

## 1988 Presidents Message

1988 promises more cricket than has been seen or played in any of the last 130 years in Victoria. From the successful introduction of cricket into two public schools to the twenty-five touring sides expected on our fields this summer, Victoria's cricket community will be busier than ever. Twenty of our visiting sides will be playing in the second biennial Victoria international Six-A-Side Tournament (VISAS) September 3-10. Curiosity about our cricketing corner of the world has lured teams from New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, India, the USA, the Caribbean, and Britain. The league season, as a result, will finish the weekend before Labour Day with post season play after VISAS.

As can be seen from the schedule of visiting teams, regular touring sides will be making the season a full one. The Colts will have two schoolboy sides from Cranleigh (UK) and Napier (NZ) to compare skills. The August 1st weekend offers a brief respite for most teams, as Victoria hosts the B.C. Summer Games for the first time. Beacon Hill Park and Windsor Park will be the venues for the cricketing events. A new composite wicket similar to that at Beacon Hill is in the works for the latter venue.

With an expanded Junior Program flourishing under the capable direction of Mr. A.E. Cordle, and with Victoria's growing reputation as a cricketing destination for touring sides, cricket is regaining the prominence it once had in Victoria. Support and cooperation by both players and non-players alike will assure this and future years' successes.

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