

From the Archives

With the finals upon us this week, we've decided to bring a couple of memorable Semi Finals out of the moth-balls and back into the memories. Hopefully we win our semis easier than all of these games, but they may give you a taste of what to expect on the weekend. Also a reminder of the BCC determination to never give up in the finals, which has made us such a successful club.

A Grade 1992-93 Season.

Banyule Defeated Greensborough at Ford Park North.

Banyule 193 Defeated Greensborough 189

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| A Gannon 49 | T Veal 4-43 off 29 |
| Graham Anderson 38 | R Parry 3-52 off 12 |
| F Chowdary 26 | P Barnes 1-38 off 22 |
| | M Phillips 1-21 off 8 |

With Banyule batting first and posting a reasonable 193, Greensborough got off to a shaky start before a middle order partnership steadied the boat and the signs were looking ominous. A couple of big wickets then a run out, for the Bears to win through to the grand final.

We'd played pretty well that year but the Boro had a good side. That year they had gotten us out for 58 and proceeded to bat for the next 130 overs to make 6-230 odd so there was a bit of further niggles in the game to add to the Boro/Banyule rivalry. Anyway, I can't tell you much about the batting. I batted at six and made about 15 caught & bowled Steve Ford. I remember Philo's spell to Steve Ellis - superb but no wicket (the start of the Philo/Steve Ellis battle!) and then Philo's catch to dismiss the aforementioned Mr Ellis. Horizontal at cover!

I remember being asked who should take the first over with the wind after tea - Me or Reggie. I took it and dismissed Neil Brindley caught at first by TV. Reggie took the next over and bowled "that ball" to Rev which had them 5 for 80 or 90 odd.

Ash Brown and Quirky got them back into the game and then Yogi's took "that catch" to get Ash Brown.

Last over - bowled by Reggie - Boro needing 4 to win. I was fielding at short mid-wicket (I think I was supposed to be mid-wicket but I was definitely creeping in bloody close). They hit it straight to me and took off. I grabbed it and underarmed it to Reggie who took the bails off with the batsmen mid-pitch. I remember the Banyule crowd rushing onto the ground as I was throwing the ball to Reggie (I think they were hugging Reg before the umpire's finger was up).

Marty Phillips

I have no idea what I was thinking about during the game, as captain obviously there were many thoughts about bowling changes, field placements, containing the scoring and trying to get the wickets. Two memorable moments were Reggie Bowling out Rev and taking his feet out from under him. Also the last wicket, 3 runs short they had put on 26 and yet took off for a suicidal single, a run out - they hurt. What a win!

Ando

You are never out of a match in a final. I was resting in slip next to Rennah (20 overs) and Brindley snicked one and I caught it low in my right hand, Rennah dry humped me. Reggie's ball that day was a jaffa.

Vealy

B Grade 1988-89 Season.

Banyule Defeated Heidelberg Soccer at Ford Park South.

Banyule 226 Defeated Heidelberg Soccer 213

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| C Parry 59 | S Smith 3-50 off 16 |
| G Renshaw 35 | M Phillips 2-24 off 12 |
| B Bowler 33 | G Barnes 2-40 off 13 |
| M Phillips 32 | G Matthews 1-18 off 6 |
| | S BUTLER 1-21 off 8 |
| | B Bowler 1-46 off 16 |

Banyule again batted first making a very respectable 226. The top (and undefeated) Soccer came up 13 runs short in the end.

We'd snuck into the finals on the back of a magnificent partnership between Pix (167 n.o) and Dave Gizz (102 n.o.) the week before against Watsonia South. Soccer were on top and clearly the best side. Other than "Harry" and "Renna" we were all 23 or younger.

I remember a little of the batting. I was batting at 8 and we were in a bit of trouble but BB was batting pretty well. I think BB and I put on close to 50 before I hit a catch back to the bowler who dropped it. Unfortunately it hit the stumps with BB short of his ground. The incident is made "funnier" by the fact that the bowler was Billy Symons who has fingers missing on his right hand. I reckon that if he had had all his fingers he would have caught it and I would have been out; not BB. I also remember hitting a six with the "SP" over square leg and onto Oriel Rd.

The next day I turned up at about 10 past 1 (as is usual). Renna threw me the ball and I took a wicket. Got a bowl later and I think I took another wicket. I can remember the 1s turning up to watch later in the day.

