



AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
CRICKET CLUB

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

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President's Statement

As I complete my tenth and final year as President, I am left with a feeling of immense pride and satisfaction, that as we are about to enter our one hundred and second season, this very special organization continues to retain its prestigious standing in the annals of not only Auckland Cricket, but within New Zealand Cricket as well.

One only has to flick through the pages of our outstanding Centenary presentation, the "Maiden Century", and read the many tributes written by those both inside and outside of the club, to realise the high esteem that the Auckland University Cricket Club is held in.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all past and present club members, especially those who have held positions of responsibility during their time, and challenge those who are prepared to step into the breach in the future to ensure that this great Club maintains the reputation it so richly deserves.

It has been an honour to serve as your President during this last decade, and I wish you all the very best for the years ahead.

Looking forward, the 2009-10 season is shaping up to be a very exciting one for the Club. The selection of Colin Maiden Park as the temporary home of the Auckland Aces during the Eden Park re-development will generate some significant opportunities for our Members and for the Club as a whole. We are already seeing the main ground being upgraded to 1st Class standard, and extended practice facilities being developed for Club use.

The re-location will give our Members the opportunity to watch the Aces practice and play in our own neighbourhood. There will also be opportunities for our members to mix and mingle with the Aces players, and for the Aces to be involved in a number of our Club events.

Senior Cricket

In the third year of the University-Ellerslie merger, the Premier team improved its final placing in the 2-day competition compared to the previous season, but performed disappointingly in Limited Overs and Twenty20.

The Premier Reserve team, however, performed outstandingly well once again, taking out the Twenty20 and 2-day titles, and finishing 4th in their Limited Overs competition.

Our Club's Senior 2-Day teams had mixed results:

- The Senior A team had a difficult season finishing 5th in the grade.
- The Senior C team was disappointed to be placed in the Middle Six of the Senior C Grade following the preliminary rounds, but more than made up for it by winning the Middle Six championship competition and bringing home an ACA grade-winner's pennant.
- The Club entered an additional team into the Senior C grade this season, which included some players who would normally have played Under 18. The Senior C Colts finished 16th out of 18 which was also rather disappointing.

Our Senior 1-Day teams all performed well in their respective grades. Rahul Sharma's 4A team and Dave Scragg's 4C "Iron Maiden" team both made it into their grade semi-finals but, alas, neither could progress into the grand finals.

TEAM	2008-09	2007-08
Premier - 2-Day	6 th	8 th
- Limited overs	10 th	7 th
- Twenty20	10 th	-
Premier Reserve - 2-Day	1 st	1 st
- Limited overs	4 th	7 th
- Twenty20	1 st	-
Senior A	5 th	2 nd
Senior C	7 th	4 th
Senior C Colts	16 th	-
1 Day 4 A	3 rd	5 th
1 Day 4 C	4 th	8 th
1 Day 5 B White	7 th	-
1 Day 5 B Green	6 th	3 rd
1 Day 6 B	6 th	6 th

