

**GLANCING BACK – No 12 – By Noel Pullen**

**100 plus years ago -1900-25**

**BRIGHTON SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER dated 5 MARCH, 1921 reported**

**HURLINGHAM PARK**

**NO SALE OF FRONTAGES**

**THE MAYOR IN HONOR BOUND.**

*With Crs. Francis, Grout, Satchwell, Briggs, Hall, Richards, Oakley and Pickett voting for the motion and Cr. Pullman (Mayor) and Grant against it, the City Council decided on Monday night against the sale of frontages to Hurlingham Park.*

*Cr. Satchwell moved that notwithstanding any provisional clauses in the contract the Sale re Hurlingham Park and any previous decision of the council in regard to the matter the council was of opinion that it would not be in the best interests of the municipality to sell any of the Park frontages, and that any resolution of the council in that direction be rescinded. He said that the policy of the council was to obtain more ground for recreation reserves, and to take any away from Hurlingham Park would be a pity.*

*Cr. Grout, in supporting the motion, said there were only four members of the present council who were councillors when the land was bought. It was then realised that the only way the council could be recouped was by the sale of the frontages. Every year the demand grew keener for open spaces. He felt fully justified in now turning round. The council should try and get land wherever it could. He would second the motion with pleasure.*

*Cr. Hall, who also supported the motion, said there had been a great fight over the matters. Since the purchase was made Brighton had advanced. The East Ward was entitled to the whole of the Park. Councillors could not, however, bind their successors, and some other council might decide that the frontages be sold. He felt with Cr. Grout that he was entitled to change his mind and vote for the motion. The land had been bought very cheap, and far more could be got for the frontages. The council would, however, do well to keep the land if only for the children's sake.*

*Cr. Richards said he was glad councillors had changed their minds. Cr. Hall and Cr. Grout interjected that it was Brighton and not they who had changed.*

*Cr. Francis, while supporting the motion, said it was not necessary. He did not see why any reflection should be cast on councillors who had thought that the course they took was the only way to get the land, and that the frontages might have to be sold.*

*There was a time when they could have bought Higinbotham's paddock for £3,000, and it was now worth £30,000. It would have meant that the council would have had 12 acres for nothing. He regretted the motion all the more because there had never been any intention to sell the Park land.*

*Cr. Briggs said the motion was good enough to carry itself. He was glad there were councillors who were averse from parting with the land in any form. Councillors had understood that one of the conditions was that the land was not to be sold.*

*Cr. Francis : No; that the Council had power to sell it. If it was selling to recoup the ratepayers, I would say sell every time.*

*Cr. Briggs : There is no restriction on anyone.*

*Cr. Francis : There is.*

*Cr. Pickett thought the motion was a waste of time. The council could rescind it at any time and sell the frontages.*

*The Mayor said that when the council bought the 12 acres from Mrs. Bleazby for £1,800, the council was to have power to sell the Pt. Nepean road, Francis street and Union street frontages after excising a portion for recreation purposes.*

*Cr. Grout and himself had carried on the negotiations eight years ago with the executors of the late Sir Thomas Bent's Estate. The sale of frontages, amounting to about 1,251 feet, would mean that the council would have 10 acres for nothing. There were some councillors who had had an objection to buying any reserves, because they had not then paid for Landcox Park and the council was hard up. It was no good passing a resolution because any other council might, say, in five years agree to sell the frontages. The land had been paid for out of revenue. That is why the council is so hard up. Passing a resolution would not annul the clause.*

*Cr. Grout: The contract is done with.*

*The Mayor said the council had been kept back from buying other reserves because it had bought Hurlingham Park. By selling the frontages they would get those reserves.*

*Cr. Hall : Rob Peter to pay Paul.*

*The Mayor added that he would rather see ten acres at Hurlingham and five acres elsewhere. Personally he would always vote in favour of the frontages being sold. He did not care if he were beaten.*

*Cr. Grout: You will always be beaten. I am prepared to go into debt to get the reserves or on the public platform and fight it out.*

*Cr. Satchwell : I am with you.*

*Cr. Grout said that future generations would say they were wise to provide "lungs" for the city.*

*Cr. Hall said he was surprised at the Mayor's attitude.*

*Cr. Satchwell deprecated the idea that he had brought the matter forward in order to cast a reflection on anyone. Councillors deserved credit for getting the land. The vendor had told him that when she completed the bargain it was on condition that not an inch of the land was to be sold.*