We had them in plenty of trouble at 8 for 60 or 70 to get when "Danny" Noonan took to us. At one stage we had about five guys on the boundary. Dave Gizz was at deep mid-on and Pix was at deep mid-off. I can remember being square leg somewhere (I think I was on the boundary). Noonan smacked one to Gizz who took the "catch". However, he must have been about two yards behind the flags because I could only see him from the knees up as he started walking up the hill ball held aloft. The ump gave Noonan out which started an uproar (as their supporters outnumbered us 5 to 1 and were pretty sozzled). Their Captain was walking the boundary at the time and was not far from Gizz when the catch was taken. He started to walk onto the ground adamant that Gizz was outside the boundary line when he took the catch (which he was) and demanding that the batsman be given not out. Pix, who was probably the closest to the incident, turned heel and headed for the trees so no-one could question him. After a fair argument the ump confirmed his decision that the catch was taken and at being told this news Noonan knocked all three stumps down with his bat. As we gathered in the middle to congratulate Gizz, Renna expressed concern about the legitimacy of the catch. I think there was about 10 of us who said we shouldn't call him back but as there was no Ando, and Renna was the captain, Renna decided to call him back. I can

recollect there being plenty of noise on the boundary from the Soccer fans and plenty of talk from the Banyule boys out on the ground. Their captain was now standing right next to Gizza at deep mid-on. The next ball was delivered with some venom and to great excitement and celebration, knocked out two of the stumps. The bowler continued down the pitch (it was like he was skipping) and said "I'll get the other one" and kicked the other stump out of the ground. That had them 9 for and next over we took the 10th to win by about 20 runs.

Marty Phillips

The semi-final against Heidelberg Soccer was a ripper. They were unbeaten, cocky and had a strong line-up. Their captain, Harrison, a big hitter and one of their prime movers, had injured himself during the week but didn't let on. He used a substitute fieldsman and a runner when he batted [fortunately we got him out cheaply, because he loved to tee off!]. We batted first and made close on 200 odd. I'm sure Soccer felt that they would roll us. However, runs on the board gives you an enormous advantage in finals!

When they batted we were able to capture wickets and it wasn't long before one young Noonan came to the crease. He proceeded to plaster us all over the place until he lofted one right out towards Gizza on the boundary.

Pixie and Gizza were in the precinct and took the catch right near the boundary the line. The umpire gave Noonan "salmon trout" whereupon he went all agricultural and removed the stumps, roots and all! I thought I was the only player to flatten the stumps with run-out attempts!

Since he was only a young player and because he was so visibly upset, I thought we better investigate the location of the catch more closely. Pixie wasn't sure whether the catch had been taken in front or behind the line. As there was indecision, I thought I could only do what any Banyule captain would have done in the circumstances - I suggested to the players that we call him back. Fortunately Noonan didn't add to his score and was dismissed for 16 runs! Harry Smith captured the last wicket of the game when he had "Sir William" caught behind off a thick edge. Interestingly, I moved my hands a little wider than I might normally have done in anticipation that Bill might snick it. One to remember "Damo"! B.B. was fielding at first slip and I can remember we were hugging and rolling over and over on the ground in joy. The players ran from everywhere and it proceeded to be "stacks-on"! We won by 6 runs.

Best of luck to all teams this weekend. Remember, runs on the board are vital, no matter what the total. Keep your cool and concentrate till the last ball is bowled. Follow your game plan but when the time is right take a risk if it helps the team.

Regards,

Rennah

My memories of the game are:

They were very confident, undefeated, finished miles clear of anyone - we finished 4th

We batted first and made a competitive total (220 odd??)

Coming of age of a young Marty Phillips - batted low in the order and belted a quick 30+ off the last few overs inc. one of the biggest 6's ever seen.

We had little or no supporters there (most were at 1st grade) - they had their whole club plus about another 50 blokes

They had big hitters who played their shots and we had them in trouble early. At a crucial stage late in their innings, a bloke (I think Noonan) lofted one into the outfield where Dave

Gazzola gleefully accepted the catch "near" the boundary - "near" being about 5 yards over the rope. Batsman given out and proceeded to smash over his stumps. But fortunately for us Renna called the batsman back - just as the ground was about to be invaded by the H.Soccer crew assembled in the outer.

We ended up winning a close game anyway (by about 15 runs??)

We didn't win the GF that year but that semi-final win is a favourite memory of mine. We won a pressure-filled game against a more talented group of players, and in a hostile atmosphere. We won because we were the better TEAM.

