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**PROTECTING WELDON OVAL
FROM THE SCUM
OF THE SHIRES COMPETITION**



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MEN IN GREEN

EDITORIAL

Hello, and welcome, to another cricket season at Warringah Cricket Club with the 'Men In Green'. As we begin our 21st season in the Municipal and Shire's competition, we take the opportunity in this publication to preview our opposing clubs, look back at last years fourth grade grand final, get some handy bowling tips from our Super Coach, David Ford, and catch up with Doctor Truth. You'll also find a draw for this seasons premiership rounds, including the U/24's (a little less reading for Messers Beach, Boof and Fred). It all starts today fellas, so let's start with a win in all grades and go that one step further in the Club Championship this year (please, I'm sick of coming second - we'll have to rename ourselves the Warringah Bills).

This years commitee shapes as follows:

El Presidento, HeadHoncho, the Big Cheese :	Roger Curry
Club Secretary:	Salacious Fittler
Club Treasurer:	Ian "Bags" Rae
Senior Vice President:	Steven Cole
Club Captain:	Mark "Error/Mickster" Stewart
Club Coach:	David Ford
Captains:	David Ford 1st grade Roger Curry 2nd grade Dave Morris 3rd grade Antonio Roy Formica 4th grade
Chairman of Selectors:	Murray Pitt
Commitee:	Mark Anderson Dave Millar Matt Macoustra Sean Monahan

1997-98 SHIRES CLUB PREVIEW

With such an important season approaching us, our spies have been out scouting and previewed the off season and the coming summer for all our opposing clubs:

Auburn

After another ordinary summer in 1996-97 at Mona Park, big things are expected by the Auburn boys for this coming summer. Players wives, girlfriends and supporters have all been practising their appeals from passing cars (Howwizzzeeee maaate.....) in a desperate attempt this year to put batsmen off their game! Expect big things from thirds and fourths (it's easier to hear comments from passing cars on Mona 2). It's hard to expect much from a suburb whose main attraction is the Joyce Maine Furniture warehouse.

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Bexley

After taking over the dust bowl of Lance Hutchinson Oval from the now defunct Canterbury, the future looks very bright (in a shady sort of way) for the Blues (which speaks volumes for their future beforehand). Biggest advantage is that teams have been known to have got completely lost looking for this ground, and have not turned up, thus forfeiting. Bexley are introducing a Mercantile Mutual type award for anyone who can smash one over the M4. Roger Curry's smashable fruit pies are being awaited anxiously.

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Blacktown

Blacktown have a new nickname this year, being called the PWC's, to help bring back the crowds. Disappointing last year after a promising first season in Shires, and will want to live up to their club motto this season "Two heads are better than one". Walen Reserve increased its notoriety in the off-season by becoming the site of a murder investigation - young players are advised not to wander off into the surrounding bush (even if they are chasing one of Roger Curry's fruit pies.)

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Burwood

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise....Burwood are still producing the same shit they have for years. Failed once again to clone Gerard through the IVF programme so he'll be doing it all once again. Burwood have asked if any fourth graders know of the whereabouts of half the brick boundary which seems to have been demolished in last years fourth grade final (apparently, they found half of some guys leg in the rubble).

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

caused some ruffled feathers in their ranks. Keeping this in mind, they will be tough to beat, and don't forget - the Stockbroker must be about 78 years of age now. Will be looking to continue the tradition of recruiting ten thousand school kids for a crowd and providing live commentary to put our lads off their game.

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Macquarie University

The students from Marsfield Tech had a disappointing season last year by their standards, and will be out to show what they are made of. Have possibly lost their first grade captain and coach, however, I believe the Tinny Cock is still there, which can only be good for the game!

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Pennant Hills

Disappointed many critics last year by being too competitive (even winning the Third Grade premiership - that's a bit rough really), after being a certain 6 points for years. Rumour has it that the Silver Bodgies Australian jumper has finally shrunk enough that he can't fit it over his head (always an achievement), and won't be backing up, a crushing blow to Murray Pitt, who can always count on grabbing Beard's wicket.

