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In Full Swing

Welcome back, hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and New Year, and hopefully Santa granted all your wishes for runs and wickets after the break! Christmas is over and it's time to get back to cricket! What could possibly be a more enjoyable way to shed those extra kilos gained from the extra slice of Christmas pudding? As well as that, the finals spots are up for grabs so we need to be switched on before 1pm on Saturday. We play a one-day game first game back, but things don't change greatly. Each team still needs to bat out their overs, and the bowlers need to bowl tightly. If we do that we should win, pretty simple on paper so lets transform that into 4 wins to start the new year. Good to see some players keen by training over the break at various venues, and no-one got injured!

Quickly recapping the last round results. A Grade lost to Rosanna, B Grade lost to Rosanna, C Grade defeated ? and in one of the most one sided matches in history D Grade defeated the Bye. The Banyule President's XI (plus a couple more) tied with The Gullivers XI (plus a couple more).

Special Mentions

- Thank you to all those helpers on Christmas Eve in organising and running the Gulliver's game. Too many to remember them all but special mentions to Jenny Place, Irene Butler Greg & Ali Anderson, Veally, Philo, Jed and Greg Barnes to name a few.
- Special mention to Damo's dentist. As you might know Damo was struck while 'keeping on the last Saturday before Christmas. Luckily it was only Daniel bowling so not too much damage was done. He received a broken tooth (all reports of broken bones were denied by Damo). His dentist did a fine job repairing the tooth and you'd now never know that it was damaged.
- Big special thanks to Santa and his helpers who found time to visit Banyule on the Saturday before Christmas.
- Welcome to Steve 'Snowy' Elworthy to the club. Good luck in your first game for the bears!

Membership

Pay up.	
Senior	\$110 incl GST
Student	\$55 incl GST
Junior	\$25 incl GST (includes cap)



Damo post-injury (l) and an artist's impression of Damo after reconstructive facial surgery (r).

Events ALL to be held right here at Banyule.

Sunday 2nd February – Double Wicket Day.

Date to be confirmed – BCC Trivia night. All

welcome, juniors, seniors, parents, wives, girlfriends & boyfriends. Bookings essential, a list will be on the board shortly.

Saturday 1st March -End of season break-up

Sponsorship

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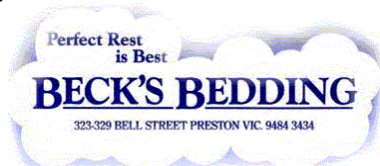
Beck's Bedding- Mis-Quote of the Week...

"Let's get this pommy bastard out." – big tom 24-Dec-02.

Our illustrious cockroach has a habit of mis-quoting song words. This week we have a few examples of this.

From the song 'Betty Davis Eyes' Ocka's words 'Better Days in Life'.

From the musical Oliver 'consider yourself' Ocka's words 'Come see it yourself'.



WWW News

The Howzat Archive has been updated so that it now contains newsletters from the 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons.

BCC Vs Gulliver's Travellers

Two occupants of the Subaru EEL arrived at Beverley Road a suitable 30 minutes before play, shocked to find a festival in full swing on Christmas Eve. Two coaches had spilled their contents of pommy cricket tourists all over the BCC precinct. Pushing through a throng of paparazzi, we turned the corner of the BCC rooms to see none other than Former England captain Mike Gatting standing there in his whites. Clearly today's match against the Gulliver's Travellers was to be a searching test (with thoughts already turning to M.Gatting's weakness against leg-spinners pitching 2 metres outside leg).

Lacking only Paris and a car

Feeling not unlike Dodi Al-Fayed and a friend of his, the team was continually hounded for photos at every turn. After the pre-match blur, it emerged that BCC co-captains Jed & Barnesy had indeed tossed the coin and BCC were to bat first.



BCC Co-captains Jed and Barnesy flank Mike Gatting.