Pixie

C Grade 1993-94 Season.

Banyule Defeated Yarra Valley at War Memorial Oval.

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| Banyule 131 | Defeated | Yarra Valley 127 |
| N Butterworth 33 | | T Ashcoft 4-29 off 16 |
| J Wilson 24 | | P Davis 2-16 off 8 |
| | | D Butterworth 2-23 of 15 |
| | | N Roberts 2-29 off 6 |

Again Banyule batted first (maybe something in batting first!) and were bundled out cheaply. But tight bowling and some good fielding got us the win.

An amazing game still etched in my memory. Being only 15 at the time I remember I was very nervous before the game, but the experienced old heads of the team (Jed, Steve Poyser, Dad & Dave Gazzola) were so relaxed (or at least they seemed to be) it made me relaxed. It was pretty tense when batting and the Valley boys had plenty of pleasantries for each batsman! Highlights from the batting were dad's famous slog sweep that hit the meals on wheels centre on the full (have a photo of it at home) and a young Jeff Wilson batting with poise amidst the sledging. I can't remember how many overs we had to bowl that night, but it seemed like it went forever. We were a little down after only making 131, but the bowlers decided to give it everything as no side had really made a big score against us all season (except Bellfield when Ronny McKeown smashed 130). I led the attack with a maiden then PD followed it up with a 2 wicket maiden, great start. Not sure if it was nerves, but PD's first wicket came when he bowled the ball, it bounced somewhere near his toes, then again in the middle of the pitch and was on it's way for a third bounce when the batsmen decided to hit it and ended up getting caught. I got Brad Plain out shortly after and the crowd, being led by Russ was going bezzerk. Then rain started to fall and the batsmen wanted to get out of there as soon as possible, but the umpire made them stay on and we got another wicket and then went off. They were 5-13 over night! I got a wicket first over of the next day, then they managed a fight back. Nick got hit for a couple of sixes and then they only needed 5 runs with 2 wickets in hand, he got a wicket with the last ball of his over. They got a single next over then Craig Hunniford was moved into second slip, and what a move it was. The number 11 proceeded to get an edge that went high over second slip, it was going for 4 we were going to lose. Until Craig jumped and clutched the ball, he was the only person in the team that could get to it, we win!

Banga

Many things stand out in my mind. Being bundled out for 131, Neal Butterworth's six at War Memorial into the Meals on Wheels being one of our rare highlights as well as his 33 runs as our top scorer. Returning after our dismal batting performance and then having Yarra Valley 5 for 13 overnight. The vocal crowd led by GR howling with derision every time a YV batsman went out. The ecstasy of eventually dismissing YV via another great Craig Hunniford catch for 127, one of his three for the game. The ball that PD half bowled that got a wicket. Nick Robert's making 15 not out and his bowling at the end of the game taking 2/29, and not being able to play in the Grand Final because he'd booked a trip away to Fiji. Tony Ashcroft's bowling, Paul Davis's bowling and Dasha's bowling. I don't think I got to give Jeff Wilson a bowl but I know he made second top score with 24. Dave Gazzola's keeping. Steve Poyser taking a great close in catch to dismiss Drakey off Dasha's bowling early on the second day. It was an electric weekend when the team that made fewest mistakes won the match. That was us, by 4 runs.

Jed

The game just had too many highlights.

For me it was the 5 overs we had to bowl before stumps, after we had struggled all day to manage only 131 runs. An overconfident and stacked Yarra Valley team were looking very cocky. Two wickets in the first over, one in the second, fourth and fifth quickly changed the mood of the match for Yarra Valley.

As it turned out we only won by 4 runs. The lesson that can be learnt from this for all playing this week - every run you can scrounge or save could be just enough to get you over the line. I also must mention that watching Tony Ashcroft leave his first ball and getting cleaned bowled, then seeing him kick his helmet all the way to the clubrooms was also memorable (sorry Ashes). It still brings a smile.

PD

Junior Results

Under 16s

With the U/16's having a bye in the last round they retained top of the ladder position and will now play Heidelberg this weekend to qualify for a Grand Final place. Hopefully we will be playing at home so come on down and give the boy's the support they deserve.



Matt Holmes enjoys a week off in the Under 16 season.

Under 14

Blue

Banyule defeated the Bye.

