

FROM THE GOVERNMENT PADDOCK TO THE BAY OVAL



150 YEARS OF CRICKET IN TAURANGA

Foreword

The discovery that cricket was first played in Tauranga in 1866 started some research that has reached a conclusion with the writing of "From the Government Paddock to the Bay Oval - One Hundred and Fifty Years of Cricket in Tauranga".

This is not a definitive history of the growth of cricket in Tauranga City but rather numerous snapshots of the game during the last 150 years.

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Top – Monmouth Redoubt and the Government Paddock circa 1864 – courtesy of the Turnbull Library

Bottom – Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui – courtesy of Sunlive

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THE BEGINNING

In 1864, the 43rd Monmouth and 68th Durham Light Infantry regiments were stationed in Tauranga, to stop supplies reaching the Kingitanga movement in the Waikato. The 43rd Regiment rebuilt the fortifications on this site, which became known as the Monmouth Redoubt instead of Taumatakahawai Pā, its original name. The Government Paddock adjoined the Monmouth Redoubt.

Cricket began in Tauranga with the introduction of the game by the 12th Regiment, who were responsible for the establishment of the Military and Civil Cricket Club around 1866. Early honorary secretaries were Captain Marcom and Lieutenant Campbell, who supervised the pitch at the Government Paddock and arranged games between the crews of visiting ships, notably H.M.S. *Challenger* and H.M.S. *Falcon*. Obstacles to the continuance of regular matches were damage to the pitch by wild and domestic pigs and uprisings in the surrounding countryside, which necessitated more serious activities for the soldiers.

The transition from a military to a civilian settlement signalled the demise of the military dominated cricket club. In October 1872 the Tauranga Cricket Club was formed by Major Roberts, Captain Skeet and Messrs Griffiths, Sisley, Ogilvie, Samuels, Dacre and Goldsmith. For the rest of the nineteenth century the club revived each summer for Saturday games. When a match was arranged with an out of town team, such as Tauranga v Katikati, the banks closed early so that the inhabitants of Tauranga would be free to attend. When outside teams weren't available, members of the club divided themselves into sides such as All-comers, Married, Single, Diehards, Standbacks or simply Mr Gray's side.

An indication that the interest in cricket was high was the formation of the Union Cricket Club in 1879 by Alex Finlayson, Mr Maynard and Mr Hall, and by 1888 a well maintained pitch was established at the (Tauranga) Domain, followed by the erection of a pavilion in 1894.

While cricket was certainly played in the period leading up to the First World War (1914 - 1918), there were few written reports in the Bay of Plenty media. It was likely that this was the transition period, from made up games to regular inter-club matches in local area competitions. An example of the former, a game held in Tauranga between Married and Single, was reported in the Bay of Plenty Times on 17 April 1905.

Papers Past revealed the following cricket snippet written by Long-Stop in the Bay of Plenty Times on the 3rd December 1906. "A cricket match is to be played at the Domain on Thursday afternoon next, when the local cricket club will try conclusions with the ladies' hockey club. The gentlemen will bat, bowl and field left-handed. Afternoon tea will be provided for patrons and an enjoyable game should result".

A Bay of Plenty Times report of February 3 1913 stated "The representatives of the Tauranga Cricket Club journeyed to Mercury Bay on Friday night, per the ketch Wave, reaching the destination at 7.30am on Saturday. They met the Mercury Bay "Knights of the Willow" at 1pm. After a very interesting match the visitors won by 64 runs".

The full scoreboard in the Bay of Plenty Times showed: Tauranga Cricket Club 77 & 113, Mercury Bay 54 & 62. "In the evening the Mercury Bay Club entertained the visitors to a smoke concert and dance and the Tauranga players speak in glowing terms of the hospitality received. The visitors returned home on the Waiotahi reaching home at 4.30pm on Sunday. The Mercury Bay Club intends to play the return visit in Tauranga at Easter".

The Mount Maunganui Cricket Club website tells us that the current Mount Cricket Club was established nearly fifty years ago in 1967. Papers Past tells us that cricket was played by a Mount Maunganui team over one hundred years ago.

Bay of Plenty Times 27 January 1913 - "The second match of the Belt competition was played on the Domain on Saturday, when the Mount and B teams tried conclusions. The B's were without the services of several members and actually played with six batsmen in the first innings". "When stumps were drawn at six o'clock, the B's were still at the wicket and the match was decided on the first innings, victory going to the Mount". For the winners, Irvine was the only batsmen to make a double number in the first innings, putting together a total of 35 runs".

"In their second innings the Mount registered 86 runs of which exactly half were compiled by Reynolds, who gave a finished exhibition. Southey also batted well and knocked up 27". "Fuller was top scorer for the B's making 24 in the second innings. Richards (14) was the only other batsmen to make double figures". "Irvine, Reynolds and J Griffiths were responsible for good service in the bowling department for the Mount, while G Cook, F Richards and H Griffiths got up well for the B's".
Scores" Mount 35 & 86 - B's 26 & 54.



Cessation of WW1 Hostilities sees a Revival of Cricket in Tauranga

Following the cessation of WW1 hostilities, cricket undertook a revival in the Tauranga region. The Bay of Plenty Times reported in November 1919 "A general meeting of the Tauranga Cricket Club was held in Mr Len Norris's hairdressing salon on Tuesday evening. It was decided that the captain be elected on the ground by the eleven selected to play in any match". "Messrs BH Griffiths, E Jordan and R Chadban were appointed the selection committee".

"Mr AF Stirling of Auckland presented the club with a trophy to the value of one guinea, to be awarded to the highest scorer for Tauranga in the match against Te Puke on Saturday 29th inst". "Mr Renshaw was unanimously appointed coach for the season. It was agreed that the selection committee fix boundaries for the City and Country districts and institute a competition between the two teams. It was stated that Mr WJ Baigent had donated a trophy, to the schoolboy making the most runs in a match between two teams selected from the Tauranga High School players".

AFFILIATION TO NEW ZEALAND CRICKET

At the New Zealand Cricket Association Annual General Meeting held on 11 November 1931, the affiliation of Bay of Plenty Cricket was confirmed. The 1930/31 Season Annual Report noted that the “number of affiliated associations increased to 23 with the addition of Bay of Plenty”.

While club cricket was alive and well in the Bay of Plenty in the 1930s – research for this publication suggests that there were two Bay of Plenty Associations, with the Bay of Plenty Sub-Association based in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, affiliating to New Zealand Cricket in the 1930/31 season

In the same period of the early 1930s, representative cricket was also played by teams from the Rotorua and Tauranga Cricket Associations. During February 1933 Rotorua hosted Tauranga at the Government Gardens. Rotorua posted a first innings win, with home team batsman Beale reaching three figures.

In March 1934, Tauranga hosted Rotorua in their annual encounter. The Bay of Plenty Times reported “that a cricket match was played at the weekend between Rotorua and Tauranga elevens and was won by Rotorua by 219 to 104”. “The wicket was fast with Rotorua having a strong batting side, and these players had recently defeated the Bay of Plenty representatives”.

Players in the match were listed as follows:

Rotorua: Harding, Beale, Hinton, Higgins, Lunn, Alexander, Marshall, Gresham, Godsolve, Paul and Neeson.

Tauranga: Jordan, Bradmore, Douglas, Cairns, Sinclair, Stephens, Randell, Johnston, Curtis, Stevens and Morris.

Cricket was alive and well in the 1934/35 season. A Bay of Plenty Times report on 16 October 1934 announced the Tauranga representative team to play at Labour Weekend. Tauranga A were scheduled to play Rotorua in Rotorua, while the B representatives were to meet the Northern Bay of Plenty Association, which appears to have been based around the Te Puna and Omokoroa region.

Later in the month a report of the Bay of Plenty Minor Cricket Associations confirmed that the sport was indeed on the up in the Bay of Plenty region.

“At the annual meeting of the Bay of Plenty Minor Cricket Association at Rotorua, discussion took place upon the Attrill Cup competition, it being suggested that the trophy should be a sub-association trophy instead of being competed practically as a club issue. Finally, it was decided that associations to be grouped north and south for the competition, provided that the donor of the trophy was agreeable. Complications arising from similarity of names of the bodies known as the Bay of Plenty Sub-Associations, and the Bay of Plenty

Minor Associations were also discussed. A suggestion by Mr McGill that the Bay of Plenty Sub-Association should change its title in order to stop further confusion.

“It was also further suggested that if this course was agreed to the different sub-associations be grounded as follows. Tauranga and Te Puke, Whakatane and Matata, Rotorua, Opotiki and Waimana, with the last named being included with Whakatane and Matata if deemed desirable. As all bodies were not represented at the meeting no definite action was taken. It was also decided that this year the association should participate in the Hawke Cup fixture. Application is also to be made to the New Zealand Cricket Council that the Bay of Plenty Minor Associations be allocated a match against the English team to tour the Dominion in 1935-36, the match to be played in Rotorua”. (The match was played by a team known as Bay of Plenty Combined teams)

It is possible that the actions at this meeting led to the start of the present Bay of Plenty Cricket Association. The reports of the above meeting confirm that the Bay of Plenty Association, which affiliated to the New Zealand Cricket Council in the 1930/31 season, was the Bay of Plenty Sub-Associations based in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

The Rotorua and Tauranga A and B representative teams met in March 1935, with several Attrill Cup games involving Rotorua, Opotiki and Tauranga taking place. The Bay of Plenty Times gave the following report on the Attrill Cup match played between Rotorua and Tauranga County: “Exceptional public interest was displayed in the match for the Attrill Cup, between Rotorua and Tauranga County teams which was played on the local domain and provided an even contest. The visitors batting was very strong, McGill 61, Harding 50, Hinton 24 and Lunn 31, being the chief contributors. For the home side the veteran batsman Mason, produced some of his old form, compiling a chanceless half-century undefeated. Steele 41, Capon 13, Johnston 21 and Cairns 17, were the other chief scorers”. For the record Rotorua (248) defeated Tauranga (172).

Attrill Cup Teams

Rotorua: Lunn, McGill, Hinton, Spedding, Harding, Higgins, Beale, Sutherland, Shepherd and Marshall.

Tauranga: Stephens, Capon, Steele, Montgomery, L Randell, Mason, S Randell, Johnston, Budd, Cairns and Parkinson.

With the pending visit of the MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) in the 1935/36 season, there was a flurry of sub-association representative cricket, apparently as part of the process of selecting the Bay of Plenty team to meet the tourists.

One fact that did become apparent during the season was the two bodies that were in operation to run cricket in the Tauranga region. During October 1936, the first meeting of the season of the Tauranga County Cricket Association was held, where the Pukehina CC was admitted as a full member.

It was also decided that three delegates should attend the Annual Meeting of the Northern Tauranga Cricket Association. The Northern Tauranga AGM was held in Omokoroa with Katikati, Whakamaramara, Pahoia and Te Puna entering the season competition. It was noted that Omokoroa would not be entering a team. There was general discussion on closer relations with the Tauranga County Association.

In February 1937 a Tauranga representative team travelled to Opotiki to challenge for the Attrill Cup. It was stated that Opotiki at home on a concrete wicket would be extremely hard to defeat, especially as they had held the trophy for a long period.

Tauranga club Albion defended the Williams Cup twice during the season, defeating Rotorua City in December 1936 before repelling another challenge on 10 April 1937. Williams Cup records show that Albion held the Baywide challenge trophy for three successive seasons from 1935/36.

Representative cricket was alive and well in the Bay of Plenty during the 1937/38 season. There was plenty of action in the Sub-Associations. An example is provided by the Tauranga representative programme with the first eleven playing Waihi, Matamata, Rotorua and Opotiki.

The match between Rotorua and Tauranga in early 1938 was described as basically a trial for the selection of a Bay of Plenty team. Rotorua won the game convincingly, reversing the result of the previous two games between the sides. The Bay of Plenty Times reported that Rotorua stayed at the crease until 3.30 pm to compile 280 runs with Tauranga dismissed for 140. Rotorua's star player was Beale who hit a chanceless 121, while Bayley scored 74. Tauranga's top scorer was W Renshaw with 38.

Rotorua v Tauranga Teams

Rotorua: N Hinton, N Bayley, G Beale, B Harding, C Simmers, E Andrews, D Ewert, MP Kerr, J Hinton, L Brooker, J Coogan.

Tauranga: J O'Connor, A Wilkinson, E Craig, B Budd, L Randell, W Renshaw, E Capon, D Sinclair, W Dawkins, R Moorhead.

In April 1938, the Bay of Plenty Times reported that a trial match was to be held over the weekend, to pick a team to represent the Bay of Plenty in a Hawke Cup elimination match, with players from Rotorua, Opotiki, Rangataiki and Tauranga.

During 1938 the Tauranga region held what are now considered the two most prestigious trophies in Bay of Plenty cricket. Albion defended the Williams Cup, while Tauranga wrested the Attrill Cup from Opotiki. The Williams Cup game was fought out by Tauranga holders Albion who played Albion from Rotorua. The newspaper report listed the sides as

simply Tauranga verses Rotorua, with Tauranga Albion winning, when the Rotorua representatives were unable to muster the required runs in their second innings. The Bay of Plenty Times Attrill Cup report's opening paragraph simply said, "At long last Tauranga have taken the Attrill Cup from Opotiki." While there was a match report, no scores accompanied the article. It was recorded that the Eastern Bay side had held the symbol of Bay of Plenty Sub-Association cricket for seven years.

While there were no reports of Bay of Plenty games found in the research for the 1938/39 season, the Attrill Cup was alive and well. Holders Tauranga, played three matches, with the trophy moving to Rotorua after the third encounter.

On 2 February 1939 Tauranga repelled a challenge from Pukehina. The holders recorded 142 and 33/6 in their two innings with Pukehina restricted to 70 and 65/8. A week later it was the turn of Opotiki, who, as mentioned above, had held the Cup for seven seasons before losing it to the Tauranga representative team the previous season. Opotiki made a good start, scoring 103 and then restricting the home side to 83 all out. Both sides experienced second innings collapses, with Opotiki being dismissed for 27 and Tauranga, needing 48 to win, reaching the target with one wicket to spare.

Three weeks later Rotorua challenged for the Bay of Plenty sub-association trophy. In a cliffhanger Rotorua posted modest totals of just 89 and 44 runs, with Tauranga falling five runs short when they mustered 46 in their second turn at bat. There was no match report found of a return game between Rotorua and Tauranga scheduled for early March 1939

A Williams Cup game between Albion and Te Puke in March 1939 appears to have resulted in Te Puke winning the challenge trophy for the first time.

PEACE ARRIVES IN NEW ZEALAND

The end of World War II saw the return of normal life to New Zealand. Returned servicemen quickly picked up bat and ball again and were joined by a new generation of youngsters.

It is interesting to note a Bay of Plenty Times report in 1946. Criticism of the Bay of Plenty Cricket Association was voiced at the annual meeting of the Tauranga Cricket Sub-Association held during October 1946. Te Puke delegate Mr I Crowley said "that if the Tauranga Sub-Association was to re-affiliate with Bay of Plenty Cricket, it would have to have a big delegation to alter things". It appeared that the major concern was that the Bay of Plenty Cricket headquarters was based in Whakatane.

While Attrill and Williams Cup matches and several Bay of Plenty sub-association games took place in the 1949/50 season, there is no record of any Bay of Plenty representative fixtures. On the 18 February 1950 Tauranga A, B and C, teams travelled to Rotorua to play their Rotorua counterparts.

Memories of the match when Manawatu came to the Tauranga Domain on Christmas day 1952, would not have been quickly forgotten. While the visitors were dismissed for just 139, the Bay side mustered just 43 and 40 in their two visits to the middle. (Tauranga) doctor Eric Hutcheson was top scorer for the home team with 14 runs in the Bays second innings.

Life was very different in the 1950's with the following story provided by Buddy Graham, illustrating the differences in culture and attitudes. Buddy started cricket as an 11 year old at Tauranga primary school in 1949, ending when he was transferred to Wellington with the ANZ bank in 1959.

In the late 1950s Urewera entered the Attrill Cup Competition. In order to avoid a bye Tauranga entered two teams. We drew Urewera in the first round game to be played at Minginui, a saw-milling town in the Urewera's. These games were played on Sundays so in this case it was an early start.

As I was in the Tauranga A team I was appointed manager of the B's. 6am on Sunday morning it was raining solidly in Tauranga and a phone call was made to Minginui to check on conditions there. Raining heavily as well but we were assured that it would clear so we decided to go. Three cars with four occupants each, as I was the twelfth man in case of emergencies, set out. It rained all the way and on arriving in Minginui we were confronted with a bog, and some pretty sodden individuals. However miracles do happen and at mid-day the rain stopped. We had a grand lunch and because of the nature of the soil the water drained away. Out came the tractor with the pitch rolled, matting put down, and play started at 1pm.

The team managers acted as umpires and Tauranga batted. Amazingly at my end the opening bowler had a wooden leg. But with a heave of the shoulders he managed a

reasonable pace and was very accurate. Another medium pacer operated at the other end and as the innings progressed it was obvious that they did not have a spin bowler.

Urewera then batted and were doing reasonably well until the introduction of Alan Scott (a master at Tauranga College) who bowled donkey drops with an exaggerated flick of the wrist. Needless to say that the locals had never seen anything like this before, and apart from the odd heave over the mid-wicket boundary soon succumbed.

The other umpire had a smoke at square leg, and I am sure that the keg had been opened before the number eleven batsman came in. Tauranga won on the first innings.

A marvelous meal was put on for us and we learnt that all of Minginui belonged to the cricket club hence the great clubrooms and facilities. A mountain of beer bottles testified to the social activities. We left in the dark for a long trip home to Tauranga arriving about midnight. A memorable day all round.

Tauranga Team: R Williams (captain) K Sharplin (Midlands) J Hare, R Vincent (Tauranga) B McDonald, C Fox, C Ross, M Sandlant (College) D Clapcott (Mount) J Stuart, A Scott (Albion) 12th Man Buddy Graham.

One of the players to make an outstanding contribution in Bay of Plenty representative teams in the 1950s and 60s was Tauranga resident Des Ferrow. Ten wickets in a match twice, and half dozen six wickets bags testify to a bowler that played a big part in the Bay successes of the era.

Des Joseph Ferrow arrived in Auckland on the 7th January 1954, having played cricket in the Illawara region of New South Wales. On the day of arrival, Des and his mate wandered down to Victoria Park for a hit-up and from there he joined the Grafton club. Arrival in Tauranga was the result of being transferred by Andrew and Paterson to manage their Tauranga branch. A meeting with Noel Copestake resulted in Des joining the Albion club.

Des vividly recalled his first game for the Albion second team on his 21st birthday. "A duck in each innings, and being hit out of the park several times, was an inauspicious start to my Tauranga cricket career". From club cricket the promising opening bowler progressed to the Attrill Cup side and then selection for the Bay and then Northern Districts. He said "life was good in club cricket for bowlers, as umpires could be cajoled into decisions. Two soft appeals followed by a really loud shout usually resulted in a decision".

