



2019/20 FTGDCA 'DeCoite Shield' Premiers
Our most recent 1st XI Premiership

Ferntree Gully CC *1st XI Premierships*



1933/34 MDCA 1st Division Premiers

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The Scorecards in this document are compiled from all known and available records and include all instances related to the direct efforts of Ferntree Gully Cricket Club 1st XI Players in successful Premiership teams.

1st XI Premiership Record

1st XI – Played 31, Won 20¹

Season	Place	Gm #	Season	Place	Gm #	Season	Place	Gm #	Season	Place	Gm #
1933/34	Premier	95	1966/67	R/Up	434	1991/92	Premier	744	2019/20	Premier	1098
1936/37	R/Up	123	1967/68	R/Up	447	1992/93	Premier	757			
1946/47	Premier	222	1970/71	Premier	481	1993/94	Premier	770			
1947/48	Premier	234	1971/72	R/Up	493	1995/96	Premier	796			
1948/49	Premier	245	1972/73	Premier	506	1996/97	R/Up	809			
1949/50	Premier	256	1974/75	Premier	530	1997/98	R/Up	822			
1950/51	R/Up	267	1975/76	R/Up	542	1998/99	Premier	835			
1951/52	Premier	277	1978/79	R/Up	581	2000/01	Premier	859			
1953/54	Premier	298	1984/85	Premier	655	2006/07	R/Up	931			
1965/66	Premier	422	1989/90	Premier	716	2008/09	Premier	956			

1st XI Premiership Captains

Season	Captain	Season	Captain	Season	Captain
1933/34	G.J. Meredith	1974/75	R.J. Sidebottom	2019/20	J. Kilby
1946/47	J.R. Rowe	1984/85	R.J. Sidebottom		
1947/48	C.R. Sidebottom	1989/90	L.C. Wulf		
1948/49	C.R. Sidebottom	1991/92	B.M. Geraghty		
1949/50	R. Dinsdale	1992/93	L.C. Wulf		
1951/52	R. Dixon	1993/94	L.C. Wulf		
1953/54	W.H. Tew	1995/96	L.C. Wulf		
1965/66	B.F. Joyner	1998/99	G.C. Salan		
1970/71	H.M. Tew	2000/01	A.R. Downs		
1972/73	R.J. Sidebottom	2008/09	S.R. Richardson		

¹ In 1913/14 the 1st XI was Reporter DCA “C Section” Runners up when the winner (Surrey Hills) played the “A” Section winner (Canterbury) in the Grand Final.

1st XI Grand Final Records

HIGHEST SCORE IN A WINNING MATCH: 399 vs Boronia Church of Christ – 1965/66

HIGHEST SCORE IN A LOSING MATCH: 269 vs Bayswater (311) – 1966/67

LOWEST SCORE IN A WINNING MATCH: 60 (2nd Innings) vs Bayswater – 1949/50

LOWEST SCORE IN A LOSING MATCH: 89 vs Bayswater (146) – 1950/51

BEST BATTING PERFORMANCES IN A GRAND FINAL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Scr</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Scr</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Scr</u>	<u>Season</u>
K.A. Whyte	134	1953/54	I.J.B. Ewart %	86	196/67	M.B. McRae	77	1970/71
J.R.A. Bradley	94*	1948/49	B.F. Joyner	84	1965/66	M.D. Beyer	74	1984/85
A.R. Downs	94	1992/93	L.K. Bowyer	83*	1998/99	H.K. Padgett	73	1948/49
A.P. Henry #	90*	1991/92	D.G. McIntyre	83*	1965/66	R.J. DeCoite #	33*	1949/50
R.J. Sidebottom %	89	1978/79	L.C. Wulf	81*	1989/90			
R.J. DeCoite #	88*	1946/47	A.R. Downs	78	1995/96			
A.G.S. Ford	87	1933/34	G.C. Salan	77*	2000/01			

Batted through the Innings

% In a losing Grand Final

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES IN A GRAND FINAL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>
A.W. Hicks %	8/31	1950/51	A.R. Barber	5/9	1947/48
A.R. Downs	8/53	1995/96	J.R. Rowe	5/19	1946/47
J.R.A. Bradley	4/25 & 7/16 (11/41)	1949/50	A.W. Hicks	5/29	1948/49
W.H. Tew %	7/37	1936/37	J.R.A. Bradley	5/30 & 5/38 (10/68)	1951/52
A.R. Downs	7/66	1992/93	C.R. Sidebottom	5/30	1948/49
E.G. Beaumont	6/11	1933/34	C.H. James %	5/54	1978/79
K.S. Mastertoun	6/19 & 4/44 (10/63)	1972/73	G.C. Salan %	5/63	1996/97
A.R. Downs	6/21	1993/94	A.R. Downs	5/65	2000/01
A.W. Hicks	6/29	1953/54	D.G. McIntyre	5/79	1965/66
R.J. Sidebottom	6/34 & 4/31 (10/65)	1974/75	J.B. Stuart	3/10 Inc. Hat Trick	1953/54

% In a losing Grand Final

BEST WICKET KEEPING PERFORMANCES IN A GRAND FINAL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>
K.C. Howell	6 C	1993/94	J.C. Goldsmith	4 C	1995/96	R. Dinsdale	1 C, 3 S	1946/47
R. Dinsdale	3 C, 2 S	1949/50	B.M. Geraghty	4 C	1989/90			
J.C. Goldsmith	4 C	2000/01	R.C. Joyner	4 C	1974/75			
J.C. Goldsmith %	4 C	1997/98	I.J.B. Ewart	2 C, 2 S	1965/66			

% In a losing Grand Final

BEST FIELDING PERFORMANCES IN A GRAND FINAL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Season</u>
G.C. Salan	4 C	1996/97	M.B. McRae	3 C	1972/73
A.P. Henry	3 C	1998/99	L.W. Dinsdale	3 C	1949/50

MULTIPLE WINNING GRAND FINAL APPEARANCES

- 7 J.L. Franchi
- 6 J.R.A. Bradley, R. Dinsdale, L.W. Dinsdale, A.R. Downs, A.P. Henry, A.W. Hicks, W.H. Tew
- 5 A.R. Barber, R.J. DeCoite, J.R. Homfray, R.C. Joyner, L.C. Wulf
- 4 I.J.B. Ewart, S.J. Flemming, D.R. Glare, K.L. Hill, L.W. Lancaster, J.R. Rowe, G.C. Salan, R.J. Sidebottom, S.C. Spaulding
- 3 R.A. Ballam, R.G. Batty, L.K. Bowyer, M. Catalano, R. Dixon, R.M. Dockery, G.J. Feaver, B.M. Geraghty, J.C. Goldsmith, M.J. Kirkpatrick, C.R. Sidebottom, H.M. Tew
- 2 P.D. Ballam, J.J. Bradbury, M.L. Black, N.E. Butters, A.J. Crompton, D.M. Goodger, M. Hall, A.M.R. Hibbins, K.C. Howell, B. Lewis, J.A. McGowan, M.B. McRae, K.S. Mastertoun, B.J. Springett, C.I. Springett, J.B. Stuart, M. Teofilo, G.E. Tew

1933/34 – MDCA – The First Victory – a hollow one

We reformed after a recess that commenced at the end of the 1927/28 season, when a dispute occurred between Boronia and Ferntree Gully. The RDCA deferred in Boronia's favour, though Sir Albert Chandler, of 'Chandler Shield' fame and long time Boronia CC member, put them under considerable pressure. To understand his influence - at the end of the season he donated the 'Chandler Shield' and was made patron of the Association – clearly a tough protest to win!

We joined the Mountain District Cricket Association and won the Semi Final against local rivals, Upper Ferntree Gully. The match started at 3:00 p.m. on March 10th, 1934 at Ferntree Gully's ground and Upper Gully ended their innings on 164 runs. In reply Ferntree Gully's first innings effort, which began on the 10th March and concluded on the 17th was just ahead of our opponents as we made 167 runs, a first innings lead of 3 runs (Finals matches were played to an outright result).

With just a three run lead the game could go either way but the Gully bowlers then dismissed Upper Gully in their 2nd innings for just 25 runs. To complete the match Ferntree Gully batted out the second innings and requiring just 23 runs for an outright win and were 1/31 in reply – no one knows why the extra 8 runs were scored (including Wal Tew who was playing in the game)! The stars of the game were Alan Ford who made a magnificent 87 for the Gully's first innings, single handedly giving us a win with the bat, and Ted Beaumont who took 1/35 off 5 Overs in the first innings and 6/11 off 4 Overs in the second.

Ferntree Gully defeated Upper Ferntree Gully by 9 wickets to win the 1933/34 MDCA Semi Final (Scorecard Below) and was jointly awarded the Premiership Pennant with Belgrave when the Grand Final at Emerald was abandoned without the game concluding. Rain interrupted play for three consecutive Weekends prior to the start of the 1934 Football season and the MDCA abandoned attempts at completing it! Belgrave scored 157 in the only completed innings of the match

Ferntree Gully		1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
G.J. Meredith (C)		RUN OUT		18					
J.R. Rowe	LBW		M. Henry	14		NOT OUT			10
A.G.S. Ford	B		M. Henry	87					
F.C. Schultz	C	R. Griffiths	R.V. Fountain	8					
G.J. Pickett (W/K)	C	M. Henry	W. Dundas	8	B		M. Henry		0
E.G. Beaumont	C	A.R. Tooby	M. Henry	0		NOT OUT			17
W.H. Tew	C	R. Reeves	M. Henry	25					
C. Sutton	B		M. Henry	0					
T.H. Hayes	LBW		W. Swindon	5					
A.G. Hayes	B		W. Swindon	1					
B. Rout		NOT OUT		0					
	1 B,		Extras	1	4 B,		Extras		4
12 th Man Unknown			TOTAL	167			TOTAL		1/31
FOW: 24 31 59 64 84 85 148 148 167 167					FOW: 7				

Upper FTG		1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
A.R. Tooby	C	A.G.S. Ford	E.G. Beaumont	68	B		E.G. Beaumont		0
R.V. Fountain	LBW		J.R. Rowe	34	Stp	G.J. Pickett	J.R. Rowe		1
J. Flipovitch	B		A.G. Hayes	16	B		E.G. Beaumont		0
W. Dundas	B		W.H. Tew	0	B		E.G. Beaumont		0
K. Gordon		RUN OUT		8	Stp	G.J. Pickett	J.R. Rowe		0
R. Reeves	LBW		W.H. Tew	7	B		E.G. Beaumont		6
M. Henry	C	C. Sutton	G.J. Meredith	13		NOT OUT			12
W. Swindon (C)	Stp	G.J. Pickett	J.R. Rowe	3		RUN OUT			2
G. Jones	B		G.J. Meredith	2	B		E.G. Beaumont		0
R. Griffiths	B		G.J. Meredith	1	B		E.G. Beaumont		0
A. McLean		NOT OUT		1	B		J.R. Rowe		0
	11 B,		Extras	11	4 B,		Extras		4
			TOTAL	164			TOTAL		25

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
J.R. Rowe	8.1	1	2	43	3.5	0	3	11
A.G. Hayes	4	0	1	55				
W.H. Tew	5	1	2	11				
E.G. Beaumont	5	0	1	35	4	1	6	10
G.J. Meredith	3	0	3	9				

1946/47 – RDCA – Bob DeCoite goes all the way

After the first premiership in 1933/34 we were regular finalists throughout the 30's and 40's pre World War II. We played in seven finals series between 1934/35 and 1942/43 but could not get over the line in any of them – a very different story from the immediate post war era! We lost the Semi Final in 1934/35, the Grand Final in 1936/37, Semi in 1937/38, Semi in 1938/39 (after a protest over ruled a victory), Semi in 1939/40, Semi in 1940/41 and again the Semi in 1941/42!

