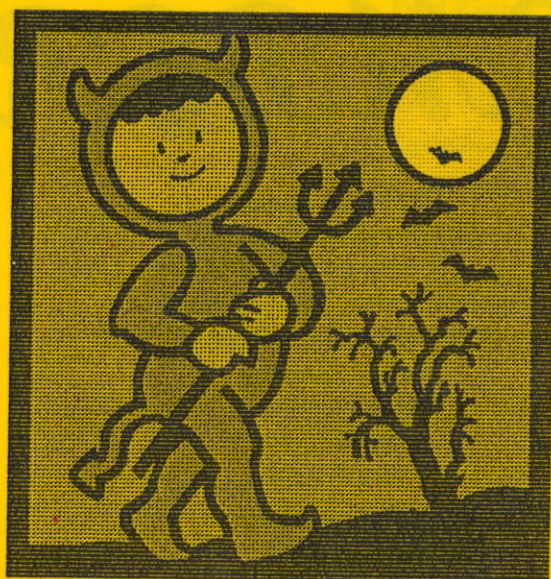


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BRISBANE DEVILS SOFTBALL CLUB

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Officials of Devils

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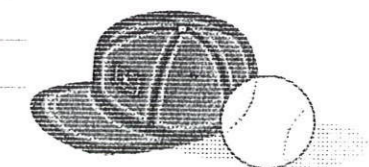
SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks must go to all these people who are mentioned above and below. Without their help throughout the season, this club would not be able to function efficiently.

Hope to see next season.

Scorers for 1999/2000

Dot Pullen Div.2, Div.3 and U.14C (8)	
Chris Kennedy U.16B and Div. 6	
Judy McElroy Div.5	
Toni Boyes U.14B	
Wendy Gauci U.14C (7)	
Lorraine Ogden U.12B	
Sue Quax T-Ball	



PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is customary for the President of this Club to report to you, the members, the state of affairs of the Club. This is usually done on Trophy night as we seem to have far more members gathered here, then we have at the Annual General Meeting.

It has been my fortunate duty over the last four years as President to be able to report great and beneficial changes to the Club. Most of the older members are aware of what I am talking about. The move from Banyo to our better facilities here, the merger with Western Wildcats, our growth from five teams to twelve last season, and the receiving of several grants which have meant that our players always have new and up to date equipment. We have expanded and improved as a Club; we have the respect of our association leaders and a reputation for honesty and fair play. This Club has never shirked any duties it has been asked to perform.

As President over the previous three seasons, I set specific goals each season, and the Committee and I worked to achieve those goals. Usually I had goals in mind that would give the Club a certain direction. These were achieved and Club is better for it.

However, I must report that we had no specific agenda for the Club this season, and as a result no major progress was achieved. This was to a degree my fault, and I must apologise to you the members.

I did not intend to be President for a fourth term. But as the AGM was attended by virtually the same volunteers that have kept this Club going for the last four years, most of the Committee wound up with the same jobs. This was unfortunate for me personally as I am also involved with other committees and fund-raising groups.

Therefore I decided to take a more democratic approach to the Committee this season and I am not convinced this is the way to run a sporting Club. Without strong central control committees can fragment and each group wants to run with their own area of interest. The Chairman or President then has to spend his time trying to appease each group. To a degree this occurred within our committee this year.

Where is all this leading you ask? Well I am going to report how things will be next season. After putting so much time and effort into this Club over the last six years, I am not prepared to leave it on a low note. Therefore, I have divested myself of all other committees, except the PCYC fund-raiser which takes little time. I will stand for President of this association again at the AGM on the 13th June 2000.

Further, I make this commitment to you the members that I will bring back a strong central direction to this Club. I will be responsible for our progress over the next season.

Great things are planned for the future of Softball at Shaw Sportz thanks to the efforts of Terry Kennedy, Wayne Sills and especially the efforts of Paul O'Brien the board chairman. But before we can reap the benefits of those developments some attitudes will have to change within this Club. These changes will apply more to the Senior side of the Club rather than the Junior.

If we intend to keep growing we will have to adopt a more professional attitude towards various aspects of our organisational structure and team management. Although I do not want the Club to get too large, only by being large can we keep the fees lower and the government grants higher. As a parent with girls in senior teams I have a vested interest in keeping fees as low as possible in all grades.

Further, it is common knowledge that I have always tried to keep Devils as one of the major players in the Brisbane Softball Association, which in my opinion is the premier Softball Association in this City. I am not prepared to see us degenerate into a rag-tag rabble. That will never happen at this Club whilst I am President.

I give everyone fair warning now, trials next season will be fair and equitable and based on level of ability, not on who wants to play with whom. The Club Bylaws will be enforced, especially pertaining to wearing of uniform, payment of fees, behaviour at games and attendance at Club duties. Defaulters will be given a warning, and if I have to speak to them again over the same issue I will not hesitate in taking further action. Some people who have been spoken to regarding fees this season will find their application will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full amount. This is not a charitable organisation, the treasurer and I do not like chasing the same people for money all season.

If this means that we lose some seniors in the short term who do not wish to obey the rules, so be it. There are plenty of rabbles they can join. When the developments proceed at Shaw Sportz, attracting players will not be an issue.

On a more pleasant note, our coaching Director Les Bullock, has started another Junior Development Program for this season. I have been able to obtain some more funding via the Community Benefit Gaming Fund for equipment for this program. We will be purchasing a large amount of new training items for specialised training, including a VCR and television and a large amount of training tapes even for the rainy nights. We have the full support of all our Junior coaches for this program, and as from this year it will be expanded and given extra funding. I would like to commend one of our Junior Coaches to you. Suzie Gauci has been a coach with this club for three seasons now, and this year has been selected to assist Steve Shorten with the Brisbane under 14 side. I am very proud that she is member of this Club and I am endeavouring to obtain funding for Level two Coaching certificates for her and other coaches. I would also like to mention that most coaches within this Club now hold a Level One Certificate.

During the course of the year the board of the Kedron Wavell Services Club hired a consultant to report on the needs of tenant clubs within the Shaw Sportz family. Mr Paul Stapleton was very receptive to our needs at the Shaw Rd facility. Major works programs to up grade lighting, develop fields and allocate more space to Softball have been approved. In time we will have dedicated diamonds not only for training, but for carnivals and perhaps night fixtures. As many within the Club are aware negotiations with the Queensland Softball Association to relocate to Shaw Sportz are still under way. If this deal eventuates this will be of enormous benefit to this Club. This deal is being brokered by Mr Paul O'Brien the Chairman for Shaw Sportz, who I am told has ensured that the interests of this Club have been paramount in any negotiation. I would like to thank him for his consideration in this matter, and it reflects the commitment KWSC and Shaw Sportz have to Softball.

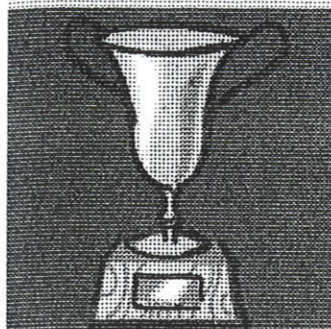
Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their work this season, all the coaches, scorers and team managers. Without you people Sporting Clubs such as this would not function. On behalf of all the players and parents I thank you. To list all these people and what they have done for the Club would take more space than I have here. On trophy nights such as this a few are rewarded for their efforts during the season, but too often we forget the many others who help out when needed. But I have noticed a trend that for the last couple of years these are always the same people.

