

Our cricket's Top 12 a real family affair



Cameron Day ... like Dad, on the Top 12 short list.

Three father-son combinations are among the short-listed players for Warrandyte Cricket Club's Top 12 of the last half-century, to be announced next month.

They are the late Les Adams and his son Peter, the late Allan Chapman and his son John and Jeff and Cameron Day.

Peter and John still play with Warrandyte's veterans team and Cameron is a member of the first eleven.

Cameron, Chris Snaidero, Gerald Walshe, Steve Bell, Dave Mooney, Greg Tregear and Tony Sturesteps are the current-day players to be short-listed.

The Top 12 are the best dozen first eleven players to have represented the club between 1950-2000 as selected by a panel of life members.

To be eligible for the short list, a player was required to have played at least 50 games for the club and scored more than 1000 runs or taken more than 100 wickets in the first eleven. Wicketkeepers had to have made a minimum 100 first eleven dismissals.

The short list from which the final 12 will be chosen names

A sorry, soggy start

The start of Warrandyte Cricket Club's 2000-01 season on October 7 was a washout.

Not a ball was bowled in the senior eleven's scheduled home game against Wonga Park, which was rescheduled as a one-day fixture the following Saturday.

Ironically, a couple of kilometres away at Stinton Reserve, the weather was kind enough to allow part of a day's play in the third eleven's game — although the Bushrangers probably now regret it.

Warrandyte were bowled out for 78 and Wonga Park were 2/90 in reply.

Rain has dogged the opening of several recent cricket seasons. The first two rounds of 1996-97 were abandoned, 1995-96's start was rain-affected and 1994-95's washed out.

the abovementioned players and also includes Wayne Amiguet, Richard Bowen, Mark Davis, Colin Dorning, Graeme Jacobs, Fred Jungwirth, Bruce Kline, Graeme Lloyd, Steve Pascoe, Darren Peters, John Sharman, David Sloan, Robert White and Alan Woolcock.

The Top 12 will be named at a function at the clubrooms on November 25.

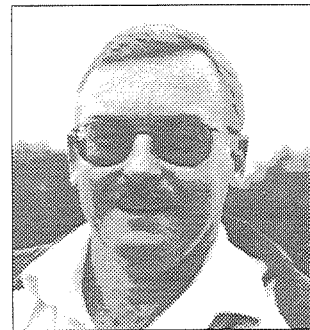
This is an important night for the club," said president Nick

Fazzolari. "It is important to recognise the the contributions made by players from the past and for current-day players to acknowledge the traditions created by our top players."

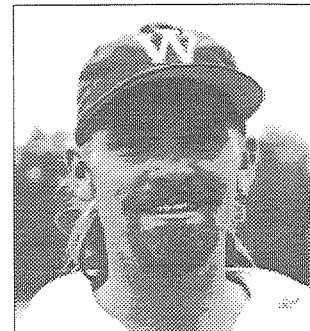
Tickets for the night are \$30 a head, which includes a three-course meal.

Seats are limited because of space restrictions.

Further details are available from Robert White (9846 5188) or John Chapman (9844 3058).



Steve Pascoe



David Mooney

The Dytes' dynamic dozen

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The late Allan Chapman, whose name remains synonymous with cricket in this town, has been paid the ultimate compliment by the club he served for so long and with such distinction.

At a special dinner late last month, Warrandyte Cricket Club named him captain of the top 12 players of the past half-century.

The best 12 first eleven players to have represented the club between 1950-2000 were selected by the 16 surviving life members after considering a short list of 26 who had played a minimum 50 games, scored more than 1000 runs or taken more than 100 wickets in the first eleven or completed more than 100 dismissals as a wicketkeeper.

The life members named former captain-coach John Sharman vice-captain. The other members of the Top 12 are Allan Chapman's son John, Graeme Jacobs, Fred Jungwirth, Bruce Kline, Graeme Lloyd, Steve Pascoe, Greg Tregear, Gerald Walshe, Robert White and Alan Woolcock.

