

A group of four men in white cricket attire are posed in front of a chain-link fence. Two men stand in the back row with their arms crossed, while two men sit on a bench in the front row. The background shows a grassy field and a building.

FTGCC

*The
Record
1st XI Individual
Performances*

Fred Stevens – 11/19 in an Innings (4/1/1890)

The Dandenong Advertiser reported on Thursday January 9th, 1890...

On Saturday last (4/1/1890), a match was played on Mrs. Blair's ground (Mrs. Annie Blair held the license for the Ferntree Gully 'Middle' Hotel) between twelve of the East Melbourne Rovers and an equal number of the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club (Both teams played 12 players by agreement). Fred Stevens bowled exceptionally well for the home club, taking in one innings all the opposition wickets for 19 runs.

The Oakleigh & Ferntree Gully Times, reported on Saturday, January 11th, 1890...

The Ferntree Gully C.C. met the East Melbourne Rovers, on the ground by Mrs. Blair's Ferntree Gully Hotel, on Saturday last, with a team of twelve on each side. The local team was in good form and Steven's bowling was terribly destructive.

FERNTREE GULLY vs EAST MELBOURNE ROVERS

Ferntree Gully		East Melbourne Rovers	
Player	Score	Player	Score
George Williams	15	Raby	7
Walter Williams (Capt.)	7	Pierce	8
Frederick Lording	14	Waugh	17 Not Out
Ted Lording	9	Carson	2
Ed Selman	16	Blazey	2
Ephraim Hughes	17	G. Waugh	0
John Lording	22	Schultz	0
Fred Stevens	2	Costello	1
Ern Selman	7	Owens	0
Henry Monk	1	Schultz	0
Mullins	4 Not Out	Schultz	0
Fowler	5	Higgins	1
Sundries	6	Sundries	
Score	125	Score	38

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won by 87 runs – **Fred Stevens 11/19**

A couple of weeks later the two clubs met again and the results were very different...

The Dandenong Advertiser reported on Thursday January 23rd, 1890...

A match between Ferntree Gully Cricket Club and East Melbourne Rovers Cricket Club was played on Wednesday 15th, on Mrs. Blair's ground in Ferntree Gully. Owing to the absence of five or six of the best players, the home team was not up to its usual strength. The game resulted in a draw – East Melbourne C.C. 135 to Ferntree Gully C.C. 9/82. (Fred Stevens took 2 wickets and made a 'Duck'.)

The Oakleigh & Ferntree Gully Times, reported on Saturday, January 25th, 1890...

The East Melbourne C.C. paid a visit to Ferntree Gully on the 15th to try conclusions with the Gully cricketers. A pleasant outing was enjoyed and a fair contest resulted in a draw...

NOTES: Fred Stevens' 11/19 included the Club's first recorded **Hat Trick**

Fred Stevens can be ranked alongside George Williams as one of the first Ferntree Gully C.C. legends...

In a career spanning 27 seasons, between 1884/85 and 1911/12, records are available from 15 of these seasons. From records available he appeared in 144 Matches, scored 738 runs and just over 400 wickets

His best included 21 times taking 5 or more wickets in an innings – 5/4, 6/<42, 5/12, 5/16, 5/9, 7/13, 5/25, 6/62, 5/36, 7/<10, 5/12, 6/<25, 6/20, 7/12, 7/23, 5/16, 7/15, 6/27, 5/40 & 9/34, which came from 7 Overs and included a Hat Trick. These were all topped by his 11/19 against the East Melbourne Rovers.

His 1st XI wicket tally stood as the most ever in Club history until Barry Stuart surpassed his total in 1967/68.

George McRae – 19/30 in a Match (9/12/1922)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
RDCA A Section	Five	Wantirna	Ferntree Gully Res.	2/12 & 9/12/1922

FTGCC Batting (2nd)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Bill Armstrong (Capt.)	15		Frank Pickett	8	
Doug Bear (W/K)	10		Marley Sellars	30	
Ted Clohesy	2		Len Thomas	0	
Ehrenfreid Exner	13		Thomas Williams Jnr.	5*	
Robert Gill	5				
George McRae	48		Sundries	10	
George Pickett	0		Score	146	

FOW: 23 (Bear), 28 (Clohesy), 44 (Exner), 52 (Armstrong), 52 (Gill), 54 (G. Pickett), 66 (F. Pickett), 140 (Sellars), 140 (Thomas), 146 (McRae)