*Councillors : No; no.*

*Cr. Satchwell : Mrs. Bleazby said she would buy it back rather than see the frontages sold.*

*The Mayor said he was in honor bound to stick to the original resolution that the council had the right to sell the frontages.*

*On the motion being put, only the Mayor and Cr. Grout, voted against it.*

## 50 plus years ago – 1950 – 75

### PREMIERSHIPS GALORE

Union's years of glory had evolved in the post war years and reached the zenith in a period that extended from 1955 to 1963. An era which saw six consecutive first X1 premierships also provided a seventh with a grand final loss halting the run and stopping a mammoth eight in a row.

The period from 1955 also saw two under sixteen premierships. Commenced in 1955-56, Brighton Union Greens and Brighton Union Gold's were the forerunners of today's junior teams. Managed by Les Polson (Greens) and John Polson (Gold's) these teams provided Union with a monopoly in junior cricket in the Brighton District Cricket Association.

The Under Sixteen Green side led by Bill Ould defeated the Gold team in that year's grand final, however the Gold side led by Peter Marcollo defeated the Green side the following season.

The First Eleven won the premiership in 1955-56 following the forfeiture of the match by our opponents Hurlingham. The BDCA Executive suspended a Hurlingham player, Alan Kettle for swearing at an umpire in the game before the Grand Final and he was offered the chance to apologise but refused to do so and the BDCA then suspended him so the Hurlingham side refused to play in the Grand Final

The BDCA suspended the eleven players of Hurlingham for one year following the forfeit with the right of appeal, however following this the Hurlingham club which had been in existence for many years disbanded.

Trophy winners for the season included: Club Champion Frank Edlin, batting and bowling winner Brian Jones, Most Improved Ken Brown, Best Under 18 player Graham Hamilton and Best clubman John Polson.

As at August 1956 the Club had four life members of the BDCA, they were Norm Usher, George Toe, Frank Edlin and George Polson.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CMCA by RUSSELL MOORE



Russell Moore

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### The future

Evolving from its humble beginnings in 1930, with seven club teams to the present with 42 clubs nine senior grades comprising 107 teams and seventeen junior grades comprising 172 teams, the Association can reflect on its history with justifiable pride. Our contribution to the wider community promoting health through cricket should never be underestimated. The ever increasing work load for our sixteen members Executive has seen us employ our first paid part time administrator, Phil O'Callaghan. Our Association and Clubs survive thanks to the work of many fine volunteers far too many to mention however, special thanks goes out to our thirty eight Life members for their contribution to the CMCA.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROLE

#### \*Deceased

\*Doug Wright 1933, \*Ernie Hunt 1934, \*George Huse 1935, \*Horace James 1936, \*Harry Morgan 1937, \*Harold Parke 1938, \*Colin Middleton 1939, \*Jim Summers 1940, \*Charlie Walton,1941, \*Claude Jones 1942, \*Charlie Pont 1943, \*Roy Krygger 1944, \*Frank Lane 1945, \*Keith Wallace 1946, \*Charlie Lanman 1947, \*William Foley 1951, \*Jack Davenport 1956, \*Ray Longmuir 1961, Eddie Benson 1966, \*Lloyd Champion 1969, \*Athol Gatehouse 1972, Clive McConchie 1975, Rod Lindroth 1976, Graeme Wallace 1981, Geoff Woolnough 1984, Mike Massey 1987, David Tomlinson 1990, \*John Quiney 1993, Noel Pullen 1996, John Park 2000, Alan Ward 2000, \*Basil Guy 2004, Jack Abbott 2005, Ian Isaacs 2005, John Kelly 2006, Russell Moore 2007, John Tillet 2007, Phil Arnold 2011

