

Burwood District Cricket Club

Annual Report 2021/22



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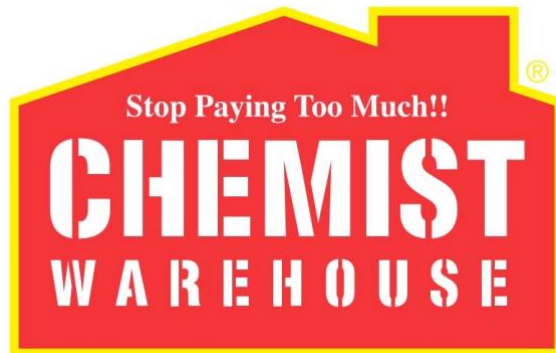


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Over the winter months our committee had been busy planning pre-season, scheduling social functions for the club and thinking up a number of new initiatives for the club to facilitate for season 2021/22. However, just as we started to advertise our training and social plans, and host our first pre-season session, Melbourne was once again put into lockdown. This time for the longest period we had seen. This again meant that our cricket season was heavily impacted and was shortened once again to 14 weeks. Covid safe measures also meant that we couldn't use our change rooms to congregated in or even have social functions at the club. However, as Burras do, we got on with the job and did what we had to, to get the season going.

Our work in the off season also included launching the Go Burra campaign which saw the club receive over \$4000 in donations from past and current members of the club. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the support shown, particularly by the many past members. These funds were used to reinvest back into the club with the purchase of five ipads, which were used for online scoring and also used for coaching purposes with our juniors. We also purchased charging stations, batteries and tripods to support the use of the ipads. For all our teams the club purchased branded backpacks. These team bags carried resources; such as first aid packs, umpire counters and tops, sunscreen and other essentials that supported our players. We also used the funds raised through the Go Burra campaign to invest in new quality stackable chairs that can be used on both ovals at Hartwell. This proved to be a great asset especially during the covid impacted season, when players couldn't use the changerooms. We also purchased a new team kit bag for our growing juniors and new training equipment that can be used by all our sides.

During the off season, the club was featured in two podcasts, the first was with Cricket Australia's "Game Changer" podcast series. The club was profiled after winning the Cricket Victorian Media and Technology initiative award the season before. The second was with the BHRDCA "The Cordon" podcast. During this podcast the Hartwell redevelopment, our off-season activities, our plans for the season and the TreadCare Community Cup were highlighted. Throughout the season, the club was also represented on two different working parties with the BHRDCA, one specific for COVID and the other formulating the strategic plan for the Association from season 2022/23 and beyond.

Also, in the pre-season we had the ever-popular Chemist Warehouse Fitness Challenge. This is fast

becoming a popular club activity. Thanks to Narayan Ramakrishnan for his organisation and Bert Ahcheen and Chemist Warehouse for supporting the event. Congratulations to Anshuman, Ravi and Vivek who were our top placegetters. To stay in contact with our players whilst Melbourne was in the extended lock down, we held an online club get together via Zoom on September 19, this was attended by approximately twenty players. We had to postpone the Roaring Success Golf Day, again due to the lockdowns, but this event was then run-on January 23 and had ten players involved. Thanks to Andrew Rodrigues for his organisation and Stephen Wood and Roaring Success for supporting the event. Congratulations to Stephen and Udai for holding onto first place!

To kick the season off we hosted the TreadCare Community Cup at Hartwell on November 6. The day kicked off with Fast 9 and Super 7 junior matches, followed by two senior T20 matches. At the end of the day Burwood District won both senior matches and retained the TreadCare Cup. From all reports Shoubhik partied well into the night drinking from the Cup! Thanks to Shoubhik and TreadCare Tyres for sponsoring the event and thanks to David Winterton and Daryl Cox who gave up their time to umpire. A big thank you also to Derek and everyone at Laburnum Cricket Club. We have had two great events and we hope to make this a regular occurrence.

We are fortunate to have wonderful sponsors and we want to thank all sponsors for their support. We particularly like to thank our major sponsors Shoubhik Lahiri at TreadCare Tyres, Stephen Wood at Roaring Success and Bert Ahcheen at Chemist Warehouse. Without our sponsor's support we wouldn't be able to offer our great looking green training uniforms that were purchased during the season. We also would like to acknowledge the Notting Hill Hotel and The Rustic Table Deli for their support this season.

Throughout the season the club was successful in obtaining a number of grants that we used to purchase items such as match balls and other cricket equipment and resources for the players. We thank the State Government and the Australian Cricketers Association for these grants. Without these grants we would need to increase the subscription fees we ask of our players. We are proud to say that our subscriptions are the cheapest in the local area, and we aim to keep that so into the future. We also thank all our players who have continued to pay their subs in full and on time. Although we all need to be aware that subscriptions over the last two years, subscriptions have been based on the COVID modified season of 14 weeks. Next season we intend to go back to playing 21 weeks and as such fees will be higher next season to reflect the more weeks of cricket that we will play.

Unfortunately, heavy rain canceled Round One, but we eventually got the season going on the weekend of November 13 and 14. The club had 6 sides, Woolworths Blast and the new Social Sixes Ladies program all playing across the weekend. Cricket was here again! We thank our captains, Arjit Banerjee (1sts), Anton Martin (2nd), Adrian Reus (3rds), Hari Rambhatla (T20) and Darren Veitch (Vets) for their tireless work to fill their teams and lead the players out on the field across the season. We also thank Bede Allsopp and Yash Prathak for their assistance with the juniors and special mention to Abhishek Pratap for his coordination of the Social Sixes women's program. We also thank Sharon Lynas at Cricket Victoria for all her support with the Social Sixes.

Our club's registration numbers for season 2021/22 include 136 registered players - 86 Senior Men, 12 Ladies (Social Sixes), 33 Junior players and 15 Blast cricketers. We had 5 Senior Men's sides, 2 Junior sides, a Ladies social program and Woolworths Blast. We had a strategic goal to recruit 10 new players, in the end we had 16 Senior plus 10 Junior players who played their first match with the club. I remind all our members that in 2016/17 we had just 1 team and 15 registered players in that season. The club has come a long way in 5 seasons.