Carl Lewis remembered

Brothers Wilson opened the innings and, especially following some pre-innings "advice", were immediately under pressure to slog or go out. For the Poms, Mike Gatting took the gloves, and Norman Cowans the new ball... all of a sudden we were playing a 1980s Test match. Hoping to entertain the large crowd, Big Tom was disappointed to be caught early, having a dip. This brought BCC discards Gibbo & Joffa together, whereupon some brutal cricketing moments were played out – including a six flicked off Joffa's hip that somehow landed on the balcony's top step and almost visited the canteen. In a

reversal of the summer's trend, Australian wickets kept tumbling to Pommy bowlers. When BB struck his first ball towards the deep backward square fence with the timing of Richie Richardson, only to see it swallowed by a pom, the BCC ship was entering rough waters. Able seaman Butterworth thankfully steadied her (and thankfully saved any more references to able seamen) with some Gilchrist-like crisp hitting on the way to 42 including 13 off one Gatting Jnr over, which caused Gatting Snr to sledge his own son! D-Lo, Rayan & Luke batted well in tough circumstances (i.e. surrounded by poms) to see the BCC total up to 199 from 40 overs. Well done to Crawfo at the conclusion of the innings for showing the focus and speed of Carl Lewis in ignoring all obstacles and delivering a single beer to the hands of Mike Gatting in record time (amid looks from his pommy teammates of where's mine!).

Thanks, mum

The crowd was well behaved through the innings, with special mention made to the Gulliver's scorer, whose grandson was playing. This fine gentleman and veteran scorer, recounted childhood memories of scoring Len Hutton's epic innings in the 5th Ashes Test of 1938 at the Oval. He sat there in the stands, recording every ball, as Hutton rattled up 364 and England generously declared at 7/903 half way through Day 3. (For the record the Good Guys lost two of their Top 4 batsmen to injury in the field – Jack Fingleton and one D.G. Bradman – were rolled for 201 and 123 and unluckily lost by an innings and 579 runs.) Alas, when he returned from Army duties one year, he discovered that his mother had thrown out the "rubbishy" scorebooks from his childhood.

A great lunch was put on – special thanks to everyone involved in the feeding extravaganza – it really was brilliantly handled.

Ball of the century

BCC opened up the defense with brothers' Barnes operating in tandem and doing a fine job of it. One Pom took it upon himself to bat like Michael Vaughan, and we happily waved him off the field upon reaching 50 and retiring. After PD and Scotty C had a crack at the poms, the middle stage of the innings was characterized by the nuggety combination of Gatting father & son batting very well together. Joffa delivered his trademark Shane Warne impersonation delivery to a freshly arrived Gatting Snr, in the hope of rekindling some Old Trafford magic. As the ball left the bowler's hand, Gatting called out "well bowled Warnie." It pitched on about off stump, whereupon Gatting gestured to the fateful area 2 metres outside leg and said: "Not bad, but you need to pitch it about here." The next one he sent forcefully to the mid-wicket fence.

ACB Conference-Call organised

The Poms slapped around a few, Gatting Snr broke his bat & retired at 50, and the Good Guys were looking down the barrel of a black day in Australian cricket history. Surely we couldn't let the poms win a match? The ball was then tossed fatefully to Aiden "Teddy Hopkins" Young, who single-handedly turned the game when all seemed lost. In a devastating spell of approximately 4 overs, he had

claimed 6 wickets for around 7 runs, opening up a new weakness of the poms to bouncing off-spinners. Trevor Hohns was later rumoured to have called the BCC rooms and made a few enquiries.

Bird of prey

But still the match needed to be won. The final over was to be bowled by Scott "Iceman" Clapton from the swamp end, poms needing 9 to win. At the crease – former England Test players Norman Cowans and Clive Radley. A big ask for our Iceman, and when two crunching boundaries were slogged to tie the match, the result looked in doubt. Great bowling and fielding however, saw a script unfold in the "Days of Our Lives" – style... one run needed to win the match from the last ball of the day. Iceman Clapton sent down a ball of good length which was slogged straight-ish over the leg side field. All breath stopped, time stood still, as the rising ball climbed like a wedge-tailed eagle, and then, just as quickly, dived. All eyes were now on BB, who, fielding at mid-on, had turned and was now gaining speed as he ran back with the flight of the ball. Would he get there in time? With legs of iron, BB made the last 5 metres in record time and hurled himself horizontally through the air – arms and hands outstretched. His hands arrived just as 6½ ounces of red leather were about to hit the ground – the catch stuck. The match was tied. The day had its fairytale ending.

