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All Teams In Semi's!

What a fantastic effort! All 4 senior teams have made the semi finals. A great sign for the future of the club, and of the commitment of the players. Congratulations to everyone on making the finals, and best of luck to everyone competing. Let's not be content with making the finals, let's have all 4 teams playing off for the premierships!

As yet the locations have not been finalised, they will be on the web page tomorrow. If you're not playing please come down and show some support.

A Grade will be playing Macleod most likely at home, A Reserve will be playing Greensborough most likely at War Memorial Oval, C Grade will be playing Macleod venue to be announced, and D Grade will also be playing Macleod venue to be announced.

Sponsorship

All the sponsors are on the last page have a look. If you require anything check with them first as they are supporting the club, so we should get out and support them.

Membership

Congratulations to everyone for paying your membership. Just as well otherwise you wouldn't of got a game in the finals!

Bits & Pieces

- Congratulations to Slim O'Donnell & Monica on their engagement. For those of you who don't know Slim, he is the brother of Anthony O'Donnell and nephew of Scooby. From all reports Slim put in a weak effort during the celebrations! Does this put any pressure on other members of the family??
- Thanks to Philo for his hard work during the season especially for locking up Thursday and Saturday nights.
- Bad luck to the bloke who parked his car at Yarra Valley on Saturday! During the second innings Ando was chucking up pies trying to buy a wicket, instead the opposition batsmen smashed a huge 6 that went flying in to the carpark. The noise of the ball smashing the

windscreen of the parked car sent shivers down the spine of all the players who had parked their car there. The report was of a green commodore with a shattered windscreen. Everyone was looking around but no-one owned up to it being their car. After the game this bloke came walking over and said "who was the bloke who hit the six?" We later found out that the police were called and so on, it wasn't even his car, he'd borrowed it off a mate!! So be warned, when Ando is bowling don't park too close to the ground!

Coming Attractions

Presentation Night

The presentation night this year will once again be on the 24th of April. It will be held at La Fontana, 410 Main Road Lower Plenty, starting at 7:00pm. The cost will be \$40 per person which includes a 2 course meal, beer, bottled wine, soft drink, tea & coffee. Please make sure to keep this date free in your diary. RSVP Jed by 19th April with numbers.

Juniors Presentation

The juniors will be having their presentation night at the clubrooms on Friday 30th March, 7-9:00pm. BBQ Dinner. Come down lend a hand and congratulate the juniors for a fine season.

Fast Men Raffle

Tickets to 'The Fast Men' picture are selling like hot cakes, get your sold tickets and money in to gibbo and get some more before they all go. Because of the increasing interest, it is now valued at \$1999 fully framed! This magnificent photograph would look great in your poolroom, study or even your bedroom! Some tickets are behind the bar, see gibbo for more tickets.

Sunday

After your game on Sunday come back down to the rooms and find out how everyone went. A BBQ will be on if you want something to eat, plenty of beer and breezers in the fridge!

Quote of the Week

I seem to be repeating myself every week in this section, but yes, again Veally has the quote that gets the nod from the judges!

"You can't win the granny if you don't win the semi!" Pretty obvious that one, but there is something in that for all of us, thanks Veally. Reminds me a bit of the great Guru Bob from the coodabeen champions.

Trivia

- What TV show featured Kermit the Frog before the Muppets?
- In what year did Young Talent Time start?
- What TV actor's original name was Bamboo Harvester?

Chappy Remembers Everything!

This came to us this week from Garry Chapman via the BCC webpage.

Greetings all,

The recent sad news of the passing of Sir Donald Bradman plunged cricket followers worldwide into mourning. Some of our senior citizens recalled fondly the times they went with their fathers to the MCG to see the great man in action, while others remembered winter nights by the crystal radio set listening to Alan McGilvray's classic descriptions of The Don's Ashes triumphs.