Like most, we were decimated by the loss of players to WWII. On resumption we rejoined the RDCA in 1944/45, after disbanding the summer before. In 1944/45 and 1945/46 we were cellar dwellers, winning one match! The War's end saw local cricket improve as returned soldiers settled in the area. In 1946/47 we joined the RDCA 'B Grade' and set about winning. The batting highlights came from Roy Sidebottom (61), Roy Dinsdale (57) and Keith Jensen (55) while the best bowling included Alan Barber 6/15 against Wantirna and Jol Rowe who took 7/4 and knocked East Ringwood over for just 14! The season's best performance came from Jim Bradley who took 4 wickets in 4 balls against Mooroolbark winning an award from the RDCA. We defeated South Warrandyte by an Innings in the Semi.

Favorites, Boronia awaited in the Final. Bob DeCoite (88*), batting in the innings of his life, combined with Jim Bradley (50) for an opening stand of 92. We scored 209 and Jol Rowe (8 Wkts) and Jim Bradley (7 Wkts) did the rest. After 13 seasons, finals failures and WW II we finally had a Pennant to accompany the 1933/34 flag.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
R.J. DeCoite		NOT OUT		88				6
J.R.A. Bradley	B		F. Ward	50				1
J.R. Rowe (C)	B		F. Ward	0				
L.W. Lancaster	C		F. Ward	5				
C.R. Sidebottom	C		R. Madden	3		NOT OUT		3
K.J. Jensen	B		N. Graham	23		NOT OUT		21
L.W. Dinsdale	B		N. Graham	8				23
A.C.K. Aplin	C		N. Graham	12				
R. Dinsdale (W/K)	LBW		C. Austin	0				
A.W. Hicks		RUN OUT		0				
A.R. Barber				2				
			Extras	18			Extras	5
12 th Man Unknown			TOTAL	209			TOTAL	3/59
	FOW: 92 93 104 109 163 185 187 189 191 209				FOW: 2 10 52			

Boronia	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
F. Ward (C)	C	L.W. Lancaster	J.R.A. Bradley	46	B		A.R. Barber	5
W. Belton	C	K.J. Jensen	J.R. Rowe	32	C	R.J. DeCoite	A.C.K. Aplin	
R. Madden	Stp	R. Dinsdale	J.R. Rowe	0	B		J.R. Rowe	0
A. Cunningham	LBW		J.R.A. Bradley	0	C	J.R.A. Bradley	A.R. Barber	
E. Gretton	B		J.R.A. Bradley	0	C/B	R. Dinsdale	A.C.K. Aplin	
C. Austin	C	R.J. DeCoite	J.R. Rowe	5	C	L.W. Dinsdale	J.R. Rowe	
T. Graham	C	C.R. Sidebottom	J.R. Rowe	1	C	J.R.A. Bradley	A.C.K. Aplin	0
F. Hancock	LBW		A.W. Hicks	6	C	L.W. Dinsdale	C.R. Sidebottom	
V. Pittard	B		J.R. Rowe	4		NOT OUT		
F. Coleman		NOT OUT		17	C	A.W. Hicks	A.C.K. Aplin	0
R. Lumsden	C&B		J.R.A. Bradley	2	C&B		J.R. Rowe	
			Extras	5			Extras	
			TOTAL	124			TOTAL	141

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
J.R.A. Bradley			4	36				
J.R. Rowe			5	19			3	32
A.W. Hicks			1	21				
A.C.K. Aplin							4	30
C.R. Sidebottom							1	7
A.R. Barber							2	11

Ferntree Gully defeated Boronia by 7 wickets to win the 1946/47 RDCA 'B Grade' Grand Final

1947/48 – FTGCA – Local success begins

On the 25th August 1947, Frank Pickett (1934 FTGCC Life Member) and a group of other leading district cricket lovers formed the FTGCA with Ferntree Gully and Scoresby transferring from the RDCA to join the fledgling Association. The competition consisted of clubs from Ferntree Gully, Scoresby, St. Johns, Boronia Church of Christ, The Basin and Upper Ferntree Gully. It was played as a single fixture with Ferntree Gully, Upper FTG and The Basin represented by two teams.

After defeating Upper FTG in the Semi Final (no scorecard available), we met red-hot favorites – The Basin's Number 1 team in the Grand Final. They had earned favoritism after demolishing Scoresby in the Semi Final making 312. The game resulted in a boil over as we easily defeated them outright by an Innings and 43 runs.

The Basin batted first and was shot for 89 out by a devastating spell of quick bowling from Alan Barber (5/9). In reply Bob DeCoite (47) started things off well again, but the innings star was Jim Bradley (94*) who combined with Bob to put on 96 for the 6th Wicket as we compiled 204. The Bowlers shared the spoils in the 2nd Innings with Alan Barber 2/19, Roy Sidebottom 1/25 and Arthur Hicks (the first FTGCA Bowling Average winner) 2/14.

Making up for the succession of finals losses in the mid to late 1930's we had now won two senior premierships in succession and commenced an era of dominance unsurpassed for over 50 years.

Ferntree Gully 1	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
R.J. DeCoite				47				
A.W. Hicks				4				
L.W. Dinsdale				27				
C.R. Sidebottom (C)				6				
W.H. Tew				1				
W. Hicks				11				
J.R.A. Bradley		NOT OUT		94				
L.W. Lancaster				3				
R. Dinsdale (W/K)				5				
L. Taylor				0				
A.R. Barber				1				
				Extras				Extras
12 th J.R. Rowe				TOTAL				TOTAL
	FOW: 7 44 55 56 78 172 180 193 200 204				FOW:			

The Basin 1	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
G. Fiedler (C)			A.R. Barber	12			A.R. Barber	7
M. Godfrey			A.R. Barber	39			A.R. Barber	1
Loriet			A.R. Barber	16		NOT OUT		23
R. Treleaven			A.R. Barber	3			C.R. Sidebottom	17
Whitworth			A.R. Barber	4			A.W. Hicks	13
Jackson			C.R. Sidebottom	0			A.W. Hicks	5
K. Byford			C.R. Sidebottom	0			R.J. DeCoite	1
N. Humphries			A.W. Hicks	2				0
McGowan			J.R.A. Bradley	0		Absent		-
Baldwin		NOT OUT		3				0
Miller				0				3
				Extras				Extras
				TOTAL				TOTAL
				89				72

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
J.R.A. Bradley			1	22				
A.W. Hicks			1	19			2	14
A.R. Barber			5	9			2	19
C.R. Sidebottom			2	18			1	25
W.H. Tew			0	11				
R.J. DeCoite							1	9

Ferntree Gully (1) def The Basin (1) by an Innings and 43 runs to win the 1947/48 FTGCA 'No. 1 Grade' Grand Final

1948/49 – FTGCA – Three on the trot

In 1948/49 the FTGCA expanded rapidly to include A, B and C Grade competitions. At the seasons end Ferntree Gully had all three of its teams in the Grand Final. We defeated Bayswater in 'A Grade' and Boronia Church of Christ in 'B Grade' – 133 & 3/136 to 112 & 155. In the 'C Grade' Grand Final the team went down to Upwey District Youth Club after leading on first innings – 55 & 87 to 41 & 9/115 – the last pair putting on 13 to prevent the clean sweep!

Roy Sidebottom top scored in the season with 98* while other batting performances came from Bob DeCoite (80) and Wal Tew (52*) who combined to dominate the Semi Final victory against The Basin. With the Ball the season was led by Roy Sidebottom's great double 6/19 & 6/28 (12/47 in a losing match) against Bayswater in the Home and Away matches. Other excellent bowling efforts came from Jim Bradley 6/12 & 5/9, Alan Barber 6/7, Arthur Hicks 7/18 and Wal Tew 6/35 & in the Semi Final victory - 6/27.

We batted first and were led by ex Collingwood district star - Harry Padgett, whose match winning knock of 73 included some big hitting. He hit 3 sixes off Laurie Benoit and combined with Jim Bradley and Bob DeCoite to post a formidable 240. This was enough to account for Bayswater, when Roy Sidebottom (5/30) in the first innings and Snowy Hicks (5/29) in the second innings put paid to their chances. This made it three victories in three successive Grand Finals – the ghosts of the 1930's were well and truly dead and buried.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
R.J. DeCoite				29				
L.W. Dinsdale								
J.R.A. Bradley				51				
R.M. Dockery								
R. Dinsdale (W/K)								
C.R. Sidebottom (C)								
W.H. Tew								
H.K. Padgett		NOT OUT		73				
A.R. Barber								
J. King								
A.W. Hicks								
				Extras				Extras
12 th L.W. Lancaster				TOTAL				TOTAL
				240				
FOW: XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 240				FOW:				

Bayswater	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
A. Schultz			C.R. Sidebottom	32			A.W. Hicks	
Walker			C.R. Sidebottom	15			A.W. Hicks	
N. Pritchard			C.R. Sidebottom				A.W. Hicks	19
L. Benoit			C.R. Sidebottom				A.W. Hicks	13
W. Bowen Snr.			C.R. Sidebottom				A.W. Hicks	
Harrison			A.R. Barber					29
H. Mackinlay (C)			A.R. Barber					15
			J.R.A. Bradley					
			J.R.A. Bradley					
			A.W. Hicks					
			Extras				Extras	
			TOTAL	88			TOTAL	110

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
J.R.A. Bradley			2	10				
H.K. Padgett								
A.R. Barber			2	12				
C.R. Sidebottom			5	30				
W.H. Tew								
A.W. Hicks			1	11			5	29

Ferntree Gully defeated Bayswater by an Innings and 42 runs to win the 1948/49 FTGCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1949/50 – FTGCA – Bradley strikes – Four in a row

In 1949/50 the Gully was striving to emulate the famous Collingwood Football Club streak of the 1920's (Four consecutive Premierships) and were well served throughout the low scoring season by Bob Dockery (72*) and Captain/Keeper Roy Dinsdale (58*). The Ball dominated the year and Jim Bradley led the way (in a sign of things to come in the finals) with magnificent match figures of 10/13 (7/3 & 3/10) against Bayswater North (all out for 12 & 39) in the Home and Away rounds. Arthur 'Snowy' Hicks with 7/12 as a highlight, also had another dominant season.

