



# CLUB TALK

## AUCC NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME

I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break, and managed to enjoy some fine weather along the way!

Hopefully we have seen the back of the unsettled patch and can look forward to some fine days for the remainder of the season!

There has been plenty of action over the holiday break with the Aces retaining the HRV Twenty20 cup after beating the Canterbury Wizards in the final at Colin Maiden Park, while some of our Junior members have been participating in EDCA tournaments in Auckland, Hawkes Bay and Napier.

We are having another Junior Club Fun Night on Friday March 16th so mark your diaries. This is a great chance for our Junior members to meet some of our Senior Premiers players while the parents can relax and enjoy a drink upstairs in the Clubrooms.

### AUCKLAND REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following AUCC players who have been selected to represent Auckland.

Auckland A:

**Marc Ellison, Warren Barnes**

Auckland Under 18 Development:

**Josh Fisher, Sam Klippel, Jeremy Myers**

Auckland Year 9/10 Development:

**Maxim Wilson**

Auckland Primary School Boys:

**Finn Allen, Angus Anderson, Freddie Turner**

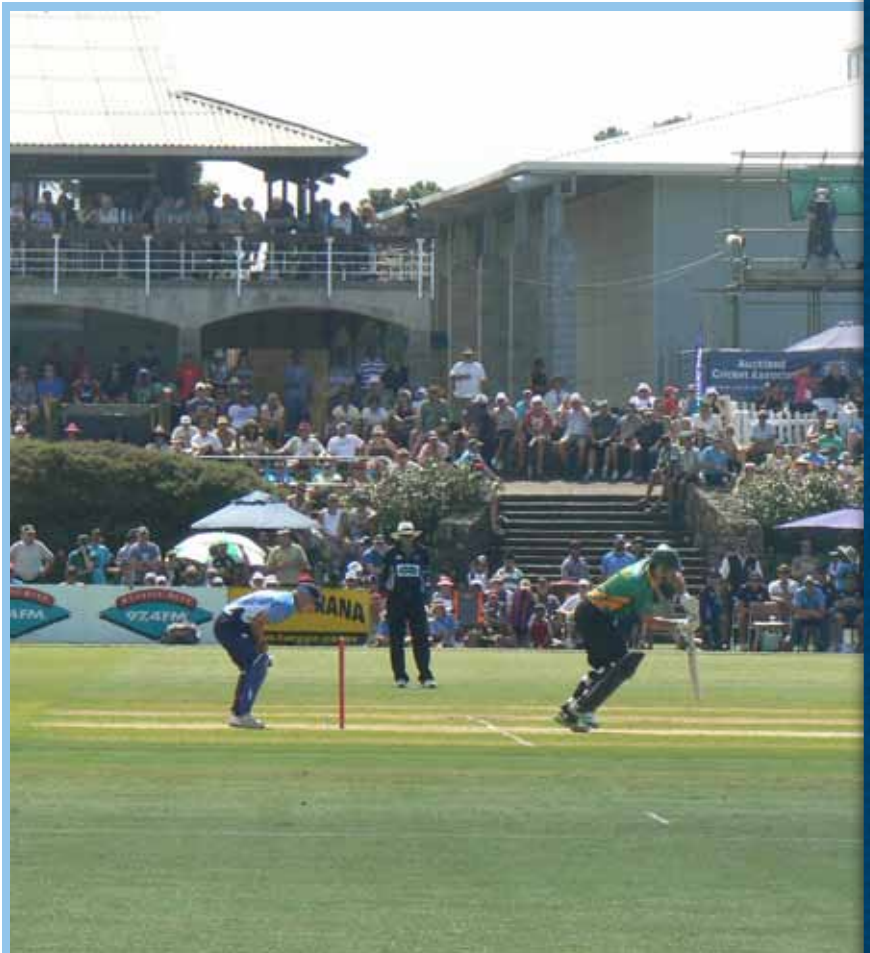
### KEY DATES

Some key dates to be aware of are:

- **February 21st (Tuesday)**  
- Team Photos for Years 3, 4, 6 and Girls U12,
- **March 7th (Wednesday) T**  
- Team Photos for Girls U11 and U14, Years 2, 5, 7, 8, and 9&10
- **March 16th (Friday)**  
- Junior Club Fun Night at Colin Maiden Park. Note the change in date.

