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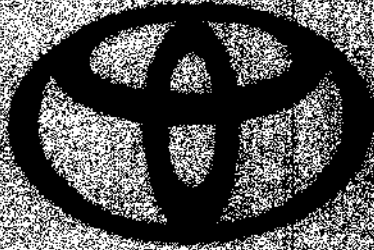
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CRICKET CLUB
INCORPORATED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR SEASON 1997/98**

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CAMBERWELL MAGPIES CRICKET CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 1998

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMBERWELL MAGPIES
CRICKET CLUB INC.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

The Committee of Management is pleased to present, for your reception and adoption, the Annual Report of the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Inc., for the 1997/98 cricket season. The Report also includes the Financial Statements for the period of 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

Presidents Report

Our Club settled down in 1997/98 after the inaugural year of establishing ourselves with new team mates in the various competitions in which we play. Significant progress was made on and off the field during the year to the extent that we can now say that we truly are a merged club with clear objectives and much to look forward to.

At the outset I especially want to pay tribute to two people who set about to create our new club and from business pressures on the one hand, and perhaps a few creaky bones and a growing family catching up on the other, decided to relinquish their positions in 1997/98. I speak of course of Warren Roberts and the Captain of our VCA 2nd XI, Russell Thomas.

Warren presided well over the coming together of the two clubs and the initial year of the Camberwell Magpies, unfortunately he had to step down as Club President just as the season was getting under way, as a result of an ever increasing workload on the business front. Our sincere thanks to you Warren for your leadership in helping to establish and then oversee the first phase of our new Club.

Russell, for his part, took on the position from the outset of Secretary of the club Match Committee Chairman, as well as inaugural 2nd XI Captain - a fair workload for any individual. He has decided that all of this cannot continue and to devote his cricketing energies totally into the managerial side of the Club. As a result Russell retired as a player at the end of the 1997/98 season and we offer our sincere thanks to you Russell for your on field leadership during our first two formative years.

Taken overall we had a fairly satisfactory season on the field finishing top 5 in the VCA Club Championship, despite our extremely young VCA 3rd and 4th XI finishing the season well down in their respective ladders. Our VCA 1st XI under Anthony Amalfi had a magnificent year, finishing two games clear on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away matches.

From this position we then won a qualifying final and semi final to ultimately play Melbourne for the VCA Premiership at the Albert Ground. Unfortunately, we were not quite good enough on the day to take off the coveted pennant, and our congratulations are extended to the Melbourne Cricket Club on their well deserved victory.

The end of season 1997/98 was tinged with a degree of sadness as it saw the termination of a ninety year involvement with the VSDCA, an association which we have enjoyed immensely. Part of the VCA agreement to the formation of the merged club was for involvement with the VSDCA to cease after a short period, and that time has now come. Our thanks to the VSDCA Executive and to the other twenty seven clubs with whom we enjoyed excellent competition and great camaraderie over a very long period of time.

This change however now means that we can focus with great confidence on the development of our Club within the VCA and ESCA competitions, and to provide a clear structure for the many cricketers who will form the Camberwell Magpies, well into the future.

I would like to comment on the work of our Coach, Neale Price, his Assistant Coach, Speros Beasley and his unofficial assistant, Gerard "Polly" Sleeman.

Neale was extremely effective in his first year in the position after joining us from Frankston, having quickly gained the respect of all the players at all levels. His knowledge, advice and coaching techniques were of great benefit to the players and the Club looks forward to even greater benefit

with two less teams in 1998/99, and therefore an ability to work even more on an individual basis.

Speros and Polly were of great help to Neale, both during the pre-season and throughout the year, and I'm sure the success we enjoyed overall was due in no small measure to Neale and his able assistants.

Neale also undertook, together with Matthew Elliott, several coaching clinics on behalf of the Club in seven country areas during April/May. These were followed by further sessions at the Hawthorn Indoor Sports Centre during June for selected country and metropolitan boys and our special thanks to Neale for instigating and then carrying out this work on behalf of the Club. I am sure this will be the fore runner of a very good coaching program and something we as a VCA Club can be very proud of. Some excellent associations were formed and the responses received in the various country areas were second to none. Congratulations Neale on a marvellous job in this area and thanks to Matty for your time and interest in helping Neale.

David Levens offered his assistance to the Club during the season, working with players of all levels but particularly the senior levels, in helping them to establish and achieve personal goals. Many thanks David for your work which I am sure was extremely beneficial in a number of instances.

Congratulations to our two first class representatives in Matthew Elliott and Graeme Vimpani. Matthew was again selected to represent his country during the season, whilst Graeme again represented Victoria in 1997/98. The continued selection of these two players provide something tangible for all of our younger members to strive for and they both continue to be fine ambassadors for our Club.

Our Junior Section continues to work hard under Victor Steiner and his Committee to develop young cricketers, and again placed thirteen teams in three age groups on the field during the season. This is a mammoth task each week and unfortunately suffered a little this season as a result of Victor's several absences overseas during the year. However, this will be addressed in the coming season to ensure that the appropriate level of support is provided to our younger members.

My special thanks to John Reed, Nigel Fernando and the other officers of the City of Boroondara, to the Ground Management Committees of the Camberwell, Sports Ground, Watson Park, Corben Oval and the various grounds which cater for our thirteen Junior teams, for the continued facilities on which we play.

The City of Boroondara especially are a major partner of our Club and one which we wish to continue to work together with, to develop our facilities within the City for our many members.

We have a number of sponsors who provide a great deal of financial assistance towards funding the operations of our very large Club. Our Principal Sponsor, Harris Wood Toyota, has been assisting us for twelve years and we continue to be indebted to John Montigue and Dealer Principal Brent Cannon for this much valued ongoing support.

The Tower Hotel through Paul and Lorraine Fitzgerald, and subsequently Jim Stephen, continued this year as our Major Sponsor and again we are extremely grateful for their continued support.

We are also very much appreciative of the support of a number of other sponsors who are listed separately elsewhere in the Sponsorship report, but without whom the task of running a major cricket club would be that much more difficult. To all those organisations our heartfelt thanks.

Financially we finished the season with an Operating Loss of approximately \$1,000 and a Net Deficit of just over \$13,000 after some extraordinary once off expenses were taken into account. The Financial Report is detailed elsewhere by the Treasurer but your Committee will place heavy focus on the income side of our Club from next year. Members will have to realise that a commitment to the Club means just that - a commitment - to attend social functions and events. Not a maybe - which seems to be easily dismissed in members minds.

My thanks to Adam Smith who once again performed in his usual devoted manner to the finances of our Club.