A contemporary of Des Ferrow was Max Heimann, who played for the Bay team in the 1960s. Max remembers two umpires of the early 1960s: Colonel Timms and Frank Paton. "Colonel Timms, who was ex Indian Army, was in his sixties when he arrived in the Tauranga umpire ranks. A rotund individual, he was very formal and very precise, and many found he had little sense of humour." Frank Paton was also getting on in years when Max was playing. "Both the Colonel and Frank Payton were characters in their own right, who both liked to put their stamp on the games that they stood in."

TWO BAY OF PLENTY LEGENDS EMERGE FROM TAURANGA CLUB CRICKET

During the late 1960's and the late 1970's, two Bay of Plenty Cricket legends started their illustrious careers in Tauranga senior cricket. Mike Wright and Derek Beard both earned early promotion to the Bay of Plenty Senior Men's team from Tauranga club cricket, where both would become (to date) the only two Bay of Plenty centurions in appearances.

Mike interspersed his ND and Bay of Plenty duty with playing club cricket for Mount Maunganui and Greerton, while Derek kicked off his Tauranga club cricket with Cadets before becoming a stalwart with the Mount Maunganui Cricket Club.

Michael John Edward Wright, who was born in Whangarei in 1950, became one of the great players of Bay of Plenty Cricket. The bare statistics of his twenty-five year service to Bay of Plenty Cricket provide just a small insight into his illustrious career.

Between 1966/67 and 1991/92 Mike played 102 games for Bay of Plenty and amassed 3960 runs at an average of 33.00, with a top score of 179 not out. In addition Mike played 65 first class games for Northern Districts.

An indication of Wright's longevity is provided by the names of some of the players he started and finished his career with. In his first season in Bay colours he played alongside such players as Eric Petrie, Blair Furlong and Ted Hipkiss. Eric Petrie was one of New Zealand's best-performed wicketkeepers, playing 14 test matches for his country. His Bay of Plenty career spanned five seasons in the mid to late 1960s. Blair Furlong, who won All Black honours, played a solitary season for the Bay in the 1966/67 cricket year, while Ted Hipkiss played for the Bay for a decade after making his debut in 1964.

When Mike Wright wound up his long Bay career, his contemporaries included such players as Matthew Hart, Grant McKenzie and the other Bay centurion, Derek Beard.

During 1980, the second Bay of Plenty player to post a century of games for his province made his debut. As with Mike Wright, the statistics reveal only a small part of the contribution that Derek Beard made to Bay of Plenty Cricket. Derek played the most matches for Bay of Plenty (105), contributed the second most runs (2843), and took the most wickets (204). During his eighteen seasons in Bay of Plenty colours he played with and against the best in the country.

Derek's Bay of Plenty contemporaries included playing with Bill Aldridge and his sons Niven and Graeme during his long Bay career. In his early days in the Bay of Plenty side he also played alongside such as Mike Wright, Hira Unka, Peter Anderson, Andy Roberts and Lance Cairns. At the end of his long Bay of Plenty career Derek's contemporaries included Mathew and Robbie Hart, Grant Manners and Kyle Wealleans.

TAURANGA CLUB CRICKET OVER THE YEARS

The first cricket club to be formed in Tauranga was the Military and Civil Cricket Club which was established around 1866.

The transition from a military to a civilian settlement signaled the demise of the military dominated cricket club. In October 1872 the Tauranga Cricket Club was formed. An indication that the interest in cricket was high was the formation of the Union Cricket Club in 1879 and by 1888 a well maintained pitch was established at the Domain, followed by the erection of a pavilion in 1894.

Bay of Plenty Times, Papers Past, reports suggest that the Tauranga Cricket Club was the leader of cricket in the Tauranga region in the early twentieth century. A short and sharp piece in the Bay of Plenty Times dated 16 October 1912 stated "Members and intending members of the Tauranga Cricket Club are reminded that the season will open tomorrow. All players are requested to roll up at 2pm sharp". "Considerable interest is being taken in cricket at the Mount and the club now has fourteen pound in hand".

A further Bay of Plenty Times piece on the 25 October 1912 said "A practice match is to be held tomorrow. As the team for Mondays match is to be selected on form shown, all players are requested to attend". A meeting is to be held in Mr Chadban's rooms at 8 o'clock tonight. As important business is to be transacted, a full attendance is requested".

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The first report of the formation of a Tauranga Cricket Association was in the Bay of Plenty Times 16 December 1925. "A meeting was held in Sir WG Armstrong, Whitworth and Co's offices last Thursday with a view to forming a Cricket Association". "Captain Hamilton was appointed chairman of the meeting. The following gentlemen represented the following clubs who had agreed to join the Association. Maungawhai Club (Messrs Roskilly, Mills and Foxton) Welcome Bay Club (Messrs Keam Brothers) Mount Maunganui Club (Messrs Shankland and Telfer (Tauranga Club) Messrs Lumley, Hamilton and Phelan".

“It was decided to form a Cricket Association for Tauranga and districts and that all cricket clubs in the district be asked to attend a general meeting to be held in Mr WJ Baigent’s rooms, Security building on December 17”. Messrs Phelan and Telfer were appointed secretaries pro”. “Quite a lot of important matters were dealt with but final decisions were held over until the general meeting when it is hoped a large number of cricket enthusiasts will attend”.

“The matter of transport to enable the various clubs to visit each area was referred to Major Choate agent for Sir WG Armstrong, Whitworth and Co Ltd, whose kindly interests in cricket and football is appreciated”. “Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman (Captain Hamilton) and to Sir WG Armstrong, Whitworth and Co Ltd, for the use of their room for the meeting’. “The meeting then adjourned until Thursday 17th inst”.

The oldest surviving Tauranga Club is the Albion Cricket Club. While the formation date of the Albion Club is unclear, Williams Cup records show that Albion held the Baywide challenge trophy for three successive seasons from 1935/36.

During the early to mid-1930’s the Tauranga Cricket Club/Teams included United, Power Board, Fire Brigade, Post Office, Star, Kiwi, Wanderers, Albion and Tauranga. In the 1936/37 season the combined Post Office/Railways team changed its name to the Awatea CC.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force were stationed at the Mount Maunganui aerodrome during World War 2. The engraving on the Baker Cup (Tauranga Cricket Championship) shows that Air Force won the prized cricket trophy on a couple of occasions during hostilities.

Nomads made their entrance in the 1940’s, with Midlands, College and Mount Maunganui joining Albion and Tauranga in the 1950’s and 1960’s competitions. It should be noted that up to the early 1970’s the Te Puke Cricket Association hosted a strong Te Puke cricket competition before Te Puke teams joined the TCA competitions.

During the 1970’s and 1980’s Te Puke, Te Puke HSOB, Cadets, Katikati, Tauranga Boys College, Otumoetai College, Albion and Albion OB fielded A Grades sides in the TCA A Grade competitions. Greerton Cricket Club records showed that A Grade became the Premier Grade in the 1985/86 season.

During the 1980’s and 1990’s, club cricket took centre stage in the Bay of Plenty Times with full score-cards and a myriad of photo’s in the Monday edition. The primary contributor was Bay Times sports correspondent and later Sports Editor Peter Reilly. Peter was a keen cricket player who started his cricket career in the Thames Valley ranks before arriving in Tauranga where he turned out for Greerton in the late 1970’s and 1980’s.

Tauranga club cricket was administered by the Tauranga Cricket Association. In 2010 the Tauranga Cricket Association and the Te Puke and Mount Maunganui Cricket Association and their respective junior cricket bodies, amalgamated to form the Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association. The inaugural meeting of the WBOPCA was held on the 10 May 2010.

THE DAY THE BEST CRICKET PLAYERS IN THE WORLD CAME TO TAURANGA

On 9 November 1978, a considerable number of the best cricket players in the world played at the Tauranga Domain. The occasion was a World Series Cricket (WSC) match.

World Series Cricket (WSC) was a breakaway professional cricket competition staged between 1977 and 1979. In 1976, after the Australian Cricket Board refused to accept Channel Nine's bid to gain exclusive television rights to Australian Test matches, Network Nine's Kerry Packer set up his own series by secretly signing a number of the best players in the world and, in so doing, turned the cricket world on its head. The series became a reality because of two main factors: the widespread view that players were not being paid enough money to make a living from cricket and the inability of Packer to secure the exclusive rights to screen Test cricket.

The matches, which ran in direct opposition to the established international cricket matches, changed the face of cricket. The WSC was the start of the professional era as we know it today. One significant change was the introduction of coloured uniforms, which are features of One-Day and Twenty 20 cricket matches of the modern day.

Packer set up WSC by secretly signing such players as the English captain Tony Greig, Australian captain Greg Chappell and the West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd. The three captains were the key to signing the rest of the players. During the years of WSC, the teams involved were WSC Australia, WSC World X1 and WSC West Indies.

There is an interesting story about how Tauranga became one of the three New Zealand venues for what was often referred to as the World Series Circus. The Tauranga Netball and Tennis organisations, who were searching for funding for the (then) new pavilion at the Cliff Road courts, approached a professional fundraiser. The fundraiser was also a promoter of the WSC tour of New Zealand and suggested the match as a fundraising venture. This is how the WSC came to what was then one of the country's smaller cities. The local organisers approached Tauranga Cricket for assistance, which created some problems. With the WSC being in opposition to the New Zealand Cricket Council, restrictions were placed on local cricketers. However, local cricket administrators quietly and unofficially assisted the organisers.

Fifty six-ball overs per side were played, which was another innovation in the days of eight ball overs. The charges of the day make interesting reading: \$4.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Never before had such a galaxy of world stars appeared in Tauranga. The WSC Australian team featured such household names as Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell, David Hookes and Rod Marsh. Tony Greig led the WSC World X1 with stars such as Barry Richards, Lawrence Rowe, Michael Procter, John Snow and New Zealand's own superstar Richard Hadlee.

Bay of Plenty Times sports writer Kevin Savage reported, “The day was made for the occasion, bright and sunny though with a cool breeze...and there were one or two performances befitting giants of the sport, the batting of Jamaican Lawrence Rowe and the bowling of Richard Hadlee being the first to come to mind.

“But something was missing – Atmosphere. The match did not feel real, it looked like an exhibition, it felt like an exhibition - the players were doing their best, but for themselves and not for their country.”

For the record the World X1 batted first and were dismissed for 178 in the 46th over, with the Australian X1 all out for 94. West Indian Lawrence Rowe, batting at four, was in majestic form, posting 52 runs in 63 minutes. South African opener Barry Richards gave his side a solid start by grabbing 36 runs, while Colin King reached 27 before dismissal. Australian X1 express bowler Dennis Lillee returned the best bowling figures of 3/15, with Kevin Walters and Greg Chappell taking two wickets apiece. The Australian X1 reply never really got going, with opener Bruce Laird and Ian Chappell both returning to the pavilion with the score on seven. Ian Davis, who was the other opening batsman, stuck around to top score with 30 runs, with Kevin Walters being the only other Australian X1 batsman to reach double figures.

To the delight of the crowd of around 3,000, Richard Hadlee, the sole New Zealand player, did considerable damage with the ball for the World X1. He was immediately in action, being all fire and venom in the first over and taking Bruce Laird’s wicket in his second over. He came back later in the game to remove the last two Australian batsmen, leaving the Australian XI all out for just 94 in the 37thover.

WSC World XI v WSC Australia 1978/79 season

Played at Tauranga Domain Outer Ground on 9 November 1978 (50-over match)

WSC	World	XI	innings
B A Richards	c Hookes	b Gilmour	36
D L Amiss	c Bright	b Malone	10
R A Woolmer		b Lillee	17
L G Rowe		b G S Chappell	52
C L King	c I M Chappell	b Walters	27
A W Greig		run out	4
M J Procter	c Hookes	b G S Chappell	13
A P E Knott		b Lillee	2
R J Hadlee	c Hookes	b Walters	10
J A Snow		not out	0
D L Underwood		b Lillee	0
		Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 1)	7
		Total (all out; 46.3 overs)	178

Fall of wickets 1-23 (Amiss), 2-54 (Richards), 3-98 (Woolmer), 4-127 (Rowe), 5-131 (Greig), 6-161 (Procter), 7-166 (Knott), 8-178 (Hadlee), 9-178 (King), 10-178 (Underwood)

Bowling	O	M	R	W
D K Lillee	8.3	1	15	3
M F Malone	10	2	24	1
G J Gilmour	10	3	40	1
K D Walters	5	0	20	2
R J Bright	8	0	55	0
G S Chappell	5	1	17	2

WSC Australia innings (target: 179 runs from 50 overs)

B M Laird	c Rowe	b Hadlee	4
I C Davis	lbw	b Snow	30
I M Chappell		run out	0
G S Chappell		b Procter	1
D W Hookes	c Hadlee	b Greig	4
K D Walters	c Greig	b Underwood	17
R W Marsh	c Knott	b Underwood	7
R J Bright		b Underwood	5
G J Gilmour		b Hadlee	9
M F Malone		b Hadlee	6
D K Lillee		not out	0
		Extras (b 4, lb 7)	11
		Total (all out; 37.3 overs)	94

Fall of wickets 1-7 (Laird), 2-7 (I M Chappell), 3-9 (G S Chappell), 4-25 (Hookes), 5-51 (Walters), 6-62 (Marsh), 7-68 (Davis), 8-? (Gilmour), 9-90 (Malone), 10-94 (Bright)

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R J Hadlee	9	2	21	3
M J Procter	5	3	4	1
J A Snow	10	2	23	1
A W Greig	5	0	23	1
D L Underwood	8.3	2	12	3

Result: WSC World XI won by 84 runs

PING PONG'S SCRAPBOOK

Continuing the snapshots of Tauranga Cricket over the decades, the author was given access to Eric Paton's scrapbook, of the first ten years of the reformed Greerton Cricket Club from 1974/75 to 1983/84.

An outstanding table tennis player, Eric was known to many as Ping Pong. His scrapbook details the beginning of Greerton Cricket in 1960 before the club/team went into recess after the 1963/64 season. The Greerton team played in the Tauranga Cricket Association B Grade competition.

The current Greerton Cricket Club was reestablished in 1974. A report at the end of the season said that between 1960 and 1964 Greerton Cricket had one team playing in the TCA B Grade competition. Until lack of numbers forced them to dissolve the club. However Eric's hand written summary of the 1960/64 era of Greerton Cricket - states that in the 1961/62 and 1962/63 season Greerton also entered an "A" Grade team in the local competitions.

The initial ten Greerton team members that played their first game against Tauranga Boys College Second XI on the 15 October 1960, were (in batting order) Wally Barnes, Ron Livingstone, Ron Goodman, Laurie Pointon, Alan McEwan (senior) N Morrall, Arthur Lancaster, Alan McEwan (junior), K Coles and Geoff "Rocky" Bestwick. During the season, Fred Parsons, Trevor Minifie, Dennis Bryan, Ivan Steward, Eric Paton, Guy Fowler, Bob Swale and Ken Lett joined the team.

When the current Greerton Cricket Club was re-established in 1974, Ping Pong took it upon himself to be the club statistician until the late 1980's. Below are the A Grade club players from 1974/75 to 1984/85.

Anderson, Peter (1974/75 - 1984/85)	A Grade (1974/75 to 1984/85) HS 80 BB 8/26
Brown, Mel (1979/80 - 1983/84)	A Grade (1980/81 - 1981/82 - 1982/83)
Blackwell, Ted (1975/76)	A Grade (1975/76)
Browne, Stewart (1974/75 - 1984/85)	A Grade (1974/75 to 1980 - 1982/83 to 1984/85) HS 120 x 2, BB 6/41
Burns, Stewart (1978/79 - 1984/85)	A Grade (1982/83 to 1984/85) BB 6/35
Burrows, Kevin (1977/78 - 1983/84)	A Grade (1979/80 - 1980/81 - 1981/82 - 1982/83)
Bush, Alan (1981/82 - 1983/84)	A Grade (1983/84)
Budd, Brian (1974/75 - 1983/84)	A Grade (1974/75 to 1983/84)
Coates, Barry (1974/75)	A Grade (1974/75 - 1975/76)
Cameron, Rod (1974/75)	A Grade (1974/75)
Cox, Don (1977/78 - 1979/80)	A Grade (1977/78 - 1979/80)
Collinge, Richard (1984/85- 1985/86)	A Grade (1984/85- 1985/86) BB 6/19
Curtin, P (Oz) - (1980/81)	A Grade (1980/81 - 43 wickets) BB 6/38
Dawkins, Keith (1975/76 - 1981-82)	A Grade (1975/76 to 1978/79)

Dickson, Bruce (1975/76 – 1978/79)	A Grade (1977/78)
Evetts, Nick (1981/82)	A Grade (81/82)
Fletcher, Bruce (1976/77 - 1977/78)	A Grade (1976/77).
Fly, Chris (1978/79 – 1981/82)	A Grade (1978/79 – 1981/82)
Galloway, Scott (1977/78 – 1978/79)	A Grade (1977/78 – 1978/79)
Hamilton, Graham (1977/78)	A Grade (1977/78)
Harvey, Don (1974/75 – 1975/76)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1975/76)
Hastings, Graeme (1978/79 – 1979/80)	A Grade (1978/79 – 1979/80)
Heagren, Rhys (19801/81 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1980/81 – 1983/84 to 1984/85)
Henderson, Colin (1974/75 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1974/75)
Henderson, Don (1975/76 – 1976/77)	A Grade (1975/76 – 1976/7)
Henry, Kevin (1974/75)	A Grade (1974/75)
Hill, Warren (1978/79 – 1981/82)	A Grade (1981/82)
Holmes, Lindsay (1979/80 – 1981/82)	A Grade (1979/80 – 1981/82)
Holloway, Bob (1977/78)	A Grade (1977/78)
Holloway, C (1982/83 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1982/83 – 1983/84)
Hooper, George (1976/77 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1976/77 to 1980/81) BB 6/22
Howarth, Geoff (1981/82 – 1985/86)	A Grade (1981/82 – 1985/86)HS 126
Hudson, Eddie (1985/86)	A Grade (1985/86)
Hunter, Graeme (1974/75 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1974/75 to 1980/81 – 1982/83) BB 7/26
Jamieson, Peter (1974/75 – 1975/76)	A Grade (1975/76)
Kircaldie, Ewan (1974/75 & 1976/77)	A Grade (1974/75)
Lahood, Bruce (19787/78 – 1985/86)	A Grade (1982/83 – 1985/86)
Lahood, Kerry (1975/76 – 1978/79)	A Grade (1975/76 – 1977/78)
Lauder, Ray (1981/82)	A Grade (1981/82)
Lellman, Fraser (1984/85)	A Grade (1984/85)
Livingstone, Rob (1977/78 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1979/80 – 1983/84)
Lowery, Keith (1974/75 – 1980/81)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1975/76, 1977/78, 1979/80)
Martin, Colin (1980/81 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1980/81 – 1983/84)
McMillan, R (1982/83 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1984/85)
Oliver, Geoff (1974/75 – 1978/79)	A Grade (1978/79)
Orrell, R (1981/82 – 1982/83)	A Grade (1981/82)
Parsons, Eddie (1982/83 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1982/83 – 1984/85)
Patchett, Jeff (1976/77 – 1985/86)	A Grade (1976/77 – 1985/86) HS 121no
Paton, Eric (1974/75 – 1980/81)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1975/76) BB 8/15
Paul, Kerry (1977/78 – 1978/79)	A Grade (1977/78 – 1978/79) BB 6/35
Pole, S (1981/82)	A Grade (1981/82)
Reilly, Colin (1980/81 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1981/82 – 1982/83)
Reilly Peter (1976/77 – 1980/81)	A Grade (1976/77 – 1977/78 – 1979/80)
Richardson, Dave (1975/76 – 1983/84)	A Grade 1974/75 – 1978/79)
Ryan, Graham (1974/75)	A Grade (1974/75)
Sandilant, Craig (1979/80 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1983/84)
Sandilant, Michael (1974/75 – 1983/84)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1979/80 & 1983/84)
Setter, K (1983/84 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1984/85)

Singleton, Lindsay (1974/75 – 1982/83)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1980/81 & 1982/83) HS 126no
Sissons, D (1981/82)	A Grade (1981/82)
Usherwood, Denis (1975/76 – 1977/78)	A Grade (19785/76)
Weallens, Rod (1974/75 – 1976/77)	A Grade (1974/75 – 1976/77) BB 8/56
Webb, Chris (1983/84 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1983/84 – 1984/85) HS 109no
Wells, Peter (1984/85)	A Grade (1984/85)
White, Andrew (Bill) (1982/83 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1982/83 – 1984/85)
White, Peter (1980/81 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1980/81 – 1984/85) HS 114no
Williamson, Brett (1974/75 – 1975/76 & 1979/80)	A Grade (all three seasons) HS 99
Wright, Joe (1979/80 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1982/83 – 1983/84)
Wright, Mike (1975/76 – 1984/85)	A Grade (1975/76 – 1984/85) HS 171no
Yates, Jeremy (1979/80 – 1980/81)	A Grade (1979/80 – 1980/81) BB 6/24

TAURANGA CRICKET CLUBS 2015/16 SEASON

As the 2016/17 season approaches, cricket and cricket clubs are alive and well in Tauranga City that now is the fifth largest city in New Zealand. The story of cricket in Tauranga mirrors the spectacular growth of the Bay of Plenty coastal city.