By the end of the season, we had three Senior men's teams who made the finals, unfortunately the Vets team fell at the semi and despite gallant efforts, our T20 and Second XI sides, were outclassed in their respective grand finals. So the run of five flags in five years has come to an end, but with two grand final appearances the club once again should be proud of our continued success on the field.

Our junior program continued to grow and now makes up about 40% of the clubs' registrations and half of teams/programs. A more detailed junior report is included in their document; however, we thank our players and their parents for their involvement in our club. We look forward to next season and big growth in our player numbers and teams.

Throughout the season the club met with the Riversdale Soccer Club and the Council to discuss plans for the redevelopment of the Hartwell Pavilion. We have a strong working relationship with the soccer club now, and we submitted a joint proposal to the council that detailed the exact room allocation and space requirements that we need for both clubs. We are now waiting for Council to come back to us with some detailed plans and architectural drawings of what the pavilion may look like. We thank Rob Favota from the soccer club and ex Burra Michael Bodman from Inside Edge for working with the club on this project.

Communicating with our members continues to be a club focus and this year we gave the website a new look, our Facebook group has now over 220 members and the WhatsApp Announcement group allows us to send instant direct messages to our members. We thank Ian Scholefield for all his work in preparing news articles, corresponding with members past and present and updating our club records. His news articles are very popular and the updating of the player statistics, which is housed on the website, is much appreciated. An overview of all the work being done by Ian in preparation for our century celebration is included in this Annual Report.

At our last training session for the year, we held a Members Forum and workshopped with our playing group and some junior parents, where they would like the club's future direction go. The main themes to come from those discussion is that the redevelopment will be warmly welcomed, structured training and more coaching is wanted, the club needs to widen its recruitment (especially for juniors), a greater commitment from players to the club will only make us more successful and that we all look forward to Covid restrictions being eased and being able to socialize at the club.

We celebrated the season with our Annual Presentation Night at the Notting Hill Hotel on April 2, with our junior players also celebrating their season during that afternoon at Zone Bowling. We had a number of players reach significant club achievements throughout the year, this included;

200 Games - Stephen Wood and Arjit Banerjee

4000 runs - Ben Killeen and Adrian Reus

President's Best-Off Field Award - Abhishek Pratap

Don McLaine Best on Field Award- Hari Rambhatla and Shehan Abeysinghe

Colin McDonald Club Champion - Bert Ahcheen

Congratulations to all players who received awards at either the Senior or Junior events.

To finish I would like to sincerely thank the small group of men who formed our committee this year;

Darren Veitch - Veterans and Vice President

Abhishek Pratap - Secretary and Social Sixes Coordinator

Narayan Ramakrishan - Treasurer, Merchandise and Social events

Arjit Banerjee - Senior Cricket

Yash Prathak - Social Media and Website

These guys went over and above with their commitment and the time given to make sure our club was able to get teams on the park, our players were well resourced and to ensure that our members were well informed of what was happening around the club. Your work has been amazing and we all appreciate what you have done. We also make special mention of Naz who is stepping down from committee after a number of years being our club Treasurer. We are very appreciative of all the work you have put in Naz, to keep our books balanced and the effort you put in to have all the new training and match day uniforms the club now has.

Moving forward however, everyone is time poor these days, and now more than ever the club needs more people involved in the running of the club. It can't be left to a small few to be responsible for the club's operations. So, I encourage all our players, parents and friends to come and play their part, whether it be large or small and offer their help to keep our great club moving in a positive direction. Many hands make light work!

As I step down from the President's role, I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support over the last three years. We have done a power of work and should be proud of where the club currently sits. I look forward to seeing the club continue to succeed on and off the field and celebrate our 100 years in the new pavilion.

Thanks also to my family Kelli, William and Gemma, who allowed me to not only lead the club as President, but also allow me to be involved in so much cricket over the last three years. It is now, however, time for this old Burra to "hang up the cricket whites".

Thanks again and all the best.

Go the Burra!

Mark "Blunners" Blundell | *President – Burwood District Cricket Club*

TREASURER'S REPORT

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After a covid interrupted previous season, there was a sense of optimism and desire to get out on the park for what we hoped to be a full 6 months of cricket for 2021/2022. Despite the early lockdown where we missed the initial games of the season, we were able to slowly put the delays and cancellation of the pandemic behind us.

The season started off in a positive manner off the field, with the club launching the "Go Burra Fund" - a donation drive through our partners at Australian Sports foundation. This drive saw us raise over \$4000 before the season had started, which was used towards the purchasing of the I pads and the training and match day equipment for the Seniors and Juniors. Furthermore, we were able to invest in new stackable chairs, our new Colin McDonald shield, Don McLaine Shield and President Award, team backpacks, battery packs, first aid bags and the other resources for our players and teams to use. We thank all our past and current members who donated for this great cause, and helped our club continue to grow over the last 12 months.

Like last season, we continued to roll our senior and junior memberships that saw a resounding number of players committing for the season. In total we had over 80 players across our Senior and Junior formats purchase either a Full or Mini membership this season, an increase from our previous season. All full paying members also received our new personalised training kits, thanks to our partners at S-Trend. These training kits were a great hit across the club, with many purchasing extra sets for themselves and family members.

Similar to the previous season, we were thankful to a series of grants that the club had received as a result of income lost due to Covid-19. Overall, we received \$6,000 in community grants from both local council bodies and sporting organisations. We thank them all for their generosity and in particular our President for his hard work in obtaining these grants behind the scenes.

Along with the money received from our generous sponsors (Roaring Success, Treadcare, Chemist Warehouse and Notting Hill Hotel), these grants and sponsorship money allowed us to offer new training merchandise at a discount price for all our players, both Junior and Senior. We again thank them all for their generosity over the last couple of years and look forward to working closely with them going forward.

Although we weren't able to get back to our pre covid levels, we also saw an increase in our social events this season. It was pleasing to have our Burra family and friends back in the club rooms post training and match day, enjoying a nice meal and drink whenever we got the change to do so. Thanks to our partners at Souv and Co, we had a few Burgers nights post training, which was a great bonding session for both the junior and senior players. We also were able to host another year of the Roaring Success Golf Day and finish off with a

presentation night at the Notting Hill Hotel for the seniors, and a Ten Pin Bowling afternoon for our Juniors.

