

# TWO BLUE TRIBUNE



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## Merchandise announcement!

As part of new sponsorship deals with both the Women's and Junior programs, Newtown and Chilwell have teamed up with LocoSports for their new merchandise.

All men's playing items will still be with Puma and those items will be available through PlayHQ merchandise store as we continue to recognise the sponsors from the previous season.

LocoSports have their website open between the 1st-10th of September (closes at 5pm) for purchasing of new items. These will be dispatched between the 2nd-5th of October. The items will then be unable to be purchased until the next opening window.

This window will then re open on 1st-10th of October.

A new item for this season is a whole club training/warm up tee! This is available to be purchased by everyone!

LocoSports have also put together some new off-field items, including new hoodies, t-shirts and training shorts.

We look forward to seeing everyone kitted out in the new merchandise for season 24/25.

Links to both of these sites can be found below:

LocoSportswear Merchandise:  
<https://shop.locosportswear.com.au/collections/newtown-chilwell-cc>

PlayHQ Merchandise:

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/newtown-and-chilwell-cricket-club/7ef994a3/shop?filter=MERCHANDISE>



## N&CCC Yearbook 2024

<https://two-blues.com.au/lib/x8pfdp/Yearbook2324-1-lv7fvywh.pdf>

# What do they of cricket know who only cricket know?

by Warwick Hadfield OAM

Recently, former Australian fast bowler Geoff Lawson was asked to name his best sports writers.

He selected Gideon Haigh, Malcolm Knox and Greg Baum, and apologised to those he had missed.

At the Dunkeld Writers Festival in August, that apology was accepted by the chair of a panel featuring former Channel 10 presenter, Adam McNicol, Professor Barry Judd from the University of Melbourne and John Harms, the great woolly-haired exponent of fan-writing in Australia.

Sufficiently assuaged, the panel then set off on its own learned discussion about great writers on sport.

For Barry Judd, it was C.L.R. James: "What do they of cricket know who only cricket know?"

Born in Trinidad and Tobago, James was in no particular order, a journalist, playwright, historian and Marxist and cricket formed only a part of his canon - but it did not lack import for that.

John Arlott said of James' *Beyond the Boundary* it is "so outstanding as to compel any reviewer to check his adjectives several times before he describes it and, since he is likely to be dealing in superlatives, to measure them carefully to avoid over-praise – which this book does not need ... in the opinion of the reviewer, it is the finest book written about the game of cricket".

The youngest member of the panel, Manangatang's favourite son, Adam McNicol plumped

for a more modern generation, G. Haigh among them.

John Harms, not surprisingly, named Nick Hornby, the man who turned fan-writing into both an artform and a rich vein of revenue, but also added Gideon Haigh, not just for his often-fearless writing, but his impeccable research.

There are many examples of that irrepressible deep diving in the Haigh magnum opus: "Stroke of Genius – Victor Trumper and the shot that changed cricket."

Gideon Haigh re-discovered for a larger audience the link between Silver Billy Beldham, one of the first "great" cricketers from the days of the giants of Hambledon, and the tyres - manufactured by the Beldam Tyre Company - on the armoured Rolls Royce in which Lawrence of Arabia raced through the desert fighting the Germans in World War I.

Stroke of Genius ought to be compulsory in schools for as well as being a ripping rendition of the short but feted life of the greatest batsman of his and a few other eras, it meets the high bar dictated by C.L.R. James; reaching well beyond cricket, much deeper even than Cardus' attempt at placing Trumper and Bradman within ever-changing societies: Trumper is the bird in flight and Bradman the aeroplane.

It is not Arlottian overpraise to say that Gideon Haigh, this scion of Geelong, now holds a place among Australian cricket writers such that he can be mentioned not just alongside Australia's Ray "Robbie" Robinson, but Cardus and Arlott.

This is rare air – but as Steve Cannane, also mentioned in despatches in Dunkeld for his book on backyard cricket Tests – said on ABC Radio National Breakfast: "Why not? He deserves it."

Haigh was not the only Geelong reference in Dunkeld. A casual mention of Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club by the panel's chair (if you guessed it centred around two hat-tricks in the one afternoon, CORRECT!) brought a flurry of excitement.

Peter Whitehead, who looked like he would have held his place in the ruck manfully, had played on Queens Park, for Ammos, and had come to Dunkeld to listen to some of Australia's finest minds on a range of deeply satisfying subjects, including the paintings of Eugene von Guerard. Who says all footballers are muddied oats?