In 1866, military settlers began taking up farm and town lots with the population numbered in the hundreds. One hundred and fifty years later Tauranga City's population is fast approaching 130,000.

While cricket has been played almost continuously since 1866, the current clubs with one exception, have a more recent history.

Albion Cricket Club

The oldest cricket club in the region is the Albion Cricket Club, which dates back to the 1930's, but has only played in WBOPCA B Grade competition in the last decade. From the clubs early days, right through to the new Millennium, Albion were always a force in Tauranga premier club cricket.

Albion won the Williams Cup, which has always been the symbol of Bay of Plenty premier cricket superiority, during three successive seasons from 1935/6 to 1937/38. While numerous Baker Cup (TCA Premier Trophy) wins came over the years, Albion's fourth Williams Cup success wasn't until 2001/02, with former Black Cap Brendan Bracewell playing a big role in the Albion clubs success.

While Albion hasn't fielded a premier team since 2003, the club has a very strong junior base. In the 2015/16 cricket years Albion registered 14 junior teams with the Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association, second only to Mount Maunganui.

Established	1930's
Home Ground	Fergusson Park
Teams 2015/16	WBOPCA B Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 - 2015/16

B Grade

Highest Score: 122 Anthony Plant (2014/15) Best Bowling: 6/20 Matt Morrison (2015/16)

Mount Maunganui Cricket Club

The Mount Maunganui Cricket Club website tells us that the current Mount club was established in 1967. However the Bay of Plenty Times records say that cricket was played at Mount Maunganui as early as 1906. A photograph in the opening chapter of this publication shows a Mount Maunganui Cricket Club team in 1923.

Mount Maunganui has multiple engravings on the Baker Cup (TCA Championship). In 2015, the Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association put the Baker Cup up as a WBOPCA Challenge trophy, played between WBOPCA premier teams within the BOPCA Baywide

competitions. As the last winner of the TCA championship Mount Maunganui started the season with the challenge prize, with Greerton grabbing the Baker Cup from the Mount in October 2015. Late in the season, Mount Maunganui won back the challenge trophy when they beat Greerton, to put the Baker Cup in the Mount Maunganui trophy cabinet for the 2016 winter.

The start of Baywide cricket competition in the 1985/86 season, saw the Mount club take its place as one of the heavyweights of Bay of Plenty premier cricket over the last three decades. The "Mounties" have won the Williams Cup on six occasions since their first success in the 1987/88 season. Their most notable Williams Cup achievement has been to win the Baywide cricket big prize three times in five seasons (2010/11, 2012/13, 2014/15).

Mount Maunganui, has also won the Baywide Cup on five occasions since the BOPCA One-Day trophy was introduced in 2007. The Mount premiers annexed the Baywide Cup three years in succession during the 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 seasons then had back to back victories in 2013 and 2014.

The Mount Maunganui Honours Board tells the tale of some remarkable premier cricket achievements. In the 2015/16 season, incumbent Bay of Plenty representative captain Peter Drysdale blasted two further three figure scores for his club to take his Mount Maunganui century tally to nine – two more than former big hitting Mount batsmen James Pamment. Mark Divehall posted the clubs highest premier score of 200 runs, in a Baywide game, against Rotorua BHS on the 6 March 2010.

LD Anderson who numbered 25 games for Bay of Plenty in the 1960's and 1970's holds the record for the most six wickets (or better) bags which he accomplished on 13 occasions. Bay of Plenty cricket legend Derek Beard has taken the best bowling figures for his club with nine wickets at a cost of 22 runs. Anderson also took nine wickets in an innings with figures of 9/24.

Mount Maunganui can lay claim to two home grown Black Caps in Daniel Flynn and Graeme Aldridge. ("See From Tauranga Secondary School Cricket to the Black Caps")

Home Ground Blake Park
2015/16 BOPCA Premier, WBOPCA Reserve Grade, WBOPCA B Grade

Premier Most Centuries – (9) Peter Drysdale (7) James Pamment

Highest Score (200) Mark Divehall

Most Six Wicket Bags – (13) LD Anderson

Best Bowling – (9/22) Derek Beard (9/24) LD Anderson

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 213 Khan Grieg (13/14)

Best Bowling: 7/10 Kingsley Smith

(11/12)

B Grade

Highest Score: 114 Paul Dunne (11/12)

Best Bowling: 7/39 Aaron Meek (15/16)

Otumoetai Cadets Cricket Club

Otumoetai Cadets was formed in 1978 with the Tauranga Domain becoming home base. While success was moderate in the early years, the clubs first Williams Cup in the 1994/95 season started a significant winning streak. Five straight Williams Cup titles from their initial success was followed by further titles in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2010 to take their record to nine in two decades.

Numerous Baker Cup titles accompanied the Williams Cup triumphs. In the 2015/16 season they became the first Baywide Club to have their name engraved on all three Baywide Premier Trophies. The Baywide T20 title in March 2016, accompanies the Williams Cup success and the Baywide Cup in the 2007/08 and 2011/12 seasons.

Former Black Cap Lorne Howell became a prolific run scorer when he arrived at Otumoetai Cadets in 2004. Thirteen centuries in much less than a decade, testified to his success with the bat at the Tauranga Domain based club. Jono Boulton was the first Bay of Plenty premier batsman to reach two hundred runs in an innings when he posted 200 not out against Mount Maunganui a few seasons ago.

Cadet's best premier bowling figures were set nearly thirty years ago with T Grey becoming the only Cadets bowler to take nine wickets in an innings. Long time Cadets player, coach and member Rick Spratt holds the record for the most six wicket bags of eleven, with another club stalwart in Campbell Wilson achieving the feat on seven occasions.

Western Bay of Plenty Black Cap Trent Boulton, put on one of the most spine tingling displays of bowling seen, at the Tauranga Domain during February 2013. Making a rare appearance (because of New Zealand and ND commitments) for Cadets, Trent top scored with 26 runs, in his side's modest looking total of 130 all out against Greerton.

The Black Cap quick, opened the Cadets bowling and immediately had the Greerton top order in desperate trouble, dismissing the first three batsmen for ducks. Bay of Plenty representative batsman Brett Hampton showed some resistance to Boulton, however when he was removed for 20, Greerton were in real trouble. Trent continued his express deliveries and finished the match with eight wickets for 37 runs, as Greerton were dismissed for 93 to give Cadets a remarkable 37 run win.

While Trent Boulton is a Bay of Plenty home-grown Black Cap, Cadets are entitled to acknowledge Corey Anderson, as their second club New Zealand player. While Corey transferred north from Canterbury, he was a member of Otumoetai Cadets when first selected for the Black Caps in October 2013.

Established

1978

Home Ground

Tauranga Domain

Teams 2015/16

BOPCA Premier, WBOPCA Reserve Grade, WBOPCA B Grade

Premier Most Centuries – (13) Lorne Howell (8) Ben Christensen (7) Jono Boulton
Highest Score – (200no) Jono Boulton (178) Ben Christensen (160) Lorne Howell
Most Six Wicket Bags – (11) Rick Spratt (7) Campbell Wilson
Best Bowling – (9/47) T Grey – 86/87 – (8/37) Trent Boulton (Premier – Cadets v Greerton)

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 129 Ryan King (14/15) Best Bowling: 7/38 Amit Dhiman (13/14)

B Grade

Highest Score: 151 Raymond Howe (15/16) Best Bowling: 6/31 Mark Page (15/16)

Greerton Cricket Club

The original Greerton Cricket Club was formed in 1960, but it went into recess after just four seasons due to lack of numbers. The current Greerton Cricket Club was re-established in 1974 and played at Pemberton Park, with the early administration base at Moreland Fox Park.

Greerton won the Baker Cup on several occasions and have also had success in Baywide Cricket. Back to back Williams Cup in the 1983/84 and 1985/86 seasons led to a long wait before their third Williams Cup in 2012. Successive Baywide Cup trophies were won in 2014 and 2015.

Bay of Plenty master blaster Brett Hampton who joined Greerton from Tauranga Boys College has hit nine centuries to lead the three figure score list. Another former TBC batsman in Cameron Neal is the top scorer (in an innings) with 196 against Tauranga Boys College in January 2014.

Peter Anderson, who played 22 games in the Bay of Plenty uniform, holds the TCA record for most premier six wicket bags with 14. Peter sits second on the clubs best figures to Richard Harris with 8/22. A remarkable spell of bowling from Matthew Earl against Tauranga Boys College in January 2013, saw the Greerton bowler take six wickets at a cost of just one run.

In the 2015/16 season, the Greerton Cricket Club achieved the rare feat of all three teams winning a competition trophy. Greerton Premiers annexed the Baywide Cup with the Reserves winning the WBOPCA Shield First Round competition. The Greerton B Grader's won their first prize for many seasons taking out the B Grade Knockout competition.

Established	1974
Home Ground	Pemberton Park
Teams 2015/16	BOPCA Premier, WBOPCA Reserve Grade, WBOPCA B Grade

Premier Most Centuries – (9) Brett Hampton
Highest Score – Cam Neal 196
Most Six Wicket Bags – (14) Peter Anderson
Best Bowling – (8/22) Richard Harris (8/26, 6/6) Peter Anderson (6/1) Mathew Earl
WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 119 Mike English (13/14) Best Bowling: 7/2 Matt Oosterhout (10/11)

B Grade`

Highest Score: 147 Lance Steiger (15/16)

Tauranga Boys College

Tauranga Secondary School cricket dates back to the 1920's, with the establishment of the Tauranga District High School, on the present Tauranga Primary School site. There is reference in the Bay of Plenty Times to High School in the competitions during the 1920's and 1930's. "Caught Wright Bowled Beard" – The History of Bay of Plenty Cricket has a photo of the Tauranga District High School First XI dated 1929.

Tauranga College which was a Co-Ed Secondary School was established on the present TBC site in 1946 and during 1958 Tauranga Boys College came into being. There is reference to College teams in Bay of Plenty Times cricket reports during the 1950's, with Tauranga Boys College continuing to play in TCA competitions to the present day.

Since the new Millennium, Tauranga Boys College has won three BOPCA Baywide trophies. In the 2008/09 season, the TBC First XI won the Bay of Plenty big prize of the Williams Cup for the first time. Three seasons (2011/12) later further Baywide success came with the Baywide Twenty 20 trophy with a back to back victory the following season.



Tauranga District High School First XI 1929
(Photograph courtesy of Tauranga Heritage Collection)

Tauranga Boys College has a proud record in the production of Black Caps and First Class players over the years. Mark, Doug, John and Brendan Bracewell, all played First-Class Cricket with John and Brendan going on to play for the Black Caps.

In more recent times, Daniel Flynn and Kane Williamson have earned Black Cap honours, with Kane Williamson being selected as the Black Cap captain in all three forms of the game in 2016. Brendan Julian who immigrated across the ditch went on with his game to play for Australia.

Amandeep Singh, Brett Hampton, Joe Carter and Bharat Popli were further First-Class players who were educated at Tauranga Boys College. -74

However the greatest legacy that Tauranga Boys College cricket has delivered the regional game is the TBC cricket pathway. No better example of the Tauranga Boys College players' transition to senior representative cricket, is shown by the 2016 Bay of Plenty team that lifted the Hawke Cup from Hawkes Bay in March 2016.

Ten of the twelve selected players in Peter Drysdale (Captain) Tom MacRury, Joe Carter, Dale Swan, Tommy Clout, Campbell Thomas, Sean Davey, Tim Clarke, Ben Musgrave and Brett Hampton all graduated from the Tauranga Boys College Cricket pathway.

Established	1958
Home Ground	Nicholson Field
Teams 2015/16	BOPCA Premier, WBOPCA Reserve Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 116 Mikaere Leef (15/16) Best Bowling: 6/20 Kinnon Nelson (15/16)

Recent Premier Honours (2004 onwards)

2005/06 TCA Championship – Batting: 284 runs Kane Williamson

Centuries

162no Cameron Neal (2009/10)
146no Mark Orchard (2013/14)
132no Tom MacRury (2012/13)
124 Brent Hampton (2009/10)
117 Kane Williamson (2006/07)
108no Mark Orchard (2013/14)
107no Mark Orchard (2012/13)
105 Mark Orchard (2010/11)
105 Ben Musgrave (2013/14 – T20)

Six Wicket Bags

7/23 Roger McBrydie (2007/08)
6/20 Tommy Clout (2011/12)
6/23 Josh Dwight (2010/11)
6/34 Shaun Sievwright (2008/09)

Grasshoppers Cricket Club

Longtime Grasshoppers member Kerry Blomquist tells the tale of the formation and continuation of the B Grade side. "The Grasshoppers were born from an idea over an amber liquid or two at the Tauranga CT Club approximately thirty-six years ago. The team was formed as a very social side and we affiliated to the Greerton Cricket Club at B Grade level".

"With the introduction of former and current players, the team became extremely competitive and a force in the TCA B Grade competition. After approximately ten seasons we cut our ties with Greerton and affiliated to Tauranga Sports for two years. Hoppers then formed a stand-alone club and have become heavyweights in the local B Grade competition ever since".

Established	Mid 1970's
Home Ground	Mitchell Park/Fergusson Park
Teams 2015/16	WBOPCA B Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

B Grade

Highest Score: 120 Andy Balfour (14/15) Best Bowling: 6/15 Wayne Anderson (11/12)

Wanderers Cricket Club

Wanderers were established in 2007 and currently have one team that plays in the B Grade competition. They have been genuine contenders since formation and have won four WBOPCA trophies, since first entering the B Grade competitions. Western Bay of Plenty B Grade Championships were annexed in the 2011/12 and 2013/14 seasons, with the First Round title in 2011/12 and they shared the T20 title (with R&A Sangha) during the 2010/11 cricket year.

Established	2007/08 season
Home Ground	Fergusson Park
Teams 2015/16	WBOPCA B Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

B Grade

Highest Score: 107 Dion Bartosh (11/12) Best Bowling: 6/14 Lyndon Balmer (13/14)

R&A Sangha Cricket Club

R&A Sangha is another recent entrant to Western Bay of Plenty Cricket. The Sangha Club started with a B Grade team, before adding a Reserve side and then focusing on chasing Reserve Grade silverware.

In their debut season the Indian side shared the B Grade T20 trophy with Wanderers. In 2013/14 the clubs Raavi XI took out the Reserve Grade Championship and they are the current BOPCA McNaughton Trophy (Baywide Reserve Championship) holders.

Established	2010/11 season
Home Ground	Fergusson Park
Teams 2015/16	WBOPCA Reserve Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 162 Vikas Tiwari (13/14) Best Bowling: 6/20 Aditya Saha (13/14)

Sikh Sports

Entered WBOPCA Competition – 2014/15 season

Home Ground Fergusson Park

Teams 2015/16 WBOPCA Reserve Grade

WBOPCA Honours 2010/11 – 2015/16

Reserve Grade

Highest Score: 118 Sunny Gaur Best Bowling: 6/5 Gurwinder Singh (15/16)

Aquinas College

Entered WBOPCA Competition – 2015/16 season

Home Ground Aquinas College

Teams 2015/16 WBOPCA Reserve Grade

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY CRICKET TITLEHOLDERS 2002/03 – 2015/16

History enables us to look back and see the changes in the powerbases in our Western Bay of Plenty game. This is another snapshot in the 150 years that cricket has been played in Tauranga and looks at the competition winners over fourteen seasons from 2002/03.

TCA 2002/2003 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Te Puke
Reserve Championship	Mount Maunganui
B Grade Championship	Otumoetai Cadets & Mount Maunganui

“The six premier teams will compete for the Baker Cup that has been played for since the early 1950s. The prestigious trophy has returned to become the symbol of Tauranga and Te Puke cricket supremacy, after eleven years of participation as a Baywide trophy”. (October 2002)

Te Puke entered their last two Baker Cup matches with a twelve-point lead. While Otumoetai Cadets still had a theoretical chance of finishing top equal, they had to beat Te Puke then win the following week and hope that the championships leaders were beaten by Mount Maunganui.

The Mount Maunganui success in the TCA Reserve Grade competition was said to be their first for at least a decade.