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

Roseville

A major upheavell to the local shopping centre at Roseville Case may lead to big changes to the club this year. With the addition of a baker and a fruit store, opposing sides may be confronted with something more than a packet of Arrowroot biscuits at tea time. Be careful of this tactic as eating to excess to make up those lost years of depleted afternoon teas could prove the difference on the field. Along with the ghost of the Silver Bodgie, this could make Roseville tough to beat.

Expected Club Championship Finish: Equal Last

South Sydney

After winning last years First Grade premiership, South Sydney listed themselves on the StockExchange, with initial shares selling at \$11.42 a piece. The slump at Wall Street in August did not effect them, and as a result of a Gross Annual Profit of \$2.3million for the last financial year, they were able to spend freely on the player market. Expect to see SteveWaugh, Brian Lara, and possibly Sanath Jayasuria running around for them this year (Glenn McGrath was offered a contract, but wasn't happy with playing second grade)

Expected Club Championship Finish: 87.33 against the green back

The Art of Dross Bowling (Pie Throwing)

by

David Ford

(Photo demonstration by D.Millar)

Bowling dross is an important part of any cricket team's make up. As a coach and an exponent of this type of bowling, I would like to pass on some of my knowledge and experience in this dying art.

By dross bowling I mean pie throwing. It is extremely important to have as much variety as possible when throwing pies as opposing batsmen soon get very settled facing the same fodder, ball after ball. The following photos demonstrate some of my favourite deliveries -

1. The Citron Tart



2. The Chocolate Eclair



3. The Croissant



4. The Apple Turnover



One final note - any pie thrower is only as good as his baker. Ensure your choice of bakery is in line with the type of pies you wish to bowl, and you'll be greeted with the success you deserve.

1997/98 SHIRES COMPETITION PROGRAM

ROUND 1- SATURDAYS 27 SEPTEMBER & 4 OCTOBER 1997

Burwood	v	Blacktown
Epping	v	Auburn
Hills	v	Holroyd
Macquarie Uni	v	Roseville
South Sydney	v	Pennant Hills
Strathfield	v	Lane Cove
Warrungah	v	Lindfield
Bexley	bye	

ROUND 2- MONDAY 6 & SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 1997

Auburn	v	Burwood
Blacktown	v	Bexley
Holroyd	v	Epping
Lane Cove	v	South Sydney
Pennant Hills	v	Macquarie Uni
Roseville	v	Lindfield
Strathfield	v	Warrungah
Hills	bye	

ROUND 3- SATURDAYS 18 & 25 OCTOBER 1997

Burwood	v	Lane Cove
Epping	v	Strathfield
Holroyd	v	Roseville
Lindfield	v	Blacktown
Macquarie Uni	v	Bexley
Pennant Hills	v	Hills
South Sydney	v	Auburn
Warrungah	bye	

ROUND 4- SATURDAYS 1 & 8 NOVEMBER 1997

Bexley	v	Burwood
Blacktown	v	Holroyd
Epping	v	Hills
Lane Cove	v	Roseville
Macquarie Uni	v	South Sydney
Strathfield	v	Lindfield
Warrungah	v	Pennant Hills
Auburn	bye	

ROUND 5- SATURDAYS 15 & 22 NOVEMBER 1997

Auburn	v	Pennant Hills
Burwood	v	Warrungah
Hills	v	Macquarie Uni
Lane Cove	v	Blacktown
Lindfield	v	Bexley
Roseville	v	Epping
South Sydney	v	Holroyd
Strathfield	bye	

ROUND 6- SATURDAYS 29 NOVEMBER & 6 DECEMBER 1997

Auburn	v	Lindfield
Bexley	v	Warrungah
Blacktown	v	Strathfield
Burwood	v	Roseville
Hills	v	Lane Cove
Holroyd	v	Macquarie Uni
Pennant Hills	v	Epping
South Sydney	bye	

ROUND 7- SATURDAYS 13 & 20 DECEMBER 1997

Blacktown	v	Macquarie Uni
Epping	v	Warrungah
Holroyd	v	Strathfield
Lindfield	v	Burwood
Pennant Hills	v	Bexley
Roseville	v	Auburn
South Sydney	v	Hills
Lane Cove	bye	