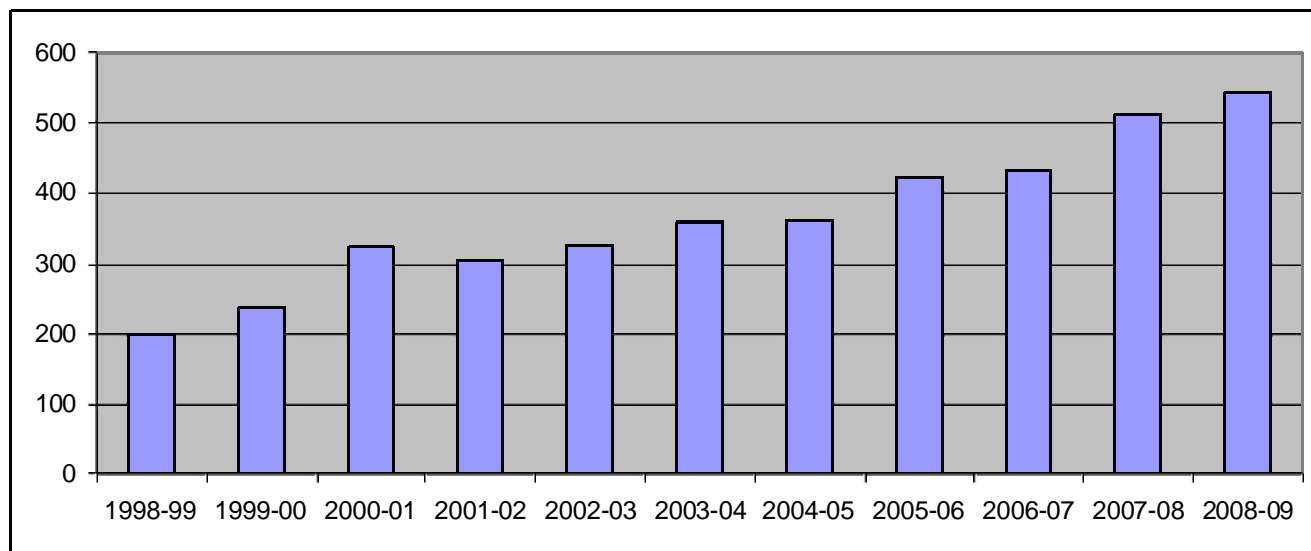
The Club introduced a new competition in February – Twilight Cricket. Played as 14-over matches on Tuesday evenings at Colin Maiden Park, 5 teams entered the "competition". It was a great success, attracting teams from not only parents and senior players within the Club, but also from outside business houses.

The emphasis was very much on "social", but this didn't inhibit good competitive games and several outstanding individual performances.

The success of this competition has clearly identified that there is a demand for evening, social cricket and the Club will be extending the opportunities next season.

Junior Cricket

A strong junior base is a significant feature of any good sporting club. Our junior membership continued its steady growth of recent years, reaching 548 in the 2008-09 season, which resulted in a record 46 Junior teams playing cricket on Saturdays.



The Milo programme for 5 and 6 year olds was again run on Friday afternoons with over 60 players registered. In line with NZ Cricket's Milo programmes, this teaches the skills and principles of cricket in a fun and exciting way to these young children. The programme is also a great way to develop some of our youth coaches in the Club. Every week, the children benefited from advice and coaching tips from youth and senior coaches within the Club.

Our Club was chosen as the showcase for the marketing team from Milo who reviewed their sponsorship package with New Zealand Cricket in March. This was a very successful day and a great credit to Shaun O'Brien and his team of coaches.

Our teams in Years 2-5 competed with teams from our Club and neighbouring clubs within EDCA - Parnell and Grafton – and enjoyed some excellent Saturday morning cricket.

The Saturday morning Years 6-8 competitions were run by Auckland Cricket for the first time this season. The Cricket Express Junior Leagues included teams from all clubs in Auckland, except for those based on the North Shore. Season results in these grades were outstanding with four ACA Grade Winners pennants being brought home by:

- Year 6 Premier Major Championship – **Colts**
- Year 6 Premier Minor Championship – **Chargers**
- Year 8A Championship – **Comets**
- Year 8B Championship – **Asteroids**

Not to be outdone, the Under 15 **Mavericks** also brought home two ACA Grade Winners pennants – the U15A Limited Overs and U15 Premier 2 Two Day Championships.

To receive six ACA pennants is an outstanding achievement for the Junior Club and is a reflection of the dedication by the parents involved in coaching and managing the teams, as well as the players themselves.

Our Year-level representative teams, the "Junior Blues", are selected to play in Sunday fixtures against a variety of clubs across Auckland.

It has been another good year for the Junior Blues who won a number of tournaments, including The Stephen Fleming Willow against the very strong Parnell Cricket Club, for the 2nd year running - an excellent achievement. The Bert Sutcliffe Memorial Cup fixture (Years 2-3 vs. Cornwall) proved to be a thriller, with the Year 2A game going to the last ball and eventually finishing in a TIE. What a difference one more run would have made!