Overall, the season 2021/2022 was another successful year for the club, as we continue to build post the pandemic. With over 100 active members, 5 Senior teams and 2 Junior teams, plus the Woolworths Blast, Women's program and much more, the club is definitely heading in the right direction. Financially the club had a successful season, raising an end of year profit of \$3,158, which we look to invest back into the club over the next season, and many more beyond that.

To conclude, I'd like to thank the committee, players and extended members of Burwood District CC, for your ongoing support and cooperation throughout the season. With this ongoing support, I am sure we will continue to achieve the goals and vision of the club, for many years to come.

Narayanan Ramakrishnan | *Treasurer - Burwood District Cricket Club*

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1st June 2021 - 31st May 2022				
	YTD Actuals	Prior Year	YTD Actuals vs. Prior Year	Notes
<u>Income</u>				
Bar	\$ 545	\$ 876	\$ (331)	1
Donations	\$ 4,184	\$ 50	\$ 4,134	2
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Community Grants	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,700	\$ (700)	3
Community Tournaments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 1,319	\$ (819)	4
Merchandise	\$ 1,770	\$ 2,055	\$ (285)	
Net Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Presentation Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Social Functions	\$ 2,352	\$ 4,210	\$ (1,857)	5
Sponsorship	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
Subscriptions - Junior/Blast	\$ 3,040	\$ 2,631	\$ 409	
Subscriptions - Senior	\$ 10,757	\$ 10,200	\$ 557	
Vets Income	\$ 800	\$ 630	\$ 170	
Total Income	\$ 32,948	\$ 31,670	\$ 2,148	

Financial Notes - Income:

1. **Bar:** With social events a little down this season, the Bar wasn't able to raise as much during the season. Unfortunately, with no finals played at home, we also were not able to rake in the usual special day sales we have in the past
2. **Donations:** Special donations during pre-seasons a part of our ASF (Australian sports foundation) drive.
3. **Community Grants:** Grants from the Victorian Government, DJPR (Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions - State government) and Cricket Australia (Grassroots grant)
4. **Equipment:** Sale of Junior equipment purchased by BDCC
5. **Social Functions:** Social function sales from our BDCC Golf Day, Post training burger nights, as well as the sale of our senior and Junior Presentation nights

1st May 2019 - 30th April 2020			
YTD Actuals	Prior Year	YTD Actuals vs. Prior Year	Notes

Expenses

Advertising	\$ 411	\$ 181	\$ (230)	6
Bar	\$ 1,545	\$ 889	\$ (656)	
Donations Paid	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ (100)	
Equipment	\$ 6,455	\$ 5,437	\$ (1,017)	7
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 4,773	\$ 3,913	\$ (860)	
Have a Go subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Honour Board	\$ 380	\$ 876	\$ 497	
Insurance	\$ 380	\$ 359	\$ (21)	
Fees / Fines	\$ 228	\$ -	\$ (228)	
Loan Repayment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Merchandise	\$ 7,389	\$ 9,043	\$ 1,654	
Net Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Presentation Night	\$ 195	\$ 180	\$ (15)	
Registration	\$ 865	\$ 1,020	\$ 155	
Social Functions	\$ 2,914	\$ 6,209	\$ 3,294	8
Square Fees	\$ 301	\$ 277	\$ (24)	
Sundry Expenses	\$ 995	\$ 639	\$ (356)	9
Trophies/Awards	\$ 2,433	\$ 1,977	\$ (456)	10
Umpire Fees	\$ 425	\$ 460	\$ 35	
Total Expenses	\$ 29,789	\$ 31,461	\$ 1,672	

PROFIT / (LOSS)	\$ 3,158	\$ 209	\$ 2,949	
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Financial Notes - Expenses:

6. **Advertising:** Pre-Season facebook and gumtree drives in order to push the club to wider reaches.
7. **Equipment:** Related predominantly to the purchase of new iPads for the clubs (live scoring), new chairs, plus the usual balls and cricket equipment for both our Seniors and Junior teams
8. **Social Functions:** Various expenses towards the BDCC/RS Golf Day, Post training social events and our end of season presentation nights
9. **Sundry Expenses:** Misc expenses for the club - New team backpacks, club stickers for equipment, First aid kits and sunscreen for all teams.
10. **Trophies/Awards:** Overall increase in trophies this season due to the addition of Junior Trophies and new shields for our 3 special club awards.

FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year to 31/05/2022	Year to 31/05/2021	\$ Difference 31/05/2022 vs 31/05/2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash on hand			
Cash in Tin	\$0	\$0	\$0
NAB Bank Account	\$16,097	\$12,939	\$3,158
Total Cash on Hand	\$16,097	\$12,939	\$3,158
Stock - Bar	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stock - Merchandise*	\$1,140	\$2,805	-\$1,665
Subs Owing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Stock	\$1,140	\$2,805	-\$1,665
Total Current Assets	\$17,2377	\$15,744	\$1,493
Property & Equipment			
Boroondara Key deposit	\$500	\$500	\$0
Pavilion - Club Rooms	\$50	\$50	\$0
Pavilion - BBQ	\$150	\$150	\$0
Total Property	\$200	\$200	\$0
Equipment			
Match Equipment	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Practice Equipment	\$1,789	\$750	\$1,039
Playing Surfaces	\$7,551	\$7,551	\$0
Playing Surfaces - Accum Dep	-\$7,551	-\$7,551	\$0
Total Equipment	\$4,789	\$2,250	\$2,539
Total Property & Equipment	\$5,489	\$2,950	\$2,539
Total Assets	\$22,726	\$18,694	\$4,032
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Assets	\$18,717	\$17,610	\$1,107

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$18,694	\$17,610	\$1,084
Current Year earnings (Profit)	\$3,158	\$209	\$2,949
Common Stock	\$874	\$874	\$0
Historical Balancing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Equity	\$22,726	\$18,693	\$4,033

