

# Cricket

By the time of the printing of the 1987 magazine, the cricket season had only just begun and therefore was not fully reported upon.

The 2/4 side went through the preliminary rounds of the competition undefeated. This result was due to the players confidence, positive attitude and their wanting to win.

Consistent batting performances came from Tinni Heron and Wayne Tait. Later on in the season, good knocks from Peter Bowen and Brian Grace gave the middle order depth, some sound early innings were also provided by Dean Astbury and Tassie Hingston. The key to the strength of the sides batting was the ability of the lower order to either stay around and assist or make a score themselves, Tony Whent did this on a couple of occasions.

The bowlers also performed well with some good bowling coming from Tinni Heron, Wayne Tait (when not wicket keeping), Wayne Lampard, Frank Oreb, Darren Chesney and David "Princess" Ellery.

The competition itself was even with the most interesting game of the preliminary rounds being against 4 Fd Regt.

Cpl James, again umpired for the season, the conduct of all the games was directly influenced by his consistency and high standard of umpiring (actually Jamesy wrote this).

The grand final was played at Garbutt against 1RAR. 2/4 RAR won the toss and batted after a shaky start where J.D. swatted a few flies with no success, Peter Bowen and Wayne Tait settled into a second wicket partnership of 203, making 103 and 97 respectively. At the end of the 30 overs we had made 5 for 237. 1RAR were only able to make 87 in their innings.

All those who played throughout the year and in the premiership side should be well pleased with their efforts. Jamie Heron did a good job in leading the side and we all thank him for that.

Thanks must also go to the Pioneer Platoon for their efforts in the construction of the cricket nets, thus enabling anyone to have a hit at any time.

The inter-company competition was held as part of the battalion's summer sports week. The A Company side with Peter Bowen, Wayne Tait, Clay Sutton and Nick Withycombe being the nucleus of a strong and competent side.

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