AUCC JUNIOR TRADITIONAL FIXTURES RESULTS 2008-09		
Kohi Cup	Competed for annually against Ellerslie Club (Years 3-U18)	University 7 Ellerslie 1
The Stephen Fleming Willow	Competed for annually against Parnell Club (Years 3-7)	University 4 Parnell 1
Bert Sutcliffe Memorial Cup	Competed for annually against Cornwall Club (Year 2-3 only)	Cornwall 2½ University 1½
Haughey Cup	Competed for annually against Cornwall Club (Girls)	Cornwall 1 - 0
University Shield	Awarded to the winning Club at the annual PANPRINT Quadrangular Tournament (Year 4-7)	Cornwall (30 pts)
Scholars Cup	Awarded to the runner-up Club at the annual PANPRINT Quadrangular Tournament (Year 4-7)	Howick Pakuranga (21 pts)
Campus Bowl	Awarded to the Club finishing third at the annual PANPRINT Quadrangular Tournament (Year 4-7)	University (12 pts)
Students Mug	Awarded to the Club finishing fourth at the annual PANPRINT Quadrangular Tournament (Year 4-7).	Takapuna (9 pts)
Tamaki Cup	Competed for annually against Grafton Club	University 5 Grafton 3
Harold Bennett Trophy	Under 18 v Fingletoads	(Not played)

Our Traditional Fixture for the Eastern Bays Schools, the Primary Schools 6-a-side Tournament, was held in early November. Initial entries were at a record level with 12 schools competing. Unfortunately, the weather on day 2 forced a re-schedule and several teams were unable to attend on the rain date. However, 46 teams competed and the silverware was taken by:

Rangitoto Shield	Awarded to the Eastern Bays school finishing first at the annual AUCC Junior 6 a-side Tournament (Year 7-8)	Remuera Int (Boys) Remuera Int (Girls)
Waitemata Cup	Awarded to the Eastern Bays school finishing first at the annual AUCC Junior 6 a-side Tournament (Year 5-6)	Meadowbank (Boys) Churchill Park (Girls)
Akarana Plate	Awarded to the Eastern Bays school finishing first at the annual AUCC Junior 6 a-side Tournament (Year 3-4)	Meadowbank (Boys) St Thomas's (Girls)

Roll of Honour

There are three Club Premier Awards that our players aspire to. The standard of recipients for these trophies is always very high and this year's winners were no exception. Congratulations to:

- Rahul Sharma for receiving the prestigious "Mr Cricket" award, the **Laurie Schnauer Memorial Cup**. Captain of our 1-Day 4A team, Rahul accumulating 1270 Club Points, including a highest score of 184, five 50's, 26 wickets with the ball and 7 catches in the field.
- In the Junior Boys' section, the **J.T. Sparling Trophy** is given to a player who in the opinion of the Board of Management is the most outstanding player under the age of 18. This season Jonty Dineen was selected, having played regularly for the Senior A and Premier Reserve teams throughout the season, and making a significant number of outstanding contributions to both teams.
- This year's recipient of the **Emily Drumm Salver**, which is given to the most outstanding Junior Girl player, was Gemma Lord. Gemma had an outstanding season with both bat and ball, setting a new club record for most wickets in a season. Gemma was selected for the Auckland Secondary School Girls Elite team.

The Club was well represented in Auckland and Eastern Districts teams in 2008-09. Congratulations to:

Auckland Representative Honours

U17 Boys	Tom Ellis
Secondary School Girls Elite	Gemma Lord
Secondary School Girls Development	Alice Black
SSG Non-travelling Reserves	Rebecca Ellison, Amy Lole-Taylor
U15 Boys Development	Samuel Klippel
U14 Boys	Josh Fisher

EDCA Representative Honours

U17 Boys	Richard Skelton (A captain), Matt Ansell, Warren Barnes, Nic Byrnes, Kyle Dickson, Tom Ellis, Sam Flett, Jeremy Hutton, Maxi Ofner, Richard Sillars
Secondary School Girls	Alice Black, Eleanor Burkin, Lucy Creighton, Laura Edwards, Rebecca Ellison, Brittany Fisher, Alex Hurley, Amy Lole-Taylor, Gemma Lord, Sophie Pascoe, Katherine Walker
U15 Boys	Thomas Byrne, Tom Donnelly, Matthew Ellis, Sam Klippel, Sanjay Krishna, Cameron Lynch, Thomas Miller, Braedan Scally, Daniel Selby
U15 Girls	Juliet Bilkey, Maggie Dowd, Sophie Pascoe
U14 Boys	Josh Fisher, Pierce Fletcher, Duncan Grimson,
	Nick Hall, Tom Ritchie

Governance, Management and Volunteer Support

There are many who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes during the season. Their experience, motivation and passion for the game are invaluable and without them the Club would not be as strong and as well organised as it is today.

