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Season 2017/18 Almost Upon us!

With the season fast approaching, our boys have been hitting their straps during preseason training. The club has run its first preseason trip away in many years, heading to Torquay to put the boys through their paces. We have also seen some quality numbers at our last indoor session at Derrimut. The vibe has become increasingly positive, and our boys are ready to tackle season 2017/18 with some hard-nosed cricket.

The Imps will have its first and only practice match against Point Cook Cricket Club on September 23rd out at Point Cook. Assistant Coach Peter Herrick has highlighted the importance for players to get what they need out of the game to prepare their bodies for the season. "It is important that we use this practice match to harden the bodies and prepare them to play in a few weeks." We will have our first two teams playing games this weekend, which will give a number of players the opportunity to blow out any cobwebs!

The club will also have a look at its new recruits, with Greg Doyle, Dean Auciello and Sandeep Mandalika all playing this weekend. Herrick said "It'll be great for them to have a run around and click with our boys. We are looking forward to having them on board for this season". Our overseas recruit Josh De Souza, won't have landed for Saturday, but will have his first training session next Tuesday night. We thank Ben Butcher for taking him in also.

In other news around the club, we can look forward to seeing more juniors playing for the Imps this season, with a number of teams added to the fixture this year. We look forward to bringing you junior reports as the season unfolds.

The season opener is on October 7th against St Andrews Pascoe Vale, with our first team at home and our seconds away. The thirds fixture is yet to be confirmed.



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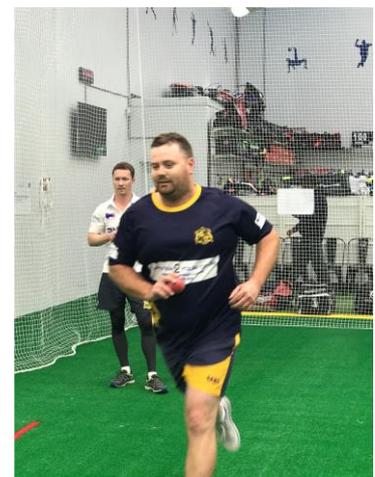
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PRESEASON WRAP UP

With preseason now completed, and the real season upon us, it is time to reflect upon the amount of work our guys have done to prepare them for their premiership defence. We ran our preseason schedule out of Derrimut Indoor Cricket Centre, a brand new complex that gave our players the best opportunity to hone their skills. We also ran fitness sessions at the Fearon on the cold and wintery Wednesday nights, through the expertise of Gavan Forrest.

Our new addition to preseason this year was the Torquay trip which allowed our players to do some fitness, and then spend some time off the track getting to know one another a little more. Thank you to everyone who has attended the sessions and special mention to Gav Forrest for his hard work in organizing the fitness sessions.

A special mention to Brett Pearce who did not miss a session this preseason. The man just keeps going and going, and we hope that he will get his due rewards this season.





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Master Dry Cleaners are proud to be embarking on another season as major sponsor of the mighty Imperials. As a locally owned family business we understand the significant role that grass roots sports clubs play in the community and we are proud of the direction that this great club is heading. The emerging green shoots of the junior program excites everyone and both the senior and junior committee's should be proud of the efforts that have delivered us to this point. Our family, as all Imperials are, are looking forward to seeing the continued progression and development that establishes this club as a cricketing force in the Williamstown area and a destination club for junior and senior cricketers alike. It's a bright future that has been well planned.

Last year's Grand Final representation across the two senior grades – and ultimately premiership success with the 1st XI truly was a magnificent moment in our history. We are thrilled to be associated with the senior premiership season and have proudly hung the framed playing shirt in our offices at our Malvern store. The senior teams were so well lead by Lee Elmore and have adopted his tough brand of uncompromising cricket, and with some clever additions this season to the playing stocks we certainly look well placed to be competing in March again this season – let's hope we can do the work to make sure we give ourselves that chance! Master Dry Cleaners are thrilled to be on board for the ride.

The social calendar is always brimming with great events and we are looking forward to throwing our support behind any events where we can. The Sportsman's Night is always a highlight but this year it is the Round 7 One Day clash at The Fearon against CY's which has really grabbed our attention – what a day that will be for the club!

