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# HOWZAT

Grand Final Edition

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

## 5 out of 7 through

An almost perfect round of semi finals with 5 of the 7 teams through to this weekends Grand Final. The unlucky teams were A Grade and the under 14 maroon team, bad luck boys. We now have 3 junior and 2 senior teams through, and hopefully we can make it 5 out of 5 premierships. Venues for the games are below, so make sure if you aren't playing you get down and support both the juniors and seniors as much as you can on the weekend.

To all the players playing this week the players not playing wish you the best of luck. Make sure you enjoy the game, the people enjoying the game will be more relaxed and will probably play better.

C Grade: Vs Rosanna at Banyule Flats South  
D Grade: Vs Olympic Colts at War Memorial  
Under 16's: Vs Rosanna at Banyule Flats South  
Under 14's: Vs Rosanna at Banyule Flats North  
Under 12's: Vs Heidelberg at Home



*News breaks in Rio de Janeiro of Banyule's grand finals.*

## Events

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Senior Presentation Night.

At the Heidelberg Golf Club again this year so dress to impress. The cost will be \$45 per adult, \$35 for under 18s includes dinner, beer, wine and soft drink. Kicking off at 7:30 with last drinks at 11:30. Invitations will be sent out soon, numbers must be confirmed by the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. (Menu further on in Howzat)

## Special Mentions

- Thanks to Barnesy & Fez and helpers who worked in the canteen last weekend.
- We have the B Grade grand final at our ground this week and we will need volunteers to work the canteen. Please see Philo if you can help.

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

No Occa = No quotes.



## Letters to the Howzat

After last weeks "From the Archives" segment I received an email from a former Banyule player now living in London.

Dasha

Thanks for the latest edition of Howzat. Sorry I didn't get to put my 2 pence (or 5 cents) in earlier. Anyway, the

contributors obviously have a much sharper memory than I do.

After reading several accounts of that "catch" in the semi against Heidelberg Soccer, I reckon I've emerged from those anecdotes looking like a bigger cheat than Arjuna Ranatunga ! The following is an attempt to clear my name.

I recall back pedalling fast towards the mid-wicket boundary as Noonan skied his shot. As I took the catch, I took a further couple of steps backwards to steady myself, but didn't know whether the ball was in my control before the line. The "boundary", by the way, was an imaginary circular curve between a silver birch and a witches hat.

Pixie was the nearest fielder, so I asked his opinion, and I remember him telling me (whilst the stumps were being smashed) that he wasn't sure whether I was over or not. That was good enough for me!

Rennah, being Rennah, made the right call to recall Noonan, but the tension was enormous from that point on.

Luckily, fate played a part in the result that day.

Keep up the good work with Howzat & good luck in the finals.

Gizza



*Ryan and David Moore watch Day 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade action.*

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## Presentation Night Me & U

A quick run down of the menu for the presentation night for you to salivate over. It will be a buffet style affair, same as last year.

### SOUP

Soup of the day

### BREADS

Assorted bread display

### SALADS

Traditional Caesar Salad

Continental Greek Salad

Pasta Salad with macaroni, English mustard and semi-dried tomato

### MEAT SELECTION

Roasted Tenderloin of Porterhouse served with red wine jus

Roasted Loin of Pork with crackle and apple sauce

### VEGETABLES

Roasted Potatoes

Assorted Mediterranean Vegetables

### DESSERTS

Traditional Homemade Apple Pie served with Vanilla bean custard

Black Forest Gateau served with a rich white chocolate sauce

## Thanks From the Ed

As this will be the last Howzat for the season I'd like to make a few thank-yous. Firstly I'd like to thank my roving reporters The Puppeteer, Jed, Plugga, Philo, Graham, Greg Barnes & Daniel Barnes for their match reports each week (almost!). They give a much better insight to the goings on in the game than I could, and makes for much better reading. Next I'd like to thank everyone who has done an article for me during the season, Philo, Vealy and the interviewees and the people who have contributed to the Blast from the Past & From the Archives segments. Ando for his bits and pieces and Greg Barnes for the sponsors list. Lastly (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone!) I'd like to thank David J Wilson. Dave has done a plethora of work for the Howzat this year including match reports, other reports, bits and pieces, fixing my spelling mistakes (plenty of them!) and of course the photo's each week with his comments! Dave is also responsible for the upkeep of the web page for which he does a fantastic job; thanks very much Dave – it's been great having you back on board!

If I've missed anyone I'm sorry, and I will do a quick Post Grand Final Howzat, which will be on the web page after the games.

Cheers

Banga

➔ While not wanting to turn this into a Mutual Appreciation Society, I reckon we're all indebted to Banga for the huge amount of work he's done with the Howzat. It just keeps getting better.

Current players, supporters and many former players all over the world all enjoy this newsletter & we all have you to thank for doing it on our behalf. Rupert Murdoch is shaking in his boots. Top job, Banga. Very Well Done & thanks.

-dave.

