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# HOWZAT

*Every game a crunch game edition*

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

## Tight at the Top

Amazing scenes! After the weekends games almost every grade is in a fierce battle to play in the finals. D Grade is almost certain of a spot, one more win should do it, which spot it is, is up to them though. A Grade missed a golden opportunity the last two games, two wins and they would be all but assured of finals action. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are only separated by percentage. They are now in the position that they could win the last 3 games and still miss the finals - every game is now a must for the ones! B Grade defeated the top team on the weekend and are now only 1 game out of the four. Only 2 games separate top spot from 8<sup>th</sup> spot. They are in a similar spot to A Grade in that they could win all three games and finish on top or 6<sup>th</sup>. If you think A & B Grade are close, C Grade is as tight as the 5:08 train from Flinders street stopping all stations to Jolimont, running express from Jolimont to Clifton Hill, Clifton Hill to Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe to Heidelberg! Only 8 points separate 1<sup>st</sup> from 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 wins could secure a spot or miss out on one. The thirds need to win and win well to confirm their spot in the March action.



*Positions in the Top 4 are wide open...*

As you can see, if we want to play in finals it's up to us. We must win almost every game from here on in to get all 4 teams in the finals. Training is a must to make sure everyone is at the optimum level for each game. Also, with 8 people missing out on a game last week, training could be the difference on whether or not you get a game!

## Special Mentions

- Kev Bowler for a great performance behind the till on Saturday afternoon.
- Leanne and Don Richmond for their appearance at Banyule on Saturday. Don left his hospital bed for the afternoon to come down to Banyule. He is staying in the Repat and would love to see any BCC visitors.

## Membership

Pay up.

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

**Events** ALL to be held right here at Banyule.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Double Wicket Day.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – BCC Trivia night.

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** -End of season break-up

## Sponsorship

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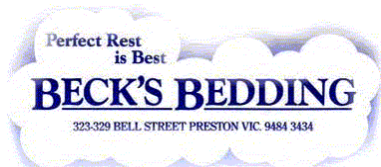
For their money they receive:

- advertisement space in the BCC rooms & Howzat,
- regular copies of the Howzat,
- prizes if their player wins the man of the match award.
- a 100 word advertisement in the Howzat for every sponsor that pays over \$100. See Scooby or Greg Barnes for more information.

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

Yarni wins quote of the week this week. After fielding countless balls at square leg on Saturday Billy called out to him "You're a ball magnet today Yarni!" Yarni replied "I'd rather be a chick magnet than a ball magnet!"

Our illustrious cockroach has a habit of mis-quoting song words. This week we continue to identify his mis-quotes. From the Red Hot Chilli Peppers song 'By the way', song words 'Standing in line to see the show tonight' Ocka's words 'Standing in line to see the shore to nine'.



## Pom Watch

Our friends at Gulliver's sent us a thank you note for our game on Christmas Eve.

Dear Greg

This is just a short note to say a big thank you from all of us who attended the match at Banyule CC on Christmas Eve. Everyone who took part in the game and attended had a wonderful day out and enjoyed your clubs superb hospitality. The rest of the tour went really well. We bumped into a couple of your lads at the MCG and watched a very entertaining Test match. We then moved on to Sydney where the England boys eventually gave us all something to cheer about at the SCG. Once again if you can pass on our thanks to all involved who made our day at Banyule so successful. Heres to a return match once again in 2006!!

Kind regards

On behalf of Gullivers Sports Travel

Neil Rayer  
Sales Manager



Former England captain Mike Gatting breaks his bat on a J.Wilson thunderbolt at Beverley Road, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

## INTERVIEW with a Vampire

*Name:* Kevin Gehan ("Wizard")

*Age:* more than 50(a lot more), but I'm younger than Mick Jagger

*Playing weight:* 75 kgs

*Star Sign:* Libra

*Job:* Consultant Engineer

*Brothers/sisters:* One brother, Neil, a well-known Adelaide psychiatrist

*Marital status:* Married(Pam)

*Marital aids:* Common interests

*Republican or Monarchist:* Republican

*Hobbies outside cricket:* Cinema, music, reading crime/horror novels

*Favourite TV show:* Frasier

*Favourite movie:* So far this year: "The Quiet American"

*Favourite beer:* Espresso coffee

*Favourite meal:* Pasta and espresso coffee

*Next favourite beer:* Another espresso coffee

*Favourite drink:* Apple juice

*Favourite band:* "The Byrds"

*Least favourite beer:* All of them!