Thanks and congratulations to all concerned in the running of this festival day. Jed, Ando, TV and a cast of thousands put together a Day to Remember. Well done to the Colonel for winning the "Best Player" award.



Man-of-the-Match Aiden scores from Clive Radley.

INTERVIEW with a Vampire

This week we interview the most popular man in Heidelberg.

Name: Larry Stephens

Age: 60+

Playing weight: 100kg

Star Sign: Scorpio

Job: Retired Engineer

Brothers/sisters: Sister, Nola.

Children: Cheryl (married to Reggie), Dale.

Marital status: Married to Bev

Marital aids: Chardonnay

Republican or Monarchist: Monarchist

Hobbies outside cricket: Banyule Amateur Football Club

Favourite TV show: Home and Away

Favourite movie: Calamity Jane

Favourite beer: Carlton Draft

Favourite meal: Bev's roasts

Next favourite beer: VB Stubbies

Favourite drink: Quantro on ice

Favourite band: Bill Haley and the Comets

Least favourite beer: Light

Favourite song: Rock Around the Clock

Outside love interests: My Grand daughters Teasha and Kyla

Animal that best describes you: A Bear. Big and cuddly

TV character that best describes you: Alf in Home and away

Dream rotten egg victim: Jeff Kennett

Dream date: Magda Schabanski

Synchronised swimming? Will be great when it goes nude

Worst bowler to face at training: Philo

Why: Too fast

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Scooby

Why: Would keep him quite for a few seconds

Highest score for Banyule: 10 pots and a bottle of red

Best bowling haul for Banyule: Serving 2 barrels in one night. That certainly bowled a few over.

Ambitions for 02-03 season: See all grades in the finals

Most admired player at the club: JV

Best Banyule player seen: Ando

Biggest disappointment at BCC: Not being around on Thursday and Saturday nights

Most memorable moment at BCC: Butt's burning of the bat / TV's how to dry your undies

Best birthday prezzy ever: My MGB

Something you can't live without: My Chinese food

Who wrote Cat in the Hat? Who cares

Name of Australia's worst Test Captain: Don't know, but Steve Waugh has to be one of the best

Where did you go to school: Ivanhoe Primary, Collingwood Tech, Footscray Tech, RMIT & Swinburne

Best holiday: My years caravanning at Rosebud

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Ian Gray, because he doesn't drink much and can always drive home

Favourite pub: OE / Rosebud RSL

Third favourite beer: VB cans

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? The friends I've made over the years from Banyule Cricket and Football Clubs

Favourite pick up line: Did you know I was once mayor of Heidelberg?

Hairstyle tips: Keep it combed back, it covers the bald spot

Word Associations:

Bears: Go Bears

Light beer: Hate it

Butts: Son of Ronnie (SOR), BBQ King

The sanna's: Love to beat them

Cocktail Party: I'm going to be sick in the morning

Words of advice: Keep playing for as many years as you can. Plenty of time to lean on the fence and work in the canteen when you can't play.

Rolling Stone

The Barleycorn in Collingwood was pumping last Saturday night; Banyule's own Damian "Damo" Harte and his band "The Party Liaison" were in the house. Two weeks earlier this tight 3 piece were merely the first unknown act on the bill and played to their handful of die hard groupies (young good looking chicks). Last Saturday night they were the headliner in the prime 10pm slot which begs the question, has a band ever moved so quickly in the world of pub Rock?