TCA 2003/04 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Otumoetai Cadets
Reserve Championship	Otumoetai Cadets
B Grade Championship	Otumoetai Cadets
Champion of Champions	Otumoetai Cadets (Mark Weaver Trophy)

B Grade Final: Otumoetai Cadets 173 (D Hanlan 70; C Berry 2/23, C Horne 2/29, D Mossop 2/37) defeated Grasshoppers 44 (R Styles 24 no; D Hanlan 3/3, R Henderson 3/23)

While Cadets were disappointed to finish second in the BOPCA Baywide final, it was a bountiful season for the Otumoetai club. The B grade team collected the championship title after beating Grasshoppers in the final played at Mitchell Park. After reaching 173, the Cadets bowlers rolled Grasshoppers for the meagre total of 44 runs. Coupled with the Reserves also winning their grade - this saw Cadets win all three Tauranga Cricket Association championships titles in the 2003/2004 cricket season, along with the ND Club Championship and the Baywide (McNaughton Trophy) Reserve Grade title.

TCA 2004/05 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Otumoetai Cadets
Reserve Championship	Mount Maunganui
B Grade Championship	Mount Maunganui
Champion of Champions	Mount Maunganui (Mark Weaver Trophy)

Reserve Grade Final: IMF Westland Cadets 120 (Gus Patel 22; Ben Warren 3/15, G Thomson 3/23) lost to Mount Maunganui 121/7 (Ben Warren 50, Marc Crawford 2/18).

The 2004/2005 Western Bay cricket season concluded on Easter Saturday 2005, when the final Tauranga Cricket Association trophy was decided. The Western Bay Reserve Grade competition, which was played as a round robin competition, became a straight final after the penultimate round. IMF Westland Cadets and Mount Maunganui were tied on equal points going into the last round of competition, where they were drawn to play each other.

Cadets batted first in the match played at Blake Park, with their batsmen failing to stay at the crease for extended periods. With Gus Patel top scoring with just 22 runs, Cadets were dismissed for only 120. Ben Warren and Greg Thomson did the damage with the ball to grab three wickets apiece.

In what became another low scoring encounter at Blake Park that season, the Mount side made heavy weather of the target chase. A gritty half century from Ben Warren carried the home side to victory, albeit for the loss of seven wickets. The Reserve Grade title gave the Mount Maunganui Club two Western Bay titles, after the B grade team clinched the B Grade championship the previous week.

TCA 2005/06 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Otumoetai Cadets
Reserve Championship	Mount Maunganui
B Grade Championship	Grasshoppers
Champion of Champions	Otumoetai Cadets (Mark Weaver Trophy)

B Grade Final: IMF Westland Cadets 98 (S Collett 21; C Savage 3/12, V Kohu 2/23) lost to Grasshoppers 101/5

TCA Individual Trophies

Premier

Batting – Mathew Drake (Cadets) Bowling – Roger McBrydie (Te Puke)

Reserve Grade

Batting – Peter Albutt (Cadets) Bowling - Hugh Gilmer (Tauranga BC)

B Grade

Batting – Paul Dunn (Mount Maunganui) Bowling – Chris Savage (Grasshoppers)

Grasshoppers claimed the 2005/06 B Grade title with an emphatic victory over Cadets at Mitchell Park. Batting first Cadets were restricted to 98, with Chris Savage adding three more wickets to his season total of 35. The Grasshoppers target chase never looked like faltering they claimed the win for the loss of five wickets.

Mount Maunganui wrapped up the Reserve Grade championship for the second successive year, with victory over Otumoetai College. In the last round of the round robin competition Mount Maunganui claimed the championship, from Tauranga Boys College and Cadets, when they reached 114/4 to defeat the Otumoetai students.

TCA 2006/07 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Greerton
Reserve	
First Round (Champions Trophy)	Otumoetai Cadets
Championship	Mount Maunganui
B Grade	
First Round (Champions Cup)	Papamoa
Championship	Mount Maunganui & Papamoa – shared trophy
Champion of Champions	Mount Maunganui (Mark Weaver Trophy)

A twenty-six year drought was broken in March 2007, with Greerton winning the Tauranga Cricket Association Premier one-day cricket championship on the last day of the season. The last time that the Pemberton Park based side won the ultimate prize was in the 1980/81 season.

The final stanza in a long season was played out on the artificial surface at Pemberton Park. In spite of torrential rain the previous day, the match between Greerton and Tauranga Boys College that would decide the 2006/2007 premier title went ahead. The encounter was a must win for Greerton, as defeat would have gifted the trophy to IMF NZ Cadets, who were sitting on the sideline courtesy of the bye.

TCA 2007/08 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Otumoetai Cadets
Reserve	
First Round (Champions Trophy)	Cadets
Championship	Greerton
B Grade	
First Round (Champions Cup)	Cadets
Championship	Mount Maunganui
Champion of Champions (Mark Weaver Trophy)	Mount Maunganui/ Otumoetai Cadets

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Cadets 191 (M Gordon 42, Tom Wilford 37, Gus Patel 23; Scott Drabble 3/19, S Farquharson 2/28, M Herring 2/40) lost to Greerton 192/5 (Marlo Bowyer 58, Louie Ott 56, Johnny Stewart 2/41)

B Grade Championship Final: Mount Maunganui 213 (Glen Carr 73, Richard Miller 39) defeated Te Puke 66 (Michael Smith 4/33, G Carr 3/11)

B Grade Twenty/20 Championship: Wanderers defeated Grasshoppers
Western BOP B Grade Twenty/20 Bowl: Greerton 166 Albion Ravens 103

At Pemberton Park on Sunday 16 March 2008, Greerton bounced back from their McNaughton Trophy final stanza defeat the previous weekend, to beat Cadets in the Reserve Grade Championship.

After winning the toss Cadets batted first and were dismissed for 191. Greerton skipper Scott Drabble backed up from a five-wicket haul in the semi-finals, to take three wickets.

Greerton made a good start reaching fifty before their first wicket fell. Louie Ott and Marlo Bowyer then picked up the challenge, and were both rewarded with half centuries, as their side got home for the loss of five wickets. Johnny Stewart was the best of the Cadets bowling returning figures of 2/41.

Inspection of the Championship Trophy in the post-match celebrations, revealed it was twenty years since Greerton annexed the Reserve Grade title.

Mount Maunganui, won the Western Bay B Grade championship outright, after sharing the title with Papamoa the previous season. Batting first in the B Grade decider, Mount Maunganui posted a very defendable target against Te Puke at the Te Puke Domain.

Glen Carr led the way with a grand 73 as the Mount reached 213 all out in the forty over encounter. Richard Miller was also in good form with the bat posting 39 runs.

Te Puke who had lost just one game all season couldn't withstand the pressure of the Mount bowling attack and were dismissed for just 66 runs. Michael Smith was in outstanding form taking 4/33, with Glen Carr grabbing three cheap wickets.

TCA 2008/09 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Otumoetai Cadets
Reserve	
First Round (Champions Trophy)	Papamoa
Championship	Otumoetai Cadets
B Grade	
Championship	Mount Maunganui
Champion of Champions	Otumoetai Cadets (Mark Weaver Trophy)

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Te Puke 148 (Stephen Crossan 57, Reece Uerata 24; Josh Christensen 4/24, Hugh Gilmour 2/11) lost to Cadets 149/2 (Martin Davies 44no, James Galyer 38no)

B Grade Championship Final: Mount Maunganui 204/8 (Glen Pedersen 60, Brad Edwards 28, Dillon Faull 23no; Phil Colvin 3/30) defeated Cadets 188 (Hugh Cloughley 56, Leonard Senerivatne 49; D Faull 3/34, Marc Rolleston 2/21, Glen Carr 2/35)

The last day of the Western Bay of Plenty cricket season on Sunday 22 March 2009, saw the two TCA championship winners crowned. The Reserve Grade Final played at the Te Puke Domain, was relatively one-sided, after Cadets bowled the home side out for 148.

While Stephen Crossan posted a half-century, the next highest total of 24 told the story of several Te Puke batsmen getting starts, but failing to press on. Cadets pace bowler Josh Christensen did the damage taking four wickets for 24 runs, with Hugh Gilmour chipping in with two wickets.

Cadets cruised to victory for the loss of just two wickets. Martin Davies, who returned home to England two weeks later, top scored with an unbeaten 44, with James Galyer still there at the conclusion on 38.

A much closer contest took place at Blake Park, in the B Grade Final between defending champions Mount Maunganui and Cadets. Batting first the Mount set a good sized target when they reached 204/8 in their allotted forty overs.

Mount batsman Glen Pederson was the rock at one end, smacking 60 runs. Others to make significant contributions were Brad Edwards (28) and Dillon Faull who posted an unbeaten 23 batting at nine. The best of the Cadets bowling was Phil Colvin taking three wickets for 30 runs.

While Cadets made a valiant attempt for victory, they were dismissed for 188, to hand Mount Maunganui their third successive B Grade championship. Hugh Cloughley posted his season best batting figures when he top scored for Cadets with 56 runs, with Leonard Senerivatne contributing 49. Dillon Faull took three wickets for the victors.

TCA 2009/10 Season

Premier One-Day (Baker Cup)	Mount Maunganui
Reserve	
First Round (Champions Trophy)	Papamoa
Championship	Papamoa
B Grade	
First Round (Champions Cup)	Katikati
Twenty 20 Championship	Katikati
Championship	Grasshoppers
Champion of Champions	Mount Maunganui (Mark Weaver Trophy)

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Papamoa 197/9 (Rob Simpson 42, Ben Goodall 23; N Leggatt 3/29) defeated Tauranga Boys College 95 (Charles Williams 64; Colin Foord 5/43, Chris Uden 3/43)

The Papamoa Reserve Grade cricket side completed the TCA double, when they took out the Western BOP Reserve Grade Championship, on the last Sunday in March 2010. The championship silverware follows the Champions Cup won by the club in December 2009.

In spite of losing their last two round robin games, Papamoa qualified (in fourth position) for the championship semi-finals on Saturday 27th March 2010.

Papamoa won a high scoring semi-final, where eighteen wickets fell, to defeat Katikati and grab a finals berth. The other top four match resulted in Tauranga Boys College eliminating Mount Gold from the title race.

Ferguson Park was the venue, to decide who would take home the championship silverware. Batting first Papamoa posted 197/9 with Rob Simpson top scoring with 42, while Ben Goodall chimed in with 23. Nick Leggat took 3/29 for the students.

While Tauranga Boys made a valiant attempt for victory, the Papamoa bowlers won the battle between bat and ball, dismissing the opposition for 95. Tauranga Boys team mentor Charles Williams was a rock at one end, top scoring with a gritty 64. Colin Foord bowled with enthusiasm to be rewarded with 5/43, while Chris Uden took three wickets.

WBOPCA 2010/11 Season

Premier (Baker Cup)	Mount Maunganui
Reserve Grade	
First Round	Greerton
Championship	Mount Maunganui Gold
B Grade	
Twenty 20	Sangha CC/Wanderers (Trophy Shared)
Championship	Wanderers

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Mount Green 124 (Khan Greig 24; Steve Charman 3/29, Dillon Faull 2/7, Logan Jackson 2/36) lost to Mount Gold 125/9 (Sam Blake 23, M Corbett 23; Tom Morrison 5/31, M Walton 2/16)

B Grade Championship Final: Grasshoppers 124 (Wayne Anderson 30no; Mark Sheaff 2/21) lost to Wanderers 125/5 (M Sheaff 41, Dion Bartosh 38; Andy Balfour 3/19)

Western BOP Individual Statistics

Premier One-Day Championship

Most Runs	Peter Drysdale (Mount Maunganui)	229 runs
Highest Score	Laxman Popli (Te Puke)	114
Most Wickets	Trent Boulton (Otumoetai Cadets)	13 wickets
Best Bowling	Chris Atkinson (Mount Maunganui)	6/19

Reserve Grade

Most Runs	Khan Greig (Mount Maunganui)	556 runs
Highest Score	Justin Scott (Te Puke)	112
Most Wickets	Chris Uden (Papamoa)	32 wickets
Best Bowling	Ramandeep Kahlon (Te Puke)	8/28
Highly Commended	Matt Oosterhout (Greerton)	7/2 including a hat trick

B Grade

Most Runs	Matt Morrison (Albion)	420 runs
Highest Score	Matt Harrison (Katikati)	172no
Most Wickets	Lyndon Balmer (Wanderers)	29
Best Bowling	Happy Singh (Elves CC)	6/22

WBOPCA 2010/11 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Highest Score

172no Matt Harrison – Katikati B Grade

Best Bowling

8/28 Ramandeep Kahlon – Te Puke Pickers Reserve Grade

Friendships were forgotten on Saturday 19 March 2011, when the two Mount Maunganui second echelon teams, battled out the Western BOP Reserve Grade Championship at the Bay of Plenty Cricket Oval.

Batting first the Mount Green side were restricted to a relatively modest 124 not out, with the Mount Gold bowlers making good use of a wicket that had some juice in it.

Steve Charman who has wealth of cricket experience, bowled with his usual enthusiasm to take three wickets at a cost of 29 runs, with Dillon Faull and Logan Jackson taking two wickets apiece.

Khan Greig who likes to put bat to ball, top scored for Mount Green with a gritty 29 runs. The domination of bowlers in the encounter continued in the second innings, with the game going down to the wire. While Sam Blake and Mike Corbett top scored with 23 runs, Tom Morrison terrorised the Gold batsmen to finish with five wickets for 31 runs.

Requiring two runs to win on the last ball, a shy at the stumps by a Mount Green fielder missed by a whisker, to allow the Mount Gold to sneak home with a solitary wicket to spare.

Wanderers took first use of the ball, in the B Grade title decider against Grasshoppers, on a wicket that looked to have plenty of juice in it. An unbeaten 30 from Wayne Anderson led the way for the Hoppers, who were dismissed for a relatively modest 124.

Mark Sheaff, Kendall Samkin and Lyndon Balmer did the damage with the ball taking two wickets apiece. The addition of the two additional bowling scalps by Lyndon Balmer, saw him finish as the top wicket taker in the championship round with 25 wickets.

Mark Sheaff, backed up an excellent bowling performance to take his team home to a five-wicket win with a crisp 41, with Dion Bartosh contributing 38 runs. The Wanderers victory was the clubs first championship success since formation four years previously.

WBOPCA 2011/12 Season

Reserve Grade

First Round Mount Maunganui Green

Twenty 20 Mount Maunganui Green

Championship Katikati

B Grade

First Round: Wanderers

Championship Katikati

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Katikati 183/8 (Steve Jennings 85, Ben Warren 25; Morgan Bidois 4/29) defeated Otumoetai Cadets 161 (Peter Albut 66, Michael Fraser 31, Jamie Paton 4/31, B Warren 3/29, Matt Guptil 2/33)

B Grade Championship Final: Katikati 250/7 (Bahavian Patel 67, Colin Chase 47, M Basket 41; Ian Dalton 2/31, Wayne Anderson 2/57) defeated Grasshoppers 199/6 (Andy Balfour 54, Ray Body 34, Matt O'Neil 29no; Gene Darvill 3/36, Simon Turnbull 2/32)

Western BOP Individual Statistics

WBOPCA Reserve Grade

Most Runs	Mathew Earl (Katikati)	535 runs
Highest Score`	Mathew Earl (Katikati)	161
Most Wickets	Steve Charman (Mount Green)	43 wickets
Best Bowling	Kingsley Smith (Mount Gold)	7/10

B Grade

Most Runs	Matt Harrison (Katikati)	695 runs
Highest Innings	Colin Chase (Katikati)	212no
Most Wickets	Hardeep Sidhu (Malwa CC)	34 wickets
Best Bowling	Hayden Goodall (Papamoa)	7/17

WBOPCA 2011/12 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Highest Score

212no Colin Chase – Katikati B Grade

Best Bowling

7/10 Kingsley Smith – Mount Maunganui Reserve Grade

The Katikati Cricket Club who came out of hiatus in 2008, had arguably one of their finest moments, when the Clubs two teams annexed both the Western Bay of Plenty Reserve and B Grade Championships on Saturday 31 March 2012.

In the Reserve Grade final, Katikati won the toss and elected to bat. Three Cadets dropped catches early in the innings allowed Katikati to get out of jail. Led by a sterling knock of 85 from Katikati Reserve stalwart Steve Jennings, Katikati went on to post 183/8. Ben Warren chipped in with a useful 25 runs, with Morgan Bidois taking four wickets at a cost of 29 runs for Cadets.

The Cadets target of 184 looked extremely gettable for the top qualifiers as they went out to bat. Long time Cadets Reserve Grade batsman Peter Albut was in good form top scoring with 31. However led by Jamie Paton (4/31) and Ben Warren (3/29,) the Katikati bowlers grabbed the ascendancy to remove Cadets for 161.

After posting 250/7 in the B Grade final, the Katikati second team were in the box seat against Grasshoppers. For the second week in a row Bahavian Patel took control with the bat and was rewarded with his sides top score of 67. Colin Chase and Matt Basket both reached the forties, with Ian Dalton and Wayne Anderson taking two wickets apiece for Grasshoppers.

While Andy Balfour smashed a half-century for Grasshoppers, the Katikati bowlers won the battle of attrition, to restrict the opposition to 199/6. Ray Body and Matt O'Neill also both made good contributions with the bat for Grasshoppers. Gene Darvill bowled superbly to take three wickets with Simon Turnbull finishing with 3/21.

WBOPCA 2012/13 Season

Reserve Grade Championship Mount Maunganui
B Grade Championship Grasshoppers

NB: Both the Reserve and B Grade Championships were contested over two rounds

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Katikati 242 (Matt Harrison 79, JS Dhillion 61, Bahavian Patel 27; Nick Smith 4/47, Jonty Rhodes 2/38) lost to Mount Maunganui 243/8 (Michael Douglas 62, Hayden Byrnes 50, Nick Smith 36; Brody Gilroy 3/45, Ben Warren 2/25)

B Grade Final Championship Final: Grasshoppers 210/7 (Andy Balfour 62no, M O'Neill 44) defeated Malwa 161 (G Pannu 44; J Holmes 4/24)

WBOPCA 2012/13 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Highest Score

213no Khan Greig - Mount Maunganui Reserves

Best Bowling

8/37 Trent Boulton – Cadets Premiers

The two top qualifiers triumphed in the Reserve Grade during the 2012/13 season, with both winners fielding first and dismissing their opponents relatively cheaply. Cadets took first use of the batting strip at Blake Park and struggled to put together any meaningful partnerships, being removed for 129 by the Mount bowlers. The Mount Maunganui reply was a walk in the park, with the home side cruising to an eight wicket victory.

Katikati came to town to play Te Puke on a grass wicket at Ferguson Park, with Te Puke being asked to bat first. Gene Darvill, JS Dhillion, Matt Guptil and Nick Millichip all grabbed two cheap wickets apiece, to have Te Puke all out for 75. However Te Puke made the eventual winners fight for victory, losing six wickets on the way to booking a finals berth.

By complete contrast, the two teams batting first in the B Grade semi-finals, posted two hundred plus totals then went on to defend the good sized targets that they set.