## From the Archives

Unfortunately due to time constraints, this segment missed out this week. But due to the popularity it will reappear next season.

## Junior Results

### **Under 16s**

Banyule 132	Defeated	Heidelberg 120
Aditya Singh 29		Marcus Kernaghan 2/7
Aidan Young 64		Andrew Clapton 2/11
		Michael Ryan 2/11

Being at the business end of the season we needed to perform to place ourselves in a strong position against Heidelberg who have been performing well in the last few games. Once again Aditya won the toss and elected to bat, he opened with Nathan but unfortunately we lost Nathan early with the score on 13. This brought Aidan to the crease and he and Aditya settled things until Aditya was out for 29 and the score on 58. From here on we fell away with no player reaching double figures except for Aidan who returned to the crease after retiring on 50 and finished with 64 valuable runs. We failed to bat our overs and were all out for 132, this left 5 overs to bowl and hopefully pick up a wicket or two. In the first over Rayan bowled a ball that swung and cut to beat the opening bat and take out his stumps, the perfect start. Next over Marcus was not going to be out-done and with his first ball removed the new batsmen to have Heidelberg 2/2 with a bit of luck he almost collected another wicket. Having Heidelberg 2/7 overnight was getting us back into the game but we needed to continue with the pressure on day 2.

With our captain unavailable due to school commitments Rayan had the job to control the field and make the necessary bowling changes it was a game that would test his mental pressure and he come through with flying colours.

With conditions not being perfect for cricket the boys applied themselves with the slippery ball and had the knack to pick up a wicket when required. Andrew and Michael were brought on when the game was in the balance and got the breakthroughs required that once again got us back in the game. Heidelberg had one player retired on fifty who we felt could take the game from us if we let things begin to slip but the boys stuck to the job with a brilliant run out by Nathan after making a save for 4 turned things our way. With the retired batsman back in and the pressure building on players and spectators Michael "Ricky Ponting " Ryan made another fine save and returned the ball to Rayan who ran out the stranded batsman to give us victory and a Grand Final Berth against Rosanna.

Thanks to those senior players who come down and gave support as it was truly appreciated by all. Congratulations to Jeds U/14's and Daniels U/12's on making the Grand Final and lets make it 3 wins to Banyule.



*Michael Ryan dives on a loose offering.*

### **Under 14**

#### **Blue**

Banyule 7/141	defeated	Heidelberg 139
S.Shelton 52	retired	G.Melton 3/10
S.Place 20		M.Abrahams 2/7
R.Bevan 14		R.Bevan 2/22
M.Abrahams 12	n.o	S.Place 1/9
G.Melton 10		C.McDonald 1/10
		J.Arrowsmith 1/11

What a great win.

We lost the toss. Heidelberg was one of two teams to beat us throughout the year. They began well and 30 without loss after 8 overs. Garrick Melton got the break through and we made steady in roads into their batting, with Garrick snaring 3 wickets and Rhys Bevan getting 2. Mick Abrahams was his usual frugal self in bowling two more opposition batsmen and Sam Place picked up the vital wicket, due to a Nikhail catch, of young Cashen who had already made 37 and was well on his way to retirement. This would have meant he could have returned later to plunder more runs. We finally got them all out in the 43rd over. We had to bat 4 overs until 11:45am. In that time we managed to lose 3 wickets and make 2 runs!!

We were still confident that we would win. We had plenty of depth. Next day we lost Micky Delaney in the 4th over to be 4 for 5. This brought our Skipper Scott Shelton, who had been ill all week, to the crease. He was partnered with Vice Captain Sam Place who was nothing at the time. With sensible batting and strong self-belief they went about rebuilding our innings. They put on 67 runs before Sam was out for a determined 20 with the score 5 for 72. Scott was joined by Mick Abrahams who is a whippet between wickets and together they added another 24 runs before Scott had to retire for a fantastic 52 runs. Rhys Bevan was now at the wicket and had made 50 against the same opposition a few weeks earlier. He smashed a quick 14 runs and now we were 6 for 120. 19 runs behind and 8 overs left. Garrick Melton came out and belted 10 runs and we were now 7 for 138. We still need another 2 runs for victory. A no-ball saw us tie and go to the Grand Final and the Cam McDonald hit a two for us to really win with 3 overs remaining. This week we play the 'sannas at Banyule Flats for the U/14 pennant.

#### **Maroon**

Banyule 51	lost to	Greensborough 3 for 61
Tom Woodman 12		Chris Sullivan 2/15
Robert Gooch 8		Jarrold Cahir 1/3

With a couple of players being promoted to the Blue team and some others being unavailable we were lucky enough to have Jarrod Cahir volunteer to play with us from the U/12 Development side. We won the toss and batted. Rob and Tom made most of the runs. Tom batted gallantly for 24 overs and kept our innings together. Chris gave us some hope by getting an early breakthrough but Greensborough eventually got on top and were worthy victors. It was always going to be difficult when 5th plays 8th but we were responsible for 'Borough not getting a final four berth and knew they would not take us lightly again .