There was a strong Banyule presence in the crowd and they lent their vocal support to the band, with very little sledging during the performance. After pushing the start time back 40 minutes (as all great bands do) the crowd was on edge and the boys were ready to fire. The opening song was the powerful "Waiting" and this had Big Dave & Co. jumping all over the floor. Memorable songs were 'Cable TV' with the Dr Seuss book pulled out for some bizarre, but effective reason; much to the delight of Veally. 'Communal' which sounded like a song about a hot chick that broke Damo's Harte and 'The Hospital Song' which was conceived after Damo caught a cricket ball with his eye. The Hospital song was certainly a crowd favourite and had the Banyule boys in stitches. After a fast and furious 45 minute set the show was wound up with "Never New" which had Damo stretching both his vocal and acting abilities. A hot blue and righteous evening with a refreshing all original song list and a lead singer who goes off. Find out when the next gig is and get along to see "The Party Liaison".

Damo You Rock, even in thongs!!!!

Back Packin' Steve

As you know A Grade premiership player Steve 'Doc' Pinner has gone overseas this season. He has been sending his chronicles to those of us on the internet, but for those of you that aren't here's a dose of what he's been up to...

G'day everyone, It's that time again.... Chronicle time! Our first christmas/ new year season in the northern hemisphere is over & I feel like Adam Gilchrist after a quick fire double ton... hungry for more. Our trip to Scotland was absolutely fantastic & I can't wait for our future travels to begin.

GUINNESS XMAS PARTY- DEC 23 After a very hectic month leading up to xmas, the chance to indulge in the demon drink & hold up the 'right' side of the bar for a while was welcomed. The pad at Moyne Road was in full swing as a few choice (god the new zealanders must be rubbing off on me!) invitees enjoyed pre-party drinks in the swank surrounds of Studio 1/3 (the Dublin version of Studio 55). After becoming suitably warmed up, we wandered down to D2 nightclub, where the rest of the Guinness staff had enjoyed a christmas dinner & were now surrounding the roulette table, where they were losing their 'australian' chips (ie. no true cash value) at a great rate. After pocketing a handful of chips, with the view of cashing them in at Crown when I get home, I headed upstairs where the dancefloor awaited. An interesting thing has happened to me on this trip...I have become a dancing fool. Maybe the cold air has finally got to me but I think it is only a matter of time before I will need to invest in a pair of Cousin Eddie dancin' boots & a velour suit. I will be seeking treatment.

After dancing up a Flashdance like storm, I noticed that DodgyJase was again scoring runs at will & it looked like he was set for a Gordon Greenidge like century. I can't be sure but I think he was out hit wicket for 99. Good to see his good form continue though. The undoubted lowlight of the night was when I decided to go for a double JD & coke for Benny & I & was duly stripped of 20 euro & 20 cents. And they bag Banyule for selling VB cans for 2.50 a pop! I managed a few hours of hazy sleep before DodgyJase awoke me & we headed to the airport for our flight to Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH Despite my Plugger sized hangover, it was great to back in Edinburgh, a city that I fell in love with when I visited 4 years prior. We were to meet the rest of our 'Xmas in a Castle' tour at the hostel at about 7, so we had a good look around until Astrid's plane got in & we received word from Watto that our bus (codenamed Rudolph) was running 2 hours late. We decided to head to the Three Sisters pub (known locally as the Six Nipples) for dinner. We headed back to the hostel hopeful that Rudolph's problems were behind him & the glow was restored to his nose. We finally boarded 'Rudolph' and headed out of Edinburgh, bound for Carbisdale Castle, located about an hour north of Inverness. Our tour guide Pete, was a very good value on the historical past of Scotland, especially concerning the Jacobites (highland warriors) & told us of some of the battle that took place against the Pommy bastards. Back on Rudolph, the excitement levels grew as we approached Carbisdale Castle, our home for the next 2 nights.

CHRISTMAS EVE The castle was a great place to stay, although not an old castle in the scheme of things. After a traditional hostel dinner of baked potato and baked beans, we headed upstairs where the tour had organised a band & DJ for us to celebrate Xmas eve. We had a great night, with a number of very funny incidents. The dancin' fool returned & Watto & I tore up the dance floor with able assistance from the two Laura's (thanks for the sore hammy's girls- men are not designed to the splits!).