I would like to convey a special thank you to our Patron in Chief, the Hon. Vern Wilcox C.B.E. QC, and to our Number 1 member, the Hon. Tom Reynolds M.L.A. State Minister for Sport and Recreation, for the continued support they give our Club. We are indeed fortunate that busy people such as Vern and Tom take such an interest in our Club and find the time to join with us throughout the season when time permits.

My special thanks to my Committee who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club proactive and strong, and a place where players, members and supporters wish to be. Also to those unsung people who are part of most clubs, and very special, who help out in any number of ways to make the Club the best it can possibly be.

The new structure of six senior teams will enable the Club to fulfil its objective of developing a strong and successful VCA presence, whilst providing cricketing facilities and a true club culture for other members who aren't able to, or don't wish to provide commitment for higher levels of the game. At the same time we will continue to nurture our Junior Section to provide those boys with a clear path through to senior cricket.

And finally, with the growing demands on individual's time we are restructuring the focus of our General Committee to ensure that areas such as the following are kept constantly under review, as within this list lie the critical 'go forward' issues which I believe will determine the ongoing health of our Club:-

- Club Direction, Culture and Objectives;
- Coaching, Playing and Recruiting Policy;
- Council Relations;
- Club Facilities;
- Club Finances and Cash Flow Management;
- Marketing, Sponsorship and Fund Raising;
- Attitude, Liaison with Member Associations, Local Clubs and Schools;
- Health and Development of our whole Junior Section;
- Association and rapport with Life Members, Past Players and Supporters;
- Communications, Publicity and Public Relations - internal & external; and
- Constant attention to Recruiting and Junior Development.

Peter Warner
President

Senior Coach's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present my first Coach's Report for the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club.

Season 1997/98 was again a difficult one for the Club in terms of training, playing and the administration that goes into coordinating grounds and players between the separate competitions of District, Sub-District, ESCA and Mercantile. Selection was always interesting and difficult when trying to provide 8 teams with an even balance, whilst attempting to make all teams competitive and keep players satisfied that they had been selected according to their performances.

I think the Selection Committee, headed by Russell Thomas, did an extremely good job. The Captains should be complimented for the manner in which they were prepared to work together for the sake of the Club, and at times, at the expense of their own team.

The pre-season was quite lengthy with a number of the younger players starting at Hawthorn Indoor in June. Apart from players overseas we had close to 100% attendance at either of our two weekly sessions which was extremely pleasing. Our Assistant Coach, Speros Beasley, did an outstanding job in running the Monday Night fitness sessions and in assisting with training throughout the year.

The Captains, along with Gerard "Polly" Sleeman, also did a fantastic job all year. Our facilities were not made for 8 senior teams to train together, and it was a credit to everybody that we were able to get the quality we did out of what we had.

The administrators of the Club worked tirelessly, in consultation with the City of Boroondara, to bring our training and playing facilities up to scratch, and I am sure that everybody would agree that the training wickets and centre square continued to get better as the year went on. Much of this

credit must go to Peter Warner, Stuart Clark and Nigel Fernando (City of Boroondara) for working together so diligently.

Thanks must go to all the people who do the little things around the Club. A personal thanks to all the Bar Staff, Scorers, Managers, Committee Members, Supporters, Drink Waiters, Afternoon Tea makers, that assisted throughout the year. You were all fantastic and your work is greatly appreciated and not un-noticed. The way we presented our facilities to the cricket community throughout the District 1st XI finals was an absolute credit to the Club.

It was great to see all teams competitive throughout the season. The VCA 1st XI and Cood-A-Beens were beaten in Grand Finals while the Sub-District 1sts and 2nds finished just outside the finals after having their chances. The District 3rds and 4ths struggled with a lack of experience a major factor, but all players did their utmost to make sure we were competitive throughout the season. The VCA 2nds were poor before Xmas but started to show their obvious talent as the year progressed and finished in the middle of the table and not far away. The ESCA team only showed glimpses of what they could deliver and should have finished better than last. They certainly will be looking to atone for this in season 1998/99.

Thanks to all Captains (Malfs, Whale, Chicka, Dawbo, Torchy, The Saint, Dewy and Umpire No. 12) for their hard work and positive approach to the season. Thanks to all players for your support, and in being so understanding in regards to training and the lack of one on one coaching we were not able to supply you with throughout the year.

We have a very exciting year coming up in 1998/99 with all players now involved in only the District and ESCA Competitions and with ex-Camberwell players to once again have the opportunity to play at the Camberwell Sports Ground.

Although there is always disappointment involved when a Clubs tie with a Competition (Sub-District) no longer exists, it really does now make our Club truly strong. We can now bring all of our good players together, making our depth and quality, equal to, and probably better than any other District Club.

We now have the opportunity to be apart of something very exciting, and that is all aiming to be the 1998/99 Club Champions. Wouldn't it be great to see the Camberwell Magpies as the District Club Champion in only its third season, and the first with all players available for the one competition.

Good luck to all those players that have retired or moved on to Club coaching positions. My best wishes, and thanks for your support. Make sure you drop in occasionally.

Finally, thanks to the Club for my appointment and for supporting me throughout the season. I look forward to an even more successful season in 1998/99

Neale Price
Senior Coach

SOCIAL AND FUND-RAISING

The 1997/98 season started off with a big budget to achieve and a high standard set by the outgoing Social Coordinator Alan Strangwick.

The female section of the previous Committee - Zita Kelly and Natalie Ciardulli were once again a part of the new Committee to lend assistance and their much needed organisational skills. Both ladies efforts were very much appreciated by the Club and myself in particular, and I would very much like to thank them personally for their help and assistance throughout, what, I found to be a very enlightening experience.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Strangwick for his tireless work last season. I now know how much work is involved in organising social functions within a cricket club. I feel this is an area in which everybody within the Club should have a taste of at some stage during the year.

We started off the season with a player auction as our first function. Seven players were grouped together from all teams to form eleven teams of players to be auctioned to the highest bidder. This was a successful night for both the Club and players and it also highlighted the talent available at the Club once a stage, alcohol and some attention is introduced. One can only imagine how sore 'Chicken' Ingram's calf muscles would have been the next day.

The female side of the Club then swung into action with Nat Ciardulli organising a shopping spree tour on a Saturday in November. Last year this was attended by about 15 women but this year demand was high and numbers reached 50. There ended up being a waiting list which caused some anxious moments for those wishing to take part in this extravaganza. All ladies were finally accommodated on the day and were provided with a free champagne and BBQ dinner which was very much appreciated by the shop weary ladies. This also brought the female side out of one Gerard "Polly" Sleeman who put his culinary skills to the test when he took control of "Wigs Kitchen" to prepare a gourmet BBQ for the ladies and battle weary players. This event was a raging success and many thanks must go to Nat and Leanne Thomas who used all their contacts and time to ensure attendance numbers were well in excess of all initial expectations - thank you very much ladies and Polly.