I see before me this year many new faces within the Club, especially amongst the Juniors. I have managed to get to meet a few of you, and I must apologise to the others that I just did not have the time this year to see as many junior games as I would have liked. That will change next year. I would say to you new parents though, you have had a season to see how we operate, who we are and where we going. If you are happy to stay with us and be a part of this I would dearly like to see more new faces on the committee next season. The challenges that lie ahead of us could benefit from new ideas, new solutions.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on 13/6/00 at Shaw Sportz. I would implore as many of you as possible to attend this meeting and have a go at a position. This is your Club too, get involved.
JOHN KENNEDY

Coaching Director

1999/2000



BRISBANE DEVILS SOFTBALL CLUB

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Coaching Director's Report

Firstly I would like to say I have enjoyed my last 2 seasons as Coaching Director. I have in this time seen the Club go from strength to strength. I now believe the Club has the depth to be a force in all grades for many seasons ahead.

This year was extremely good for the Club and I would like to thank all the coaching staff for the time and effort put in by them. This is a voluntary position, and at times is hard to find people to take on such a demanding position.

As a lot of our coaches are players, and the non players hold various position with the Club. I wish to thank them for the support they have given me over the last 2 years and for the dedication they have

shown to the Club. This year we got 5 teams to the semi finals with 2 teams making the grand final. With the club gaining one premiership. With this effort it now shows other clubs that we are here to stay and now have the depth and the coaches to be a force in the future.

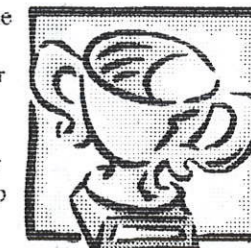
To all the players both senior and juniors, the effort put in by all of you at training and in games is a credit to you all and I hope to see you return next year.

To all our juniors who will be in years to come the strength of the club well done. The skills shown by all of you give the club great depth to work with in future years.

I also had the opportunity to talk to a lot of your op-

position coaches during the season and they were impressed with the level of skill and team work our junior teams had. To hear them say this is a credit to all junior players and coaches.

I would also like to thank the parents for their support this year not only being there but for bringing the girls to training and games each week. Without parent support the club would not continue to grow in strength. I hope I will see you at the games next year and thanks again for your help



And support throughout the season.

Congratulations must also go to Susie Gauci and Melissa Boyes for their selection in the Brisbane side as Coach and player. Both of these players have put a lot of work into their sport over the years and

into the Club. It is good to see their efforts rewarded in Brisbane selection. On behalf of the Club I wish them all the best in the forthcoming State titles.

The knowledge they will gain will be of great use to the Club in the future, as we have a number of

strong juniors coming through our ranks. I hope to see more of them trying for representative honors next season.

Once again I would like to thank you all for the support to me as Coaching Director and I hope to see all of you next season.

COACHES for 1999/2000

Marie Morgan and Alissa Kennedy	- T-Ball	John Kennedy	Div.6
Belinda Marner and Karen Bruyn	- U.12B	Linda Weathered & Paul Hoppe	Div.5
Heather Kemp	- U.14C (8)	Chris Morris	Div.3
Susie Gauci & Lisa Wahry	- U.14C (7)	Les Bullock	Div.2
Jodie Lavell	- U.14B		
Kevin Fainges & Wade Fainges	- U.16B		



Junior Development

As everybody now knows the club ran a Junior Development Program, during the off-season last year. As this was our first attempt at a Program such as this we had some teething problems. They were overcome and I believe the club conducted a very successful program, as the players who attended this program have shown during this season.

So this year's camp will be run on a different format, as I believe last year's was too long for our junior players.

The Program this year will be run on the weekend of 20-21st May, with a sleep-over on the Saturday night. So if you haven't already sent back your forms please do so as soon as possible so we can cater for you.

This year all our coaches will be involved, to whom I wish to say thank you for giving up your time and know all our junior players will benefit from your knowledge and experience.

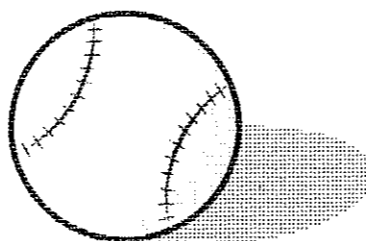
To all attending we will have some new skills to introduce to you, which will hopefully improve your skill level. Everybody will get involved even in the night time activities, so come along and learn and enjoy the game.

I have to thank both Susie and Wendy Gauci without their help and knowledge I would not have been able to complete this program.

To the parents as I said in the beginning it was not going to be able to proceed without your help

and we have had a great response to help feed the girls over the weekend and supervision at night. So on behalf of the coaching staff and players thank you very much and I hope I might be able to continue to gain your support during next season.

We hope to run another closer to the start of next season.



If you know any juniors looking for a new club next year, don't be afraid to mention our Junior Development Program, if you enjoy it and learn from it, so will they. So see you in May.

Les Bullock

COACHES

LEVEL 1 COACHES

Les Bullock, Susie Gauci, Chris Morris

Marin Morgan, Kevin Fainges, Jodie I wall

LEVEL 0 COACHES

Linda Weathered, Timna Kerr

OTHER COACHES

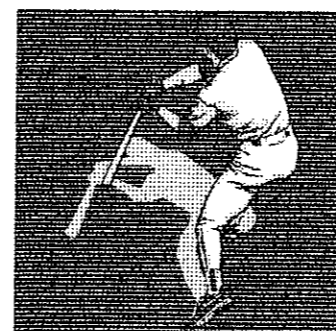
Ailssa Kennedy, Bolinda Mamor, Heather Kemp

Lisa Wahry

Special points of interest:

- The camp will commence at 8.30am on Saturday 20th May and conclude on Sunday 21st May at 3.30pm.
- Those parents who volunteered their services will be notified before the 20th May.
- Thank you to all who have helped make this program work so well.

Winter Wonders



This side was made up of a number of players from different grades in our Club. We entered in the Redcliffe Competition, this Competition was not as strong as Brisbane.

The idea was mainly to have fun in the off season and to keep fit for the summer season. As this was my first Winter Season with the Club I must say it was a fun season.

We had one training session but after that decided not to continue with the training, but from the first game the side was playing some good softball.

They improved with every game throughout the season but the main thing was

they were enjoying themselves, as it was a relaxed competition. It made it easy for the players of different abilities to get as one unit.

We did get through to the finals of the competition but went down to Redcliffe in the finals and this was a real credit to the girls and gave them the fitness they required for summer.

The Redcliffe Association was impressed with the team and the way they played the game and invited us back again this year, which we will be doing.

But as coach of this side I

wish to thank them for a great season and a season of fun and I hope this year will be just the same. Thanks again girls.



TROPHIES:

This was interesting to choose these trophies. A lot of thought went into these trophies. It was extremely hard to pick just 3 people who stood out.

This team had a lot of talent and comical mishaps. You had to be there to see it. Even the umpires enjoyed doing our games.

Feel free to come and watch these girls play on a Saturday afternoon at

Recliffe. You won't be disappointed, you'll be entertained.

officials

Coach: Les Bullock

Scorer: Wendy Gauci

Managers: Julia Wahry

• Finally I would like to thank those supporters who came every week to cheer for these girls. I know the girls certainly appreciated their support.

Thank you to anyone I may have missed.

The trophies were a little unusual for this team Best Duck Dive, Best Infielder, and Best Outfielder.



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Our Little Devils

On behalf of Alissa and myself we would like to thank the girls for a great season.

More than half the team had never played before so it was rewarding to help them learn and mould into a strong little side. Our ages

ranged from 6 to 9 and what a size difference. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and encouragement that these girls have for each other. It didn't matter whether we had 8 or 12 players they had the same attitude, never say die! I think each and every-

one is an asset to this club.

