

BARRABOOL CRICKET CLUB 1863-1955

Years

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1863 is the first team I have noted. It was-

A. Wilsher, R. Squire, W. Sumpter, G. Walter, G. Sumpter, J. Piper, J. Wilsher, Mountjoy, Butts, Murphy, P. McCann.

1895 ~~xxxxxxx~~ Frewin, Rankin, Dickin, Leigh, Heal, W. Hobbs, G. Hobbs, Lamb, Beck, McCann and Johnston.

1906 J. Coombs, H. Lamb, P. Heal, A. Anderson, H. Dyer, J. Anderson, S. McCann, J. Leigh, P. Heal, W. Dyer, G. Dyer.

1907 P. Heal, F. Heal, H. Dyer, G. Dyer, H. Lamb, McCann (3), A. Anderson, J. Coombs, J. Leigh, J. Anderson, H. Heal, Gate, Douglas, Reid.

1911 J. Leigh, W. Dyer, H. Lamb, G. Coombs, Reg. McAdam, J. Anderson, J. Anderson, B. Anderson, W. Hill, McEowall, A. Smith, Nations.

1912 Opening of Ceres Recreation Reserve. The President, Fr. H. Heal asked Reuben Piper to open the pitch by bowling a single ball. Then followed a match - Married v. Single. G. Coombs and W. Hill were the first to bat on the pitch whilst Alex McAdam opened the bowling for the Marrieds.

First run - G. Coombs,
First wicket Alex McAdam
First four Herb Smith.

1912 Barrabool v. East Geelong. W. Hill, H. Lamb, S. McCann, W. Dyer, J. Coombs, G. Coombs, H. Leigh, J. Leigh, R. Piper, A. McAdam.
East 181 Barrabool 177. J. Coombs made 94 including a tremendous six right over Barrabool Rd.

1918 B. Anderson, H. Smith, B. Wall, W. Hill, P. Anderson, A. Wall, D. Rankin, G. Downing, C. Rankin, A. Johns, V. Wall, B. Howatt, Don Anderson, A. Begley.
(half appeared to be Highton, probably first team to resume after World War 1.

1922 D. Anderson, Downing, H. Smith, B. Anderson, P. Jones, S. McCann, Robertson, W. Hill, J. Anderson, H. Jobling.

1930 W. Hill, G. Moreton, K. Jarman, H. Lamb, Reg. McAdam, Russ. McAdam, S. McAdam, J. Anderson, W. Cartwright, F. Grigg, F. Piper, H. Piper, F. Mann, G. Mann, W. Clark, E. McCarthy, J. Leigh, A. Leigh, E. Perry, B. Howarth.

1931 B. Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anderson, S. McAdam, S. McAdam, H. Piper, F. Piper, A. Leigh, H. Lamb, G. Beck, F. Mann, J. Mann, W. Clark, W. Hill.

1933 B. Anderson, H. Lamb, F. Mann, J. Mann, R. McAdam, S. McAdam, H. Beck, G. Beck, B. Anderson, F. Piper, J. Hill, A. McEowall, A. Leigh, V. Irving.

1934 B. Anderson, M. Cochrane, R. Cochrane, G. Beck, H. Beck, F. Piper, F. Mann, R. McAdam, S. McAdam, B. Anderson, V. Irving, J. Mann.

B Team W. Hill, K. Hill, Reg. McAdam, J. Hill, E. McCarthy, R. Loone, W. Clark, A. McEowall, J. Leigh, W. Leigh, V. Irving

1935/36 F. Mann, J. Forster, F. Forster, V. Irving, M. Cochrane, A. Leigh, G. Beck, R. McAdam, S. McAdam (one game only), B. Anderson, F. Russell, H. Beck, Jim Beck, F. Piper.

1949 A. Leigh, S. McAdam, M. Cochrane, F. Mann, K. Hill, F. Hill, E. Brown, A. Clark, J. Russell, M. Powell, K. Grigg, A. McEowall, F. Piper, A. Shearn, J. Hill, G. Price.

1952 S. McAdam, F. Hill, K. Hill, M. Cochrane, A. Clark, J. Hill, B. Russell, A. Russell, K. Grigg, A. McEowall, M. Powell, J. Russell.

1951 K. Hill, B. Russell, J. Russell, A. Russell, R. McAdam, S. McAdam, R. Pickering, M. Cochrane, V. Matthews, R. Lewin, T. Lawrie, J. Hill, K. Grigg, M. Powell, Clark

1953 S. McAdam, M. Cochrane, K. Hill, K. Grigg, J. Russell, A. Russell, A. Wilson, T. Perry, K. Pickering, V. Matthews, R. Lewin, J. Hill, A. Clark.