Stock - Merchandise

		QTY	Individual Price	Total
1	Baggy Greens	0	\$ 30.00	\$ -
2	Baseball Caps	0	\$ 15.00	\$ -
3	Training Shorts	0	\$ 20.00	\$ -
4	Social Polos	0	\$ 30.00	\$ -
5	White Trousers - Seniors	19	\$ 40.00	\$ 760.00
6	White Playing shirts - Seniors	7	\$ 40.00	\$ 280.00
7	White Trousers - Juniors	0	\$ 35.00	\$ -
8	White Playing shirts - Juniors	0	\$ 35.00	\$ -
9	Burra Plain Hoodies	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
10	Burra Training Kits (Plain)	14	\$ 50.00	\$ 700.00
				\$ 1,140.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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The 2021/22 season started in a similar way like the previous season as COVID halted our preseason training plans and activities planned by the 21/22 committee. But the coordination and efforts of our club and the BHRDCA not only got the season underway but also completed it in a safe and timely manner. We were able to finally kick-off our season with the 'Treadcare Cup' win against Laburnum Cricket Club on the 6th of November, 2021. This year the club had 119 registered players for the season. The seniors had 16 debuts across teams which is a testament to the work being done by the committee and other members outside the committee in reaching out to their social circle and the community in growing the club. On the juniors side too, the club grew as we had 2 junior teams playing in the super 7s and Fast 9s competition with 21 players representing the club through the season. The Grand Finals made by our Second XIs (C grade) and the T20 team (Rebel T20 Shield) were the highlights of the season amongst our teams.

Another season shortened due to COVID meant all teams played one day cricket again this season. For the 21/22 season the club fielded teams in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association as follows:

1st XI – A Grade 40 Over 1 Day Competition

2nd XI – C Grade 40 Over 1 Day Competition

3rd XI – D Grade 40 Over 1 Day Competition

Vets XI – B Division 40 Over 1 Day Competition

T20 XI – Rebel Twenty20 Shield 20 Over 1 Day Competition

Super 7s – Stage 1 20 Over 1 Day Competition

Fast 9s – Stage 2 20 Over 1 Day Competition

Women's Cricket is an important element of our long-term strategic plan in building an inclusive and successful community club where everyone feels safe and welcome to play Cricket and also form lifelong relationships along the way. In this regard, the club launched a women's *Social Sixes* program to start an exciting new journey in the club's endeavours. This year we had 12 registered participants for the program which focused on fun, fast sessions to get women active and learn some Cricket skills. And, the goal remains to make this program bigger in the coming season.

On infrastructure development, the club facilities and rooms redevelopment project is on-track with BDCC and Riversdale Soccer Club meeting and discussing with the Boroondara Council on the requirements of each club to be considered in the design phase. The Club President (Mr. Mark Blundell) has been representing the club on all council meetings regarding redevelopment and design process discussions.

A massive thank you to all our supporters who have made donations directly to the 'Go Burra' fund portal or to the club privately at the start and during the 21/22 season. We have been overwhelmed by the response and are truly grateful for the generosity shown. The support shown ensured the club could purchase 5 refurbished iPads to do electronic scoring during all our senior and junior games this season. The club were also able to successfully receive a \$3500 grant from Cricket Australia's ACIF – Grassroots Cricket Fund, which was used to purchase Junior Cricket equipment. As we moved from one to two junior teams, the added equipment was immensely helpful for us. We look forward to further growing our junior program as we also had an increase in our Saturday Blast program where too some of the equipment was made use of.

All in all, this was a season where we took steps to grow bigger in the community. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the committee for a second year in my second season at the club. The committee has always looked at our strategic goals in planning every activity at the club and has made sure they align with the inclusive and respectful values that the club prides itself on. This year we will aim to build on the 21/22 season and would welcome new members on the committee to help share the work. Lastly, thanks to 21/22 Committee including Blunners, Veitchie, Naz, Arj and Yash for all the support and guidance during the season.

Abhishek Pratap | *Secretary - Burwood District Cricket Club*

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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BDCC CENTENARY HISTORY – PROGRESS REPORT - MAY 2022

Focus on the past 12 months has been in the following areas:

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(1) Newspaper reviews

Over the past couple of years, under the continuing co-vid quarantine restrictions, the focus has been on a collection of scores and match results for the years 1928-1968. On-line resources like Trove (NLA - National Library of Australia) and hard copy papers and microfilm records at State Library of Victoria have been combed. The following newspapers have been looked at:

Age - 1922-1964.

Argus – 1922-1956

Camberwell Free Press - January 1932 to December 1950.

Ferntree Gully News – May 1923 to December 1945.

Observer (Surrey Hills) - August 1937 to March 1952.

Progress Press (inc Chadstone Progress) - January 1946 to October 1968.

Reporter (Box Hill) - 1925 to 1930.

Sporting Globe – 1931 – 1940.

There have gaps in each year, particularly in the 1942-1945 war year period and the editions immediately around Christmas and the New Year each year.

It is my intention to extend the coverage of the Box Hill Reporter to the end of the 1940's.

(2) Personal Interviews

Personal interviews were put on hold, preferring face-to-face, until covid restrictions eased. However, a discussion was carried out with Michael Slattery (son of Charles Slattery - player in the thirties and forties) and nephew of Ted Sleswick (President in early forties). I also had a chat with a player from the early 60's, Pat Meehan. Other interviews related to development of stories produced for the website or chasing down the contact details for past players.

(3) Burwood RSL

The current Secretary of the Burwood RSL, Steve Balmford, located RSL Minute books (AGM, Committee and General Meeting) from the thirties and loaned them to me.

(4) Family History

Ancestry.com has been used to contact family members and provide context for former players and officials.

These include Paul Heugle, Alan Hopper, Jack Cochrane, Rube Tregellis, Ron Robinson, George Slade, Dick Sutton and Les Tattan.