We look forward to seeing you all down at the club throughout the season, go the might Imps!

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Stand in Skipper hungry to go one further

What a year it was for Williamstown Imperials, with a first grade premiership the thirds playing in a Semi Final, and our second side playing off in the Grand Final. The boys had a brilliant year, only dropping one game throughout the season and winning its way through to a Grand Final appearance, which was a very successful year.

Brett Pearce who only took up the game 4 seasons ago, found himself in an extraordinary position towards the back end of last season. The second XI captain at the time, Michael Skinner was called up to the first XI, and Brett was asked to take on the captaincy role. This was something that he had never done, and he had to take his chargers all the way into a finals campaign due to the fact that Skinner was ruled out of the rest of the season. Brett said *"I was a little taken back at first and very humbled by the opportunity. When I took over I expected it to be only for the one game and Mick would return, but as it turned out I lead the team right through the finals. It was very special being able to lead so many guys that I have so much respect for through our finals campaign."*

He and his chargers were able to get over the first hurdle, the Semi Final, and Brett outlined *"I think it was relief for the most part. With the 2nd IX's recent semi final history and our effort with the bat in the first innings, there was a feeling that we had possibly dropped another one. I was super proud the way guys responded with the ball though and through early wickets we managed to get the job done"* But the job wasn't complete, and he and his team mates were aware that was an achievement to finally make it through to a Grand Final, but that wasn't enough. Success on the big stage is what they play for.

Gellibrand was awaiting them in the big dance, and they would prove to be a tough opponent. The Imps played out most of the four day Grand Final, yet were not able to get over the line against a tough Gellibrand side. The Imps had worked hard all year, but some lessons were learnt from the scars of the Grand Final loss. Brett states that *"After losing the toss and bowling well restricting Gellibrand to less than 200 I thought we were right in the hunt but as had happened throughout the season early wickets fell and we never managed to get a partnership together. I think moving forward batting in partnerships will be the key for us to take that next step. Feeding off your partner at the other end and working together to build an innings will be pivotal in us making another run at a flag."*

There will be many driving forces leading into this season after the painful loss to our neighboring Gellibrand, however Brett believes *"The hunger to go that one better will run rife in the team this year!"* The Imperials have the strongest list in years this season, and there should be no reason why we shouldn't see all our sides competing in March again this season.

Brett Pearce

Clubman of the Year

2016/17



Nickname: BP, Bowling Machine

Junior Cricket Club: The backyard

Favourite Junior moment: Smacking the brothers around and thinking I could actually bat

How would you like to be remembered when you retire: Getting hit in the head in the GF and batting on.

Who do you enjoy watching play in our team: Lee Elmore, Luke Hudson, Mick Skinner

Childhood hero: Gary Ablett Snr

Family members: My wife and Ben Butcher!

How would your wife describe you: A sweet and kind man

Favourite Sporting hero: Rick Wintle

Favourite Food: Burgers

Favourite Movie: Die Hard III

What's your worst trait: Can't say no to a drink/anything!

How would you be described around the club: Hopefully a strong clubman

One word to describe yourself: Loyal

Most treasured possession: My family.



Daniel Slattery Facts that matter!

Games: 302
Premierships 1st XI: 2
Career Average: 24.09
Highest score: 104
**Best Players played
with:** Glen Robson,
Simon Granger, Ash
Royston
**Best Player played
against:** Trent
Lawford, Jamie
Rubelli, Clinton Chugg

2016/17 Season stats that matter:

**Premiership player
Grand Final:** 18 runs
Runs: 304
Average: 23.38
Highest Score: 74 in
his 300th game against
the Congs
**Opening Partnerships
100+:** 2
**Opening Partnerships
50+:** 3

300 games and counting

300 games is a monumental achievement, no matter what grade, competition or game you play, let alone 300 games at one club. Daniel Slattery comes from a family line of Imperial players and for him to achieve such heights off 300 games last season demonstrates the clubman that he truly is. He debuted in the first XI at the ripe old age of 14 and went on to win his first First XI premiership at the age of 16. He states *"that the 48 I scored in the Grand Final all those years ago, still rates as my favorite innings of my career. I topped scored for the game, and was 16."* He is currently the only player to have played in the last two First XI premierships at the Imperials, which also is an amazing achievement.



