



# “CROW CALLS”

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**IT'S TIME FOR FEATHERS TO FLY!**

***THE 2008-09 SEASON IS HERE***

# CLUB DIRECTORY - 2008-09

## **THE COMMITTEE**

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	Aiden Sloan	0421 986 858

## **COACH & CAPTAINS**

Senior Coach	- Dave Clough
First XI Captain	- Peter Brown
Second XI Captain	- Paul Tunnicliffe
Third XI Captain	- Ali Saeed
Fourth XI Captain	- Kristen Judge

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**PLAYER SUBS (DUE BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2008)**

**SENIOR PLAYERS - \$250**

**FULL-TIME STUDENTS - \$150**

**IF NOT PAID BY THIS DATE, MATCH FEES WILL BE \$20 PER WEEK**

If you are unavailable for any matches, please let Dave Clough or your captain know.

The club has a supply of club shirts and shorts available should you need to purchase them. Please see Adam Wilson or Evan Pappas.

#### **WEBSITES**

**(add them to your "Favourites" menu)**

Willetton Crows Cricket Club

[www.willettoncrows.com](http://www.willettoncrows.com)

South Metropolitan Cricket Association

[www.smcacricket.com](http://www.smcacricket.com)

**WILLETTON CROWS CRICKET CLUB, PO Box 530, Willetton, WA, 6155.**

# WILLETTON CROWS v FERNDALE-LYNWOOD

Two teams travelled to Ferndale Reserve to represent the Willetton Crows in practice mates against the Ferndale-Lynwood Cricket Club, with the First side being successful and the Second side were narrowly defeated.

Playing on the top oval under skies which threatened rain at stages, the First side fielded first with Ferndale making 5-153 from their 30 overs. Richard Oliver snared 3-29 from 6 overs and Shaun Griffiths finished with figures of 2-20, with most bowlers faring well with the ball.

In reply, the Willetton Crows started well with Owen Lawton (15 including one six) and Elliott McLaughlin (19) adding 22 for the first wicket and McLaughlin combined with skipper Peter Brown to add a further 22 for the second wicket.

Runs came at a steady rate throughout the innings, with 51 runs came from the first ten overs, 62 from the second ten and 53 from the final ten overs.

Some solid batting by Brown (45 retired, including 5 fours and one six), Shaun Griffiths (33 with 3 fours and a six), Rob Simm (18 retired) and Richard Oliver (16) ensured that the Crows reached victory with a score of 6-166.

On the lower oval, the Second side batted first and made a steady start in blustery conditions. Most batsmen were able to spend at least four or five overs at the crease gaining valuable centre wicket practice.

Paul Tunnicliffe top-scored with 20, Ashbeel Sikander worked hard for his 17 and captain Derek Mott made an unbeaten 10 at the end of the innings as the Willetton Crows finished with 6-100.

Ferndale were well-held early on by the bowling and only some attacking batting by two batsmen just before the drinks break proved to be the difference between the two sides.

The Crows were impressive in the field and Ashbeel Sikander (1-8), Rob Sims (1-9), Apratim Dasdidar (1-13) and Tim Spears (1-16) all took wickets. At the close of play, Ferndale-Lynwood finished with 4-109 from their 30 overs.

We would like to thank the committee and players of the Ferndale-Lynwood Cricket Club for their fine hospitality and the great spirit in which both matches were played. I am sure that all four sides that took the field would have got value out of the hit-out and we hope that their club does well this season.



# AROUND THE S.M.C.A.

The arduous task of compiling the SMCA fixtures was completed for all grades early in October (the First Grade fixtures were completed some time earlier as their competition commenced on October 4). Problems with fixtures were exacerbated by the fact that clubs decided not to schedule matches for January 3 after initially agreeing to this earlier in the year. This season will see 84 teams will be competing in ten grades.

Umpiring numbers are slightly down on last year - a problem that is not isolated to just our association. Clubs need to be aware of their responsibilities towards umpires in terms of "doing the right thing". Umpires will be paid \$100 per playing day this season.

The SMCA's Cricket West Cup campaign begins on October 26 with a match against Wanneroo at Sutherlands Park, Gosnells. There is an added incentive for SMCA representative players with Cricket West travelling to Bunbury to play the Bunbury & District Cricket Association on Sunday January 11, 2009. A Senior side and a Colts side will make the journey.

The new MyCricket system has a section for clearances, which has superseded paper forms. It must be noted that if a clearance is not responded to within 14 days, then the clearance will become automatic.

Don't forget that the SMCA Radio Show is able to be heard each Saturday between 10.00am and 10.30am on Sport FM (91.3).

