

26 March, 2014

Ian,

Further to our discussion last night I am forwarding you excerpt from the Cromer Annual Report of 1994 – 95 and copy of the dedication note to the Damon Jorgensen Trophy.

Damon died in a car accident on his way to school on 22 March 1995, his thirteenth birthday.

Although by this time he was attending Beacon Hill High, his former school Cromer Primary planted a tree "Damon's Tree" in honour of his memory. Team manager Ivan Roberts and myself attended the planting ceremony.

I believe Damon's family still lives at Grover Ave. Cromer.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoff Rowley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Geoff Rowley.

CROMER CRICKET CLUB

DAMON JORGENSEN TROPHY

IN THE TWELVE OR SO YEARS I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN COACHING SATURDAY MORNING CRICKET, EVERY NOW AND THEN A PLAYER COMES ALONG WHO I HIT IT OFF WITH FROM DAY ONE. SOMEONE I CAN ESTABLISH AN INSTANT RAPPORT WITH EVEN BEFORE I CAN REMEMBER HIS NAME.

THIS YOUNG KID IS USUALLY UP-FRONT, ALWAYS PREPARED TO OFFER AN OPINION, AND ALWAYS TOTALLY GIVING OF HIS SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO HIS COACH AND TO HIS TEAM.

DAMON JORGENSEN WAS ONE OF THESE PLAYERS.

DAMON, WHO WE LOST TRAGICALLY IN A CAR ACCIDENT DURING THE WEEK OF THE FINAL MATCH OF THE SEASON ONE YEAR AGO WAS A BRIGHT YOUNG KID, WITH A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOUR AND AN INFECTIOUS SENSE OF FUN THAT REFLECTED IN THE SPIRIT OF HIS TEAM. HE WAS ALSO A FAIR CRICKETER. HE PLAYED SIX SEASONS WITH THE CROMER CLUB AND WAS A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE TEAM OF HIS AGE GROUP. IN HIS UNDER TWELVE YEAR HE WON THE AWARD FOR MOST RUNS FOR HIS TEAM AND IN THE UNDER 13's, HIS FINAL SEASON, HE TOOK OUT THE TEAMS BATTING AVERAGE.

DAMON WAS A USEFUL CRICKETER AND A TEAM PLAYER OF THE HIGHEST ORDER, AND IN HONOUR OF HIS MEMORY THE CLUB HAS RESOLVED TO INSTITUTE A NEW AWARD FOR JUNIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR. THIS TROPHY WAS DONATED BY THE JORGENSEN FAMILY AND BY DAMON'S TEAM MATES, THE UNDER 13's OF 1994 / 95.

I'LL NOW ASK BARRY JORGENSEN TO STEP FORWARD TO PRESENT TO ITS INAUGURAL WINNER, THE DAMON JORGENSEN TROPHY FOR THE CROMER CLUB JUNIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR.

TROPHY WINNER 1995 / 96 : MITCHELL TIMOSEVSKI.

GEOFF ROWLEY