

Banyule batted first, with a batting order that bat's right down to number 16, our major hurdle was giving everyone a bat and also trying to make a winning score. Our guy's batted very well with a total of 11 players been compulsorily retired by the coach, thus meaning a number were restricted in making a significant contribution. Alister Fewkes batted very well making a very quick 10 runs that included 2 boundaries, before he like many others was asked to retire. Other mentions are Rory Brockwell and Nick Botham, and also in his first game for the club Jack Nelson. Banyule made 5/63 in their 24 Overs. Our bowling got off to a great start with a wicket in the first over. All 16 bowlers contributed to our success, however Nick Botham was the outstanding bowler with 4/3, closely followed by one of our younger players in James Fraser with 2/2. The game went right down to the wire with Heidelberg still in a winning position at the beginning of the last over. The task of bowling this over was given to a first year player in Lachlan Dowling, and he did not let us down. Heidelberg after 24 overs were 9/58.

A few of our senior players could have learnt a lot from our youngest player Kiran Arunasalam, who put his body on the line to stop a certain 4 in the last over to win the match.

#### Week Two: Yarra Valley at Banyule

Yarra Valley only had 8 players when we went to toss, I thought I would do the honourable thing and suggest they bat, as it would not be in the spirit to make them field with only 8 players. This turned out to be a major mistake, as the Yarra Valley players batted brilliantly making 5/131. All 18 bowlers tried hard, but we bowled a lot of no balls, and wides and incurred a number of byes from loose balls. Our guys fielded well with Nick Botham taking two catches. The task of making 132 and also batting 18 players was always going to be difficult, however our players approached it with the attitude that we could win and their batting reflected this attitude.

Banyule made 4/80, which means we had to retire 14 players. Nick Botham made 10, Jarrod Cahir 9, Mark Collier and Jack Berti with 5 each. Even though we lost I sure all the guys had a good time, as well as our ever growing number of supporters either having a Beer our sipping on a glass of Chandonnay. U12 Dev: 2-2

## Senior Results

### **A Grade**

Yarra Valley 157                      d.by      Banyule 8d/225  
B. O'Connor 5/37                      M.Phillips 120\*

It was a warm one on Day 1 as we bowled first and were well on top early. Philo & Occa beat the bat with alarming regularity in the early part, though the Yarra Valley top order somehow managed to avoid getting edges. It was pretty frustrating; even more so when a few searing catches went down in the gully area. Occa opened with about 15 consecutive overs of guile and swing and soon found the happy knack of taking wickets. He finished with 5/37 and with Doc totally closing down the swamp end to any scoring opportunities whatsoever, the Valley were rolled for 157. Excellent. Not a pretty day in the field; but we successfully worked hard through a tough patch towards the end. Our "reward" for bowling out Yarra Valley early was to then face 7 overs of new ball madness ourselves. Sure enough, we lost Willow, dubiously LBW to the last ball of the 6th over, and

Big Tom nicked one that the bowler had put enough extra pepper on to not only get the wicket, but to sideline himself for 6 months with a busted Achilles tendon. Banyule 2/15 at stumps.

Another warm one on Day 2 as the score grew - night-watchman Harpo Barnes, the silent? brother, played some nice lofted shots, which frustrated their very attacking field. Harpo went on to make a breezy 28 and things appeared to be cruising; but all the while we seemed to be losing wickets a bit too often. The middle order worryingly somehow came and went without too much addition to the score, though PD knocked a few around. All of a sudden we were in a fair bit of froth & bubble at 8/135-ish, still needing 20+ to win the match. Thankfully as Damo strolled out to the wicket at number 10, at the other end was Mr. Marty Phillips. Marty showed us all how to bat sensibly – consistently knocking balls into gaps for 2s. As Damo kept out the good ones, we went on to pass them 8 wickets down. Marty was on 68 at this time – when the captain asked if he'd like to keep batting on for a possible century, Marty hit 12 off the next over, had a think and decided he'd give it a crack. When the match was called off, he was 120 not out - his 10th A Grade century - and was in dire need of a drink, a cold shower and, as it turned out, a big red bucket of water. It was a great knock by Marty. Good to win while not playing especially well, though improvements are needed in catching and batting. A Grade 3-1.



*Marty rattles up 120\**

### **B Grade**

Banyule 241 and 230-ish    d.by      Old Ivanhoe 8d/336  
B.Bowler 64                      A.Young 60  
T.Veal 54                          A.Gannon 40

We won the Toss and elected to Bat on a small fast ground down at Chelsworth Park against Old Ivanhoe. Unfortunately that was about the only thing we won for the match. We were bowled out for 241 after 57 overs on the first day, which could have been worse as we were 8/120 however Vealy came in and peeled off a very attractive 54, showing the top order batsmen that not every ball need be despatched to the boundary, that on such a small ground runs come through occupying the crease, which is what we must learn to do if we are to be successful this year.

