

This being our 50th year, I decided to try and piece together some record of the past and present of Fives Cricket Club.

Going through the old records, brought back to me many half forgotten faces and revived some of the memories of that time.

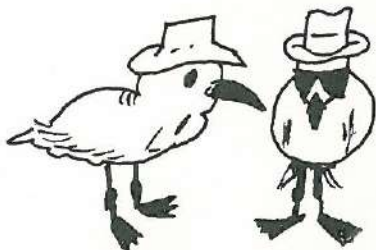
My earliest recollections going back over the past seventeen years are : playing under the Captaincy of Bill Crumley and the late Mick Sprossen, as in those days there was a Saturday and a Sunday Captain. Playing at Hazlewood Lane on Sunday and drinking after in the "Fox" in Green Lanes, until the incident of Howard Lamb being refused for wearing a vest at the bar. How times have changed! We then moved to the "Green Dragon" and continued our drinking there.

On Saturday, playing at Oakhill Park and using the "Cavalier" in Russell Lane for refreshment after the game. Along with East Barnet Valley and Pymmes, who also used Oakhill. Many's the time I've left there the worse for wear (don't tell Margaret).

Meeting a left handed bat who seemed to bat all day. Yes, Hantly was around even then. Watching a "young" fast bowler, hostile and nasty - and that was only in the bar (sorry Don). Seeing the still impeccable bowling of a younger Ron Dacey. So nothing much changes.

Later playing under the Captaincy of Ray Nunn, a good bowler and excellent fielder. Playing old enemies such as Sun Sports, Mayfield, Cavendish, Maha Sabha, Pymmes, Wormley, and many, many others. Nice to see we are still in contact with some today.

Remembering past colleagues through the years such as



Paul Wheeler, John Donne, Ron Bishop (he got me started with Fives, through his cousin Ray Nunn. So he's the one to blame), Ernie Berry, Ron Good fellow, Jim Ward, Doug Rice, just to name a few.

These fleeting glimpses into the past seem to me as though it were yesterday. Hard to believe it was so long ago.

As with most Clubs, we have had our ups and downs and it is a pleasure to say that I cannot remember when Fives were in such healthy spirits, both financially and sportingly. I hope it continues for the next fifty years.

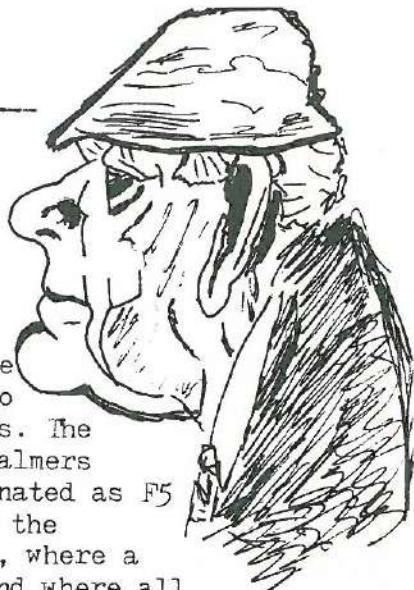
If I have omitted anyone in my ramblings into the past, I apologise and put it down to a fading memory.

Pat MacGowan

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Fives Cricket Club 1941 -



With the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the country had been divided into different Civil Defence Zones. The North London area in which Palmers Green was situated was designated as F5 and the Head Quarters was at the Hazlewood Lane Sports Ground, where a concrete shelter was built and where all the local Wardens were based.

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During the days of the Blitz there was obviously not much time for relaxing, but when things eased off a bit, the members would indulge in sports and pastimes to while away the hours. So in 1941 it was decided to form a Club on a proper basis and what better than Fives (F5). So was born the Fives Sports and Social Club.

It must have fulfilled a need and grew from strength to strength. With the coming of peace in 1945, with the return to civilian life of so many of the Armed Forces, there was a ready hanker after sports for young men so long away from a normal life and activities.

Now comes a few personal notes. When I joined the Fives Club at the very beginning of 1951, it was a very flourishing organisation. Besides the cricket side, which I joined, there was a very strong tennis section with, if I remember rightly, over 70 members and a

table tennis section that played in the North Middlesex league. There was also the social side and with our own Club House near the tennis courts, that was very popular and used extensively by the members for get togethers, social evenings, etc.

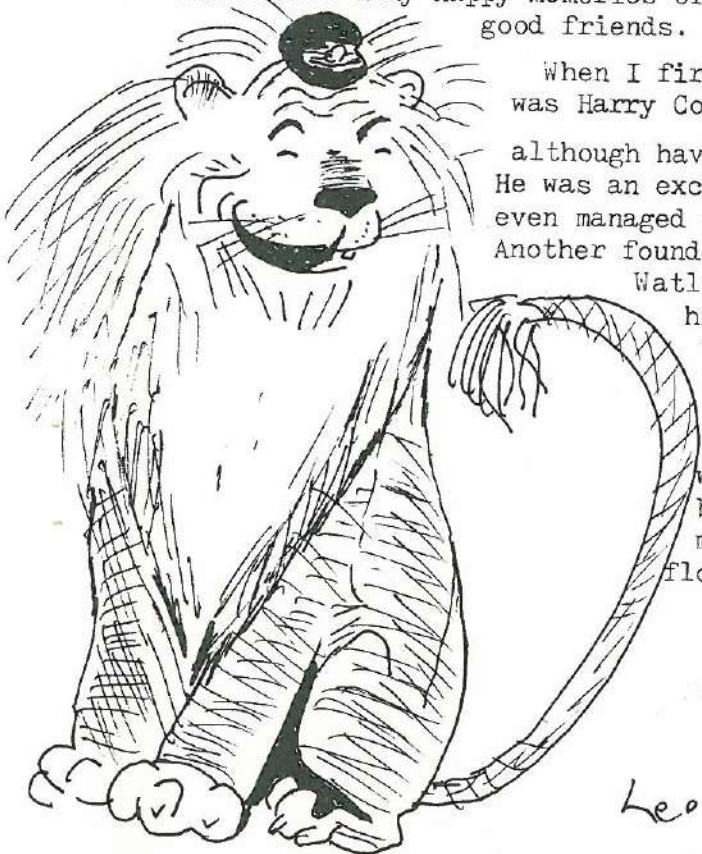
As I have said, I joined the club in January 1951. So this year is one of anniversaries, not only for the Club itself, but for me personally. The Club is fifty years old this year. I have been a member for forty years and President of the Cricket Club for twenty five years. So you can see that the Fives has been quite a part of my life.