The Don was not the only cricket legend whose loss we mourned last week. Many of us will retain fond memories of HDCA umpire Vin Rowan, who passed away just days before Bradman.

Vinny umpired many games on the old Banyule High School ground and he always took steps to make sure we knew he was in control. Whenever a game threatened to run smoothly and controversy-free, Vin would step in with an obscure ruling or two to get us all steamed up.

Once for example, Greg Russell Sr skied a ball which was caught by a fieldsmen just behind square leg. As Greg had proved difficult to dislodge, the fielder was elated and kept jogging the remaining 30 or 40 metres to the fence and out through the gate in celebration, tossing the ball high as he went. Poor Greg was over half way to the boundary when Vinny shocked us all by turning to the scorers and signalling 'six'. Amidst howls of protest, he insisted that once the fielder had left the field of play, the dismissal ceased to be and that as the ball had still not hit the ground, it had earned six runs. We weren't going to argue with that ruling, but the opposition carried on for ages. Vinny just smugly ordered them to get on with the game.

My own personal favorite memory of Vin was that he was standing behind the stumps when I scored 17 from a single ball at Windsor Reserve and earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records. Chris Veal and I counted every run aloud as

we trudged back and forth along the pitch, fearful that Vinny would not have been counting. We underestimated him, of course. When the ball was finally retrieved and returned the bowler, Vin turned to the scorers and called out in his distinctive northern England accent "Scorers ... That be seventeen!" Then he turned to me and confided, " 'aven't got signal for seventeen!" He then proceeded to give the Macleod boys a dressing down for failing to call 'Lost ball!'. You just couldn't keep him out of the game, even though his hearing failed him more times than I'd care to remember, and his judgement of LB's was often questionable. He was a good bloke and we'll miss him. He gave many years of good service to our great game. Rest in peace, Vin Rowan.

Chappy

Ode to the Finals

It's march and it's semi finals and training feels different with footy players and their cars creeping into the BCC landscape and still there's a new intensity and the light is bright and glary but darkness is quick in coming and it gets crisp, cold and dusk isn't hanging around like it used to and everywhere there are hand-claps and pats on back and nervous joking and people trying too hard to look casual. Finals. Finals.

Extra care in warming up and 'Don't want to stretch that groin' in the cold of a march evening and Easy now and Ball on the spot and feel the rhythm of the summer and more sharp claps and fielders concentrating in the middle (amazing!) and now it's your turn to pad up and This is it and Gee, it's a bit dark isn't it? and bat on ball 'bat on ball' and leave the right ones. Feel the summer.

Cars stream past on beverly road with bright white headlights shining as the sound of a taut size 9 planting a drop punt 50 metres echoes across the flats. Every mistake weighs heavily. Every success is a boost. These are good things, but not vital things, as you know that the reason you're here is about more than one thursday night session. It's about the previous six months. The pre-sesaon in Hawthorn, the early October games when Olympic fever was still in the air, the efforts before Christmas, and the efforts in the New Year. 2000/01. Finals.

On Sunday night you'll be either in the GF, or you'll be finished. Bat the 80 overs. Bowl as sensibly as all year. And take it easy.

cheers,

Big Tom "Kennealy" Wilson

(never played in a senior GF in 12 years).

Dave appears courtesy of Penguin Publishing.

Trivia

- A. Seame Street.
- A. 1971.
- A. Mr Ed, the talking horse.

RESULTS

D Grade

The puppeteer has been slack this week and hasn't given me a match report so I'm going to have to wing it! We made 370 in the first dig with almost everyone making a few runs. Holsty top scored with 80 odd, Craig Hunniford and Colonel Aiden Young put on a record partnership for D Grade, both making around 60 each. Daniel Barnes made 47 opening. Then we bowled them out for 170, the wickets were shared I think. We batted again and made another 150 with Justin Poyser making 50. Well Done lads, a good solid win going in to the finals.