To those players going up to under 12's, Aryelle, Brit-tany and Clair, best of luck, keep playing strong, remember girls its not whether you win or lose but how you play the game.

A Special Thanks to.....

A special thanks to Sue Quax, our manageress and scorer. Also a very big thanks to Lachlan Smeed, our own personal-

ized bat boy (the team appreciated your help).

Thank-you to all the parents for their help when

needed and their ongoing encouragement and support throughout the season.

Officials

Coach	: Marie Morgan
Ass.	: Alissa Kennedy
Scorer	: Sue Quax
Manageress	: Sue Quax
Bat Boy	: Lachlan Smeed

As for the rest of our little tigers, keep up the same attitude and DEVILS will have another fantastic T-Ball side next season.

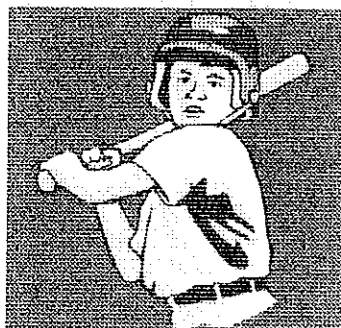
Alissa and I hope to see you all then.

Thanks to one and all Marie and Alissa



T-BALL

Back row (l-r): Kirsty Muir, Marie Morgan (Coach), Brittany Smeed, Claire Fraser, Nicole Fletcher, Melissa Ogden, Alissa Kennedy (Ass. Coach), Aryelle Rigby.
Front row: Samantha Quax, Veronica Vrihan, Talmee Ross, Jessica Haim, Stephanie Vrihan.
Absent: Kelsey Wilson.
(Photo - Sue & Wias Papalini)



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Little Champions

Karen and I have enjoyed this season immensely, coaching such an enthusiastic bunch of girls and having the ongoing support of all the parents which is so important.

From the 18 games we played we had 12 wins, 1 draw and lost only 5. The under 12's don't play for points but I do and going by these stats we'd be in the top four and a big chance to take out the final. This we may never know so

you'll just have to believe me on this one.

Each one of the girls gave 110% whether it be at training or our game. Good ball skills were shown at the start of the season and these improved each game to have deadly combinations in every position on the field.

Our batting had its ups and downs but as long as the girls swung the

bat at strikes and had a go, that's all that we asked. Base running was outstanding at all times as commented on by a number of the opposition coaches.



Don't worry coach, I've got it.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped out this season. It is always appreciated. Lastly a huge thanks to the little

champions themselves for making our first season as coaches a most enjoyable one and one that we will never forget.

I hope to see you all back next season.

Officials

Coach: Belinda Mamer
 Asst Coach: Karen Bryn
 Scorer: Lorraine Ogden
 Manageress: Judy Pankhurst

Special thanks go to:

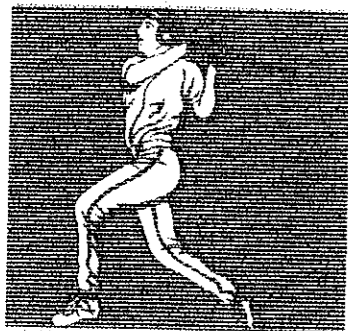
*Lorraine Ogden thank you for scoring for us this season.
 Judy Pankhurst who was our manageress cheer squad.
 To anyone I may have missed, a big thank you.*

Belinda and Karen

U/12B



Back row (l-r): Belinda Mamer (Coach), Tara Pankhurst, Emily Birrell, Karen Bechly, Kylie Milligan, Amanda Ogden, Madeline Stewart, Carly O'Brien
 Front row: Ceisa Phillips, Alison Stewart-Salmon, Hayley Morgan, Julia Sorban, Julia Sorban, Kaylee De Rivera, Casey Topping
 Absent: Karen Bryn (Asst. Coach)
 (Photo ~ Sue & Vies Fajzulin)



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Watch out for us next season!

We started small but boy didn't we grow. By the end of the season, we had the opposition worried. Although our wins weren't many on the scoring sheet, they were many in our own achievements. Nearly always one hundred percent turn up for training and so many improvements!

Kirsty and Stevie our great little sliders and daring base runners.

Can't Forget

I would like to thank the many people that were fabulous support to this great little team. My thanks go to Pam who started the girls off in the season and worked hard to shape them into a team. Angie who was there to help her. Debbie for her

Brianna and Sarah who were great outfielders with their talent for backing up the infielders.

Jessica who wore many hats, pitcher, short, second, not bad for a first timer.

Jessie and Sarah who worked hard on the pitcher's plate.

Jaimi with her sparkle and flair as a catcher.

Rebecca with her great game sense and

ability at first, second and short.

Last but not least Kate with her determination no matter where she was put.

What a Team!!!

I hope to see you all next season. You were a great team to coach and the improvements you gained were a credit to your determination to achieve.

WELL DONE

role as manageress and at times as a warm-up coach (Chris and the girls from Div 3) who came to many games to encourage and coach the girls as well as giving up one of their training nights in order to foster the teams talents further. Dot for not only

scoring but keeping the umpires honest. The parents for their support, also taking over various roles when either Pam or myself were busy.