The Xmas Break-Up was held at the Tower Hotel to wish all of our members a Merry Xmas and to thank the Tower for their valued support and sponsorship.

The annual Trivia Night was initially delayed due to lack of player support but finally went ahead in the second half of the season and was once again a great success. Colombo's Pizza, another of our great sponsors, from down the road thought all their Christmas had come at once when Tim Shearer ordered enough pizza to feed Tim Bonnett and Damien Shanahan for a month. Luckily, the left over pizzas were put to good use in feeding the hungry mob on our weekly Thursday night at "Wigs Kitchen".

Every 2-3 years the Club organises a Sportsman's Night. This year it also doubled as a tribute night to David Emerson for his outstanding playing services to both the Collingwood and Camberwell Magpies Cricket Clubs. Our thanks and best wishes go to David and Mary for the coming quieter years.

This function was once again organised and put together through the tireless work of Peter Warner. While ticket sales were slow early, eventually over 200 people were thoroughly entertained by true and tall tales by Melanie Jones, Merv Hughes, Terry Jenner and the extraordinary MC talents of Ian Cover. Terry Jenner was truly a surprise packet and his various extremely funny stories entertained both male and female members of the audience. Again, thanks to Peter Warner for organising this very enjoyable function.

The grand finale, in social terms, for the season was the Presentation Night and the drawing of our major raffle, which was a \$10,000 Travel Voucher.

The Presentation Night was held in the Strickland Room at the MCG and was very well attended with over 120 people including key guests from the City of Boroondara, including the Mayor, 2 Councillors and the CEO, and John Montigue from Harris Wood Toyota. Apart from the swift movement through the trophies and speeches the highlight of the night was Steven Rimer's midnight dash to inspect the centre wicket of the hallowed turf. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and also to Stuart Cann and Anthony Blackwell for their honoured attendance. The staff of the MCG would also like to thank both gentleman for their attendance and for stationing themselves at the Bar...all night. Neale Price came out of his

shell to bring the after presentation entertainment to life by turning the quiet Strickland Room into a raging nightclub with more than just a few people getting up to dance the night away.

I would like to thank Natalie Ciardulli, Zita Kelly, Gerard Sleeman, Tim Shearer, Peter Warner and members of the Committee and Club for their assistance with organising and assisting at functions during the year.

I look forward to having another good year at the Bar in the forthcoming season and hopefully your much needed support and attendance to social functions from more members. Functions are regrettably attended by the same people, if every body came to the 3 to 4 major functions per year there would be a great atmosphere at these functions and at other times at the Club. This would ultimately reduce the financial burden on the same people function after function.

If there is anyone out there with any good function ideas please let Peter Ciardulli or myself know and we will do our best to accommodate your request, no matter how many wine and cheese nights are requested! Thank you for your support.

Richard Wignall
Social Co-ordinator

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship was again a key source of revenue for the Clubs operations during the 1997/98 season. The Club is indeed fortunate to have a very healthy network of supportive and vibrant sponsors and it is critical for all Club members to support them whenever possible.

HARRIS WOOD TOYOTA

The Harris Wood Toyota team were again the Clubs principal sponsor and their support is constant, pleasurable and invaluable. To John Montigue a sincere thank you for everything, especially the Bumper Stickers and Key rings and special deals etc etc, the list is endless. The Club referred five sales this season to the dealership and we must continue to provide this support to make the arrangement prosper.

THE TOWER HOTEL

The Tower Hotel was once again a major sponsor and thanks to Paul and Lorraine Fitzgerald and Jim Stephen for their support. We wish Paul and Lorraine all the best in their new ventures. To the new management team at the Tower we look forward to supporting you and hopefully celebrating a 1st XI premiership next season, instead of drowning our sorrows at your terrific establishment.

COLOMBO'S PIZZA

Colombo's Pizza at 393 Camberwell Road, Camberwell provided the Club with Thursday night meals and catered for many of our other functions. Thanks to Wally and his crew for their ongoing support, Pizzas and pastas and we look forward to a big 1998/99 season together.

D&J EVANS

D&J Evans Hardware and Timber Supplies were a new sponsor and we were delighted to have them on board. This is a Camberwell retailer that we can support so please use them for all of your hardware needs in the off season as well as during the season.

BEASLEY & CO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Thanks to Speros Beasley for his continued support. Please contact Speros for your income tax preparation and financial service advice on 9820 0399.

COLIN THOMAS PAINTING

A new sponsor was COLIN THOMAS PAINTING services. Many thanks for your support and if you need any painting done while spending your time on the field give Colin a call on 0418 327 585.

HUME & HOVELL CRICKET GROUND

Don and Anne McQueen were once again terrific supporters of the CMCC, with their picturesque ground providing a great back drop for our final practice match. The conditions and hospitality were greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to SNAP PRINTING at 166 Burwood Road, Hawthorn for their friendly support and excellent printing services and to Len Vincent at the HAWTHORN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE for his well used indoor training facilities and cricket gear.

In finishing, I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for the Club to get behind our sponsors. Please give them an opportunity for your support and I'm sure they will continue to support our great Club.

Tim Shearer
Sponsorship Co-ordinator.

APPRECIATIONS

The Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Inc. formally acknowledges the following for their contributions throughout the 1997/98 cricket season: -

Boroondara City Council and its staff,
especially the Recreation Services Department and
the Parks and Gardens Department; including
Nigel Fernando;

Stuart Clark Curator Camberwell Sports Ground;
and to the various curators, who prepared the wickets at Watson Park and
Burke Road South Reserve during the year;
Yarra Bend National Park Trust;

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Camberwell Sports Ground Special Committee;
Watson Park Special Committee;

Howard Dawson Reserve and Nettleton Park Special Committee;
Eric Raven and Dorothy Laver Reserves Special Committee;

Victorian Cricket Association;
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Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association Inc.;

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Harris Wood Toyota
(Brent Cannon and John Montigue)
Principal Sponsor of the Club;

Tower Hotel
(Paul and Lorraine Fitzgerald &
Jim Stephen)
Major Sponsor of the Club;

Len and Janene Vincent
(Hawthorn Indoor Cricket Centre
venue of Pre-Season Training);

Don and Anne McQueen
(Hume & Hovell Cricket Ground);

Ken and Anna Williams and family
for their efforts behind the bar and on match days;

Jack Sutherland
donation for VCA 1st XI Batting Award;

Alex Littlejohn
Coach of the R M Hatch Under-14 XI;

Lloyd Devlin
Coach of the W J Dowling Under-16 XI.