Grasshoppers posted an imposing 264/5 in their forty overs against Greerton, with Ben Goodall top scoring with solid 82, while Rob Curran blasted a half century. Led by Aaron Chung who returned 4/46, the Hoppers bowlers dismissed Greerton for 147 to claim a comfortable victory.

Grasshopper's opponents in the B Grade title decider were Malwa, who got past a strong challenge from Wanderers, to claim the second finals place. Malwa reached 220/9 led by a good knock of 58 from Raj Bhari, with Laddie Mangat (34) and Sonu Mundi (32) also making useful contributions. In an encounter that went down to the wire, Wanderers made

a valiant attempt for victory before being dismissed for 197, with Happy Sidhu grabbing four wickets for the winners.

WBOPCA 2013/14 Season

Reserve Grade

Championship

T20

Knockout Cup

B Grade

Championship

Twenty 20

Sangha Raavi XI

Mount Maunganui

Te Puke

Wanderers

Western Bay of Plenty Invitation Team`

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Sangha Raavi XI 171 (Amandeep Tiwari 52, Vikas Tiwari 38; Matt Earl 4/38, Matt Harrison 2/12) defeated Katikati 112 (Brody Gilroy 23, Colin Chase 19; R Yadav 4/28, GS Mahal 2/22)

B Grade Championship Final: Grasshoppers 93 (Wayne Anderson 25; Ivan Foord 3/5, Chris Uden 2/14, Lyndon Balmer 2/15) lost to Wanderers 97/3 (Lyndon Balmer 32no, Dion Bartosh 24)

Reserve Grade

Championship

T20 –

Knockout Cup

Runs: Matt Earl - 597

Runs: Grant Manners - 180

Runs: Matt Earl - 166

Wickets: Mike Brown - 25

Wickets: Chris Rowe - 9

Wickets: Jamie Payton - 9

B Grade

Championship

T20 –

Runs: Colin Chase - 377

Runs: Jason Wilson - 171

Wickets: Ben Goodall - 21

Wickets: Daryll Morrison - 8

WBOPCA 2013/14 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Batting

196 Cam Neal – Greerton Premiers

Bowling

7/38 Amit Dhiman – Cadets Reserves

Katikati skippers Ben Warren won the toss and put the Sangha Raavi XI in to bat on Saturday 29 March 2014, in the WBOPCA Reserve Grade Championship Final. The Katikati captain's decision looked to be paying dividends, when his team's bowlers had the Sangha first team in some trouble at 90/7.

However a gritty half century from Raavi number eight batsman Amandeep Tiwari, greatly assisted his team through to 171 all out in the 45th over. Matt Earl grabbed four wickets for Katikati with Matt Harrison returning 2/12.

Katikati made a strong start and at 58/2 were right in the match. However the Katikati batting crumbled, with the team from the extremities of the Western Bay of Plenty rolled for 112 in the 34th over. Brody Gilroy top scored with 23, while R Yadav (4/28) and GS

Mahal (2/22) did the damage with the ball for winners. The Sangha victory, gave them their first trophy since coming into the Western Bay competitions.

The B Grade Final between defending champions Grasshoppers and Wanderers, turned out to be a one sided encounter. Hoppers batted first and were in real trouble with both their openers being dismissed for a duck. At three down with just 7 runs on the board, the defending titleholders had plenty of work to do.

Grasshoppers number five batsman Wayne Anderson steadied the ship; however once he was dismissed for 25, the writing was on the wall. A total of 93 runs wasn't ever going to be enough. Ivan Foord did plenty of damage with the ball grabbing three wickets at a cost of just 5 runs, with Lyndon Balmer and Chris Uden taking two wickets apiece.

The defending champions had a glimmer of hope, when the first Wanderers batsman was removed with just two runs in the book. The other opener in Dion Bartosh got his team through to 54/2, before being removed for 24. It was left to Lyndon Balmer to take his side to victory in the B Grade title decider, posting an unbeaten 32 runs.

WBOPCA 2014/15 Season

Reserve Grade

First Round Katikati

Championship Katikati

Twenty 20 Cadets

B Grade

First Round Cadets

Championship Mount Maunganui

Knockout Cup Katikati

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Katikati 193 (Dan Williams 46, Kevin Reynolds 34, Cheeky Gousain 3/10) defeated Greerton 147 all out (Darren Heiman 30, Matt Harrison 5/36)

B Grade Championship Final: Mount Maunganui 114 (Amrit Singh 3/10) defeated Singh XI 57 (Reece Olsen 5/33)

WBOPCA 2014/15 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Highest Score

171 Tom MacRury – Greerton Premiers

Best Bowling

7/23 Dan Spencer – Greerton Premiers

Two battles of attrition, decided the Western Bay Cricket Championships that were played out on Saturday 28 March 2015, within the confines of Blake Park.

Katikati added the WBOPCA Reserve Grade Championship silverware, to the local first round title and BOPCA Baywide McNaughton Trophy that they had annexed earlier in the season, when they beat Greerton on Blake Park One.

The team from the Western Bay extremities, took first use of the wicket and set Greerton a good sized target when they were dismissed for 193. Dan Williams who has been in good form with the bat in recent weeks top scored with a hard fought 46, with Kevin Reynolds chipping in with 34 runs. Cheeky Gousain was the best of the Greerton bowling attack taking three wickets for just 10 runs.

Katikati team stalwart Matt Harrison did the damage with the ball taking five wickets. The Greerton challenge evaporated with Harrisons five wicket bag, as they were bowled out for 147, to hand Katikati a hard fought 46 run win.

B Grade top qualifier Mount Maunganui, continued their run of form to take out the B Grade silverware, beating the Singh XI in a low scoring encounter on Blake Park Four. Playing alongside a nearby rugby game, the Mount team batted first and were dismissed for what looked to be a modest 114. Josh Jane (19) and Bryan Rhodes (17) were the best of the Mount batsmen, with Amrit Singh taking three wickets for the Te Puke based side.

Led by Mount Maunganui stalwart Reece Olsen, who grabbed five wickets for 33 runs, the Mount bowlers ripped through the opposition batting attack to roll them for 57. The Singh XI highest score of just 13 runs testified to the lack of partnerships that cost them the match.

WBOPCA 2015/16 Season

Reserve Grade	
First Round	Greerton
Championship	Te Puke
B Grade	
First Round	Cadets
Championship	Singh XI
Knockout Cup	Greerton

Reserve Grade Championship Final: Te Puke 142 (Nathan Wilson 31, Deepak Singh 4/24) defeated Sangha XI 104 (Deepak Singh 32, Raminder Singh 3/28)

B Grade Championship Final: Grasshoppers 156/7 (Ben Goodall 52) lost to Singh XI 157/9 (Amrit Singh 44, Jeff Holmes 3/37, Ben Goodall 3/31)

WBOPCA 2015/16 Top Gun (Season Honours)

Highest Score

151no Raymond Howe – Cadets B Grade

Best Bowling

7/39 Aaron Meek – Mount Maunganui B Grade

The determination of the players to produce a result, defied the wet weather on Saturday 19 March 2016 afternoon - which resulted in two Te Puke region sides, claiming the 2016 WBOPCA Reserve and B Grade Cricket Championships.

Heavy rain leading up to the weekend, ruined the cricket finale on the adjoining grass wickets at Blake Park. The decision was made on Friday, to shift the Reserve Grade title

decider to the artificial surface at Gordon Spratt Reserve, with the B Grade final transferred to the Pemberton Park artificial wicket.

Te Puke batted first against the Sangha XI, in the Reserve Grade final and were bowled out for 142. Nathan Wilson top scored for Te Puke with 31, with Sangha bowler Deepak Singh doing plenty of damage with the ball taking four wickets at a cost of 24 runs.

While the Sangha XI, made a determined attempt to add the Western Bay championship to the 2016 McNaughton Trophy, they were bowled out for 104, to hand Te Puke the championship title. Deepak Singh starred with both bat and ball with his sides top score of 32 runs, with Te Puke bowler Raminder Singh grabbing three valuable bowling scalps, in his teams 38 run victory.

The B Grade title decider went down to the wire, before the Singh XI scrambled home to beat Grasshoppers by a solitary wicket. Hoppers reached 156/7 in their turn at bat with Ben Goodall top scoring with a gritty half century.

While the Singh XI were on target with the required run rate, they lost regular wickets, with Amrit Singh spearheading the fight-back with his team's highest score of 44 runs. Grasshoppers bowlers Jeff Holmes and Ben Goodall took three wickets apiece – with the Te Puke Indian team grabbing their first Western Bay title with one wicket to spare.

FROM TAURANGA SECONDARY SCHOOL CRICKET TO THE BLACK CAPS

Since the dawn of the new Millennium, four extremely talented Tauranga Secondary School players have gone on to achieve the ultimate dream of any young kiwi player – to play for the New Zealand Black Caps.

Graeme Aldridge, Daniel Flynn, Kane Williamson and Trent Boult, who all played Tauranga Cricket Association Senior Men's cricket while at local secondary schools, have all established indelible marks in New Zealand Domestic and International cricket.

In addition Anna Peterson, who attended Aquinas College was selected for the New Zealand White Ferns.

Graeme Aldridge

The first of the Tauranga Secondary Schools Black Caps to play professional cricket, was Graeme William Aldridge who was born in Christchurch on the 15 November 1977. Born into a cricketing family, father Bill played first class cricket for Canterbury and Northern Districts as a one-day player, with brother Niven also a talented cricket player.



Graeme Aldridge in action for the Northern Knights – Mark Taylor/Fairfax NZ

Graeme attended Otumoetai College and played for the school First XI in TCA competitions, before joining Mount Maunganui CC. Graeme was first selected for Bay of Plenty in a Hawke Cup Direct Challenge against Central Otago on the 15/17 March 1997, at Blake Park Mount Maunganui. The Bay of Plenty Hawke Cup defense was notable for the Bay side blasting 553/9 with Simon Winter posting the Bay's (then) highest score of 181 – with Graeme notching up 52 runs batting at nine.

Outstanding form for Bay of Plenty, saw Graeme make his First Class and One-Day debut for Northern Districts during the 1998/99 season. Mere statistics don't tell the tale of Graeme's achievements in the Black Caps, Northern Knights and Bay of Plenty uniform.

Known to most, simply as G, he compiled a record in Northern Districts Cricket that is unlikely to be beaten. Longevity was a feature of the ND all-rounder's career, which started back in the 1998/99 season and finished when Graeme announced his retirement from playing duties, at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui in early April 2015.

Aldridge ended his long career, as the most prolific first-class wicket-taker in Northern Knights history with 364 wickets. The right-armer has also taken the most wickets in the NZ Cricket Domestic one-day game, with 185 bowling scalps to his name.

Over 3000 runs in NZ Cricket first class, one-day and T20 encounters, tells the tale of a genuine all-rounder who could win matches with both bat and ball. Graeme also wore the Black Cap uniform of New Zealand when he was selected for the tour of Zimbabwe in 2011, playing two ODI's and one T20 match for his country.

In addition to his ND playing duties, Graeme was a vital component of Bay of Plenty representative teams over a long period. In 45 matches in the Bay of Plenty Blue and Gold uniform, Graeme took 123 wickets with best bowling figures of 8/29 and smashed 975 runs with top score of 137no.

Daniel Flynn

Daniel Flynn made his Bay of Plenty Senior Men's team debut, as a fifteen year old from the ranks of the Tauranga Boys College First XI, against Northland on the 17th March 2001. Selection for New Zealand Under 19 in the 2003/04 season was followed by a professional contract with the Northern Knights the following season.



Daniel Flynn – stuff.co.nz

Flynn earned selection for the Black Caps in 2007 and went on to play 49 games in the New Zealand uniform, in all three forms of the game. While initially selected as an ODI batsman, the Rotorua born player made his mark as a test top-order batsman. In 24 test matches he compiled 1038 runs at an average of 25.95 with a highest score of 95.

However his feats with the bat in New Zealand Domestic cricket has seen Flynn write his name into the history of the game in this country. His 112 first-class games have produced 6835 runs with 20 centuries and a highest score of 241. In the One-Day Domestic game Flynn has made 108 appearances posting 2674 runs, while he has also scored a further 1486 runs in Domestic Twenty 20 competition. (Statistics to the end of the 2015/16 season)

Kane Williamson and Trent Boult

The following piece from a BOPCA Press Release in 2002 gave an early indication of the talents of Trent Boult and Kane Williamson. "Playing in the Northern Districts tournament (2-6 December 2002) which was hosted by the Counties Cricket Association, the Bay of Plenty Under 14 team remained unbeaten to win the tournament". "Individual highlights during the week were Kane Williamson who scored 285 runs and was only dismissed once during the week while Trent Boult took 14 wickets for an average of six runs".

The outstanding achievements of Kane Williamson and Trent Boult need no introduction. Continuing the snapshots, we go to the two BOPCA nominations for the 2015 Bay of Plenty Sports Awards, for our two Black Caps. (The nominations are for a single 12 month period from October 2014 to September 2015).

Kane Williamson

Kane Williamson's blazing 242 not out had spectators at the Black Cap verses Sri Lanka test match in January 2015 in awe, as the New Zealand master blaster smashed the ball to the extremities of the boundaries at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.

When New Zealand declared at 524/5 in the second test, Kane had written several entries into the New Zealand Cricket record book. His unbeaten 242 was the seventh highest test innings by a New Zealand batsman.

During his mammoth turn at bat he became the quickest kiwi batsmen to 3000 runs, with the new record of 71 innings, surpassing the previous record set by New Zealand cricket legend Martin Crowe by two innings. In tandem with BJ Watling, the pair established a new Black Cap record sixth wicket partnership of 365 runs.

Williamson achieved few grittier turns at bat, than that against Australia in the round robin match at the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup. As the Black Cap wickets fell at one end, the kiwi batsman was a rock at the other end. With just the sides number eleven batsman (Trent Boult) remaining, desperate measures were needed, with Kane smashing a six to take the match away from the Australian side.



Kane Williamson v Sri Lanka January 2016 – Bay of Plenty Times/Andrew Warner

A Test and ODI century apiece against England in England in May 2015, were further highlights in a glittering twelve months for the world class Black Cap all-rounder. During the 2015 New Zealand winter tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa, Williamson was giving the ultimate honour of captaining his country, during the two ODI series.

Testament to Kane Williamson's rise as a superstar of the world-wide game - is four ODI Player of the Series Awards, against Pakistan, Sri Lanka, England and Zimbabwe in the last twelve months. The Black Cap batsman currently sits in fourth place in the ICC ODI batting rankings and seventh on the Test list. The Kiwi master blaster has smashed 10 test centuries, which place him in sixth place on the New Zealand all-time list, to sit alongside seven ODI centuries.

Summary of Achievements (2015-15)

- A) 242no v Sri Lanka at the Basin Reserve Wellington January 2015
- B) Quickest New Zealand batsman to 3000 runs (achieved v Sri Lanka January 2015)
- C) Player of the Series v Pakistan (December 2015) v Sri Lanka (January 2015) v England (May 2015) v Zimbabwe (August 2015)

Trent Boult

Black Cap strike bowler Trent Boult set the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup alive, when he destroyed the vaunted Australian batting attack, in the round robin match played at Eden Park on the last day of February 2015.

Few were prepared for the devastation that would be inflicted on the powerful Australian batting line-up, as they were bundled out for just 151 runs with the second ball of the 32nd over. In tandem with Tim Southee, Trent went on attack to grab the wicket of Australian captain Michael Clarke for 12, before ripping through the Australian middle order. The New Zealand swing bowlers match winning performance saw him take five wickets at a cost of just 27 runs.

The Boult heroics didn't finish with the ball, as he survived at the crease to finish 0 not out, as the New Zealand team sneaked home with a solitary wicket to spare in an absolute thriller. Trent was deservedly given the Man of the Match Award.



Trent Boult v Australia - NZ Cricket/Getty Images

Trent finished the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup as the top (equal) wicket taker with 22 wickets, alongside Australian speedster Mitchell Starc. The Bay of Plenty-raised bowler also finished the tournament as top of the list of maiden overs with 14, some seven ahead of the second best.

During the tour of England in May 2015, the former Otumoetai College student received the (Test) Man of the Series Award with 13 wickets to his name. In August 2015 Trent was ranked third in the ICC Test bowling ranking and fourth in the ODI rankings to cement his place as one of the best bowlers in the world.

Summary of Achievements (2014/15)

- A) 5/27 v Australia 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup
- B) 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup equal top wicket take – 22 wickets (tied with Mitchell Starc)
- C) Player of the series v England (Test Matches) May 2015

During 2016 Kane Williamson was named as the Wisden Cricketer of the Year and the NZ Cricket Player of the Year. Kane was also selected as the New Zealand Sportsman of the Year at the 2016 New Zealand Sports Awards.

Trent Boult was awarded the Windsor Cup for the Bowler of the Year at the 2016 NZ Cricket Awards. During the 2015/16 season Trent had time as the ICC ODI number one bowler, with Kane reaching number one in the ICC Test batting rankings.

Anna Peterson

BOPCA Website 2012

Bay of Plenty and Northern Spirit all-rounder, Anna Peterson, has become Bay of Plenty's first White Fern, with her selection to play for the National Women's side against England in the current two nation series.



Anna Peterson – NZ Cricket

Her selection for the White Ferns, follows hard on the heels of two good knocks for New Zealand Emerging players against England. Scores of 41 and 42 have propelled the Bay of Plenty youngster into the New Zealand National women's team.

Bay of Plenty Cricket Acting General Manager, Mark Webb, has been close to the side lines as Anna has progressed along the cricket pathway. "Bay of Plenty Cricket is delighted with Anna's selection for the White Ferns. We have seen her progress from the Bay Under 14 girls side, to the Northern Spirit while still at secondary school, to being ready to make her New Zealand debut against some of the best women cricket players in the world".

Like most serious sportspeople, Anna's success is the result of hard work, dedication and commitment. The Anna Peterson cricket journey started as a five year old at the Takapuna Cricket Club.

After a family move to Tauranga, and junior cricket with the Mount Maunganui Club, Anna's representative career took off. Representative selection in BOP and ND Under 14 teams, was followed by selection in BOP and ND Secondary School sides.

Year 12 at Aquinas College, brought elevation to the ND Women's Development team, with the talented all-rounder breaking into the Northern Spirit the following year.

Anna has become an integral member of the Northern Spirit in recent seasons, while she still enjoys playing for the Bay when other cricket commitments allow.

FOUR HAT-TRICKS IN TAURANGA CRICKET IN ONE WEEKEND

In the weekend before Christmas 2006, Tauranga Cricket witnessed an occurrence that could have come out of the annals of Ripley's "Believe it or Not". Against what must have been astronomical odds, four hat-tricks were bowled in two days of cricket. As local cricket experts scampered for the record books, there was a sense of disbelief that such a rare feat could be achieved four times in two days.