Maroon

Banyule 7-81 Lost to Yarra Valley 3-147

J Chazan 24 ret

J DeStefanis 13 ret

Under 12s

Comp

Banyule 4-108 dec Defeated Edinburgh 7-102

L Giles 28 ret

N Lynch 23

Development

Banyule 7-76 Lost to East Ivanhoe 6-101

Senior Results

A Grade

Banyule 190 Defeated Edinburgh 107

S Elworthy 73

P Barnes 4-26

D Butterworth 32

D Barnes 4-35

G Anderson 20 odd

A Grade went into this match knowing they had to win to secure a finals place. After a mass debate, it was decided that if we won the toss we would send them in, but that became irrelevant when they won the toss and sent us in. With about the 10th different opening combination, we had a season high opening partnership of 26 runs when Damo was beaten by the pitch that leap dangerously off a length, and the bloke that was a clear chucker! (A guy walking his dog through the park asked Ando if the guy was throwing it, it was that obvious!) Once again Snowy was the pick of the batsmen, but had very little assistance from his partners bar Ando who made 20 odd before he was run out. Sitting dangerously at 7-120 Dasha and Crawfo put on 50 before we were all out for 190. A bit short of what we were hoping for, but not too bad on a big slow ground. We had to bowl 10 overs at them and we had them 1 for 5.

The second week started off comically, with Ocka issuing Marty the challenge of a drag from Banyule to Edinburgh only to break down just past the end of the freeway. With a few cars pulling over in the busy traffic to lend assistance, 6 of the 11 team members arrived at 12:15! After a late start to the warm up, we had an early finish as an early dose of winter hit the Brunswick street oval at 12:45 with hail and thunder – the boys decided to head for the dry surrounds of the changerooms. Unfortunately one of the windows was broken and a few bags and players got wet. Upon a search of the up and downstairs part of the changerooms, not much was found to help stop the rain getting through the window bar a hammer and a wooden cut out of a footballer standing on the mark. Ando managed to find a bee keeping dry inside, which proceeded to sting him on the neck and the signs were there for a bad day for the 'Yules! The rain stopped and Snowy's old man got a decent broom from a garage sale across the road

and we were ready to start play at 1:35. We had a great start with a wicket in each of the first 3 overs, and when winter stopped play again at 2:10 Edinburgh were reeling at 6-13. We eventually got under way again, with the help of the garage sale yet again, and when Crawfo finally returned from giving back the broom we had them 7-23. A bit of a partnership from late in their order got them to 107, when the day ended as comically as it started. The batsmen hit what we all thought (including the batsmen) was a catch to sub fielder Leader only for the umpire to declare that it was a bump ball. With both batsmen standing side by side at the non-strikers end, a mad dash to the strikers end was in vain as an easy run out was carried out and the Bears were in the finals yet again. Well bowled to Philo and Daniel, who took 4 each. Although I don't think Daniel was competitive enough with Phil about who took more wickets. Something to work on Daniel!

Bowling and fielding was top class with the batting improving this week, but it will need to improve further for us to win the semi.

Next week we play Greensborough at Greensborough in a chance to atone for our second last round effort against them, and go into our 4th Grand Final in a row. Good luck boys.



Philip relaxes in the knowledge that Daniel won't beat his hoop-spinning record.

B Grade

Banyule 154 d. by Edinburgh 4dec/203

J Poyser 46

T Veal 2-44

T Veal 25

P Davis 2-64

This is the Last 2nd grade report for 2002/2003. Sadly, the Mighty Banyule Magoos missed out on finals cricket this season, after subsiding to heavy defeats in the last two rounds. The carnival is over. The Banyule Magoos hosted Edinburgh - we lost the toss and were sent in to bat with nothing to play for except personal glory. All year the 2nd grade boys have been admirably unconcerned with personal greatness - preferring to give their wickets away so that others can have a turn. This same spirit of kindness saw the top order dismissed early in Round 10. J.D. Poyser slapped an entertaining 46 before running himself out, but it was frustrating to be bowled out for just 155 or so. TV and Barnesy gusted out a late partnership that took us to into the realms of respectability. We then had plenty of time to bowl to them on Day 1 and soon picked up a wicket, but 3 catches were also grassed - you really can't expect to win with that sort of thing going on. Got a 2nd wicket before their #4 batsman began to bat like Viv Richards. At stumps, them 2/90.

