

HAMPTON UNITED CRICKET CLUB



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Grades

1st X1	D Grade
2nd X1	F Grade
3rd X1	J Grade
T20	Div 3
Juniors	Stuart Murray Rookies
Juniors	Mal Twining Rookies



President's Report 2019/20

I'm pleased to present the 2019/20 season presidents report and annual report to the committee, players and supporters of the Hampton United Cricket Club. And what a great year we have had! Two senior flags, a stronger financial position, juniors growing, great membership initiatives and a new major sponsor returning to the club. And what unprecedented times we are living through! As I write this report, so-called stage 3 restrictions remain in place in Victoria and the rest of the country as we all do our bit to combat the spread of the global coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Like everything else, cricket was also affected by the virus containment measures. Finals matches were cancelled after the second scheduled weekend of the finals series. Planned post-season activities also had to be cancelled as restrictions on social gatherings came into force, however we can be thankful that the home and away season was played out to conclusion in all grades and that some finals were completed. History will record how this pandemic ultimately impacts elite and grass roots sport so I will therefore focus on the season that was in 2019/20.

There was good reason to be optimistic about the clubs prospects prior to the beginning of the season:

- Player numbers were healthy with more or less the whole 2018/19 playing group playing on and the inclusion of some handy new recruits and a couple of stalwarts returning.
- Two U12 rookie teams grew from a single T20 blasters team; an indication of the steady development of the junior pipeline.
- Club finances were in good shape, boosted by the Hightett Floors sponsorship and a wonderful \$10,000 donation courtesy of Whitney Turner from the estate of Darcy Turner.
- The return to a pre-season training with good attendance at the indoor sessions provided. Two nets going!

It's great to aim high and talk of premierships was getting a lot of airplay externally, and within the club throughout the pre-season! Certainly, the firsts and seconds making successive finals appearances recently, without tasting the ultimate success, was going to be a powerful motivator for 'going the extra mile'!

Having said that, there are no guarantees for success and with the re-organization of SECA into eight team grades and the accompanying relegations, higher standards within grades and a more even level of competitiveness were anticipated. In other words, games would be harder to win.

The viewpoint of the committee prior to the season was that 3 senior teams were the most we could field consistently albeit there was the real prospect that in some rounds we would have more players available than positions. Ultimately, that only proved to be the case in a few rounds vindicating the decision not to apply for a fourth team in the regular competitions even though we were close to the required numbers. Pleasingly, the grades we were eventually placed in by SECA were aligned with our own expectations. Once more, the firsts were in D-Grade; a nod to the strong 2018/19 performances; the seconds came back to G-grade from F-grade and the thirds were placed in the new M-grade, down from J-grade. Once again, we entered a team in the Tuesday evening T20 3rd division competition.

So what a great effort it was from the whole club to back up the pre-season excitement with performances on the field that got all three teams into finals. One premiership from three would have been a great result given that realistically, the seconds and thirds were outside chances at best. To win two premierships was an outstanding effort and the best overall club result for years; decades even!

This was a primarily a player driven result and I would like to thank each and every player who participated this season for their enthusiastic efforts and also the spirit in which we competed. We are building a great brand within the SECA competition because of the way we play, and the hospitality we show to visiting teams, umpires and officials. Well done everyone.

In my remarks concerning our on-field performance, I would like to start with the T20 team. Another early indication that senior success was just around the corner was evidenced in the performance of the T20 team this year. We were fortunate to have Ollie Gunning, from Camberwell Magpies CC as our guest player this year and Ollie, together with the cream of our firsts and seconds, made for a really strong team. In only our second outing in this competition, we won two of our four games and the two losses were by two and four runs respectively. What began, as an experiment last season has become an important fixture in our regular season and a key mechanism to introduce potential future players to the club. The competition provided an opportunity for the club to try something different with a leadership role and so Tom Larkworthy was given the task of captaining the team, which

he did magnificently. Russell Moore, as always, was outstanding as the Team Manager and scorer.

What can I say about the home and away season? The statistics clearly show some outstanding individual performances were delivered this season however they also reveal a more even contribution to team success in each of the XI's. So congratulations must go to the coaching, captains and selection committee: Paul Burgess, Andrew Grant, Stuart Murray and Paul Knight for their on-field leadership, smart management of player numbers and qualifications of players for finals – always a juggling act. As a collective, I think they got the balance right between having fun and getting serious about winning games. As always, Stuart Murray worked his magic and somehow managed to find the extra numbers from his network just when things were looking bleak on the odd occasion throughout the year. And so it was that we were mostly able to field full strength teams and pleasingly, the playing group responded by being flexible with movement between grades for the sake of team balance and the overall benefit of the club. This cohesiveness was another big factor in achieving the success we did.

So we are D-grade premiers! This was a just result and a terrific reward for Andrew Grant and the team for a dominating performance all year. They finished on top of the ladder with 9 wins, 4 draws and 1 loss, a game and percentage ahead of second placed Cheltenham Park. Moreover, the firsts defeated Cheltenham Park comfortably in the first Semi-Final to advance into the Grand Final. Clearly, they were the best team of D-grade and by all accounts, would have dominated at even higher grades. Following the cancellation of the D-grade grand final match due to the Covid-19 containment measures, the SECA executive, in a sensible decision, eventually voted by majority to award premierships to teams making the grand final who finished higher on the ladder after the home and away season.

Congratulations must also go to Stuart Murray and the seconds. They finished points and percentage clear in second position with 1 outright win, 7 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses to earn the double chance. While it was unfortunate the seconds were defeated in both their finals games, I think it is much more significant to take the whole season in context. Top placed and undefeated Kingston Heath were clearly best team in G-grade – and the benchmark in the middle tier of the SECA competition. Our seconds are not that far behind Kingston Heath and were better than or competitive against all other teams in G-grade throughout the season. This to me marked a definite improvement in the playing group and demonstrated the improvement in our depth.