In the early days, the Cricket section was a Sunday Club only, which suited me with a young family, one day a week was really enough to play cricket and we all looked forwards to our Sundays.

My active playing career lasted for fifteen years and I have many happy memories of good times and good friends.

When I first joined, there was Harry Colbourne who played, although having only one arm. He was an excellent bowler and even managed to bat when needed. Another founder member was Frank

Watling, Wattie to all his friends, who would toss up the ball into the sun when he bowled and took quite a lot of wickets. When I think back over the years, many names come flooding back to me



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besides Harry and Frank.

Ernie Simpson, a really fine Club cricketer, who eventually went back to his native Leeds. Denis Taylor, a really top class bowler who was a most difficult man to play. Lionel Rushin was a magnificent fielder, quite fearless close to the wicket. Bob Alexander, a lovely man, who moved to Hatfield and helped to found the Cavendish Club, whom we have played for years and of whom I was a Vice President.

Then there was Cyril Wilkins, a very good wicket keeper and hard hitting batsman, Graham Gardner and Graham Rapley. How lucky we were to have two such bowlers - all rounders too - especially Rapley, a fine batsman. They were the spearhead of our attack during many of my years as Captain.

David Hinley who was such an efficient Secretary. Cliff Rame an excellent bowler, always on a length. Peter Ward was another good bowler, always consistent.

In the late fifties, we had the Arsenal connection with Dereck Tapscott the Welsh International and Gordon Pruitt playing for us regularly. Both were good fielders, which goes without saying. Gordon was a good cricketer and eventually went to Australia. Peter Cattlin and Peter Smith were two of the best players Fives had over the years, both were excellent all rounders, fine batsmen and good and exciting fielders. Harold Pegden, a well known local solicitor was a tower of strength behind the scenes and loved his umpiring.

Fives were always lucky with their ladies behind the scene. So many of the wives and girl friends

helped with the teas, etc., which ensured an enjoyable time in the interval on Sundays.

Probably one of the best bowlers Fives ever had was Ron Stewart. I am sure he was one of the most difficult to get away, due to his length and intelligent bowling.

I hope I have not forgotten anybody from my playing days, but the years roll on and it is difficult sometimes.

To end with, I can only say I spent some of my happiest days on the cricket field with the Fives.

L. J. Whalen 1951 - 1991

Captain 1957 - 1965

President 1966 - 1991

**50
YEARS
OF
FIVES**

**A HISTORY OF
FIVES CRICKET CLUB**

1941 - 1991

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Chapter One

The Club Beginnings 1941 - 1959:

On September 3rd 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany, following Germany's invasion of Poland. What a time to start a Sports & Social Club, as happened at Hazlewood Lane in 1941.

As most of the young men would have been conscripted, it can be assumed that in the early days, cricket teams were made up of a mixture of people and youths not on active service.

At that time rationing was in operation, so to get cricket clothes and equipment must have posed a problem, as many items were on "coupon" only and also hard to obtain. Various other items such as sugar and milk were also in short supply. So the start must have been very difficult and we have those who persevered through adversity to thank for allowing us to reach our fiftieth anniversary.

The Club was mainly tennis and social in those days, with cricket just a small section of the Club.

Sadly, we have no actual records of the Club between 1941 and 1960, so any records shown later do not include that period. Leo Whalen joined in 1951 and names he remembers are included in his foreword.

Chapter Two

The Sixties 1960 - 1969:

By 1960 the Club had over 100 members, of which 14 made up the cricket section. There were 57 tennis members, 15 table tennis members and 25 social members.

Cricket members shown in the records at that time were : C. Tame, P. Smith (one of our Vice Presidents), C. Wilkins (one of our Vice Presidents), F. Watling, Mr. Thrussel, M. Stow, Mr. Wend, G. Rapley, P. Cattling, R. Stewart, A. Thomas, C. Riches, R. Hounsley and our President Leo Whalen.

The total income for the whole of the Fives Sports & Social Club for the year was £369.00. The bank assets were £208.00.

A christmas party held that year cost £6-12-2d, with a Christmas Draw making £22-13-10d profit.

The members of the Cricket Team paid 12s 6d (62½p) per annum and held several raffles to fund the rest, including a Derby Draw.

The cricket pool totalled £37-5-0d and in those days the Club House at Hazlewood Lane had to be paid for, including rent, rates and insurance: it came to £49-0-4d, a tidy sum to pay in those days. With cleaning an extra £9-15-11d and electricity £37-0-4d.

By season 1961-62 four new cricketers had joined the Club: G. Gardner, D. Moss, P. McCabe and M. Parker.

Subscription had increased to £1-12-6d (£1-62½p).

By 1962-63 H. Pegden (one of our Vice Presidents),

W. Forster and P. Kingdom had joined. The tennis section had reduced to 39 members and the social side to 14 members. Table tennis kept its membership up to 15 members.

Total cash in the bank that year was £123-5-4d.

Again in 1963-64 another three new members for the cricket section D. McHaughan, J. Seabrook and G. Masters.

Only one new member for 1964-65 : J. Brogan.

The tennis section had now dropped drastically to 18, the social side had increased to 18 and the table tennis was still going strong with 14 members.

Total cash in bank had dropped to £109-10-7d.

A great change took place in season 1965-66. With the break up of the tennis section due to lack of interest, the cricket section decided to go alone. Thus was born Fives Cricket Club.

Leo Whalen was made President, a title he holds to this day. Six new members joined to make a total playing strength of 13 members. They were D. Halfcastas, M. Miller, C. Matura, P. Sutton, S. Rigby and P. Cramer.

Subscriptions were kept at £1-12-6d with additional payments of 10s-0d for social and 5s-6d for Match Fees. Things were beginning to resemble the Club as we know it today.

Income for the Cricket Club that year was £106.00 and expenditure £112.00. Assets stood at £103.00. The table tennis tables were sold off for £7. The cost for the pitch at Hazlewood was £34-9-4d, electricity was £9-17-1d with £27-1-7d for new

equipment. So there was not too much to spare.
£75-0-0d was held in Premium Bonds.

The season was split into two sections with accounts presented in March 1966. For the rest of the Season, four new members joined, J. Ward, J. Barnard, R. Barnard and J. Jefferson. The subscriptions were raised to £1-12-6d, Match Fees remained at 5s-6d, social fee was scrapped and replaced with several raffles as before.