I extend personal thanks to all those who took on specific roles within our Club, and to the many other volunteers who contributed to another extremely successful season.

2008-09 Board of Management	
Patron	John Sparling
President	Rex Hooton
Board Member and Chairman	Philip Skelton
Vice Chancellor's Representative	John Hattie
Senior Club Captain	Vince Hurley
Junior Club Captain	Mark Robson
Secretary	Sheryll Ofner
Treasurer	Rama Krishna
Senior Playing Member	Simon Wood
Board Member	Harry Harris
Board Member	Graham Ansell
2008-09 Grade Convenors	
Senior Grade Convenor	Daniel Marsic
Senior One-Day Convenor	Harry Harris
Convenor (U18)	Heinz Ofner
Convenor (U15)	Brian Donnelly
Convenor (U14-Year 8)	John Fisher
Convenor (Year 7)	Susan Rayfield
Convenor (Year 6)	Trish Day
Convenor (Year 5)	Dinesh Patel
Convenor (Year 4)	Bruce Hawkes
Convenor (Year 3)	Natalie Stephan
Convenor (Year 2)	Mark Robson
Girls' Convenor	Richard Walker
2008-09 Club Management Team	
Junior Coaching Director	Shaun O'Brien
Club Manager	Richard Walker
Club Administrator	Diann Lewis

Season Review

At the end of the season, the Club undertook an extensive review with the Auckland Cricket Association as required by the 'Club Is The Hub' programme. As a Principal Club, AUCC is required to meet a number of criteria and is measured by a set of Key Performance Indicators which are negotiated and agreed to at the start of the season. The review also acts as input to the level of funding support from ACA for the following season.

The review confirmed that the Club continues to meet all the criteria and Principal Club status has been once again confirmed for the 2009-10 season. Some comments on several aspects of the review are as follows:

Player Recruitment and Retention

All KPI's were met. The Club is now the 4th largest in Auckland with 786 members as measured by the NZC Census Method. (The calculation is based on the actual player numbers in Years 0/1-4 and the number of teams from Year 5 through all Senior grades).

Coach Development

47 members of the Club, or parents of Junior members, attended Coach Training courses during the season. This was well in excess of our KPI target of 30, and puts the Club in a strong position with regard to availability of trained coaching support for our players.

Secondary School Support

Professional coaches from the Club were involved in training programmes for players at Sacred Heart, Selwyn and Glendowie Colleges. Maintaining regular contact and dialogue with the Secondary Schools in our area is essential in the transitioning of post-College players into the Club.

Management and Administration

All criteria were met. The Club's Strategic Plan was prepared in 2003-04 and all the objectives have been achieved. A sub-committee of the Board is currently updating the Plan for 2009-12 which needs to reflect the changing nature of the Club and set the goals for the next 4 years.

Facilities

Our grounds at Colin Maiden Park remain amongst the best in Auckland. There was some disruption to our facilities during the 2nd half of the 2008-09 season due to preparation for the Aces, however the replacement practice facilities being developed will be far superior to those we have lost.

Relationships with the University grounds staff are very good. Preparation of the grass wicket blocks for 2009-10 is well advanced, which will result in improved playing facilities for the coming season.

Sponsorship and Funding Contributors

Sponsorship for any club is vital, and our club is no different. Once again, the club has continued to build on its partnerships with its current sponsors.

Champs Sports continues its strong support for the Club. Champs has been our major sponsor for a number of seasons now and, along with Kookaburra, support our club financially, whilst also offering high quality sports gear at discounted prices to our members and the Club itself. I particularly wish to extend a very special thank you to both Champs and Douglas Johnson for their devoted sponsorship over this season.



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The Club is extremely grateful for donations received from the charitable trusts which supported us during the 2008-09 season. Without their support, the Club would be unable to operate in its present form.

AUCC acknowledges and thanks:



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