



AUCC CLUB TALK

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WELCOME TO THE FINAL EDITION OF CLUB TALK FOR THE 2010/11

As we sign off on what has been a very successful season of cricket. We would like to recognise some wonderful individual and team performances this season and also take the opportunity to thank all those who have given up their time throughout the summer to coach, manage, score and support the club and its players. Without your input we simply wouldn't be able to function effectively. You are key

components to the success of the Club and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge our sponsors, firstly our Principal sponsor Top Catch, our Agency sponsors Flight Centre Meadowbank, Barnes Jenkins Insurance and Champs Sports, along with Subway Mt Wellington who provided Player of the

Day vouchers for our Junior teams and the Village Co-op in St Heliers who provided Outstanding Contribution vouchers for the Junior Teams.

As the days begin to shorten and the temperatures drop it is clear that winter is fast approaching so we wish you all the very best for your winter sports and look forward to catching up again later in the Year.

CLUB CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

Throughout the year our Senior Men and Women cricketers accumulate points as they compete for the Club Cricketer of the Year award. Congratulations to Brad Cates from the Men's Premier team who was this season's AUCC Cricketer of the Year winning the 'Laurie Schnauer Memorial Cup' and the 'Blue Jacket'. Our top 5 players this season were:

1. BRAD CATES (PREMS) **1349 POINTS**
2. CHRIS DINEEN (PREMS) **1143 POINTS**
3. STEPHANIE CARR (PR WOMEN) **1090 POINTS**
4. JAMES BOYLE (PREMS) **1088 POINTS**
5. RICHARD 'HARRY' HARRIS (6A) **940 POINTS**

ACA GRADE WINNERS

The following teams won their grades and gained pennants for the Club - congratulations to you all on a successful season.

- YEAR 7 PREMIER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP – **AUCC HURRICANES**
- YEAR 9-10 A GRADE TWO DAY MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP – **AUCC CAVALIERS**
- SENIOR ONE-DAY 6A CHAMPIONSHIP – **AUCC BALLS OF FURY**
- TWENTY20 LEAGUE 2A 2010 – **AUCC BYRNESX1 AND AUCC OGILVIE (SHARED)**
- WOMENS PREMIER RESERVE TWENTY20 CHAMPIONSHIP – **AUCC WOMENS PREMIER RESERVE**

NEW RECORD HOLDERS

This Season saw twenty-one players write their names into the Club Records book.

Richard Harris and Kanchan Bandyopadhyay now hold the record for most career centuries in the senior club. Both players scored two 'tons' this season to set a new mark of 12 centuries to beat the previous best of 11 centuries held by Nigel Pearson. Harris also took his career runs tally to over 7,000 runs and he is now the second highest runs scorer in the Club's history.

Stephanie Carr scored 826 runs to set a new record for most runs in a season for Lower Grade Senior Women. Karis Benjamin replicated this effort with the ball taking 36 wickets. Both the old

records were held by Eileen Badham (667 runs / 28 wickets) who was a NZ White Fern in the 70-80's.

Fifteen juniors either equalled or bettered Club records during the Season.

Blair Hood, Harry Sullivan, Will Bason, Matthew Campbell-Patston, Louis Bennett, Chris Regan, Toby Horan, Andrew Sterritt, Anudi Thilakarathne and Rory Kenna all achieved a hat trick during the Season to equal the Club Record for Year 1-4 grades. Eloise Twiss took a very impressive 4-5 with the ball in the same grade to set a new mark for junior girls.

In the Junior-Youth Hardball grades, Ethan Bothner-By achieved a 4 in 4 and William Finch took 18 catches during the Season to equal Club records. Sajith Dhambagolla took just 18 balls to score 50 runs and Paris Adlam took just 10 balls to score 25 runs setting a new record and Alex Hurley took 24 wickets this Season to equal the record for most wickets in a season for girls and now holds the record with three other current players. Alex also played her 164th junior game for the club to become the most capped junior in the Club's history.

The Club congratulates these players for their fine individual performances.