In Season 1966-67 two more of our Vice Presidents joined the Club, Bill Crumley and Ron Dacey together with J. Fisher and R. Manley.

The first Cricket Club Dinner was held at the Pilgrims Rest at a cost of £41-17-6d for the whole event (a bit different today).

Another four new members to start the 1967-68 season, T. Lock (not the "T. Lock"), D. Massey, D. Miles and M. Ransom

Finally, only one new member for the 1968-69 season is J. Eustace. With the Dinner cost that year at £1-7-6d per person.

Chapter Three

The Seventies 1970- 1979:

This was an era of the Club dominated by the emergence of the Hubert Clan. When, in particular, the four brothers Don, Roger, Peter and Noel began to make the headlines.

Before that however, only one new member to join the 1969-70 Season, Howard Lamb.

Caps were purchased in the Club colours of Light Blue & Yellow at a cost of £1-2-0d. Dinner & Dance Tickets for the function cost £1-5-0d.

Three new members joined in 1970-71, A. Tester, C. Darwood and Chris Haslem.

Subscriptions were raised to £2 and Match Fees reintroduced at 2s-0d per game. Dinner & Dance Tickets increased to £2 each.

Another milestone in 1971 : coinage changed to decimalisation (I can now stop trying to work each price out for today's costs).

Records only seem to show eleven playing members that Season, so fulfilling fixtures must have been difficult.

The members listed at that time were, R. Barnard, D. Miles, Ron Dacey, Howard Lamb, Bill Crumley, Jim Ward, Chris Haslem, F. Watlin, C. Wilkins, P. Smith and, of course, Leo Whalen. Cash in the Bank tottaled £187.31.

Consequently another momentous change for Season 1972-73 when Royal Northern Hospital amalgamated with Fives to remain as Fives Cricket Club. This heralded the start of The Hubert

revolution, when Don became the first to make his debut.

Members of Royal Northern to join Fives were Mick Sprossen, Ray Nunn, Bob Ashton (now a Vice President), Ron Cato (now a Vice President and our current Fixture Secretary), John Donne, Don Hubert, Paul Wheeler and Ernie Berry (now a Vice President).

Also joining Fives that year were Ron Bishop, Ernie Pryor (now a Vice President), Ron Goodfellow, F. Thompson, B. Alderton, Mick Betchloff and a youthful Pat MacGowan. Later in the season Hantly Leonard (our revered Captain) also made his debut.

The officials for the Club for that season were:-

President	:	Leo Whalen
Chairman	:	C. Wilkins
Secretaries	:	John Donne / Howard Lamb
Treasurer	:	Bill Crumley
Captains	:	Saturday - Mick Sprossen Sunday - Bill Crumley
Vice Captain	:	Saturday & Sunday Ron Cato

Some of the teams played that season included Sun Sports, LONSAR (London Referees), Mayfield, Cavendish, Northampton Exiles, Maha Sabha, Wormley and Pymmes.

The ground for both Saturday and Sunday was Hazlewood Lane. The Club also had a Single Wicket Competition and I can remember Chris Haslem winning it, as he was a forceful bat and a very good bowler. Other records show the top batsman as Hantly Leonard (who else!) with an average of 21.5 from 13 innings. Top bowler Ron Dacey (honest) with

41 wickets at 9.5, a Club record until 1988 (see later). Other fine performances Don Hubert 49 at 10.9 and Ray Nunn 47 at 13.1. Most runs scored - Mick Sprossen 589 and highest score also Mick Sprossen with 72 n.o. Four players managed to score over 50 in one innings. Most catches again Mick Sprossen, 12 plus 10 stumpings as wicketkeeper. Bill Crumley also caught 11 catches as an outfielder.

Four new members for season 1973-74, Rennie White, Nigel Cobbett, Bob Malik and the second Hubert, Noel (now a Vice President). Changes to the officials from the previous season were:-

Secretary : Paul Wheeler

Fixture Secretary: John Donne

Treasurer : Ray Nunn

Captain : Sat & Sun - John Donne

Dinner & Dance costs that year were a total of £252.10 and subscriptions were raised to £2.50 and Match Fees to 20p a game.

One other outstanding memory I have of that season is of John Donne catching the same player in exactly the same position, in the beer match, as in the game proper and shouting "got you again you bastard" as he took the catch. The match was against Maha Sabha at Paddington Rec. (loved their teas, stuffed parathas).

Tragically, later that year in September 1974, Mick Sprossen died in a car accident and I think I speak for all who knew him, when I say he is sadly missed, both as a friend and a very fine sportsman.

Four new members for 1974-75 J. Hempton, Andy Spring, Bob Grindly and the third Hubert Roger.



Changes in office were : Vice Captain Don Hubert, Chairman Bob Ashton, Treasurer Ron Bishop and Fixture Secretary Nigel Cobbett.

Subscriptions were raised to £3.50 and match fees to 25p. Unfortunately, Nigel Cobbett almost cost us most of our fixtures with an unfortunate lackadaisical way of operating and the season finished in further disarray, with an extraordinary meeting called in December to write off £20.31 that the Auditor (Ray) could not account for, as he was unable to decipher the book entries.

On a brighter note, the Dinner & Dance was held at the Fox Public House, with great success.

We had changed our Saturday ground to Oakhill Park, whilst still playing at Hazlewood on a Sunday. When at home on Saturday we started drinking in the Cavalier public house in Russell Lane, together with East Barnet Valley and Pymmes, who also played at Oakhill, but on a different pitch (the same one they use today).

*the Away Spring
forward defensive*

One outstanding memory of that season was going to an away game with only nine players, with Don as Captain. We were late in arriving and to cap it all, getting a right hammering in the field. Ray Munn bowling at the time politely asked Nigel Cobbett if he could be seen to be making more of an effort to chase the ball to the boundry. Nigel, who could be a brilliant fielder was not one to chase what he considered a lost cause. As the over finished Nigel walked past Ray and jovially tipped Ray's cap off. Ray immediately turned and slapped Nigel across the face, not so jovially. I've often wondered what our oponents thought about it. Those were the days

1975-76 brought in another four players, Jim Green, Vinood Topiwalla, W. Hughes and the last of the four just men, Peter Hubert.

Bob Grindley organised a Buffet/Dinner at the Apollo Rooms in Cockfosters, in February, at a cost of £2.50 per ticket. As I remember a very good evening, where my Mother won a side of beef, in the raffle. The following is a copy of Bob's accounts for the evening.