Edinburgh needed to win to potentially make the finals and were therefore Very Keen to play, despite drought-breaking rains that were pelting down on Day 2. When play finally resumed we were treated to the Viv Richards Show, as this bloke moved from 68 to 98 in 5 balls - yes - five consecutive

6s. When Tim was superbly hooked onto the roof of the clubrooms, he commented that he was now "one of only 4 men to ever be hit onto that roof." When he got the same treatment a short time later, he became the first man in history to be put onto the roof twice. Incredible batting.

They passed us 3 or 4 wickets down and the game was called off at tea; not before an emotional last over. Captain BB, former A Grade opening bowler, Under 16 coach, Banyule cricketer for 25+ years, and survivor of a punctured lung and some v.v.serious car accidents, announced his retirement and delivered one last over from the northern (or Kyoto) end. If I may, on behalf of everyone who has played 2nd grade this year, thank BB for a fun year in the 2s. While not sure if I can speak for the whole club, I'd also like to pass on some personal congratulations to BB on an inspirational playing and coaching career at Banyule. Personally, you've been my U16 coach, 3rd grade captain, 2nd grade captain and pretty much an embodiment of what Banyule means. Your approach to the game and the club following serious illness, your interest in the junior teams and the general well-being of the club is brilliant. It is always an honour to stride out onto the field alongside such a Banyule Great.

Again on behalf of the 2nds, All The Best to everyone playing finals cricket this weekend. Play hard, play fair and do it for Banyule. - kanga.



BB prepares to bowl one last over.

C Grade

Banyule 7dec-200 Def Outright Bellfield 113 & 65

B Sier 36

G Place 3-20

M Harte 35 no

S Brandt 7-21

B Russell 34

Excellent bowling on the first day by Billy, Ush, Reggy, Rayan, Scotty and Simo saw us dismiss Bellfield for 113. Jed was the very lucky recipient of a few wickets due to pressure from the other end. Never has the adage 'shit gets wickets' been so true. We began our run chase well with Billy and Skull. Billy knocked up an entertaining 36 and we were 1 for 88 at stumps with Skull 30 not out and Rayan 12 not out. Day 2 saw Rayan caught and Skull fall to a sensational outfield catch that came in hard and low. Scooby batted well for his 20 before his lack of pace found him out. Peter Adams and Usher Harte batted well to guide us to 200. Usha made a well crafted 30 odd and Rick looked at ease for his 20 odd. Both were undefeated at the tea-time declaration. Rain threatened to ruin any chance of an outright but our opponents were keen to remain on the field and thankfully Simo responded by getting his best ever haul of 7 for 21 and Scooby and Reg picked up the rest of them. We won at 6pm and the Final's Gods were smiling upon us.



Not even Adam Gilchrist could tame Simo in the 2nd innings.

D Grade

Banyule 244 Def Heidelberg West 103

R Kernaghan 140 R Kernaghan 3-6
A Clapton 51 L Taylor 3-18
 K Gehan 2-51

In conditions more humid than the jungle of Borneo we lost the toss and were asked to bat. Our top order were made to look like monkeys and in what has become a disturbing trend disappeared once again like a cold beer on a hot day. The upside to this is of course Ralph who continues to plunder opposition attacks with ease and registered his 4th hundred for the season. Ralph was well supported by Andrew 'spud' Clapton who fought his way to a magnificent half century. Under a tirade of abuse from the tough guys at Heidelberg West, Spud along with the other juniors of our team, stood firm and let his bat do the talking. Ignoring the abuse Spud showed the supposedly more mature opposition how to play cricket. After being bowled out in the 64th over we had Heidelberg West 2/20 at the completion of day one. The Puppeteer took a caught and bowled to dismiss the danger batsmen, which made the one Brett Lee took in the world cup look soft according to high profile team mates.

Week two it was only a matter of time and rain delays that would see the demise of the rest of the opposition. Lukey bowled sharp and on the spot in difficult conditions and apart from one big over the Wiz is back in form. After much deliberation between the Puppeteer and the Puppet it was decided to bring our occasional part time off spinner into the attack. Ralph sensing a rare opportunity to prove his bowling worth, made the opposition look stupid. Picking up three he ended the day early and with plenty of points in the club championship.

A special mention must go to Graham Bennet who kept the best he has all season. With the ball doing all sorts of tricks and the Wiz and Ralph show in full swing, Graham did a magnificent job. He took two fantastic stumpings off the Wiz and saved us countless runs with his excellent glove work.



Graham Bennett displays excellent glovework.

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