*Favourite song:* "Goin Back"(the Byrds)

*Outside love interests:* My work, my wife and my dogs, but not in that order

*Animal that best describes you:* A fairly old terrier

*TV character that best describes you:* Victor Meldrew(from "One Foot in the Grave")

*Dream rotten egg victim:* Mike Munro("A Current affair")

*Dream date:* Bill O'Reilly

*Synchronised swimming?:* No way

*Worst bowler to face at training:* Philo (but I haven't faced him yet – I don't train much)

*Why:* Because he would destroy me

*Dream player to bowl bouncers at:* My "bouncer" is the wrong'un: Answer: at anyone who **can't** bat

*Why:* The look of confusion on their face

*Highest score for Banyule:* 29

*Best bowling haul for Banyule:* 8/58

*Ambitions for 02-03 season:* To contribute in the last 4 matches and win another flag

*Most admired player at the club:* I am not answering that!!

*Best Banyule player seen:* Kristian McCausland during the 97-98 season

*Biggest disappointment at BCC:* Not playing for the club before the 1996-7 season

*Most memorable moment at BCC:* The tied 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Grand Final, 1998

*Best birthday prezzy ever:* I don't get birthday presents

*Something you can't live without:* My sound system

*Who wrote Cat in the Hat?* Dr Seuss?

*Name of Australia's worst Test Captain:* I can't separate Kim Hughes and Ian Craig

*Where did you go to school:* Prince Alfred College(Adelaide)

*Best holiday:* Canada & USA in 1990

*Best bloke to go to a pub with?* Bill O'Reilly

*Favourite pub:* Corner Hotel, Richmond (for the music)

*Third favourite beer:* As above

*If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with?* Bill O'Reilly

*Favourite pick up line:* I've forgotten

*Hairstyle tips:* Keep the clipper well oiled

*Word Associations:*

*Bears:* Brisbane

*Light beer:* Carlton

*Butts:* Legend

*The sanna's:* ?

*Cocktail Party:* Finger Food

*Words of advice:* You're never too old...

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## Joke of the Week

A young guy from Texas moves to California and goes to a big "Everything under one roof" department store looking for a job.

The manager says, "Do you have any sales experience?"

The kid says, "Yeah, I was a salesman back home in Texas."

Well, the boss liked the kid so he gave him the job. "You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

His first day on the job was rough but he got through it. After the store was locked up, the boss came down. "How many sales did you make today?"

The kid says, "One."

The boss says, "Just one? Our sales people average 20 or 30 sales a day. How much was the sale for?" The kid says, "\$101,237.64."

The boss says, "\$101,237.64? What the hell did you sell?"

Kid says, "First I sold him a small fish hook. Then I sold him a medium fish hook. Then I sold him a larger fishhook. Then I sold him a new fishing rod. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast, so I told him he was gonna need a boat, so we went down to the boat department and I sold him that twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4X4 Blazer."

The boss said, "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and truck?" Kid says, "No, he came in here to buy a box of tampons for his wife and I said, 'Well, your weekend's shot, you might as well go fishin'..."

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## Blast From the Past

A section we haven't had for a while, but we've got it back this week. This week we look at the career of Greg Arandt.

Greg played 83 matches for the BCC, with 71 of them in A & B grades. A wicket-keeper batsmen, Greg made 1429 runs @ 17.86 with a top score of 90. He took 73 catches. He almost managed a bowl in between and was very handy bowling 323 overs, 61 maidens and taking 41 wickets @ 19.24.

Former team mates had nothing but praise for him:

An inaugural drinker of red wine at the BCC. Together with Dave Gazzola and I think Meggsy they were the forerunners of today's red wine club. I remember an U/16's game against Olympic Colts at home when Greg opened the bowling. Brett Kerney (Pinhead) opened the batting for Olympic (naturally was not wearing any gloves) and smashed the first ball of the innings back over Greg's head through the goal posts and over the fence for SIX. Can't be sure but I think everybody except Greg laughed. - Philo

Weazel... Runt.... Only had a cut shot.... Don't know how he ever played in A Grade Premierships. Couldn't drink. I remember a Christmas party at the Jones's when I was coaching the U/16's and they all managed to sneak a few drinks in, Ok I brought them a few. Him and Butler were spastic in the gutter. One good thing about Greg was that he has lovely parents. Don't know what went wrong. - Gibbo

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## Junior Results

No juniors this week, they recommence on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

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## Senior Results

### **A Grade**

Banyule 127 d.by Clifton Hill 7-131

B O'Connor 43 P Barnes 3-25

A Young 30

The team welcomed new chap Steve Elworthy into the fold to play against his former club Clifton Hill. This at least helped Steve find their ground because for most of us we had never played there, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade having had a phenomenal run since the late 80's of always meeting the Hiller's at home. Yes, the vice captain did get lost.