1997/98 Teams

The Club fielded 23 teams in 1997/98. 8 Open-Age (all turf) and 13 Under-Age teams, plus the January Dowling Under-16 and Hatch Under-14 teams.

The open-age teams were fielded in the competitions of the Victorian Cricket Association (4 teams), the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association (2 teams), the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association (1 team) and the Mercantile Cricket Association (1 team).

The 13 under-age teams were all fielded in various under-age competitions of the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association Junior Section. 4 teams were fielded in the Under-16 Friday evening *A G Grace* Shield. The 5 Under-14 teams were split between the 2 Friday evening Under-14 grades - 2 in the Under-14A *J R Rewell* Shield and 3 in the Under-14B *J R Mitchell* Shield. Similarly the Under-12 teams were split between the 2 Under-12 grades - 1 in the Under-12A Saturday morning *J P Duerdoth* Shield and 3 in the Under-12B Saturday morning *D N Southwood* Shield.

Profiles

RUSSELL THOMAS

At the end of the 1997/98 season Russell Thomas announced his retirement as a player following twenty years involvement with the Club.

Russell started his career where all good players start, in the Dowling Shield competition in 1978. Russell has played in all Senior XI's as well as stints as captain of the 2nd and 3rd XI's. He has been an outstanding on-field contributor and competitor throughout his career, the highlight of which was playing in a 1st XI grand final at the tender age of thirty, closely followed by being a member of the winning 1990/91 2nd XI premiership team.

Russell's on-field contributions have also been matched by his tireless efforts off the field as a dedicated Committee Member and now Secretary. He has been instrumental in ensuring that the merger between the Collingwood and Camberwell Clubs has been successful and as the Secretary of such a large and evolving cricket club his administrative efforts are very much appreciated. He is one of the most dedicated people I have seen in my years at Collingwood and Camberwell Magpies.

Russell will continue to be involved with the Club as its Secretary and Chairman of Selectors. All of the Committee and players thank Russell for his outstanding efforts and contribution to the Club and cricket in general.

Phil Monohan

Russell's complete Club figures since joining Collingwood and, subsequently, Camberwell Magpies are:-

Batting

Team	Started	Gm	Inn	Runs	HS	NO	Ave	100s	50s
Fourth	1978/79	20	27	401	67	2	22.27	0	1
Third	1979/80	97	115	3686	134*	15	36.86	5	20
Second	1981/82	153	163	3583	114*	25	25.96	2	15
First	1984/85	12	10	127	59	2	15.87	0	1
TOTAL	1978/79	282	315	7797	134*	44	28.77	7	37

Bowling

Team	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wk	Av
Fourth	27	4	651	1	65.00
Third	259	67	603	28	21.53
Second	542	115	1587	68	23.33
First	14	0	58	3	19.33
TOTAL	842	186	2313	100	23.13

DAVID EMERSON

The end of the 1997/98 season also saw the retirement of one of the truly great Collingwood/Camberwell Magpies champions that have ever represented the Clubs. David Emerson's career as a 1st XI player is the equal to, and in some cases better than all but a few that have represented the Club. In future years his name will be spoken of in such revered terms as those of Jack Ryder and Keith Stackpole Senior.

Overall, David played 258 1st XI games and he won the Club Championship, the Keith Stackpole medal, for an amazing 13 years in a row, including this year. Surely a feat that will never be equalled!

David also represented Victoria on 16 occasions, was captain of the 1st XI for 102 games and a member of the 1987/88 1st XI Premiership team.

David's on field leadership and outstanding individual performances will be sorely missed, however, his achievements and commitment to the Magpies cause will be forever a part of the history of both the Collingwood and Camberwell Magpies Cricket Clubs.

Phil Monohan

David's complete Club figures since joining Collingwood and, subsequently, Camberwell Magpies are:-

Batting

Team	Started	Gm	Inn	Runs	HS	NO	Ave	100s	50s
Fourth		1	1	29	29	0	29.00	0	0
Thirds		22	27	615	102*	0	22.77	1	1
Seconds		23	26	506	108*	4	23.00	1	2
Firsts		258	261	7148	174*	31	31.07	7	36
TOTAL		304	315	8298	174	35	29.63	9	39

Bowling

Team	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wk	Av
Fourth	7	1	20	1	20.00
Thirds	136	19	423	12	35.25
Seconds	204	33	487	13	37.46
Firsts	3948	355	11329	425	26.65
TOTAL	4295	408	12259	451	27.18

NEALE PRICE

The 1997/98 season opened with a new COACH at the helm. NEALE PRICE. Neale's introduction to the Club initiated a new found enthusiasm with new coaching techniques and training drills that early in the season had many a player scratching their head. All players warmed to his friendly demeanour and forthright approach and it was clear from those early stages that success was only just around the corner.

The number of teams and the different skill levels and attitudes that existed around the CMCC would be a daunting thought for any budding coach, however, Neale attacked his role with a great deal of zest and by the end of the season most players would have received some form of advice that would have helped to improve their individual performance.

The outstanding success of the 1st XI, 19 wins, 3 losses and a losing Grand Final are a great tribute to the direct impact and professionalism of Neale in his first season as a District Coach.

I know Neale and the Club are looking forward to the forthcoming season with great anticipation and excitement and I'm sure there will be plenty of new surprises and training drills to bamboozle the players during the pre-season period.

Phil Monohan

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Match v E.S.C.A.

The annual match between the CMCC and the Senior ESCA representative team was once again held at the Camberwell Sports Ground. The result this year was a clear and convincing win to the CMCC thanks to a magnificent century from Stuart Cann. The best player for the ESCA was Peter Thompson.

Once again this was a very successful event that was well attended and enjoyed by all those who participated, especially some of the ESCA boys who were certainly keen to enjoy the CMCC's after match hospitality.

VALE

It is with great sadness to report that long time Collingwood Cricket Club stalwart Gordon Porter passed away on 31 July 1998.

Gordon was an outstanding Club person who worked tirelessly off the field for over twenty five years as a Committee Member, Vice President, Team Manager, Supporter and Caterer. Gordon will be fondly remembered for his efforts, along with his band of merry workers, for providing afternoon teas at Collingwood home matches for twenty years. Arguably Gordon's sandwiches were the best in the business and most other Clubs always looked forward to arvo teas at Victoria Park.

Also, along with his life time partner, Melva, Gordon and his crew certainly kept us younger ones entertained with their dance sessions and informal sing alongs as part of the after match entertainment.

A truly fantastic person and a one eyed black and white supporter who will be sadly missed. The Club extends its condolences to Melva, Roy and the rest of the family.

Russell Thomas

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Armed with the knowledge of our disappointing inaugural season off the field, the Committee this year was in a much better position to manage the financial position of the Club. As can be seen from the Accounts, this has resulted in a close to break even operating result for the year, which provides a solid base from which to maintain financial budgets in future years.

