**Upper Ferntree Gully Cricket**

**1926/27 formation & inaugural season details**

The establishment of these records has come from a large extract document maintained by Steve Flemming (FTGCC Historian and Archivist). It includes records extracted verbatim from two source Newspapers of the day; The Ferntree Gully News (**FTGN** – Published in Belgrave 26/5/1923 - 21/2/1947) and The Age (**AGE** – Published in Melbourne)

**10/4/1926 FTGN** For several years the prospect of forming a cricket club at Upper Ferntree Gully has been discussed, but it was not until last Saturday that an eleven was formed in an endeavour to create cricket history in this particular township.

A. Pitch was hastily formed on Gulliver’s estate, where this first battle was fought and resulted in a victory for the new combination by 36 runs over a team from Ferny Creek. Ex Ferntree Gully cricketer W. Swindon was appointed Captain of the club and other players from this team known to the FTGCC were D. Bear, H. Rickards and H. Parker.

**19/4/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Sunday. — Church of England eight for 79 (Lloyd 23, Dyring 20, Carroll 18, Header, jun., four for 19) defeated Methodist Church 24 (H. Parker 10) and seven for 72 (Atkinson 24, M. Henry six for 33, Swindon three for 5, Rickards four for 16).

**9/9/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY: At a meeting held at Upper Ferntree Gully it was decided to form a cricket club to be called the Upper Gully Cricket Club. Mr. A. Minter was elected President, and Mr. W. Swindon hon. secretary and treasurer. A site for a playing ground has been selected.

**27/9/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Sunday — Upper Ferntree Gully 39 (Swindon 14; Prosser five for 12) were defeated by Minerva 108 (Eddie 24, Prosser 26, Jackson 22, Dowdle 18).

**11/10/1926 AGE** UPPER FERN TREE GULLY, Saturday. - Upper Gully 90 (Rosenbrock 38, Lloyd 24, Fleming 14, Rickards 10; Johnson two for 5, Beach three for 14, Bailey two for 14) defeated "The Age" Seconds 48 (Johnson 10; Swindon four for 15, M. Henry two for 5). Ringwood three for 222 (dec.) and four for 127 (Bissett 35, Knox 23, Howship 28, Pickett 20 not out) defeated Fern Tree Gully 221 (Juniper 89, Cook 20, Bear 27, Meredith 20; J. Goodall five for 68).

**16/10/1926 FTGN** In a match arranged between the Age Second Eleven and UPPER FERNTREE GULLY the following were playing: Rickards, Swindon, E. Rosenbrock, J. Rowe and F. Hede.

**18/11/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Saturday — Richmond Club Eleven four for 67 (Dec.) (Geraghty 33, Crisp 13; Swindon three for 15, Tainsh one for 11) defeated Upper Ferntree Gully 45 (Nolan 17; Barry five for 11, Henderson three for 14).

**25/10/1926 AGE** UPPER FERN TREE GULLY Saturday - Upper Fern Tree Gully 72 (Williamson 14 not out, Fleming 11 ; Harper, one for 3, White one for 4, Pitcher one for 3, Bolin two for 10) v. Victorian Junior Umpires 76 (White 29, Judd 17, Walker 12: Rickards three for 2, Tainsh four for 26, Swindon two for 26).

**31/10/1926 AGE** "THE AGE" TEAM AT LOWER ' FERN TREE GULLY. Following their custom of playing social matches in the country. "The Age" Ramblers journeyed to Lower Fern Tree Gully on Saturday, and tried conclusions with the local team, among whom was their president (Mr. Arthur Minter, J.P.). Formidable opposition was encountered, with the result that "The Age" Ramblers were defeated by a substantial majority after an enjoyable game, in which Meredith, Williamson and Campbell for Lower Gully were seen to advantage. "The Age" Ramblers were best served by McKay, Howard and Cook.  **NOTE: This match refers to Upper Ferntree Gully Cricket Club vs “The Age” Ramblers.**

**4/11/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Wednesday — Upper Ferntree Gully 161 (Lloyd 91, Rowe 29: Grayson four for 18, Dowling three for 34) d. London Export C.C. 100 (Grayson 55, J. Bell 22; Swindon two for 21, Hayes two for 33, Hede two for 16) and four for 88 (Young 15 not out, Roberts 12; Rowe three for 21).