Also thanks to the Under 12's for filling in for us

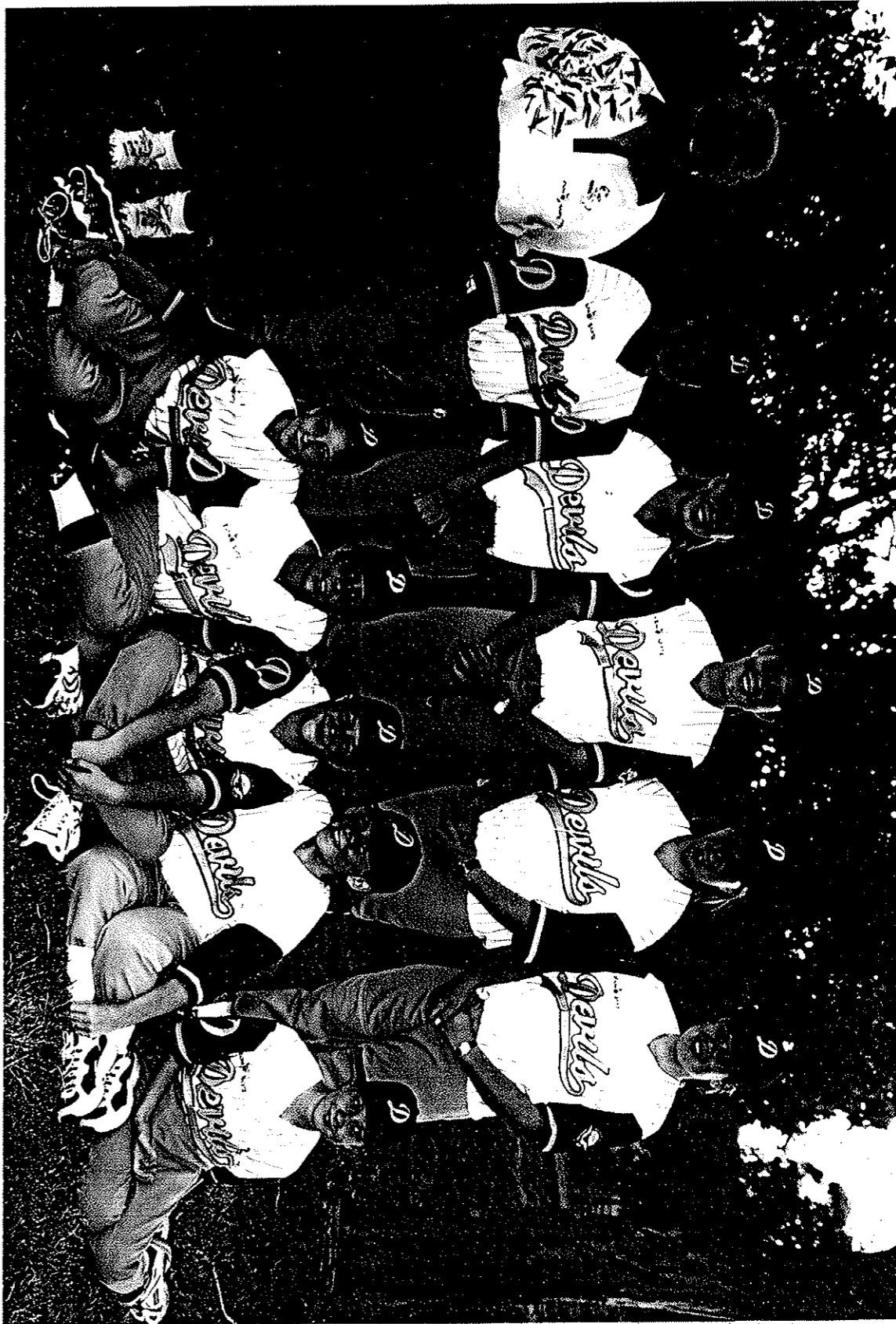
Officials

- Coach : Heather Kemp
- Pam Kerr
- Ass : Angie Miers
- Chris Morris
- Scorer : Dot Pullen
- Manageress : Debbie Sparks

Finally thanks to the girls who battled bravely and gave their very best in every game and training

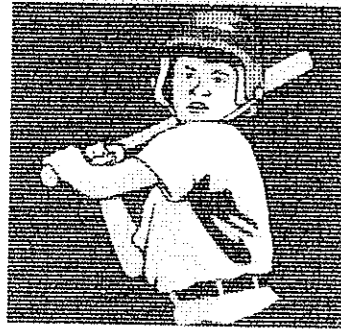
Thank you to everyone involved with this team

Heather



U/14C (8)

Back row (l-r): Dot Pullen (Scorer), Sara Goodson, Kate Belfrage, Jessica Riggall, Rebecca Sparks, Sarah Kemp.
Front row: Stevie Ross, Jaimi Millikin, Jessie McNeel, Brianna Wall, Kirsty Ross.
Absent: Pam Kerr (Coach), Heather Kemp (Coach), Debbie Sparks (Mgr.).
(Photo - Sue & Wras Fitzellin)



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Under 14C7 make the semi-finals!

The season started off the same as last year, with a win. This team has now been together for 3 years and have molded together ever so well

The Talent within this side is amazing. I must admit that I had concerns for the girls having played in under 12's then moving up to Under 14's is a HUGE step. However they came out and proved to me that anyone can achieve anything, if they put there mind to it

Unfortunately towards the end of the season I had to get a little angry at the girls, due to the fact that there talent was not being shown. Which for a coach is very frustrating.

Thankfully the girls knew not to take it to heart, rather prove their skills to the other teams.

It came down to the very last game of the season, we played Samford who we had won two games against and had to forfeit one game due to some of the girls being away on camp for the week prior to that Saturday.

The team was lined up in the same positions and the parents knew that it came down to this game! Little did the girls know that if they win this game they go into the semi-finals!

We started off strong in this area and batted like

CHAMPIONS. Everyone was finally showing there true talent off!

We won that game 21-5 and went into the semi finals to play Springwood

This team has played Under 14B for two years and got put down into 14C

The girls held their own ground and again made me EXTREMELY happy and proud of all 10 players. We went down 9-11 but to me the girls did themselves, myself and the club very proud.



Go Devils Go Softball

Thanks for a great season.

Thanks must go to.....

There are many people to thank for this season

To my Assistant Coach Lisa Wahry and Vicki O'Brien, my Manageress Lee-Ann Colhoun thank you again

To Wendy Gauci for scoring every week for the

girls and putting up with me always saying "whats the score, dig etc!" and standing in her way while she is trying to see the umpires calls!

To Diane Weathered and Vicki O'Brien who also scored when Wendy was unable to score.

To Under 11 c8 and 12's thanks for filling in

To the parents who have yet again backed me in every coaching decision I have made Without your support I don't know where I would be. THANK YOU TO ALL.

The Players!

Amie Rolfe—excellent sliding skills	Therese O'Connor—excellent all round	Coach Susie Gauci
Kimberley Colhoun - excellent pitching	Hannah Ogden -improved throwing	Ass. Lisa Wahry
Lesa Handford - new glove does work	Kerni O'Brien—Improved all round	Scorer Wendy Gauci
Karyn Weathered—excellent catching	Lara Scholtz—great throwing arm	Manageress
Rebecca Fernando—Great job on 1st base	Elyse Young—getting ANGRY-batting	Lee-Ann Colhoun

Thanks again girls for another wonderful season, here's hoping next season we Start off as well as we ended this season. Hope to see you all again next season



Back row (l-r): Lisa Wahry (Asst. Coach), Rebecca Fernando, Hannah Ogden, Therese O'Connor, Amie Rolfe, Elyse Young, Susie Gauci (Coach).
Front row: Kerri O'Brien, Lara Scholtz, Karyn Weathered, Kimberley Colhoun.
Absent: Lesa Handford
(Photo - Sue & Wres Fajzulin)

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Missed it by that much

Carly Bell, Nicole Black, Melissa Boyes, Rebecca Campny, Laura Cook, Chloe Harding, Kate Lowrie, Patrice Lowrie, Brooke Steele, Megan Topping and Celeste Norman.

These 11 names were given to me at the beginning of the season and that's what most of them were just names. I only knew a few from previous seasons. These girls frightened me for about the first 5 weeks of the season. All or most of them were taller than me and they could all talk me under the table. I had to think of new strategies and tactics every week to keep them quiet. From that point on, I knew these girls were out to get me, to make me work as hard as I worked them.

At our first game, our pitcher Megan broke her wrist and was only able to join us for about our last 5 games.

Celeste who was our second pitcher stepped onto the plate as our No. 1 pitcher and she meant business, she just kept on improving week after week. Chloe also stepped into the pitchers position, rattling many teams with her own technique, they both did a great job.

As the weeks passed us by, the girls started to realise that I knew a little bit about softball and things started to work. As spectators we could see a great little team of softballers molding together. Each week I was faced with a difficult decision of choosing a team to take the diamond. All of the

girls have an area in which they as individuals excel and as a team, fantastic potential.

One of the girls strongest points was their enthusiasm and encouragement for one another. They were definitely a team, they trained, lost and won as a team. Their enthusiasm throughout the season is to be congratulated.

By the second round we caught many teams by surprise pulling in a couple of wins here and there. The best games the girls played came after Christmas. Everyone was starting to shine and play as a very capable B side team. We missed out on the semis by only 1 run.

A huge thank you to all my 11 girls, you made the season one to remember

And I hope we can all stick together next year and really show those other B sides how to play softball. Also a big thank you to Ann Lowrie my manageress who took a great load off my shoulders and also Toni Boyes our team scorer who did a

great job. Thank you both. Also the parents who came and supported the girls, it really means a lot to them. Thank you for driving them and supporting me throughout the season.

A big thank you goes to all the other U 14 girls

who played for us, also a thank you to other coaches who helped me with the girls on a Saturday, especially Les and Kevin.

Thank you to Devils for allowing me the great privilege to coach the U14B side.