THE DIVE After becoming suitably lubricated, my bourbon affected mind began to overestimate the physical capabilities of my body. Subsequently, I thought it would be really impressive to run the length of the polished wooden floor & throw myself on my chest, sliding along the floor like a celebrating soccer player. EXCEPT that I failed to take into consideration the fact that my t shirt was a little damp from running around all night. The result....well all I can say is ouch. I stuck to the floor like a footy sticking to Stewie Loewe's big mitts & the head of steam that I had built up caused my back to bend like a concertina. Somehow I picked myself up (amid the stares & laughter) & continued on my dance fever until the early hours. A sore knee was a lucky escape!

XMAS DAY Despite the physical exertion the previous night, Xmas morning we all rose & looked in reasonable health. A brisk walk in the crisp morning air got us all firing & we were back on Rudolph for a day tour of the Highlands. Our first stop was the beach! That's right, after hoping for a white christmas, we ended up with a beautiful sunny day on a beach that could have been at Anglesea! After some photos & a bit of frisbee, we were back on Rudolph & checked out some nice scenery before heading back to the castle for our Xmas dinner.

XMAS NIGHT With the previous night's shenanigans taking effect, Chrissie's dinner was a quiet affair, with the great conversation point being the chef. Who also doubled as the DJ, barman, roadie for the band & possibly had a little bit too much input into the brandy sauce. We all decided to have a quick nap & get back into the action after that. It was sad that only DodgyJase & I showed the ticker to get back on board the bourbon train & we left Azz & Watto to sleep off their softness. Unfortunatley the bourbon train had run out of juice the night before, so we were forced to get on the Budweiser scooter (I am ashamed). Luckily we met a group of girls from the lovely town of Warragul, who entertained us with some inspired dance moves & slowly but surely the Bud began to taste OK (now I really am ashamed). After a very funny night watching the 'Tony Bartuccio Dancers', we ended up kicking the footy outside the castle at 3am with the girls and some of the locals. All of a sudden DodgyJase turned into AngryJase & brought one of the locals down with a tackle that Robbie Muir would have been proud of. It was a side you don't see of Jase too often but gee it was funny. Just then DodgyVicta, sorry I mean DodgyJase returned & the world was at peace.

BOXING DAY It was time to leave the castle & head back to Edinburgh via Loch Ness, Fort William & Stirling. A real day of sighseeing. Unfortunatley it didn't quite pan out that way, as Rudolph decided to pack it in, just as Pete was re-enacting scenes from Braveheart at Glencoe. Our bus driver, who beared an uncanny likeness to Man United's striker, Ole Gunnar Sholskaer, shook his head & Rudolph was no more. We had to wait for another bus to drive up from Glasgow to pick us up, and were stranded in Fort William for over 5 hours. With tensions building, it probably wasn't a good idea to play Monopoly, a game that I struggle to play with any emotional control. Let's just say that I didn't approve of the way in which the game was being administered & leave it at that. We all made up in the end. Finally the bus arrived & we all managed to get back to Edinburgh in one piece. Just. Jen had arrived from London & a group of us enjoyed a few soothing ales at Logie Bairds (named after a famous West Indian cricketer) with the Boxing Day test being telecast live.

END OF PART ONE.



Damien Martyn enjoying some good recent form.

Junior Results

Under 16

Banyule 7-197 Defeated Olympic Colts 8-158

N Sadler 43
A Young 41

C Ryan 4-21

Under 14 Blue

Banyule Blue 9/149 defeated Yarra Valley 101
Scott Shelton 45 Sam Place 2/4
Michael Delaney 40 Robert Gooch 2/9
Mick Abrahams 2/8