C Grade

The thirds had a bye this game. Plugger had a good innings at Caulfield and followed up well after the break at Mooney Valley. Jedda was run out late in the night for very little and Rick looked stylish but couldn't get off the mark.

A Reserve

The A reserve team was affected by injuries to A Grade this round, but still managed an imposing win. We batted first and Made 290 with Ian "Thick Skin" Crawford top scoring with 93 and was controversially given out LBW by Jedda. Chooka got 60 and PD was unluckily 1 run short of what he would of liked, 49. Then we bowled them out for 138 with someone getting wickets, I think Crawfo got 3 completing a fine match, I apologise to all other bowlers who got wickets, I have no idea. We batted again and got 2/133, I think Skull and Butts got the runs?? Well done, another good wins prior to the finals.

A Grade

A Grade went in to the game thinking they would need to win to retain second spot. The match started badly and never really improved for the good guys, Yarra Valley clubbing 8/340. Ocka was the pick of the bowlers with 4/61. We got off to a good start with Marty Phillips making 103, Greg Russell making 30 odd and Brent O'Connor making 30 odd. Then things started to go downhill. Gibbo put up some resistance in the middle making 56 not out, but we were unfortunately all out for 270. The slap and tickle second innings we got 4 wickets. Fortunately the other results went our way and we stayed in second spot, this might be the wake up call we needed before the finals!

JUNIORS

Under 16's

Banyule	Olympic Colts
10/162	10/176
J.D 4/35 (10)	J.D 38
L.J 2/15 (8)	Lucas Willoughby 30

Unfortunately this means we didn't make the finals but its been a great year with sometimes only 5 Under 16 players. Thankyou to all the Under 14's for their help during the season.

Captain Grumpy!

Under 14's

I had the scores for this game but I lost them, D'oh! We lost by a run but the boys still made the finals, it looks like they will be playing at home Saturday & Sunday morning.

N.Sadler 42	N.Sadler 2 fa
Colonel Young 22	Lukey Vening 2 Fa

Under 12's

Jed hasn't given me the scores this week but they won. They are Premiers and Champions, perhaps the first time in the clubs history. Congratulations to Jed and all the kids on a fantastic season. Hopefully the first on many this season.

THE DOPE AT BANYULE

It's been a bad couple of weeks for **Nick Roberts**. Just when the vice captain of the two's was coming into some form and his team doing likewise in final's contention, he had to try some home handy work. Now we all know that the Bear is good with his hands, but it seems that this time he grabbed onto a bit more than he could handle. Falling from a ladder at home Nick managed to damage his shoulder well and proper, a la our boy Pat Rafter. Whilst great bloke and generous club sponsor **Lenny Giles** folded his arms and pronounced "Yep, yep, yep, no more than a couple of weeks", the Bear sought alternative therapies and will most regretfully miss the rest of the season. I think the two's now have some extra incentive this year. The similarities with our boy Pat stop there, what with the good looks and scraggy hair situation, though Nick has been known to have severe sweat problems.

Just joking about the greatest physio in the world **Lenny (Mr Positive) Giles**. Get along and see him if you've got any niggles prior to finals. He does wonders we hear with knees, groins, dicky hammy's, shoulders, backs and anything else. Although judging by recent double wicket form, he should probably leave the cricket bat in the boot.

Great to see **Geoff Wilson** back at the club. As you know the sledger recently copped a torpedo in the face whilst batting against Rosanna. To aid his convalescence Joffa jetted over to Thailand for a bit of trekking and nudey bar sightseeing. He was heard to have kept in form by hooking ping-pong balls; don't think it was a bowling machine though. Lucky he stayed away from the Thai/Burmese border because I don't think Ken and Jeanette have enough for the ransom.

Speaking of frequent fliers, **John Karas** and **Chris Carroll** have cashed in their bonus points. We wonder whether they will give up flying forever or revert to full fare paying customers. Yanni's doing so well with the girls at present even blind dates are standing him up.