Slatts or the "Crab" as he is affectionately known around the club gives his heart and soul to the club that he grew up in. He watched his dad Steve play for the Imps, and then played with him in many games throughout his early years. Slattery says *"that one of his most treasured moments in his career was playing so many games with his dad, brother Brendan and uncle Chris."*

Slattery was an integral part of last year's premiership team, being one of 3 players in the side to score 300 runs for the season with an average of 23.38. He opened the batting all year, and was a great support for all his team mates throughout the year. More importantly he is the first guy to put his hand up to do anything the club needs, and this is what the Slattery's are about.

Let's hope that the Crab still has many more seasons of cricket to come, as his dream would be to play at least one game with both of his sons, something that will no doubt creep up on him! We look forward to seeing many more years of success from one of the clubs stalwarts, and also hope that he can taste a few more premierships before it's time to hang them up!





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A message from our juniors.

The baton passes.... After 7 years, Justin Horsburgh has stepped down as Junior Coordinator. We would like to formally thank Jucka for his commitment to Williamstown Imperial Cricket Club Juniors. He set out to provide a youth friendly environment for participation, learning and success in cricket. This has certainly been achieved as evidenced by the Junior's membership growth. Lucky us though – Jucka will continue to foster sportsmanship and professionalism on the field as the U13 coach.

As you all know, Daniel Slattery has been Secretary of the Imps for the last 15 years. He has decided to stand down from the Secretary role this season and make his focus administering our junior sides and Milo program. As our club grows to become the junior club of choice with our local community, we are excited to have Daniel at the helm.

The 2016/17 season saw all our players play and train with commitment, discipline and focus. Special mention must be made of the 5 players who were invited to train in the U12 WRJCA Metropolitan Representative Program. Aaron, Andreas, Jasper, Chester and Jack (pictured below) did their club, families and themselves proud with their efforts. Jack Renyolds (opening bowler/middle order batsman) and Jasper Taylor (top order batsman) were ultimately selected to represent the WRJCA at the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union tournament in January, 2018



The 2017/18 season is definitely upon us. As such, we request that you register your child/ren so that they can begin training. All details in regards to costs, age groups and playing days can be found on our website

<http://www.williamstownimperialscricketclub.com/juniors.html>

There is a link here to the player registration and payment site. All payment this year needs to be finalised through the website. Lastly, we would like to kick off the season in style with a Family Day on Saturday 7th October. Drop in to the club house anytime between 11 am and 1 pm to collect Milo packs and Cubs, U11 and U13 playing shirts. This would be a fantastic opportunity to meet the coaches, grab a snag and roll your arm over in the nets. We will also have Junior hoodies and caps for sale (price TBA on website). On behalf of the Junior Committee we welcome all our returning and new members. As always, we love to have parents involved as much as possible – especially at Milo. Don't be shy of stepping up and lending a hand. See you all at the Fearon come October!

The WICC Junior Committee



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Key Dates for Season 2017/18

Key Fixture Dates you don't want to miss

Season Opener:
7th October,
1:00pm
V St. Andrews
Pascoe Vale
@ The Fearon

The Battle of the
Fearon:
16th December,
12:30pm
V Williamstown
CYMS
@ The Fearon

Taking on the
Grand Finalists
from 2017/18:
27th Jan/3rd Feb,
1:00pm
V West Newport
@ Altona Green
Park

Fixtures Announced

Our boys have been working hard to hone their skills and fitness to defend their title of Premiers this season, and now the fixture has been released, we can now prepare on how we will attack the season. The season starts at home against St Andrews Pascoe Vale, whilst we go into our Christmas break playing our Fearon rivals, Williamstown CYMS.