This was the battle between first and second on the ladder. We won the toss and elected to bat. We were soon in trouble at 2 for 7 but Michael Delaney 40 runs and Scott Shelton 45 runs steadied the team with an 84 run partnership. Jack Chazan contributed a valuable 17 in his debut game and no-one else really troubled the scorers. The next week was very hot and the ground was quick. Tight bowling was the order of the day and all of our bowlers performed really well. Sam Place 2/4, Robert Gooch 2/9 and Mick Abrahams 2/8 were the main wicket takers. HDCA representatives Scott Shelton 1/18 and Garrick Melton 1/12 put the brakes on early and Zac Cole 'kept impressively in the heat. Cam McDonald 1/5 and Nikhail Joseph 0/3 were both brilliant (and to think that they've both got another year of Under 14 to go is quite exciting.) We now have to beat Rosanna and Clifton Hill after Christmas to remain on top of the ladder. Well done.

Under 14 Maroon

Banyule Maroon 135 d. Greensborough Green 3/132 dec
Josh DeStefanis 22 Chris Sullivan 2/12
Rhys Bevan 24
Alex Mulholland 19
Tom Woodman 13

This was undoubtedly the highlight of the season. Greensborough were trying to get an outright win (10 points) against us and declared at tea on day 1. We were 4 for 59 overnight with Josh DeStefanis on 20 not out and Tom Woodman on 5 not out. We lost Josh early on the Friday night to a dubious decision and were 5 for 61. Rhys Bevan refreshed from a Queensland holiday strode to the crease and he and Tom put on a further 19 before Tom was out for 13 and we were 6 for 80, 52 runs behind. Rhys and Alex Mulholland put on another 17 before Rhys was out with score 7 for 97 and Alex's twin brother Evan Mulholland was next out with the score on 8 for 105. The much improved, Hamish Phillips put considerable value on his wicket and he and Alex took the score to 9 for 117 before Hamish was dismissed for a determined 3 runs. This meant that we were still 16 runs in the red with our last batsman at the crease. Chris Sullivan responded magnificently to the challenge, he and Alex who was batting superbly, put on a last wicket stand of 18 to win us the match. Alex Mulholland was the last person, dismissed with an invaluable 19 runs beside his name and Chris was 3 not out. A gutsy win that should provide the platform for further wins after Christmas. Well done every one. Batting is about building partnerships and that's what everyone did.

Under 12 Competition

Banyule 138 d Yarra Valley 124
L. Giles 27 L. Giles 3/16
N. Lynch 27 N. Lynch 3/17
L. Melton 15*

Sitting third before the final game for 2002, we faced fourth place Yarra Valley at the bunker in a game that could see us cement our place in the four, and set ourselves up for a finals campaign. As we have every game this season we batted first and after losing a quick wicket, Luke Giles and Nick Lynch set the team up for a big total, both making 27 and seeing the team through to the break with plenty of wickets in hand. Unfortunately we didn't bat out our overs and we bundled out for only 138 with Lewis Melton batting well down the order with 15 not out. Yarra Valley got off to a good start scoring quickly, but tight bowling from the previous weeks in-form batters Luke Giles (3/16) and Nick Lynch (3/17), and some excellent fielding saw us bowl Yarra Valley out for 124, to score a good win against quality opposition. The win sees the team 5-2 at the break, sitting 3rd, one game behind Rosanna in 2nd who we play first game this year, and if we can get up in that game, we then play two low placed teams before the finals. Lets see if we can give the undefeated Heidelberg a run for their money in the finals. Also congratulations to Luke Giles who is currently representing the District in the Mitchell Shield, and bowling quite well for them.

Under 12 Development

Banyule 7-80 Lost to	Rosanna 5-82
N Lynch 27	L Giles 3-16
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L Melton 15	

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Banyule 7-156 Defeated Rosanna 8-75

