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Good Start

The bears got off to a pretty good start in the first two weeks of the season. A Grade had a pleasing win over Clifton Hill, chasing 207 we passed them with 7 wickets down and a few overs to spare. B Grade went down in a close one to Olympic, falling short by just 8 runs chasing 161. The captain has told his players they need to value their wicket more. Similar to last season but we're sure we can turn that around. C Grade had a win and a close loss in their two one dayers, defeating Yarra Valley then falling to Olympic. D Grade got off to a flyer with 2 wins against Old Ivanhoe and Clifton Hill. A good start to the year, defending their title.

Valuing your wicket is something you hear a lot around cricket circles. This is even more pertinent early in the season when you haven't had the chance to put a few hours together in the nets. Early in the season you need to be content to stay out in the middle and milk runs. The longer you stay out there the more your eye gets in and the better you'll hit the ball. Blazing away early might work for Adam Gilchrist, but we haven't had the time in the nets like he has. You'll find that the players that make runs early in the season are the ones that are prepared to guts it out for the first 20-30 runs, then they've built the platform to work from. Remember this on Saturday as you stride to the crease, no matter the situation.

Special Mentions

- The baby Barnes saga continues, at the time of printing the baby had still not arrived.
- Thanks to the ladies who brought down salads for the BBQ on Saturday
- Thanks to Veally for cooking the BBQ.

Membership

Our membership fees have not increased for the second year in a row, and will remain amongst the most competitive in the

competition. The club has done the right thing, so make sure you do the right thing by the club and pay your membership early. Last year 90% of the club had paid in good time, lets all get our money in before Christmas and make it easy for Marty!

Membership:

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

Match Fees:

Have only changed for B Grade if they get 2 umpires to a game, which is unlikely though.

A Grade	\$7 per week
B Grade	\$5 per week, \$7 if two umpires.
C Grade	\$5 per week
D Grade	\$5 per week
Juniors	\$2 per week

Social Calender

Make sure you start planning your calendar around these dates!! We are putting a lot of effort into these functions this year to be very enjoyable for all so please keep these dates vacant.

2nd November – Ando's 40th

23rd November – Irish night. Details to follow

21st December – Christmas Break Up

Other exciting events are being planned at present. Stay tuned to this section for updates throughout the season.

Sponsorship

As you are all aware Sponsorship is a major source of funding for the club. So it is very important that every player gets out there and finds themselves a sponsor for the upcoming season. We are only after \$50 from your sponsor but we would obviously like more, as this year we plan to make sponsorship more attractive for interested participating companies. They will receive free advertisement in the BCC rooms and in the Howzat, regular copies of the Howzat, and prizes if their player wins the man of the match award. We are also introducing a 100 word advertisement in the Howzat for every sponsor that pays over \$100. This can be done by them and sent to myself at butterd@transfieldservices.com and I will put it in the Howzat. See Scooby or Greg Barnes for more information. The sooner the better as we would like to get your sponsor up around the rooms ASAP for maximum advertisement.

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Matthew James O’Ryan

Age: 34

Playing weight: 94,5 kilo`s

Star Sign: gemini

Job: sir lunchalot

Brothers/sisters: 5 sisters 1 brother

Marital status: married

Marital aids: get your wife pregnant and you won’t need them

Republican or Monarchist: monarchist

Hobbies outside cricket: golf, lunching at the royal garden restaurant (Banyule sponsor)

Favourite TV show: Herman’s head

Favourite movie: Silence of the lambs

Favourite beer: ice cold Crownie

Favourite meal: lobster thermidor

Next favourite beer: vb

Favourite drink: canadian club and dry

Favourite band: u2

Least favourite beer: speckled hen

Favourite song: every me every you (placebo)

Outside love interests: Salma Hiack, stalking charges are just a rumour

Animal that best describes you: labrador (BIG BUT GRACEFUL)

TV character that best describes you: ARTHUR DALY (minder)