The thirds were fortunate to play in and win the M-grade grand final! With 6 wins, a draw and four losses, a third placed finish behind Brighton District and Chelsea Heights-Aspendale Gardens (CHAG) might have been considered unlucky given wash outs and forfeited games probably cost the thirds opportunities for big wins and a second placed finish. Nevertheless, the team saved the best until the finals series. A brilliant run chase against CHAG in the semi-final earned a grand final berth against hitherto undefeated Brighton Districts. In a classic run chase that will go down in club folklore, Danny Dawson and Bayley Warner combined for an epic 6th wicket undefeated partnership of 91 runs to snatch an unlikely victory off the last ball of the match! Well done to skipper Paul Knight and the team for an outstanding season.

My sincere thanks on behalf of the club must go to our sponsors. Clubs survive on sponsorships and in the 2019/20 season we were fortunate to have Tim Hunt and Hightett Floors chip in as our major sponsors in a two year deal that has among other things, given us the opportunity to provide the club with fantastic and affordable new playing tops. My sincere thanks go to Tim and Mal Twining for making this happen. As always, South City Meats and Hampton Fruit and Vegetables provided the raffle prizes each round and Russell Moore, courtesy of Moore's At Your Service, donated the player of the round award each week. A big task of the committee in the winter months will be to grow our sponsorship base.

Congratulations to the parent group, Stuart Murray and Mal Twining for continuing to evolve our junior pipeline. It was obvious to anyone who came down to watch the juniors this year that our two U12 rookie teams had a great time. I've said before that this is probably the most important development at the club in the past two seasons. The emerging juniors are the lifeblood of any club and in our case, we also have an opportunity to have the parents get more involved in the running of the juniors, the running of the club and even, with a bit of luck, we may pick up a few more senior players into the bargain! However for now, it's all about the rookies and all indicators are they will be back again, in even greater number, having fun playing cricket in 2020/21. In Stuart and Mal, and with the support of Emily Spicer-Stuart and the parent group, our juniors couldn't be in better hands.

President's Report 2019/20

Socially, the club had one of its more successful years even though the number of formal events was less than usual. The informal gatherings after Thursday nights training and after games were great fun and generally better attended than previously. The Thursday night social groups contribution over the bar certainly helped balance the books and I put Saturday evenings crowds down to on-field success and in part to Stuart Murrays not to be missed second XI match reviews, the highlight of the cricket week!

Behind the scenes, a hard working committee ensured the smooth functioning of the club and compliance with the manifold Bayside Council and SECA requirements. Every year, the task of running grass roots sports clubs gets more demanding in terms of the time required and the number of tasks that need to be attended to. At HUCC, we are fortunate to have a cohesive and effective committee. Thanks to the efforts of Will Byrne in the club secretary role, all of these administrative tasks are done on time and without incident and actions are well monitored via dozens of formal and informal committee meetings. The overhauled scheme of subs collection put together this year by treasurer Sam Crigan has resulted in a much fairer balance of a smaller up-front payment and pay as you play subs collection. Subs contribution surpassed last season as a result with slightly fewer individuals actually playing.

In addition to their roles on the committee, Russell Moore, Mal Twining and Paul Knight contributed to team management of the first XI, sponsorship and junior coaching and selection committee respectively. Their contributions proved crucial to the overall success of the club. Moreover, Russell and Mal have worked hard on the Club United concept bringing back past players to the club and generating additional sponsorship streams. Once more, Jenny Robinson provided the best afternoon teas in the competition!

Well done to Rowan Doyle and Sam Crigan for organizing another great trivia night! Attendance was almost to the point of needing a larger venue and it was a great fun night! Along with the pre-season Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, we managed to raise much needed revenue from the event. A big thanks to Rowan for also managing the bar superbly again; the beer selection is always spot on! Finally, it was also a great development to have one of our young players step up onto the committee! Just as teams do, committees need rejuvenation and it is hoped that Jack Reed will continue on in the committee next year.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our presentation night at the end of the season due to the Covid 19 restrictions placed on social gatherings. Presentation night is the biggest event on our social calendar and this year, with two premierships in the bag, was likely to have been the best attended in years. While the cancellation was a tremendous disappointment; after long deliberation and consultation, the committee decided to announce the award winners on social media rather than opt for a lengthy postponement, especially as it remained unclear as to how long Covid 19 containment measures were to remain in-place.

Both main awards were closely contested and the vote count would have been the most exciting in years. My congratulations to Lachlan Pearce for taking out the Club Championship for 2019/20; a thoroughly well earned result for a monster tally of 572 senior runs including two centuries and 13 wickets as well. Lachlan narrowly edged ahead of Andrew Woolston who reversed the result to win the David Tomlinson Most Valuable Player medal with 16 votes, just one vote ahead of Lachlan and only two ahead of Fergus Murray. Andrew also headed the club wicket aggregate with 26 wickets and took out the 1st XI bowling averages.

Since coming to play for us last season, Luke Barker has been a dominating presence with Andrew Grant in D-grade. Luke's 420 runs at 122.5 not only won the 1st XI batting averages but also won the SECA D-grade competition batting averages. Andrew Woolston took out the SECA D-grade bowling averages with 23 wickets at 13.3. Lachlan Pearce with 566 runs at 80.86 took out the SECA G-grade batting averages giving HUCC 3 competition average awards to go with our 2 premierships!