Jim Bradley dominated the final series like no other before or since - he took 10 wickets in the close fought 14 run Semi Final win against Wantirna (5/34 & 5/27) and 11 wickets in the Grand Final against Bayswater (4/25 & 7/16). In the Finals he took 21 Wkts for 102 runs @ 4.85 but these didn't count toward the Competition Bowling Average which he won on other great efforts throughout the season! Available records suggest he took over 50 wickets at less than 4 per wicket for the Season!

For the second time in a Grand Final Bob DeCoite batted through the innings and led the batting in a low scoring 1st innings of 75. Despite the low score, at stumps on Day 1 things were looking up as the Gully had fought back to have Bayswater 4/20. Alan Barber and Jim Bradley ensured a lead of 16 runs on the 1st innings but the highlight was the keeping of Roy Dinsdale who got 5 dismissals, including 3 freakish catches and two leg side stumpings. We were 5/30 at stumps in the 2nd innings and only made 60 leaving Bayswater just 80 for victory. Enter Jim Bradley (again) - his 7/16 gave him match figures of 11/41 and saw off the Bayswater challenge for just 32 runs, leaving a 48 run victory and a fourth consecutive Premiership.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
R.J. DeCoite		NOT OUT		33				
R. Dixon				12				
A.R. Barber								
R. Dinsdale (C, W/K)								17
L.W. Dinsdale								10
J.R.A. Bradley								
R.M. Dockery								
A.W. Hicks								
J. King								
L.W. Lancaster								
W.H. Tew								
			Extras				Extras	
12 th L.K. Ewart			TOTAL	75			TOTAL	60
	FOW: XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 75				FOW: XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 60			

Bayswater	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
K. Rosewarne	B		A.R. Barber	16	B		J.R.A. Bradley	
A. Piergrosse	B		A.R. Barber	18	B		J.R.A. Bradley	7
W. Bowen Snr.	B		A.R. Barber		B		J.R.A. Bradley	
L. Benoit	B		J.R.A. Bradley		B		J.R.A. Bradley	
H. Mackinlay (C)	C&B		J.R.A. Bradley		C	L.W. Dinsdale	J.R.A. Bradley	
K. Northwood	B		J.R.A. Bradley		B		J.R.A. Bradley	
W. Bowen Jnr.	C/B	R. Dinsdale	J.R.A. Bradley					
H. Swetzer	C/B	R. Dinsdale			C&B		J.R.A. Bradley	12
	C/B	R. Dinsdale			C	L.W. Dinsdale		
	Stp	R. Dinsdale			C	L.W. Dinsdale		
	Stp	R. Dinsdale						
			Extras				Extras	
			TOTAL	55			TOTAL	32

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Barber			3	23				
J.R.A. Bradley			4	25			7	16

Ferntree Gully defeated Bayswater by 48 runs to win the 1949/50 FTGCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1951/52 – FTGCA – Jim Bradley does it again

After being defeated by Bayswater in the 1950/51 'A Grade' Grand Final when attempting to win five successive Premierships the team bounced back to record its fifth in six seasons. Recruited from St. Johns, Lloyd Bracher (63) top scored for the season in the match that counted while the season's dominant bowling again came from Jim Bradley in the finals and Arthur 'Snowy' Hicks who took 6/31 and a match winning 5/37 in the Semi Final against Bayswater.

The Grand Final against FTG Footballers was a scrappy affair between old club mates, with the ball dominating the bat for the entire game. Batting first we were bundled out for just 67 with Don Downes (7/41) their best. They led by three runs on the 1st Innings and things looked bleak. Our second innings improved on the back of Lloyd Bracher's 63 (Don Downes 6/38 in a great double on the losing team) but Bradley and Barber did the rest ensuring another outright victory, by 30 runs, in a match regarded as one of the greatest and most competitive Grand Finals in association history.

The undoubted Grand Final star was Don Downes (13/79) but the Ferntree Gully hero was proven finalist, Jim Bradley who took 10 wickets for the match (5/38 & 5/30). He backed up his Semi Final haul of 8/59 – 4/24 & 4/35, giving him 18 wickets in the final series and 39 wickets @ 5.87 in back to back finals campaigns – a feat unmatched in the history of the FTGDCA.

The Ferntree Gully Cricket Club had now played in 6 consecutive Grand Finals, winning 1st Eleven Premierships in 1946/47, 1947/48, 1948/49, 1949/50 and 1951/52 while being runner up in 1950/51- a record unequalled to date in the district.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
W.H. Tew			D.J. Downes				D.J. Downes	
R. Dixon (C)			D.J. Downes				D.J. Downes	
L.G. Bracher			D.J. Downes	10			D.J. Downes	63
R. Dinsdale (W/K)			D.J. Downes	21			D.J. Downes	17
J.R.A. Bradley			D.J. Downes				D.J. Downes	
A.R. Barber			D.J. Downes				D.J. Downes	
A.W. Hicks			D.J. Downes					
I.J. Ewart								
R.M. Dockery								
L.W. Dinsdale								
J.R. Rowe								
			Extras				Extras	
12 th Man Unknown			TOTAL	67			TOTAL	129
	FOW: XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 67				FOW: XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 129			

FTG Footballers	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
D.J. Downes			J.R.A. Bradley				J.R.A. Bradley	
K. Meredith			J.R.A. Bradley				J.R.A. Bradley	
C.R. Sidebottom (C)			J.R.A. Bradley	18			J.R.A. Bradley	21
F.J. Hede Jnr			J.R.A. Bradley	18			J.R.A. Bradley	
W.A. Paton			J.R.A. Bradley	11			J.R.A. Bradley	
A.M. Bailey			A.R. Barber					20
			A.R. Barber					
			A.R. Barber					
			A.R. Barber					
			Extras				Extras	
			TOTAL	72			TOTAL	94

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
J.R.A. Bradley			5	30			5	38
A.R. Barber			4	29				

Ferntree Gully defeated FTG Footballers outright by 30 runs to win the 1951/52 FTGCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1953/54 – FTGCA – Ken Whyte’s big day out

The brilliance of ex Richmond District star Ken Whyte, recruited by Club President and 1st XI Captain – Wal Tew, came to the fore in 1953/54. He scored over 450 runs and took over 50 wickets to show the competition his class. He then proceeded to dominate the Semi Final over flag favorites Scoresby with 58 and 5/53 while Ian Ewart 57, Wal Tew 4/18, Barry Stuart 3/17 and Bob DeCoite with 5 Catches fielding also made great contributions. We met Upper Ferntree Gully in the Final who had tied their Semi against Upwey but advanced as the highest placed team on the ladder. Wal Tew won the toss and would have been pleased with the opening stand of 92 between Ian Ewart and Bill Dinsdale. At stumps on Day 1 the Gully were solid at 5/183 with Ken Whyte 22 not out and making a promise to Wal that better things, including a ‘Ton’ were to come.

Day 2 was the ‘Ken Whyte Show’ when he delivered on his promise and proceeded to thrash the Upper Gully attack to all parts of the Wantirna South oval including 4 sixes and 14 fours in a magnificent 134 to build a huge 1st innings score of 336. A demoralised Upper Gully was 8/70 at stumps with Hicks and Whyte taking three wickets each. They were eventually dismissed for just 98 and fared worse in the second innings when Snowy Hicks took 6/29 to dismiss them for just 66 leaving FTG victors by an innings and 172 runs recording one of the biggest FTGDCA Grand Final victories ever.

In a final twist the other second innings bowling performer was up and coming star, 17 year old Barry Stuart, who took a hat trick in his 3/10. He had taken 2 wickets at the end of one over, but to help him try for the hat trick, Wal Tew instructed Snowy Hicks who already had 6/29 not to take the last wicket in his next over and to leave it for ‘Stuey’ to get a hat trick. He did and Barry didn’t let Wal down getting the hat trick and finishing the match with his first ball of the next over.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
L.W. Dinsdale			W. Bruton	42				
I.J. Ewart			W. Bruton	56				
J.R.A. Bradley			W. Bruton					
R.J. DeCoite			A.C.K. Aplin					
R. Dinsdale (WK)			A.C.K. Aplin					
R. Dixon			A.C.K. Aplin	25				
K.A. Whyte			K. McAllister	134				
A.W. Hicks			K. McAllister					
J.B. Stuart								
W.H. Tew (C)								
G.C. Jarvis								
			Extras				Extras	
12 th Man Unknown			TOTAL	336			TOTAL	
FOW: 92 XX XX XX XX XX XX XX XX 336				FOW:				

Upper FTG	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
W. Bruton (C)			A.W. Hicks				A.W. Hicks	19
A.C.K. Aplin			A.W. Hicks				A.W. Hicks	
K. McAllister			A.W. Hicks				A.W. Hicks	
H. Anderson			K.A. Whyte	27			A.W. Hicks	
P. Kinna			K.A. Whyte	12			A.W. Hicks	
J. Sheers			K.A. Whyte	18			A.W. Hicks	
N. Harmon								16
H. Ruddock								
J. King							J.B. Stuart	
							J.B. Stuart	
							J.B. Stuart	
			Extras				Extras	
			TOTAL	98			TOTAL	66

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.W. Hicks			3	9			6	29
J.R.A. Bradley								
K.A. Whyte			3	26				
J.B. Stuart							3	10
							Inc. Hat Trick	

Ferntree Gully defeated Upper FTG by an Innings and 172 runs to win the 1953/54 FTGCA ‘A Grade’ Grand Final

1965/66 – FTGCA – “Peanut’s” ‘new era’ begins

After the success of the 1940's and 1950's it was to be another 12 seasons before another Premiership. From the 1953/54 Grand Final until 1965/66 we played in just two Finals campaigns as the old guard struggled to maintain its dominance. Appointing Barry Joyner, in his early 20's, as Captain, heralded a sweep through the older names in the 1st XI and saw an influx of players and administrators that was to have a major impact on the club and its senior grades for years to come.