We won the toss and the cockroach and Steve opened the batting on a very, very lush Ramsden St Oval (water restrictions??). Our best opening partnership for the year (24) was curtailed when Steve went to a blinder caught & bowled. This unfortunately sparked a mini collapse losing a couple more wickets. Occa continued on though with new found post-Christmas confidence and made a hard hitting 43 (including a couple of very large 6's). Whilst further wickets fell around him young Aiden Young compiled a mature 30 highlighted by clever placement into the gaps and (yes!) well judged quick singles. Unfortunately we couldn't maintain any momentum and further wickets saw us having to block the last couple of overs just to ensure we batted the full 40. A score of only 127, a little more would have been handy.

Anyways, we bowled, took a few earlies but thereafter Clifton Hill batted sensibly, chipping over heads and just out of reach of hands often. They stayed consistently on the required run rate and marched steadily towards our earlier score. We had opportunities for run-outs which, if nailed, may have had an impact slowing momentum. Unfortunately we was passed with about 4 overs to spare. This was a very disappointing loss which places our finals aspirations in real jeopardy with difficult games to come. Currently we are not playing to the level at which we pride ourselves, however there are positives which should help to motivate us in the run home:

- Occa's return to form should be inspiration to those struggling that things can change with one hit if the application and will is there.
- The excellent debut form of young Aiden should give all a buzz. Everyone can learn from the value he is placing on his wicket.
- Fantastic seasons thus far for Ando and Marty should not change after missing out just once.
- Damo's courageous return on Saturday after the nasty pre-Christmas injury combined with tremendous 'keeping all year.
- The bowling has been disciplined and consistent with contributions and pressure applied by all.

Remember we are still third on the ladder and its up to us if we want to play in the finals. We just have to stay

positive, encourage each other, remain focused and ensure we play a good day's cricket each and every Saturday between now and the end of the season. They don't hand out flags and yet we're reigning back to back premiers so we ARE good enough if we want it desperately enough.



*A handy reference for aspiring A Grade vice-captains*

### B Grade

Olympic Colts 102	d. by	Banyule 6-126
T.Veal 4/17		D.Butterworth 67
P.Davis 3/46		J.Poyser 20

Top-of-the-table Olympic Colts arrived at Beverly road marginally before play was due to start in the VB series 2nd Grade fixture. A must-win game for the 2nds. Olympic batted. Over to Bill Lawry for the first ball of 2003:

"..And it will be Greg Barnes to bowl the first ball from the swamp end. In he comes.. it's worked onto the leg side.. oh - no run there.. GOT 'IM! HE'S GONE! A diamond duck - do you believe that!?!"

The pick up and throw by Mooks @ to Barnesy for the first ball run out brought the big January crowd to its feet as some were still filing through the turnstiles. From there the Banyule bowlers did a terrific job, and all XI put in a top-shelf day in the field. PD bowled a successful & lengthy spell (3/46) from one end with the endurance of Phar Lap. At the other end Barnesy & then TV (4/17), bowling in Bono-style fly sunglasses, dried things up like regional Victoria. Thoughtful field placings and tight bowling were backed up by a 100% catching record (saved 4 Billy) - none better than PD's John Dyson-esque dive in front of the Members. Olympic bundled out after only 28 overs for 102.

Banyule had 52 overs to make the runs. At 1/0 and 2/6 it didn't look great, when Moshpit was run out things were still a bit dicey at 4/26. Overs were never a problem - wickets in hand might have been - but the result was secured thanks to a trademark innings of entertaining clean hitting from Dasha (67) with tidy assistance from JD (20). Passed them 5 wickets down. Good solid win against ladder leaders. Six points outside 4th place.