WINTER ACADEMY SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following girls for selection in the Auckland Winter Academy Squads

AUCKLAND U15 GIRLS:

Alice Gray

Wicket-keeping Squad

Jesse Prasad

Development Squad

AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS:

Juliet Bilkey

Pace Bowling

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We would like to acknowledge Jamie Grupen-Hall for the wonderful contribution he has made to the club on many levels. His graphic design skills have been well utilised as he has been responsible for the formatting of club newsletters and various flyers promoting events during the season, all of which

have looked extremely professional thanks to his skills. Jamie also captained the Senior B1 team, was a member of the Senior Committee and contributed significantly to the Senior Club both on and off the field. Many thanks for all the time you have given the Club, Jamie - it is much appreciated.

PREM UPDATE

We kicked off our campaign with a tough lesson served to us by Cornwall where we scored 58 all out, the boys sat despondently wondering if this would be a long season ahead with bitter pills to swallow. Until December things did not shape too well, however the team went about building the foundations leading to a tremendous show of courage and self belief from January onwards. We demolished Ellerslie and Birkenhead with consecutive outright wins and had eventual champs Parnell on the ropes at 173 for 9 before rain interrupted, then day 2 was washed out. We finished the

season in second place in the Tom Hellaby trophy. Unfortunately we lost out in the promotion game to Papatoetoe, however the team again played very well and fought hard in this crucial match.

In the One Day campaign we defeated Takapuna (two day Elite division Champs) and Papatoetoe (boasting 4 Aces players) which shows we have the talent to push the best.

In the Twenty20 Competition we beat Ellerslie and Papatoetoe easily and went down to Howick Pakuranga.

Brad Cates was the best bowler of the season and was well supported by our pro Franklyn Rose, Chris Dineen, James Boyle and Simon Andrews.

Tim Dineen, James Boyle, Chris Dineen and me scored the bulk of the runs while Richard Skelton did a good job behind the stumps.

The team looks hungry to improve from its taste of success and with more talent coming through there will be some healthy competition for places.

James Boyle.



PREMIER RESERVE WOMEN

PREMIER RESERVE WOMEN LOSE CLOSE GRAND FINAL

University and Eden Roskill faced off on 27th March to contest the 40 over competition grand final. The match had been postponed from the Saturday due to the weather.

The wicket at Melville Park was a real green top, with wet patches on a good length. Winning the toss was always going to be critical and ER after calling correctly had no hesitation in putting University into bat.

The top order for University really struggled which had them reeling at one stage 4-10! Uni managed to advance the score to 72 all out after gutsy partnerships by Reddy-Hurley and a last wicket stand by Reddy-Benjamin. Tash Reddy was the glue in the batting line up with the high score of 17 and deserved her MVP award in very difficult batting conditions.

University took the field in a positive mindset

thinking that anything ER can do they could do! And so it was. After 10 overs ER were 4-21 and the match looked like it could go either way. University managed to take another 4 wickets before going down by 2 wickets in what ended up being a very exciting and close grand final. Karis Benjamin 3-11 and Alex Hurley 3-16 were outstanding with the ball and had Uni had another 20 runs on the board the result may have gone their way. But that is cricket and ER fought very hard for the win and were deserving winners!

Overall the team had a very good season having earlier won the Twenty20 competition and helped retain the Haughey Cup in our annual fixture with Cornwall. The team was well lead by Lucy Creighton and all 15 team members contributed during the Season. Players who set new club records during the

Season were Steph Carr (826 runs / new record), Karis Benjamin (36 wickets / new record) and Alex Hurley (24 wickets equalling the club record which is now held by four current players).

The following girls were recognised at the annual prize giving awards evening. The winner of the Drumm Cup (most wickets) was Karis Benjamin. The Badham Cup (Most Runs) went to Steph Carr and the Pritchard Cup (Best Fielder) went to Sophie Pascoe. Alex Hurley was the winner of the Emily Drumm Salver (Best Junior Girl U18). Steph Carr and Alex Hurley also won the Centennial Bails (Best Partnership in the Senior Club) with an unbroken partnership of 221 vs Cornwall and Lucy Creighton won the Sportsmanship Cup for the second year running for her efforts in leading from the front and playing in the spirit of the game.

JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

JUNIOR CLUB END OF SEASON MESSAGE



I hope the winter sports are going well for everyone. I would like to thank all the management and volunteers for all their efforts that have made for another successful cricket season. Just a reminder that as rust never sleeps, all the planning and preparation for next season takes place from now until October. So I renew the invitation to those of

you that would like to get involved by doing some work in the off season or that wish to take up a role or share a role for the coming season, please let Richard Walker or myself know and we can help find a task or role that suits you and the time you wish to commit.