Congratulations to all the other award winners and I'd also like to acknowledge here, the unbelievable milestone achieved by Craig Hamilton who passed 450 games this season and after the M-grade premiership, became the player with the most premierships with Hampton United/Hampton Methodists – six in all. Further into this report and you will see the list of leading run scorers, wicket takers and catchers. What is great to see is the prominence of our emerging talent and younger players. That is a great sign for the years ahead.

2019/20 has been a very satisfying season. Hopefully, not before too long, we are all able to get together again, without social distancing, and celebrate our fantastic year as a club as we deserve to.

Last year I signed off this report, somewhat optimistically, that a senior premiership was just around the corner. Well, together we have achieved two! Moreover, our 5-year plan has hit all of the main targets – winning senior premierships (3 including the G-grade premiership of 2016/17), getting the first XI back to the senior rungs of the competition, or at least the option to; we will likely be promoted to Quiney Shield next season; and resurrecting the juniors.

We have more work to do on sponsorship and player numbers to keep our momentum. The reality is that we are competing with some very powerful clubs in the overall scheme of things and we cannot afford to be complacent but there are great things ahead if we maintain our "Strength Through Loyalty"! I wish everyone a safe winter and look forward to cricket resuming again in 2020/21.

David Pearce
President

Treasurer's Report 2019/20

HUCC's 2019/2020 financial result shows a book profit of \$10,631.86 with current cash reserves of \$29,471.03 in our Bendigo Bank accounts. The major contribution to the 2019/20 operating profit result was the extremely generous donation of \$10,000 received from the estate of the late Darcy Turner, from his brother Whitney. Excluding the donation from the profit result shows we would have still have made an operating profit of \$631.86, a major turn around from last seasons operating loss which is a great result given the extra expenses occurred this season.

Revenue from subs was \$11,731.35 in total. This was an increase of \$3,920 from last season. The change made to the subs payment system from last season has proven to be a successful one with very few outstanding payments compared to last season. We also had a contribution of \$2,561.35 from U/12 Rookie team subs (included in the total). A big thank you to Mal Twining and Stu Murray for getting junior cricket back to Hampton United CC. Sponsorship from Tim Hunt and Highett Floors and Russell Moore, for player of the round awards, amounted to \$1,580 which is a \$680 increase on last season. Big thank you to Russell and to Mal Twining for contacting Tim Hunt.

The club spent \$2,600.22 on new playing shirts, subsidized by the Highett Flooring sponsorship, in a long overdue update of our playing apparel. While we have an improvement opportunity in the tracking and accounting of club apparel sales (not as bar revenue), it was great to see all players wearing the new sponsored tops by finals time – even if it did take some convincing of certain individuals to part with their “heritage” gear! Four new iPads were purchased with \$3,915 of the \$5,000 grant received from Cricket Victoria in 2017/18. The iPads will help keep the club ahead of live scoring and real-time MyCricket updates requirements that will become mandatory sooner rather than later.

Contributions from special and social events (Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, Tony Ambrose Memorial, Trivia Night) amounted to \$6,713.25 including bar sales. These were all very successful events. We are looking forward to the continued growth of Club United driven by Russell Moore, Mal Twining, Peter Donaldson and other past and present players.

Our utility bills (power and WiFi) amounted to \$1,187.01, which was \$1,337.18 less than last season due to a credit accrued with AGL. I'll be researching different plans to get the best deal for our club over the off-season. SECA association fees and SECA Umpires fees were approximately the same as last season (only \$50 less). Given teams were playing in the same grades as last season, this was expected. Bayside City Council pavilion tenancy fees and insurance costs were also about the same as last season.

The bar and kitchen was again well managed by Rowan and resulted in a profit of \$385.28. If we include the bar sales from special events this figure is much higher. This total accounts for kitchen costs and tea costs paid to Jenny Robinson. The new variety of craft beers throughout the season was definitely a highlight! Next season we will look at a system that counts the numbers of each type of beer we sell.

Overall income was up by expenditure was up \$4,019.26 from last season.

Primary income sources were:		Major costs incurred:	
Subs:	\$ 11,731.35	Bar and Canteen costs:	\$ 9,439.71
Bar:	\$ 9,824.99	Grounds/Insurance:	\$ 3,074.80
Special Events:	\$ 6,713.25	SECA and Umpires:	\$ 2,725.50
Sponsorship:	\$ 1,580.00	Coaching:	\$ 2,000.00
Donations:	\$ 10,000.00	Trophies:	\$ 850.85
		Utilities (power/internet):	\$ 1,187.01
		Sundries (e.g. iPads, reimbursements):	\$ 4,703.00

Financially 2019/20 was a big improvement on last season and it could not have been achieved without the efforts of everyone involved with Hampton United CC. A more detailed profit and loss statement will be finalised before 30th June, in time for our AGM, in line with statutory requirements.

Sam Crigan
Treasurer

Secretary's Report 2019/20

Another season down and it has been another great season not just on field but off the field too.

On the field was clearly a successful season with all three team making the finals and the firsts and thirds winning their premierships. The thirds grand final game was one of most amazing game I've played in. All looked lost but with us still needing 100 runs off the last 10 overs, Danny and Bayley guided us home to a thrilling 1 run win off the last ball of the day.

It was shame not to see the first team play their grand final due to the CONVID -19. But they deserve to win the premiership, after finishing top of ladder and their winning the prelim comfortably. I was glad to see that SECA agreed with us. It was great to see that players are leading the way and winning SECA awards.

The future is very bright for all teams and I hope that all players want to come back and play at the club next season, especially if we are playing in Quiney shield next season.

