

# **Frank Horne (Bennettswood & East Burwood/Bennettswood Cricket Clubs) – c.1980 to 1997**

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Frank Horne's career, tragically cut short, was fleeting but brilliant in its content. A tenacious and stylish Right Hand Bat and deceptive medium fast swing bowler, Frank was one of those rare breed of players who could take charge of a match with either bat or ball and frequently did.

An extremely popular team mate and opponent, Frank's ability to rise to the occasion was legendary. He played 13 years for the Bennettswood Cricket club winning an astounding 10 Club Championships in that time. When the club amalgamated to form the East Burwood/Bennettswood Cricket Club he won a further 3 Club Championships in the 4 years that he played there before his untimely death.

In the 1985 final against Blackburn Sth Primary School (now Blackburn Sth Cricket Club) Frank struck a brilliant 198 out of a final score of 408. He followed this up with 4/87 with the ball to lead Bennettswood to a fantastic victory.

Bowlers dream of taking all 10 wickets in an innings and Frank achieved this in 1981 when he took an outstanding 10/22 against Yarraleen Cricket Club.

These feats have elevated Frank to Legend Status among his contemporaries and whenever discussions arise as to who was the best, Frank's name is always to the fore.