• The Committee has considered it prudent however to write off some once off extraordinary items, together with the costs incurred during the year in the establishment of a Junior Development program in the Boroondara area and in a number of country centres. The write off of these items includes the initial sightcreens at the CSG which proved to be inadequate, the cost of the establishment of Club Honour Boards, and the above mentioned cost of the Junior Development Program.

• The effect of making these write offs at the end of the year was to increase the Operating Deficit of \$1,223 from normal operations to an overall Net Deficit of \$13,473.

• The financial highlight of the year was undoubtedly the improvement in revenue from social activities, thanks mainly to a great deal of hard work by Richard Wignall and Peter Warner. The bar result was also solid thanks again to the Williams family for running the bar and the VCA 1st XI for winning us two very profitable home finals! We must however remember that activities such as the Sports Celebrity Night and the \$100 Raffle are going to be difficult to arrange on an annual basis, and these events contributed the bulk of the social revenue this year. We therefore cannot rest on our laurels and must continue to seek further improvements in other areas of the Club's financial activities in order to consolidate the future of the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club.

• You will also note that ground rentals continued to rise this season, a trend that is likely to continue into the future. Something to bear in mind next season is that supporting social function should be a more enjoyable way of funding these costs than paying higher subscription fees and match levies. More importantly is the support that should be given to your team mates who put in many hours of effort in arranging the social functions which are an important facet of this great Club of ours.

On the sponsorship front, we all need to support the super efforts of Tim Shearer and others to attract new sponsors to the club and, even more importantly, support our sponsors wherever we can. I am sure you all share my sincere appreciation to all our sponsors for their generous support throughout the year and to the large number of club members who have in return shown their support for our sponsors.

In addition, I wish to record the club's appreciation to the following:

- ★ V.C.A. - for its dividend and bonus
- ★ V.S.D.C.A - for its assistance
- ★ City of Boroondara Council
- ★ Club Sponsors / Past Players
- ★ All the players of the Club
- ★ The Williams Family - for running the bar
- ★ Nicholas Tsiaris - Honorary Auditor

In conclusion, I would like to thank the President and the Committee for their support this season and hope that all people associated with the C.M.C.C. will get behind next year's Committee to make 1998/99 a successful year both on and off the field.

Adam Smith

Honorary Treasurer

COMMITTEE CERTIFICATE

We certify that the above Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Inc. for the Financial Year ended 30 June 1998.

P. Warner
President

R. Thomas
Secretary

A H Smith, B App Sc., B Bus
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the accounting and other records of the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Inc. for the year ended 30 June 1998, and report as follows: -

In common with many organisations of this type, the Club has not been able to ensure that all moneys collected by and through the various income producing activities of the Club, and its members' subscriptions, have eventually been deposited into bank accounts under the control of the Club. Consequently, it is not practicable to determine if all income has been recorded and our audit verification of income has in turn been restricted to that which has been entered in the accounting records.

Subject to this reservation concerning the completeness of income presented in the Profit and Loss Statement, in my opinion the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet of the Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Inc. for the year ended 30 June 1998 present fairly the financial position of the Club as recorded in the books of account of the Club.

Nick Tsiaris
Honorary Auditor

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 1998**

	1997	1997	1998	1998
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Members Funds	221,495		195,935	
Add Net Profit (Loss)	(25,560)		(13,473)	
Total Members Funds		195,935		182,462
Represented by				
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	19,586		4,972	
Investments at Call	74,701		79,381	
Fixed Term Deposits	51,111		45,000	
Debtors	1,984		5,702	
Stock on Hand	21,086		133,356	
Wicket Soil - Turf	11,900		11,900	
Total Current Assets		180,368		160,311
Less Current Liabilities				
Sundry Creditors & Accruals		4,462		10,348
Net Current Assets		175,906		149,963
Fixed Assets				
Covers	11,524		10,244	
Practice Nets	0		10,484	
Sightscreens	4,500		7,020	
Synthetic Wickets - Juniors	0		1,800	
Other Fixed Assets	4,005		2,951	
Total Current Assets		20,029		32,499
Net Assets		195,935		182,462

Notes to Accounts

1. All accounts have been consolidated into one profit and loss statement and one balance sheet.
2. Accrual Accounting methods have been used in drawing up the accounts.

**PROFIT LOSS STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998**

	1997	1997	1998	1998
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue For Year				
Membership Subscriptions				
• Senior (91)	19,517		20,604	
• Non Playing (35)	284		1,323	
• Junior (160)	14,236		14,704	
Total Subscriptions (286)		34,037		36,631
VCA Grants & Dividends		35,311		40,801
Social & Sponsorship		10,507		18,858
Interest Received		1,955		5,136
Sundry Revenue		1,008		284
TOTAL REVENUE		82,818		101,710
Less Expenses for Year				
Ground Rentals	18,648		22,929	
Electricity, Gas, Water	1,380		2,848	
Materials & Equipment	9,609		9,927	
Cricket Expenses	16,440		14,980	
Umpires	11,515		11,920	
Catering	8,731		6,076	
Junior Expenses	13,581		8,354	
Trophies	1,887		1,785	
Administration Expenses	3,878		7,234	
Storage	2,256		1,389	
Country Week Expenses	539		633	
Dowling Shield Expenses	1,354		1,312	
Hatch Shield Expenses	745		1,605	
Other Expenses	11,674		11,941	
TOTAL EXPENSES		102,237		102,933
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		(19,419)		(1,223)
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME		32,221		0
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		(38,362)		(12,250)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		(25,560)		(13,473)

New Life Members

Adam Smith and Graham Templar were presented with their Life Membership medallions on Seniors Presentation Night.

Graham Templar

Graham first played cricket for the Camberwell Cricket Club in the mid 1970's. In an outstanding career Graham figured in a 'Club Record' 312 dismissals (253 ct/59st). He was a determined, competitive and confident wicket keeper and batsman. He left the Club in the early 90's to pursue coaching aspirations at other VSDCA Clubs and also in the ESCA competition. He later returned to become Captain of the VSDCA 2nd XI. Graeme also spent some time on the Committee where he was involved in the running and coordinating of a couple of Major Raffles.

Adam Smith

Adam first played cricket for the Camberwell Cricket Club in the early to mid 80's. An honest and battling cricketer, Adam always gave 100% when involved and on more than several occasions proved to be a stubborn customer for the opposition bowlers.

Adam is probably best known as a very efficient and hard working administrator, particularly in his work as the Club Treasurer, a portfolio he has been responsible for since the early 1990's.

Congratulations to both Graham and Adam for their past efforts and long term service.

