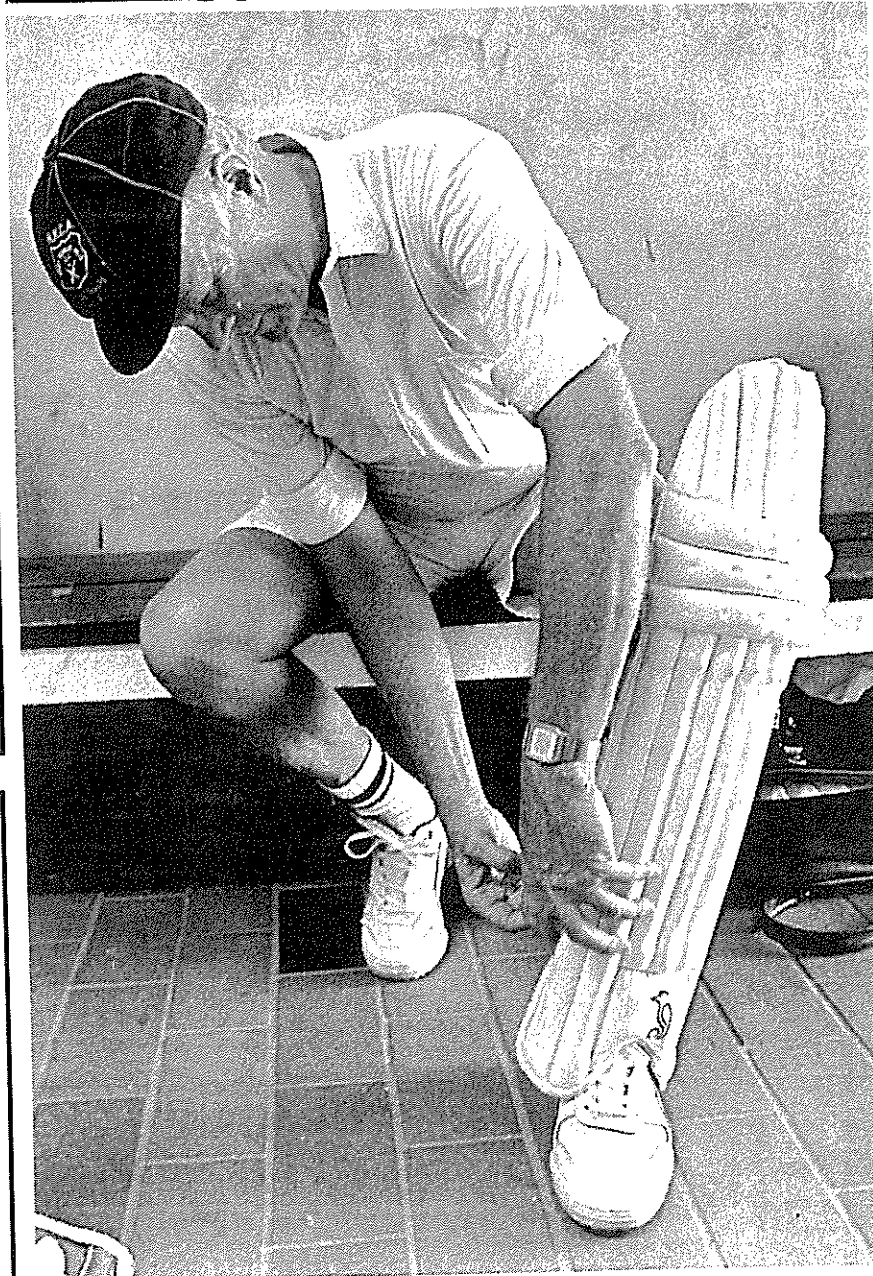


# Jim Fuggle decides to bat on . . . in his own style

## Veteran still among runs: 500th match



VETERAN West Pennant Hills club cricketer Jim Fuggle reckons today's young up-and-coming cricket stars could learn a few lessons from the sport's former greats.

Fifty-eight-year-old Fuggle marked his 500th match with the club last weekend, tallying up a 54-run partnership and perhaps saving the match against Kenthurst, which will go in to bat this weekend.

The B reserve team captain admires many of the cricketers from the past 20 years, but says Sir Donald Bradman remains number one in his books.

Fuggle is modest about his own cricketing achievements.

"Bradman may be my hero, but I wouldn't compare myself to him," he said.

"I just like to go out there and play in the old style, where it is acceptable to applaud an opposing batsman who has done well.

"I feel there are still some of us around here who can appreciate this," Fuggle said.

"I'm not into this confrontation style brought about by the TV age."

Fuggle's top batting tally has been 135 runs not out, a club record which stood until last year when a youngster broke it during a practice session.

The local cricketing hero has been

Jim Fuggle's 500th match is a club milestone

with West Pennant Hills club since the mid-60s.

He says the highlight has been seeing cricket's huge growth in popularity in the district.

"I remember in the beginning our numbers were quite few and we had quite primitive facilities. For one thing, we had to chase the cattle of the wickets at the start of each match," he recalled.

Fuggle says the club is still growing and is turning out some top cricketers.

He maintains he is still not out as far as his cricketing days go, and is looking forward to many more innings with the West Pennant Hill club.

### Netball sponsor

KU-RING-GAI netball has signed a 12-month sponsorship deal with Cenovis Skin Care.

The sponsorship package aims to assist the squad achieve its goal of taking the national Mobil Netball Super League title.

This is Ku-ring-gai's first appearance in the Super League, after it scored a place in the 1993 NSW State League final.

The team is captained by Australian goal attack Catriona Wagg, 25, who has been a member of the Australian team since the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in 1990.

Coach Julie Fitzgerald has coached at state level and worked for more than 10 years with the Ku-ring-gai team.

"One of the greatest assets of the Ku-ring-gai team is the youth of our players," she said.

### Club back in action

HORNSBY Ku-ring-gai Police-Citizens Youth Club is back in action after the summer break.

Activities open to children and adults are basketball, mini-ball, judo, wrestling, boxing, jazz ballet, tap dancing, gymnastics, most types of martial arts, badminton, board games, house, greenies and sailing.

The club's annual general meeting will be held on March 14 at 8pm at the club, 94 George St, Hornsby.

Details from Senior Constable Grant McIntyre on 477 2310.

Going in to bat . . . Jim Fuggle has been an active supporter of the West Pennant Hills club since the mid-60s  
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