Old Ivanhoe made it to 3/97 on first day and then passed us quite easily with 5 wickets down before declaring at 8 /336. Good bowling from Billy, Barnsey Vealy and "The Colonel" ensured that they didn't get completely away from us.

Our second Innings went much the same way as the first with Batsmen once again failing to put enough value on

their wicket and we were subsequently bowled out for 230 odd in the last over of the match. Good batting from "The Colonel" with 60 odd and Ganno with 40 on one leg. B Grade 2-2.



*A tortoise explains the value of "patience" after defeating a hare in a foot race.*

**C Grade**

Rosanna 299	d	Banyule 205
S.Brandt 3/40		M.Harte 67
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Skull lost the toss on day one and the Sannas elected to bat on a lightning A.J. Burkitt oval. Dropped catches and hefty hoiking saw the openers put on a hundred odd before the Bears finally managed to hang onto one. The rest of the batsmen got value for shots on the quick outfield and Rosanna ended up with a score of 299. The pick of the bowlers was Simon "Firey" Brandt who picked up 3 fa and an official warning for giving one of his victims a send off - Skull loved it! M. Harte got 3 fa in the end and Rayan and Scott C both saw chances go begging. Banyule faced 4 overs and were 1/19 at the close of play.

The second week saw the ground just as quick and the weather just as warm, unfortunately the batsmen couldn't stick around long enough to make the Sannas feel the heat. Skull made 28, D. Veal made 20 odd and M. Harte made 60 odd, ably assisted by the brothers Clapton (A and S) who showed the patience and composure that were required to set up some partnerships. Banyule was all out for 205 and were left again to rue dropped catches and loose shots. C Grade: 1-4.



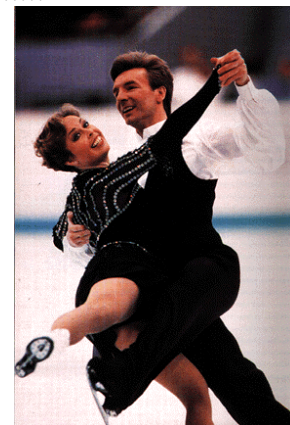
*Dr. M.Harte leaves the BCC precinct with a bag full of form over his shoulder after a tidy match.*

**D Grade**

Rosanna 180 and 6/66	d.by	Banyule 295
L.Taylor 7/23 & 4/20		R.Kernaghan 126
P.Adams DNB & 2/13		C.Parry 74
		L.Venning 22

A Blistering hot day saw us travel to Rosanna and be asked to bowl. With the grand stand under renovations it was the car park for us to set up camp in. All the bowlers bowled extremely tight and gave the batsmen very little opportunity to score. However it was the fired up, trigger finger, Lukey Taylor that cleaned up Rosanna. He hit the stumps a total of 9 times for match figures of 11/43. I thought he bowled probably at his best 2 games ago but he took it to the next level last week. What few runs came were just dumb luck on the batsmen's behalf. I'm not sure if he knew someone working in the grandstand or not, but he took great delight in pointing to it after each wicket. We faced 1 over the first week and Matt Holmes put his hand up and did a Ganno keeping 6 balls out brilliantly. We got off to a good start scoring at a quick enough pace, but lost a few wickets in the process. Ralph was cruising along, as he does, and after seeing a few wickets fall around him took it upon himself to give the boys something to smile about. It started with 19 off one over which included two huge sixes into the wind. He kept slapping at 'em and when Pixie joined him it was like watching Torville and Dean, (or maybe Toy Story on Ice). These two saw us home and beyond Rosanna's total quite comfortably. Comeback appearances by Joey and Pete Adams kept the crowd entertained. Lukey Venning continues to score runs with a very entertaining 22 and a last wicket stand of 30 with Graham Bennet. For some bizarre reason the Rosanna Captain wanted to bat for the 15 overs he told us he was entitled to. After protests from us and grumbling's from his own team we had to bowl them. Lukey didn't take to kind to this and after ongoing verbal stoush's with the crowd and each batsmen that came in, he ended up knocking over the wickets another 4 times. In an extraordinary move Pete Adams was asked to bowl and when the Puppeteer asked what he bowled the deadpan reply was, have you seen Jedda bowl? And in very Jed like fashion he got himself a couple!!!!

We'd just like to thank Rosanna's Captain for giving us the opportunity for an outright in 15 overs. It was interesting to note that while the wickets fell you decided not to bat. Maybe it was a bit easier on the other side of the fence. Thanks to those that turned up to watch the conclusion of our match with some extraordinary news. A certain 4th Grade Bully is now a 3rd grade Chump, or should that be a Golden Chump!!!!!!



*Ralph and Pix in a crowd-pleasing partnership.*