His young squad included future greats – Ray Batty, Keith Hill, Mick Kirkpatrick, Dave McIntyre, Doug McMillan, Mal McRae, Ken Mutimer, Rob Sidebottom, George and Harry Tew and Rick Joyner. They combined to enjoy success in the 1970's although Barry's efforts went largely unrewarded as he shifted employment to Adelaide just as his charges began to dominate. The season was dominated by us with five batsmen exceeding 250 runs, led by Barry (451) and four bowlers taking over 15 wickets, led by Barry Stuart (31) with Ian Ewart (11 Dis.) and Rick Joyner (18 Dis.) sharing the keeping duties.

We easily defeated Bayswater in the Semi Final (Barry Stuart 7/27) and played Boronia Church of Christ in the Grand Final. Barry Joyner led from the front with the bat (84) getting support from Ian Ewart after the loss of an early wicket with a stand of 137. The good partnerships continued with Mal Lomax and Dave McIntyre (83*), rubbing salt into the wounds putting on 53 for the 10th Wicket and ensuring 399 on the board had the game in our keeping. Church of Christ made 201 in reply, with McIntyre (5/79) the star in a match winning double, Gary Evans (4/26) and excellent keeping from Ian Ewart supporting them.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
D. Merritt	LBW		G. Whittaker	5		NOT OUT		11
I.J.B. Ewart	C		R. Handasyde	67				
B.F. Joyner (C)	C		P. Hinch	84				
M.J. Kirkpatrick	B		P. Hinch	14				
R.C. Joyner (WK)	C		P. Hinch	11				
D.J. McMillan	C		E. Hendy	50	B		W. Fairfull	19
K.L. Hill	C		P. Hinch	7				
D.G. McIntyre		NOT OUT		83				
J.B. Stuart		RUN OUT		16		NOT OUT		14
G. Evans	B		R. Handasyde	21				
M.R. Lomax	Stp		P. Hinch	20	B		K. McMullen	10
	8 LB, 13 NB		Extras	21	2 B,		Extras	2
12 th R. Keith			TOTAL	399			TOTAL	2/56
	FOW: 12 149 172 178 198 210 282 309 346 399				FOW: 19 37			

Boronia C of C	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
R. Handasyde	C	D.J. McMillan	M.R. Lomax	2				
W. Manallack	C/B	I.J.B. Ewart	D.G. McIntyre	69				
J. McMullen	B		D.G. McIntyre	9				
P. Hinch	LBW		G. Evans	12				
K. McMullen	Stp	I.J.B. Ewart	D.G. McIntyre	34				
W. Fairfull (C)	Stp	I.J.B. Ewart	D.G. McIntyre	27				
S. Plymin	C/B	I.J.B. Ewart	D.G. McIntyre	3				
E. Hendy	C	D. Merritt	G. Evans	15				
W. Douglas	LBW		G. Evans	1				
G. Whittaker	B		G. Evans	3				
J. Maddocks		NOT OUT		9				
	6 B, 4 LB, 7 NB		Extras	17			Extras	
			TOTAL	201			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
M.R. Lomax	5	2	1	8				
J.B. Stuart	9	2	0	20				
D.G. McIntyre	23	4	5	79				
G. Evans	17	6	4	26				
K.L. Hill	9	0	0	28				
B.F. Joyner	6	0	0	23				

Ferntree Gully def Boronia C of Christ by 198 runs on 1st Innings to win the 1965/66 FTGCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1970/71 – FTGDCA – Mal McRae leads the way

Despite his departure to Adelaide, Barry Joyner's influence was still felt long afterwards and another successful era was underway. To his group of young guns were added the great all round skills of Rob Sidebottom (recruited in the coup of the 1966/67 season from FTG Footballers) and Peter Ballam, who had also enticed his brother, Dick – a sub district star to join the club. The team was a warm favorite for the Premiership, but having lost Grand Finals to arch rivals Bayswater in 1966/67, Wantirna South in 1967/68 and 1969/70, didn't want to disappoint the supporters again.

The season was dominated by Dick Ballam (586 runs inc. 116*) and Rob Sidebottom (35 Wkts) and ensured a Semi Final berth. The Semi final was a one sided affair as Dick Ballam (Out for 99), Rick Joyner (54) and Keith Hill (39) led the team to a formidable total of 322 against Footballers who managed 201 in reply (Keith Hill 4/50 and Rob Sidebottom 3/67).

The final was an epic against Wantirna South at Pickett Reserve with the ascendancy shifting between the two teams right throughout the match. The Gully batted first and at 3/38 we were in trouble until Mal McRae (77) played probably his most important innings in a long career at the Club. He combined with Rick Joyner (25) and Harry Tew (39) to see the score reach a challenging 209. In reply Wantirna South were at one stage 3/133 before a consistent spell from George Tew and Rob Sidebottom aided by two crucial wickets to Bob McDonald saw them all out for 180 with the last 7 wickets falling for just 47 runs, leaving us victorious by just 29 runs. A Premiership pennant and the Frank Pickett Shield, denied in the three previous successive attempts since our last success in 1965/66 came home to Ferntree Gully again.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
M.J. Kirkpatrick	B		R. Borgelt	5				
G.L. Mastertoun	B		B. Power	7				
R.A. Ballam	C		B. Power	5				
M.B. McRae	B		G. Turner	77				
R.C. Joyner (W/K)	C		A. Ingwersen	25				
H.M. Tew (C)	C		R. Noon	39				
R.J. Sidebottom	C		G. Turner	9				
K.L. Hill	C		G. Turner	4				
R.B. Deane	B		G. Turner	8				
R. McDonald		NOT OUT		2				
G.E. Tew	LBW		R. Borgelt	0				
	18 B, 1 LB, 9 NB		Extras	28			Extras	
12 th R.G. Batty			TOTAL	209			TOTAL	
	FOW: 13 25 38 76 164 190 195 206 206 209				FOW:			

Wantirna South	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
B. Ingwersen	C	G.E. Tew	R.J. Sidebottom	12				
G. Turner	C	G. Mastertoun	R.J. Sidebottom	48				
T. Bryant	B		R. McDonald	25				
R. Borgelt	LBW		H.M. Tew	6				
A. Ingwersen (C)	C/B	R.C. Joyner	R.J. Sidebottom	36				
R. Noon	C	R.A. Ballam	R. McDonald	1				
P. Brewis	B		G.E. Tew	13				
R. Dobson	C/B	R.C. Joyner	G.E. Tew	3				
B. Power		NOT OUT		11				
P. Chapman	B		R.J. Sidebottom	2				
J. Fisher	B		G.E. Tew	0				
	6B, 2 LB, 15 NB		Extras	23			Extras	
			TOTAL	180			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
G.E. Tew	17.3	7	3	47				
K.L. Hill	9	1	0	32				
R.J. Sidebottom	30	8	4	52				
H.M. Tew	8	5	1	16				
R. McDonald	6	3	2	10				

Ferntree Gully defeated Wantirna South by 29 runs on 1st Innings to win the 1970/71 FTGCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1972/73 – FTGDCA – Dick Ballam's record year

After losing the 1971/72 Grand Final to Bayswater, the 1st XI reached the Grand Final again. The year was highlighted by a number of records as Dick Ballam collected 701 runs - 131, 106 and six other scores over 50. George Tew won the FTGDCA Bowling (30 Wkts @ 9.02) and he was well supported by Kim Mastertoun (53 @ 9.98) and Rob Sidebottom (37 @ 15.65).

In the Semi Final, Wantirna South was skittled for just 84 – Kim (4/22), Rob (4/42) and George (1/12). The Gully replied with a 117 but at 6/67 a few doubts must have crept in. However, Mal McRae (33) with another big match innings ensured victory. Wantirna South batted again but George Tew (5/19) tore them apart ensuring a third successive Grand Final appearance and our sixth Grand Final in eight years since the Barry Joyner led overhaul in 1965/66.

The Grand Final was played at home against Monbulk, who were trying to win their 1st A Grade Premiership since joining the FTGDCA from the MDCA in 1958/59. Monbulk won the toss and were dismissed for 137 with Kim (4/44) and Rob (3/31) doing the damage. At one stage 1/116 we lost 9/57 to be out for 173 – Max James (5/67) and Dennis Collee (3/24) were in devastating form. Harry Tew (57) top scored and was supported by the Ballam's – Dick (45) and Peter (30). In Monbulk's second innings and with plenty of time remaining to achieve an outright victory by both teams, Kim and George ran through them for just 55 in 10.3 (8 Ball) overs and we knocked off the 20 runs needed for outright victory two wickets down.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
M.J. Kirkpatrick (WK)	C		P. Gay	14	C		D. Fleming	8
H.M. Tew	C		M. James	57				
R.A. Ballam	C		D. Collee	45				
P.D. Ballam	B		P. Gay	30				
R.C. Joyner	C		D. Collee	2		NOT OUT		10
M.B. McRae	C		D. Collee	3				
R.J. Sidebottom (C)	C		M. James	1				
K.L. Hill	C		M. James	5		NOT OUT		1
K.S. Mastertoun	Stp		M. James	0	B		A. Marr	2
P. Smith	B		M. James	1				
G.E. Tew		NOT OUT		0				
	7B, 4 LB, 4 NB		Extras	15	2 B,		Extras	2
12 th G.J. Feaver			TOTAL	173			TOTAL	2/23
	FOW: 32 116 130 133 141 144 163 167 173 173				FOW: 16 22			