It has been a great effort from all of the committee this year. Thank you to all involved for your hard and work and commitment over the season. The results of this are clear to see.

A big thank you has to go to Sam Crigan who took introduced and implement the new playing sub systems. In previous years this has to be one of the hardest jobs on the committee. With the support of team captains this job has been much easier. This has also helped us make a profit. The collection and the set up of junior subs through my cricket has been successful and should be continued for next season.

The T20 was also another success this season. It was great to us winning games and getting so close to playing in the final. It is important that the club continues playing the T20 next year and we grow another playing side of the club.

It clear that these skills that are being develop here are being transferred to the Saturday games.

Malcolm Twinning and Stuart Murray have put in a huge amount of work to continue to grow our junior program. This program has been very successful and having two teams playing in the SECA's rookies competition. This is the future of our club and it is very important we continue to support and grow this program.

A big thank you has to David Pearce who leads this club from the front and drives all of us. This club wouldn't function without you.

I would like to send out my best wishes to three players that had illnesses this year, Malcolm Twinning, Justin Crowther and Dave Schillabeer. I hope you all make a healthy and speedy recovery. It was sad to see passing of Tony Ambrose.

It is important that we look to grow the committee and involving some of the younger playing group. We have a small committee that works well but it would great to see some of younger guy join and learn the roles. Jack Reed joined the committee this year and hopefully this encourage some of the others to join.

This year has been a lot of fun and hard work. There is a lot the committee got right this year and there is a lot to work on with the new committee. I believe that it is very important that the club continues to grow its junior program and attract new players to the club as well as establishing us back into Quiney shield and get ready for Sillitoe Reserve clubrooms redevelopment.

William Byrne
Club Secretary

Coaches Report 2019/20

The 2019/2020 season started with a wave of expectation across the club with the belief that despite reduced teams in each grade making the competition stronger, we could still make significant inroads and be at the pointy end of the season.

The club results turned out better than we could have hoped. To have all three teams make the finals and two of those three teams be declared premiers is an outstanding achievement we should all be proud of.

The first eleven had an outstanding season losing only one game for the whole year and were clearly the dominate team throughout the season especially after the Christmas break. It was disappointing that the grand final could not be played in this grade but being named premiers was satisfying to say the least. The second eleven also had an excellent year and although their finals exit was disappointing the growth in the younger players in this team was very encouraging. The third eleven seemed to get off the canvas in the grand final thanks to some heroics from Danny Dawson at the end to win the premiership by the smallest of margins.

After much consideration I have decided that this will be my last season as coach. I have been honoured to coach Hampton United and believe now is the right time for a new voice and new ideas to be brought to the club. To that end I would like to thank all the people who have supported me during this time including the committee, Stuart Murray, Russell Moore and Andrew Grant who all took a great deal of pressure off me.

Congratulations to all

Paul Burgess
Club Coach

HUCC 1XI - Captains Report 2019/20

D GRADE PREMIERS

As we all know the 2019-2020 season for the 1stXI came to an abrupt halt in the week prior to the Grand final due to the COVID 19 virus sweeping the world.

Under the SECA By Laws the abandoned game was declared a draw and the highest ranked team at the end of the home / away games declared Premiers. We were clearly the best team in D grade and expect promotion to Quiney Shield next season.

Although we did not get to play out the game it does not take away from the great season our 1stXI had. From fourteen home/away rounds we won nine games shared points from four washouts and recorded only one loss finishing clearly on top of the D grade ladder a game and percentage clear from second placed team Cheltenham Park C.C. In the first week of the finals we had a convincing win once again over Cheltenham Park C.C to advance straight through to the Grand final.

There are many factors that led to our improvement this season. The appointment of Andrew Grant as 1stXI Captain. His experience and lead by example approach opening the batting (505 runs) on match days was crucial.

Paul Burgess club coach. His working relationship with Andrew and experience when filling in on several occasions as captain meant we had a smooth business as usual approach on game day.

The return of former Junior George Fry from Caulfield. His ability to bowl tight and come back on at the end of the day in close games restricting the opposition was crucial.

Second year player Luke Barker. Our number three batter with a no fuss approach scoring (529 runs for the season). Luke won the SECA grade batting average 122.50.

The improvement of Andrew Woolston. Gilly lifted all aspects of his game winning the MVP, Runner Up Club Champion, Aggregate wickets (26) and SECA grade bowling average 13.43.

Mathew Smith a work horse bowling most games into the breeze, dismissing top order batsman regularly throughout the season.

Fergus Murray who provided us with a genuine change up bowler with his spinners and middle order batting. Great to have several genuine competent wicket keepers Will Lancaster and James Larkworthy who shared the majority of the wicket keeping. Special mention to Sam Crgan who filled in against West Bentleigh.

This season we were never out of a game and confident in our ability to bat down our list and then bowl teams out for less. This became evident especially after Christmas, as we gained a reputation as a disciplined unit. We could not achieve this without contributions from all those that played in the 1stXI Max, Shredder, Harry, Tom, Joel, Fluffy, SOS, Sam, Lachie, James, Mike, Riley and McKenzie.

As we know fielding is an important part of cricket. This year our team was outstanding with ground fielding, catching and having the ability to create run outs. Special mention to Fergus, Gilly and Harry.

Russell Moore (Team Manager)

HUCC 2XI - Captains Report 2019/20

Season 2019-20 saw the 2nd XI back in G-Grade in the newly formatted Eight Team Competition.

It was exciting times for us. With a solid core of existing 2nds players returning after last season's Preliminary Final loss, the promise of an excess of 1st XI players being available each week and the return of several younger players after Xmas when year 12 VCE commitments were completed, things were looking bright. To add to the excitement, several new players to HUCC arrived and slotted in beautifully to G Grade and 2nd XI cricket.