Credit:

Cash receipts from tickets 32 @ £2.50	£80.00
Paid by cheque 11 @ £2.50	£27.50
Cash receipts from raffle (tickets sold)	£17.65
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Debit:

Apollo Buffet & Hall (incl. V.A.T.)	£117.72
Mobile Music Scene	£18.00
Community Wine Co., Golds, Newswell Ltd., (Raffle Prizes)	£11.60
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	£147.32

It was decided that the Premium Bonds be cashed in and transferred to a deposit account.

Hantly decided to retire from cricket this year, unfortunately for the club he stayed away for ten years, returning in 1986 (see later).

For the second year running a sum had to be written off as the books failed to balance Ray Nunn, as

Auditor being unable to understand some of the bookkeeping. Cash in hand was finally shown as £128.18.

Subscriptions are raised to £5 and match fees to 50p.

A memory of the year, which was a very hot summer was, Popiwalla (yes he very soon made an impression) chasing after a ball at long leg, after Ray had bowled a player, the ball going to the boundary, after hitting the stumps. Topi turned and in one movement hurled the ball back. Unfortunately, as happens on these occasions all the players were grouped round congratulating Ray on his wicket and Topi's throw hit him in the middle of his back. We learnt a lesson that day. Never turn your back on Topi when he has the ball. He also perfected his famous cry of "bowlers end", together with "throw fast", sounds that can be heard to this day.

1976-77 was another momentous year and not just for Norman Tate Snr. joining the Club. It was the year a certain cry could be heard, which forever after was to strike terror for any Fives member or Ex. member.

The cry!

"Let's 'ave your money". Yes Pat MacGowan was elected Treasurer.

To start off as he meant to go on subscriptions were raised to £6, but his kind heart kept match fees at 50p. By the end of the year the finances of the Club had risen to £260.47 in the Bank.

On Sundays we to the Green Lamb was not whilst wearing a (their loss).

switched our drinking Dragon, when Howard allowed in the bar, singlet, at the Fox,



A Dinner and Dance was held in the Apollo Rooms, with 85 participants enjoying a very social evening.

The Club entered a 20 over competition for the first time, which to date has given us very little success.

There was also a trip down the Thames on a River Boat Shuffle, which was a great success, making a healthy profit of £60 for the Club. This was held in conjunction with the L.E.B. football team. I remember this evening for another reason. A friend of mine, Jim, picked us up after drinking with his Cousin for most of the afternoon. On the boat trip he also had several more bevvies. On the drive back to Camden after, where we were going to have a meal, the inevitable happened! He was stopped by a Policewoman and breathalised. Positive! So off we go to the station for a second test. Negative! Much to our astonishment he was let go and we continue to the restaurant (his girlfriend driving), to eat. As he bore a strong resemblance to Lou Macari (the footballer) he was for ever known as "lucky Lou".

1977-78 brought in two more members Doug Crofts and Peter Shirley.

We changed our Saturday pitch to New Southgate. A proper set of rules for the Club was formulated, putting us on a more formal footing.

A new venue for our Dinner & Dances, The Raglan Hotel, where 78 people paid £5 a head for the privilege. Still on the social scene, we also started a trend which was to continue thereafter, two curry evenings were arranged during the season.

1978-79 brought in one new member, Pradeep Gajjar. The officials for the club that year were:-

President	-	Leo Whalen
Chairman	-	Paul Wheeler
Secretary	-	Noel Hubert
Treasurer	-	Pat MacGowan
Fixture Secretary	-	Howard Lamb
Team Secretary	-	Don Cato
Social Secretary	-	Doug Crofts
Press Secretary	-	Jim Green
Captain	-	Roger Hubert
Vice Captain	-	Peter Hubert

As can be seen from above we had a Press Secretary, sounds very impressive. Jim used to write a short piece for the local paper, each week on our fixtures. It was very popular and a pity it stopped when Jim gave up playing.

This was probably our worst start ever to a season, with only three games played until June 23rd, due to inclement weather.

91 people paid £6 a ticket to , as usual enjoy our annual Dinner/Dance at the Raglan Hotel.

Some of our oponents that year included, Great Bursted, St. Michaels and Castle.

A vivid memory for me was Noel Hubert breaking a window at a cost of £15 (he still owes and with interest, I make it £37.77), its on my black list of bad debtors.

So ended the Seventies, onward into the Eighties.

Chapter Four

The Eighties 1980-89

Thus began an era in which there were so many Huberts, that we started playing them as a fixture in its own right, as a Hubert's select XI. They managed to produce family from all over the world. All looking the same, so if you got one out an identical one came in. Good fun though.

Season 1979-80 brought in another three members, Kevin Gallacher, Colin Hogan and Ken Montague.

Our usual successful evening at the Raglan had 80 guests at £7 per head .

Officials of the Club were as the previous season, with the exception of Peter Hubert being elected Captain, with Noel Hubert as Vice Captain.

Another first, on August Bank Holiday we arranged a match against the Ladies. By some connivance the match resulted in a draw and a great social evening followed.

Our playing record for the year was, played 33, won 15, drew 13 and lost 5. This was in fact the least number of matches lost in a season. A record held, until 1990.

We had an excellent groundsman at Hazlewood Lane (George) and unfortunately he was moved on, which started a deterioration in the wicket over the next few years.

Statistics show that the best Bowler was Noel Hubert with, 40 wickets at 12.25. He also topped

the Batting with an average of 31.91. Peter Hubert as Wicketkeeper took the most catches with 16. Other good performances were, Roger 52 wickets @ 14.05, Don Hubert 63 wickets @ 15.01. The most runs scored was Peter Hubert with 726 and Noel with 702. In case you are wondering ? Yes there were other players not called Hubert.

Funds were still healthy at £453.76, of which £150 of that was transferred to a deposit account.

1980-81 started with the same members as the year before and the Club officials remained the same, except that the Social Secretary job became a job share, between Ken Montague and Peter Shirley.

Our playing record was played 32, won 10, drew 4 and lost 15.

The Bowling trophy went to Don Hubert, with 53 wickets @ 12.41. The Batting trophy to Bob Ashton with an average of 24.60. Most catches by Peter Hubert (as Wicketkeeper) with 19. Other memorable performances. Bowling Roger with 58 @ 13.1, Topi with 37 wickets and Noel with 29. Most runs came from Peter Hubert 437 @ 20.80.