Monbulk	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
D. Fleming		RUN OUT		18	B		K.S. Mastertoun	0
D. Collee	C	R.A. Ballam	R.J. Sidebottom	11	C	R. Sidebottom	K.S. Mastertoun	0
M. James	C	M.B. McRae	K.S. Mastertoun	18	B		G.E. Tew	7
R. Fleming	C	P. Smith	K.L. Hill	0	B		K.S. Mastertoun	8
D. Matthews (C)	C	R.J. Sidebottom	K.S. Mastertoun	16	C	P. Smith	G.E. Tew	3
P. Hayne	Stp	M.J. Kirkpatrick	R.C. Joyner	13	B		K.S. Mastertoun	13
A. Marr	C	K.L. Hill	K.S. Mastertoun	21	C	M.B. McRae	G.E. Tew	1
G. Matthews	C/B	M.J. Kirkpatrick	R.J. Sidebottom	9	C	M.B. McRae	K.S. Mastertoun	3
P. Gay	B		K.S. Mastertoun	8	C	K.L. Hill	G.E. Tew	2
J. Panioty	B		R.J. Sidebottom	1		NOT OUT		4
B. Anderson		NOT OUT		4	B		K.S. Mastertoun	8
	2 B, 5 LB, 11 NB		Extras	18	2 B, 2 LB, 2 NB		Extras	6
			TOTAL	137			TOTAL	55

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
K.S. Mastertoun	15.7	1	4	44	5.3	0	6	17
G.E. Tew	6	1	0	19	5	1	4	32
R.J. Sidebottom	16	5	3	31				
K.L. Hill	5	1	1	9				
H.M. Tew	2	2	0	0				
R.C. Joyner	3	0	1	14				
M.B. McRae	1	0	0	2				

Ferntree Gully defeated Monbulk outright by 8 Wickets to win the 1972/73 FTGDCA 'A Grade' Grand Final

1974/75 – FTGDCA – ‘Sidey’ does it all

After missing the finals in 1973/74 (Losing four matches by less than 20 runs) the 1st XI struck back to collect another Premiership pennant. Dick Ballam (451 inc. 119) and Harry Tew (274 inc. 106) led the Batsmen while Kim Mastertoun (35 Wkts), Captain; Rob Sidebottom (222 Runs & 33 Wkts) and Rick Joyner (18 Dismissals) led from the front all season.

In the Semi Final against Bayswater, Kim (5/48) and Rob (4/38) dominated to dismiss our arch rivals for 131, which we cruised past at 5/191 with Dick Ballam (84*) starring. The Grand Final was played at home against Footballers and was a testament to the leadership and all round cricket talents of Rob Sidebottom – he dominated the low scoring match against his old club in both innings with the bat and ball to almost single handedly bring another premiership to the FTGCC.

Rob’s dominance in the late 1960’s and throughout the 1970’s reflected the thoughts of many players from that era, that he was among the best all rounders ever seen in the district. His performances ensured he would always be bracketed in conversations with Doug Chapman, Lance Symons and Norm Reeves as the best all rounders of that time, if not all time.

The best of the best always perform in the big games... His Grand Final performance - 2nd Top Score in the 1st Innings, Top Score in the 2nd Innings and Match Figures of 10/65 (4/31 & 6/34) is undoubtedly one of the greatest individual Grand Final efforts by an all rounder in FTGDCA history and directly helped us win the flag by 60 runs.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
H.M. Tew	B		C. Elliot	1	C	N. Gillin	N. Reeves	16
P.D. Ballam	C	D. Chapman	C. Elliot	5	C	N. Gillin	D. Chapman	18
R.A. Ballam	C	C. Elliot	L. Germaine	31	C	G. Sidebottom	N. Reeves	13
R.C. Joyner (W/K)	C	D. Chapman	L. Germaine	11		RUN OUT		0
I.J.B. Ewart	C	P. Jordan	C. Elliot	5	Stp	P. Jordan	N. Reeves	15
R.J. Sidebottom (C)	C	J. Smith	L. Germaine	28	C	C. Elliot	N. Reeves	38
G.J. Feaver	Stp	P. Jordan	N. Reeves	7	Stp	P. Jordan	L. Germaine	36
K.L. Hill		NOT OUT		22	C	G. Sidebottom	N. Reeves	3
K.S. Mastertoun	Stp	P. Jordan	N. Reeves	0	Stp	P. Jordan	N. Reeves	3
R.G. Batty		RUN OUT		6	C	G. Sidebottom	L. Germaine	1
P.D. Waters	C	L. Price	N. Reeves	11		NOT OUT		0
	5 B, 2 LB, 1 NB		Extras	8	12 B, 1 LB, 3 NB		Extras	16
12 th Man Unknown			TOTAL	135			TOTAL	159
	FOW: 2 12 26 47 94 95 98 98 109 135				FOW: 34 52 55 84 84 149 151 155 156 159			

FTG Footballers	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
I. Urquhart	C/B	R.C. Joyner	P.D. Waters	1	B		R.J. Sidebottom	18
N.R. Reeves	C	R.A. Ballam	K.S. Mastertoun	2	C	R. Batty	R.J. Sidebottom	7
N. Gillin	C	R.J. Sidebottom	P.D. Waters	0		Absent		-
G.J. Sidebottom		NOT OUT		47	C	G.J. Feaver	R.J. Sidebottom	34
D. Chapman (C)	C/B	R.C. Joyner	R.J. Sidebottom	8	C	H.M. Tew	R.J. Sidebottom	48
L.K. Price	C	H.M. Tew	R.J. Sidebottom	15	C	K.L. Hill	R.J. Sidebottom	6
A. Sheahan	C/B	R.C. Joyner	R.J. Sidebottom	1		RUN OUT		1
L. Germaine	C	G.J. Feaver	K.L. Hill	6		RUN OUT		5
P. Jordan	B		K.L. Hill	2	C	G.J. Feaver	R.J. Sidebottom	7
J. Smith	C	H.M. Tew	K.L. Hill	0	C	P.D. Waters	K.L. Hill	1
C. Elliott	C/B	R.C. Joyner	R.J. Sidebottom	5		NOT OUT		1
	1 LB, 5 NB		Extras	6	1 B, 4 LB, 8 NB		Extras	13
			TOTAL	93			TOTAL	9/141

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
K.S. Mastertoun	7	1	1	23	3	0	0	33
P.D. Waters	4	1	2	9	2	0	0	19
R.J. Sidebottom	11.5	0	4	31	5	0	6	34
K.L. Hill	9	2	3	24	4.5	0	1	42

Ferntree Gully defeated FTG Footballers outright by 60 runs to win the 1974/75 FTGDCA ‘A Grade’ Grand Final

1984/85 – FTGDCA – Home grown victory

A decade had passed without a 1st XI premiership when Rob Sidebottom returned after coaching in the DDCA. He was in charge of a team of old heads (Ray Batty, Gavin Feaver, Cliff James and Norm Butters) and young clubmen who had all risen through the junior ranks into the Senior XI. The Team stuck to his game plan of making 200 runs in each batting innings (failing only once to do so in the H & A season) and getting the opposition 3/30 or better before the first drinks break and instilling a confidence that winning came to those teams who performed consistently in all circumstances.

A Team with no real stars but even contributions went through the entire season undefeated, except for Rnd 1 vs Mountain Gate, which resulted in a Tie, for only the second time in 1st XI history. We had earned top spot on the ladder and deserved a place and victory in the rain interrupted Grand Final by virtue of the reward for effort equation. After easily defeating Knox in the Semi Final, the Grand Final (scheduled over 4 days - 16, 17, 23 & 24/3/1985) was played against Upwey at home.

Weather interrupted play on all 4 days with play after 4:30 p.m. on Day 1 and most of Day's two and three being washed out or significantly rain and light effected. We had stuck to 'Sideys' game plan on a very slow and wet ground, batting all 100 overs and scored 9/193. Mick Beyer (74) stood strong throughout the poor conditions in the innings of his life. Further delays resulted on the last day when the errant effort of the opposition Captain came unstuck. He was caught by a Club supporter, in the early hours of the final morning, tampering with the wicket in order to improve the wet pitch and its surrounds to give Upwey a chance to chase down the score in the time remaining on the fourth day – overs were no longer relevant.

The Umpires and the FTGDCA Executive took a dim view of his actions and the resultant late start after repairs were carried out and even then, further rain occurred, causing him to concede the 1984/85 Premiership just after Tea (at 4: 01 p.m.) on the final day. Although not an ideal way to end the year we were clearly the dominant team and deserved the Premiership.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
G.J. Feaver	B		C. Leicester	3				
M.D. Beyer	LBW		S.F. Cross	74				
J.L. Franchi	C		S.F. Cross	19				
G.J. Bentley (W/K)	C&B		N. Reeves	22				
M. Catalano	B		S.F. Cross	0				
R.J. Sidebottom (C)		RUN OUT		8				
A.R. Walters	C		N. Reeves	1				
S.J. Flemming	C		N. Reeves	3				
R.G. Batty	C		C. Blythe	18				
C.H. James		NOT OUT		12*				
N.E. Butters		NOT OUT		3*				
	14 LB, 7 W, 8 B, 1 NB			Extras	30			Extras
12 th R.A. Seviar			TOTAL	9/193				TOTAL
	FOW: 6 47 96 99 127 129 137 171 183				FOW:			

Upwey Tecoma	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
W. Riley		NOT OUT		23				
C. Blythe	C	G.J. Feaver	M.D. Beyer	15				
J. Pitts		NOT OUT		0				
S. Day		Did not Bat						
S.F. Cross		Did not Bat						
C. Leicester		Did not Bat						
P. Linford		Did not Bat						
N.R. Reeves		Did not Bat						
J. Westwood (C)		Did not Bat						
		Did not Bat						
		Did not Bat						
	3 LB, 2 NB			Extras	5			Extras
			TOTAL	1/43				TOTAL

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
N.E. Butters	3	0	0	15				
C.H. James	2	0	0	19				
M.D. Beyer	1.5	0	1	6				

Ferntree Gully (Highest placed team) def Upwey Tecoma to win the 1984/85 FTGDCA 'Nelson Shield' Grand Final

1989/90 – FTGDCA – ‘Centenary’ season success

1989/90 marked the celebrations of the Club’s Centenary season. Off field efforts in the previous two years resulted in the recruitment of key players; Lindsay Wulf, Simon Spaulding, Jeremy Homfray, Ash Henry and the Geraghty brothers – Brad & Neil. They had a profound effect on the clubs success in our 100th season. Five batsmen hit over 250 runs for the year with Simon (581) and Lindsay (512) leading the charge. The bowlers excelled with five exceeding 15 wickets, led by Simon (29) and Norm Butters (23). How Simon didn’t win the Feaver Medal for his stellar season still remains a mystery to most!

The Semi Final against Monbulk resulted in an easy victory after Simon, Jeremy, John Franchi and Steve Flemming dismissed the powerful Monbulk Batting line up for 131. Neil (72) and John (27) then put on 87 for the first wicket as we passed the score 3 wickets down and cruised into the final game against The Basin on our favorite home ground.