Two Greerton Cricket Club bowlers provided the opening action on Saturday 16 December 2006. In a Williams Cup match between Greerton and Mount Maunganui played at Greerton's home ground of Pemberton Park, James Mitchell dominated the game. After scoring 85 runs with the bat, he finished the match with bowling figures of 4/33, including three consecutive wickets. As the reality of the premier grade hat-trick was sinking in, news was received that a second Greerton hat-trick had been recorded at Fergusson Park. Playing in a B Grade encounter with Albion, Ranjeet Singh bowled just one over to achieve the three ball feat and to finish with figures of 3/0.

While local cricket statisticians were still digesting the two Tauranga hat-tricks, these feats would prove to be just an entrée to what took place at the Tauranga Domain on Sunday 17 December 2006. Seventeen-year-old Trent Boulton added the icing to the cake when he took two hat-tricks for the Tauranga representative team in the Attrill Cup final.



Photo Above – Trent Boult steaming in to bowl to a Mount Maunganui batsman circa 2011
Photograph – Bay of Plenty Times

Boult was almost unplayable, achieving two-hat tricks in his dismissal of seven Eastern Bay batsmen. In a frightening display of pace bowling, Boult removed the Eastern Bay top order of Barry Kilgariff, Brook Simpson and Tom Yates with successive balls. Less than twenty minutes later it was the turn of James Mitchell, who had taken one of the hat-tricks in club cricket the previous day, Dean Butterworth and Joe Taylor to fall to three successive balls unleashed by Boult.

TWENTY/20 & CRICKET MAX CRICKET DEBUTS IN TAURANGA

Twenty/20 cricket made its debut in the Bay of Plenty on Waitangi day (6 February) 2005 when National Club Champions IMF Westland Cadets defeated a Bay of Plenty Invitational team. The Cadets side, comprised ten of the team that claimed the mantle of New Zealand club cricket supremacy in Auckland the previous season, while the Bay invitation side was a mixture of promise, experience and a solid core of representative players.

The game played at the Tauranga Domain, showed the attractions of the game that pulls large crowds throughout the world, because of the three-hour non-stop action. After being put in to bat, Cadets made an organised start to their innings to have 58 runs on the board at the ten over half way mark, but more importantly had lost just two wickets.

The second half of the club champions turn at the crease was a blur of the ball being hit to the boundary and wickets falling. Mathew Drake fell agonizingly close to a half century being dismissed for 48. The Cadets innings finished at 164/8, with the last ten overs producing in excess of ten runs an over.

Llorne Howell made a blazing start for the Bay invitation team, smashing a four off the first ball and collecting twenty two runs from just 13 balls before being dismissed. Promising Tauranga Boys College player Kane Williamson was in good touch and steadied the middle order for a time with 15 runs. The finish came when the Bay side were bowled out for 97, with a number of wickets being lost cheaply in the pursuit of what was considered a substantial total to chase. At the conclusion of the match Mathew Drake was awarded the player of the day trophy by match supporter Radio Sport.

Result

IMF Westland Cadets 164/8 (M Drake 48, G Donne 31; J Syms 2/15) defeated Bay of Plenty Invitational team 97 (L Howell 22; Campbell Wilson 3/23, B Folster 2/9, M Crawford 2/10, M Jasper 2/14).

Cricket Max in Tauranga

Cricket Max, which was invented by Black Cap legend Martin Crowe, came to town in the early days of Martin's abbreviated game. The game was played primarily in New Zealand from 1996 to 2003. International matches were played by the *Max Blacks* against England (1997), West Indies (2000) and India (2003) before being replaced by Twenty 20 cricket.

The major changes were each team had two innings of ten overs, wides were worth two runs and included a max zone worth double points. The early version included the use of four stumps designed to assist bowlers as batsmen couldn't be dismissed IBW.

Former Bay of Plenty player Neil Howard remembers Martin Crowe bringing the early concept of Cricket Max to the Western Bay of Plenty with two matches played at Blake Park and Tauranga Boys College.

BAY OVAL DEVELOPMENT

Bay of Plenty Cricket had long held a desire to develop Blake Park into a purpose-built first class cricket ground. While in the past Blake Park had hosted major association one-day matches it was a case of making the best use of the facilities that were available.

Until dropped by New Zealand Cricket because of the supposed sub-standard pitches at Blake Park, the popular holiday venue used to attract some of the largest one-day crowds each season. The Mount Maunganui matches, which were played when huge crowds flocked to the popular holiday destination, became festive cricket occasions with thousands pitching sun umbrellas around the extremities of the boundaries.

The Blake Park redevelopment was to have a “village green” atmosphere where up to ten thousand spectators would again be able to witness the frenetic action of one-day cricket action. Initial planning was to develop three ovals and a state of the art cricket pavilion.

March 1st 2005

After a several years of planning and protracted negotiations the redevelopment of Blake Park commenced. After securing the final confirmation of approval from the Tauranga City Council, the first day of March 2005 welcomed the start of earthworks at the Mount Maunganui venue.

While the City Council provided the land, Bay of Plenty Cricket was responsible for developing the irrigation system and establishment of the wicket block and outfield. The completed project, which had a cost tag of three million dollars, was able to commence in 2005 because of the major contributions of two business companies associated with the project. Fulton Hogan undertook the earthworks construction at no cost, while M-Tec provided the planning consultation as their contribution to the development of a major sporting facility in the Western Bay of Plenty.

Stage one was the earthworks carried out by Fulton Hogan to shape the ground. After ten weeks of earthmoving the next step was to put in the cricket block and outfield. It was hoped at the start that with reasonable climatic conditions during the winter and spring that the first use of the ground for cricket would take place early in 2006.

2005/2006

First class cricket facilities at Blake Park moved closer to reality during the 2005/2006 season. With the amphitheatre completed late in 2005, the next twelve months saw the progression of the playing surface. Laying of the wicket block and the sowing of the outfield were completed, with the ground lying dormant during the winter period.

While it was anticipated that the new number one wicket would get some limited use late in the season, the pre-Christmas wet-weather put the wicket and outfield development program several months behind schedule.

March 2007

During the previous twelve months the oval was left to let nature take control. Spring growth saw the final phase of the playing surface development, when local firm Trimax Mowing Systems offered to assist Bay of Plenty Cricket with the regular mowing of the outfield.

While inclement weather, and a motor vehicle assault on the outfield delayed the use, the first match was played in early March 2007. A Western Bay of Plenty B grade encounter saw Mount Maunganui defeat Te Puke.

The first centuries on the new Oval came quickly. On Wednesday the 21st March 2007 Kirby Samkin smashed a remarkable 151 not out as Tauranga Girls College easily defeated Rotorua Girls High School. Four days later it was the turn of Kane Williamson playing for the Bay of Plenty Under 19, who was in majestic form as he reached 131, before being dismissed by a Waikato Valley bowler.

Spring 2007

In the spring of 2007, the BOP Cricket Oval took the first step to becoming an international cricket venue after a visit by New Zealand Cricket. The first NZ Cricket WOF (Warrant of Fitness) audit, of the new cricket oval at Blake Park, was carried out by Jared Carter the NZ Cricket Turf Manager.

The purpose of the visit was also to measure the ground against ICC requirements for new international venues. A first step to the ground hosting international games would result from the NZ Cricket visit. Receipt of a current ground WOF meant that the BOP Oval would host a series of women's first class matches, during the summer period.

ND showed their confidence in the new ground by making the new Oval at Blake Park their home ground for the State Northern Spirit. A Twenty/20 encounter on the 7th December 2007, between Northern Spirit and the Canterbury Magicians, welcomed the return of NZ Cricket Major Association games to Mount Maunganui.

In December 2007 and January 2008, the new Oval hosted two Twenty/20 and four one-day State League matches, with plenty of complimentary comments on the playing surface.

During February 2008, the BOP senior men's representatives played Counties Manukau and Northland. While both games were lost on first innings points, the two encounters produced an avalanche of runs, which testified to a superb batting track.

2008/2009

New Zealand Cricket showed their confidence in the new venue, by allocating two State Twenty 20 matches to the Oval in the 2008/2009 season. The State Northern Knights prepared for the two State Twenty 20 encounters in February 2009 by utilising their alternative home ground, for a ND trial and a T 20 warm-up encounter.

Following on from the previous season success, the Northern Spirit again played two State League series at the BOP Oval. The top-level matches at the BOP Oval were promoted under the banner of the “Bay of Plenty Festival of Cricket”.

2009/10

The Bay of Plenty Cricket Trust was constituted in 2009 by the Bay of Plenty Cricket Association. The purpose of the Bay of Plenty Cricket Trust is to enable and encourage the community to play cricket or other games and sports, thereby assisting in the physical health and wellbeing of the Bay of Plenty community. The Bay of Plenty Cricket Trust is responsible for the development of the Bay Oval, which is situated on Blake Park, Mount Maunganui.

New Zealand Cricket finally got serious about Twenty 20 cricket in 2009 – signing HRV to a three year sponsorship agreement, and creating a standalone window in January 2010, where all the Black Caps would be available to play.

The major beneficiary of the new format was the Bay Oval which was allocated three matches in the summer holiday season. The Northern Knights defeated the Auckland Aces and the Wellington Firebirds but suffered defeat to the Otago Volts during January 2010.

The Bay of Plenty Cricket Oval at Blake Park Mount Maunganui took another big step forward towards becoming the countries latest international cricket venue during the season.

Bay of Plenty Cricket were delighted that the West Indies Under 19 team, who competed in the ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup held in New Zealand in January 2010, prepared and trained for the Under 19 World Cup at the Bay Oval. An important part of the West Indies side’s preparation, was two warm-up games against Northern Districts A team at the Bay Oval.

A notable appointment was made in August 2010, with Jared Carter assuming the position of Bay Oval Turf Manager. Jared brought extensive experience to his management role at the Bay Oval, including time as NZ Cricket Turf Manager and turf curator at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.

2011 - 13

By 2011 Northern Districts Cricket were utilising the Bay Oval as an alternative home training and playing base for the Northern Knights and Spirit. A number of other ND sides also played and trained at the Bay Oval.

The development of the grass nets coupled with the outstanding all year drainage resulted in first class teams from around the country eyeing the Bay Oval for out-of-season training. In September 2012, the Auckland Aces trained at the Bay Oval and played a preparatory game, before departing for the Champions League in South Africa. Auckland Head Coach Paul Strang said while in the Western Bay “the overriding reason to bring our Champions League preparation to the Western Bay was the ability to train and play early season preparatory matches on the grass wicket at the Bay Cricket Oval”.

The Auckland Champions League preparations at the Bay Oval, was the start of each of the New Zealand representatives training in Mount Maunganui before departure for the Champions League.

One of the requirements to have international cricket at the Bay Oval was a second field with the same wicket blocks as the Bay Oval. During 2012 a second field was established on the top level of Blake Park. On the 1st December 2013, the first representative game took place when the Bay of Plenty Development team played ND Under 19. The Northern Districts team batted first and posted 245/9 with Tim Seifert smashing 108. The Bay second team chased down the total with four wickets to spare.

During January 2013, the Bay of Plenty Senior Men's team defeated Hamilton to bring the Hawke Cup back to the Bay of Plenty for the first time in 16 years. On the weekend of February 8/10, the first Hawke Cup match was played at the Bay Oval. Bay of Plenty came from behind in their second innings to successfully defend the symbol of minor association cricket superiority in the country. (Manawatu 275 (B Cleaver 128) & 188 (Tony Goodin 5/72) lost to Bay of Plenty 256 & 209/3)



Panoramic View of the Bay Oval at Blake Park, Mount Maunganui – Bay Oval Trust

2013 - 2014

The biggest step forward (to date) for the Bay Oval took place on the 2nd January 2014 when the brand spanking new pavilion was officially opened. A ceremony was held just prior to the HRV Cup match between the Sky City Northern Knights and the Canterbury Wizards to mark the occasion.

The Chairman of the Bay of Plenty Cricket Trust, Chris Rapson, addressed the guests describing this as a good day for cricket and for the wider communities of the Bay of Plenty. Tauranga Kaumatua, Pahu Akuhata, performed a Karakiha for the building and the pavilion was formally opened by the Mayor of Tauranga, Stuart Crosby, who was assisted by young cricketers, Jack Jones and Ava Stewart in cutting the white ribbon.

Just a few days after the opening of the pavilion, the Bay Oval became the countries newest International venue when the Blake Park grounds hosted 11 games in the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2014 (ICC CWCQ14). Hosted by New Zealand Cricket, the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2014 were played at six venues around the country from 13 January to 1 February. Up for grabs were the two final berths in the ICC Cricket World Cup, 2015.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Uganda, The Netherlands, Canada, Namibia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea and Nepal all played on the two Bay Oval grounds during CWCQ14. The first International century at the Bay Oval grounds was struck when Papua New Guinea batsmen L Siaka posted an unbeaten 112 against Namibia on the Bay Oval Two during the CWCQ14.

On the 28th February 2014, the Bay Oval received temporary ICC ODI status when Canada and The Netherlands played off for seventh place in the CWCQ14. The awarding of the temporary ODI status was brought about as both countries held ICC ODI rankings. (Canada 210 lost to The Netherlands 212/2)

Further international cricket took place at the Bay Oval during March 2014 when the New Zealand White Ferns squared off with the West Indies in two T20 international contests.

ICC Women's T20 2013/14 - White Ferns v West Indies

Game One - (West Indies 99/7 (Shemaine Campbelle 29, Kycia Knight 28; Morna Nielsen 2/8, Suzie Bates 2/12) lost to White Ferns 103/2 (Suzie Bates 50, Sara McGlashan 32no)

Game Two - (White Ferns 124/5 (Suzie Bates 57, Sara McGlashan 30) defeated West Indies 90 (Kycia Knight 31; Sophie Devine 3/9, Frances Mackay 2/13)

2014/15

During the spring of 2014 two teams who had qualified for the 2015 Cricket World Cup arrived in Mount Maunganui. Afghanistan were the first to arrive and played four warm-up games with the Auckland Aces and the Northern Knights, interspersed within their training schedule. Ireland followed for several days of training on their familiarisation tour of New Zealand prior to the 2015 CWC.

On the 21 October 2014 history was made at the Bay Oval when the Black Caps played South Africa in a One Day International, with the two sides backing up three days later. While the South African visitors prevailed in both encounters crowds in their thousands flocked to the Bay Oval in the two weekday matches.

In game two Hashim Amla blasted a century when he was dismissed for 119, while Black Cap wicketkeeper Luke Ronchi fell one run short of a three figure score when he was removed for 99

ICC ODI Series 2014/15 – Black Caps v South Africa

Game One 21 October 2014

New Zealand Black Caps 230 (L Ronchi 99, TWM Latham 29, DG Brownlie 24, TA Boult 21no; Imran Tahi 2/37, VD Phillander 2/38, M Morkel 2/39) lost to South Africa 236/4 (AB de Villiers 89no, JP Duminy 58no, HM Amla 38; T Boult 2/40)

Game Two 24 October 2014

South Africa 282/9 (HM Amla 119, F du Plessis 67, AB de Villiers 37; CJ Anderson 2/30, MJ McClenaghan 2/49, TG Southee 2/50, TA Boult 2/70) New Zealand Black Caps 210 (LJ Ronchi 79, MJ McClenaghan 34no; VD Philander 2/27, AB de Villiers 2/28, Imran Tahir 2/32, DW Steyn 2/35)

Later in the 2014/15 season, the New Zealand White Ferns played a three match ODI Women's series against England Women. The series was a thriller, going down to the wire, with the White Ferns cruising to victory in the series decider to take out a 2-1 series victory.

ICC Womens ODI Series 2014/15 – White Ferns v England

Game One 11 February 2015 - New Zealand White Ferns 240/8 (Suzy Bates 106, Rachel Priest 52, Katie Perkins 27no; Heather Knight 4/47) defeated England 173 (Anya Shrubsole 39, Lydia Greenaway 27, Charlotte Edwards 26, Natalie Sciver 23; Erin Bermingham 2/20, Sophie Devine 2/30)

Game Two 13 February 2015 - England 194 (Charlotte Edwards 65, Sarah Taylor 45; Anna Petersen 4/25, Erin Bermingham 2/23, Morna Nielsen 2/33) defeated New Zealand White Ferns 104 (Anna Petersen 21, Kate Broadmore 20; Anya Shrubsole 4/36, Katherine Hazell 2/11, Danielle Hazell 2/14)

Game Three 15 February - England 217/9 (Heather Knight 79, Charlotte Edwards 40, Laura Winfield 29; Erin Bermingham 3/35, Amy Satterthwaite 3/37) lost to New Zealand White Ferns 219/1 (Rachel Priest 96no, Amy Satterthwaite 76no, Suzy Bates 43)

2015/16

The NZ Cricket use of the Bay Oval continued on full throttle in the 2015/16 season, with two Black Cap encounters with Sri Lanka and the White Ferns three game ODI series against World Number One, Australia.

In addition, the Northern Knights played three matches in Mount Maunganui during the season and also utilised Blake Park for early season training. The Bay Oval training facilities continued to be used by individual and small groups of Black Caps during the season.

Two from two victories were the results from the Black Caps fifth ODI and first T20 clashes with the visiting Sri Lankans during January 2016. Martin Guptill became the first Black Cap to score an ODI century at the Bay Oval, posting 102 in the fifth game of the ODI series. Matt Henry wrote his name into Bay Oval history taking five wickets for 40 runs in the fifth ODI.

ICC ODI & T20 2015/16 – Black Caps v Sri Lanka

Fifth ODI – 5th January 2016

New Zealand 294/5 (Martin Guptill 102, Kane Williamson 61, Ross Taylor 61. Luke Ronchi 31no, Mitchell Santner 21no; Nuwan Kulasekara 3/53 defeated Sri Lanka 258 (Angelo Mathews 95no, Dinesh Chandimal 50; Matt Henry 5/40, Trent Boult 3/43)

First T20 – 7th January 2016

New Zealand 182/4 (Martin Guptill 58, Kane Williamson 53, Colin Munro 36, Ross Taylor 22no) defeated Sri Lanka 179/9 (Danushka Thilalaka 46, Milinda Siriwardana 42; Trent Boult 3/21, Matt Henry 3/43)

In February 2016 the ICC Women's World Number One Australia came to Mount Maunganui and engaged with the White Ferns in a pulsating three game ODI series. New Zealand Women got away to the perfect start posting 202/9 and then bowling the Australian representatives out for 193 to claim first blood.

Australia evened the score in game two, when they chased down the White Ferns total of 206/9 for the loss of just two wickets. The Trans-Tasman decider was another high scoring encounter, with the White Ferns in grand form with the bat to reach 243/4. However Australia knuckled down to the big challenge and reached their target with six wickets to spare.

