	17	93	2271	24.16
P.Farrall	118	176	18	89	2123	13.44
P.Roberts	93	114	11	113	1956	18.99
J.Williams	105	121	17	71*	1731	16.64
A.Malins	189	235	41	56	1684	8.68
S.Cairns	125	182	31	48	1379	9.13
P.Roach snr	76	103	14	67	1194	13.42
K.Harmer	59	82	4	57	919	11.78
D.Hitchen	49	70	5	49	876	13.48
S.Mills	64	76	6	53	822	11.74
P.Knowles	49	57	5	43	698	13.42
K.Harmer	94	110	40	34	662	9.46
G.Woodhead	184	205	61	24*	659	4.58
G.Dickerson	59	67	7	60	637	10.62
I.Dickerson	25	30	5	67*	475	19.0
C.Dillon	30	38	7	35	473	15.28
G.Harbord	19	25	4	58*	390	18.57
G.Nairn	50	55	25	29	360	12.0
S.Carr	13	18	1	61	354	20.82
W.Skuthorp	42	47	13	36	349	10.26
D.Gittus	38	37	15	18	211	9.59
M.Dickerson	10	15	-	68	175	11.67
T.Dawson	15	18	2	25	173	10.81
P.Roach jnr	20	27	3	30*	159	6.62
J.Ford	15	20	2	28	149	8.28
C.Quinones	37	40	8	23	147	4.59
B.Napier	16	19	1	48	134	7.44
B.Williams	8	11	1	30	104	10.4
C.Lockyer	8	11	1	25	93	9.3
P.Weber	13	20	6	22*	90	6.43
A.Ferguson	16	21	8	16	84	6.46
D.Ledden	9	12	2	26	67	6.7
L.Beckett	13	14	2	36*	67	5.58
D.Fox	16	11	-	29	58	5.27
P.McGuinness	5	7	1	20	42	7.0
A.Fisk	11	10	4	13*	21	3.5
G.Duncan	4	5	2	5*	15	5.0
G.Clark	3	5	-	9	15	3.0
M.Rind	1	2	-	6	7	3.5
M.Oettinger	1	2	1	3	3	3.0
M.Cole	1	2	1	1*	2	2.0
D.Spicer	3	3	1	1	1	0.5

Footnote: Being nominated 12th Man, and attending the game on both Saturdays, qualifies as 'a game played'. Unfortunately, through an oversight, the capt-ains did not record the 12th Man in the score books, so the 'games played' column does not include 12th Man duties for 1984/85. Players wishing to have this remedied should inform me of the extra 'games played' that they are en- titled to.

CAREER RECORDS - BOWLING (Current players only)

NAME	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
G.Farrall	3920	597	12785	1143	11.19
A.Malins	2865	724	7728	586	13.19
G.Woodhead	1581	154	5860	428	13.69
A.Hayward	1275	312	3248	193	16.83
P.Farrall	673	72	2803	178	15.75
R.Harmer	1129	252	2880	178	16.18
J.Williams	708	90	2118	154	13.75
G.Nairn	769	205	1853	135	13.73
W.Skuthorp	433	41	1542	90	17.13
D.Gittus	665	181	1562	77	20.29
B.Hayward	252	37	872	61	14.30
K.Chapman	197	27	757	53	14.28
K.Harmer	273	68	691	47	14.70
P.Roberts	392	99	1053	45	23.4
P.Roach jnr	256	59	589	41	14.37
L.Dungey	147	11	529	40	13.22
G.Dickerson	224	53	617	33	18.70
A.Fisk	173	46	442	28	15.79
P.Quartermaine	101	16	328	22	14.91
T.Dawson	161	28	480	21	22.86
L.Beckett	152	35	390	18	21.67
G.Dart	67	3	321	15	21.4
P.Roach snr	90	18	263	13	20.23
I.Dickerson	114	26	331	13	25.46
M.Dickerson	93	17	235	10	23.5
D.Knowles	54	8	189	8	23.62
B.Williams	51	11	127	6	21.17
C.Dillon	39	6	135	6	22.5
S.Carr	40	5	177	5	35.4
S.Cairns	15	-	59	4	14.75
D.Hitchen	15	1	63	4	15.75
P.Weber	31	11	160	4	40.0
J.Ford	36	14	105	3	35.0
G.Duncan	11	2	47	2	23.5
C.Lockyer	27	10	75	2	37.5
J.Fox	13	-	46	1	46.0
A.Ferguson	21	1	74	1	74.0
M.Rind	8	-	33	-	-
S.Mills	3	-	18	-	-
M.Cole	2	-	9	-	-