Well it all started with **Tim Veal** and **Marty Phillips**, but it seems that if you're not planning, being in or actually getting married then I reckon you're in the minority at present. Just a few of the blokes who will have more on their minds than just finals are **Brad Bowler**, **Ashleigh Gannon** and **Billy Sier**, who tie the knot shortly after the season ends. We wish them all good weather and cold beer. Here are some present tips for those attending.

Plugger: A steel file to erase the serial number off the bat he recently purchased.

A frame to retire his lifetime pass to PJ O'Brien's

More spa parties (that one requested by Scott Butler and Phil Barnes)

A permanent sub fielder in 80 over games but the right to bowl at will

The spring carnival to be moved out of cricket season

Fitzroy to come back, please!

Tosser: A new left knee and reconditioned back. Through in new ankles and hips as well

A larger stomach to house Nancy's mum's cooking

Wayne Carey to play till 55. Shane Clayton to retire immediately

Lifetime supply of dry ginger

Billy: Stumps to be placed four feet to the legside

Stumps to be placed six feet to the legside

And so on, I think you've got the picture

On the architect's drawing board we have **Greg Anderson** who happily popped the question lately, whilst **Paul Davis** is taking longer than reading a Hebrew Family Tree before setting a date.

Some late news to hand; Apparently **Daniel O'Donnell** put the KFC down long enough to ask the question of Monica over the weekend Dod is a regular attendee at club functions and brother of **Anthony O'Donnell** and nephew of **Matthew O'Ryan**. After getting an affirmative response Dod pushed his glasses back up his nose and crushed his twelfth can of VB. Congratulations Slim.

Early betting for next chap to hand his wallet over is **Matthew O'Ryan** followed by **Darren Butterworth** and **Joey D'Agostino**. **Brent O'Connor** is so confused with his love life he's still waiting for the DNA results to come in from that model in India.

You could be a bit crook on the world if your name is **Geoff Place**. After doing the right thing and missing the day session of **Brad Bowler's** bucks night to fill in for the two's, he up and tore his hamstring. A little bit of sympathy is needed for the

Pres as he tries to come up this week for the semi's. Obviously Jedda failed his own fitness test needed for all members of his Elite Junior Cricket Development Squad.

Hollywood studios wait with baited breath for the next instalment in the **Daniel Barnes** and Carmen saga. The script has been through four rewrites already as it struggles to keep up with developments. The paparazzi have staked out the SpyLounge nightclub for early scoops. A bouncer in pyjamas was questioned but he confirmed he was only authorised to comment on the movements of the Big Guy (aka **Chris Carroll**).

Speaking of the SpyLounge, complaints have been received from the neighbours of 22 Sevenoaks Ave, Banyule about certain cricketers who think the street is a 24-hour Kwik-E-Mart convenience store. Could be the new Quinn Street.

Oh, and we wish **Marty Phillips'** horse a speedy recovery. Get well Uncle Ben.

A couple of limericks to close with:

There once an ageing pace bowler named **Tim**
Who thought his chances of selection in A grade
looked slim,
So to reduce the weight in his tubby
He ate lots of zucchini's called Mr Chubby
And now each week first picked is him.

Now **Holsty's** a bloke easy to appease
Though with the bat he's a bit of a tease
He has always been a bit of a sucker
For the lads that call him a chucker
But you should see his foot and mouth disease

If you're talking of old you're talking of **Skull**
Though he refuses to let his life go dull
He's quick with a joke
Or to light up your smoke
And you'll never get the West Heidelberg out of his
hull

What do you reckon about this Team of the
Century?
It's got **Phillips, McKinlay, Graham** and **Greg
Anderson** to make an entry
Also **Gibson, A. Parry** and **Goulding** weren't too
bad, I s'pose

And **Barnes, Butterworth** and **Veal** would break
your toes
Finish with **R. Parry** and **Neilson** and your unit's
pretty savvy

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