Dream rotten egg victim: philo

Dream date: can’t comment - something about stalking charges

Synchronised swimming? should be done nude get the fans back

Worst bowler to face at training: see dream rotten egg victim

Why: I think he might of pitched in my half in the feb of ‘88;

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: philo

Why: revenge

Highest score for Banyule: 108

Best bowling haul for Banyule: 5 for 32

Ambitions for 01-02 season: 300 runs 15 wickets (if I get a bowl)

Most admired player at the club: veally

Best Banyule player seen: philo

Biggest disappointment at BCC: losing semi finals every friggin year

Most memorable moment at BCC: veally`s 15 ball over v edinburgh (enough said)

Best birthday prezzy ever: A mint condition tommy armour persimmon driver at age 15

Something you can't live without: foxtel

Who wrote Cat in the Hat? Pierre woodman

Name of Australia's worst Test Captain: BRADMAN never gave the Catholics a go

Where did you go to school: ST martin of tours

Best holiday: gannos house ocean grove with the boys 3 years ago

Best bloke to go to a pub with? veally

Favourite pub: all nations richmond

Third favourite beer: heineken

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? My wife (clearly)

Favourite pick up line: your hair smells nice (don’t laugh till you’ve tried it)

Hairstyle tips: short with plenty of wax

Word Associations:

Bears: mark mickan

Light beer: homo’s

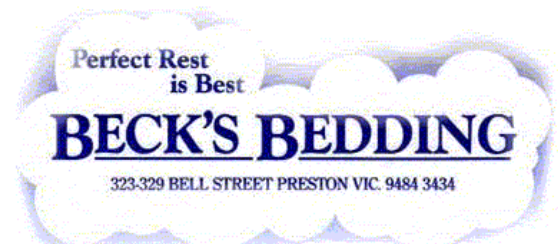
Butts: freak of nature

The sanna’s: the bros

Cocktail Party: pixie

Words of advice: play hard, work smart, swing with ease into the breeze

The Beck’s Bedding Quote of the Week.



He’s on fire early in the season is our coach!

A few people were putting together a questionnaire about Ocka on the internet. While trying to think up the questions Ocka said “how about how old am I?” When told that it might be too easy a question he replied “I dunno, they’ll all say I’m 23-24!” Sounds harmless enough, but when he’s age is actually 23 going on 24 in a few months.....

Blast From The Past

This week we feature the cricketing prowess of Mr Rod McKinlay. Here's what some former teammates had to say!

Fairly ordinary fieldsman. Often had to try and hide himself in the field. Originally it was in slips, but as they started to find the surface, moved onto Mid Off, Mid On, but alas the same problem occurred. Eventually found his forte at point, because rarely the ball would come to him.

In fact other than his batting, the rest of his game was shit. Would bowl occasionally in a game and got a few wickets in the first year, but you would expect that seeing he had every bloke on the fence and the batsmen was trying to hit his fourth consecutive six. Eventually you are going to get him out, and Rod did that, eventually.

Wore the old white pants with a fly. If my minds serves me correctly, it was only him and Ando still wearing the old style pants when he joined the club, and later in his cricket life wore some of the shabbiest looking excuses for cricket boots I have ever seen. I am sure that they changed the rule on allowing more color on your cricket boots for him, because the runners he wore were so dirty you couldn't tell if they were once white.

Gibbo

The worst Tracksuit/Training Top ever worn by a coach at Banyule. White Satin, with "Stockdale and Leggo" emblazoned on the back. Was put to rest (ashes) after one of our premierships.

Was once heard saying "Phillips wouldn't have made a Run If I wasn't at the other end".

Plugga

Very much under-utilised bowler. It seemed that every little sliding inswinger he bowled at training was half a chance of taking a wicket. And he'd have no qualms telling you exactly that. If anyone took the long handle to him during centre-wicket practice, the frustration and anger could be seen rising like steam from his ears. The mark of a true competitor (or else the mark of a lunatic-fringe fast bowler trapped inside a batsman's body).

