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WHAT WENT WRONG IN 1972/73 ?

Last season looked like being a bumper season for Bentley; the First Grade experience of the A Team made them confident of success in Second Grade whilst the B Team's efforts in Fourth Grade must have given them some chance in Third Grade. Added to this, the Club was in its strongest ever financial position due to the hard work put in by the Social Committee. We all know what happened, but why? Financially and socially we are as strong as ever but this season we need a greater will to win. The Second Grade (now Third Grade) had the talent but lacked the necessary desperation. True, we were outclassed in one or two matches and unlucky in others but we were in winning positions on occasions (e.g. 2 for 80 when chasing 121) but still lost. Don't let us think as we did last year that relegation to a lower grade is going to bring automatic success. We have to earn it! As for the Third Grade (now Fourth Grade) they were truly outclassed last year and never had a chance due to lack of stability and constant changes of captains. This season we must elect a man who is going to stay in Fourth Grade to captain the side whilst success for the Third Grade should result in a degree of stability in Fourth Grade. Get behind whoever is appointed Club Captain, put in that little more effort at training and in games and we shall see Bentley return to their rightful place - on TOP.

As previously mentioned, the Club is very sound financially. Last season's wind-up was a huge success but it was only the work of the Social Committee and the support of the players that enabled us to cover up for a loss of some \$90 on the night. Let's see a continuation of the support of last year by ensuring that all functions are well attended by members.

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CREDIT & DEBIT

Despite the loss of LANCE THOMPSON and possibly also ADRIAN BALL from last season's teams, we still have the nucleus for two very good sides. In addition we will have PHIL KENRICK for a full season plus a group of new players to ensure that a place in a team is earned and not automatic. Let's consider the material we have to mould into two Premiership sides!

Adrian BALL - Lets hope that Adrian changes his mind about retiring. His cheerful disposition and his batting ability would be sorely missed. In addition he is a very capable wicket keeper.

Eric BUNN - A youngster who could develop into a useful all-rounder in Fourth Grade

Murray BUNN - Has pace to burn when fit but is inclined to be a little erratic. He will have gained in experience from last year.

Steve CAIRNS - Showed remarkable improvement during the course of last season. His enthusiasm and dedication will see even greater progress this season.

Craig CORMACK - Will be playing his first season. He seems to have a good eye in the nets and with practice could gain a regular place in the Fourth Grade.

Greg DART - Is a capable opening bat but appears unable to concentrate enough to build a big score. Never-the-less he'll be out to regain his form and should be a force in Third Grade

Mick D'MAMIEL - A capable all-rounder who will be a more than useful performer in Fourth Grade

Lloyd DUNGEY - Headed the Club batting averages last season but he realises there is still room for improvement and will be trying to do just that.

Geoff FARRALL - Had a tremendous season in Third Grade last year and as soon as he is fully recovered from a cartilage operation he will be back as good as ever.

Mike FARRALL - Last season Mike realised his full potential and he turned in some great performances in Third Grade. It won't be long before he is playing in the top side.

Peter FARRALL - A great all-rounder in all facets of the game. Peter sometimes appears to worry about his form but he was coming good at the end of last season after breaking a finger.

Steve FARRALL - Played only one game last season due to work but he has the ability to do well this season.

Mike GUERDS - Mick has had better seasons than the last but this was due to injury and eyesight. He should do well this season in Fourth Grade.

Bill HARMER - Although Bill disappointed in Second Grade last season he went well in the lower side. If he is available this year he may show his full potential.

Brian HAYWARD - A promising all-rounder when fit. Brian appears to be carrying a Kilo or two but he has the ability to succeed in either grade.

Phil KENRICK - Only played a couple of games towards the end of last season but he immediately showed that he had lost none of his batting ability. Will be a great acquisition to the Third Grade.

Ken LITTLE - A useful all-rounder, Ken or "Harold" should do well in either grade.

Tony MALINS - His pace could be suited to Third Grade.

Len MOULTON - Was beginning to find form when he broke his thumb last year. Len could easily fill a place in the Third Grade batting line-up.

Stu RANKIN - Stu was personally disappointed with his form last year but talent such as he possesses must come to the fore in Third Grade.

Ken RITCHIE - His aggressive batting and his wicket keeping earned him a regular place in the top side last season and should do like-wise this season.

Warren SAXBY - A good fieldsman and an improving batsman who should hold a regular place in Fourth Grade.

Ron STREFF - Performed well in Third Grade and gained promotion to Second Grade where he showed promise.

Terry TAYLOR - Proved me wrong last season when he gained a regular place in the A Team and was the backbone of the middle-order.

Rob TREDREA - A youngster with a good deal of ability who will no doubt continue to do well in the B Team

Jim WHYTE - Returns to the Club after an absence of a couple of years. Could be a useful wicket keeper for the Fourth Grade.

George WOODHEAD - Turned in some great performances as a slow bowler in Second Grade and should continue to do well for some seasons.