After winning the toss, The Basin made a competitive 182 and in reply we were in early trouble at 4/51. A great partnership of 69 then occurred between Lindsay and Ash and got us back on track. However, at 120, Ash was ‘Mankaded’ out! His dismissal and the opposition Captain’s refusal to call him back set the tone for Lindsay and Brad Geraghty to seal the game in an unbroken ‘backs to the wall’ stand of 73 against a hostile bowling attack when The Basin’s Captain finally conceded defeat. With the 2nd XI and Under 14’s also winning, the 3rd XI being runners up and the 4th XI Semi finalists, the Centenary premiership celebrations went on long and hard that night and for many, many days, nights and weekends afterwards!!!

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
J.L. Franchi	C		T. James	10				
N. Geraghty		RUN OUT		6				
A. Yates	C		R. Irving	12				
L.C. Wulf (C)		NOT OUT		81				
S.C. Spaulding	C		A. Freeman	15				
A.P. Henry		RUN OUT (MANKAD)		43				
J.A. McGowan	B		R. Irving	7				
B.M. Geraghty (W/K)		NOT OUT		33				
S.J. Flemming		Did not Bat						
J.R. Homfray		Did not Bat						
N.E. Butters		Did not Bat						
	6 B, 7 LB, 1 W		Extras	14			Extras	
12 th D. Taylor			TOTAL	6/221			TOTAL	
	FOW: 7 28 28 51 120 148				FOW:			

The Basin	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
L. Wood	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	J.L. Franchi	33				
A. Freeman	C	A.P. Henry	N.E. Butters	7				
S. Walter (C)	C	L.C. Wulf	J.R. Homfray	2				
P. Stewart	C	A.P. Henry	S.J. Flemming	17				
R. Turcinovic	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	A.P. Henry	4				
D. Lambert	C	J.R. Homfray	J.L. Franchi	21				
M. Posch		RUN OUT		36				
G. Smith	B		J.R. Homfray	25				
N. Flanagan	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	J.R. Homfray	16				
R. Irving	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	S.C. Spaulding	4				
T. James		NOT OUT		4				
	6 LB, 1 W, 6 NB		Extras	13			Extras	
			TOTAL	182			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maid	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maid	Wkts	Runs
J.R. Homfray	20	7	3	43				
N.E. Butters	18	6	1	33				
S.C. Spaulding	11	3	1	27				
S.J. Flemming	6	0	1	22				
J.A. McGowan	2	1	0	3				
A.P. Henry	6	2	1	15				
J.L. Franchi	7	0	2	33				

Ferntree Gully defeated The Basin by 4 Wickets to win the 1989/90 FTGDCA ‘Neilson Shield’ Grand Final

1991/92 – FTGDCA – Ash Henry stays on the field

Post Centenary celebrations and an excellent base of playing strength saw a strong side soar into the 1990's with the promise of more success. The season's star was undoubtedly Andrew Downs (recruited from Knox City in 1990/91) who scored 536 Runs and took 51 Wkts for the season, winning the second of his seven Association Best and Fairest Medals in the process. He was backed up by Ash Henry (361), Lindsay Wulf (285) and John Franchi (339) with the Bat and FTGDCA Bowling Average winner – Dean Glare (33 Wkts @ 11.76) with the Ball.

The Semi Final vs Upwey saw a recovery from a precarious 8/111 to a competitive 155 with Number 8 Glen Ennis (26) and Number 10 Jeremy Homfray (27) top scoring. Andrew then proceeded to destroy the Upwey Top order taking 5/39 (22 in No Balls) to put the team into the Grand Final against Bluebirds who in their team had included ex Ferntree Gully players Tony Smith, Darren Stephenson and Scott McPherson.

After winning the Toss, Brad Geraghty (who had taken over from Lindsay as Captain) surprised all and sundry by sending Bluebirds into bat but Andrew, Dean and John restricted them to 177 off 64.1 Overs. Ash Henry opened with Andrew Hibbins and batted for the entire innings with wickets going down around him until he and Steve Flemming saw off the second new ball and victory was achieved at 5/178 off 73.4 Overs. Ash's contribution had been a match winning performance of 90 not out. He had spent the entire match on the field (almost 140 Overs) and had every right to kick back and relax, but celebrated the victory just as hard as his team mates.

Ferntree Gully	1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
A.M.R. Hibbins	C		R. Lowe	5				
A.P. Henry		NOT OUT		90				
J.L. Franchi	C		D. Stephenson	2				
A.R. Downs	C		B.H. Ferguson	15				
L.C. Wulf	C		A.L. Smith	22				
S.C. Spaulding	C		R. Lowe	8				
S.J. Flemming		NOT OUT		11				
G. Ennis		Did not Bat						
B.M. Geraghty (C/WK)		Did not Bat						
J.R. Homfray		Did not Bat						
D.R. Glare		Did not Bat						
	5 B, 3 LB, 5 W, 12 NB			Extras	25			Extras
12 th J.A. McGowan			TOTAL	5/178				TOTAL
	FOW: 17 25 58 148 159				FOW:			

Bluebirds	1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
S. Aughterson	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	A.R. Downs	11				
C. Aughterson	C	A.R. Downs	D.R. Glare	1				
R. Blumeris	B		D.R. Glare	5				
D. Downie	C	L.C. Wulf	A.R. Downs	8				
A.L. Smith (C)	LBW		J.L. Franchi	24				
M. McDonald	B		A.R. Downs	0				
M. Moretti (W/K)	C	A.M.R. Hibbins	J.L. Franchi	34				
R. Lowe	C	A.R. Downs	J.R. Homfray	14				
B.H. Ferguson	B		A.R. Downs	4				
D. Stephenson		RUN OUT		33				
S. McPherson		NOT OUT		2				
	1 B, 3 LB, 1 W, 36 NB			Extras	41			Extras
			TOTAL	177				TOTAL

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	22	4	4	84				
D.R. Glare	15	6	2	26				
J.R. Homfray	9	1	1	38				
A.P. Henry	3	2	0	3				
J.L. Franchi	15.1	5	2	22				

Ferntree Gully def Bluebirds by 5 Wickets to win the 1991/92 FTGDCA 'Topline Shield' Grand Final

1992/93 – FTGDCA – The Andrew Downs show

Winning back-to-back Grand Finals is a rarity - going undefeated in your effort to achieve back to back flags is almost impossible. The 1992/93 squad excelled by achieving a second successive Premiership in this exact manner. The star of the year was again Andrew Downs. He took out his second Feather Medal ('Jack Jack') while making 533 runs (including a Club and then Association Record score of 234 from 5/455 at home against a defenseless Mountain Gate attack) and taking 33 Wkts. Four other Batsmen got over 250 runs and four bowlers exceeded 15 wickets in another dominant season.

The Semi Final was a tough game against Upper FTG, with Andrew (7/65) creating havoc in their score of 157. At 9/146 and with five overs remaining before stumps on Day 2 we were in danger of defeat. After rain throughout the 1st Day pushed the game into Day 3, it loomed with our hopes resting on Jeremy Homfray and Dean Glare to get the remaining 5 runs required for victory – they did and we faced Upwey Tecoma in the final at their ground.

Lindsay Wulf (C/Coach after a season's rest from the job) won the toss and batted first – the Andrew Downs factor making the decision easy and this match was no difference. He stood firm making 94 against Shane Cross, Rohan Atherton and Steven Lee at their very best to guide the team to a competitive 183. Not satisfied with the batting effort he then produced a second successive 7 wicket final haul (7/66), troubled only by a no ball problem (21), and mowed the Upwey Batsmen down for 133, leaving us victorious by 50 runs and ensuring a third Premiership Pennant in four seasons went to Ferntree Gully.

In a footnote to Andrew's stellar season, we were fortunate the No Ball Rule had been altered before 1992/93 as he conceded 77 No Balls (1 run/ball), which was a huge improvement on 1991/92 when his 119 No Balls cost 2 runs/ball!

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
L.C. Wulf (C)	C		S.F. Cross	15				
G. Vandenberg	C		S. Lee	18				
A.P. Henry	C		S.F. Cross	20				
A.R. Downs	B		R. Atherton	94				
J.L. Franchi	C		S.F. Cross	2				
M. Catalano		RUN OUT		4				
S.J. Flemming	B		R. Atherton	2				
B. Lewis	C		R. Atherton	8				
B.M. Geraghty (W/K)	C		R. Atherton	5				
J.R. Homfray	B		S.F. Cross	4				
D.R. Glare		NOT OUT		0				
	4 B, 1 LB, 4 W, 2 NB		Extras	11			Extras	
12 th S. Furno			TOTAL	183			TOTAL	
	FOW: 28 53 82 92 106 118 141 173 178 183				FOW:			

Upwey Tecoma	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
A. Romei	C	A.R. Downs	J.R. Homfray	12				
R. Pitts	C	D.R. Glare	A.R. Downs	3				
D. Campbell	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	J.R. Homfray	13				
C. Blythe	B		A.R. Downs	11				
R. Atherton	B		A.R. Downs	3				
S. Lee (C)	B		A.R. Downs	16				
R. Marshall	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	B. Lewis	12				
T. Rowe	C/B	B.M. Geraghty	A.R. Downs	17				
M. Tonkin		NOT OUT		7				
S.F. Cross	B		A.R. Downs	4				
J. Crombie	B		A.R. Downs	0				
	2 B, 7 LB, 4 W, 21 NB		Extras	34			Extras	
			TOTAL	133			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	32.4	10	7	66				
D.R. Glare	7	3	0	8				
J.R. Homfray	17	4	2	32				
B. Lewis	12	3	1	18				

Ferntree Gully def Upwey Tecoma by 50 runs to win the 1992/93 FTGDCA 'Topline Shield' Grand Final

1993/94 – RDCA – ‘Clubber’ the gloveman

At the end of the 1990/91 the club rankled with the FTGDCA who chose not to act against two clubs who conspired to ‘rig’ the final fixtured match to deny Ferntree Gully a place in the finals. We probably hadn’t deserved a place; however our answer was to win the next two Premierships in succession. Poor feelings remained from this ‘non decision’ and this coupled with other inexplicable administrative decisions, saw the club join the RDCA in 1993/94. We were obligated by RDCA Rules to join the ‘A Grade’ (East and West Divisions) and set about winning the 1993/94 Flag to earn a promotion to the premier competition and a Chandler Shield berth.