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
F. Rhodes	B		George McRae	5	B		George McRae	0
A. Bryant	C/B	M.A. Sellars	George McRae	3	C&B		George McRae	5
G. Handasyde	B		George McRae	6	B		George McRae	0
A. Counsell	C	L.D. Bear	George McRae	11	C&B		George McRae	8
H. Ingwersen		RUN OUT		4	B		George McRae	1
G. Bryant	B		George McRae	0	B		George McRae	5
F. Ingwersen	C	R. Gill	George McRae	0	C	E.T. Clohesy	George McRae	2
A. Sanders	B		George McRae	1	C	E.T. Clohesy	George McRae	3
H. Allan	C/B	M.A. Sellars	George McRae	2	B		George McRae	0
L. Westmore		NOT OUT		1	B		George McRae	1
T. Cross	B		George McRae	0		NOT OUT		10
			Sundries	2			Sundries	3
			Score	35			Score	38

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
George McRae			9	19			10	11
Ted Clohesy			0	14			0	15
Marley Sellars							0	9

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won by an Innings & 73 runs

NOTES: Over a decade ago, research led to the discovery of George's incredible 2nd Innings 10 wicket haul against Wantirna, but the bowling details of the 1st Innings remained elusive at the time. Despite regular searching, the 1st Innings details remained unknown until (May 2009) when a published account of the 1st Innings & Scorecard was discovered by accident by the Club Historian, while researching and compiling playing records for another club!

George's achievement ranks as probably the greatest in club history and compares favorably with the famous Test Match effort of great English "Off Spinner", Jim Laker, who took 19 wickets and routed Australia in the 4th Test of the 1956 Ashes series at Manchester.

George won the 1922/23 Club Bowling Average (37 @ 5.24) and took the most wickets for the season – hardly surprising, after he took 9/19 in one innings and then improved those figures by taking 10/11 in the next innings!

He did not qualify for the RDCA Averages which were then based on Overs & Balls Bowled in the season!

Len Smith – 14/90 in a Match (13/2/1915)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
Rep DCA – B Section	Nine	Doncaster East	Ferntree Gully Res.	6/2 & 13/2/1915

FTGCC Batting (2nd)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Jack McMahon	0	14	Pat Staig	24	
Fred Carrington	24	44 *	Lew Dawkins	5	
George Williams (Capt.)	114 *		Con Clohesy	0	
E. Wakeling	0		Les Knight (W/K)	0	
Len Smith	1	11 *			
Robert Scott	18	0	Sundries	7	1
Sam Johnson	4		Score	197	2/70

FOW 1st Inn: 0 (McMahon), 72 (Carrington), 72 (Wakeling), 74 (Smith), 100 (Scott), 108 (Johnstone), 176 (Staig), 190 (Dawkins), 197 (Clohesy), 197 (Knight)

FOW 2nd Inn: 18 (McMahon), 18 (Scott)

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
J. Mackinlay	Stp	Les Knight	Robert Scott	6	B		Len Smith	25
C. Uebergang	B		Len Smith	13	C	Fred Carrington	Robert Scott	2
V. Johnstone	B		Len Smith	2	B		Len Smith	24
A. Crouch	B		Len Smith	12	B		Jack McMahon	87
C. Johnstone	C	Fred Carrington	Len Smith	25	C	Sub	Robert Scott	3
W. Wilson	B		Len Smith	14		RUN OUT		1
J. Finger		NOT OUT		3	B		Len Smith	0
J. White	B		Len Smith	0	B		Jack McMahon	0
R. White	B		Len Smith	9	B		Len Smith	7
G. Mackinlay	B		Len Smith	0		NOT OUT		1
W. Broussard	C&B		Len Smith	0	B		Len Smith	1
			Sundries	12			Sundries	10
			Score	96			Score	161

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
Len Smith	8.4		9	28			5	62
Robert Scott	8		1	56			2	39
Fred Carrington							0	43
Jack McMahon							2	7

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won by 8 Wickets

NOTES: Len Smith's match figures of 14/90 (9/28 & 5/62) are the second best 1st XI Match figures ever

Len Smith's 14/90 topped a season where he took a 1st XI and Club Record 87 wickets in only 9 matches, including taking 10 Wickets in a match 6 times and 5 Wickets in an Innings 12 times.

His astonishing season included 5/39 & 5/26, 4/10 & 7/57, 6/19, 9/28 & 5/62, 5/23 & 5/42, 7/27, 9/18, 9/40 & 1/16 and then 7/8 in his final match, a game in which he also made 108! He served in World War 1 and never recovered from mustard gas poisoning which stopped his participation in any further games at the club post war.

George Williams' 114* is one of three hundreds he made in 1914/15 – when he scored a Club Record 910 runs

George and Len's stellar seasons remain as individual Club batting and bowling records over 100 years later...