### HONOUR BOARD

<b>President</b>		<b>Secretary</b>		<b>Treasurer</b>	
1930-1933	D Wright	1930-1931	R Andrews	1930-1931	E Hunt
1933-1934	E Sherer	1931-1936	G Huse	1931-1935	H Morgan
	R Hawes	1936-1939	J Summers	1935-1939	R Lyons
1934-1936	H James	1939-1956	C Jones	1939-1941	K Wallace
1936-1948	H Morgan	1956-1964	R Longmuir	1941-1959	C Pont
1948-1949	R Krygger	1964-1965	B Turner	1959-1968	K Wallace
1949-1968	H Morgan	1965-1968	N Hewitt	1969-1973	J Kilgour
1968-1984	R Longmuir	1968-1972	C McConchie	1973-1974	F Jorgensen
1984-1990	L Champion	1972-1980	R Lindroth	1974-1976	D Read
1990-2003	J Park	1980-1992	G Woolnough	1976-1981	G Wallace
2003-2006	R Moore	1992-1995	R Moore	1981-2004	J Quiney
2006-	P Cox	1995-2009	J Kelly	2004-2006	A Fisher
		2009-	J Adamson	2006-2011	G Hulston
				2011-	G Halliday

### CMCA TEST PLAYERS

The greatest achievement of a player is to represent their country. Each player reaching this playing level brings great pride to their Club and Association. The CMCA and its member clubs have provided a pathway for Shield and Test cricketers. The Associations first Test cricketer was Graham Watson(Bentleigh Presbyterians) followed by Dav Watmore(Highett), Julian Weiner(Brighton Union), Simon Davis(Brighton Union), Brad Hodge(Moorabbin), Rob Quiney(Washington Park) and Ashton Agar (McKinnon).

**25 years ago plus – 1975 – 2000**

**Season 1982-83**

**Photos from the 75<sup>th</sup> Year Dinner 11 November 1982**

**Seventy – Fifth Year Anniversary Dinner 11 November 1982.**



**President David Wingfield, Mayor of Brighton Cr. Len Coysh, and Guest Speaker Julien Wiener at the Dinner**



**Coach Jack Vollugi and wife Alice enjoy themselves at the Dinner**

**Past Players at the Seventy-Fifth Year Anniversary Dinner**



**From left: George Polson, Neil Clarke, Les Polson, Les Polson, Les Adams, Max Hunkin, John Polson, Kevin Gurry, Ralph Banks, Basil Kennedy, Rex Prosser  
Past Players at the Seventy-Fifth Year Anniversary Dinner**



**From left sitting: Les Polson, Bill Ostle, John Polson, Cyril Hindson, Vern Gladman**



**Graham Hamilton (left) and Alan Lewis sign the Seventy-Fifth year bat.**

**Past Players at the Seventy-Fifth Year Anniversary Dinner**



**From left: Colin Horman, Dave Horman, Graeme Bindt, Lyle Felton, Harry Smith, Robert Ward, Ken Williams, George Fetterplace.**

## 10 years ago plus 2000 onwards

2001-02 Season

### Report On Under Fourteen Finals Matches 2001-02

#### SEMI-FINAL versus Brighton, 21st Feb & 1st March 2002

We were somewhat fortunate to sneak into 4th spot after being in a losing position in the final round until the advent of rain. Our semi-final opponent was top-placed Brighton, whom we had beaten earlier in the season in a low scoring encounter in Rd 1.

Brighton won the toss and sent us in, but bowled very poorly to see Union 2/83 at the half-way mark. Jason Whittle with a stubborn 38 had laid the foundation for this sound position, aided by a quickfire 15 from Eliot Bingham. After the drinks break players were instructed to step up the run rate. Going in at 4/106, Rory Lynch (40 n.o.) played a career-best innings for the club and aided by a profligate 37 extras from the Brighton bowlers, Union posted a final score of 8/171.

Eliot Bingham and legspinner Shawn Whittle opened the attack but the early fielding was shoddy, with Whittle having 3 catches and a stumping missed in his first 4 overs. Two wickets fell in the 11th over to see Brighton 3/30, but the support bowlers and the fielding fell apart in the face of powerful hitting from Aaron Nuske, who belted numerous 4s and 6s on the way to 50 retired. At 3/118 after 26 overs a Brighton win looked a formality, but a great second spell from Eliot Bingham (1/8 off 4 overs) and good support from Brad Ruff (1/23) saw the match become interestingly poised as wickets fell while Brighton stayed up with the required run rate. To their credit the boys lifted their fielding in the last 15 overs, producing two good runouts. At 6/148 with 5 overs left the aim was to keep tailend batsmen in to avoid the return of the retired Nuske, and this was achieved until Damon Kaine inadvertently bowled the number 11 batsman in the last over with the score at 167 and two balls remaining in the match. Nuske returned, took enormous swipes at the last two balls, missed both, and Union had won an exciting victory. Damon Kaine (3/30) bowled superbly in the crisis and was the difference between the sides.