Officials

Coch: Jodie Lavell

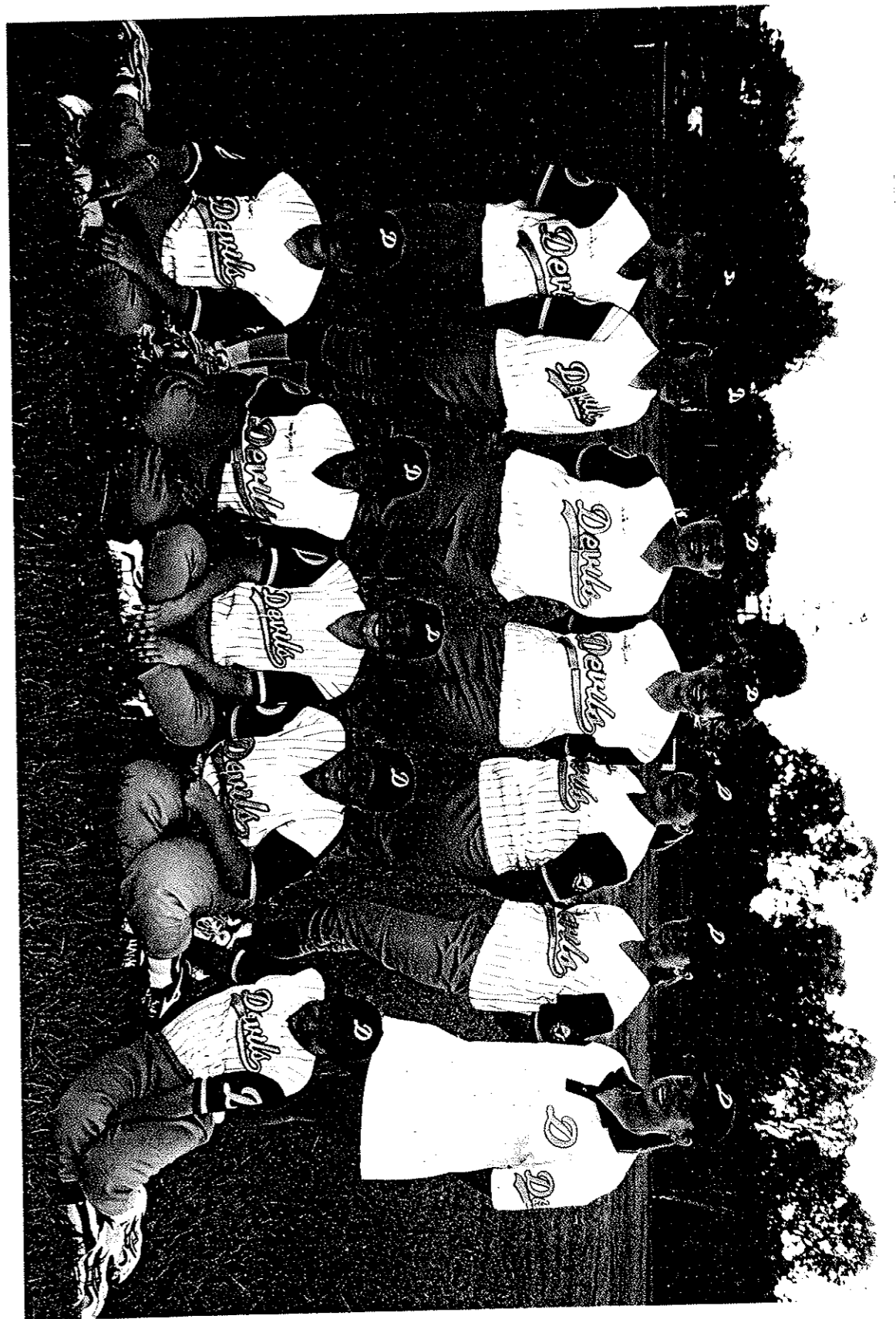
Scorer: Toni Boyes

Manageress: Ann Lowrie

Thank you

- To anyone I may have missed I say thank you.

Jodie



Back row (l-r): Nicole Black, Kate Lowrie, Melissa Boyes, Celeste Norman, Rebecca Campny, Laura Cook, Jodie Lavell (Coach).
Front row: Patrice Lowrie, Brooke Steel, Megan Topping, Carly Bell, Chloe Harding.

U/14B

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DODGE'S GIRLS

This would have to be my most trying season as a coach and I really enjoyed the challenge.

These girls took me under their wing as much as Wade and myself took them under ours.

To us there not just softball players they have extended our family

by eleven.

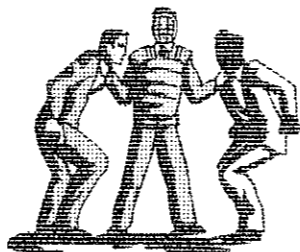
I honestly think these girls were very much underrated.

They beat three of the top teams, not only did they beat them but they convinced me that they learnt respect.

I RESPECT THEM?

THEY RESPECT ME?

"When we respect each other a team is what we'll be"



No Dad I think we made a mistake. Oops.

THANKS MUST GO TO

There are a few people who I must thank for their help during the season.

To Chris Ken-

neddy who scored for us this season. Corinne Atkinson who was the manageress. Wade Fainges who was my assistant

coach. To the parents for their support throughout the season. To the U.14's who filled in for us.

Officials

Coach: Kevin Fainges

Asst. Coach: Wade Fainges

Scorer: Chris Kennedy

Manageress: Corinne Atkinson

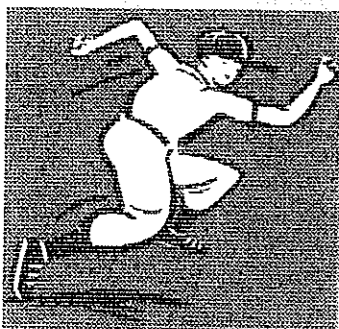
Finally I would like to thank those supporters who came every week to cheer for the girls. I know the girls appreciated their support.

Hope to see the girls back next season.

Dodge



U/16
Mid row: Jillian Flessner, Kirsten Bullock, Madeline Belfrage, Erin Carnwell, Justine Clarke, Rachelle Kennedy, Jasmine Turnbull-Donas.
Back row (l-r): Kevin Fainges (Coach) & Wade Fainges (Asst. Coach).
Front row: Rebecca Webb, Emma McNeel, Cleo Daly, Christina Atkinson.
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Golden Oldies!

What a season! We had eleven registered players at the start of the fixtures, lost two during the season, gained two more, lost another two and went into the finals with a bare nine players. Four of these carrying injuries. However, the core players of the team (that is the nine ladies in the photo are also the nine we virtually started with) have improved and meshed as a team as the season progressed.

We were only beaten by a big margin once, unfortunately that was in the semi-final. On most occasions it was our fitness, not our ability that let us down. Had most games been three days long we would have won more, but to be fair most of the team are my age, or older, and were carrying injuries for most of the season. But we did make it to a final, and that is an achievement.

Corinne Atkinson (Team Players Award) Like Wendy, Corinne has been carrying an injury all season, but it has not deterred her from giving her best every game. She was always positive, and tried to keep the team that way as well. She did a great job as catcher & quite a good batter as well hitting at number 4 all season.

Lyndi Graham virtually made her own team this season and was a solid player there. A god reliable batter as well. Lyndi was also the team manager.

Cheerleader: *John Kennedy*

Scorer: *Chris Kennedy*

Manageress: *Lyndi Graham*

ment, and I would like to congratulate the ladies. They have been a pleasure to coach, and are quite a happy, encouraging team. Should we be able to retain most of the ladies for next season we will be able to go a lot further. I would also like to mention and thank the ladies who started the season, but for various reasons, health or sudden family commitments, could not finish. They are Winnie Smith, Dawn Richards, Yvonne Whitehead and Prie Alexander.