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Thanks to all of those people who have provided the club with feedback for the first edition of hopefully many editions of *Crow Calls*.

Next month will see a return to 12-page editions, and contain match reports for each of the four sides, as well as ladders and fixtures plus the lighter side of things including player profiles and the "Sundries" column.

*Crow Calls* will be published once a month and will be available either in printed form in the clubrooms, or else it can be viewed in (and printed from) the Newsletter section of the club website, which is [www.willettoncrows.com](http://www.willettoncrows.com).

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## PLAYER UNAVAILABILITY

**If you are going to be unavailable for any matches during the season, could you please let Dave Clough or your team captain know as soon as possible so that they can make a notice of your unavailability.**

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city tavern



# EARLY SEASON PREVIEW

The Willetton Crows Cricket Club committee has worked hard during the off-season to ensure that their on-field fortunes improve after a season where no sides reached the finals.

The club appointed Dave Clough as captain and were able to secure the services of Peter Brown as the First XI captain. In addition, the club has gained the services of players such as all-rounder John Gallagher from Kardinya, paceman Brendan Hornby from Leeming and all-rounder Nick Macek from Kardinya.

Brown is optimistic about the club's prospects for the season saying that "with the squad we have, if we can all stay fit and play as a team, I would be very disappointed if we did not make top four and play finals.

"Our potential as a group is one that will, and can, achieve great things this season and I intend to make it an enjoyable year for all involved."

He is also keen to see the club as a whole thrive on the field, noting that "there is a great vibe going around the club, so hopefully that continues throughout the season. I plan to help and develop not just the Second Grade squad but anyone else at the club I can in anyway, shape or form."

It will not be long for the Crows' First XI are able to gauge their level of improvement from last summer, with their first two matches being against teams that didn't make the Second Grade finals. They visit East Fremantle at Preston Point in a one-dayer before hosting CBC. Following a home match against Phoenix, the Crows travel across the Roe Highway to Thornlie, who finished just one point above the Crows last year. The side finishes November with a return match against CBC at Booragoon.

The Second XI have a more unknown run through the early rounds. After playing CBC at Booragoon in the first round and Thornlie at Willetton Reserve (two sides that also didn't make the Fourth Grade finals, the Crows meet unknown quantities Cockburn and Maddington in the next three rounds - two of those being return clashes against the Cavaliers.

With increased depth in the playing ranks, there are higher expectations than last season's five wins and nine losses. Players striving to play Second Grade will have to perform to get there and continue performing to remain a part of the side. This will undoubtedly benefit both the Second Grade and Fourth Grade sides.

The Third XI have been graded in One Day A for this season and will be the first side to meet new boys Murdoch University when the Crows travel to Murdoch before playing one day powerhouses Forrestdale away and further potentially challenging matches against Leeming (at home), Phoenix, Armadale (twice in November), Cockburn and Kenwick.

An exciting addition to the club is our new Fourth XI, who have been assigned to the One Day D competition. Willetton will meet a Kenwick and Canning Districts twice before the end of November, as well as meeting Kelmscott, Maddington, Kardinya Lakes and Armadale.

The logo for John Hughes ParkFord, featuring the name in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

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## **“SUNDRIES” ... the lighter side of cricket**

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### **RIGHT ARM GRUBBERS? ...**

Until the 1750s, the ball was delivered to the batsman by rolling the ball along the ground. The bowlers relied upon speed and the bumps and hollows in the pitch to catch a batsman off guard. Between the 1750s and 1828, the ball was allowed to be propelled towards the batsman using bounce and twisting or “spinning” the ball in the hand was allowed. As a result of this change, pitches had to be rolled to flatten them out.

Round arm bowling (the ball delivered with a straight arm at shoulder height) was the dominant form of bowling between 1828 and 1864. This form of bowling allowed increased speed and variation in bounce and flight. At times, the bowler’s arm rose above shoulder level in order to have greater control over direction to the extent that in 1864, over arm bowling was legalised.

Over arm, round arm and underarm pitching were all used in the 1860s, but the use of round arm bowling disappeared soon after and the use of underarm “lobs” continued until the early 20th century. In 2005, the laws were altered to allow a bowler’s arm to bend up to 15 degrees from the vertical at the point of delivery.

*From: “Aggers’ Special Delivery” by Jonathan Agnew with Nick Constable.*

### **CRICKET IN ... AUSTRIA**

Cricket in Austria began its development in 1975 when Kerry Tattersall, an Australian in Austria teaching English, founded the Vienna Cricket Club. Other clubs sprung up and by 1990, Austria sent a national team to the European Cricketer Cup in Guernsey, finishing seventh out of ten nations.