STATISTICAL

(1) National Cricket database – MyCricket

It has taken just over 18 months but the project to enter men's scores from 1968/69 to 2006/07 is now basically complete. Colin Howard did the bulk of entries and his tally reached an incredible 160 scorebooks – a massive contribution. Courtesy of Kyle Grace, a data science analytical project was conducted at Melbourne University by an intern Lynn Huh, this enabled a further four years of books to be entered. I completed the balance. (Using the word "basically" above, reflects that a couple of books from 2000/01 (Firsts & Fourths) are unfound and a couple of books from 2006/07 (Fourth & Fifts) are held by Kyle Grace and will be entered once he returns them.

The intention of extending this initiative into the ladies and junior sections, is on hold until the respective Associations can get themselves organised set-up the fixtures into the database.

(2) Team Scorebooks

Over the past 12 months we have had four scorebooks returned, thanks to Darren Veitch, Luke Kennedy and Rowan Crawford. There are still 44 books (12 Men's, 1 girls and 31 juniors) which cannot be found. Please have a look at the bottom of your cupboard or in your archives, they must be somewhere.

Assistance Required – chase up Captains and Team Managers to obtain the missing scorebooks. (A full list is available.)

(3) Individual Career Records

A master file of close to 3,000 former players has been created. At the moment career spreadsheets have been set-up to record grade-by-grade and season-by-season records for around 500 players. The aim is to extend this to every individual player in our history.

PAST MEMBERS, OFFICIALS & CLUBS

Contact Details

A database of the contact details of past members is being gradually built up. At the moment there are over 150 people listed. In the past few months several of the players from the 1990's have been added, primarily from the sources of Jamie Fergusson and Allison Grace. These include Natalie Beukenex, Stacey Bragg, Alison Campbell, Erini Gianakopoulos, Maryann Hamilton, Nicole Hansen, Nick Draffin, Rod Campaign, David Fergusson, Paul McMahon, David Petrie, Vaughan Sedgewick and Mike Wilton. They have all made a contribution to our club's success, so it is good to keep them in the loop. There are many more and it would be great to them informed and involved.

News Stories on the website and social media.

Over the past year the following stories have been featured:

Red Ink Specialists (Most Not Outs)
Sassella-Brownley – A Sublime Stand
Greg Chappell backs Pete (Peter Nevill in GC's latest book)
Star bombed by Germans (Bob Fry in WW2)
Original Arj (Arjit Banerjee 200 Games)
Obituary – Ron Collett
Knocked Over By the Typhoon (Lindsay Cannan)
Sports Celebrities Come to Burwood
Winterton Determination – (Winterton family)
Obituary - Phil St Clair

Mini Get-togethers

Last season Lindsay Cannan came down from Northern NSW in his first visit to Hartwell since 1988. He loved catching up with former team-mates and friends.

In 2022/23 further reunions are likely with a group of the ladies to enjoy the sun at Hartwell. Don't forget that Adrian Reus (Doggy) is getting close to 1,000 club wickets. (988 after last season). That will be a day to remember.

Fellow Clubs

Communication has been maintained with clubs like Blackburn North, East Doncaster, Mitcham Templestowe and Warrandyte in assisting each other in the research. In April I had a meeting with Ashburton CC and Glen Iris CC as they commence their historical studies.

ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT

(1) Premiership Flags

Premiership flags from all, except the most recent years, have disappeared. The Club has had the Men's First XI BHRDCA flags reproduced.

(2) Club Champion Shields

The Club Champion Shield for men (Colin McDonald Trophy) has vanished. A new Club Champion Shield was produced and presented for last season

(3) Photographs and Framed Prints

Many of the frames are damaged or broken. Photographs for the history publication are in short supply for most of the last 20 years. Where prudent, repairs need to be made to framed prints.

(4) Storage

Simple shelving in the archive room would protect and make access easier for scorebooks, framed photographs etc.

(5) BDCC Newsletters

I am looking for copies any newsletters which have been produced from 1998-99 onwards. I have tried a lot of people but no-one seems to have kept copies.

If you can help on any of these matters, please contact me.

Ian Scholefield

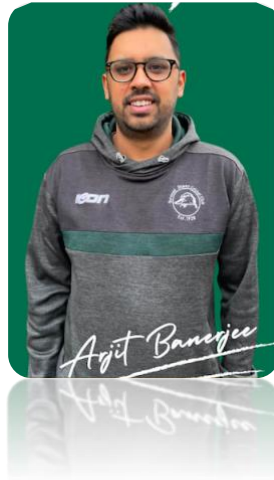
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FIRST XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

ARJIT BANERJEE



2021/2022 Season was a year of development for the BDCC 1st XI.

With only 2 wins on the board, our ladder position certainly doesn't represent the overall performance of our year. This year was a year of injuries & people missing with covid. All in all we tried our hardest to put on the best 11 every week. We welcomed new names in Nithin, Abhishek, Shenal, Mridul, Pratik and Yash who all debuted this year in the 1s.

It was pleasing to see 2 of our top 5 score 200+ runs this year, with Suthan scoring 258 and Shiv scoring 204 for the year. With a high score of 67* & averaging 34 runs for the year Shiv was once again our most consistent bat and held down the 1st drop spot for season. Suthan not far behind average 25.8 and a high score of 67 further cemented his spot as our opening bat, once again the top 5 building chemistry and focusing on development for the year.

Our bowling was dominated once again by our own silver fox Bede Allsopp – 13 matches, 75 overs, 13 wickets at an average of 23.15, Bede has been the definition of consistency for all of his career and this year was no different. A pleasing effort and someone stepping up this year was Arvind – playing 11 matches in the 1's, he bowled 62 overs and took 12 wickets at an average of 24.17 – A huge congrats to what was Arvind's best season in the 1st 11 for the BDCC. Abhishek become a regular in the 1st XI as our off spin option, and his development over the 11 games he played was incredible. Easily belonging in A grade – Abhishek bowled 54 overs and took 7 wickets – amazing effort for his first year in A grade. Kishan is building towards being a strong A grade player for a long time – another great season of consistency, opening the bowling at times too, 55 overs for the season and 7 wickets. We have had significant development in our bowling this year which has been very pleasing. With the boys becoming more comfortable with bowling in A grade – I look forward to what the bowling brigade can bring next year.