#### Interclub Fixtures

- **February 19th (Sunday)**  
- HPCC Quadrangular Tournament Years 4-7
- **February 26th (Sunday)**  
- Kohi Cup v. Ellerslie (re-scheduled from Dec 4th)
- **March 11th (Sunday)**  
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- AUCC versus Parnell Years 2 and 3 (A and B)
- **March 18th (Sunday)**  
- Tamaki Cup versus Grafton (Years 2-U18; A and B teams)  
- Papatoetoe 6-a-side tournament – Senior Grades
- **April 1st (Sunday)**  
- Old Boys Day (details to be advised)



### ACES SCHEDULE AT COLIN MAIDEN

#### Plunket Shield 4 Day Competition

**Friday February 24**

- **Monday February 27 versus Wellington Firebirds**

**Friday March 9**

- **Monday March 12 versus Otago Volts**

**Sunday March 18**

- **Wednesday March 21 versus Northern Knights**



# SENIOR REPORT FROM OUR SENIOR CLUB CAPTAIN VINCE HURLEY

## PREMIER REPORT

In just a matter of days the Pregs were comprehensively knocked out of both the Jeff Crowe Cup (50 overs) and the Twenty20 Championship having gone into both final round matches with a starter's chance of progressing through into the top four.

With the first Jeff Crowe Cup match after New Year against Grafton abandoned without a ball being bowled, the Pregs had an overwhelming 10 wicket win over neighbours Ellerslie to set up a virtual winner takes all clash with East Coast Bays on January 21. However, with a number of regular first teamers

unavailable for a variety of reasons, including the competitions' leading run scorer Barrington Rowland, the team struggled through to 113 all out. ECB then knocked the runs off in the 21st over for the loss of just two wickets and the dream was gone.

The Twenty20 Championship was also a bit of a topsy-turvy ride for the Pregs with a memorable 8 run win against Howick Pakuranga, an 8 wicket thrashing of Ellerslie followed by an 8 wicket hiding at the hands of Papatoetoe in what was a must-win clash. The loss to Papatoetoe left three teams tied at the top of our

Twenty20 group and Howick Pakuranga went through to the semi finals on net run rate.

Moving on from the disappointment of both limited overs campaigns is now crucial for the Pregs as they re-embark on their Tom Hellaby Trophy (2-Day) campaign. 13 points behind competition leaders Grafton after five rounds, Uni face Birkenhead City away then Waitakere at home in the next four weeks where their chances of promotion into the Top Eight for 2012-13 will be laid on the line.

THE MENS PREMIER MATCH REPORTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE EACH WEEK

## AN UPDATE FROM OUR SENIOR B1 TEAM

It's been a winning season so far for the Club's 3rd XI. The team currently sits at the top of the B1 grade table and have already won the 1-Day portion of the competition. If the team performs well in the 2-Day section of the draw and finish top they will be promoted to the Senior A grade next season. Asked what the difference is this season, captain and all-rounder Jamie Grupen-Hall replied: "This season we have seen a lot of the guys step-up and contribute. Usually we rely too much on one or two players to win us the game and it's great to see both the older and younger guys get the runs and take the wickets - especially when the team is in trouble". There have been some outstanding efforts which have got the team to where it is, here are the top performers so far:

- Josh Fisher  
31 wickets (including a 10 wickets in a match, 5-1 & 5-27)
- Jamie Grupen-Hall  
18 (5-21) wickets,
- Daniel Marsic  
254 (HS 72) runs
- Robert Dunbar  
183 (HS 74) runs

Finally, the team would like to thank Panelzone panel beating for their support this season!



Photo: The B1's celebrating a thrilling win against Cornwall after a clutch final wicket partnership between Josh Fisher 59\* (2nd on left) and Ryan Sefuiva 38\*

# NEW SENIOR PARTNERSHIP RECORD

A staggering partnership of 333 between Marc Ellison and Barrington Rowland gave Auckland University a memorable victory over Waitakere City and in doing so both players set a new senior club record for a second wicket partnership.

Waitakere amassed a mammoth 372/9, with opener Aaron Jeavons making a sublime 160.

The Englishman must have thought his knock was enough to give his side first innings points, but on day two the visitors took their opportunity to cash in on a flat Te Atatu Park track.

Opener Stuart Wood set the tone cracking some early boundaries but

once he was dismissed captain Ellison and coach Rowland began to make hay.

The pair saw off the new ball threat and then began compiling a partnership which is certain to be remembered as one of the greatest in University history. Coming together at 11.15, they were still at the crease six and a half hours later as they continued to make the home bowlers toil.

For Rowland it was his second century of the season. Facing 260 balls, he was particularly severe square of the wicket, cutting, pulling and sweeping seemingly with ease, before he was eventually dismissed for 155.

Skipper Ellison reached the 150 mark for the second consecutive game, and hasn't been dismissed in premier cricket since round three. His unbeaten 192 from 269 balls included 5 sixes, and no fewer than 24 fours.