#### GRAND-FINAL versus Washington Park, 8th & 15th March 2002

Playing 3rd-placed Washington Park, Union won the toss, elected to bat and started promisingly. After racing to 1/50 after only 10 overs, the dismissal of Jason Whittle (20) marked the start of a steady decline. Matthew Bennett (29) held the side together with a sensible innings but apart from Eliot Bingham (15) the remaining batsmen capitulated meekly against a modest attack to see us bowled out for a very disappointing 118 in 33 overs. The Washington Park openers survived 4 overs to be 8 without loss at the end of Day 1.

During the week Bayside Council mistakenly covered over the Hurlingham No.2 pitch with soil, so the game had to be completed at Packer reserve on the following Friday. After the inevitable dispute about boundary dimensions (an argument we lost), the boys were fired up and Damon Kaine rattled the stumps with the third ball of the day. Brad Ruff (0/11) helped apply pressure by bowling economically during the middle overs. Collectively the fielding was the best it had been for the season, and overly-cautious batting saw Washington crawl to 2/34 at the half-way mark.

Needing 4 runs per over to win, Washington continued to struggle after the resumption as Eliot Bingham produced a great second spell (2/3 off 5 overs). The 5th wicket fell at 51, then a big hitter came out and smashed four 6s to cause us some worrying moments before Damon Kaine (2/3) removed his middle stump. Shawn Whittle then took an inspirational diving caught-and-bowled to dismiss their last recognised batsman at 83, and in the very next over Steven Scott (2/0) disposed of the two remaining batsman to wrap up the innings for 85.

Special thanks to the parents who helped out with the scoring (especially Gordon Whittle and Dorreen Ross), and to Simon Russell and Brad Kreyborg for their assistance at training. Congratulations to all the boys for two gutsy wins in the finals.

Phillip Arnold  
Team manager

## PREMIERSHIP SCOREBOARD

**CITY OF MOORABBIN CRICKET ASSOCIATION UNDER-14/B TWILIGHT GRAND FINAL**

**Brighton Union versus Washington Park**

**Played at Hurlingham Park No.2 Oval & Packer Reserve, 8th & 15th March 2002**

Brighton Union won the toss and elected to bat

### BRIGHTON UNION INNINGS

				<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>R</u>
J. Whittle	L.B.W.	Evans	20	P. McGlashan	8	2	1	21
S. Whittle	L.B.W.	McGinley	9	M. McGinley	6	1	2	22
E. Bingham	L.B.W.	Evans	15	P. Mummery	1	-	0	7
D. Kaine	bowled	McGlashan	6	S. Erickson	2	-	0	16
M. Bennett	caught	McGinley	29	C. Evans	8	-	4	35
R. Lynch	bowled	Evans	6	S. Doggett	3	-	0	7
A. Sullivan	bowled	Evans	2	P. Cula-Reid	3	3	1	0
S. Scott	run	out	0	M. Ferguson	2	-	1	2
B. Ruff	caught	Ferguson	5					
M. Ross	not	out	1					
N. Kaine	ct & bowled	Cula-Reid	1					

Extras (7 b, 1 lb, 15 w, 1 nb) 24

**TOTAL** **10 / 118**

Fall of wicket: 15, 51, 64, 70, 88, 95, 97, 116, 117, 118

### WASHINGTON PARK INNINGS

				<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>R</u>
R. Weeraratne	stpd Lynch	S. Whittle	16	S. Scott	2.2	2	2	0
D. McNamara	bowled	D. Kaine	0	E. Bingham	7	4	2	5
P. Mummery	run out (Sullivan-Ruff)		13	D. Kaine	5	3	2	3
M. Ferguson	bowled	Bingham	2	S. Whittle	8	1	2	27
P. Cula-Reid	L.B.W.	Bingham	1	J. Whittle	8	-	0	32
P. McGlashan	ct & bowled	S. Whittle	12	B. Ruff	8	2	0	11
S. Erickson	bowled	D.Kaine	24					
C. Evans	L.B.W.	Scott	2					
M. McGinley	not	out	0					
S. Doggett	bowled	Scott	0					

Extras (7 b, 3 w, 5 nb) 15

**TOTAL** **10 / 85**

Fall of wicket: 8, 31, 38, 40, 51, 80, 83, 85, 85

Brighton Union won on 1st innings by 33 runs.