That was Mike Coward, another inestimable cricket writer to whom Henry Lawson owes an apology. Mike graced the pages of *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* as both a footballer and cricketer writer but lost his love of Australian rules football because of what called the suburban mentality. That was before the arrival of even the Sydney Swans, let alone, the Eagles, Freo, Port Adelaide etc, but his turning to cricket was and is a welcome one.

He was among the first to acknowledge the efforts of the former South African cricket captain Ali Bacher to fight apartheid when doing so was a criminal offence in South Africa.

Among the tours he did, in 1984, Mike was one of two writers covering a brief tour of India, the Australians led by Kim Hughes and managed by R.F. Merriman, AM.

In between an ill-considered schedule of one-day games and even more ill-considered flights, there were a number of official functions.

One of those was hosted by a woman of immense wealth who was far too willing to show it off.

To get to her mansion, the cricketers had had to pass people on the streets using dung fires to cook their meals - and the ubiquitous beggars.

A group of players found the contrast revolting. They included Greg Ritchie, the owner of a class three licence

that enabled him, in Queensland, to drive a bus.

“Who wants to get out of here and get back to the hotel,” he said?

Crunching gears, he jump-started the bus and avoiding rickshaws and the other flotsam and jetsam of Indian roads, he headed in the general direction of the hotel amid much jollity. But after yet another close shave with the flotsam and jetsam, Geoff Lawson said: “Does everyone know their blood type?”

A suddenly plaintive chorus urged Cat to slow down.

These days, despite his lack of a complete grasp of the masters of Australian sports writing, Geoffrey Francis Lawson holds a special place in his game – an

eminence gris in both NSW cricket as a State selector, and at the University of New South Wales Cricket Club.

Like all fast bowlers never frightened to step on sensitive bunions, he has lambasted a Vice-Chancellor of the University of NSW for not supporting the cricket team and welcomed in loud voice his impending departure.

It was once noted the G.F. in Lawson’s name didn’t always stand for Geoffrey Francis.

NCCC types will be pleased though that Henry’s passion for University cricket might soon include looking out for Tom Patterson. Patterson and Lawson at the same club, now there’s a couple of Australian literary giants not to be overlooked.

## @cricketvictoria has made some important changes to their Cricket Integrity Policies.

Please visit the below link to view these changes.

<https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/child-safe-member-protection/>



**NCCC JUNIOR STARTING DATES**

Training	Season
U11 Mon - 9th September	U11 Fri - 25th October
U13 Wed - 11th September	U13 Fri - 11th October
U15/U17 Thur - 12th September	U13/U15/U17 Sat - 12th October
Girls - 13th September	Girls TBC - (likely 27th October)



**New Cricket Integrity Policies**

The NCCC fully endorses the new Victorian Cricket Integrity Policies and is committed to best practices in Child Safety and Member Protection at our club.

Cricket Victoria has recently made changes to improve its reporting and complaint procedures related to alleged non-match day misconduct between adults, as well as in relation to children and young people.

**Key Points Summary for Clubs/Associations/Centres:**

From 27 August 2024, key changes include:

- Child safe and Serious Criminal Conduct matters will be referred to CV, who will determine which cricket organisation is best to deal with the matter;
- Member Protection matters will be dealt with by the most appropriate organisation closest to the alleged breach; and

Additional resolution pathways are available for all matters, including warnings, breach notices and investigations, in addition to tribunals and mediation.

You can view Cricket Victoria's new policies on the link in our bio

# Dan Lawrence deserves to be given more chances by England but he could do with a dose of Alastair Cook's patience

by Nasser Hussein, former England captain.

Dan Lawrence has been batting in the unfamiliar position of opener this series against Sri Lanka, and people may ask whether he has done his long-term prospects harm in the process.

Well, it's true that you can look so bad that people no longer think you look like a Test match cricketer.

However, those who have picked him this summer have seen him enough over the years to know he is an eye-catching player and scores runs.

So, I do not expect a judgment call to come quite so quickly as in the past. This regime of Rob Key and Brendon McCullum talk about picking players with high ceilings and he's still someone you'd identify as having the potential for big innings.

Just not in that position, against the new Dukes ball nipping around in that corridor outside off-stump, in English conditions. Bowl there and he looks very vulnerable.

So getting three starts – his second innings in the third Test was his third 30-something of the series - plus three single figure contributions is not career threatening.

One observation, though, is that when he has got going this series it has been because the Sri Lankans bowled poorly. They

have been too straight to him at times, and he's clipped deliveries away to the leg-side. When they have bowled well, challenging that fourth, fifth stump line, he has been found wanting. Put simply, he hasn't trusted his defence, so a little bit like Ben Duckett - who is obviously a better player at the top of the order - he has responded by going on the attack.