Big Dave

Over his career Macca proved he could bat a bit, although 1st year's form was significantly at odds with lofty district reputation. Quickly latched onto the notion of "club pay, I keep" as regards batting equipment.

Liked to hog the strike and bat all day, usually very, very slowly. Macca would term this quality as inspirational leadership. Bellfield and Marty Phillips would disagree profusely. Bellfield even coined Macca's name in a sledge when abusing slow players from other teams. Poor listener as a captain highlighted by his reaction one day at North Alphington when given yet another suggestion as to field placements. Throwing his hands in the air and shouting "What do you want me to do, I haven't got 15 fieldsmen".

Over time Macca's commitment to training and match preparation diminished greatly until the point where he was receiving the same commitment and focus rev-up speeches from the coaching staff that he used give out.

Macca's attitude to injury rehabilitation was legendary, none. Surpassed only by his lack of attitude to personal hygiene. Little knowledge of fashion sense or modern grooming techniques. Poor drinking ability.

PS, it would be good to see him back visiting the club. (with comments like these he may never come back!)

Philo

Once again we've given the victim, sorry player of the week, the right of reply.

I read with some interest the comments made about myself during my time as a player at Banyule. It is quite interesting to note the authors of those comments and I seriously question the character of some of those involved. Lets take each in turn;

Gibbo – very harsh Gibbo, I'll get to my performances in the field later but your comments need to be taken in the context that they are coming from a person who on one afternoon at North Alphington after clearly standing on his stumps and given out, proceeded to abuse not only the whole North Alphington team and the poor umpire, giving him an awful spray the likes of which I have never seen, but upon reaching the boundary and tossing his bat 50 metres into the sheds gave the whole crowd a spray as well!

Plugga - The white tracksuit was an attempt to lift the standard of dress within the club and the jealousy and envy I uncounted towards that tracksuit was quite bewildering! As for Marty, that's true, most people don't know but I had to hold the tissues for him as tears streamed down his face as he walked out to open the batting each match. I also had to count for him, as was pointed out at Macleod one year, Marty was playing his usual numbers game. 1, 2, 3, slog. He often lost count and I had to remind him!

Big Dave - I agree with Dave in being very much under- utilised as a bowler, my potential was never reached. I modelled myself on Big Dave with his wily drifters and fiery temper. My philosophy was that batsmen needed to be told how well I was bowling. Someone had to, as I received very little respect from the batsmen and I found it difficult concentrating due to constant laughter from fieldsmen as I shuffled in.

Philo - Philo highlights some very interesting points indeed, however, again his comments need to be taken into the context of a person who, when interviewed for the position of Coach of Banyule, when asked what advice would you give to our young batsmen at the club. His response was, and I quote: "Bowl fast". In fact his response to all questions was, "Bowl fast!". His preparation for the interview was very poor – 8 cans of VB from memory!!

As I mentioned earlier, my performances in the field are the things that legends are made of. Some people wonder why I haven't been back to the club since my retirement. Well I reveal now that I won't be back until every last member of the panel who voted for the fielding award in

my last season has gone!! I can't believe that I didn't win that award after my performances in the gully that year. Not only taking the catch of the decade in the Final (diving horizontal and full length to my non preferred hand!) but taking 15 catches without a drop all year and still not receiving the award!! Being recognised by many good and fair minded judges as the gully fieldsmen of the 90's and still not winning was an injustice!

It's been a pleasure and I look forward to dropping in soon to say hello. I keep an eye on the Web site each week for news and results. Keep it up Big Dave!