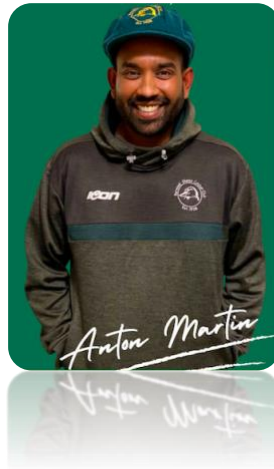
Bert had a standout year – this was the 1st year where he was the full time keeper all year. His development over the years as a fill in keeper had given him the confidence to step up and take this role on head on. He did not disappoint, easily the best year he has had behind the stumps. 13 matches and 8 catches doesn't represent the full impact he had on the team all year. Showing leadership behind the stumps and providing support for the bowlers, Bert had a huge impact in season 2021/22 – well done Bert!

All in all, a tough year for the 1stXI and a year where we focused on ensuring we gave our very best and focused on improving every week. Looking forward to what season 2022/23 brings!

Cheers

SECOND XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

ANTON MARTIN



Well, what a topsy turvy season for the BDCC 2nd XI for the 2021-2022 season. A changing of the guard with premiership captain Andrew Rodrigues stepping down and passing on the reigns to Anton Martin. The season started anti-climatically with round 1 called off due to Victoria's COVID crisis, and with a lot of key personnel missing due to COVID, injuries and unavailability the Second XI's didn't start well. 2 wins (and 2 N/R's) from the first 8 rounds, the main highlights of the first half of the season was a terrific round 3 win when the Burra won by 3 runs and round 4 when the Burra won by 1 wicket. Two back-to-back last ball wins! In round 3, star of the show George Allan had a day out with 111* and Shubhro Mukherjee was outstanding at the death taking 3/1 in the last over to win the game for the Burra! Round 4 was an all-round team win and the Burra timed their chase brilliantly, winning by 1 wicket off the last ball. Across the first 8 rounds, the team consistently struggled for availability and most weeks had 4-5 fill ins from across the club.

After two rounds into the new year (round 8), things changed. The big guns and key personnel were back, committed and it showed in the team's performance in the last 8 weeks of the season. Some of the best bats at the club in Rambhatla, Abeysinghe, Siriwardena and Allan were back and made a statement in Round 9 where the team scored 229, the Burra Second XI highest score of the season and built momentum to win 5 of the last 6 round games. The big highlight was Round 13 where an undermanned Burra team went to undefeated Box Hill North Superkings and knocked the defending premiers off by 7 wickets on their turf. Dimitri Siriwardena with a sublime 61* and George Allan a well-made 49. A huge 8 wicket win in the last round against Mitcham where Abeysinghe (59), Rambhatla (41) and Nagpal (40) all smashed the Mitcham attack around the park, and the Burra 2nd XI had sewn up 3rd spot on the ladder and went into a semi-final against Nunawading at Nunawading.

The semi-final was a blowout. In wet conditions, the Burra 2nd XI bowled and fielded admirably well restricting Nunawading to 6/160 off their 40 overs before the performance of the season by openers Shehan Abeysinghe and Hari Rambhatla, putting on 158 for the first wicket before Shehan was unfortunately run out for 63. Hari ended up 75* and the Burra won their semi-final by 9 wickets with plenty of overs left.

The grand final was set up for an exciting contest. Box Hill North Superkings had been the best team of the past 3 years, the defending premiers and only lost one game in the past 15 matches – that loss against the BDCC Second XI 3 weeks earlier. BDCC bowled and fielded well in parts, but the Box Hill North team put the Burra bowlers to the sword in 20 of the overs and put a strong 5/219. Chasing, unfortunately the Burra batting line up that had been so dominant for the previous 8 weeks were no match the Box Hill bowling line up and made 131. A highlight of the Burra innings was a maiden 50 for new recruit Aaryan Singh who made a fantastic 51. Box Hill North too strong for the Burra in the grand final. A big shout out to the top run getters for the season in Shehan Abeysinghe, Hari Rambhatla, George Allan, and Dimitri Siriwardena. Also, to the

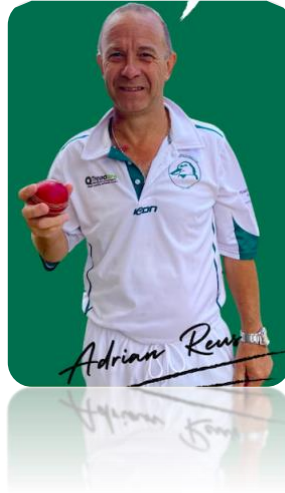
best bowler in the team for season 2021-2022 Venkat Ramakrishnan whose nonstop consistency ended him with 18 wickets for the season.

An up and down season like no other, considering how the year started, a lot of positives for the Burra Second XI to take out of this season and plenty to build on next year.

Go the Burra!

THIRD XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

ADRIAN REUS



Although not the most successful season, winning only 1 game, I'm hoping the players gained something from the season. Placed in a grade higher than our capabilities as many team members were playing their first season of red ball Cricket, the team was competitive in a few games and with a bit of luck we could have won a few more.

34 players were involved during the season and I must thank Jitendra Kaler (Jay) for his efforts in bringing many new players to our club. Without his efforts we may have forfeited a few games. We had 12 players debut for the club in the team. I hope these players will be around next season as we search for wins in a lower grade. The nucleus is there to be a very competitive side. We must try and have that group of 7 or 8 players available each week. It is hard when there are 6 or 7 changes each week.

Congratulations to our trophy winners. **Batting** - Udai Mahendru. Consistent all season. **Fielding** - Mark Blundell, Dishant Solanki and Pratik Wagh shared this award. Well done to the new comers and the ever consistent 'Blunners'. Unfortunately, no one qualified for the bowling with 'Blunners' and myself getting close. We must improve in the batting and bowling if we wish to play finals. Put value on your wicket and bowl to a plan and field.

Thanks to all the players who gave their time to help the team and club. Thanks to Steve Wood for his help in getting the scorebooks balanced where possible. Thanks to Shoubhik Lahiri when he captained the team when I was required to play in a different team.