It was not that easy selecting players for trophies, but four ladies achievements really stood out this season. All the ladies played well, and are deserving of mention.

Wendy Gauci (Best & Fairest) I think it would be fair to say Wendy never played a bad game all season, even on those games when she was carrying

Julie Wahry was one of our pair of pitchers until Winnie left, then she was virtually on her own for the rest of the season. Once she got her confidence up was quite a good pitcher. Also, did better with the bat this season.

Wendy Ritchie a beginner this season she was willing to play anywhere, and played well in any position. Got her batting eye in towards the end and was awesome.

an injury. She did her best every game, even when I treated her as lead off batter which she hates, and this is all a coach can ask.

Libby Hanton (Most Improved Player Award) This was Libby's first season of softball and from the start it was obvious she had a bit of ability for the game. She was willing to play in any position, and improved steadily all season. Once she got her batting eye in, she was unstoppable.

Alissa Kennedy (Team Batting Award) Four home runs, and six three bag hits that she will tell you would have been home runs had I not been so cautious. Considering Alissa is far from being the fastest player in the team these were big hits, but her RBI's are also impressive. Will improve more when she realises she does not have to hit a home run every time.

Kathy Beaumont another new player, and was willing to try any position even pitcher, for which she had a hidden talent. Quite a strong batter as well.

Katrina Tomkinson also a new player to softball, and could be graded a lot higher with a bit of coaching. Improved steadily all season in all areas of the game. I don't like to see a high ball get past her, and is a great centre.

Thanks must go to our scorer *Chris Kennedy* not only for scoring but encouraging us every week.

Lyndi thanks for being our Manageress this season.

Thank you to all the Under 16's who played for us throughout the season.



Back row (l-r): John Kennedy (Coach), Alissa Kennedy, Katerina Tomkinson, Julie Wahry, Lyndi Graham, Kathy Beaumont
Front row: Elizabeth Hanton, Wendy Ritchie, Corinne Atkinson, Wendy Gauci.

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RUNNER'S UP

This has been a good season for Div.5.

The commitment from the players once again has been excellent.

We would like to thank all the players from Div.6 who have helped us out this season. Special thank you to Emma McNee (16B) who played for us in the semi finals to get us to the Grand Final.

Very big thank you to

THANKS MUST GO TO

I would like to thank Paul my assistant coach. He's there every week for the game and to encourage the ladies.

Thanks ladies for a good

our scorer Judy McElroy who did a great job. Her support and help was gratefully appreciated.

Thank you to all our friends and supporters once again this year.



I'm going to make it to first this time.

season. Hopefully next season we will be gridders.

Thank you to our batgirl, Sonita Giudice, who was there for practice and the games.

Officials

Coach: Linda Weathered

Asst. Coach: Paul Hoppe

Scorer: Judy McElroy

Batgirl: Sonita Giudice

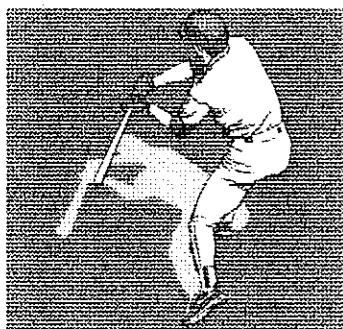
• Finally I would like to thank those supporters who came every week to cheer for the girls. I know the girls appreciated their support.

- *Trophies were hard to chose.*
- *Most Valuable Marg Sharples*
- *Most Consistant Lynne Goodwin*
- *Most Improved Deb Mulhern*
- *Thanks again Linda & Paul*



Back row (l-r): Linda Weathered (Coach), Diane Weathered, Margaret Sharples, Faye Lawrence, Deb Mulhern, Gail Hoppe, Leonie Bowles.
Front row: Sonita Giudice, Tanya Giudice, Lynne Goodwin, Melissa McElroy, & Coco the dog.
Absent: Paul Hoppe (Asst. Coach), Tania Lindsay, Coral Halford, Judy McElroy (Scorer).
(Photo ~ Sue & Wres Fajzulin)

DIV. 5



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SEMI-FINALISTS

Once again another season has come and gone. I would like to thank the ladies for the time, effort and friendship.

We made it to the first semi but sadly we couldn't go any further but a fine effort to get that far.

On behalf of the team and myself, thanks goes to Dot Pullen who scored for us. Michele Drabble (managress)

THANKS MUST GO TO

Thank you to Dot our scorer who on occasions was running from one diamond to another to score. Dot scores for a couple of teams and is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Officials

Coach: Chris Morris

Scorer: Dot Pullen

Managress: Michele Drabble

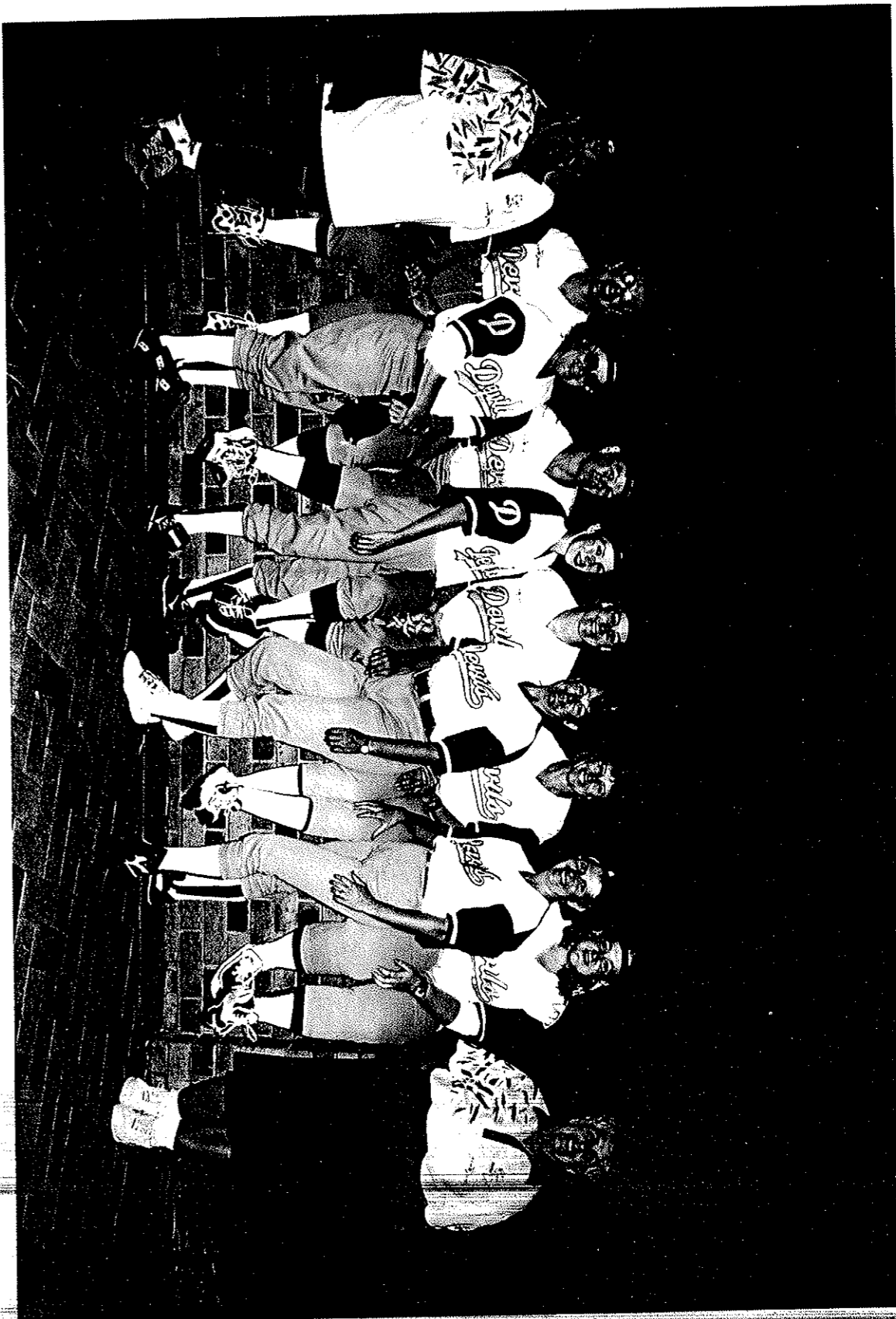
and to the players from Div.5, Di.6, nad U.16B for helping us out during the season.