John Salter, who captained Warrandyte's last Chandler Shield team in 1982-83, presented the awards to the chosen players.

Among the dinner guests on November 25 was Jim Harris who at 82 is understood to be one of the oldest surviving former players.

The presentation night also provided former teammates with the opportunity to catch up with each other and relive matches long gone by.

The selection of Allan Chapman as captain of the Top 12 came as no surprise. He first played for

Warrandyte in the late 1930s and retired in the early 1970s.

Chapman opened the bowling and batting for the club and in the 1958-59 premierships season in the Box Hill Reporter Association won both the batting and bowling awards.

He played in five premierships teams and has long been regarded as Warrandyte's premier cricketer.

Chapman died almost 20 years ago but left a great cricketing legacy.

Elder son John was also named in the Top 12 and the other son, Brian, gave the club great service. Both are life members.

Daughters Sue and Jenny (also a life member) both played for the Warrandyte women's eleven, Sue captaining the side and representing Australia in matches against India.

John Sharman captained Warrandyte to their last Chandler Shield grand final and was highly regarded for his batting and leadership skills. He scored 2217 runs for the club at an average of 40.31.

John Chapman first played in the senior team as a 15-year-old and often opened the batting with his father. He also kept wickets and has been president, secretary, treasurer and captain of the club.

Chapman scored 3693 runs and made 190 dismissals. He is currently chairman of selectors and captain of Warrandyte's over-40s veterans team.

Graeme Jacobs was a dour left-handed opening batsman who made 1304 runs at an av-



The best of the best — 11 of Warrandyte Cricket Club's top 12 of the past half-century. Back row (from left): Greg Tregear, Gerald Walshe, Fred Jungwirth, John Chapman, Graeme Jacobs, Bruce Kline, Alan Woolcock. Front: John Sharman, Graeme Lloyd, Steve Pascoe, Robert White.

erage of 37.26. Jacobs was an accomplished all-round sportsman, having played in Melbourne's last VFL/AFL premierships team in 1964.

Fred Jungwirth belonged to Warrandyte's golden era of premierships between 1979 and 1983, when the club won an A-grade and two Chandler Shield titles.

Jungwirth bowled leg spin, taking 115 wickets and making 945 runs. He plays on as a member of the club's over-50s veterans team.

Bruce Kline is regarded as the best wicketkeeper ever to represent Warrandyte. A brother of former Test spinner Lindsay Kline, he was responsible for 134 dismissals, 90 of which

were stumpings.

Graeme Lloyd was considered the most influential player in the Ringwood district competition in the early 1980s and played a major role in two Chandler Shield premierships.

He took 66 wickets in the 1980-81 season and 71 in 1982-83. In all, he took 224 wickets for Warrandyte at the remarkable

average of 11.96.

Steve Pascoe was recruited from Norwood as captain-coach and was a natural leader both on and off the field. He opened the bowling and batted in the middle order, taking 174 wickets and scoring 3041 runs.

Pascoe was also president, secretary and treasurer of the club and is now president of the Ringwood District Cricket Association. He still plays in the clubs over-40s and over-50s veterans teams.

Greg Tregear is a former club captain and highly regarded as a top-order batsman, scoring 3371 runs at an average of 32. He retains a strong interest in the club and is currently treasurer.

Gerald Walshe was just 16 when he first played in Warrandyte's first eleven and earned the nickname "Pup". A tireless opening bowler, he holds the club's senior eleven wicket-taking record with 353, with an innings best performance of 7-53. He has also scored 1672 runs.

Robert White is a former captain and president of the club. He holds the first eleven record of 11 centuries in a total of 3600 runs. An all-rounder, his best bowling figures are 8-28 including a hat-trick.

He is a member of Warrandyte's over-40s veterans team and also currently plays for the first eleven.

Alan Woolcock was a left-arm orthodox off-spin bowler who took 183 wickets at an average of 13.14. A former captain of the club and a former member of its executive, he still plays in Warrandyte's veterans teams.