Trophy Winners

K W Stackpole Medal
(Most Points in V.C.A. First XI)

David Emerson

Vernon Wilcox Trophy
(Outstanding Service by a Member)

Phil Monohan

President's Trophy

Tim Shearer

J C Birch Medal
(Senior Aggregate Points)

David Emerson

Radcliffe Grace Trophy
(Most Wickets in Season)

Rohan French

Alan Barr Trophy
(Most Runs in Season)

David Emerson

Phillip Jarvis Trophy
(Best Clubman)

Peter Gannon

H Vinning Trophy
(Most Promising Under-21 Senior Player)

Damien Aston

Angela Moss Memorial Trophy
(Outstanding Service by a "Non-Member")

Deanne Smith

Brian Maher Award

Paul Broster

Geoff Mitchell Memorial Trophy
(Most Promising Under-Age Player
Who Played In Open-Age Ranks)

Dean Gnaff

Ken Munro Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-16A Player)

Blake Clancy

Gary Goodman Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-16B Player)

Daniel McGlenchy

Phil Monohan Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-16 Batsman)

Will Lewis

Tony Grace Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-14A Player)

Tim Smith

Victor Steiner Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-14B Player)

Andrew DeAngelis

Barry Gamham Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-12A Player)

Angus Greene

Peter Warner Trophy
(Most Outstanding Under-12B Trophy)

Sam Lake

Most Outstanding W J Dowling Under-16 Player
Nick Detarzynski

R M HATCH Memorial Trophy
(Most Outstanding R M Hatch Under-14 Player)

Andrew Bowen

Outstanding Performance Trophies

David Emerson	137	VCA First XI	Nick Toce	101 no	VSDCA First XI
Stuart Cann	126	VCA First XI	Howard Junkeer	110	VSDCA First XI
Anthony Blackwell	120	VCA First XI	Robert Petherick	100	VSDCA Second XI
Graeme Vimpani	112 no	VCA First XI	Peter Mannaert	6/21	VSDCA Second XI
Anthony Blackwell	137	VCA Second XI	Howard Junkeer	122 no	ESCA A Grade
Richie Dodds	126	VCA Second XI	Don Davenport	139	Cood-A-Beens
Brad Shadbolt	111	VCA Second XI	Tim Shearer	103	Cood-A-Beens
Paul Gnatt	115 no	VCA Third XI	Tim Frankenberg	125 no	Cood-A-Beens
Mark Gnatt	101 no	VCA Third XI	Luke Ball	102 no	Hatch Shield

Playing Trophies

VCA First XI	Batting Averages	Bowling Averages
VCA Second XI	Chris Harris	Rohan French
VCA Third XI	Brad Shadbolt	Lloyd Devlin
VCA Fourth XI	Mark Gnatt	Warren Junkeer
VSDCA First XI	Neil Thomas	John Dawborn
VSDCA Second XI	Nick Toce	Paul Coloe
ESCA "A Turf"	Nick Stavropolous	Trent Shields
Cood-A-Beens	David Flight	Harry Dendle
	Rory Stewart	David Thomas

UNDER-12A TEAM TROPHIES

	Black XI	White XI
Batting Award	James Barton	George Dick
Bowling Award	Sam Playfair	Chris Johnston
Best Team Man	James Swinburne & Will Fitzpatrick	Ted Laycock
Most Improved	Marcus Desseweffy	Lachlan Rees
Most Consistent	Angus Greene	Matthew Parker

UNDER-12B TEAM TROPHIES

	Gold XI	Green XI
Batting Award	Sam Lake	James McCubbin
Bowling Award	Ian Green	Robert Buchanan
Best Team Man	Nicholas Rees	Ben Power
Most Improved	Hugh Sinclair	Stuart Fraser
Most Consistent	Andy Carolan	William Sherwin

UNDER-16A TEAM TROPHIES

	White XI	Black XI
Batting Award	Andrew Shinkfield	Eamon Best
Bowling Award	Black Clancy	Marc Matthews
Best Team Man	Rick Teasdale	Adam Nicholls
Most Improved	Vall Vallboy	Tom Fraser
Most Consistent	Ed Wilcox	Joel Aitken

UNDER-16B TEAM TROPHIES

	Gold XI	Green XI
Batting Award	Charles Swan	Ben Nickless
Bowling Award	Jason Page	John Marshall
Best Team Man	Matthew Graham	Nick O'Connell
Most Improved	Stewart Luk	Marc LaBrooy
Most Consistent	Simon Dick	Josh James

W J DOWLING UNDER-16 TEAM TROPHIES

Batting Award	Dean Gnatt
Bowling Award	Chris Binney
Best Team Man	Rob Hamilton
Most Consistent	Nick Detarzynski
Outstanding Player	Nick Detarzynski

UNDER-14A & B TEAM TROPHIES

	White XI A	Green XI B
Batting Award	Charles Swan	Ben Nickless
Bowling Award	Jason Page	John Marshall
Best Team Man	Matthew Graham	Nick O'Connell
Most Improved	Stewart Luk	Marc LaBrooy
Most Consistent	Simon Dick	Josh James

R M Hatch UNDER-14 TEAM TROPHIES

Batting Award	Luke Ball
Bowling Award	James Bull
Best Team Man	Ben Cookson
Most Consistent	David Clyne
Outstanding Player	Andrew Bowen

UNDER-14B TEAM TROPHIES

	Gold XI	Red XI	Black XI
Batting Award	Andrew DeAngelis	Rupert ImHoff	Ed Bunting
Bowling Award	Jack Johnstone	James Mortensen	Simon Mitchell
Best Team Man	Matt DeAngelis	Richard Simpson	Matt Giulieri
Most Improved	Richard Paine	Scott Yeomans	Joseph Edgar
Most Consistent	Dean Page	Tom Maule	Hugh Munro

SENIOR AGGREGATE STATISTICS

SENIOR AGGREGATE RUNS (minimum 300 Runs to be listed)

Player	VCA 1	VCA 2	VCA 3	VCA 4	VSDCA 1	VSDCA 2	ESCA A	CAB	TOTAL
David EMERSON	669								669
Anthony BLACKWELL	263	361							624
Graeme VIMPANI	553								553
Nick TOCE				119	431				550
Rory STEWART							39	511	550
Stuart CANN	543								543
Chris HARRIS	507								507
Brad SHADBOLT		397			80				477
Howard JUNKEER					313		134		447
Paul BROSTER	441								441
Anthony AMALFI	425								425
Don DAVENPORT								392	392
Michael EWISON			370						370
Richie DODDS	78	285							363
Peter DALTON		345							345
Christian ZAVECZ			338						338
Daniel DAVIES		336							336
Anton GITSCHE								316	316
Tim FRANKENBURG								306	306

