

# ALL CHANGE!

## The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captaincy by Duncan Robinson

The issue of the captaincy of the Augustinians 1<sup>st</sup> XI has been the main talking point at the club in the weeks leading up to the new season.

The reason for this is that last season's captain, Rohan Abbott, has decided to retire from cricket. "I did get a bad injury last season and that has contributed towards my decision," Abbott said.



Abbott's decision has left the way open for Graham Whitehouse to be named as the new 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain, a decision that has pleased Abbott.

He said, "I think it's a great decision and Graham's a great choice because he's played for the club for so long and he knows everyone. He is also very well respected so he's ideal for the job really."

Whitehouse himself has said that he is "very happy" to be given the captaincy and feels the time is right for his appointment. He said, "I've been at Augustinians for 15 years now so I know the club and I feel I'm ready to take on the extra responsibility of being captain."

Whitehouse is under no illusions as to what is expected of him in his new role, describing the job as "difficult" and admitting that he has "no idea" yet as to what changes he is going to implement.

After suffering relegation last season, Whitehouse is intent on leading Augustinians back to the top division and this determination could prove invaluable to the side.

He believes that in order for this to happen, and for Augustinians to be successful in the future, they must keep the core of the side but make a few changes.

He also places a lot of emphasis on bringing the youngsters through into the first team. He stated, "We have got a good team but we've signed a bowler and we're looking to bring in three or four more players. We think it's important to get the youngsters in the team because we've got some great players in the juniors and it's important for them to get experience."

"As captain I know it's my job to help them to keep concentrating all the way through the game because they're not used to playing so many overs."

However, despite the importance of promotion to Whitehouse, he believes that the most important thing is to "have fun". His mix of professionalism and realism is sure to prove fruitful for Augustinians this season.