Mark Robson
Junior Club Captain

AN UPDATE FROM OUR JUNIOR COACHING DIRECTOR NIGEL FLETCHER

The season is over, and minds now turn to a rest from cricket before being thrown headlong into Winter sports.

Before long though, communication will be sent out from various quarters on pre season cricket programmes, coaching courses and the like. My advice is to have a complete break from the game, recharge the batteries, and come back next season fresh and ready to go.

That said, those who coach a team, or who want to stay ahead of their son's or daughter's

knowledge, have a look at what is on offer between now and next season in terms of courses to upskill yourselves.

The Auckland Cricket website has a calendar of courses, and you should keep your eye on it and put your name down for whatever level is appropriate for you.

The Club will be endeavouring to hold courses too in the lead up to next season, so keep an eye out for announcements of those as well.

Auckland Cricket has just announced a live-in 'Academy' for years 8, 9 and 10 boys during the last week of the July school holidays.

Again, check out the Auckland Cricket website for application and course details. It is the first of its kind to be held locally, and the proposed programme content looks good.

So, Winter well, and don't hesitate to contact a member of the Club's coaching team for any advice between now and the lead up to next season.

Nigel Fletcher

CRICKET'S BEST SLEDGES

Mark Waugh, twin brother of Australia captain Steve Waugh, greeting James Ormond in an Australia vs England match.

"What the hell are you doing out here Ormond? Surely you are not good enough to play for England"? "Maybe not", replied Ormond, "but at least I'm the best player in my family".

AUGG MERCHANDISE

We now have available for purchase, a Club Blazer and tie. They can be purchased from ,
The School Uniform Centre,
553 Remuera Road, Ph: 09 524 6270

Cost: \$280 Blazer

Cost: \$35 Tie



INDOOR NETS AVAILABLE AT PARNELL

The Terry Jarvis Indoor Centre is now available for booking from 6am to 9pm daily.

Rates are \$30 per lane per hour for non PCC members. A discounted \$25 rate applies to paid up PCC members.

To book the indoor nets go to www.terryjarviscentre.co.nz and select your day and time from within the bookings options on the left of the home page.

PCC members will receive the discounted rate by putting pcc in lower case in the discount option box.

You will then be asked for your credit card details to pay using the secure payment system.

Your email address is essential as a return email will provide

confirmation of your booking and the security access code. You will receive the confirmation email within 5 minutes of booking. You will then need to key the access code into the access pad at the centre's front door to gain entry. This same access code will also operate the lights on the panel in the reception area at the left of the stairs.

Bookings are for one hour on the hour and the lights will turn off at the completion of the hour.

Please ensure the door is closed properly on your departure.

The centre has 24 hour camera monitoring but we rely on all users to take care of this most valuable facility.



TOP CATCH

Support our principal sponsor Top Catch by getting along to your nearest outlet (see map) to purchase all your Christmas Fishing needs.

Top Catch GI is central to many of Auckland's main boat ramps and marinas.

There is a Shell Station right across the road to tank the boat up while you get your bait and tackle and an auto electrician next door for the urgent battery recharge!

There is boat trailer parking out front and plenty of off street parks on the premises.



FLIGHT CENTRE OFFER

Flight Centre Meadowbank would like to offer all Club families 25% off any Options travel insurance with nil excess for claims and travellers under 20 years of age with an adult are covered for free. This offer is only valid at Flight Centre Meadowbank so

if you are planning a trip, go and see the friendly team At Flight Centre Meadowbank. You will find them just inside the main entrance to the Meadowbank Mall.

GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

UniSports Training Centre on Merton Road,
(the same building as AUCC)

Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following discounts for gym memberships.

12 months: \$495, usually \$745

6 months: \$350, usually \$495

To be eligible for these deals members need to bring their subscription receipt when signing up. The offer is also open to parents of our junior members, again bring your child's receipt as proof of membership.

Contact www.unisports.co.nz or ph 521-1210

Auckland University Recreation Centre – Gym Membership
(Symonds Street)

For a student membership you will receive a **5% discount**

For non student memberships, you will receive a **10% discount**
(Note that the offer does not apply to monthly AP payments)

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www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation

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