ROUND 8- SATURDAYS 3 & 10 JANUARY 1998

Bexley	v	Lane Cove
Hills	v	Lindfield
Macquarie Uni	v	Auburn
Pennant Hills	v	Holroyd
South Sydney	v	Epping
Strathfield	v	Burwood
Warrungah	v	Blacktown
Roseville	bye	

ROUND 9- SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 1998 ONLY

Auburn	v	Lane Cove
Bexley	v	Strathfield
Burwood	v	South Sydney
Epping	v	Macquarie Uni
Lindfield	v	Holroyd
Roseville	v	Blacktown
Warrungah	v	Hills
Pennant Hills	bye	

ROUND 10- SATURDAY 24 & MONDAY 26 JANUARY 1998

Bexley	v	South Sydney
Blacktown	v	Pennant Hills
Hills	v	Roseville
Holroyd	v	Warrungah
Lane Cove	v	Epping
Macquarie Uni	v	Burwood
Strathfield	v	Auburn
Lindfield	bye	

ROUND 11- SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 1998 ONLY

Burwood	v	Epping
Hills	v	Bexley
Holroyd	v	Auburn
Lane Cove	v	Warrungah
Lindfield	v	Macquarie Uni
Roseville	v	Pennant Hills
South Sydney	v	Strathfield
Blacktown	bye	

ROUND 12- SATURDAYS 7 & 14 FEBRUARY 1998

Auburn	v	Hills
Bexley	v	Holroyd
Epping	v	Blacktown
Lindfield	v	Lane Cove
Pennant Hills	v	Strathfield
Roseville	v	South Sydney
Warrungah	v	Macquarie Uni
Burwood	bye	

ROUND 13- SATURDAYS 21 & 28 FEBRUARY 1998

Auburn	v	Bexley
Blacktown	v	Hills
Holroyd	v	Burwood
Macquarie Uni	v	Lane Cove
Pennant Hills	v	Lindfield
South Sydney	v	Warrungah
Strathfield	v	Roseville
Epping	bye	

ROUND 14- SATURDAYS 7 & 14 MARCH 1998

Auburn	v	Blacktown
Bexley	v	Epping
Hills	v	Burwood
Lane Cove	v	Pennant Hills
Lindfield	v	South Sydney
Macquarie Uni	v	Strathfield
Warrungah	v	Roseville
Holroyd	bye	

ROUND 15- SATURDAY 21 MARCH 1998 ONLY

Blacktown	v	South Sydney
Burwood	v	Pennant Hills
Epping	v	Lindfield
Lane Cove	v	Holroyd
Roseville	v	Bexley
Strathfield	v	Hills
Warrungah	v	Auburn
Macquarie Uni	bye	

SEMI-FINALS- SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29 MARCH 1998

FINALS- SATURDAY 4 & SUNDAY 5 APRIL 1998

Note- First Grade and Third Grade play at home grounds of first-named clubs

Doctor Truth

Dear Doc,

I am writing to you to seek assistance with a matter relating to a recent Real Estate purchase.

You may not be aware, but since signing my mega contract with the Warringah Cricket Club, I have had a very large sum of idle money lying around under my pillow and it has been giving me a sore neck, back and even my groin is playing up.

A few weeks back I had nothing to do one Saturday morning and bought myself a property for investment purposes. I'm not writing to you for financial advice.....its too late for that, but a moral dilemma that I'm now confronted with.

The current tenants are, how do I say it....Shirt lifters, Uphill gardeners, Pillow biters,, POOFTERS.

What should I do? I'm not into this Political Correctness crap, I hate them.

Yours, Anon

Dear Anon,

If you intend buying another property when the next couple of hundred thousand of your contract becomes payable in March, it may pay to inspect the property (and it's contents) before you buy. Check the tenants out, either face to face or by flicking through the magazine rack for Ian Roberts magazines. You should probably have realised that when they greeted you with a long passionate embrace, things were not normal!

You're a very lucky man to be able to buy property with cash, given the likelihood of our mates in Canberra removing Negative Gearing.

The Doc.