Cheers
Rod McKinlay

Rod McKinlay was fine opening batsmen for the BCC. He was a member of the Banyule team of the 90's and was coach & captain coach after returning to the club from district clubs Carlton & Fitzroy/ Doncaster. Rod played in 90 games for the BCC with 89 in A grade and 1 in B grade. He revolutionized our pre game warm ups and was the instigator of the buzz word "focus!" Always opening the innings he made 3023 runs at an average of 38.76, his highest score was 167. He, with his opening partner Marty Phillips, hold the record opening partnership in A grade of 274 and it is also the highest partnership in the clubs history. A very determined opener, Macca often batted the innings through being not out at the end, still pushing singles until the last ball of the game. I can recall a game versus Macleod where Macca batted the innings through for 158 no in 38 degree heat. He'll tell you that he was hard done by with the ball, the only time he bowled was in a second innings or when things were getting desperate. He took 8 junk time wickets at 25.50 from 72 overs.



(Velly cooking up a storm for last weeks BBQ)

Juniors

The young fellas are back out on the grounds of a Saturday morning. Worth noting - We have 16 Under 16 players registered

We have 28 Under 14 players registered

We have 28 Under 12 players registered

We've had 44 new players join either last season or this season.

In total we have more registered Junior players at Banyule than Senior players.

Under 16

Banyule 0-142 Defeated Yarra Valley 5-77

A Singh 40 ret
A Young 29 ret
A Clapton 22ret

A Young 3-22

We travelled to Banyule Flats to kick of the new season, Aditya Singh has been appointed Captain and with his first call of the coin has a poor record. Yarra Valley batted first and were under pressure early with Rayan Moore and Marcus Kernaghan not allowing them to score their first run until the 6th over of a 24 over 1-dayer. Rayan finished with 1/8 (4 overs) and Marcus 1/1 (3 overs). Aidan Young was introduced into the attack with immediate results thanks to 2 fine stumpings from Graham Bennett just as Yarra Valley were starting to begin their assault. Aidan finished with 3/22 (5overs), Yarra Valley 5/77 after 24 overs with only 1 No Ball contributing to their total.

We began our innings with Aditya and Andrew Clapton never looking in any danger of being dismissed to pass our required total in the 16th over, Aditya retiring on 40 and Andrew retiring on 22. This gave the opportunity for others to have some batting time with Aidan 29 retired and Chris Ryan 14 n.o. to see us finishing on 0/142 from 24 overs. While it is the perfect start we realise Yarra Valley were undermanned and that we will not always have our own way. We play Rosanna next in a 2-day game at Shelley Reserve which will obviously be a tougher game, finally welcome to new player Matthew Holmes who will be a welcome addition to our side.

Under 14

Banyule Blue 3/72 defeated Greensborough 2/45

S.Shelton 14 ret.

G.Melton 12 ret.

S.Place 11 ret.

M.Delaney 11 ret.

Banyule Maroon 8/40 lost to Clifton Hill 3/124

Under 12

Banyule Competition 9/71 lost to Rosanna 9/84

L.Delaney 17 ret.

L.Delaney 5/1

L.Melton 13

R.Brockwell 2/4

O.Gualano 2/9



(Under 12s in the field Saturday 12th October 2002)

Banyule Development 8/60 lost to Greensborough 3/72

Web Correspondence

"I've just found your site and it's been great catching up on the scores etc. Hope to get down shortly to catch up with everybody. It's been awhile!!

Cheers"
Macca

Words of Wisdom from Rod McKinlay

When told about Dave Wilson's promotion to A Grade: Congratulations! I was thinking about a come back but now that I know you've taken my spot I'll hang the pads back up again!! I can't compete with the likes of you.

That's great, I remember your first game in the ones as bowler! What happened?

As I said I love the site and will keep in regular contact throughout the season. All the best tomorrow and remember batting is like a roller coaster you have your up periods when you score freely and you have your down sections when you can't buy a run. But like a roller coaster an up period is just around the corner so don't get frustrated! All the best tomorrow and I'll look forward to seeing 100 next to your name on Monday!

Cheers Macca

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From Michael Delany:

G'day,

I play for the U14's and was a proud member of last years premiership. I was looking for some pictures of the Grand final but there was only pics of the 1's flag. The site's great but could you pay a bit more attention of the juniors.

