

Cricketers of yore

Practice and local matches were played on the reserve at Rollands Plains. Dick Cutler who was very proud of his team, made sure there was plenty of practice.

This strict upbringing certainly paid off as the team was undefeated in seven successive seasons in matches played against Telegraph Point, Wauchope, Pembrooke, Rollands Plain and Hamilton (now Hibbard).

According to the late Radford Gamack—who spent most of his life at Rollands Plains, it was not uncommon for white settlers to ride into the hill country at the back of Rollands Plains in search of stray aboriginal boys.

Budge (second from left in back row) was one of these boys.

He was reared on a farm and had the gentle sport cricket drummed into him from the start.

He was to become the star cricketer of the team.

Donohoe—pictured in the middle of the front row, was bullock driver for Radford's father.

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