After our loss to Rosanna by 2 runs the week before, our guys were on a mission, as we told them that to be beaten by Rosanna two weeks in a row was the worst thing that could ever happen, and Christmas may have to be cancelled if this happened. Our boys were fired up. Banyule batted first and rearranged the batting order to give a few of the guys who have been batting down the order a decent go. This proved to be very successful, as our younger players saw off their better bowlers allowing our more experienced batsmen to come in towards the end a have real go. Notable batting performances

were: Jake Rice 8 retired, Kane Moore 5, James Hollaway 10 retired, Jarrod Cahir 11 retired, William Barnes 5, Rory Brockwell 19 retired, Alister Fewkes 20 retired, a special mention should go to extras as they top scored with 64. Banyule after 24 overs were 7/156. Our highest score. Rosanna were never in the hunt with a required run rate of 6.5 per over. Our bowlers bowled exceptionally well sharing the wickets around, importantly keeping extras down to only 35. James Hollaway took a great catch to dismiss their opener. After 24 overs Rosanna were 8/75. A great win to the guys, and something that we can build on when we commence again on the 31st January.

A Grade

Banyule 188	d.by	Rosanna 8-222
A Young 43		D Barnes 3-57
F Neilson 36		

Sorry no report this week so I'm making it up! The good guys batted first and struggled to make 188. Sensational first up effort by Aiden making 43. Doc provided some respectability to the total down the order with 36. Didn't bat out the overs which proved costly once again. The game was evenly poised at the tea break with Rosanna 5 for 100 odd but the early wickets after tea didn't come and they passed us reasonable comfortably. A few crunch games to come up after the break, and they are all must win games to make the finals.

B Grade

Banyule 168	d.by	Rosanna 9-202
M Lower 31		A Covey 2-31
C Carroll 31		
D Butterworth 21		
B Bowler 21		

Extended 12" Dance Version: The Magoos travelled out to scenic Watsonia for a game against bitter rivals Rosanna. They must have a passion for playing on dodgy grounds. De Winton, of course a uniquely sloping affair whose gradient from side-to-side rivals that of Mt. Kosciuszko, is out of use this season. Instead they are playing at Elder Street - where the ground lies on a de-commissioned tip. More bumps & swales & hummocks on the surface than you'd find on a bowl of porridge. The Good Guys bowled first and bowled well. The 'sannas were in early strife and before you could say "kneel and leak where you stand", they were 7/100. This included a fancy catch by Dr. Harte which we might expect to see used at the World Cup - you leap up to intercept a sweetly struck drive, knock the ball into the air, land, and then catch the lobbed ball as it falls gently to earth. Unfortunately their lower order then began a fightback of which even John Hewson would have been proud. The bowlers used guile, skill and craftiness for no reward - though it's never easy bowling to the luckiest guys in Australia, as they chopped the ball over and then past their stumps. At the end => 'sannas 9/202. 203 to win. It was hot. Pixie (in good health) & Big Tom opened the innings of Banyule, and did a terrible job against a viciously swinging ball. Terry Alderman's stunt-double bowled the first over of the day, Banyule 1/2. Moshpit batted at #3, and a solid partnership of about 2

was enjoyed before Tom also nicked one through to the keeper. Banyule 2/4 and in some trouble. Moshpit batted on for a gutsy 31 but wickets kept falling at the other end. Skipper BB played with great concentration and Dasha, playing as a batsman in his first game since a full knee reconstruction, did the job of Adam Gilchrist; for a moment it looked as though he was about to go beserk. It wasn't to be though. Others came & went and it didn't look good. Feral had done a groin during the week forcing him to bat at #10, but like a prize-fighter with one arm tied behind his back, he was able to slog 30 at the end. Banyule Magoos all out 166. Very disappointing effort, with only the Moshpit, BB & Dasha looking likely. Magoos 2-4.

Short Radio Version: Once again failed to bat out our allotted overs and were dismissed for 166. Great efforts by Moshy and Fez who both got thirty odd.

As stated numerous times until we can bat out our allotted overs we will struggle to win matches. Still not without hope of making 4 provided we win all remaining matches.

-Skipper.



Feral (with groin intact).

C Grade

Banyule 9 (cc) 410 def. East Ivanhoe 235

R Parry 122

L Willoughby 63

Also no report here. Easy win for the thirds, they are now on fire and hopefully can continue their for after the break. Congratulations to Reggie on his ton, and to young BJ whose form continues up the grades with 63.

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