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G'day Michael,

thanks very much for your message. Yep - you're exactly right. As you know, we've got 5 junior teams and 4 senior teams - juniors are absolutely vital. I won an Under 16 premiership at BCC myself (many years ago), so I know what you mean. The site definitely should have more junior info. We're just rebuilding after a bit of a break, so I'll try to sort out some better junior results and photos soon. Thanks again for your message. I'm glad you checked it out.

Good luck tomorrow.

david.w.

p.s. - do you have digital copies of any of the photos from your premiership last year? If you do, we could stick them on the www site...

That last bit goes for anyone with some digital photo's of the juniors last year. Let us know and we'll get them in.

Results

A Grade

Banyule 7/218 defeated Clifton Hill 9/207

Phillips 53

Neilson 3-26

Anderson 46

O'Connor 3-28

Crawford 36

Barnes 2-

Poyser 23

Davis 21

Neilson 20no

A liberal spread of mud and puddles surrounded the pitch area for the first day of the first A Grade match of 2002/03 at Beverley Road. Seven(!) new faces were in the side from the last A Grade match - the Premiership of 2001/02. New Look A grade spent Day 1 in the field slipping & sliding and showing great desperation as the Clifton Hill innings dragged on and on and eventually into the darkness. It was disappointing to see many catches grassed, however by the time total darkness arrived Clifton Hill had been restricted to 9/207. It was a tough day on which to bowl; Doc (3/26) and Ocka (3/28) picked up the figures but all bowlers did a great job in the conditions, as did Damo in the mud behind the stumps.

A sunny Day 2 appeared momentarily gloomy after a faltering start to the run chase; 2/7 and both openers gone. Punter (aka Crawfo) (34) and Ando G (46), however, stayed together until tea - 2/80ish - in a much-needed fightback. After tea, patient and disciplined innings were played out by JD Poyser (23), PD (21) and Doc (20*) who combined with a perfectly-timed innings of Phillips M (53) to knock off most the runs. The chase went right to the end, with Doc & D-Lo not out at the finish; Banyule 7/218. A heartening team win, with a positive attitude shown in both the fielding on Day 1 and the batting on Day 2. East Ivanhoe next.

B Grade

Banyule 153 lost to Olympic Colts 161 & 4/103

Karas 34

Vealy 3 fa

Lower 36

Moshy 2 fa

Bowler 28 no

Usha 2 Fa

Butler 21

Butts 2 catches (reckons he's back, my mum could have caught them with her eyes shut)

We won toss and sent Colts In (surprisingly no Motor Bikes Yet), had them about 5 /110 at Tea. After Tea removed last 5 Batsmen for Fifty runs. Colts all out 161. Good effort with the ball and in the field limited Colts to a gettable score. We had 15 overs to face on first day and at close of play were 1/16. Moshy and Yarni, did a fantastic job early on second day and at drinks we were 1/60 odd. (Motor Bikes arrived at last as well as mandatory Ground invaders. Don't know why they bothered putting a fence around the ground). Mosh and Yarni both put great value on their wickets and still managed to keep the scoreboard ticking over. However once we lost a wicket a slow and steady fall of wickets saw us fall 8 runs short of the target Banyule All Out 153

Colts batted again for 24 overs and were 4-103.

To win games this year we must put greater value on our Wickets.

C Grade

Banyule 5-152 defeated Yarra Valley 8-94

G Place 45

R Parry 40

No report from a thirds player and my memory was only good enough for the two batsmen's scores. Hoping to get reports from next game.

Banyule 9-163 lost to Olympic Colts 4-174

B Sier 56

Same as last game.

D Grade

Banyule 7-163 defeated Old Ivanhoe 9-153

D Veal 70 no

G Clapton 4 fa

D Veal 3 fa

When the puppeteer doesn't play I'm lost! Hurry back Craig!

Banyule 5-223 defeated Clifton Hill 99

R Kernaghan 104

D Veal 3-26

D Veal 30 no

S Anderson 3-17

Good to see Shano back and firing them out!