So the "G Grade Express" rolled on with a consistent year that had us as genuine contenders for another Grand Final. We were clearly the best bowling side in the competition, however our batting let us down four times for the year. Unfortunately for us, we managed to string two of these back to back in the finals which saw our season end prematurely at the Preliminary Final.

As a club, we had an amazing year on and off the field. Three teams in the finals and two premierships. Sensational stuff and great club spirit to see several 2nd XI players playing regularly in the 3rd XI to help out when needed.

Stunning highlights for our season were:

1. Lachy Pearce – SECA Competition batting award winner and the most frightening bowler in G Grade.
2. New players Matty Fong, Riley Gozzard, Dev Nicholls and Will Bullock who were regular consistent contributors to our team and critical in getting us to finals.
3. Sam Crigan – Wicket keeper and opening bat. 1st picked every week and a passionate, tireless HUCC trooper on and off the field.
4. The "Sillitoe Bowl Off" between father and son combination, Will & Murray Bullock.

Looking forward, next season we need the 2nd XI to bridge the gap between G grade and Quiney Shield, so 2nd XI cricket becomes a more attractive option to the younger players looking at HUCC for senior cricket. We had 8 players under 23 years old 'fill in' and play 1-4 games in the 2nd XI only. If we can get a full season from four of them, we are playing finals again at a minimum without any new players at all.

Finally, sincere thanks to the following:

1. The Grade Team – The reason I play this great game.
2. Darcy Turner – We miss you.
3. David Pearce – My friend and sounding board.
4. Russell Moore – Mr HUCC.
5. Jen Robinson – Simply a legend.

Bring on 2020-21

Stuart Murray
2nd XI Captain

HUCC 3XI - Captains Report 2019/20

To quote Queen, we are the champions, we are the champions, no time for losers as we are the champions of M grade.

What a great year for the 3rds team. After 3 average years on the field, this year was the total opposite, with us only losing 4 games for the season, 3 of them against the Brighton Districts, who we then went on to beat in the Grand Final.

I believe the turnaround can be attributed to a few main points.

- The better availability of players for the season.
- Some younger guys in the team with us oldies in Bayley Warner and Rohan Martin.
- A couple of new regular players into the side in David Pearce and Sean Warner.
- And this one is for Mal, Danny and myself, improvement in player fitness. No hamstrings being strained each game like we had in the past couple of seasons.

We were given a new home ground by SECA this season at Peterson Street Reserve. It was a small ground but had probably the best surface and wicket of any ground we played on this season. It was also a treat to have a venue with change rooms and not having to take the equipment (chairs, tables, kit bag) to and from the game each week.

Our batting this year was outstanding from my point of view with our top 5 batsmen, Dave Pearce, Craig Hamilton, Rohan Martin, Sean Warner & Kane Silom, quite often getting the job done. Many guys from number 6 down did not get much of a hit this season, which is a positive outcome. Dave Pearce was the standout this season notching up 329 runs including 4 half centuries. Craig Hamilton, Danny Dawson (GF) and Matt Smith also making half centuries throughout the season.

Our bowling was also spectacular this year. As a team we took 66 wickets in a season that was basically only 5 one-day games and 7 two-day games. This was a huge improvement on previous seasons where we struggled to take wickets. All the bowlers did their job this season with the major wicket takers being Paul Knight (21), Bayley Warner (10), Neil Byrne (7), Brett Johnston (7) and Danny Dawson (6). Malcolm Twining (5 wickets) was a standout opening the bowling this year and if he was able to play all the games, he most likely would have taken the most wickets for the year.

I can't do a captain's report without mentioning Mr. Grand Final himself, Danny Dawson. With us still needing 100 runs off the last 10 overs, Danny and Bayley guided us home to a thrilling 1 run win off the last ball of the day. It was some of the best controlled hitting I have seen in my time. Everyone did a spectacular job in this game from the bowling to fielding to batting, it was a full contribution from all. And to Hammo, no it would not have been funny to see a team win the grand final with 2 finals ties. Thanks to all the supporters that came down on the Sunday to cheer us on.

Captaining the thirds this year has been very fulfilling and enjoyable. To come away from this season as a premiership captain is one of the best feelings I have ever had. I want to also thank Danny Dawson for all of his advice and support as vice-captain.

I really want to send out my best wishes to 3 of the thirds guys that had devastating illnesses this year, Malcolm Twining, Justin Crowther and Dave Schillabeer. I hope you all make a healthy and speedy recovery.

I look forward to next season and hope we can have the same success.

Paul Knight
3rd XI Captain

SECA T20 - 2019/20

This season we entered a team in the SECA T/20 competition in division three. Games were played on Tuesday nights consisting of four rounds with games against Hampton Central C.C, Moorabbin West C.C, Carnegie United C.C and Cheltenham Park C.C. We did not get to play against Premiers Melbourne Hellenic C.C. There are no semifinals in this grade with only the top two teams playing off in the Grand final. Although our performances improved on the previous season, we finished in third position with two wins.

At the end of the four preliminary rounds we led in just about every batting, bowling statistic and percentage. A close loss by three runs to Hampton Central C.C in round one ultimately cost us a place in the final.

Four main factors led to our overall improvement in games.

1. We used a smaller group of players from 23 the previous season to only 17 this year.
2. The availability of more 1stXI players to participate.
3. Selection of players more suited to the T/20 game format.
4. The addition of our guest player for all four games Oliver Gunning (Camberwell Magpies). Who made 230 runs @ 57.5. Highlighted by his score of 104 against Cheltenham Park C.C.