The Andrew’s (Crompton & Downs) both made over 450 runs with Lindsay (353) in support. John Franchi (111), Andrew Crompton, (128* & 106*) and Andrew Hibbins (104*) led the other highlights. With the ball Andrew Downs (38) showed the way with three others getting over 15 wickets and Kevin ‘Clubber’ Howell (30 Dismissals inc. 6 in the Grand Final), supporting the team brilliantly and setting a then Club wicket keeping record. Losing two matches for the year and defeating Wantirna in the Semi Final by 17 runs – Lindsay (42), Kevin (32*) & Brett Lewis (4/21), we played the Final against St. Andrews.

They batted first – Andrew Downs (6/21) and Jeremy Homfray (3/37) knocked them over for just 131 which we passed 3 wickets down with an unlikely number three, Dean Glare leading the way with 68 not out. Promotion to Chandler Shield resulted in 1994/95 and the club was well prepared and capable of mixing it with the best the RDCA had to offer.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
J.L. Franchi	B		R. Lawrence	4				
A.M.R. Hibbins	C		R. Lawrence	11				
D.R. Glare		NOT OUT		68				
B. Lewis	LBW		P. Hawkey	24				
L.C. Wulf (C)		NOT OUT		26				
A.R. Downs		Did not Bat						
A.J. Crompton		Did not Bat						
N. Clarke		Did not Bat						
R. Calvert (Ray)		Did not Bat						
K.C. Howell (W/K)		Did not Bat						
J.R. Homfray		Did not Bat						
	15 LB, 2 W, 2 NB		Extras	19			Extras	
12 th A. Sampson			TOTAL	3/152			TOTAL	
	FOW:				FOW:			

St. Andrews	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
P. Gardiner	C	R. Calvert	A.R. Downs	7				
S. Cornelius	C/B	K.C. Howell	A.R. Downs	5				
P. Hawkey	LBW		A.R. Downs	0				
S. Murley	C	R. Calvert	A.R. Downs	1				
M. Harvey	C/B	K.C. Howell	J.R. Homfray	18				
B. Dower	C/B	K.C. Howell	A.R. Downs	0				
P. Cann	C/B	K.C. Howell	J.R. Homfray	52				
G. Moorehouse	C/B	K.C. Howell	A.R. Downs	2				
R. Smith		NOT OUT		18				
R. Lawrence (C)	C/B	K.C. Howell	J.R. Homfray	3				
R. Armstrong	C	A.R. Downs	A.J. Crompton	1				
	2 B, 6 LB, 1 W, 15 NB		Extras	24			Extras	
			TOTAL	131			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	11	5	6	21				
D.R. Glare	5	1	0	14				
J.R. Homfray	19	6	3	37				
B. Lewis	16	5	0	28				
A.J. Crompton	9	3	1	16				
J.L. Franchi	7	3	0	7				

Ferntree Gully def St. Andrews by 7 Wickets to win the 1993/94 RDCA ‘A 1 West’ Grand Final

1995/96 – RDCA – A team of champions

This squad is arguably the best ever fielded in the Club's 1st XI. The promise of success lured Tony Smith, Kevin Howell, Andrew Crompton, Dave Goodger and Graham Salan to the club in the early to mid-1990's. That a veritable Competition team delivered a Premiership was no surprise and this season was the highlight. After being beaten by Wantirna South in the 1994/95 Semi and copping another defeat to them during the 1995/96 Home and Away season we were out for revenge.

The team exceeded 300 in 4 of the 10 Two Day Games with Lindsay (105) and Tony Smith (97) the trump scorers until Mario Catalano belted 204* (batting through the Innings) against the hapless St. Andrews on the big Ferntree Gully ground. In an even year six batsmen made over 300 runs for the season with Graham 'Dipper' Salan (441) leading the way. Andrew Downs (27) led the bowlers – four of whom took over 15 wickets for the season with six 5 Wicket hauls recorded.

In the Semi Final we set Parkwood 9/236 (Dipper 65, Dave Goodger 41) and rolled them for 184, Dipper (4/23) in a match winning double. In the other Semi Final, Norwood in pursuit of 248 against Wantirna South, got up after their last wicket partnership exceeded 100 runs and helped them pass the big score set by the equal Flag favorites.

Had Norwood played their Grand Final a week too early? The Grand Final was highlighted by yet another big game performance by star all-rounder, Andrew Downs – Top Score with 78 and 8/53 from 30.1 Overs (14 No Balls) says it all – another Premiership for a team whose only expectation at the outset was to win the final game of the season – they did and Ferntree Gully had won the Chandler Shield, clearly showing all clubs in the outer east that with five 1st XI premierships in seven seasons we were a force to be reckoned with.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
L.C. Wulf (C)	C		B. O'Reilly	1				
M. Catalano	C		B. O'Reilly	2				
G.C. Salan	LBW		N. Williams	40				
A.P. Henry	C		N. Williams	15				
A.L. Smith	C		B. O'Reilly	19				
A.R. Downs	C		J. Sansom	78				
A.J. Crompton	C		J. Sansom	35				
D.M. Goodger	C		J. Sansom	6				
J.L. Franchi		NOT OUT		9				
D.R. Glare		RUN OUT		0				
J.C. Goldsmith, W/K		RUN OUT		0				
	1 B, 4 LB, 4 W, 2NB		Extras	11			Extras	
12 th J.R. Homfray			TOTAL	217			TOTAL	
	FOW: 4 4 56 77 93 196 203 215 215 217				FOW:			

Norwood	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
G. Salisbury	C	A.L. Smith	A.R. Downs	17				
S. Thomas	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	10				
B. Sansom	C	D.M. Goodger	A.R. Downs	2				
N. Williams (C)	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	25				
S. Hill	C	D.M. Goodger	A.R. Downs	8				
B. O'Reilly	C	J.L. Franchi	A.L. Smith	5				
D. Cant	C	A.P. Henry	A.R. Downs	28				
M. Hickox		NOT OUT		18				
C. Montague	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	0				
K. Beasley	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	G.C. Salan	0				
J. Sansom	B		A.R. Downs	3				
	1 B, 3 LB, 5 W, 18 NB		Extras	27			Extras	
			TOTAL	143			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	30.1	7	8	53				
A.L. Smith	18	6	1	31				
D.M. Goodger	3	1	0	4				
G.C. Salan	14	2	1	44				
A.J. Crompton	3	0	0	7				

Ferntree Gully def Norwood by 74 runs to win the 1995/96 RDCA 'Chandler Shield' Grand Final

1998/99 – RDCA – Luke ‘The Kid’ comes good

After heart breaking losses in the previous two seasons when chasing mediocre scores against Croydon North, the 1st XI again lifted to reach a fourth consecutive Chandler Shield Grand Final and came through with the goods. In a great season, with losses recorded only to fierce opponents Croydon North and Wantirna South, the players had delivered on their commitment to return to the top again. Captained by Graham Salan (493 runs & 31 Wkts) with the brilliant Andrew Downs (521 & 46) by his side, the team included young gun opening bat Luke Bowyer, reliable all rounder Dave Goodger and classy Wicket Keeper Jason Goldsmith who had smashed all the club 1st XI Keeping records in each of the three previous seasons.

We batted first in the Semi Final against Ainslie Park – our 239 (Graham 69, Kevin Howell 45 & Luke 43) too many as Andrew stepped up again taking 8/41 to dismiss them for just 138. The Final was a team effort as the powerful Kilsyth line up was reduced to 169 – the bowlers sharing the spoils and Ash and Luke leading in the field with blinding catches. However, the Man of the Match went to Luke who batted with nerves of steel, defying his 16 years for a magnificent 83* as the team made 6/172, finally taking hold of the Chandler Shield which had eluded them the previous two seasons. A strong team had built and with the injection of youth was threatening to continue dominating again.

In the Decade since the Centenary we had played in 135 matches and lost just 22 of them – a period unrivalled in club history, setting scoring records, partnership records, bowling and keeping records and culminating in eight Finals campaigns with six Premiership successes – we almost expected to play finals each season such was the dominance of the 1st XI team.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
B.J. Springett	C		M. Unternahrer	7				
C.I. Springett	C		N. Whelan	17				
L.K. Bowyer		NOT OUT		83				
G.C. Salan (C)	C		R. Eagles	6				
A.R. Downs	C		A.V. Luckman	29				
A.P. Henry	C		A.V. Luckman	1				
K.C. Howell	LBW		J. Taylor	2				
D.M. Goodger		NOT OUT		16				
J.L. Franchi		Did not Bat						
B.H. Ferguson		Did not Bat						
J.C. Goldsmith, W/K		Did not Bat						
	1 LB, 3 W, 7 NB		Extras	11			Extras	
12 th S. Dearing			TOTAL	6/172			TOTAL	
& M.L. Black	FOW: 24 38 58 115 121 126				FOW:			

Kilsyth	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
D. Andrewartha	C	A.P. Henry	C.I. Springett	15				
S. Huel	C	C.I. Springett	A.R. Downs	4				
A.V. Luckman	C	L.K. Bowyer	D.M. Goodger	78				
J. Rooney	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	G.C. Salan	4				
A. Woolhouse	C	D.M. Goodger	G.C. Salan	7				
M. Unternahrer (C)	C	A.P. Henry	C.I. Springett	2				
D. Ralston	C	C.I. Springett	A.R. Downs	11				
M. Fulton	B		A.R. Downs	0				
J. Taylor	C	A.P. Henry	D.M. Goodger	5				
R. Eagles		NOT OUT		3				
N. Whelan	B		A.R. Downs	2				
	11 B, 4 LB, 4 W, 19 NB		Extras	38			Extras	
			TOTAL	169			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
Bowling	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	18.5	2	4	52				
D.M. Goodger	12	5	2	21				
B.H. Ferguson	8	2	0	26				
G.C. Salan	15	1	2	27				
C.I. Springett	13	1	2	28				

Ferntree Gully def Kilsyth by 4 Wickets runs to win the 1998/99 RDCA ‘Chandler Shield’ Grand Final

2000/01 – RDCA – Dipper at the ‘business end’

Under new leaders, first time President, Steve Flemming and first time Captain/Coach – Andrew Downs, the club injected youth into the Senior XI's with a concerted effort to train and blood players into the top teams while the past decade's success was fresh and the best players still around to offer advice and a winning attitude. The 1st XI responded with a strong and even performance - 6 players over 250 runs - Andrew (486), Graham (454) and Simon Spaulding, returning from Sydney (329). Andrew (26) led the bowlers but the surprise packet was Ash Henry, whose medium slow swingers tied up most opponents at an economical rate. The team lost two matches during the season and met Lilydale in the Semi Final at Home.

