

Back row: David Stockley, Darren Peters, Adrian Utt, Jim Tsiotinas,
Stewart Smead, Richard Webb, Serge D'Angelo, Alan Vitiritti.
Seated: Mark O'Loughlin, Vermont scorer.
Batting: Jim Gathercole (c), Andy King



Whacko for our

By CLINTON GRYPBAS

Warrandyte Cricket Club's fourth eleven went part of the way to atoning for the defeats of the firsts and seconds by winning their grand final against Vermont.

Paced by a blistering 188 from last year's premiership football coach Darren Peters, the Dytes were always in control after winning the toss and batting.

With captain Jim Gathercole playing his final game for the club before retirement, Warrandyte won 464 to 315.

Peters set the tone for his big knock with a six to open his account "That's my natural style," he said. "I'm not going to hang around and wonder."

While acknowledging he had "a bit of a day out", Peters also had plenty of praise for his teammates.

"Mark O'Loughlin batted very well. He stuck around for a long time and was the backbone with 52," he said.

With Jim Tsiontas and Richard Webb each contributing 44, the Dytes' big total was always going to be unreachable.

Vermont had a go at it after tumbling to 5/160 and reached 6/270 before Serg D'Angelo came on to clean up a frustrating partnership.

His 4/10 off just four overs sent everyone home early, after Peters had earlier topped off a great game with 4/52.

For Jim Gathercole, the win was a great swansong to a long career.

"It was a real grind at the start of the season," he said. "We had an uphill battle and lost three of our first five games. But since Christmas we've just annihilated the opposition. I'm extremely happy with our guys, and Darren Peters was brilliant."

Peters paid tribute to Gathercole for his efforts with the club over many years.

"He's been fantastic. Full of encouragement. He gives the young guys a chance and has great spirit," he said.

"While he's not the most el-

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egant cricketer in the world you can never question his attitude or commitment to the game. He gives it his all."

Meanwhile, the seconds were ruing what could only be described as a blown chance, allowing Croydon North to score 156 after having them 9/39 in their final. Warrandyte could manage just 95 in reply.

Steve Warr had crashed through the top order with a superb 6/30, but just as the Dytes were thinking about donning the pads the two tailenders took to the bowling and hammered 68 and 49 respectively.

The 117-run partnership was helped along by a couple of grassed chances.

When eventually it was broken Warrandyte was still in with a great chance, but a couple of disastrous run-outs put paid to their chances after Dale Vitiritti had made 24 and Jon Barker 19.

Captain Russell Dorning was in two moods after the game.

"Most definitely I'm disappointed to lose the game, but I'm happy about how the season went," he said.

"The object of the seconds is to teach the players for the first level. If your twos are having a good season, it normally goes that your ones are also having a good season. But we're disappointed with the grand final—that's what you aim and play cricket for."

A young roughie romps in

Vermont's Craig Wallace, an outsider, easily beat 29 other riders home to win the inaugural Warrandyte festival cycling race. Wallace set a cracking pace over the nine-kilometre course to finish in 14 minutes 51 seconds. Mark Carlton was second.

A hotly-contested junior event was won by Cameron Donald by just three seconds from Mat Chable. Baden Hall was third.

Sandra Coull, 9, defeated her only rival, Lynne Cappellani, by 56 seconds in the women's race.

Young Mike's day

By JUDY GREEN

Warrandyte tennis has a new men's club champion. Sixteen year-old Mike Howell defeated Gary Busby in three sets to take out the title at the club championship finals, held at the Taroon Avenue courts last month.

The ladies' singles title was won by Melanie Rankin for the seventh successive year and Rob White defeated Jim McHugh in the newly-established men's veteran section.

Warrandyte teams, at both junior and senior levels, were well represented in the finals of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Lawn Tennis Association's summer season held recently. Seven junior teams reached the grand finals, with four victorious on the day.

They were: Mixed 12 (Hayden Waterham, Nick Pelich, Jarrod Casey, Jessica Bennett, Lorena Valentine, Zoe White); Boys 8 (Michael Clarke, Clayton Swain, Damon Gauntlett, Liam Mulcahy, Marcus Meade); Boys 13 (Phillip Rance, Alex Thomson, Mathew Lynch, Wesley Ballinger, Jason McGauchie); Girls 4 (Suzanne Beasley, Lisa Cuttriss, Jacqui Dick, Fiona Dawson, Justine Peterson).

At the senior level, Section 15 (Ken Adlam, Tim Oriander, Dale Farmer, Jenny Van Der Haar and Heather Farmer) were winners on the day, while the Section 20 team were runners-up.

Also completed in March were the finals of the mid-week ladies' Tuesday competition, where Section C7 (Marg White, Di Fraser, Marg Molloy and Lynette Hose) brought home the flag. Section A9 were runners-up.

The club has entered four teams—three men's and one ladies'—in the upcoming Tennis Victoria Pennant competition.

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

A Grade: Men's Singles—Mike Howell d Gary Busby; **Ladies' Singles**—Melanie Rankin d Janine Phillips; **Men's Doubles**—Fabio Forlano-Luke Bennett d Claes Ruegg-David Green; **Ladies' Doubles**—Melanie Rankin-Melissa Kerkhof d Janine Phillips-Kim Edwards; **Mixed Doubles**—Fabio Forlano-Christie Lawrence d Gary Busby-Jenny Stubbs.

B Grade: Men's Singles—Richard Lowe d Paul Reid; **Ladies' Singles**—Pat Adlam d Zoe White; **Men's Doubles**—Geoff French-Richard Lowe d Paul Reid-Cameron McBain; **Ladies' Doubles**—Michelle Gilling-Val Mackintosh d Pat Adlam-Sue Thomas; **Mixed Doubles**—Ian and Martlyn Moore d Rob and Zoe White.

Men's Veterans: Rob White d Jim McHugh.