Just to finish off I hope the ladies enjoyed their season and learnt a thing or two. Hope to see you all bak next season.



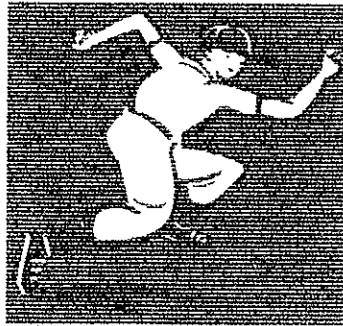
Thanks ladies for another season. We seem to lose players throughout the season, but this did not stop us getting to the semi finals. Well done.

- Finally thank you to supporters and players for a good season.
- Chris



DIV. 3

Back row (l-r): Chris Morris (Coach), Kaye Marsh, Beth Delbridge, Sonia Lihou, Heather Kemp, Holly Molineux, Dot Pullen (Scorer), Front row: Robyn Blackmore, Shannon Daly, Marie Morgan, Michele Drabble. Absent: Pam Kerr & Tracy Watson. (Photo ~ Sue & Wiles Papadimitri)



PREMIERS

What do you say about this die. A phrase comes to mind they are a bunch of CHAMPIONS.

As I had already coached a lot of this side through winter, I knew what they were capable of producing. I knew their fitness level was already high so it meant all I had to do was to continue with this and to bring the new players up to the same level

Once we had the fitness all I asked from each girl was to give me 100% of what they were capable of, as we had players of different playing ability in this side. This is all I could ask.

Whether we won or lost if they came off the game

and said they gave it all then that was all I expected. At the start of the season I told every girl they were selected because the Club knew they had the ability to produce the goods.

We had 11 girls in our squad. To get to our first goal which was to make the semi finals, every girl had to put in and I can say the effort put in both at the training sessions and during the game was a credit to every single one of them. As the season progressed they improved with every game and they knew within themselves they had a very big chance of making the finals. By the time we reached the Christmas break we were sitting in second place and had reached our goal of securing a place in the

semi finals. We knew that this meant nothing unless we continued on with it after Christmas. When we returned the girls still had the will to succeed which after a long break was a credit to them. They did just that. Our goal from there was to get to the finals.

By the end of the fixtures we had secured the Minor Premiership, and from now on it was up to the 11 players to produce the great softball shown by them throughout the season in the finals. As we know now they did and went onto secure the Premiership and to every single girl I say congratulations.

As coach of this side they made my job easier by the enjoyment they got out of every game

Thanks must go to

As coach I would like to thank the girls for a great season and I know the Club has the makings of a good side for the coming seasons. Hope they will be back to defend the title next season.

A special thank you to all our supporters throughout the season. Your support lifted the girls enthusiasm each week.

From me thank you for showing me your support, it was greatly appreciated and the girls hope to have this support in the future.

Thanks must also go to the Division 2 players for filling in for us, throughout the season.

A great big special thanks goes to Dot for scoring for us. The club would be lost without Dot for a scorer.

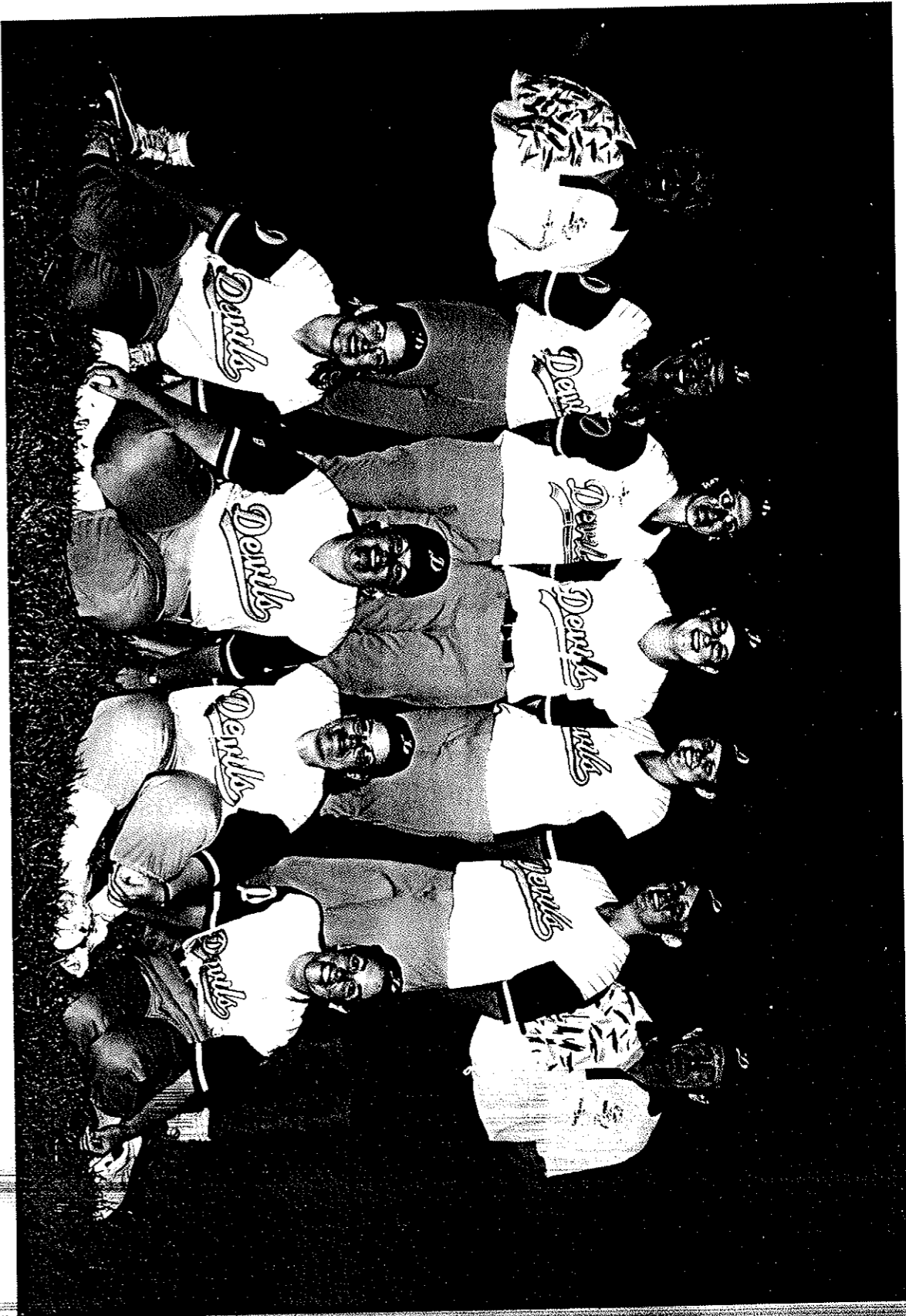
Officials

Coach: Lus Bullock

Scorer: Dot Pullen

• Finally I would just like to thank the girls for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the season.