With nine overs to spare University secured first innings points and in the final over broke the 400 barrier, before finishing a remarkable day on 401/2.

Waitakere City 372/9 (A Jeavons 160, A Kitchen 77, S Curtis 76, S Andrews 3-46, W Barnes 3-83) lost to Auckland University 401/2 (M Ellison 192\*, B Rowland 155) on first innings.

## PRESIDENTS CUP & ANDERSON CUP LEADERS

Josh Fisher (B1) appears to have one hand on the Presidents Cup, the bowling trophy for the Senior Grades, with two months to go. The Anderson Cup, the bowling trophy for the One Day grades, is a different affair and looks like going down to the wire with Vaughan Johnson (5A) and Jared De Pont (4C) both tied on 22 wickets! They are being chased by Jignesh Pathak (4A) who has taken 17 wickets with a stack of players sitting on 14-15 wickets.

Fisher has been outstanding with the ball this season having already sneered 28 wickets, 10 ahead of Jamie Grupen-Hall (B1) and Chris Dineen (Premiers). In his

last game Fisher took an impressive 10 wickets in the match against Suburbs New Lynn and his good form has been recognised with representative selection in the Auckland Under 18 team.

Richard Sillars (Premier Reserves) who has sneered 15 wickets this season, looks odds on to take out the Spurdle Trophy (best bowling figures) with his 8-67 for the Premier Reserves.

The late Dr Robert (Bob) Bell would be most pleased with these performances. Bob who bowled off spin is recognised as the most successful bowler in the Club's history having amassed an incredible 1209 wickets (Club Record)

during his long career with the Club which spanned well over 40 years from 1957-93. He took 10 wickets in an innings 4 times with best bowling figures of 10-31. Bob never played Premier cricket but playing for the Fingletoads in 1984 he clean bowled former England test opener John Edrich and he was no slug having scored 310 against the Black Caps in 1965! Past players will tell you that on at least one occasion the Anderson Cup was presented to Bob at the start of the season, such was his prolific wicket taking rate! Bob Bell died in 1995 just a couple of seasons after his final club game and he is a Life Member of the Club.

## COACHING UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF COACHING NIGEL FLETCHER

Welcome back to all AUCC Junior cricketers, parents and team coaches. I trust you are all raring to go for the second half of the season.

The Club's coaching team has been working hard to ensure that plans are in place to support all team coaches and also the Club's Junior Representative teams' coaches. Please contact Marc

Ellison, the Club's Junior Coaching Coordinator if you require further, or specific, assistance.

Marc is also available for private one on one coaching, manages the Club's coaching team, supervises our Year 0 and 1 Friday sessions, the free Years 2-4 Monday coaching sessions, and ensures that our volunteer team coaches receive

the assistance they require.

Marc can be contacted on 022-108-7674 and marcellison1986@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or cannot contact Marc for any reason, please contact the Club's Director of Coaching, Nigel Fletcher ph 021-424222 or nigel@fletcherz.com

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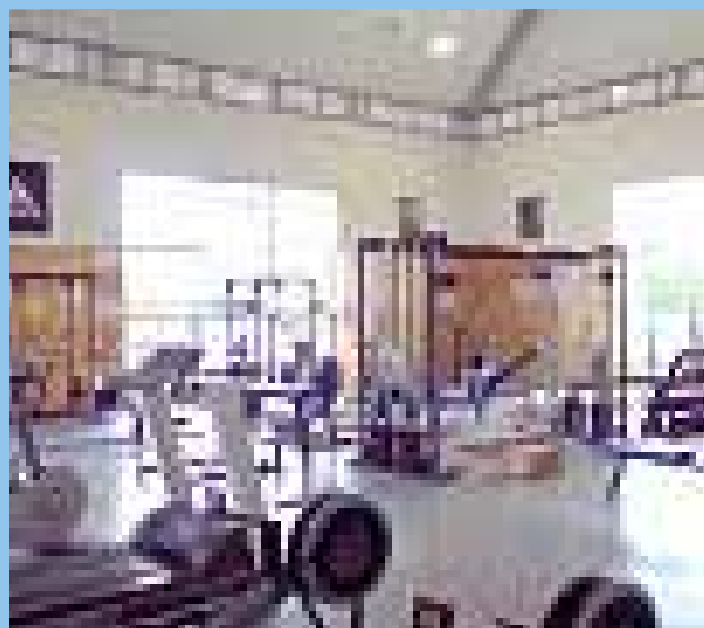
Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following discounts for gym memberships.

**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.

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