Match fees were raised to £1 and the Dinner/Dance at the Raglan brought in 83 people at £8.50 per head.

'What do you mean, Colin, some old Hooker giving a commentary'.



New Members for 1981-2 were, Francis Gallacher, Adamgee, Howard Farebrother, Everton Weeks, Greg Percival and Noel Jantz.

Many thought the pitch at Hazlewood had deteriorated and was becoming dangerous. So we moved grounds once again, to our present home, Tottenhall Recreation Ground.

We were to share this ground with Castle, with whom we had ties, in that some of our players left to join them, such as, Don, Peter and Noel Hubert, together with, Everton Weeks, Greg Percival and both Kevin and Francis Gallacher. Also some of their players were to guest for us over the years. Such as, "Nelly", "Ossie", Greg, Kevin and Francis. Not forgetting of course (how can you) the Huberts.

The ground is also used by Southgate County in the football season and has caused problems when the season overlaps and we are both at home.

Subscriptions enevitably went up to £10, they had remained at £6 for five years. Match fees remained at £1 per game.

The Bowling trophy went to Jim (Carlton) green, with 34 wickets for 14.11. He also won the Batting trophy, making 566 runs at 20.21. I don't know how he managed a full season, with his back etc. Most catches was by Kevin Gallacher with 13. Once again Roger bowled well, without winning the trophy, with 40 wickets for the season. In as far as we have records a new 7th wicket partnership was made by, Andy Spring and Noel Jantz of 71 against Haydon Hall.

Some changes in office when Andy became our Secretary and Ron Cato our Fixture Secretary (a position he still holds to date).

NO BALL!



Two other unenviable records also that year. We won the least number of matches (five) and lost the most Nineteen, drawing nine. It was also a year for our lowest total of 41 all out against our old enemies Castle. This was a period in Fives history where you were guaranteed a bat.

Despite the poor season last year we were unable to secure any new players for season 1982-83, despite putting an advertisement in the local paper. The club had hit a sticky patch and there was some talk of a merger with Castle. I am glad to say it was resisted and we decided to soldier on

and ask our current players if they knew of anyone.

Despite these problems our record slightly improved in that out of 23 games played we won 8, drew 8 and only lost 12.

Howard Lamb joined with Ron Cato to become joint Fixture Secretaries.

As the playing strength was down we in fact used 27 guest players during the season. We also had some of our members out of work at the time and this combined had an effect on our finances, as we did not charge them match fees. Consequently match fees went up to £1.50.

A further set back when we were unable to sell enough tickets for our Dinner/Dance at the Raglan. Consequently we had to cancell, loosing our deposit of £60. Sadly this was to be our last Dinner/Dance until our Golden Anniversary in 1991.

We managed to get an influx of players for 1983-84 with, Howards twin Peter joining together with, Richard Hubert, Norman Tate Jnr., G. Thongs, John Boyce and Terry Ashley. Unfortunately this did not improve our record and in 32 games we won 6, drew 10 and lost 16.

1984-85 brought in Dave Lee, Matt Dean and Gary Lloyd and in some way we started a revival in the Clubs fortunes. In 27 games we won 8, drew 12 and lost 7. Not a fantastic improvement, but a start that was to get better each following year.

The Bowling trophy went to Roger (at last) with 55 wickets @ 11.36. Andy Spring won the Batting with an average of 24.92 and four players managed to score over 50 in a game. The most runs scored



"Well, Norm do you feel warmed-up enough to go in?"

was by Norman 446 @ 21.24 (a sign of things to come). Also bowled well were Topi with 31 wickets and Don Hubert, the most economical with 11 wickets in the few games he played.

Fixtures were also starting to change, from some of our adversaries in the past and we in fact used the Cricket Conference to get opponents for 23 of our fixtures.

This was due in some part to cut out travelling long distances and also some of our previous opponents wanting to play league cricket, something we had always resisted.

Officials of the Club for the season were:

President	-	Leo Whalen
Chairman	-	Doug Crofts
Secretary	-	Andy Spring
Treasurer	-	Pat MacGowan
Fix. and Team Sec.	-	Ron Cato
Sat. Captain	-	Roger Hubert
Sun. Captain	-	Ron Dacey
Sat. V/Capt.	-	Pat MacGowan
Sun. V/Capt.	-	Roger Hubert

It was decided to scrap subscriptions and increase match fees to £2.

Another record for the archives was achieved when Pat MacGowan and Peter Farebrother put on 56 for the last wicket, with Peter getting his 50 in very short time. Unfortunately we still lost the match, but we made them sweat a bit. It was against Arkly at Tottenhall.

By this time we had decided that our watering hole would now be the Bird in Hand and remained so until 1991, when they changed hands and increased their



the Gary Lloyd Hook .

prices out of proportion

New members for 1985-86 were, John Lee (Dave's brother), Daryll Hubert (Roger's son) and Peter Phillips.

Officials as the year before except, Roger was elected Captain for Saturday and Sunday with Vice Captains, Pat MacGowan and Colin Hogan.

The Batting trophy went to Noel Hubert, with an average of 32.57. He also managed to win the Bowling trophy, taking 29 wickets @ 8.76. Also performing well were as usual Roger with 69 wickets @ 12.33 and a special mention for Don Hubert with the bat. Who had a batting average of 44.57 but only played nine innings (the criteria being ten). The most catches was by Peter Phillips, behind the stumps with 22, plus 4 stumpings. Most catches by an outfielder was Norman with 16. Colin Hogan scored the most runs with 607 @ 19.58. The best bowling performance was by Don with,

9 for 30 in 13.5 overs against Bessborough. Nine players scored over 50 in any one innings, with the highest being Peter Hubert with 97. Another record for the Club when Colin Hogan and Howard put on 142 for the first wicket against Southgate Adelaide.

Our playing record for the season was played 33, won 16, drew 6 and lost 11.

Fives started to play in an indoor league this season, with our players playing for various teams. This was to have benefits for the next season, with improved performances all round.

1986-87 brought back the return of Hantly Leonard, together with his son Paul.