Congrats to Anton, Hari and Darren and your teams for making the finals. Thanks to the committee for giving me the opportunity to captain the team for this season and special thanks to Arj and Darren for the many numerous messages and calls to find players.

Bring on next season and hopefully finals and maybe that Premiership!!

Season Award Winners:

BATTING | Udai Mahendru - **154 runs @ 30.80**

BOWLING | DNQ

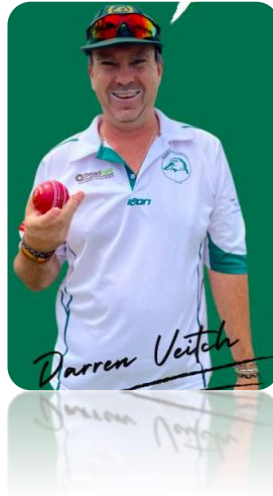
FIELDING | Pratik Wagh – **5 catches**

Dishant Solanki – **2 catches**

Mark 'Blunners' Blundell - **4 catches and 1 runout**

VETERANS XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

DARREN VEITCH



Ok so a season where you play in a semi should be one to celebrate but this just feels a little flat.

Unfortunately, due to many teams withdrawing from the competition and a late start to the season and a forfeit at the end of the season we only played 4 home and away games for 1 win. With only 5 teams in the B grade, we managed 4th spot and the opportunity to play a semi against the top team.

Round 1

Having set a huge total of 284 from our 40 overs it was fair to say the batting had a day out. To be honest East Box Hill were short on numbers and really struggled when 5 of the top 6 all retired. But as they say in the classics a win is a win so winning by 101 runs was a great start.

Round 2

It was our turn to miss some key players, but our Batting was average and that cannot be blamed on who was missing we had the talent but missed the opportunity to show our depth. Only posting 144 and not batting out overs really hurt. We did field well and made it hard for the opposition but when clear decisions do not go our way it's impossible to get batsmen out. We did show some real passion maybe a little anger and left hoping to see the Box Hill Super Kings later in the season with paid umpires.

Round 3

This was a GF rematch against our mates from Heathmont at Heathmont. Unfortunately, our batting was poor and being 5/26 early made it difficult to post an imposing total but the 149 kept us in the game for a long time. As it was in the GF Heatherdale started strong but lost wickets just at the right time for us. They managed to pass us at the end of the 39th over. It is always a pleasure to play a very cooperative game against a good group of blokes and enjoy a beer after the game together.

Round 4 Bye

Yay back on the winning score

Round 5

Back at Hartwell against Park Orchards the benchmark side from the last 2 seasons and they batted first and set us a large total of 240. We batted well but fell 25 runs short but left the game feeling we could beat these guys if given a chance in the finals.

Round 6 forfeit

Yay another win

Semi Final

We headed out to Park Orchards to play the top team and fully aware they felt they held the upper hand especially at their home ground. They batted well setting us the target of 225. We missed some opportunities, but certainty did not field or bowl terribly they are very good side. We Batted with a very steady approach and kept ourselves in the game and with a little bit of luck in the closing overs we could have caused un upset. To make 220 chasing was a huge effort but very disappointing and all involved are real keen to get a win against them next season.

I want to congratulate Morts for the winning the batting award we worked hard to set up competitive totals in every game and as always loves to take on the best bowlers and it is a pleasure to watch him hit them back over their heads. To Sean Haney for winning the bowling he too is so competitive and has worked hard over the last few seasons and deserves the award.

Vets Targets for 22/23 season

Beat Park Orchards

Play Finals at Hartwell

It has been a pleasure to captain the boys again this season and thanks to Rohan for captaining the side when I was not available. Thanks again to the club for giving me the opportunity and to my family who support me to do what I love.

Cheers Boys.

Always be the Burra!!

T20 XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

HARI RAMBHATLA



The T20 campaign for BDCC was a roller coaster ride, with us finishing strong by making the grand final. We started off the season poorly being bowled out for 74 by Nunawading in our first T20 game. This was the first time most of us played and me captaining for the first time trying to understand the strength of our team. We followed by a strong win against Yaraleen in round 2 putting on a big score and containing them easily with our strong bowling.

Our next game against Blackburn was again a poor performance where we failed to put on a big score. This was the turning point for our season where the remaining two games schedules in 2022 gave us the opportunity to get some reinforcements back into the team. With Shenal and Shaubik returning for remaining season it strengthened our batting immensely. We narrowly lost to Heatherdale in the 4th round in a final over finish to the game. We finished our season strong with a win against Blackburn south which ensured that we qualified for the finals.

The semi-final against Nunawading was a nail-biting match. With impressive batting performances by Shaubik it put us in a strong position to defend. It came down to Ben Killen's last over and with his experience he bowled us to victory.

In our second season of T20 we made it to grand final, a big testament to the quality of players at BDCC. It took us a few games to bond and come together as a team, in the end we got there. I was so proud of everyone who played, they gave it their 100% to take us into the grand final. Unfortunately, the grand final didn't go our way, with a polished and strong Heatherdale team beating us comfortably. We didn't put on a strong performance with the bat and were genuinely outplayed by a better team. Nevertheless, it was a memorable campaign for us as a team and especially for me, where I was given the opportunity to lead the Burras T20 team for the first time. We hope to be back and put on a strong performance consistently this season and hopefully bring the flag home.

JUNIOR'S AND WOMEN'S CRICKET REPORT

Like our senior cricket season our juniors faced an uncertain start to the season especially after yet another lengthy lockdown was placed on all of us here in Melbourne. However, once the “green light” was given to return to community sport, our juniors started their 2021/22 campaigns. The club fielded a new Super 7 team, with a number of new players stepping up from our Blast Program to play. Our two Super 7 teams from the previous season combined to make a new Fast 9 team, but importantly our junior player numbers continued to grow.

Super 7 team

This season saw Burwood District field just one Super 7 (Stage One) side, this team played in the BHRDCA Saturday Gold competition. This modified form of junior cricket is played with a hard ball and all participants receive equal time with bat and ball. It is aimed at children playing competitive cricket for the first time. Whilst each game is scored, no premiership points are awarded or ladders kept.