Len WOODLEY - Showed potential as a batsman and as a medium pace bowler when promoted to Second Grade last year.

Added to these we have the possibility of the return of top pace bowler ED STREFF and batsman KEITH CHAPMAN. The possible acquisition of a young batsman from Perth in ANDREW HAYWARD plus two newcomers in LES NEWTON and IAN McLACHLAN who attended our recent Annual General.

Let's hope all these players turn up though I'd say $\frac{3}{4}$ of them will. Add to the list a playing coach and our prospects look sound.

A VETERAN RETIRES

Although his retirement from cricket is not official, ROY RITCHIE may have played his last game for BENTLEY. No doubt he would be willing to play in an emergency as he did on one occasion last season. Roy joined Bentley in 1953 when the Club was founded and, apart from a brief spell with Mt. Lawley, he has represented Bentley for almost two decades. Roy started off as a fast bowler and over the years he became a fine spin bowler whilst his aggressive batting never failed to enliven proceedings. He has represented the Club 186 times and in doing so he took 393 wickets at an average cost of only 12.8 whilst he scored 2092 runs at an average of 6.9. It was Roy who introduced Geoff Farrall to the Club in 1954/55 and it was Roy who as a captain and coach who gave many of our current players the sound grounding they now possess. The name RITCHIE will last a long time in the history of our Club and it is being perpetuated by his son Ken. Well done Roy! Your innings has been long but I feel that you are still "not out"!

CAREER BATTING AVERAGES OF CURRENT PLAYERS

Name	Games	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
S.RANKIN	45	75	8	132	1492	22.3
A.BALL	23	33	3	52	550	18.3
L.DUNGEY	74	113	23	94*	1532	17.0
P.KENRICK	39	61	6	64	834	15.2
P.FARRALL	79	128	13	89	1583	14.0
T.TAYLOR	104	164	41	39	1607	13.1
G.FARRALL	203	310	25	75	3644	12.8
W.HARMER	33	52	1	55	611	12.0
G.DART	96	153	16	55	1639	11.9
R.STREET	57	76	13	49	714	11.3
B.HAYWARD	19	30	5	31*	266	10.6
K.RITCHIE	45	68	5	69	656	10.4
R.TREADREA	9	16	1	35	152	10.1
L.MOULTON	46	68	6	36	613	9.9
M.GEURDS	57	87	7	50	773	9.7
L.WOODLEY	10	16	4	17	92	7.7
K.LITTLE	76	115	7	38	779	7.2
M.FARRALL	33	51	12	30	232	6.0
M.BUNN	9	15	-	22	82	5.5
W.SAXBY	29	41	6	44	189	5.4
S.FARRALL	44	69	4	32	350	5.4
A.MALINS	57	76	14	27	330	5.3
E.BUNN	7	12	2	11	50	5.0
G.WOODHEAD	52	66	25	15*	190	4.6
M.D'MAMIEL	6	10	1	14	29	3.2
S.CAIRNS	10	17	9	5	21	2.6

CAREER BOWLING AVERAGES OF CURRENT PLAYERS

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
A.BALL	3	-	3	11	3.7
W.SAXBY	2	-	1	9	9.0
M.FARRALL	75	3	34	317	9.3
K.RITCHIE	11	1	4	38	9.5
G.FARRALL	2036	274	692	7110	10.3
B.HAYWARD	124	23	35	405	11.6
L.DUNGEY	116	11	32	402	12.6
W.HARMER	229	35	58	750	12.9
L.WOODLEY	13	-	4	52	13.0
K.LITTLE	592	98	130	1810	13.9
A.MALINS	713	133	176	2533	14.4
M.D'MAMIEL	54	9	11	163	14.8
G.WOODHEAD	203	12	63	979	15.5
P.KENRICK	34	1	11	171	15.5
P.FARRALL	590	69	151	2409	15.9
S.FARRALL	355	54	78	1249	16.0
S.RANKIN	374	53	96	1543	16.1
M.GEURDS	242	28	58	967	16.6
R.STREET	410	59	87	1531	17.6
M.BUNN	41	2	8	147	18.4
T.TAYLOR	440	50	89	1654	18.5
G.DART	49	1	12	253	21.1
L.MOULTON	4	-	-	19	-
E.BUNN	1	1	-	-	-

MILESTONES

This season should see GREG DART play his 100th game for Bentley and L.MOULTON, S.RANKIN, K.RITCHIE, S.FARRALL and P.KENRICK play their 50th games.

P.KENRICK should also score his 1000th run for the Club whilst S.RANKIN, L.DUNGEY, P.FARRALL and G.DART all have the ability to join a group of only 4 players to score 2000 runs for Bentley.

S.RANKIN, R.STREET and T.TAYLOR should each take their 100th wicket this season whilst A.MALINS could join a select group of 3 bowlers who have taken 200 wickets. G.FARRALL will achieve a remarkable 700 wickets.