There were three centuries produced during the weeklong series, which had the trophy simply known as "The Rosebowl" on the line. In game two, Australian Meg Lanning played a huge part in her teams eight wicket win, posting an unbeaten 114 of her team's total of 210. Game three saw a century apiece, Suzie Bates blasting 110 with Meg Lanning replying with 127 in her side's victory.

ICC Womens ODI Series 2015/15 – White Ferns v Australia

Game One 21 February 2016 - New Zealand White Ferns 202/9 (Amy Satterwaite 72, Suzie Bates 42, Katie Martin 22; Grace Harris 3/32, Jess Jonassen 3/32) defeated Australia Women 193 (Beth Mooney 53, Ellyse Perry 51; Lea Tahuhu 3/34, Erin Bermingham 3/38)

Game Two 22 February 2016 - New Zealand White Ferns 206/9 (Sophie Devine 67, Suzie Bates 61, Katey Martin 39; Jess Jonassen 5/50, Megan Schutt 2/25) lost to Australia Women 210/2 (Meg Lanning 114no, Ellyse Perry 64no)

Game Three 24 February 2016 - New Zealand White Ferns 243/5 (Suzie Bates 110, Sara McGlashen 46, Amy Satterwaite 44) lost to Australia Women 244/4 (Meg Lanning 127, Alex Blackwell 50no, Ellyse Perry 35; Leigh Kasperek 2/37)

Bay Oval International Milestones

Centuries

- 119 HM Amla (International) South Africa v New Zealand 2014/15
- 102 MJ Guptil (International) New Zealand v Sri Lanka 2015/16
- 127 MM Lanning (Women's International) Australia v New Zealand 2015/16
- 114no MM Lanning (Women's International) Australia v New Zealand 2015/16
- 110 SW Bates (Women's International) New Zealand v Australia 2015/16

Five Wicket Bags

- 5/40 MJ Henry (International) New Zealand v Sri Lanka 2015/16

Bay Oval Two International Milestones

- 112no L Siaka (CWCQ) Papua New Guinea v Namibia 2013/14

BAY OVAL TIMELINE

- 2005 - March 1st First sod turned in the Bay Oval development
- 2005 - September Amphitheatre completed and irrigation installed
- 2005 Wicket block and sowing of outfield completed
- 2006 - Winter Ground lying dormant in readiness for spring growth
- 2006 - Spring Spring growth saw the final phase of the development of the playing surface. Regular mowing of the outfield begins.
- 2007 - March 3rd First game played on the Bay Oval. WBOPCA B Grade – Te Puke 126 lost to Mount Maunganui 127/5.



Enjoying the cricket at the Bay Oval – Bay Oval Trust

- 2007 – March 21st Kirby Samkin posts first century at the Bay Oval. Tauranga Girls College (Kirby Samkin 151no) defeated Rotorua Girls High School
- 2007 – March 25th Kane Williamson posts second century at the Bay Oval. Bay of Plenty Under 19 (Kane Williamson 131) defeated Waikato Valley.

- 2007 – Spring Receives NZ Cricket WOF
- 2007 – December 7th First State League (Women’s) T20. Northern Spirit 185/7 lost to Canterbury Magicians 186/2.
- 2008 – January 4th First State League (Women’s) One-Day match. Northern Spirit 168 lost to Otago Sparks 171/5.
- 2008 – February Bay of Plenty Senior Men’s Team first game at the Bay Oval with the first Fergus Hickey centuries posted. Counties Manukau 398/5 (Ian Butler 185, Vaughan Blanchard 104) took first innings points from Bay of Plenty.
- 2008 – February 22nd First State League (Men’s) T20 match. Northern Knights 110 lost to Wellington Firebirds 111/1)
- 2010 – January West Indies Under 19 team train, in preparation for the Under 19 Cricket World Cup played in New Zealand during February 2010.
- 2010 – August Jared Carter appointed to the position of Bay Oval Turf Manager
- 2012 - September Auckland Aces train prior to departure to the Champions League in South Africa.
- 2013 – October Wellington Firebirds train prior to departure to the Champions League in India.
- 2013 – December 1st First game on Bay Oval Two. ND Under 19 245/9 (Tim Seifert 108) lost to BOP Development 246/6)
- 2013 – February 8/10 First Hawke Cup Challenge match at the Bay Oval. Manawatu 275 (Dylan Cleaver 128) & 188 (Tony Goodin 5/72) lost to Bay of Plenty 256 & 209/3
- 2014 – January ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifiers played at the Bay Oval.
- 2014 – January 28th First ODI at the Bay Oval. CWCQ14 Playoff for Seventh Place – Canada 210 lost to The Netherlands 212/2 (The Bay Oval main ground received temporary ICC ODI status, as both sides had ICC ODI rankings)
- 2014 – March International Women’s T20 – White Ferns v West Indies.
8 March 2014 - West Indies 99/7 (Shemaine Campbelle 29, Kycia Knight 28; Morna Nielsen 2/8, Suzie Bates 2/12) lost to White Ferns 103/2 (Suzie Bates 50, Sara McGlashan 32no)

- 9 March 2014 - White Ferns 124/5 (Suzie Bates 57, Sara McGlashan 30) defeated West Indies 90 (Kyshona Knight 31; Sophie Devine 3/9, Frances Mackay 2/13)
- 2014 – Aug/Sept Northern Knights train prior to departure to the Champions League in India.
- 2014 – October Afghanistan train and play in preparation for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.
- 2014 – October Ireland train in preparation for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.
- 2014 - October ANZ International ODI Series– Black Caps v South Africa
21 October 2014
New Zealand Black Caps 230 (L Ronchi 99, TWM Latham 29, DG Brownlie 24, TA Boult 21no; Imran Tahir 2/37, VD Philander 2/38, M Morkel 2/39) lost to South Africa 236/4 (AB de Villiers 89no, JP Duminy 58no, HM Amla 38; T Boult 2/40)
- 24 October
South Africa 282/9 (HM Amla 119, F du Plessis 67, AB de Villiers 37; CJ Anderson 2/30, MJ McClenaghan 2/49, TG Southee 2/50, TA Boult 2/70)
New Zealand Black Caps 210 (LJ Ronchi 79, MJ McClenaghan 34no; VD Philander 2/27, AB de Villiers 2/28, Imran Tahir 2/32, DW Steyn 2/35)
- 2015 – February International ODI Series – White Ferns v England
Game One Result 11 February 2015
New Zealand White Ferns 240/8 (Suzy Bates 106, Rachel Priest 52, Katie Perkins 27no; Heather Knight 4/47) defeated England 173 (Anya Shrubsole 39, Lydia Greenaway 27, Charlotte Edwards 26, Natalie Sciver 23; Erin Bermingham 2/20, Sophie Devine 2/30)
- Game Two Result 13 February 2015
England 194 (Charlotte Edwards 65, Sarah Taylor 45; Anna Petersen 4/25, Erin Bermingham 2/23, Morna Nielsen 2/33) defeated New Zealand White Ferns 104 (Anna Petersen 21, Kate Broadmore 20; Anya Shrubsole 4/36, Katherine Hazell 2/11, Danielle Hazell 2/14)
- Game Three Result 15 February 2015
England 217/9 (Heather Knight 79, Charlotte Edwards 40, Laura Winfield 29; Erin Bermingham 3/35, Amy Satterthwaite 3/37) lost to New Zealand White Ferns 219/1 (Rachel Priest 96no, Amy Satterthwaite 76no, Suzy Bates 43)

January 2016

ANZ Series @ Bay Oval Mount Maunganui

5th ODI – Tuesday 5th January 2016

New Zealand 294/5 (Martin Guptill 102, Kane Williamson 61, Ross Taylor 61. Luke Ronchi 31no, Mitchell Santner 21no; Nuwan Kulasekara 3/53 defeated Sri Lanka 258 (Angelo Mathews 95no, Dinesh Chandimal 50; Matt Henry 5/40, Trent Boult 3/43)

First T20 – Thursday 7th January 2016

New Zealand 182/4 (Martin Guptill 58, Kane Williamson 53, Colin Munro 36, Ross Taylor 22no) defeated Sri Lanka 179/9 (Danushka Thilalaka 46, Milinda Siriwardana 42; Trent Boult 3/21, Matt Henry 3/43)

February 2016

Rosebowl Series @ Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui

Game One 21 February 2016

New Zealand White Ferns 202/9 (Amy Satterwaite 72, Suzie Bates 42, Katie Martin 22; Grace Harris 3/32, Jess Jonassen 3/32) defeated Australia Women 193 (Beth Mooney 53, Ellyse Perry 51; Lea Tahuhu 3/34, Erin Bermingham 3/38)

Game Two 22 February 2016

New Zealand White Ferns 206/9 (Sophie Devine 67, Suzie Bates 61, Katey Martin 39; Jess Jonassen 5/50, Megan Schutt 2/25) lost to Australia Women 210/2 (Meg Lanning 114no, Ellyse Perry 64no)

Game Three 24 February 2016

New Zealand White Ferns 243/5 (Suzie Bates 110, Sara McGlashen 46, Amy Satterwaite 44) lost to Australia Women 244/4 (Meg Lanning 127, Alex Blackwell 50no, Ellyse Perry 35; Leigh Kasperek 2/37)

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

A Bay of Plenty Cricket health check on the Tauranga Cricket Association (TCA) in 2007, became the catalyst for the formation of the Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association, three years later. The comprehensive health check was undertaken by (then) BOPCA Community Cricket Manager Mark Webb.

The health check identified two key areas, which needed to be addressed to progress and grow the game in the Western Bay of Plenty region. While the TCA was found to be in a strong financial position, the report identified weaknesses in the TCA administration and links with Tauranga junior cricket.

The administration structure did not have policies and procedures, job descriptions or clearly defined roles or basic reporting systems and board meetings were held on an as required basis. While Tauranga Junior Cricket was constitutionally affiliated to the TCA, the Junior Cricket Board had no links to the TCA.

Discussions took place in the summer of 2008, between the two bodies, about forming a Tauranga Cricket Management Board. Resulting from the discussions, were four Strategic Goals to bring the two Tauranga cricket bodies together.

Proposed Tauranga Cricket Management Board

- 1) To develop playing facilities for current and future growth.
- 2) To develop strong and transparent pathways enabling players, umpires and coaches to move from club/junior cricket to transition to and succeed in senior club and representative cricket.
- 3) To create long term financial plans to sustain cricket in the region.
- 4) To work towards employing a part-time administrator for the Tauranga Cricket Association.

Around the same time the Te Puke/Mount Maunganui Cricket Association and their junior cricket affiliate were looking towards the future. A working party was put together to progress the concept of a Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association. The working party consisted of Kelvin Jones (Te Puke/Mount Maunganui Cricket Association) Barry Leabourn (TCA) and Richard Dey (Tauranga Junior Cricket).

The proposed Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association would effectively replace the Tauranga Cricket Association and the Te Puke/ Mount Maunganui Cricket Association. To accommodate BOPCA Attrill Cup Sub-Association representative cricket, the proposed constitution included two representative regions.

Representative teams

The Association shall have two representative regions being North (bounded by Katikati, the Tauranga Harbour Bridge and State Highway two) and South (Bounded by Paengaroa/Pongakawa, the Tauranga Harbour Bridge and State Highway two) for both senior and junior representative cricket.

The Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association came into being on the 10th May 2010, when delegates from the two BOPCA Sub-Associations voted to establish the new entity.

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Notice of General (Formation) Meeting

DATE: Monday 10 May 2010

VENUE: Mount Maunganui Cricket Club

TIME: 7PM

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the WBOPCA Constitution
- 2) Appointment of the WBOPCA Board of Management

One of the first duties of the new WBOPCA Board of Management in 2010 was to appoint an Association Administrator. Don Warner was appointed to the position in July 2010 and continues to this day (October 2016).

“Six years down the track from my appointment, the Western Bay of Plenty Cricket Association has grown the game and is continuing to ensure that cricket players at all levels and all age groups, including female players, are receiving every opportunity to learn the game”.

“Multiple highlights for me, have been the establishment of the cricket awareness program for year one to four school pupils, that now leads on to the NZ Cricket Superstars Cricket Academy program. We have also taken ownership of the Western Bay of Plenty Secondary School competition. This has led onto a quick-fire WBOPCA Colts competition, where primary and junior and senior secondary players play under the banner of Otumoetai Cadets, Mount Maunganui, Greerton and Te Puke, during October of each year”.

“Western Bay of Plenty Cricket runs an age-group representative program, with a record 16 teams playing in the annual Riverbend tournament in Hawkes Bay in January 2016. In addition, we have an annual representative competition with our Rotorua CA counterparts”, “As we enter the start of the 2016/17 season, the WBOPCA has 12 Reserve Grade and 6 B Grade teams that play competitive senior cricket”.

TAURANGA & MOUNT MAUNGANUI INTERNATIONAL AND MAJOR ASSOCIATION MATCHES

Tauranga Domain Matches

Tauranga Domain Inner Ground Matches

NZ Cricket First Class Matches

29 December 1965 ND v Central Districts

NZ Cricket Major Association One-Day Matches

29 December 1988 ND v Otago

29 December 1989 ND v Central Districts

31 December 1989 ND v Wellington

31 December 1990 ND v Canterbury

Other Matches

14 February 1961. MCC v Bay of Plenty/Thames Valley

18 December 1967. Fiji v Bay of Plenty

Tauranga Domain Outer Ground

NZ Cricket First Class Matches

3 January 1979 ND v Canterbury

26 January 1980 ND v Auckland

17 January 1982 ND v Central Districts

1 January 1983 ND v Otago

27 December 1983 ND v Wellington

25 January 1986 ND v Auckland

NZ Cricket One -Day Matches

4 January 1983. ND v Otago

26 December 1983 ND v Wellington

4 January 1985 ND v Canterbury

27 December 1985 ND v Wellington

Other Matches

9 November 1978 World Series Cricket - WSC World XI v WSC Australia

Tauranga Domain Centuries

127 JG Gibson (First Class) ND v Canterbury 1978/79 - Outer Ground

117 JM Parker (First Class) ND v CD 1981/82 - Outer Ground

102no JM Parker (First Class) ND v CD 1981/82 - Outer Ground

101 David White (First Class) ND v CD 1989/90 - Inner Ground

Blake Park Matches

NZ Cricket Major Association One-Day Matches

28 December 1987 Northern Districts v Central Districts

30 December 1987 ND v Wellington

2 January 1989	ND v Canterbury
29 December 1990	ND v Otago
27 December 1991	ND v Wellington
29 December 1991	ND v Wellington
11 January 1993	ND v Canterbury
31 December 1993	ND v Auckland
6 January 1994	ND v Otago
1 January 1995	ND v Otago
3 January 1995	ND v central Districts
1 January 1996	ND v Canterbury
3 January 1996	ND v Central Districts
1 January 1997	ND v Auckland
3 January 1997	ND v Otago
1 January 1998	ND v Wellington
3 January 1998	ND v Canterbury
30 December 1998	ND v Canterbury
3 January 1999	ND v Auckland
28 December 1999	ND v Central Districts
30 December 1999	ND v Canterbury
29 December 2000	ND v Wellington
31 December 2000.	ND v Otago
3 January 2002	ND v Central Districts

ICC International A Matches

9 December 1998	Pakistan A v New Zealand A
10 December 1998	Pakistan A v New Zealand A

NZ Cricket Major Association Women's Matches

15 January 2005	ND Women v Central Districts
16 January 2006	ND Women v Central Districts
2 January 2011	ND Women v Central Districts

Blake Park Centuries

101no	BA Young (One Day) ND v Central Districts 1995/96
113no	MH Richardson (One-Day) Otago v ND 1996/97
104no	MD Bell (One-Day) Wellington v ND 1997/98
114	MJ Horne (One-Day) New Zealand A v Pakistan A 1998/99

Five Wickets in an Innings

5/39	CM Brown (One-Day) Auckland v ND 1996/97
7/28	AJ Penn (One-Day) Wellington v ND 2000/01
5/43	CS Martin (One-Day) Canterbury v ND

Bay Oval Matches

ICC International One -Day Matches

28 January 2014	Canada v Netherlands (WCQ14 - playoff for 7th/8th place)
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21 October 2014	New Zealand v South Africa
24 October 2014	New Zealand v South Africa
5 January 2016	New Zealand v Sri Lanka

ICC International Twenty-20 Matches

7 January 2016	New Zealand v Sri Lanka
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ICC CWCQ 2014

10 January 2014	Uganda v UAE (warm-up)
11 January 2014	Netherlands v UAE (warm-up)
13 January 2014	Netherlands v Uganda
17 January 2014	Kenya v Namibia
21 January 2014	Namibia v Uganda
26 January 2014	Nepal v Netherlands

NZ Cricket First Class Matches

1-4 April 2016.	ND v Canterbury
23-26 October 2016	ND v Auckland

NZ Cricket One-Day Matches

4 December 2011	ND v Canterbury
7 December 2011	ND x Auckland
10 March 2013	ND v Canterbury
13 March 2013	ND v Otago
5 April 2014	ND v Wellington (Ford Trophy Final)
1 January 2015	ND v Wellington
4 January 2015	ND v Otago
21 January 2015	ND v Auckland
20 January 2016	ND v Canterbury

NZ Cricket Twenty-20 Matches

20 February 2009	ND v Otago
22 February 2009	ND v Wellington
2 January 2010	ND v Auckland
3 January 2010	ND v Otago
15 January 2010	ND v Wellington
19 December 2010	ND v Otago
27 December 2010	ND v Auckland
31 December 2011	ND v Canterbury
4 January 2012	ND v Wellington
5 January 2012	ND v Central Districts
8 January 2012	ND v Auckland
1 January 2013	ND v Wellington
6 January 2013	ND v Auckland
2 January 2014	ND v Canterbury
4 January 2014	ND v Wellington
6 December 2015	ND v Otago

Women's International One-Day Matches

8 March 2014	New Zealand Women v West Indies Women
11 February 2015	New Zealand Women v England Women
13 February 2015	New Zealand Women v England Women
15 February 2015	New Zealand Women v England Women
20 February 2016	New Zealand Women v Australia Women
22 February 2016	New Zealand Women v Australia Women
24 February 2016	New Zealand Women v Australia Women

Other Matches Played at the Bay Oval

NZ Cricket Women's Domestic League

8 December 2007	ND v Canterbury
9 December 2007	ND v Canterbury
4 January 2008	ND v Otago
5 January 2008	ND v Otago
6 December 2008	ND v Wellington
7 December 2008	ND v Wellington
20 December 2008	ND v Central Districts
21 December 2008	ND v Central Districts
3 December 2011	ND v Central Districts
1 December 2012	ND v Wellington
2 December 2012	ND v Wellington

NZ Cricket Women's Twenty 20

7 December 2007	ND v Canterbury
3 January 2008	ND v Otago
5 December 2008	ND v Wellington
19 December 2008	ND v Central Districts
30 November 2012	ND. Wellington