The majority of our players came from the club's Master Blast program conducted in the previous season. It was, however, their first experience of competitive cricket. Whilst the first few games were a steep learning curve for both players and parents, the rapid improvement and confidence shown by all our players was amazing. By season end our team was playing competitively and showing their capability to play Super 7s cricket. Season 2022/23 will be an exciting one for the team as we expect all our players to return and once again play Super 7s cricket. This next season our Burwood District team will be the experienced cricketers. The team will also be improved with some more “reinforcements” coming up from the Blast program.

A thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement. A special thanks to Kaveen, Binita, Sanjeev and Sanjay for their work behind the scenes with the team.

Team:	Super 7's
1	Jed
2	Anya
3	Aarav
4	Aryan
5	Veer
6	Oliver
7	Nathan
8	Jack



Fast 9's Team

After having two sides play Super 7s cricket in 2021/22, we combined both teams to make our first ever Fast 9's side. This team played in the BHRDCA Sunday Gold competition. Fast 9's (Stage Two) cricket is an extension of Super 7 cricket, with teams playing on a longer pitch, with a leather ball and players can experience the despair of being dismissed as a batter.

Unfortunately, after just a few games we said goodbye to both Oscar and Jake who moved interstate with their families. We also unfortunately didn't see Jeremy and Adam after

Christmas, after a nasty accident to Jeremy in the holidays. However later in the season we did welcome back Walter to the team and it was great to have Xander join the team. So overall with the “regulars” who played each week, we did have a number of players play in the team throughout the season.

As the season went on, our team certainly noticed the difference in pace and intensity of Fast 9 cricket than compared to Super 7's. However, our players still continued to show great improvement and show resilience when being challenged out on the field. I was super proud of all our players on how they are keen to learn and apply themselves both on match day and at training. No doubt the experience of this season will pay dividends

in the next season when this team returns to play Fast 9's again.

A thank you to all the parents for their support and willingness to assist at training and on game days. A special thank you also to Bede Allsopp, Abhishek Pratap and Yash Pathak for their involvement to help at training and support the teams.



	Fast 9's
1	Jeremy
2	Adam
3	Issy
4	Angela
5	Luke
6	Carys
7	Callum
8	Alice
9	Gemma
10	Chaksh
11	Jake
12	Jack
13	Xander
14	Walter



Representative Cricket Selection

Congratulations to both Gemma and Oscar who were both selected to play representative cricket in the January school holidays.

Gemma represented the BHRDCA in the Under 12's Girls side and Oscar represented the North Coast of NSW Under 12 Boys side. Oscar to his credit had only been in Coffs Harbour for a couple of weeks before being selected. Well done to both our Burra cricketers!



Woolworths Master Blast program.

Fortunately, our program start wasn't delayed due to COVID and we started in November with a washed-out session. Unfortunately, our registrations were lower than expected but we did also have five players who had registered to Blasters move up to play Super 7's at the season start. However, we are proud to be a small centre and believe having a small group is a perfect way to introduce young children to cricket but more importantly to introduce our club to new families.

With the club's loudspeaker pumping music, each week the program started with some warmup games followed by skill activities before finishing with a modified game. The emphasis was on fun and enjoyment, and practicing some fundamental motor skills along the way.

We thank all the parents for bringing their children down to Burwood District and the children for their participation. We look forward to seeing some of these children play Super 7's next year and the rest returning for another year of Woolworths Blast. A special thank you to Yash and Abhishek again for their commitment and dedication to attend sessions and assist.



Girls Cricket At the Burra

We are lucky to have a large number of girls who are committed to play cricket at our club. As the area of girl's cricket continues to grow it is certainly an area our club should focus on next season with the establishment of girls and/or women's only teams.

We have sufficient numbers of junior girls in our club to enter a junior team in the Inner East Girls competition and we will explore this possibility in the off season. We also will look to continue to engage more women into our club into the future. Programs like the Social Sixes program which Abhishek coordinated throughout December, gives the club the opportunity to recruit and give an introduction into cricket to women within our local community. Which we hope can lead into entering ladies' teams in the local inner east ladies' competition.

Season 2022/23

Overall, the club's junior program continues to grow and we are proud of how far our programs have come over the last three seasons. This next year our juniors' teams and programs will make up half of our club's sides. The next step is to continue to consolidate our junior teams and recruit more player numbers into our Blast program for next season. We also need to ensure we allow opportunities for parents and other volunteers to be involved in the running of our programs.

SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

BATTING AWARD

FIRST XI | SHIVANAY GOUNDAN

SECOND XI | GEORGE ALLAN

THIRD XI | UDAI MAHENDRU

VETERAN XI | TIM MORTENSEN

T20 XI | HARI RAMBHATLA

BOWLING AWARD

FIRST XI | BEDE ALLSOPP

SECOND XI | VENKAT RAMAKRISHNAN

THIRD XI | N/A

VETERAN XI | SEAN HANEY

T20 XI | ADRIAN REUS

FIELDING AWARD

FIRST XI | BERT AHCHEEN

SECOND XI | AARYAN SINGH

THIRD XI | PRATIK WAGH & DISHANT SOLANKI & MARK BLUNDELL

VETERAN XI | DARREN VEITCH

CLUB AWARDS

COLIN MCDONAL CLUB CHAMPION | BERT AHCHEEN

DON MCLAINE BEST ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE | SHEHAN ABEYSINGHE & HARI RAMBHATLA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD | ABHISHEK PRATAP

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE SEASON | VIVEK ONAMALAI

MILESTONES

200 MATCHES | STEVE WOOD & ARJIT BANERJEE

4000 RUNS | ADRIAN REUS & BEN KILLEEN

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD | BEDE ALLSOPP (FIVE-WICKET HAUL)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD | GEORGE ALLAN (CENTURY PERFORMANCE)

FULL STATISTICS

1) SEASON STATISTICS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ykPDb1Z0j0XUVKf1J9PkqazNdw_3377jPW6zeJoi6k/edit

2) CAREER RECORDS CURRENT PLAYERS TILL 2021-22

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