The game was in our keeping when we scored 8/260. In yet another big game effort Andrew made 107, backed up by significant contributions from Luke Bowyer (66) and Ben Springett (35) while the bowlers were led by Ash (3/20) who bundled Lilydale all out for 114. In the final we reacquainted ourselves with 1998/99 opponents and Chandler Shield leaders Kilsyth.

Our batsmen fired again – Andrew (68), Luke (53) and a young Matt Black (46) backed up the undoubted match winner – Graham (77*). 'Dipper' smashed the Kilsyth attack to all points, adding vital runs, especially in the final overs taking the score to a huge 8/288. Kilsyth's response from a strong batting line up was expected, but Andrew (5/65) and excellent fielding and catching (Ben Springett - brilliant caught & bowled of star Number three; Adam Luckman) saw them all out 247. In a Grand Final, usually dominated by the ball this was unusual - an aggregate over 530 runs – a rare batting dominated Grand Final.

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
S.C. Spaulding	C	A. Woolhouse	P. Murray	13				
C.I. Springett	C	J. Taylor	K. Drennan	2				
L.K. Bowyer	LBW		A. Luckman	53				
M. Galakos	C	J. Rooney	K. Drennan	3				
A.R. Downs (C)	C	M. Unternahrer	A. Woolhouse	68				
G.C. Salan		NOT OUT		77				
M.L. Black		RUN OUT		46				
A.P. Henry	LBW		D. Ralston	3				
B.J. Springett	C	K. Drennan	D. Ralston	2				
M.J. Hall		NOT OUT		0				
J.C. Goldsmith, W/K		Did not Bat						
	9 B, 7 LB, 5 NB		Extras	21			Extras	
12 th M. Teofilo			TOTAL	8/288			TOTAL	
	FOW: 9 36 60 147 159 231 253 263				FOW:			

Kilsyth	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
S. Blogg	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	17				
J. Taylor	C	A.P. Henry	A.R. Downs	35				
A. Luckman	C&B		B.J. Springett	29				
J. Rooney	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	26				
A. Plose	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.P. Henry	4				
P. Murray	C/B	J.C. Goldsmith	A.R. Downs	7				
M. Unternahrer (C)		B.J. Springett	C.I. Springett	21				
K. Drennan	LBW		C.I. Springett	21				
A. Woolhouse		RUN OUT		11				
D. Ralston		B.J. Springett	A.R. Downs	45				
R. Eagles		NOT OUT		3				
	6 B, 3 LB, 3 W, 16 NB		Extras	28			Extras	
			TOTAL	247			TOTAL	

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
A.R. Downs	21.5	3	5	65				
G.C. Salan	23	4	0	72				
C.I. Springett	8	0	2	31				
M.L. Black	7	1	0	21				
B.J. Springett	4	1	1	14				
A.P. Henry	11	1	1	35				

Ferntree Gully def Kilsyth by 41 runs to win the 2000/01 RDCA ‘Chandler Shield’ Grand Final

2008/09 – FTGDCA – Out thought & outplayed

Without fanfare, and under plenty of criticism, the Club appointed ex Upwey player, Shane Richardson as 2008/09 Coach. Despite his knockers, he delivered as the team sat on top of the ladder for most of the season. Losses in the final two rounds dropped us back to second and was not the ideal lead in to the Final Series. We took on season long premierships favorites, Johnson Park, in the Semi Final and accounted for them when the bowlers did superbly on the first day dismissing them for 134 after they were 0/67 (Graham Salan 5/49 from 27 overs). We replied with 8/138 with Mark Teofilo 44 the batting hero.

The Final was played against top placed team, Eildon Park over two weekends with weather effecting most of Day 1. Importantly we won the toss, batted and were 0/11 at Stumps. Day 2 saw more rain with the stumps score 5/127 off 42 overs, but with the loss of the last two of these wickets coming immediately before suspensions in play, it soured a good day. Our innings concluded on Day 3 at 206 (74 Overs) with Mat Black (61) and Mark Teofilo (57) the standouts. At Stumps on Day 3 Eildon Park had progressed to 4/122 (47 Overs) and we knew that early wickets would be required to deliver a Premiership.

Day 4 saw Eildon Park needing 84 to Tie (Win) while we needed 6 wickets from 39 overs, including the 6 overs we failed to bat. The keys to our success were Dave Anstey and Graham Salan, who had bowled brilliantly in tandem for most of the season, especially since Xmas. Dave struck a crucial blow early and we gradually, through masterful tactics from Shane and tight bowling pushed the run rate up from 2 an over to 6 an over while regularly picking up wickets, with great catching and fielding. With 4 overs remaining Eildon Park needed a run a ball, but when Dave bowled a maiden with the 3rd last over of the match, the pendulum had swung our way and when Graham bowled the next over for 5 they needed 11 with one wicket in hand. With seven required from the last ball, Dave bowled with tears in his eyes in the recognition that the job was done, as they finished on 9/200 – they had scored 5/78 from 39 overs and lost by 6 runs. The player of the match was awarded to retiring great; Graham Salan (3/75 off 38 Overs), in a fitting end to a great career and wild celebrations began...

Ferntree Gully	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
M. Teofilo (W/K)	C		S. Pimm	57				
S.C. Spaulding	C		S. Pimm	20				
A.J. Millard	C&B		A. Powell	3				
L.K. Bowyer	C		S. Pimm	12				
M.L. Black	C		N. C – R'Son	61				
S.R. Richardson (C)	C/B	N. Hicks	M. Sinclair	9				
J.J. Bradbury	C/B	N. Hicks	M. Sinclair	5				
G.C. Salan	LBW		A. Powell	6				
R.G. Handley	LBW		S. Pimm	2				
M.J. Hall		NOT OUT		11				
D.W. Anstey	B		M. Sinclair	9				
			Extras	11				Extras
12 th P.J. Lee			TOTAL	206				TOTAL
	FOW: 57 62 90 100 124 145 162 173 194 206				FOW:			

Eildon Park	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
C. Morris	C/B	M. Teofilo	R.G. Handley	19				
B. Morris	C	D.W. Anstey	R.G. Handley	39				
C. Cosstick	C	M.J. Hall	L.K. Bowyer	16				
S. Cosstick	B		D.W. Anstey	27				
N. Hicks (W/K)	C/B	M. Teofilo	L.K. Bowyer	7				
J. Dowling (C)	C	M.J. Hall	G.C. Salan	32				
M. Porter	C	J.J. Bradbury	G.C. Salan	8				
A. Powell		NOT OUT		20				
S. Pimm	C	J.J. Bradbury	G.C. Salan	16				
M. Sinclair	C/B	M. Teofilo	D.W. Anstey	4				
N. Caton Robertson		NOT OUT		5				
			Extras	7				Extras
			TOTAL	9/200				TOTAL

Ferntree Gully Bowling	1 st INNINGS				2 nd INNINGS			
	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs	Overs	Maids	Wkts	Runs
L.K. Bowyer	8	2	2	22				
M.L. Black	2	0	0	7				
G.C. Salan	38	14	3	75				
D.W. Anstey	29	6	2	70				
R.G. Handley	9	4	2	22				

Ferntree Gully def Eildon Park by 6 runs to win the 2008/09 FTGDCA 'Knox Tavern Cup' Grand Final

2019/20 – FTGDCA – No Grand Final (Drawn Result)

In what became one of the most interrupted seasons (Heat outs, Wash outs and the Worldwide COVID-19 Coronavirus), the 1st XI began the 2019/20 season under the new leadership of ex Ringwood Cricket Club player: Jason Kilby. The team got off to a great start winning the first five matches, only to stumble prior the Xmas break when the reduced over fixtures & T20 matches came into play (not our strength over the years). At February's commencement we had lost three of the previous four matches and needed a strong recovery to be certain of a place in the final four.

Strong wins against South Belgrave and Olinda were then capped off with a Tie (the fourth in 1st XI history) against Knox Gardens in the final H&A round, which saw us end second on the ladder and have to travel to Monbulk for the Qualifying Final. Prior to 2015/16 the FTGDCA structured its Final series with two Semi Finals; 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 with both losers eliminated and the two winners playing off in the Grand Final. From 2015/16 this altered to a four match Final series which saw 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4 with the winner of 1 vs 2 qualifying automatically for the Grand Final and getting a week's rest, while the loser of 3 vs 4 was eliminated. A preliminary final was then played between the loser of the Qualifying Final and the winner of 3 vs 4 to determine the challenger for the winner of the Qualifying Final.

Ferntree Gully (2nd) defeated Monbulk (1st) at Monbulk in the Qualifying Final, after scoring 8/252 (Jayden Bradbury 88, Jason Kilby 39*) and then bowling out Monbulk for 213 (Nick Woods 4/49, Josh Henry 4/75) and advanced to the 2019/20 Grand Final. Monbulk then defeated Rowville in the Preliminary Final and the Grand Final was scheduled at Wally Tew Reserve between FTGCC and MCC. However, in the days after this victory, Australia was completely shut down in response to the worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This resulted in the cancellation of all remaining cricket matches for the 2019/20 Summer, by Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria, the VCCL and in turn the FTGDCA, which prevented the commencement of play in the 2019/20 Grand Final.

The Executive of the FTGDCA met on Sunday 22/3/2020, and in an extraordinary decision determined that both Ferntree Gully CC and Monbulk CC would be awarded joint DeCoite Shield Premierhips for the 2019/20 season. This decision was reached after it had been discovered that in the previous five seasons the Rules associated with the Final series had not been updated to reflect the addition of the Qualifying and Preliminary Final matches, in the event of a Drawn Grand Final!

The FTGDCA, were left with little/no option other than to award both teams with the Premiership – the FTGCC 1st XI's twenty first Premiership.

The team announced at the final training session on the Thursday evening before the Grand Final is recorded below

Ferntree Gully	1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
J. Kilby (C)								
J.J. Bradbury (W/K)								
H.C. Brown								
A. Catalano								
H.R. Cowling								
J.R. Evans								
R.L. Hayes-Rosario								
J.P. Henry								
P.L. Mastertoun								
D.L. Salan								
N. Woods								
			Extras				Extras	
12 th B.L. Swift			TOTAL				TOTAL	
	FOW:				FOW:			

Ferntree Gully & Monbulk shared the 2019/20 FTGDCA 'DeCoite Shield' Grand Final