Ash Henry – 203 Not Out (8/12/1990)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
FTGDCA Neilson Shield	Seven	Knoxfield	Ferntree Gully #1	1/12 & 8/12/1990

FTGCC Batting (2nd)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Andrew Hibbins	19		Andrew Downs	DNB	
Rob Seviar	0		Ian Clarke (W/K)	DNB	
Jarrold Adem	23		Dean Glare	DNB	
Ash Henry	203*		Norm Butters	DNB	
Simon Spaulding	114				
Lindsay Wulf (Capt.)	57*		Sundries	25	
John Franchi	DNB		Score	4/441	

FOW: 4 (Seviar), 29 (Hibbins), 87 (Adem), 283 (Spaulding)

Partnerships

Wkt	Score	Not Out Batsman	Out Batsman
4th	196	Ash Henry	Simon Spaulding
5th	158*	Ash Henry	Lindsay Wulf

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
P. Stewart	C	Ash Henry	Simon Spaulding	21				
B. Foster	C	Simon Spaulding	Norm Butters	43				
J. Scanlan	LBW		Dean Glare	7				
M. Stewart	C	Andrew Hibbins	Andrew Downs	38				
D. Richards	C	Andrew Downs	Norm Butters	8				
P. Attfield	C	John Franchi	Andrew Downs	6				
C. Smith		RUN OUT		14				
G. Jollands	B		Andrew Downs	2				
J. Devenuto	C/B	Ian Clarke	Andrew Downs	9				
B. Lewis	C/B	Ian Clarke	Andrew Downs	2				
D. Plumridge		NOT OUT		1				
			Sundries	23			Sundries	
			Score	174			Score	

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
Andrew Downs	18.3	3	5	46				
Norm Butters	17	5	2	31				
Simon Spaulding	13	1	1	37				
Dean Glare	11	3	1	25				
John Franchi	2	0	0	9				
Lindsay Wulf	4	0	0	15				
Ash Henry	2	1	0	4				

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won on 1st Innings by 267 runs

NOTES: Incredibly, even though this was the first FTGDCA 1st XI Double Century since 1981/82 and at the time only the fifth one ever scored, Ash didn't get awarded the Three "Feaver Medal" Votes from the Umpires! They gave the Votes to Simon Spaulding for his 114 (albeit a ton in quick time) & 1/37!

Andrew Downs – 234 (13/2/1993)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
FTGDCA Topline Shield	Eleven	Mountain Gate	Ferntree Gully #1	6/2 & 13/2/1993

FTGCC Batting (2nd)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Lindsay Wulf (Capt.)	101		Brad Geraghty (W/K)	DNB	
Grant Vandenberg	54		Jeremy Homfray	DNB	
Ash Henry	2		Brett Lewis	DNB	
Andrew Downs	234		Dean Glare	DNB	
Ray Rebecchi	20				
Mario Catalano	24*		Sundries	20	
Steve Flemming	0*		Score	5/455	

FOW: 89 (Vandenberg), 91 (Henry), 353 (Wulf), **428 (Downs)**, 442 (Rebecchi)

Partnerships

Wkt	Score	Not Out Batsman	Out Batsman
1st	89	Lindsay Wulf	Grant Vandenberg
3rd	262	Andrew Downs	Lindsay Wulf

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
B. Heath	C	Ray Rebecchi	Andrew Downs	19				
R. Knight	C/B	Brad Geraghty	Jeremy Homfray	15				
S. Olarenshaw	B		Brett Lewis	16				
G. Hall	C	Ray Rebecchi	Brett Lewis	2				
D. Harris	LBW		Jeremy Homfray	0				
B. Wiseman	C	Andrew Downs	Jeremy Homfray	4				
C. Harris	B		Andrew Downs	23				
P. Wiles	LBW		Andrew Downs	7				
J. Gillespie	C/B	Brad Geraghty	Brett Lewis	3				
D. Morris		NOT OUT		22				
B. Tucker	B		Andrew Downs	0				
			Sundries	23				Sundries
			Score	134				Score

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
Andrew Downs	13.5	0	4	55				
Dean Glare	11	4	0	21				
Jeremy Homfray	14	4	3	36				
Brett Lewis	8	0	3	15				
Steve Flemming	2	1	0	3				
Ray Rebecchi	1	1	0	0				

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won on 1st Innings by 321 runs

NOTES: At the time Andrew's score of 234 was the highest Individual Score ever recorded in the FTGDCA, surpassing Michael Hoban's 231 for Knox vs Rowville in 1981/82. This record was in turn broken in 2005/06 by ex Sri Lankan Test Player Dulip Samaraweera when he made 235* for Johnson Park against Knoxfield