2 October 2014	Afghanistan v Auckland
4 October 2014	Afghanistan v Auckland
6 October 2014	Northern Districts v Auckland
7 October 2014	Afghanistan v Northern Districts
9 October 2014	Afghanistan v Northern Districts

7 February 2015	England Women v Northern Districts
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Bay Oval Two Matches

ICC CWCQ 2014

10 January 2014	Canada v Netherlands (warm-up)
11 January 2014	Canada v Uganda (warm-up)
15 January 2014	Namibia v Netherlands
19 January 2014	Kenya v Uganda
23 January 2014	Namibia v Papua New Guinea
26 January 2014	Canada v Uganda

28 January 2014

Nepal v Uganda

9 March 2014

New Zealand Women v West Indies

Bay Oval Centuries

171no RJ Nicol (NZ Cricket One-Day) Canterbury v Northern Districts 2012/13

135 DR Flynn (NZ Cricket One-Day) ND v Otago 2012/13

119 HM Amla (International) South Africa v New Zealand 2014/15

102 MJ Guptil (International) New Zealand v Sri Lanka 2015/16

127 MM Lanning (Women's International) Australia v New Zealand 2015/16

114no MM Lanning (Women's International) Australia v New Zealand 2015/16

110 SW Bates (Women's International) New Zealand v Australia 2015/16

106 SW Bates (Women's International) New Zealand v Australia 2015/16

Five Wicket Bags

5/40 MJ Henry (International) New Zealand v Sri Lanka 2015/16

Bay Oval Two Centuries

112no L Siaka (CWCQ) Papua New Guinea v Namibia 2013/14

WBOPCA CENTURIES AND SIX WICKET BAGS 2009/10 – 2015/16

2015/16

Centuries

- 151 Raymond Howe (B Grade – Cadets v Greerton) 23 January
- 147 Lance Staiger (B Grade – Greerton v Cadets) 23 January
- 131no Peter Drysdale (Mount Maunganui v TBC) 9 January
- 128no Mayura Randiuiie (Reserve – Cadets v Katikati) 7 November
- 128no Jason Spice (B Grade – Cadets v Grasshoppers) 7 November
- 128no Tom MacRury (Greerton v Cadets) 19 December
- 125 Joe Carter (Cadets v Tauranga Boys College) 10 October
- 122 Tai Bridgman-Raison (Te Puke)
- 121 Colin Chase (Reserve – Katikati v Aquinas College) 31 October
- 120no Ben Christensen (Cadets v Tauranga Boys College) 10 October
- 116 Mikaere Leef (Reserve – TBC v Aquinas) 17 October
- 114 Sam Singh (Reserve – Greerton v Aquinas College) 7 November
- 108no Peter Drysdale (Mount Maunganui v Bay of Plenty Indians)
- 106 Richie Earl (Reserve – Greerton v Te Puke) 10 October
- 106 James Beale (B Grade – Mount Maunganui v Albion) 27 February
- 105 Jared Tutty (Reserve – TBC v Whakatane United) 12 March
- 104 Brett Hampton (Greerton v Mount Maunganui) 17 October
- 104 Morgan Bidois (Reserve – Cadets v Sangha XI) 17 October
- 104 Donovan Deeble (T20 Cadets v Greerton) 14 November
- 101no Chris Norton (Reserve – Cadets v Aquinas College) 10 October
- 101no Morton Freer (Cadets v Central)

Six Wickets (or better)

- 7/39 Aaron Meek (B Grade – Mount Maunganui v Wanderers) 5 March
- 6/5 Gurwinder Singh (Reserve – Sikh Sports v Katikati) 16 January
- 6/12 Supreet Singh (Reserve – Te Puke v Aquinas College) 5 December
- 6/15 Ivan Foord (B Grade – Wanderers v Cadets) 27 February
- 6/18 Dan Spencer (Greerton v Tauranga Boys College) 5 December
- 6/20 Kinnon Nelson (Reserve – TBC v Mount Maunganui) 30 January
- 6/20 Matt Morrison (B Grade – Albion v Greerton) 13 February
- 6/24 Dan Spencer (Greerton v Mount Maunganui) 17 October
- 6/28 Christian MacDonald (Te Puke v Mount Maunganui) 19 March
- 6/31 Mark Page (B Grade – Cadets v Singh XI) 17 October
- 6/34 Dion McCall (Reserve – Greerton v Mount Maunganui) 17 October
- 6/28 Murray Jarvis (Reserve – Greerton v Geyser City) 5 March
- 6/47 Morgan Bidois (Reserve – Cadets v Sangha XI) 17 October
- 6/55 Brody Gilroy (Te Puke v Tauranga Boys College) 27 February

2014/15

Centuries

- 171 Tom MacRury (Greerton v BOP Indians) 8 November
- 138 Tim Clarke (Mount Maunganui v Whakatane United) 8 November
- 137 Vishal Mani (B Grade – Greerton v Albion) 17 January

132no Sam Tallott (Te Puke v TBC) 6 December
 130 Andrew Carter (B Grade – Cadets v Hoppers) 14 February
 129 Ryan King (Reserve – Cadets v Katikati) 22 November
 125 Tim Clarke (Mount Maunganui v BOP Indians) 24 January
 122 Anthony Plant (B Grade – Albion v Greerton) 31 January
 121 GS Gagan (Reserve - R&A Sangha v Sikh Sports Club) 11 Oct
 120 Andy Balfour (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Cadets) 7 February
 118 Sunny Gaur (Reserve – Sikh Sports v Mount Maunganui) 14 February
 116no Joe Carter (Cadets v Tauranga Boys College) 17 January
 116 Hayden Byrnes (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 14 March
 112no Hayden Byrnes (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Katikati) 8 November
 112no Gary Rudolph (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Albion) 14 March
 109 Joel Thompson (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v TBC) 18 October
 111no Peter Drysdale (Mount Maunganui v Greerton) 7 February
 109 Matt Warren (Reserve – Katikati v R&A Sangha) 31 January
 108no Ben Christensen (Cadets v BOP Indians) 6 December
 108 Toby Russell (B Grade – Cadets v Hoppers) 6 December
 108 Vaughan Wilson (Reserve – Te Puke v Katikati) 18 Oct – no result
 107no Charles Williams (T20 - Greerton v Mount Maunganui) 28 February
 107 Gurman Singh (Reserve – Sikh Sports v Mount Maunganui) 14 Feb
 106no Andy Balfour (B Grade – Hoppers v Mount Maunganui) 1 Nov
 106no Sean Davey (T20 - Cadets v BOP Indians) 28 February
 106no Grant Manners (Reserve – Cadets v Sikh Sports) 14 March
 102no CM Lovepreet (B Grade - Greerton v Albion) 31 January
 102 Mike Corbett (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 29 Nov
 101no James Beale (B Grade – Mount Maunganui v Katikati) 14 Feb
 101no Tom Pamment (B Grade – Cadets v Hoppers) 14 February
 100no Stephen Crossan (T20 – Te Puke v Whakatane United) 1 Nov
 100 Tai Bridgman-Raison (Te Puke v BOP Indians) 22 November
 100 Tom MacRury (Greerton v Tauranga Boys College) 29 Nov
 100 Gary Rudolf (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Cadets) 7 February
 100 Joel Thomson (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 14 March

Six Wicket bags

7/23 Dan Spencer (Greerton v Whakatane United) 22 November
 6/11 Blake Gilroy (B Grade – Katikati v Wanderers) 10 January
 6/20 Donovan Deeble (Cadets v Central) 21 March
 6/23 Steve Charman (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Katikati) 13 December
 6/27 Harris Aslam (Greerton v Tauranga Boys College) 14 February
 6/35 Nick Smith (Mount Maunganui v Cadets) 28 March

Hat Tricks

4/22 Josh Christensen (Reserve – Cadets v Te Puke) 11 October

2013/14

Centuries

196 Cameron Neal (Greerton v TBC) 18 January
 169 Tom MacRury (Greerton v BOP Indians) 8 March

146no Mark Orchard (TBC v East Bay United) 5 October
 140no Matt Earl (Reserve – Katikati v Te Puke) 14 December
 136no Matt Earl (Reserve – Katikati v Greerton) 22 March
 125 Grant Manners (Reserve – Cadets v Mount Maunganui) 1 February
 119no Tai Bridgman-Raison (Te Puke v Cadets) 22 March
 119 Mike English (Reserve – Greerton v Te Puke) 23 November
 114no Nick Smith (Premier T20 - Mount Maunganui v EBU) 7 December
 114 Ben Christensen (Cadets v Greerton) 16 November
 111 Tim Clarke (Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 19 October
 110 Tom MacRury (Greerton v EBU) – 19 October
 109no Mike English (Greerton v EBU) – 19 October
 108no Mark Orchard (TBC v Central) 8 March
 108 Tai Bridgman-Raison (Te Puke v EBU) 18 January
 108 James Beale (B Grade – Mount Masters v Katikati) 1 March
 107no Brett Hampton (Greerton v BOP Indians) 2 November
 107 Peter Drysdale (Mount Maunganui v Te Puke)
 106no Ben Guild (Mount Maunganui v BOP Indians) 22 February
 105 Ben Musgrave (Premier T20 - TBC v Cadets) 23 November
 104no Cam Neal (Premier T20 – Greerton v EBU) 23 November
 104no Matt Earl (Reserve – Katikati v Tauranga Boys College) 1 February
 104 Dion Bartosh (B Grade – Wanderers v Katikati) 18 January
 103 Nick Earl (Cadets v Whakatane United) 8 March
 100no Brett Hampton (Greerton v EBU) – 19 October
 101 Mitch McCann (Te Puke v BOP Indians) – 12 October
 101 Andy Balfour (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Katikati) 1 March

Six Wicket bags (or better)

7/38 Amit Dhiman (Reserve – Cadets v Mount Maunganui) 14 December
 7/44 Jimmy Davis (Reserve – Mount Maunganui v Katikati) 30 November
 6/7 Jamie Payton (B Grade – Katikati v Greerton) 8 March
 6/11 Dale Swan (Mount Maunganui v BOP Indians) 5 October
 6/14 Lyndon Balmer (B Grade – Wanderers v Cadets) 22 March
 6/20 Aditya Saha (Reserve – Sangha Raavi v Te Puke) 1 February
 6/24 Mike Brown (Reserve – Greerton v Te Puke) 23 November
 6/32 Jamie Payton (Reserve – Katikati v Greerton) 15 February
 6/42 Tony Goodin (Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 19 October
 6/48 Ben Williams (Te Puke v TBC) 16 November
 6/53 James Birchall (Cadets v BOP Indians)

Hat Tricks

Bobby Barnes 3/44 (B Grade – Cadets v Greerton) 1 February

2012/13

Centuries

213no Khan Greig (Reserve – Mount thirds v Greerton) 10 November
 177no Pete Drysdale (Premier – Mount Maunganui v EBU) 6 October
 162 Vikas Tiwari (Reserve – R&A Sangha v Te Puke) 8 December
 148 Brett Hampton (Premier – Greerton v BOP Indians) 10 November

- 144 Tim de Kok (Reserve – Te Puke v Cadets) 19 January
 143no Jeremy Bates (Premier – Te Puke v BOP Indians) 26 January
 140 Tim Clarke (Premier – Mount Maunganui v Central) 10 November
 136 Gene Darvill (B Grade – Katikati v Albion) 2 February
 133 Paul Inglis (B Grade – Greerton v Grasshoppers) 2 February
 132no Tom MacRury (Premier – TBC v BOP Indians) 2 February
 131no Joe Carter (Premier – Cadets v Te Puke) 10 November
 128 Joel Thompson (Reserve – Mount seconds v Mount thirds) 3 November
 125 Brett Hampton (Premier – Greerton v Mount Maunganui) 12 January
 124 Mitch McCann (Premier – Te Puke v Greerton) 19 January
 116 Ben Christensen (Premier – Cadets v Mount) 23 February
 115no Ben Lind (B Grade – Greerton v Wanderers) 26 January
 115no Ben Musgrave (BOP Development v Hamilton) 10 February
 114no Peter Drysdale (Premier – Mount Maunganui v BOP Indians) 19 January
 113 Tim Clarke (Premier – Mount Maunganui v Te Puke) 16 March
 113 Sunil Gaur (Friendly Reserve Game – Sangha v Mount seconds) 1 December
 110 Tom Pamment (B Grade – Cadets v Grasshoppers) 1 December
 107no Mark Orchard (Premier – Tauranga Boys College v Cadets) 10 November
 107no Tai Bridgeman-Raison (Premier – Te Puke v BOP Indians) 26 January
 107 Ben Christensen (Premier – Cadets v Tauranga Boys College) 12 January
 104 Ray Body (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Albion) 27 October
 103no Brett Hampton (Premier – Greerton v Cadets)
 103 Alex Gooding (Premier – Mount Maunganui v Cadets) 15 December
 102no Ben Goodall (B Grade – Grasshoppers v Mount Maunganui) 16 February
 102 Tom Pamment (B Grade – Cadets v Greerton) 24 November

Six Wicket bags

- 8/37 Trent Boulton (Premier – Cadets v Greerton) 2 February
 6/1 Mathew Earl (Premier T20 – Greerton v TBC) 16 February
 6/4 Sean Gibson (Premier – Te Puke v BOP Indians) November 24
 6/16 Dale Swan (Premier – Mount Maunganui v BOP Indians) December 1
 6/20 Jass Khaira (B Grade – Malwa v Cadets) 8 December
 6/22 Campbell Wilson (Premier – Cadets v East Bay United) 26 January
 6/22 Christoff Heyns (B Grade – Wanderers v Albion)
 6/27 Isaac Newitt (Reserve – Te Puke v Katikati) November 3
 6/32 Matt Demler (Reserve – Greerton v R&A Sangha) 9 February
 6/42 Charanjil Singh (B Grade – Sangha CC v Mount thirds) October 27

2011/12

Centuries

- 212no Colin Chase (B – Katikati v Greerton) 10 December 2011
 161 Mathew Earl (Reserve – Katikati v Mount Green) 26 November
 156 Gus Brooks (B -Papamoa v Greerton) 5 November
 140no Peter Drysdale (Prem – Mount v BOP Indians) 12 November
 138 Vaughan Wilson (B – Otumoetai College v Greerton) 21 January
 128 Ben Christensen (Prem – Cadets v Central) 19 November
 114 Paul Dunn (B – Mount v Greerton) 12 November
 113no Tim Clarke (Prem – Mount v BOP Indians) 4 February

113no Matt Harrison (B – Katikati v Wanderers) 11 February
 111no Rob Ferrari (B Grade – Papamoa v Greerton) 5 November
 111 Hayden Byrnes (Reserve – Mount Green v Te P Pickers) 5 Nov
 110no Shane Wineti (Prem – Greerton v Central) 14 January
 107 Dion Bartosh (B – Wanderers v Grasshoppers) 17 December
 106no Mathew Earl (Reserve – Katikati v Cadets) 22 October
 101 Paul Newlands (Reserve – Greerton Hornets v Te Puke) 26 November
 100 Matt Harrison (B – Katikati v Greerton) 10 December

Six Wicket Bags

7/10 Kingsley Smith (Reserve – Mount Gold v Te Puke) 21 January
 7/17 Hayden Goodall (B – Papamoa v Mount Maunganui) 21 January
 7/18 Zac Newton (B – Papamoa v Malwa) 17 December
 7/45 Chris Uden (B – Papamoa v Greerton) 28 January
 7/35 Tony Goodin (Prem – Mount v Central)
 6/13 Steve Charman (Reserve – Mount Green v Mount Gold) 3 December
 6/15 Bawan Mangat (B – Malwa v Greerton) 3 December
 6/15 Wayne Anderson (B – Grasshoppers v Wanderers) 4 February
 6/18 Chris Atkinson (Reserve – Mount Gold v Mount Green) 3 December
 6/19 Steve Charman (Reserve – Mount Green v Sangha CC) 5 November
 6/20 Tom Clout (Prem - TBC v EBU) 15 October
 6/48 Andrew Balfour (B - Grasshoppers v Malwa) 29 October
 6/55 Josh Dwight (Prem – TBC v Cadets)

Hat Tricks

Chris Uden (B - Papamoa v Katikati) 26 November
 Sebastian Braat (Premier – Greerton v Rotorua BHS) 3 December
 Bawan Mangat (B - Malwa v Greerton) 3 December
 Hayden Goodall (B – Papamoa v Mount Maunganui) 21 January

2010/11

Centuries

172no Matt Harrison (B – Katikati v Albion) 27 November
 136no Mark Divehall (P – Mount v TBC) 13 November
 136 Mark Divehall (P – Mount v BOP Indians) 12 February
 128no Tai Bridgeman-Raison (P – Te Puke v BOP Indians)
 119 Brett Hampton (P – Greerton v Eastern Pirates) 4 December
 114 Laxman Popli (P – Te Puke v EBU) 23 October
 113 Brett Hampton (P – Greerton v EBU) 8 January
 109 Viper Kumar (B – Sangha CC v Katikati) 15 January
 108no Ryan Wilson (R – Te Puke Knights v Mount Gold) 16 October
 108 Matt Warren (R – Katikati v Te Puke Pickers) 20 November
 107no Scott Steward (P – Cadets v TBC) 5 February
 105 Mark Orchard (P - TBC v Central) 8 January
 104no Jeremy Johns (B – Grasshoppers v Greerton)
 104 Aaron Williams (B – Mount v Katikati) 4 December
 102 Russell Williams (R – Te Puke Knights v Mount Green) 23 October
 102 Tai Bridgeman-Raison (P – Te Puke v EBU) 19 March

100 Tim Clarke (P – Te Puke v EBU) 19 March

Six Wicket Bags

8/28 Ramandeep Kahlon (R - Te Puke Pickers v Whakatane United) 30 Oct
7/2 Matt Oosterhout (R – Greerton v Whakatane United) 16 October
7/16 Murray Jarvis (P – Greerton v BOP Indians) 26 February
7/41 Campbell Wilson (P – Cadets v EP) 12 February
6/19 Chris Atkinson (P – Mount Maunganui v Cadets) 16 October
6/23 Josh Dwight (P – TBC v Central) 8 January
6/24 Brett Hampton (P – Greerton v EBU) 16 October
6/26 Tony Goodin (P – Mount Maunganui v RBHS) 5 February
6/36 Te Ahu Davis (P – Greerton v Rot Indians) 20 November
6/37 Vernon Kohi (R – Papamoa v Te Puke Knights) 5 February

Hat Tricks

7/2 Matt Oosterhout (R – Greerton v Whakatane United) 16 October
7/16 Murray Jarvis (P – Greerton v BOP Indians) 26 Feb
4/5 Tom Morrison (B – Mount v CC Elves) 13 Nov
3/28 Simon Turnbull (R – Katikati v Greerton) 13 Nov
3/7 Mitch Bodner (R – TBC v Whakatane United) 27 Nov
3/42 Ian Dalton (B – Grasshoppers v Wanderers) 4 Dec