**9/11/1926 AGE** UPPER FERN TREE GULLY, Monday - Upper Ferntree Gully 53 (Swindon 18, Garner five for 17) lost to Mountford’s, 55 (Ayres 18: Henry for 5, Rickards three for 12, Hayes three for 20). Fern Tree Gully 54 and four for 108 (Meredith 53; G. Chandler three for 22), lost to Boronia, five for 152 (Lumsden 61, Chapman 57, Ward 26; Daykin three for 45, Farrow two for 6).

**13/11/1926 FTGN** Playing for UPPER FERNTREE GULLY in their match vs. St. Kilda Catholics were K. Williamson, J. Rowe, A. Hayes, W. Swindon, E. Rosenbrock & F. Hede.

**16/11/1926 AGE** St. Kilda Catholic Men's Club five for 99 (declared) (Hassett 28 not out, Smith 18, Ryan. 18, Carrigg 15; Hayes three for 12, Swindon one for 11, Nolan one for 14) v. Upper FernTree Gully 130 (Tainsh 48, Rosenbrock 15, Rowe 12, M. Henry 10 not out; Ryan three for 30, Kelly two for 20).

**23/11/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday — Wantirna 125 (G. Counsell 58, E. Counsell 25, Meredith, four for 29) and 83 (G. Handasyde 23, G. Counsell 22; Meredith four for 10) defeated FernTree Gully 125 (Williamson 46; G. Handasyde five for 30). Upper Ferntree Gully 53 (J. Rowe 20; Miller five for 18) and three for 60 (Rickards 23, V. Rowe 21 not out) lost to Heathmont eight for 81 (Dec.) (Miller 24)

**2/12/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Wednesday — Upper Ferntree Gully nine for 104 (dec.) (Nolan 50 n.o.; Bernard four for 16) v. Rosella Ramblers seven for 106 (A. Barris 32, Hassett 28; Swindon three for 22, Nolan four for 41). Wantirna 36 (G. Chandler five for 9, Johnson five for 23) v. Boronia five for 108 (A. Chandler 44 n.o., Lumsden 31), FernTree Gully 172 (Williamson 55 n.o.) v. Wantirna

**8/12/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY - Langwill Bros. and Davies 131 (Geddes 47, Munday 25, J. Mentiplay 20, J. Maker 20; Swindon two for 13, Hayes three for 20) defeated Upper Ferntree Gully 67 (Field five for 21, Munday two for 9). FernTree Gully 171 and two for 55 (Juniper 29; Hall two for 16) defeated Ringwood Rovers 140 (Webber 69, Kraefft 27; Daykin four for 31, Meredith five for 47)

**17/12/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY — The residence of Mr. L.D. Bear, in Old Belgrave road, was destroyed by fire, through the curtains coming into contact with a lamp. There were many willing helpers, but they were powerless owing to the lack of water. The house was covered by insurance, but the furniture, which included a piano, was only partially insured.

**21/12/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday. — Upper FernTree Gully 98 (R.: Henry 84; McColl six for 33, Ford three for 14) lost to Agricultural Department Ramblers 187 (Gregory 39, Walsh 26, Anderson 23, Rickards two for 4, R. Henry two for 27; Swindon two for 36).

**31/12/1926 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Thursday Upper Ferntree Gully 80 (Hayes 28; Skuse three for 9, Read three for 12), and six for 111 (Strachan 22, Williamson 15 not out) v. Y.M.C.A. 134 (Budge 34, Harris 27, Skuse 27; Henry three for 24, Strachan three for 37).

**3/1/1927 AGE** "The Age" Cricket Club visited Upper Ferntree Gully on Saturday and played a match against the local team. The visitors were hospitably received and regaled with afternoon tea. After an interesting day's cricket victory rested with the home team which had a margin of 10 runs. Result — Upper Ferntree Gully 118 (Swindon 34, Tew 31; Kitto two for 8, Bennett three for 10, Jackson three for 33) and three for 93 (Rickards 30, Hede 33, Bear 23) defeated "The Age" Second XI 108 (Jackson 57, Kitto 32, M. Henry four for 3, Swindon one for 5, R. Henry three for 26, Hayes three for 53).