The team score from this match of 5/455 is the largest ever in 1st XI history as is the winning margin of 321 runs

Tony Smith – 244 Not Out (4/2/1995)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
RDCA Chandler Shield	Ten	Lilydale	Lilydale Rec. Res.	28/1 & 4/2/1995

FTGCC Batting (2nd)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Ash Henry	19		Ray Calvert	DNB	
John Franchi	10		Kevin Howell (W/K)	DNB	
Andrew Crompton	39		Jeremy Homfray	DNB	
Andrew Downs	45		Jim McGowan	DNB	
Tony Smith	244*				
Lindsay Wulf (Capt.)	58		Sundries	16	
Dean Glare	10*		Score	5/441	

FOW: 22 (Franchi), 66 (Henry), 72 (Crompton), 201 (Downs), 422 (Wulf)

Partnerships

Wkt	Score	Not Out Batsman	Out Batsman
4th	129	Tony Smith	Andrew Downs
5th	221	Tony Smith	Lindsay Wulf

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
A. Kerr	C	Ray Calvert	Tony Smith	8				
M. Brebner	C	Ash Henry	Jeremy Homfray	20				
P. Sleeman	C	Andrew Downs	Tony Smith	6				
A. Alexander	C	Dean Glare	Tony Smith	28				
D. Attard	B		Jeremy Homfray	3				
P. Schumann	B		Tony Smith	9				
L. Whitehouse	C	Jim McGowan	Andrew Crompton	4				
B. Spencer	C	Tony Smith	Andrew Crompton	68				
L. Hartman	C	Andrew Downs	Tony Smith	0				
B. Simpson	B		Tony Smith	4				
P. Barnett		NOT OUT		21				
			Sundries	21			Sundries	
			Score	192			Score	

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
Andrew Downs	10	5	0	20				
Tony Smith	27	10	6	42				
Jeremy Homfray	13	3	2	32				
Andrew Crompton	19.3	1	2	65				
John Franchi	10	2	0	23				

RESULT: Ferntree Gully won on 1st Innings by 249 runs

NOTES: Tony's 244 Not Out and 6/42 ranks alongside the 1914/15 effort of early club great, Len Smith when he made 108 Not Out and took 7/8 in the same match

These are the only two instances in 1st XI History when the same player has made a Century & taken more than Five Wickets in an innings in the same match.

Tony's score remains the highest 1st XI individual score ever achieved at the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club.

Mario Catalano – 204 Not Out (13/1/1996)

Grade	Round	Opponent	Played	Date(s)
RDCA Chandler Shield	Eight	St. Andrews	Ferntree Gully #1	13/1 & 20/1/1996

FTGCC Batting (1st)

Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn	Name	1 st Inn	2 nd Inn
Mario Catalano	204*		David Goodger	DNB	
John Franchi	1		Lindsay Wulf (Capt.)	DNB	
Graham Salan	66		Dean Glare	DNB	
Andrew Downs	1		Jason Goldsmith (W/K)	DNB	
Tony Smith	54				
Ash Henry	31*		Sundries	7	
Andrew Crompton	DNB		Score	4/364	

FOW: 4 (Franchi), 185 (Salan), 186 (Downs), 275 (Smith)

Partnerships

Wkt	Score	Not Out Batsman	Out Batsman
2nd	181	Mario Catalano	Graham Salan
4th	89	Mario Catalano	Tony Smith
5th	89*	Mario Catalano	Ash Henry

Opposition Batting

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr	Out	Fieldsman	Bowler	Scr
S. Murley		NOT OUT		38				
P. Dixon	C	Graham Salan	Andrew Downs	7				
M. Cairns	B		Graham Salan	11				
B. Dower		NOT OUT		20				
S. Knight								
T. Moran								
A. Atherton								
R. Lawrence								
R. Armstrong								
P. McKeown								
S. Cornelius								
			Sundries	19			Sundries	
			Score	2/95			Score	

FTGCC Bowling

Name	1 st Innings				2 nd Innings			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
David Goodger	5	1	0	16				
Tony Smith	7	1	0	10				
Andrew Crompton	6	0	0	31				
Andrew Downs	7	2	1	14				
Graham Salan	5	0	1	14				
Dean Glare	3	1	0	2				
Mario Catalano	1	1	0	0				
Ash Henry	1	1	0	0				
Lindsay Wulf	1	0	0	6				
John Franchi	1	0	0	1				

RESULT: Match Drawn after rain intervened on Day 2

NOTES: Mario's 200, the fourth in senior Club history, was made in front of his team mates, including the only other players to have scored 200 in the 1st XI – ironically each of them partnered him on his way to 204*!