FOR THE RECORD

GAMES: During the past season, BRIAN HAYWARD played his 150th game, JOHN WILLIAMS his 100th and GREG NAIRN his 50th game. Next season could see RAY HARMER and PHIL ROBERTS play their 100th games, TONY MALINS is within reach of his 200th appearance whilst DARRYL HITCHEN and DAMIEN KNOWLES will each play their 50th game with their next match.

RUNS: In 1984/85 KEITH CHAPMAN scored his 3000th run, PETER QUARTERMAINE and PETER FARRALL each their 2000th and PETER ROACH snr his 1000th run. Next season GREG DART should pass the 3000 mark, PHIL ROBERTS 2000 and DARRYL HITCHEN 1000. With good seasons, BRIAN HAYWARD could reach 3000, JOHN WILLIAMS 2000 and STEVE MILLS 1000.

WICKETS: The only landmark of note achieved in 1984/85 was GEORGE WOODHEAD's 400th wicket. Next season should see a little more activity with TONY MALINS set to pass the 600 mark and ANDREW HAYWARD and RAY HARMER 200th.

*** OFF THE RECORD ***

A NUMBER of players made their highest scores for the Club last season. The more notable of these were "ACE" HAYWARD (114*), PETER QUARTERMAINE (93), BRUCE NAPIER (48), CHRIS DILLON (35), DAVE FOX (29), JOHN FORD (28), GEORGE WOODHEAD (24* - bettering the 18 he made in 1976!) and CLAUDE QUINONES (23). MAL DICKERSON had a fine top of 68 in his debut year.

BIG IMPROVERS this past season with the bat were JOHN FORD, BRUCE NAPIER and DAVE FOX. Collectively, in previous seasons, this trio had played a total of 24 games, scoring 24 runs at an average of 1.85 . This season they played a total of 23 games and scored 317 runs at an average of 9.32 .

TEN SEASONS AGO only 13 of our current players had played for Bentley. At that stage of their careers, these veterans had accumulated the following statistics:

	Games	Runs	Ave	Wickets	Ave
Geoff Farrall	228	3418	11.2	763	10.4
Greg Dart	123	2183	12.8	13	22.1
Lloyd Dungey	103	2104	17.5	33	13.2
Peter Farrall	88	1575	12.6	169	15.6
Tony Malins	82	460	5.8	260	13.6
George Woodhead	76	278	4.5	143	12.5
Keith Chapman	69	1441	14.9	24	14.2
Brian Hayward	44	554	11.5	36	11.8
Steve Cairns	20	56	4.7	-	-
John Williams	12	209	13.9	19	14.8
Andrew Hayward	10	158	12.2	1	7.0
Ray Harmer	8	62	6.9	-	-
Greg Dickerson	6	10	2.0	-	-

Some interesting comparisons can be made with current figures. It is a pity that the "Cricketer" wasn't operating 20 years ago. I think that 3, 4 or even 5 of our present players were playing then!

THE LACK of depth in batting in our number 3 side is reflected in the best partnerships for each wicket. There were some very useful stands for the first 5 wickets, but for the last 5 the best partnership was just 21.

PETER QUARTERMAINE can justifiably be placed right amongst the top of the list of all-time great Bentley batsmen. Of all the players to have scored over 1000 runs for the Club, only the legendary KEN ESMOND has a superior average (27.4) to PETER. Strangely enough, PETER has yet to make a century for Bentley.

CONGRATULATIONS to all trophy winners - especially to RAY HARMER on winning the Ralph Dungey trophy for the second time, and MAL DICKERSON on his batting and fielding trophies in his debut season.