R1: HUCC 8/141 lost to Hampton Central C.C 5/143

O Gunning 47, G Fry 24, H Hill 2/24

R2: HUCC 4/172 lost to Moorabbin West C.C 3/176 (18.3 overs)

L Barker 53, E Avis 35, G Fry 33n/o, O Gunning 22, J Blacker 2/47

R3: HUCC 2/165 defeated Carnegie United C.C 10/46 (9.1 overs)

O Gunning 57, E Avis 57, H Hill 22n/o, M Karryanis 22n/o, A Woolston 3/8, M Smith 3/14, H Hill 2/15

R4: HUCC 4/181 defeated Cheltenham Park C.C 8/148

O Gunning 104, E Avis 23, H Hill 23n/o, D Nicholls 2/6, L Pearce 2/35

*Thanks to Tom Larkworthy who did a great job as team Captain. Especially winning all three coin tosses allowing us to bat first.

*All the club members who came along to support the team especially at away games.

*Mal, Fluffy, Josh Byrne and Sam for running the BBQ and bar at our two home games.

Russ Moore

Juniors - 2019/20

The HUCC Junior Club Team

Stu Murray was our Head Junior Cricket Coach this season - (Batman) responsible for Batting and Training + inspirational speeches + myself

Malcolm Twining (Joker) - Bowler / Fielding Coach

What we need now is another player (s) to Coach with us for our planned 3 Junior teams for 2020/2021!

Stu and I were ably supported by our Junior Secretary + Communications + Financial + Recruitment Manager - Emily Spicer - Stuart (yes, Wonder Woman)!

Emily made us look good and organised and for those that know us - that's an amazing effort!

We could not have had a successful season without Emily.

On the Financial side - the \$2,500 in Junior Subs helps support the large expenses we incur fielding 5 teams at Hampton United!

PLAYERS + Performance

Stu and I coached our squad of 18 players and we had 2 teams that both dominated their respective Rookie Competition! We have a serious group of talented young cricketers that could add a future to our continuous and growing success of Hampton United in SECA!

This season we are aiming to promote 2 of our existing teams from Under 12 Rookies to Under 12 Competition and start another Under 12 Rookies and we will be looking for more boys and girls to come and play Junior Cricket so every body that know kids that are keen to play Cricket from aged grade 3 to grade 6 please contact Stu or myself!

Malcolm Twining

Junior Coach

Awards 2019/20

AWARD

Club Champion
MVP David Tomlinson Medal
Best Clubman
Most Determined Player
Most Improved Player
Fielding Award

WINNER

L PEARCE
A WOOLSTON
S MURRAY
P KNIGHT
L PEARCE
A WOOLSTON

T20 Player of the season

O GUNNING (228 runs@57.25)

3RDXI Player of the Finals

B WARNER

1STXI Batting Average
1STXI Bowling Average
2NDXI Batting Average
2NDXI Bowling Average
3RDXI Batting Average
3RDXI Bowling Average

L BARKER 490 RUNS @ 122.50
A WOOLSTON 23 WICKETS @13.43
L PEARCE 566 RUNS @ 80.86
M FONG 17 WICKETS@ 13.35
D PEARCE 246 RUNS @ 61.50
P KNIGHT 17 WICKETS @ 14.65

Senior Aggregate Runs
Including finals
Senior Aggregate Wickets
Including finals

L PEARCE 576 RUNS (L BARKER 529, A GRANT 505)

A WOOLSTON 26 WICKETS

5 wickets in an innings

A WOOLSTON
A WOOLSTON
M SMITH
P KNIGHT

1STXI 5/43 v BENTLEIGH ANA R3
1STXI 5/7 v MELBOURNE WANDERERS R8
1STXI 5/12 v MELBOURNE WANDERERS R8
3RDXI 5/36 v CHAG R5

Centuries

1STXI L BARKER
1STXI A GRANT
2NDX L PEARCE
2NDXI L PEARCE
2NDXI S CRIGAN
2NDXI S OSHEA
T/20 O GUNNING

170 v MELBOURNE WANDERERS R8
115 v BENTLEIGH ANA R3
151n/o v DINGLEY R12
119 v CARNEGIE SOUTH R11
113 v MACKIE R3
108 v DINGLEY R12
104 v CHELTENHAM PARK

Game Milestones

PLAYERS USED
PLAYERS DEBUT

57
(13) 2019/2020

450 GAMES
100 GAMES
100 1STXI GAMES

C HAMILTON
N BYRNE, B JOHNSTON, W BYRNE, D PEARCE
R DOYLE

Awards 2019/20

Runs / Wickets Milestones

2000 RUNS
1000 RUNS
100 WICKETS

D PEARCE
L PEARCE, A WOOLSTON
J BLACKER, A WOOLSTON

1STXI HIGHEST SCORE

L BARKER 170 v MELBOURNE WANDERERS R8

Partnership Records

1STXI

2ND WICKET LUKE BARKER & ANDREW GRANT 248
v MELBOURNE WANDERERS R8

2NDXI

2nd WICKET S OSHEA & L PEARCE 267
v DINGLEY R12

Statistics 2019/20 Season

Runs scored

1st XI = 2,321 in 12 innings - Highest individual round score 323 (Round 8)
 2nd XI = 2,294 in 13 innings - Highest individual round score 334 (Round 12)
 3rd XI = 1,417 in 10 innings - Highest individual round score 233 (Round 4)

All 3 grade overall runs scored 6,032 - 702 extra's including in this total

198 different innings were played in the Home & Away rounds and we had 64 batsmen Not Out.

