

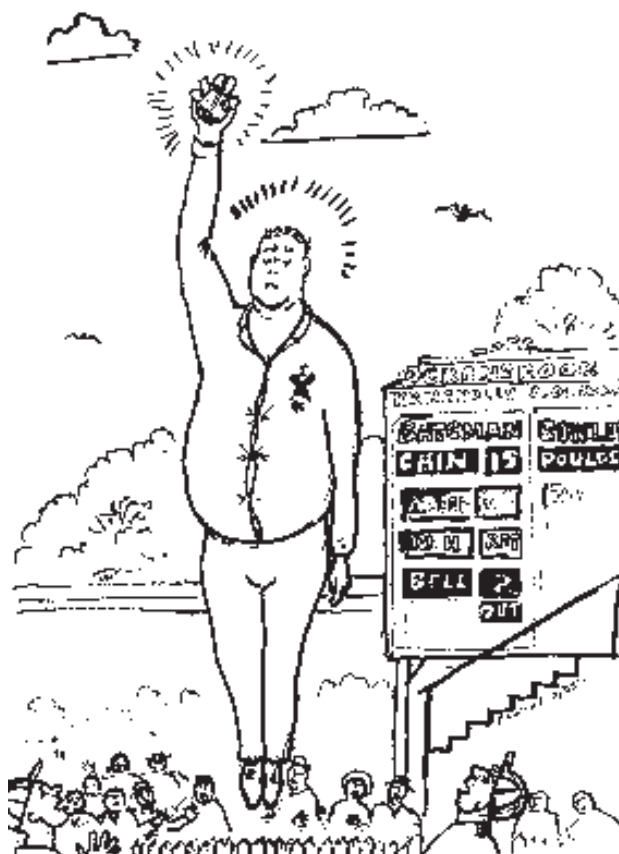
Silks v Juniors cricket match

By Andrew Bell

Thanks to the energy and organising ability of Julian Hammond of the junior Bar, this match was played on what became a hot and sunny Sunday in early February at the Hordern Oval at Cranbrook School. The silks were strengthened by the recent elevation to that status of Durack and the secondment of James Sheller whose inclusion in the silks side brought down the average age significantly.

Batting first, Bilinsky (23) and Scruby (45 not out) powered along impressively until Bilinsky was bowled by the evergreen Hastings. Stowe and Chin advanced the total until, in the highlight of the day, Chin struck Poulos for what looked to be a towering six until Ireland left the ground, Warwick Capper-like, flung out his right paw and intercepted the ball with a nonchalance he usually reserves for his High Court appearances. Poulos, of course, claimed the credit and illustrated the moment for prosperity's sake. Hammond (35 not out) and, at the end, Gyles (24) with a late flourish advanced the total to 185 after 40 overs, Hastings ending with figures of 2 - 21, Sheller with 2 - 19, Poulos with 1 - 28 (off three overs) and Ireland 1 -16.

The silks responded with a total of 140 from their allocated overs with Durack (48 not out) and Morrison (31 not out) the leading scorers. Sheller (13) and Poulos (batting without headwear) (10) also advanced the total. Callaghan, who had dined well the night before, was dismissed for four, caught Lachlan Gyles, bowled William Gyles (aged eight). The younger Gyles had fielded for both sides and demonstrated greater mobility than some of the other players. As Hugh Marshall said in his lilting tone, and with a flash of inspiration and originality, 'cricket was the winner on the day'



Without the gloves...



With the gloves...Ireland QC behind the stumps.