Cricket is mainly played by players of Indian, Pakistani or Sri Lankan descent and Austria did not play any international matches between 2003 and 2006. Their return to international cricket has been more successful, having scored their highest team total (9-321 against the Czech Republic in Vienna).

*From: “Encyclopedia of World Cricket”, compiled by Roy Morgan.*

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## **PLAYER PROFILE ... DAVE CLOUGH**

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Dave Clough knows what is needed to win a premiership - he’s played in eleven of them!

He won eight premierships in thirteen years with Air Force sides from all around Australia, two with South Brisbane and one with Penrith in a career with Air Force teams, Penrith, South Brisbane and Sunshine, as well as 22 years of indoor cricket with Queensland and WA. He captained the Victorian Forces team, won a metropolitan Cricketer of the Year award, won selection in the Australian indoor squad and has been a six-time WA representative.

Dave’s most memorable day of cricket was where he scored an unbeaten 108 for Sunshine and backed that effort by taking six wickets. In sheer contrast, the day he would rather forget was when he batted twice in a day for an aggregate of two balls.

His greatest cricketing influence came from his coach John Benaud and he would like to be at the helm when the Crows a clean sweep of premierships.

# W.C.C.C. FIXTURES - 2008-09

## FIRST XI

### *(Second Grade)*

#### **October**

11	East Fremantle	Preston Point
18/25	CBC	Burrendah

#### **November**

1/8	Phoenix	Willetton A
15/22	Thornlie	Berehaven
29	CBC	Karoonda North

#### **December**

6	Hilton Palmyra	Melville
13	Leeming	Willetton A
20	Thornlie	Willetton A

#### **January**

10	Maddington	Willetton A
17	Phoenix	Tempest
24/31	East Fremantle	Willetton A

#### **February**

1	One Day Final	
7/8	Maddington	Harmony Fields South
14/21	Leeming	John Connell
28/7	Hilton Palmyra	Willetton A

#### **March**

14/15	Semi-Finals
21/22	Final

## SECOND XI

### *(Fourth Grade)*

#### **October**

11	CBC	Karoonda North
18/25	Thornlie	Willetton A

#### **November**

1/8	Cockburn	Enright
15/22	Maddington	Harmony Fields South
29	Cockburn	Burrendah

#### **December**

6	East Fremantle	Webber
13	Maddington	Burrendah
20	Hilton Palmyra	Hilton South

#### **January**

10	Thornlie	Cassidy Street
17	Phoenix	Burrendah
24/31	CBC	Burrendah

#### **February**

1	One Day Final	
7/8	East Fremantle	Willetton A
14/21	Hilton Palmyra	Willetton A
28/7	Phoenix	Anning

#### **March**

14/15	Semi-Finals
21/22	Final

## THIRD XI

### *(One Day A)*

#### **October**

11	Murdoch University	Murdoch Uni
18	Forrestdale	William Skeet
25	Leeming	Willetton B

#### **November**

1	Phoenix	Goodchild
8	Armada	Burrendah
15	Cockburn	Willetton A
22	Kenwick	Willetton A
29	Armada	Willetton A

#### **December**

6	Forrestdale	Willetton A
13	Leeming	Trevor Gribble
20	Phoenix	Anning

#### **January**

10	Murdoch University	Willetton B
17	Cockburn	Enright
24	Kenwick	Mills West
31	Armada	Gwynne

#### **February**

7	Forrestdale	William Skeet
8	Leeming	Willetton B
14	Phoenix	Burrendah
21	Murdoch University	Murdoch Uni
28	Cockburn	Burrendah

#### **March**

7	Kenwick	Willetton B
14	Semi-Finals	
21	Final	

## FOURTH XI

### *(One Day D)*

#### **October**

11	Kenwick	Mills East
18	Kelmscott	Burrendah
25	Maddington	Harmony Fields South

#### **November**

1	Kenwick	Mills East
8	Kardinya Lakes	Willetton B
15	Canning Districts	Coker
22	Armada	Willetton B
29	Canning Districts	Coker

#### **December**

6	Riverton-Rostrata	Willetton B
13	Riverton-Rostrata	Rossmoyne High
20	Kelmscott	Willetton B

#### **January**

10	Armada	Burrendah
17	Kardinya Lakes	Alan Edwards
24	Maddington	Willetton B
31	Kelmscott	Frye

#### **February**

7	Armada	Gwynne
8	Kardinya Lakes	Burrendah
14	Canning Districts	Coker
21	Maddington	Willetton B
28	Kenwick	Mills West

#### **March**

7	Riverton-Rostrata	Burrendah
14	Semi-Finals	
21	Final	