Centuries scored = 6
 Half centuries or more scored = 28

13 new players debut during 2019/2020 season, and George Fry returned after last playing for HUCC 2010/2011 season.

4's scored = 625 – Lachlan Pearce 67, Andrew Grant 56, Luke Barker 55
 6's scored = 92 – Luke Barker 24, Lachlan Pearce 10, Fergus Murray 7

New club record - 248 - 2nd wicket partnership - 1st XI Round 8 by Luke Barker & Andrew Grant
 New club record - 170 runs - Highest individual by a 1st XI player by Luke Barker for 1st XI in Round 8

Dave Pearce achieved 2,000 runs milestone during his innings in Round 7
 Lachlan Pearce achieved 1,000 runs milestone during his innings in Round 11
 Andrew Woolston achieved 1,000 runs milestone during his innings in Round 14

Wickets taken

HUCC took 240 wickets during the Home & Away season
 1st XI took 111 wickets (Best in D Grade) - Lost 65 wickets (Best in D Grade)
 2nd XI took 104 wickets - Lost 88 wickets
 3rd XI took 62 wickets - Lost 54 wickets

Jack Reed (Round 9) & Joel Blacker (Round 12) achieved 100 wickets milestone during this season

30 run outs
 175 catches during all round (including finals) & 5 stumpings
 Catches – Sam Crigan 15, James Larkworthy & Neil Byrne 9

Scoring Rates

1st XI dismisses
 49 caught (59.76%)
 24 Bowled (29.27%)
 7 LBW (8.54%)

Opposition dismisses
 65 caught (55.08%)
 29 Bowled (24.58%)
 14 Run outs (11.86%)
 8 LBW (6.78%)

T20 information

615 scored in 4 innings - 44 extra's
 18 individual innings and 8 not out batsmen
 29 wickets taken (Harry Hill 5) - 6 run outs - 16 catches (Harry Hill & Will Lancaster 3 each)
 4's scored = 43 (Ollie Gunning 21, Elliott Avis 8) - 6's scored = 18 (Ollie Gunning 6, George Fry 5)

1st XI	Score	Extra's	0'	50th	100th	Overs	Scoring rate
Round 1	156	7		2		26	6.00
Round 2	170	9		1		38	4.47
Round 3	250	17	1	1	1	57.3	4.36
Round 4							
Round 5	128	7		1		22	5.82
Round 6	298	20	1	2		65	4.58
Round 7	125	6	1	1		47.1	2.65
Round 8	323	15		1	1	65	4.97
Round 9	195	33		1		38	5.13
Round 10	90	5				23	3.91
Round 11	58	6				16	3.63
Round 12	3	1				2	1.50
Round 13	253	11		2		65	3.89
Round 14	272	19	1	2		65	4.18
S/Final	148	7	2			63.4	2.33
Final							
	2469	163	6	14	2	592.8	4.16

2nd XI	Score	Extra's	0'	50th	100th	Overs	Scoring rate
Round 1	126	21	3			34.5	3.65
Round 2	175	22	2	1		37	4.73
Round 3	259	37		1	1	38	6.82
Round 4	207	38	1	1		38	5.45
Round 5	66	15	2			30	2.20
2nd innings	107	15		1		45	2.38
Round 6	152	13	1			50	3.04
Round 7	215	48	1			62.3	3.45
Round 8	167	28	4	2		37	4.51
Round 9	183	6	1	1		38	4.82
Round 10							
Round 11	303	53	2		1	59.5	5.09
Round 12	334	40			2	65	5.14
S/Final	62	8	2			27.5	2.25
P/Final	49	10	3			32.2	1.52
	2405	354	22	7	4	594	4.05

3rd XI	Score	Extra's	0'	50th	100th	Overs	Scoring rate
Round 1	112	26	1			35	3.20
Round 2	101	13	1			35	2.89
Round 3	167	30	1	1		35	4.77
Round 4	233	30		1		55	4.24
Round 5	174	5		1		52	3.35
Round 6							
Round 7	139	33		1		29	4.79
Round 8	132	32	3			35	3.77
Round 9	110	7		1		20.5	5.37
Round 10	112	14				28	4.00
Round 11	137	14				55	2.49
S/Final	154	16	2	1		52.4	2.94
Final	210	25	1	1		55	3.82
	1781	245	9	7	0	486.9	3.66
	Score	Extra's	0'	50th	100th	Overs	Scoring rate
Overall	6655	762	37	28	6	1673.7	3.98

Social Report 2019/20

Off the field at Hampton United we had a relatively successful season with good attendance on a weekly basis from the usual suspects on a Thursday and generally larger crowds than previous years on Saturday evenings for match reports. We were able to enjoy a run of 3 happy hours in a row during the middle stage of the season, which was fabulous to see everyone enjoying the wins. The ever rotating list of craft beers was popular among some players (while others shook their head and stuck with the traditional VB or Carlton...) and is an initiative that will continue next season. Due to the core group of our club being at the ripe age of early 20's it would be great to see some fresh ideas coming from fresh faces next season.

Season Launch

Around about 20 players gathered prior to the season starting for a casual get together at the club to hear some words from Coach Paul Burgess, President David Pearce and enjoy some complimentary BBQ. An OK turnout but we will be hoping to have more in future for a similar event.

Trivia Night: A staple on the H.U.C.C social calendar and always a successful event. Tom from Tristar Trivia ran the event for the third year in a row. The clubrooms were full with approximately 60 people and there was plenty of laughs and good times had by all.