**Our third grade fixture is yet to be released at this stage.*

Round 1

7 Oct 17 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v St Andrews Pascoe Vale Fearon Reserve (Sth)

Round 2

14 Oct 17 1:00PM Deer Park v **Williamstown Imperials** John McLeod Oval

Round 3

21 Oct 17 1:00PM, 28 Oct 17 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v East Keilor Fearon Reserve (Sth)

Round 4

4 Nov 17 1:00PM, 11 Nov 17 1:00PM Sunshine YCW v **Williamstown Imperials** Kinder Smith Reserve

Round 5

18 Nov 17 1:00PM, 25 Nov 17 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v Sunshine Heights Fearon Reserve (Sth)

Round 6

2 Dec 17 1:00PM, 9 Dec 17 1:00PM Wyndhamvale v **Williamstown Imperials** Wyndhamvale Reserve

Round 7

16 Dec 17 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v Williamstown CYMS Fearon Reserve (Sth)

Round 8

6 Jan 18 1:00PM Newport - Digman v **Williamstown Imperials** Bryan Martyn Oval

Round 9

13 Jan 18 1:00PM, 20 Jan 18 1:00PM Point Cook v **Williamstown Imperials** Saltwater Reserve ...

Round 10

27 Jan 18 1:00PM, 3 Feb 18 1:00PM West Newport v **Williamstown Imperials** Altona Green Park

Round 11

10 Feb 18 1:00PM, 17 Feb 18 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v Maribyrnong Park St Marys Fearon Reserve (Sth)

Round 12

24 Feb 18 1:00PM, 3 Mar 18 1:00PM **Williamstown Imperials** v Point Cook Fearon Reserve (Sth)



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Preseason Camp - Torquay

The first Preseason Camp took place at Torquay with 11 of our players heading down to be challenged by our fitness coach, Gav Forrest. Some fitness work with team building activities saw the boys work really hard, with a bit of team bonding after the session. We hope that this can be the first of many of these camps moving forward.





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Meet our
new
recruits



Sandeep Mandalika

Name: Sandeep Prasad Mandalika
Nickname: Sunny or Geoff..... but I wouldn't mind Sachin or Virat.
Batting Style: Not very entertaining
Bowling Style: Right arm buffet.....help yourself
Best bowling: 6/22
Highest Score: 65*
Favourite Food: Anything sweet.
Favourite Beer: Fat Yak
Most embarrassing moment on the cricket field: Went into my last ever U17 game with gastro. Had to leave the field urgently 3 balls into my final innings. Having to balance myself atop a rusty, disease-ridden communal toiler at Gray Reserve with no toilet paper whilst listening to the howling laughter of the opposition was a fantastic way to end my less than stellar junior career.
Funniest at the club: What happens on the trip, stays on the trip.
Your greatest fear: Drowning
What movie would you watch before a game: Braveheart
Pre cricket meal: Long Black with a Big Breakfast, no bacon. Extra smashed avo, just in case any lovely ladies would like to take me out pre game.
Stranded on an island and can only have 3 items: Solar Powered Nespresso Machine, a tent and clean undies.
3 people to invite for dinner: Steven Spielberg, Muhammad Ali and Jennifer Lawrence.
One thing we should know about Dean Auciello: Deano owns a very questionable 'multipurpose' jockstrap.

Matt Davis

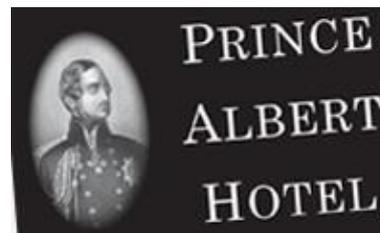


Name: Matthew Davis
Nickname: Davo, Dav, Matty
Batting Style: Left Handed
Bowling Style: Left arm pies
Highest Score: 105 not out
Preferred batting spot: 3
Favourite Food: Pizza
Favourite Beer: Bud light
Most embarrassing moment on the cricket field: Got out on a hatrick
Funniest at the club: Tristan Pearce
Your greatest fear: Heights
What movie would you watch before a game: Winnie the Poo
Pre cricket meal: 6 Pack of Carltons and a pizza
You are stranded on an island and can only have 3 items: Jennifer Lopez, Life supply of baked beans, Toilet paper
3 people to invite for dinner: Dane Swann, Max Gawn, Margot Robbie



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