It was decided at the A.G.M. to reintroduce subs, with a nominal fee of £2, with match fees up to £2 50

Despite being out of action for ten seasons, Hantly fell immediately into groove and subsequently won the Batting trophy, with an average of 36.45. The Bowling trophy was won by an improved Gary Lloyd, taking 15 wickets for 15.07. As usual Roger performed his usual heroics, bowling extremely well and taking an amazing 82 wickets, a tremendous achievement and a record for a season. Another mention for Donny who had the best bowling figures, but only took 9 wickets (should play more games). Five players scored over 50 in one match, with the highest score going to a guest in Ossie O'Carro from Castle, with Hantly (the "run machine") close behind with 88. Most catches by Howard Farebrother with, 14 plus 3 stumpings and Hantly 8 catches plus 5 stumpings (they shared the Wicketkeeper spot). As an outplayer Richard Hubert took 11



catches (two of them as Wicketkeeper).

Our playing record for the season was, played 34, won 8, drew 17 and lost 9.

Further to our association with Castle, we decided to emulate their appearance on the field and purchase Club sweaters and shirts, complete with Fives logo, from Gallacher Sports.

A Christmas Disco was held in Enfield and proved to be very succesful. A most enjoyable evening.

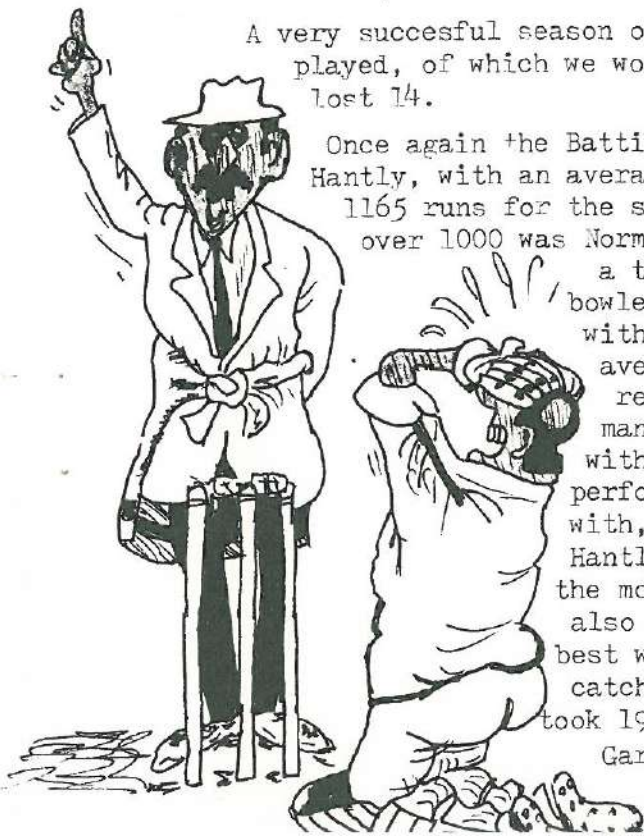
Two new members for 1987-88 in Steve Addison from Calthorpe and Nick Fowler.

A change in officials with Roger elected as Captain, with Hantly as Vice Captain. A Social Secretary was elected (a brave volunteer) in Colin Hogan.

Sorry Hantly you're OUT!

A very succesful season on the field with 46 games played, of which we won 25, drew 6, tied 1 and lost 14.

Once again the Batting trophy went to Hantly, with an average of 44.81, scoring 1165 runs for the season. Another Batsman over 1000 was Norman Tate with 1195, with a top score of 113. Best bowler was Vinood Topiwalla with 71 wickets at an average of 9.45, a Club record. Roger once again managing to get over 80 with 81. Another fine performance was by Matt Dean with, 33wickets @ 13.15. Hantly, as Wicketkeeper, took the most catches with 23. He also had 11 stumpings. Next best was Richard with 23 catches and 1 stumping. Norman took 19 catches, with Colin and Gary on 13.



The lowest score against us was made when we played Pymmes at Oakhill, skittling them out for just 22 runs. More records were achieved this season with, a second wicket partnership of 175 between Norman Tate and Colin Hogan against Cavendish and an eighth wicket partnership of 46 between Paul Leonard and Richard Hubert, against Arkley.

Another first for the Club this year, despite it being talked about for so long. FIVES GO ON TOUR! Yes at long last, thanks to Colin a tour is arranged. Although tour is probably the wrong word, as we only ventured as far as Essex. Nevertheless we had a great time, staying in "The Manse" in Finchingfield. We played all our games locally, Finchingfield themselves together with, Haverhill Fire Station, Cornish Hall End and Wethersfield. The hospitality was great and the local brews even better. We were well looked after in the Manse by Paul and his wife, who both thought we were crackers to drink all night and then want to play cricket. Especially when we persuaded Paul to join us in the Red Lion. What a site the next morning! A unanimous Committee vote for "man of the tour" went to Topi (not least for his going back to London each night). Our Groundsman Andy also made an appearance on tour and enjoyed himself so much he stayed the night and was late for work the next day.

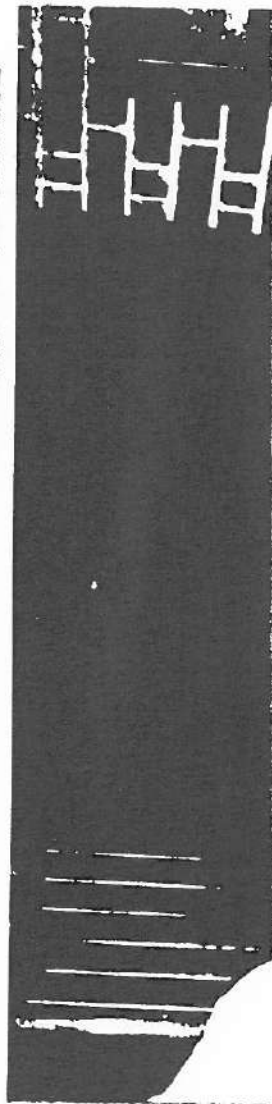
parently Steve's under a lot of stress at home. Another hugely succesful Disco in Enfield at Christmas, enjoyed by all attending. Nice to see Jim Green again.

Ron Dacey decides to run in the London Marathon (at his age?) and gain some money for charity (who's she?).

The treasurer transferred £200 to the deposit account and finances are looking sound.



Lager Louts on Tour



1988-89 and the success continues unabated. Officials as last season except, Hantly is elected Captain, with Roger as Vice Captain.

In order to give more money to Gallacher enterprises it is decided to go the whole hog and order "Aussie" type caps, to match the shirts and jumpers.