AGGREGATE WICKETS (minimum 20 wickets to be listed)

Player	Team								TOTAL WICKETS
	VCA 1	VCA 2	VCA 3	VCA 4	VSDCA 1	VSDCA 2	ESCA A	CAB	
Rohan FRENCH	43								43
Stuart CLARK	29								29
Paul BROSTER	29								29
Peter GANNON							9	17	26
Andrew BEREZA			9	13		1		1	24
Peter MANNAERT				6		17			23
Michael SUTHERLAND		6			17				23
Damien ASTON	6	16							22
Paul COLOE					21				21
Lloyd DEVLIN		21							21
Richard WIGNALL					26				21
Stephen RIMER						15	5		20
Andrew BEREZA			13		7				20
Damien SHANAHAN	20								20
Stuart SPIDEN								20	20
Trent SHIELDS						17	3		20

VCA First XI Report

Captain:	Anthony Amalfi
Scorer:	Phil Monohan
Manager:	Garry Goodman/Brian Maher
Won:	13
Drawn:	1
Lost:	2

A great year with a disappointing end. The 1st XI finished two games clear on top of the ladder, losing only two games along the way.

After convincing wins in the Elimination and Semi-Finals against Essendon and Northcote we unfortunately fell to Melbourne in the Grand Final. We were unable to set the Demons a large enough total for our bowlers to defend, and although our players fought it out to the end, we were convincingly beaten.

However, many positives came out of the year. Stuart Cann established himself as a 1st XI opener while Anthony Blackwell, having played most of the season in the 2nds, had an outstanding finals series. Stuart Clark, recruited from Richmond, showed glimpses of how good he will be for us after an early injury sidelined him for 3 games. Anthony Amalfi's captaincy continued to get better each game and by the end of the season had established himself as a genuine leader.

Rohan French had a fantastic second half of the season with the ball and he was well supported by the tireless work up the hill by Damien Shanahan. Unfortunately injury stopped Damien from achieving even better results, as it did with Chris Harris, who once again went down with a serious injury in the last game of the season making him unavailable for the finals campaign. Chris was an inspiration with the way he went about trying to be fit for the Grand final and his support of the other players, and then ultimately, with his decision to make himself unavailable after doing all the work.

Lloyd Devlin and Damien Aston were given a taste of 1st XI cricket and showed enough to suggest that they are players of the future. Graeme Vimpani had a disappointing year by his own standards but was still able to score in excess of 500 runs. I know Graeme will bounce back and establish himself as a regular state player. Rod Taylor kept well through most of the year and didn't really get an opportunity with the bat whilst Matthew Elliott's 88 against Geelong showed us how valuable he is when not on Victorian or Australian duties. Another of the major positives was the consistent bowling performance of Paul Broster and then his improved consistency with the bat at the end of the season and especially during all three finals.

They say save the best for last and what can you say about a player like David Emerson. In his last year with the Club he exceeded 600 runs, was the Club Champion again and was a match winner/saver in many games. His innings in the Grand Final was typical of his grit and determination. Thank you David for your commitment to the Collingwood and Camberwell Magpies and may you enjoy your retirement, your records may never be broken.

We can be very happy with our season in general, after having finished eighth the season before, but we certainly cannot be happy with the final result. We can't afford to be satisfied with 2nd place finishes and it is now up to each player to arrest this trend and go one better in 1998/99. Many players have now been labelled as losers by opposition Clubs and there is only one way to change that, "To Go One Better".

Thanks to Brian and Phil for their tireless work on games and to Garry Goodman late in the season. Also thanks to that that assisted at finals time, in particular, John Hurse and Peter Warner, and to Graeme TEMPLER for soothing the aches and pains after games and on training nights.

No-one can fault the commitment and if this continues I am sure we will go that one better.

Neale Price
Senior Coach

1997/98 Finals Reports

Qualifying Final V Essendon

The Magpies batted and were in early trouble at 3 for 45, however, a fourth wicket partnership of 124 by Blackwell and Emerson put the match back in our favour. Blackwell brought up his maiden District 1st XI finally finishing with 120, including 14 fours and 1 six, and with Broster (88 no) and Clark providing good support the Bombers were set 333 to win.

French and Clark soon had the Bombers top order in tatters and after a fine middle order partnership the Bombers were all out for 258. French was magnificent with 6/54 off 19 overs and Clark chipped in with good support claiming 2/51.

Semi Final V Northcote

Northcote batted first and were bowled out for 190 thanks to terrific, steady and smart bowling from French again 4/40 and the veteran spinner, Emerson 4/73 off 28 overs.

The runs chase was handled with great aplomb after a couple of early break throughs by the old enemy, but once again Blackwell, 90 no, with solid support from Amalfi, Broster and Shanahan reached the target well before tea on the second day.

Grand Final v Melbourne

Malf won the toss and batted. Melbourne quickly made the initial break through followed by a couple more wickets which had us on the back foot at 4 for 43. Amalfi and Emerson commenced the fight back with a partnership of 53 and then Broster and Emerson batted together to stumps. With the score at 5 for 202 there was still plenty of work to be done, however the early loss of Broster for 62 was the beginning of a very quick end with Emerson the last man out for in his last game for a magnificent 73 and the score at 229.

This was never going to be enough unless early wickets were obtained. At 2 for 29 there was plenty of hope and lots of dogged and tight bowling by all the bowlers however, Ayres and Jones proved too good on the day and Melbourne coasted to a well earned victory.

A disappointing end to a fantastic season and the wonderful career of D.Emerson. Never the less, the aftermath soon had players and supporters talking eagerly about next season and the positive and exciting future that awaits the CMCC.

VCA First XI Match Results

Round 1	defeated	Northcote
Round 2	defeated	Frankston
Round 3	defeated	Hawthorn Waverley
Round 4	defeated	Footscray
Round 5	lost to	Essendon
Round 6:	cancelled	Carlton
Round 7	defeated	South Melbourne
Round 8	defeated	Ringwood
Round 9	defeated	Prahran
Round 10	defeated	North Melbourne
Round 11	defeated	Melbourne
Round 12	defeated	Geelong
Round 13	drawn	Fitzroy Doncaster
Round 14	defeated	Dandenong
Round 15	lost to	University
Round 16	defeated	St.Kilda
Round 17	defeated	Richmond
Qual Final	defeated	Essendon
Semi Final	defeated	Northcote
Grand Final	lost to	Melbourne

**K W Stackpole Medal
(VCA First XI Points Competition)**

David Emerson	250
Paul Broster	242
Rohan French	162
Damian Shanahan	155
Graeme Vimpani	154
Stuart Cann	153
Chris Harris	151
Stuart Clark	126
Anthony Amalfi	114
Rod Taylor	94
Anthony Blackwell	64
Matthew Elliott	38
Richie Dodds	31
Damien Aston	19
Craig Ingram	14
Lloyd Devlin	2