When Duckett does it, it is a sign of someone backing a strength, but in contrast when Lawrence didn't trust his defence on Sunday, it made him look frenetic, and he added to a repetitive nature of dismissal: running down the pitch, nicking through to the wicketkeeper.

Now, as a player averaging 37 in first-class cricket, he has a choice: either copy the tactic of Sir Alastair Cook, leaving the ball outside off-stump and forcing opponents to come to you - Cook wasn't a prolific extra cover driver, so would wait until the bowlers got bored, then clip the one on his hip for four when they over-corrected - or continue using the default setting of this England side by attacking.

Lawrence has got to work out - whatever position he plays, because even in the middle-order they can still bowl outside off-stump - whether he is going to develop patience, become

better in that area outside off or maintain 'that's the way I play.'

Whether it be with his county Surrey or with the England coaches, he needs to find his answer.

But it goes without saying at the moment that he doesn't look like a Test match opener. Sri Lanka have bowled both sides of the wicket with the new ball, but others won't. Australia and India provide the opposition over the next 18 months and Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammad Shami will be relentless in their targeting of that 'fourth' stump.

Everything considered he will feel vulnerable with selection coming up for the tours to Pakistan and New Zealand. The former later this week.

The one thing in his favour for Pakistan, and the same is true for his county colleague Will Jacks if he is still on England's radar, is that he bowls useful off-spin, maybe getting more bounce, putting more revolutions on the ball and maintaining better seam position at times than young Shoaib Bashir.

Zak Crawley is going to come back in to partner Duckett next month and his bowling might be the only thing in his favour if he is up against Essex's uncapped Jordan Cox for that spare batting berth on tour.

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# NCCC JUNIOR CRICKET

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Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club is seeking junior participants for our girls and boys junior programs for the 2024/25 season.

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# BWCC N&CCC NAVY fixture 2024/25 – B grade

<p><b>Round 1</b> Sunday, October 20, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on KFC Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 2</b> Sunday, October 27, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>at Queenscliff Recreation Reserve</p>	<p><b>Round 3</b> Sunday, November 3, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>at Wallington Recreation Reserve</p>	<p><b>Round 4</b> Sunday, November 10, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on KFC Oval</p>
<p><b>Round 5</b> Sunday, November 17, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on KFC Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 6</b> Sunday, November 24, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>at Lara Reserve no 3</p>	<p><b>Round 7</b> Sunday, December 1, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on KFC Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 8</b> Sunday, December 8, 2024</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>
<p><b>Round 9</b> Sunday, January 12, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 10</b> Sunday, January 12, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 11</b> Sunday, February 2, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 12</b> Sunday, February 9, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>
<p><b>Round 13</b> Sunday, February 16, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 14</b> Sunday, February 23, 2025</p> <p>30/30</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>SEMI FINAL</b> 30/30</p> <p>Sunday, March 2, 2025</p>	<p><b>GRAND FINAL</b> 30/30</p> <p>Sunday, March 9, 2025</p> <p>Reserve Day Monday, March 10, 2025</p>

# BWCC N&CCC CAMBRIDGE fixture 2024/25 – E grade CENTRAL

<p><b>Round 1</b> Sunday, October 20, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on Shaw Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 2</b> Sunday, October 27, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on Carey Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 3</b> Sunday, November 3, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>at King Lloyd Reserve</p>	<p><b>Round 4</b> Sunday, November 10, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on Shaw Oval</p>
<p><b>Round 5</b> Sunday, November 17, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>at Oakdene Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 6</b> Sunday, November 24, 2024</p> <p>bye</p>	<p><b>Round 7</b> Sunday, December 1, 2024</p> <p>T20</p>  VS  <p>on Shaw Oval</p>	<p><b>Round 8</b> Sunday, December 8, 2024</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>
<p><b>Round 9</b> Sunday, January 12, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 10</b> Sunday, January 12, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 11</b> Sunday, February 2, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 12</b> Sunday, February 9, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>
<p><b>Round 13</b> Sunday, February 16, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Round 14</b> Sunday, February 23, 2025</p> <p>T20</p> <p><b>vs TBA</b></p>	<p><b>SEMI FINAL</b> T20</p> <p>Sunday, March 2, 2025</p>	<p><b>GRAND FINAL</b> T20</p> <p>Sunday, March 9, 2025</p> <p>Reserve Day Monday, March 10, 2025</p>



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