• I'm hoping to see each and everyone of you back for another season



Back row (l-r): Dot Pullen (Scorer), Debra-Lee Sandow, Tanya-Lea Pitman, Belinda Marner, Jillian Carter, Jodie Lovell, Les Bullock (Coach),
Front row: Angela Miers, Timana Kerr, Susie Ganci, Lisa Wahy,
Absent: Karen Bryn & Dee Woodhead
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DIV. 2

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Perpetual Trophies

This Year we tried something different with the selection of the Perpetual Trophies. A sub-committee was formed from all of the Coaches, with the President as chairman, who did not vote except in the case of a tie. This did not make selection any easier, as most coaches naturally were pushing for their own players for awards and when there are so many talented ladies in the club there was some lively debate. This sub-committee met on the 22/2/00. After nominations were discussed and the nominees reduced to two or three main recipients, the final vote was cast by secret ballot.

Junior Team of the Season Under 12B Coach—Belinda Marnier

To say that selection for this trophy was difficult would be an understatement, especially with so many fine junior teams in this Club. This is Belinda's first season as a Coach, and for many of the players in the team it is their first season with softball. The remaining players have advanced from T-Ball with only two players from last years under 12's. The team has done very well during the season and

shown a steady improvement, with all the players combining well into a competitive team. The girls are always properly attired and show a pride in their team and their Club, and are a definite asset to this Club. The team comprises of

Hayley Morgan, Emily Birrell, Karen Bechly, Julia Sorban, Tara Pankhurst, Gelisa Phillips, Alison Stewart-Salmon,

Madeleine Stewart, Carlene O'Brien, Casey Topping, Amanda Ogden, Kylie Milligan and Kaylee De Rivera.

Coached by
Belinda Marnier and
Karen Brynn
Manageress -
Judy Pankhurst
Scorer -
Lorraine Ogden

Senior Team of the Season Division 3 Coach—Chris Morris

With every senior team reaching the finals this was also a difficult selection and to make it harder selection was done before the end of finals

However, as all teams were finals contenders at that time other issues were taken into account, such as appearance, club duties, attendance to umpiring and canteen duties with minimum of complaining and team and club spirit.

When all this was considered and the vote was taken Division 3 had received almost all the votes.

This team was always competitive, properly attired and a great advertisement for this club.

The team comprises of Beth Delbridge, Maree Morgan, Michelle Drabble, Kaye Marsh, Robyn Blackmore, Heather Kemp, Holly Molineux, Shannon Daly, Pamela Kerr and Tracey Watson

Coached by
Chris Morris
Scorer
Dot Pullen
Manageress
Michelle Drabble

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Player of the Future Brooke Steele Under14b

There were several strong contenders for this award, especially amongst the under 14 players, although one of the other main contenders was an under 12 player. Her team has been extremely competitive this season and was very

unlucky not to go further than they did. These girls were all strong players making selection of this trophy difficult. However, Brook's achievements this season and her continual improvement at the sport were considered by the coaches to

show that she had potential to be an outstanding senior player. This is Brooke's second season with Devils, coming to us in the Under 14's last year.

Congratulations to Brooke.

Player of the Season Michele Drabble Division 3

Like Senior Club Girl trophy, three are always strong senior nominations for this award. This year was no exception with several strong nominations by various coaches. There was much debate with the final ballot being taken with little separating each nomination. However Michele received a clear

majority of the votes cast. Michele has been with Devils for many years now and has always been a strong team players and devoted Club Supporter. She is always a highly competitive player no matter what team she is in and this season was no exception. She is one of the 'Veterans' of this Club, and is always

helpful with advice to new or younger players. She is always a great advertisement for this Club and indeed an asset.

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Junior Coach of the Season Maree Morgan & Alissa Kennedy

Maree has been the Club T-Ball Coach for the last four seasons and is long overdue for recognition for her efforts. This Club did not have a T-Ball side for many years before Maree began with a side in the 96/97 season and with her daughter in the side, she volunteered to take them when we went looking for coaches. They

have been a success story ever since, being the top team two out of the last four seasons. Her daughter has since moved on to higher grades but Maree has stayed with the T-Ballers. Alissa did her coaching apprenticeship with Timna Kerr on the under 14's in the 97/98 season and began with Maree last season. These la-

dies have combined into a formidable duo who are loved and respected by the young ladies they coach and feared by the opposing teams they play. I genuinely hope we have them as our T-Ball coaches for many years to come.

Senior Coach of the Season Les Bullock

Although Les has only been with us for two seasons he has made a substantial commitment to this Club. As well as being the Division 2 coach, this season he has also taken on Coaching Director, Club Selector, obtained his level one cer-

tificate, organized replacements for teams, organized another Junior Development Camp, and also attended to his Club duties as Junior Vice-President. Les was also available on most Saturdays to take other Junior or Senior

teams whose coaches were unable to attend. Les' dedication paid off on Grand Final day when his team took out Minor Premiers and Grand Final Winners. A well deserved award for a worker for this Club.

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Senior Club Girl Belinda Marner Divison 2

Every Season there are strong contenders for this award, and this year was no exception. There were some strong nominations, but when everything was taken into consideration it really came down to two players both in the same team. Both ladies would have been deserving of this trophy and the Club would have congratulated ei-

ther recipient. As an 'old girl' of the Club, Belinda has been a player for some years. This season she took on a lot of additional responsibilities. A highly competitive player in the Division 2 side, Coach of the Under 12B's and a committee member, she has been an asset to the Club this season. She is always willing to get in

and help the Club. Although this is her first year as a coach she seemed to have a flair for the job, and produced a great little under 12B side. She is a definite asset to the Club and a worthy winner

Junior Club Girl Rachelle Kennedy Under 16

Like the Senior Club Girl award, this trophy came down to two players both in the same team. Again, both would have been deserving of the award, and there was very little separating the ballot. Again I am very happy with the recipient, as she is also an 'old girl' of the Club, being the sole surviving member of the 95/96 under 12

team. Although off to a shaky start early in the season. Rachelle decided to give it her all this year, as this was to be her last season. (Her words). A competitive and spirited player, she could easily be heard many diamonds away urging on her team members. Always ready to fill in for other teams she is one of only three under 16 girls who have

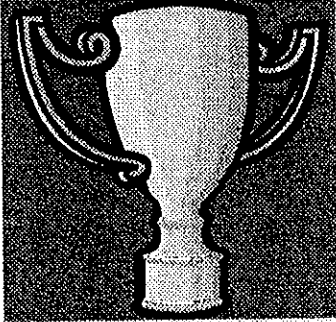
played more than five games in senior grades and she has done more than her share of umpiring this season, more in fact than any other player, and has helped at every can-teen duty the club had. Rachelle is a strong club supporter, who is always ready to help.

W. John

Club Person of the Season Diane Weathered Division 5

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Diane has been with the Club for only two seasons since coming over from Wildcats, but she has made quite an impact in that time. Diane is a committee member and Fund Raising officer, scorer and player in the Division 5 side. She has done a substantial amount of work for the Club this season, organizing raffles and selling tickets.

She is always a volunteer at KWSC when we were selling tickets there and whenever a body is needed to do something for the Club she is always one of the first we ring. Di also organized the new Club flag, which was flown for the first time on grand final day. She is always willing to get in and help the Club, and no

doubt will be one of the starters again in the pre-season when we go through sign on day, letter box drops etc etc.

Congratulations Di and I hope you will be back for another season.

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