

## Chapter 42: 1983. Hall of Fame Introduced

The Club's 'Hall of Fame' was established in the 1983-84 season. The key driver of this initiative was John McKenzie who was supported in his endeavours by Geoff Wilson, Peter Hodder and others who have been mentioned in the Preface.

Below, is the extract from the Club's 1983-84 Annual Report which details how the 'Hall of Fame' came about:

*"This exercise started when a young junior player at one of Dick Russell's talks last season whispered ..... "Does he know anything about batting?" His answer is below! However, perhaps it adds to the tradition of the Club for current players to be able to compare their performances to those who have gone before and for all of us to acknowledge annual milestones.*

*The cut off points for inclusion in the list are of course arbitrary. As this is the first presentation it seemed reasonable to extend it beyond a 'Top 10' because:*

- 1. It will be the only chance for a past player to be listed if he has not reached that extremely select grouping and*
- 2. Current players will have a better idea of how many players stand between them and immortality!*

*The entry standards still remain high and if this acts as a spur for a current and future player to make an extra effort that will only help in increasing the statistic that really counts – Premierships!*

*The task of compilation has been onerous, and errors are expected. No correspondence will be entered into even if your own records in the box in the garage make it clear that you really did take more wickets than Bill Wilson, or at least, made 5 more runs than the official records suggest.*

*These records are now held for all present players, and I hope that career highlights will be a regular feature of the Club's Annual Reports from now on. At least we now have a database to be able to do this if it is considered worthwhile in the future"*

For those seeking recognition for one great season, Dick Russell (822 runs in Season 1947-48) and Wally Coombe (73 wickets in Season 1940-41) have set a fair standard! The initial list with the qualifying criteria is:

<b>Batsmen (3000 Runs)</b>		<b>Bowlers (200 Wickets)</b>		<b>Games (175 Games)</b>	
Dick Russell	10474	Bill Wilson	800	Don Pritchard	329
Don Pritchard	7487	Charlie Carter	782	Dick Russell	257
Steve Durant	6947	Steve Durant	733	Ron Jones	255
Ron Jones	6088	Don Pritchard	562	Bill Wilson	232
Ron Beel	6029	Des Flynn	465	Charlie Carter	230
Ron Webster	5987	Ron Webster	406	Steve Durant	229
Bill Wilson	5893	John Ditcham	353	Reg Stone	218
Reg Stone	5534	Bob Tuttleby	309	Ron Webster	205
Brian Carlton	5112	Clyde Hodgson	303	Des Flynn	193
Dennis Hartney	4833	Ivon Ditcham	282	Bob Durrant	187
Ken Cato	4796	Duncan Pollock	275	Brian Carlton	178
John McKenzie	3946	Vern George	272	Dennis Hartney	177
Bruce Wildsmith	3926	John McKenzie	252	Ken Cato	175
Bob Durrant	3580	Pat English	251		
Kevin Pyers	3431	Mark Luby	245		
Bob Jamieson	3375	Roy Hartney	245		
Max Davies	3365	Jack Sullivan	237		
Clem Cullinan	3114	Paul Gregor	223		
Hugh Lawler	3027	Bill Shea	212		
		Martin Legge	210		
		Geoff Winterton	203		

Fieldsmen (60 Catches)		Keepers (100 Catches and Stumpings)	
Don Pritchard	127	Denis Groom	234
Ron Webster	126	Max Davies	211
Des Flynn	106	Ken Cato	187
John McKenzie	97	Bill Lambert	174
Dick Russell	91	Bill Luby Snr	147
Ron Jones	87	Graeme Pope	137
Steve Durant	85	Leigh Dudman	122
Brian Carlton	80	Ron Brasher	116
Tony Hore	67	Peter Hartney	114
Bob Higgs	66	Hugh Lawler	101
Bruce Wildsmith	60		
John Ditcham	60		