With monotonous regularity Hantly once again wins the Batting trophy, with an average of 45.04. Next best

being Nick Fowler with 42.25. Two players scored a hundred in, Mick with 134 n.o. and for the second year Norman with 112 n.o. Other successes with the bat were, Hantly scoring 93, Andy with 86 and once again Hantly with 80 n.o. In fact nine players managed to score over 50 in one match, during the season. The Bowling trophy went to Daryll Hubert finishing with 31 wickets @ 14.35. Unlucky to finish second was Steve Addison with, 54 wickets @ 14.50. Also bowled well were, Norman with 54 @ 15.83 And the evergreen Roger with, 64 @ 18.19. The bowling was so close in that it went to the last match to decide it. For the second season running both Hantly and Norman score over a 1000 runs. Hantly with 1171 and Norman with 1012 (achieved in our last game) Hantly also managed to score 12 fifties in the season (boring), must be a record!! Most catches



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went to Norman with an incredible 28, a great effort in the field. Next best was Hantly, behind the stumps with 25, six of these in one match v Winchmore Hill. He also made 21 stumpings in the season.

Other trophies won this year were, Most improved, Matt Dean, Best Fielder, Norman Tate, Outstanding Performance (for his bowling, Roger and Sportsman, Pat MacGowan.

Records continue to tumble. Hantly's average of 45.04 beats last seasons of 44.31. A fourth wicket record of 140 between, Andy Spring and Hantly Leonard, against Caledon. A sixth wicket record of 83 between, Richard Hubert and Colin Hogan, against North Met. Riverside. The highest score of 134 by Nick Fowler, against Old Ignations and the most catches by an outfielder with, Norman's 28.

Over the season we played 45 games, winning 26, drawing 10 and losing 9.

Cash in the Bank at the end of the season stood at, £1578.45, putting us in a very good sound financial position.

A new letterheading for the Club, bringing us up to date, with changes in the Officers of the Club.

Ron Dacey enters his second London Marathon (how does he do it), for a most worthy charity.

A second tour of Finchingfield, where we enjoy the same hospitality as before. However one change where we play Shalford in place of Haverhill. Man of the tour this time is Daryll Hubert, with some fine bowling.

A sad note to end the season with, when our Presidents wife, Gillian passed away. She always showed an interest in the Club, when she made a

visit, with Leo. Ever a kind word and a keen interest in the families and their children. A few of us went to the funeral, where it was obvious how highly regarded she was thought of.

Chapter Five

The Nineties 1990 -

A great start to the Nineties with probably our best season ever, as far as records show.

Top Batsman (who else) Hantly Leonard, with another record average of 48 and making 1440 runs to boot. Norman again the bridesmaid with an average of 43.30 and making 1299 runs. Norman also scored two hundreds to Hantly's one. Eleven people score over 50 in any one innings, with Norman and Hantly 12 a piece. Top Bowler (he must be on drugs) was Ron Dacey with, 29 wickets @ 11.83. Hantly took 34 catches and 20 stumpings , to create another Club record. There were also three new record stands for the Club. The fifth wicket record went to Norman Tate and Matt Dean with, 138 against Pymmes. The third wicket record went to Hantly and Colin Hogan with, 173 against Pymmes (in the return match). The ninth wicket record went to Roger Hubert and Norman Tate with, 32 against Osterly.

We played 41 games, winning 28, drawing 9 and losing 4 to create a record of most games won and fewest lost in a season. A record highest score for the Club was also set against Pymmes, with 263 for 5 wickets. Pymmes were also involved in the highest score against us by a Club, when they made 250 for 6 wickets.

Once again and probably for the last time for a while we tour Finchfield, where Ron Dacey is chosen man of the tour. Nice to meet Peter Dacey once again, when we play Cornish Hall End.

Must be something in this Marathon running as Ron once again takes part, this time managing to persuade his wife Jean to take part (I know what mine would say).



A mix up at the start of the tour when Wethersfield failed to turn up. They had changed Fixture Secretary and were not expecting us. This did not dampen our spirits however and we went on to win the other three matches. This was helped in that Finchfield had there own internal problems and the game was an amalgamation of the two. Two unusual events in June.

First Topi chasing a ball, turning and throwing it, only to hit a poor dog side on (who said lighening dosen't strike twice). The second with Noel

Hubert venturing out of retirement to take a wicket, and a catch. Just like old times?

A new trophy is presented to the Club by Leo in memory of his wife Gillian as the players player trophy. This deservedly went to Norman Tate. Other winners were Peter Farebrother ,the fielding trophy., most improved player Howard Farebrother, Outstanding Performance., Topi for for his 6 for 26 and Sportsman Andy Spring.

So to 1990-91 our Golden Jubilee year. Once again at the time of typing this, a good start. Norman scores a hundred in our first match to help us win, chasing over 200. We then go on to win four and draw one out of the first five matches played. It seems things could not be better. Noel Hubert has once again crawled out of retirement (he makes more comebacks than Frank Sinatra), to play a significant innings.

We are looking forward to our celebration Dinner/Dance to mark our fiftieth year and hope it is a success. These used to be an annual event and lets hope we can perhaps revive them.

The Club is in excellent shape and ready for the next fifty years.

Two recuring themes are apparent in the success of Fives Cricket Club. One is that we are a family club, which is evident with sons playing alongside their fathers. The second is the fact that we play "friendly cricket", without the animosity that is too often found in sport these days. We play to win, but we enjoy the game in the spirit it was intended to be played in.

Chapter Six

The Ladies

The history of Fives Cricket Club would not complete without a mention of the ladies.

Over the years there have been many who have helped their husbands or boyfriends, with the preparation of teas, scoring etc. They have given up time to come to matches and help out the Club, whilst in many cases having no real interest in the game. They have mine and I'm sure the rest of the players (over the years) dying admiration for the support they have given. I'm not going to risk wrath by naming individuals and forgetting to mention others, with the exception of saying that in the current season this tradition has been maintained, in that Barbara is preparing and serving teas at all our Sunday home games, and some of the Saturday ones too. A great job she is doing too.

Chapter Seven

Present Playing Strength?

Now a light hearted view of our current players. If anyone is upset by any of the following remarks, tough luck.