1954 K. Hill, S. McAdam, M. Cochrane, K. Grigg, H. O'Connell, A. Russell, B. Eddy, J. Russell, V. Matthews, R. Lewin, F. Mullen, A. Wilson, R. Pickering, A. Scott.

1955 K. Hill, S. McAdam, K. Grigg, B. Eddy, H. O'Connell, A. Russell, T. Hackett, F. Mullen, A. Scott, R. Scott, M. Cochrane, V. Matthews, T. Perry, B. Eddy.

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Over some 52 years since re-forming in 1930 barr bool have played competition cricket in almost every part of Geelong district from Lorne to Queenscliff.

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Clubs.- Anglesea, Barwon Heads, Torquay, Jan Juc, Lorne, Grovedale, Marshall, Broomlea, Mt. Duneed, Queenscliff, Winchelsea Lorne, Modewarre.
Furgheboluc, Stonehaven, Pyansford, Bateford
Federal Mill, Valley Hill
High School Ex. St. Cyma, 23rd Battn, GST, Wilson Memorial, St. Augustine's
Barwon, Breakwater, St. Albans
Lara, North Shore, North Geelong, West Geelong, Newtown, Chilwell F.C.
Marnock Vale, Eastern, Ashby.
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When the club formed up in 1930 it was very weak, with George Moreton (at Honey's) the only class batsman, with Keith Jarman and F. Mann with some experience.

However within a couple of years we were competing in finals. Larry and Bruce Anderson and U. Mann returned to the game, Mac Cochrane came from College, and there was dramatic improvement in juniors in L. Lamb, Beck Bros. McAdam Bros, and Arthur Leigh had become the most feared bowler around the competition. Jack Hill's fast swingers were also a big asset.

Many fine players have been around. Perhaps the greatest allrounder was Lindsay Lamb, a peerless fieldsman, fast bowler and class batsman. Ab. Hill may have been the best batsman. Mac Cochrane was a stylist and a joy to watch in full swing. I have never met a better sportsman and no matter what the awful decision was he walked off instantly without a look. Frank Mann too set a fine example in this regard. In fact if there is anybody who deserves mention in this club it is Frank. When things were uncertain he rallied the club to carry on, re arm etc.

Bruce and Larry Anderson and Ken Hill were great forcing bats and often cut the bowling apart. Horrie and Gordon Beck made centuries, and Russ Noble was an excellent left hander.

Opening bowlers were L. Lamb and Horrie Beck for many seasons. Later we had Tom Hackett, but relied later on Digger Hill and Arthur Leigh, with useful spinners in Bill Hill, P. Mann, Russ McAdam, Tony Russell, Vic Matthews. Dick Loone was a very successful kind of swing bowler with the B. team. Some characters come to mind. No doubt the worst batsman was Bill Cartwright, who had a perfect cross bat towards mid on which invariably saw his stumps fly behind him.

When Digger Hill went to the wicket there was always an air of expectancy. As likely as not the first ball would be swung mightily on to Cochrane's Rd, into Leigh's paddock or bounce on to Barrabool Rd. One day at Barrabool he walked up to me as captain and said- "Are we expected to put up with this sort of b.x,y umpiring?", umpire hearing all.

In one season Digger's mighty hitting netted him 374 runs, including a 86 not out and 76, topping the club averages for both teams with 26.7 as well as being third in the bowling with 29 wickets at 8.75. In the same year Frank Mann's rain bringing donkey drops netted him 33 wickets.

Arthur Leigh as a mere boy topped the Senior Matting Associatio B. Section bowling average and aggregate with 54 wickets at 6.29. In those days there was a very high standard of cricket in the Senior Matting A and B. and this was a magnificent performance. There seems to be a lower standard of bowling nowadays. All sides had an opening bowler of great speed and accuracy. Ones who come to mind are the Mulier Bros, Geelong footballer Jack Grant, Syd Scorgie of Barwon Hds, Ray Jury of Barwon, The best bowler I recall was the late Norm Scott of Marshall a fast medium swing bowler. "Tug" Ryan of Pyansford was the top bowler in the Stonehaven comp, a fast low trajectory delivery that got him bags of wickets.

In Peter Pickering, Peter Gugger and Ross Humphreys I feel that we have batsmen who would have made plenty of runs in any of those decades, but their efforts do not seem to be matched with bowling ability, although I do not see the A. Grade matches in which we usually had to play in early days of S. District.

The Southern District Assn, was formed at a quiet meeting of Mr. Eric Raus in Scott St. Belmont where some six of us met one night to form a breakaway from Geelong groups. Other prime mover were the late "Nip" Scott, Marshall, late Jack White, Mt. Duneed. This was about 30 years ago and I note the ever increasing number of teams competing, even Lorne, Winchelsea and a newcomer in Jan Juc. Since those days of course the seaside resorts have grown enormously and field many teams.

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