Past Players Day/Club United Launch

Russell Moore, Malcolm Twining and Peter Donaldson have been working on Club United for a couple of years now, trying to get some of the past players further involved in the club and supporting the current players, both in spirit and financially. The launch of Club United was a very successful event with around 25 players reportedly attending for a few drinks and to enjoy watching the firsts have a win. The event doubled as a send-off/roast for Darryl Reed following his retirement and included him being announced the first Club Legend. Club United will continue to seek members in the coming years and there will be many more events specifically for members.

Finals Celebrations

Following the great success of the Thirds during the middle weekend of the finals the club was filled with family and friends who celebrated to the modest hour of around 8:30. Later that week, after it was established that the Firsts wouldn't be playing in their Grand Final an impromptu celebration occurred on Thursday night where around 20 Firsts players and other club supporters gathered for many drinks to celebrate the season and toast what was eventually announced as a premiership.

Presentation Night

With the unprecedented circumstances of social distancing and venues being closed we were extremely disappointed to have to cancel our presentation night, which had been booked in for the Hampton Bowls club. With such great success on the field, both as teams and individually, it would have been an amazing night and such a great celebration of the successes of the players. In the end we had to be a bit more creative and announce the winners of the awards via our social media platforms and Team App. There was a lot of love given to many of the award recipients through likes and comments so hopefully that eased the pain of not being able to receive the awards in person.

Rowan Doyle

Club United - PAST PLAYERS & LIFE MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

During the 2019-2020 cricket season Peter Donaldson, Malcolm Twining and Russell Moore decided it was time for our club to have a more formalized Past Players Club. After several meetings and positive feedback from former club members it is full steam ahead for our official Launch at the beginning of the 2020-2021 cricket season.

Our Association will be known as "CLUB UNITED" as it fits in with our club motto "STRENGTH THROUGH LOYALTY"

AIM

1. A Past players, Supporters & Life Members Association to support HUCC's future through fundraising and commitment to the ongoing welfare of the club.
2. Provide a vehicle for regular communication between Past Players, Supporters and Life Members.
3. Provide social opportunities for Members to enjoy each other's company.
4. Forge relationships between past and present players.

To be eligible any Past Player or Life Member is welcome to join. Any person who may not fit these categories but is a long term administrator or long term friend of the club may be granted membership at the discretion of the administration.

The Association will have its own organisational structure but exists under the club banner and be accountable to it.

A small membership fee will be payable at the start of each cricket season. Fees to be determined at a later date.

LAUNCH

The Launch of Club United to be held on the first Saturday of October 2020 at Sillitoe Reserve, where personalized stubby holders will be available for distribution to paid up members.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Discounts for club merchandise, purchases over the bar and kiosk and attendance at club functions will be at the discretion of the committee.

Any additional cash donation above the annual membership fee, shall be recognized on a donor board in the club rooms.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Members must abide by the rules of the Hampton United Cricket Club and are subject to sanctions for any breach of those rules.

A detailed list of Club United eligibility, fees, structure, Launch, members benefits and activities will be communicated to members at a later date.

Members are welcome to contribute ideas at any time via email or Facebook.

Vale Tony Ambrose

Since 1926 HUCC has had many characters and Tony was unique. Like a good Aussie sporting club, the first thing we did was to give him a nick name, in fact he ended up with two nick names. The first nick name we gave him after only one practice session. Tony would finish batting in the nets come out and go around to personally thank all the bowlers for bowling to him. Being so polite we named him after the great West Indian fast bowler Curtley Ambrose with a slight variation and Tony became known as “Courtesy Ambrose”.

In 2006 Tony became our clubs 33rd Life member having played 211 games scoring 3059 runs and taking 346 wickets. Over his career he won several club bowling awards a SECA Association bowling average and was a pivotal member of our 3rdXI Premierships in 1995-1996 and 1996-1997.

His batting technique was simple as he was on the front foot no matter where the ball was pitched. In 1990 he made his highest score of 97 against Bentleigh C.C. The opposition that day had one particular angry fast bowler. The quicker he bowled the faster Tony was hitting him to the boundary and just smiling back at him.

Fielding was not his strong point and you always held your breath when a catch was hit to him. What he lacked in fielding he more than made up for with his bowling. He was a spinning genius and it was amusing to watch batters try and negate his deliveries. He was clever and had a technique that gave batters a false sense of security especially those that we were playing for the first time.

One day playing South Caulfield we had to bowl a few overs at the end of the day. The opening bowlers were being hit around so I brought Tony on to bowl. After bowling his first three flat slow straight deliveries the young smart aleck batsman yelled out to his mates to move his car away from the boundary indicating that is where the next delivery was going to land. This was the trigger Tony was looking for and we all knew what was coming next. Tony threw the ball up high it gripped and spun away from the batsman who fell to the ground with laughter all round.

A now angry batsman with Tony bowling exactly the same delivery next ball. This time the batter got a top edge as the ball flew out to Andrew Paton who took the catch. As the batsman walked past us Tony and team mates told him he could now go and move his own car. The batsman then went to his car and drove away as we waved him good bye.

One awards night at the Silky Emperor we were about to re commence after the dinner break and we look up and there is Tony belting out a tune with the resident band. We put everything on hold and a standing ovation followed.

I played in his first and last club game against Aspendale C.C. A day when our opening bowlers were being smashed all over the ground until I threw the ball to Tony as he could, he made the good batsman look rather silly. Late in the afternoon one of the batters hit him a simple return catch and in the process he gently rolled over on the ground. We didn't think much of it at the time until he walked up to me and said I think I have cracked my shoulder and need to go to hospital.

His second nick name to us club members that were there at the start of his career until the end, and witnessed his batting skill and bowling genius “Courtesy Ambrose” simply became known by two initials TG, standing for “THE GREAT” AMBROSE

He is sadly missed.

Russell Moore

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