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2 Games Left.

Just thought I'd state the obvious this week! Always good to finish the season off with a couple of wins, even if you don't make the final 4. So lets have two big rounds to finish the home and away season, perhaps we can muster 8 wins! Also a good way to go in to the finals if you make it.

2 wins 2 losses last round, an average result for the club. A Grade was humiliated in being dismissed for 71 against Macleod, look out Clifton Hill we will be out to inflict a similar result against them this week. B Grade had a hard fought win over Loyal Sylvan, great to see plugger making more runs, his 56 no got them over the line. C Grade had a disappointing loss against Edinburgh. With that grade so close every game is crucial. D Grade had another strong win over Yarra Valley. Everyone getting some runs, good to see Ryan Hartnett continue his good form.

Make sure you get to training by 6:00, the earlier we can all get there the earlier we can get off the track. Especially with finals around the corner, everyone will want to be getting a good hit and a bowl.

Rumours of Michael Slater coming to the club have proven to be false. It has been found it was the editor of the Howzat just trying to fill in space. Although consensus from around the club late last Thursday night was we didn't want him anyway! Make sure everyone gets down to the club this Saturday night for the Karaoke night. Everything has been organised, we just need you people to turn up. A fantastic night will be had by all, so make sure you get there to support the club.

Special Mentions

- Congratulations to Phil Barnes who last game took his 400th wicket for the club. A sensational effort, well done Philo
- Former player and now Sydney resident Darren Attard and his wife Deidre have just had their third child. He is called Gabriel and joins his siblings Annabel and Ambrose.

- Good to see last season's C grade Premiership 'keeper' return to the club to view last Saturday's proceedings. Many of the current C grade team believe he could again fill that position (as well as first, second, third slip, gully and backward point such is the enormity of his girth.) We now know where Dippa's weight has gone; Adams has gone into the Lipo-receivership business.
- Divorce papers have been filed once again for Danie & Ocka. After Ocka's double wicket win on Sunday, he wants to divorce Danie and marry Scott Clapton. They are planning to adopt Rayan Moore after his fielding performance in the semi final!

Membership

Come on, if you haven't paid by now!!!

The "BECKS BEDDING" Quote of the week!

Ravi, the much loved and revered umpire of the HDCA gets a mention this week. Ravi and PD discussing the games result PD: "Ravi have you done the votes yet?" Ravi: "yeh there here in the envolope, pity you had a quiet game I couldn't fit you in."

PD got 5 for bugger all. I wonder where Ravi was the first week.

Play of the Week

See the Naked Chef section overleaf!

Sponsorship

If your sponsor hasn't paid up yet, get into them! If your sponsor is not in the Howzat let Greg Barnes now and he'll sort it out.

Social Calendar

Karaoke night this Saturday night! Bring your friends and sing some tunes. Fun night planned for everyone, happy half hour from 8:30-9:00 and cocktails available from 8:30 – 9:30. Make sure you get down to make this a big night for the club. Please start selling your raffle tickets and get them in to Fez. The sooner you get them in the easier it is to organise. Also don't forget the comp game on the 17th of Feb. Plenty of work needs to be done on the day so come down, watch a bit of good quality cricket and lend a hand.

9th February – Karaoke Night 17th February – HDCA Vs Diamond Valley at Banyule 24th February - \$1000 Draw Day

More details will be published around the rooms and in the Howzat closer to the dates.

Howzat

The Annual BCC Double Wicket was held last Sunday. The day started with Barnes & O'Donnell Vs Barnes & O'Donnell, after the paparazzi was finished the day was started. Barnes & O'Donnell won the opening battle. The kids had the much sought after "Dragon" jumping castle to play on, while the players had the much sought after "cold green can" to drink. Ando was the only player to hit a six for the day, much to everyone's amazement! The final was once again action packed, with cockroach Brent O'Connor and Scott Clapton defeating the visitors Luke Poyser and Dean McGregor. For the second year in a row one of under 16's has been in the winning team. Congratulations to Brent and Scott. Thanks to Larry and Greg Barnes for cooking the gourmet BBQ, Liz, Irene and Ali for the salads, Ando for the communication devices (Philo & Veally finished the day with a voice for the first time ever!), Philo for the umpiring duties and a special thanks to Veally for another beautifully run double wicket day.

Trivial

This weeks question is a tough one. The answer is not published in this edition. See me if you think you know the answer. 2 pots is the prize for the correct answer. For you readers at home, the answer will be in the next edition.

Which player from the team of the 90's has the best 'Average'. By Average 1 mean: The player's career batting average divided by career bowling average. Eg.

J Harvey has made 1221 runs and been out 57 times = 21.42

He was also hit for 3471 runs and took 198 wickets = 17.53

His average would be 21.42 divided by 17.53 = 1.22The stats only include up to the end of season 1999-2000.

The Team:

Gra. Anderson

Gre. Anderson

P. Barnes

D Butterworth

W. Gibson

P. Goulding

R. McKinlay

F. Neilson

A. Parry

R. Parry

M. Phillips

T. Veal

I require the player's name and what you think their average is. The winner will be the person who gets closest, if not correct. One guess each so don't blert out random guesses. The only hint I'll give is that the average is between 0 and 4. A bonus 2 pots if you can give me the order in which the players rate.

