

CRICKET

Hoping batters will perform

By Paul Haigh

FAIRFIELD Liverpool will continue its run chase on the second day of the first grade cricket match against Wests this Saturday at Pratten Park.

However, Grant Lambert and Doug Bollinger, will be away this weekend on duty for NSW.

The Blues' team plays Western Australia in Perth on Friday in a one-day game.

Then NSW and Western Australia play their Pura Cup four-day game season opener on Sunday at the WACA.

The Lions were 1-53 at stumps in reply to Wests' total of 285, with opener Mark Liddell dismissed for 22.

Lambert was not out 24 and nightwatchman Russell Wilcoxon unbeaten on four.

Phil Hangyasi, the emerging paceman for the Lions, took 3-45 while Lambert took 3-67, skipper Anthony Clark's leg spinners reaped 2-71 and NSW fast bowler Bollinger finished with 2-75.

Hangyasi is highly thought of by the Lions as a future long-term strike bowler in the Sydney grade competition.

Lions' coach Matt Betsey said the challenge was there for the batting line-up to score the required 286 for victory.

With Lambert and fast bowler Bollinger absent on NSW duties, fellow state squad member Ben Rohrer will get extra responsibility.

Rohrer scored a century for the Blues on debut against Tasmania in season 2006-07.

Betsey said there was plenty of batting depth in the Lions' ranks.



All rounder: Grant Lambert took three wickets for the Lions against Wests on Saturday.

SWIMMING

Testing the water on new career

By Paul Haigh

FORMER national and state title medal winning swimmer Jacqui Stewart is charting new waters.

Gone are the days when she glided through the pool as a swimmer under the stewardship of her coach Justin Rothwell at the Whitlam Leisure Centre.

The one-time butterfly competitor has spread her wings into coaching and Stewart said she wishes to develop her mentoring skills.

Stewart has also attained the required coaching accreditation for her working career.

In fact, the blonde-haired teenager is in a "new pond" with swimming - working as one of several coaches on Rothwell's staff.

Stewart said coaching provided her with an income while she studied to be a primary school teacher.

The 19-year-old gave away swimming a few years ago.

"When I was studying for the Higher School Certificate I stopped competitive swimming," Stewart said.

"I enjoyed swimming, but I had to concentrate on my studies.

"Moving to coaching is something I enjoy and it's good to teach young swimmers about technique. I can appreciate what the young

swimmers go through with training, having been there myself. I see coaching and teaching as intertwined."

There was a time when netball was also a prominent sport in Stewart's life.

"I played netball at Campbelltown and I was also swimming, I had to decide which sport and I chose swimming," she said.

Rothwell said his former talented swimmer has made a smooth transition to coaching.

"Jacqui has a fantastic attitude and she communicates well with the kids in the program," Rothwell said.

"Having been here as a swimmer she has a natural empathy for swimmers and what they go through training."

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