*PD escorts a passenger to the popping crease on Saturday.*

### C Grade

Banyule 187	def.	Heidelberg 9/162
G.Place 42		M.Harte 4/61
M.O'Ryan 41		
B.Russell 30		
C.Parry 20		

A good toss for Skull to win. Bat first, get the runs on the board, bowl tight and field well. That's exactly what we did. A few more runs on the board would have been nice, but that will happen next week when the post Xmas cobwebs are fully dusted off.

Experienced pair Skull and Jed opened the batting and got us off to a good start. The first wicket fell at 57 in the 11th over. At drinks break after the 22nd over, we were 2/103. A total of 230-50 was looking good. Unfortunately we lost some quick wickets which slowed us down. Scooby batted well and held the innings together. Usha received the unplayable delivery and Pixie was batting beautifully until he was caught out on a full toss. Even so, we had 187 runs on the board and Heidelberg had to get them in 40.3 overs. We opened the bowling with Usha and Scotty Clapton. Usha had success in his second and fourth overs when he comprehensively bowled, hitting middle stump, the Heidelberg opener and then first drop. Rayan Moore relieved Scotty at the river end, and promptly contained the batsmen, he bowled 6 overs, returning 1 for 6. His wicket coming via a superb Gilchrist-like catch by Andy (Spud) Clapton behind the stumps. A great run out by the Parry brothers contributed to another wicket, Usha picked up two more wickets due to good catches by Lucas Willoughby and Scooby, and Pixie got the only LBW decision of the whole game for the ninth wicket. It was a good win because the team that Heidelberg fielded was not representative of their lowly position on the ladder.

This week we play second placed Heidelberg West at home. A win should ensure that we move out of the mid-ladder congestion and keep us on track to play in March. This coming game will provide the best indicator of our improvement and help us gauge if we are a genuine final's contender or just a pretender.



*Parry brothers after affecting the run out.*

### D Grade

Banyule 165 (39.2ov)	def.	Heidelberg 133 (38.2 ov)
C.Carroll 32*		C.Carroll 6/27
M.Gregory 28		L.Taylor 3/45
R.Hartnett 27		
M.Kernaghan 23		

A fit and healthy Uncle Graham won the toss and elected to bat. Santa must have been good to Googs at Christmas -

delivering him a cut shot - and he used it to great effect getting us off to a flyer. But things went horribly wrong from there, with our top order disappearing like a cold beer on a hot day. The comeback-kid Ryan Hartnett enjoyed the moment and hit a very handy 27, he was ably supported by the Kernaghan run machine Marcus. Discovering we only had 10 batsman with 2 wickets in hand the mobile phone worked overtime. Steve Poyser came from Williamstown via the ring road in 20 minutes only to be pipped on the line by Fezza who was casually strolling over to see how the boys were going. Googs was quickly down to his jocks and Fezza whited up. Kev was doing brilliantly, holding out the Heidelberg bowlers and as soon as Fezza was ready Kev was given the licence. But rather than hit his way out (he did have a crack) he decided to burn Graham Bennet and ran him out instead. Fezza had a slap and scored a quick fire 32 from about 20 balls, at least giving us a competitive score.

Ralphie took a great catch in the first over and it was one for none, the perfect start. Trigger-finger Taylor hit the pegs twice more and things were looking good, that was until the wickets dried up. Fezza was given the ball and his first 6 overs left him with 0/21. Our trump card was being played for no result. The other comeback-kid, The Wiz, was brought into the attack which forced a rethink about who should partner him. After a quick mid pitch conference we decided to bring Fezza down-wind and down-wind did he come; his last 4 overs saw a

caught & bowled (with a wave good-bye), bowled leg stump, bowled middle, bowled off, bowled middle & off, bowled off, middle and leg wobbled but just stayed up. The huge crowd that turned up after hearing Fezza was bowling (just like Bradman at the MCG when word filtered he was at the crease) cheered and jeered this new 4th Grade Bully. Word is that Fezza saw the boys drinking VB cans and he wanted to wind the match up. At 5.30pm we saw the inclusion to the field of the over-rated Poyser, JD. He had the whole team and crowd in stitches when he dropped the easiest catch of the day.

Thanks Ryan, Fezza and Steve Poyser for making the effort for 4th grade this week.

The Puppeteer



Steve Poyser captured on the western ring road.

# BCC Trivia Night

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

@ The Merv Anderson Pavillion

7:30 Kick Off

\$10 Covercharge Includes:

Trivia, games, light nibblies & Prizes

**12 Tables available – (6 x 8 & 6 x 6)**

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