1997/98 VCA RYDER MEDAL VOTING

Paul Broster	24
Graeme Vimpani	21
David Emerson	18
Chris Harris	16
Damien Shanahan	11
Anthony Amalfi	8
Stuart Cann	8
Matthew Elliott	5
Rohan French	4

1997/98 VCA First XI Outstanding Performances

Graeme Vimpani	112 no	v Geelong
David Emerson	137	v South Melbourne
Stuart Cann	126	v South Melbourne
Anthony Blackwell	120	v Essendon (semi final)

1997/98 VCA 1st XI Special Trophies

Brian Maher - Best Team Man	Paul Broster
Player of Finals Series	Anthony Blackwell

VCA First XI Career Milestones

David Emerson	Passed 7,000 runs & 250 games
Paul Broster	Passed 2,000 runs
Stuart Cann	Passed 1,000 runs
Rohan French	Passed 200 wkts
Chris Harris	Passed 100 games
Rod Taylor	Passed 200 dismissals & 100 games

1997/98 VCA First XI Team Statistics

Highest Score For	8/355	v South Melbourne
Lowest Score For	77	v University
Highest Score Against	470	by University
Lowest Score Against	124	by Northcote

1997/98 VCA First XI Batting Averages

Qualifications: Bat in half games played & score a minimum of 250 runs.

Player	G	In	No	Is	Run	Av	100/50
Anthony Amalfi	16	17	3	74	425	30.35	0/3
Damien Aston	4	3	0	1	1	0.00	0/0
Anthony Blackwell	7	7	1	120	263	43.80	1/1
Paul Broster	18	17	3	88*	441	29.40	0/3
Stuart Cann	19	19	0	126	543	28.56	1/2
Stuart Clark	16	12	0	9	43	3.58	0/0
Lloyd Devlin	2	2	1	6	6	6.00	0/0
Richie Dodds	12	8	1	18	78	11.14	0/0
Matthew Elliott	4	4	0	85	145	36.50	0/1
David Emerson	19	21	1	137	669	33.45	1/4
Rohan French	19	11	2	12	47	5.22	0/0
Chris Harris	16	16	1	88	507	33.80	0/4
Craig Ingram	5	3	0	4	8	2.66	0/0
Damien Shanahan	19	18	1	81	299	17.58	0/1
Rod Taylor	19	14	7	23	93	13.28	0/0
Graeme Vimpani	16	18	1	112*	553	32.41	1/4

1997/98 VCA First XI Bowling Averages

Qualification: Bowl a minimum of 800 balls.

Player	O	M	Runs	W	Av	Best
Anthony Amalfi	8	3	13	0	0.00	0/13
Damien Aston	40	6	130	6	22.66	3/84
Anthony Blackwell	1	0	18	0	0.00	0/18
Paul Broster	243	74	553	29	19.06	5/16
Stuart Cann	4	3	19	0	0.00	0/19
Stuart Clark	226	45	702	29	24.20	5/51
Lloyd Devlin	6	0	28	0	0.00	0/18
Richie Dodds	4	0	32	0	0.00	0/32
Matthew Elliott	4	0	11	0	0.00	0/11
David Emerson	203	30	637	19	33.52	3/30
Rohan French	291	69	777	43	18.06	6/54
Chris Harris	4	1	6	2	3.00	2/2
Craig Ingram	43	7	127	3	42.33	2/21
Damien Shanahan	152	26	450	20	22.50	4/43
Graeme Vimpani	5	0	18	1	0.00	1/17

VCA First XI Partnerships

Wkt	Runs	Batsmen	Scores	Opponent	Year
1st	162	G. Vimpani	108	Richmond	1996/97
		S. Cann	47*		
2nd	263	S. Cann	126	South	1997/98
		D.Emerson	137*	Melbourne	
3rd	146	D.Emerson	45	North	1996/97
		M.Elliott	150*	Melbourne	
4th	124	D.Emerson	35	Essendon	1997/98
		A.Blackwell	85*	(semi final)	
5th	101	D.Shanahan	34	Hawthorn	1997/98
		C.Harris	87*	Waverley	
6th	118	D.Shanahan	67*	Dandenong	1997/98
		C.Harris	72		
		P.Broster	62	Melbourne	1997/98
		D.Emerson	59*	Grand(Final)	
7th	121	D.Shanahan	80*	South	1996/97
		R.Dodds	56*	Melbourne	
8th	71	N.Petricola	41	University	1996/97
		R.Taylor	33*		
9th	31	S.Clark	7	Essendon	1997/98
		P.Broster	72*	semi final)	
10th	52	R.Taylor	49	Frankston	1996/97
		S.Smith	13*		

1997/98 VCA Grand Final Match Scores

CMCC Batting 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	Bowler	Run	Mins	Balls
G.Vimpani	c Jones	Herman	4	21	17
S.Cann	b	Herman	1	49	36
M.Elliott	c Templeton	McCooke	22	63	47
A.Blackwell	LBW	Herman	8	60	48
A.Amalfi	c McCooke	Henry	44	114	106
D.Emerson	c McCooke	Herman	73	338	295
P.Broster	LBW	Herman	62	187	171
D.Shanahan	b	Herman	0	7	5
R.Taylor	c Jones	Herman	1	13	13
S.Clark	c Herman	McCooke	0	27	18
R.French	Not	Out	0	4	4
Sundries	8 - Leg Byes	3 - No Balls	14		
TOTAL			229	448	

Fall of Wickets = 5 - 15 - 35 - 43 - 96 - 214 - 216 - 224 - 229 - 229

MCC Bowling 1st Innings

Bowler	O	M	Runs	W
B.Williams	30	9	56	0
R.Herman	33.3	10	57	7
S.Dart	4	2	3	0
S.McCooke	36	11	51	2
A.Henry	16	4	39	1
B.Hodge	2	0	15	0

MCC Batting 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	Bowler	Run	Mins	Balls
W.Ayres	Not	Out	126	252	190
M.Pinniger	c Clark	French	4	19	9
B.Hodge	c Taylor	Clark	10	29	21
D.Jones	Not	Out	84	207	156
Sundries	5 - Leg Byes	1 - No Balls	6		
TOTAL			231	448	

Fall of Wickets = 5 - 29

CMCC Bowling 1st Innings

Bowler	O	M	Runs	W
S.Clark	15	3	74	1
R.French	14	4	45	1
P.Broster	11	2	29	0
D.Shanahan	12	3	36	0
D.Emerson	5	0	24	0
M.Elliott	4	2	11	0
A.Amalfi	1.2	0	7	0