Juniors

U/12 Development Banyule 6-116 Defeated Heidelberg 4-71

L Delaney 20 ret

O Gualano 11

N Botham 9 ret A Buono 8

J Truefeldt 7 ret

U/12 Competition

Banyule 8-68 Lost to Yarra Valley

M Abrahams 12 J Arrowsmith 10 no

Under 14

Banyule 5-82 Lost to Clifton Hill 5-88

M Ryan 14 M Ryan 2-17 A Clapton 12 A Clapton 2-11

T Collier 12

Under 16

Banyule 4-93 Defeated Bellfield 34

N Sadler 23 R Moore 5-12 R Hartnett 29 no S Clapton 2-5 A Young 24 L Vening 2-2

Results

A Grade

Banyule 71 & 2-84 Lost to Macleod 189

M Phillips 18 P Barnes 2-25
B O'Connor 17 D Butterworth 2-34
C Carroll 2 Fa

We bowled the first week and did a fantastic job in the heat keeping Macleod to 189. Wickets were shared around with everyone bowling well. Special mention on the fielding effort, after a few early misses the fielding was fantastic all day through the heat, especially Mergle with 2 catches up to the stumps. Overnight we were 0-15 and looking strong. After 9 runs came from the first over of the day, things went awry. The opening stand of 25 was the most productive of the innings. A mixture of poor shot selection and a little misfortune and we were all out for 71, in what has been our most disappointing effort with the bat for several years. We were sent back in with the knowledge that if we lost 5 wickets, we would also lose 2nd spot. We only lost 2 wickets and batted well. We now have to put that behind us and focus on this week. A few positives from the game however was the promising start from Marty & Beasty who both looked like they were finding some form before getting out. Ando and Doc Pinner both batted well in the second dig, and the fielding again was good.

B Grade

Banyule 8-170 Defeated Loyal Sylvan 166

B Bowler 57 no

In the heat we Lost the toss (of course) & therefore spent a stifling day in the field on Day 1. Good early pressure on Loyal Sylvan saw them lose a few wickets & the Good Guys were right in the game. Skipper PD knocked over the first 3 & we were well in business, though very hot and a bit thirsty, too. Had 'em 6/95 at tea. Downed copious amounts of fluids at break but they couldn't stop a fierce cramp from stealing away the productivity of an unfit member of the team by 4pm. Happily TV & the skipper cleaned up - PD a "Michelle 5-fa", and TV 4. Rolled them for 166 & then had 13 overs to bat before stumps were called. Lost one with ~5 overs left in the day, but he wasn't too shattered as this meant he could (finally) listen to the JJJ hottest 100. No further dramas on Day 1 - 1/23 in reply.

Day 2 was a drizzly day and a slow day. Disciplined bowling called for supreme patience at the batting crease. Throughout the first session we somehow lost wickets regularly, though at tea were looking in good shape at 4/101. Shortly afterwards, following an alarming late-order batting collapse, things were not looking so good at 8/140. Not for the first time however, a responsible and match-winning innings from Plugger (57 n.o.), with assistance from TV (12ish n.o.), got us over the line for a hard-fought win. Hats off to BB for his grinding knock that showed us all the value of patience and adapting to your conditions. good win!

C Grade

Banyule 200 Lost to Edinburgh 7-205

W Sier 53 W Sier 2 Fa M O'Ryan 39 A Young 2 Fa C Parry 30 G Place 21

Didn't bat out our overs. Disappointing that some batsmen got starts and didn't go on with it. Day 2. Wet ball, slippery ground yet still fast. Bowlers had difficulty gripping ball, no swing. Best of the bowlers Aiden with his offies and Billy's second spell. A must win game this week against East Ivanhoe to keep our final's hopes alive.

<u>D Grade</u> Banyule 9-299 Defeated Yarra Valley 191

Slasher Hartnett 64 trigger finger Taylor 2/32
Leader Veal 48 Leader allrounder Veal 2/43
Puppeteer 43 emerging Clapton 2/22
Papa Clapton 29 one leg Kernaghan 3/40
Adetcha wiz junior 27

Winning the toss meant we could sit on the hill and watch our batsmen belt the Yarra Valley bowlers all over the ground. Slasher Hartnett, after the problems during the week with Michael Slater, was dropped from the opening position to number 5. Much to his credit he stuck it up the selectors and

led all batsman with a fine 64. Everybody contributed to what was a great total.

After failing a fitness test the puppeteer pulled out of week two and it was left to Graham to pull the strings. He did a great job with his bowlers and another big win was ours. Spies at the ground tell me that all bowlers did an exceptional job.

Interesting to see that Papa Clapton didn't get a wicket. This is because it is quite difficult to pull the strings and take wickets at the same time.

The Naked Chef

Question: What would you do if you found your lucky/ only pair of white cricket jocks at the bottom of a sink full of water on Saturday morning? That's the situation that was facing one of your clubmates last Saturday, following a memory lapse during the previous week. What would you do? Thinking quickly, this guy bought a new pair, only to find them to be fancy, racy, bikini-style jocks – a bit small & not his bag, baby.



What to do? Arriving at the club, the good clubman quickly hatched a plan to dry the old jocks and was soon out tending to the soggy pitch – sweeping up, applying sawdust... all the things a good clubman does. Meanwhile...



...back in the rooms, a strange and terrible smell had engulfed the place. Was that something burning? What was that smell?



Jedi & his SES crew closed in on the stench... It was coming from the kitchen: pie warmer – all clear; stove top – all clear; microwave - ... Microwave! Inside the microwave, spinning like a spectacular ballerina atop a young girls jewellery box, was a pair of flaming white jocks. Yes, on fire. Our clubman's lucky jocks up in flames, and a smell of tortured rubber through the rooms for the next hour...



For the chefs out there, it turns out that 8 ½ minutes on HIGH-MEDIUM is about 8 minutes too long for any pair of jocks to be inside a microwave. But our clubmate did us proud and batted on – even without a box – on Saturday. Who was it? We couldn't say, but well done on your 4 wickets last Saturday, Jamie Oliver.