1. Leo Whalen - Our President for 25 years and the only member who can remember horseless carriages or cricket played with two stumps. Our longest serving member, with 40 years service. Long may he continue to flourish. 1951 - 1991
2. Ron (Dixie Dixie) Dacey - The ageless swing bowler and the longest playing member, at present. He can remember Franks and W.G. Grace. Accurate bowler, with the ability to hit the spot first ball. What is not widely known is that he practices with Jean in the back garden (bowling that is). Steady bat who can hold his end up (batting that is). Has some trouble seeing the ball these days and wears his glasses strapped to his head. Only gets picked for home games as he gets lost in convoys. 1967 - 1991
3. Ron Cato - Ex. member of Royal Northern Hospital and now our Fixture Secretary. When playing was a shrewd left arm spinner and useful bat (that's what he says anyway). Rarely seen these days, except by Committee Members at his home, where wife Jan makes exceedingly good refreshments. Has been known to arrange meetings and then forget to turn up. 1973 - 1991
4. Pat MacGowan - A committed Treasurer (some say he should be), not known for giving change. Came

to Fives with the intention to make enough money to retire to Belgium. Biggest claim to fame is an opening partnership with Peter Hubert of 104, making 4 himself and not being first out. Feared throughout the game for his "lets 'ave yer money" cry. Known to bring terror even to ex. members. 1973 - 1991

5. Hantly Leonard - Our beloved Captain. Started with the Club in 1973, stayed for three years and then retired for ten, before making a come back. This was after the "bookies" had taken all his money. Left hand opening bat who goes on and on Would score more hundreds if we played three day games. Holds various records with the Club (all of them slow). Also a Wicketkeeper who loves keeping to Topi, when his cry of "rrrubish" can be heard after yet another down leg side. 1973 -1976

1987 - 1991

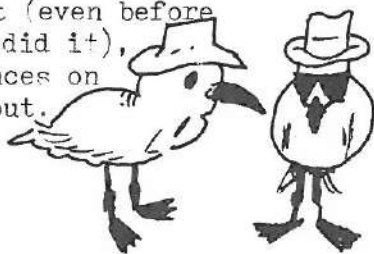
6. Roger Hubert - Present Vice Captain and bowler who can keep going all day (demonstrated by the number of times he leaves the field). Over the years our most succesful wicket taker. Most famous for his Sammy Davis impression, especially after a few drinks. I don't go along with the view that its better since he died. Only original Herbert playing full time. 1975 - 1991

7. Andy Spring - All rounder and getting more rounder each year. Famous for his one hand defensive shot and guitar playing. Secretary from 1985-90 and now our Chairman. Likes running between the wickets with Norman, pity he's not as quick. Has a good safe pair of hands (ask Ray). Biggest disapointment was seeing the "arse" top the league in 1991. 1975 - 1991

8. Vinood Topiwalla - The mad Indian. Left arm erratic "bowler"? and fielder and batsman. His batting has in fact improved so that he can now play every shot in the book (from the pavillion).

Good driver, drives Hantly to distraction. Best point is his wives currie events. Has amazing strength and it is unwise to take your eyes off him when he has the ball. Throws fast and usually to bowlers end. 1976 - 1991

9. Doug Crofts - Chairman from 1985-90. Has perfected the "Dougie Roll" and then gone on to master the "Dougie sweep". Short arm batsman who likes it on his legs (Don't we all). Used sparingly as a bowler, about once every three years. Biggest drawback has known Andy Spring for years. 1973 - 1991
10. Pradeep Cajjar. - "Deep" only plays occasionally now due to he says family commitments (it's realy to give him time to recover). Middle order bat who can hit when neccasary Has a problem when Hantly asks him to go deep in the field. Introduced to the Club by Pat MacGowan who remembers when he had hair (look whô's talking). 1979 -1991
11. Colin Hogan - Ome arm bandit king and original lager lout (sorry Barbara). Opening bat who has become known in the trade as "Dead Bat Hoag" and occasionally "Dead Pad Hoag". Laid back to the point of falling over. Social Secretary (very) since 1988. 1980 -1991
12. Richard Hubert - Son of Noel. Dick is the Club "Poser Extraordinaire". Moon twin, with Norman for his spin bowling . A useful but erratic bat (just like his dad). Has developed Noel's cloud nine shot to perfection, usually to a straight ball. Has a good pair of hands (ask Steve). 1982 - 1991
13. Howard Farebrother - Known as "H". Opening bat and good fielder, but that's enough flattery. Noisier of the twins, who has been known to throw his bat (even before Dennis Lilie did it), great distances on being given out.



Better to keep out of his way if out early, as likely to get his bat in your ear. 1982 - 1991

14. Peter Farebrother - Twin of Howard and the much quieter of the two, also a younger looking version. Good medium bowler and hard hitting bat (once scored 50 at number 11). I know cos I was there. Good arm in the field. Courting has restricted his playing of late, but he will get over that. 1984 - 1991
15. Norman Tate - Son of Norman Shr. He is the other Moon twin bowler. Excellent bat and dynamic fielder. Has become, with Hantly our most prolific (yes it is a word) scorer. Earned the dubious title of "The Cockeral Kid" on tour. Biggest handicap is running with Andy Spring. Only able to play one week in three these days, but his van can often be seen wherever we play. 1984 - 1991
16. Mathew Dean - Matt "Richie" Dean sometimes also known as "Azharu" or "Dean" by Topi. Strong forceful bat, with the ability to "swoop" in the field. Biggest moment was starring in the "Fives on Tour" video (especially in the shower scene). Reputed to have lost weight (can't see it myself). 1985 - 1991
17. Gary Lloyd - Big $\frac{1}{2}$ hitter from scouseland. Suffers badly from hydrophobia. Makes exceedingly good cakes and will make someone a wonderful husband. Can bat when in the mood (isn't that a hit by Glen Miller). Biggest handicap, uses at least four bats a season (breaks even more than Howard) I'm told he can also bowl. He told me so himself. 1985 - 1991
18. Daryll Hubert. Son of Roger and following in the

family traditions (will we never be rid of them).
Developing into a good bowler and useful bat.

1986 - 1991

19. Paul Leonard - Son of Hantly. Fortunately for us he is a bit more adventurous with the bat. Imagine two Hantly's batting zzzzzzzzzzz. Must be the wild streak in Hantly coming out. Another fine prospect for the future.
20. Steve Addison - Last and certainly least "Addo" came to us from Calthorpe (C.R.A.P.) Cricket Club. Has great powers of concentration and can remain static for hours at a time, usually when fielding. Accurate for four overs as a bowler then begs to be taken off. As a batsman he would have been useful at the "Charge of the Light Brigade". Came to Fives in the belief that we had younger players, but has adapted to the situation. 1988 -1991