**11/1/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday - Upper Fern Tree Gully nine for 102 Dec. (Nolan 31 not out, Williamson 28; Parker two for 18, Jensen two for 17, Edwards two for 10. Cornell two for 20) beat Rosella 30 (Nolan six for 7, M. Henry four for 37) and five for 33 (Jensen 17 not out; Swindon two for 2, Hayes three for 27).

**18/1/1927 AGE** Government Printing Office five for 135 (Jones 43 not out, Tolchard 28) drew with Upper Ferntree Gully six for 123 (Nolan 54 not out, R. Henry 39).

**1/2/1927 AGE** Upper FernTree Gully 131 (M. Henry 29, Hayes 18; Howard four for 6, Beach three for 26, Fell three for 30) d. The Age second (Hind 28 retired, Windley 25, Hyde 24, Beach 18; Swindon four for 35, M. Henry three for 35).

UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday - Upper FernTree Gully 187 (Hayes 48, Parker 87, and Tew 31: Stegall three for 39, Taylor four for 68). defeated Brighton P.A.F.S. 97 (Luxemore 39; Kronk five for 19, Swindon five for 31) and 115 (Culver-well 25, Stegall 21, Taylor 23; M. Henry two for 16, Rickards two for 15, Swindon three for 22).

**8/2/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday — Langwill Bros, and Davies 128 (Mentiplay 31, J. Maker 21, Geddes 19; Swindon four for 30, M. Henry two for 38) lost to Upper Ferntree Gully seven for 157 (Nolan 86 not out, R. Henry 32, Tainsh 18; G. Maker two for 4, Kelleher two for 37)

**15/2/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY Monday — Upper Ferntree Gully 82 (Richards 38; F. Clota five for 17) and one for 17 were defeated by Heathmont 102 (Miller 24, G. Pump 22; R. Henry three for 0, M. Henry five for 37). Boronia 192 (Jones 53, Lumsden 39, Chapman 24, Stewart 20; Meredith two for 29, Clohesy two for 34) defeated FernTree Gully 118 and 59 (Bear 18; Lumsden seven for 31).

**26/2/1927 FTGN** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY and FERNTREE GULLY will play a match on the Dawson Street ground this afternoon. This match has been looked forward to for some time by players and supporters of both teams and will feature A. Hayes, V. Rowe and K. Williamson who reside at Lower Gully and D. Bear and H. Parker who reside in Upper Ferntree Gully but play for the FERNTREE GULLY team. There is a possibility of having two purely residential teams pitted against each other next month.

**5/3/1927 FTGN** The match between Ferntree Gully and UPPER FERNTREE GULLY ended in a draw, though the latter were in the throes of a 1st innings defeat when time was called. The Scores being Ferntree Gully 195 (Bear 75, F. Williamson 15, Juniper 52: 5 successive fours, Daykin 26\*) to UPPER FERNTREE GULLY’s 8/37 (Daykin 3, Meredith 2, Juniper 2)

**15/3/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday — Upper Ferntree Gully eight for 191 (Swindon 68 not out, Kronk 36 not out, Parker 24; S. Eastwood two for 19, Williams three for 51) defeated St. Stephen's, Bayswater, 92 (Kleinert 38, G. East-wood 19; Swindon two for 25, M. Henry three for 4, Kronk five for 10).

**21/3/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Saturday — Upper Ferntree Gully four for 110 (dec.) (K. Williamson 37 not out, Swindon 34) v. Mountford’s 95 (Allan 27; Rickards three for 24).

**20/4/1927 AGE** UPPER FERNTREE GULLY, Monday — Prahran M.U.L.O.O.F. 152 (Farrington 40, Findlay 40; Swindon four for 16, Rickards three for 44) defeated Upper Ferntree Gully 54 (R. Henry 26; Burton three for 8, Farrington two for 17) and 79 (Fleming 15, Rickards 15, Hayes 10; Brooks three for 3).