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Yeah Baby!

(premiership photo not incl in www edition)

Premierships are always sweet, but when you turn the tables on Rosanna it is all the sweeter! A great effort by Third Grade who have now won 2 out of the last 3 flags!

Welcome Back!

Here we go again, embarking on another great adventure that is the season of the Banyule cricket club! The smell of blossoming plants or the talk of Collingwood losing AFL finals is usually the trigger in our brains that cricket season is about to start. It's no different this year, now that the footy has finished, it's time to switch on.

There have been some changes with the committee and coaching staff. Welcome back to Jeff Wilson who has returned to Melbourne after a year in Tasmania, and has been appointed Assistant Coach with Brent O'Connor being re-appointed as Captain/Coach for the 2003-04 season. There have been 2 changes to the committee this season with Ian Crawford and David Wilson joining the committee. A big thank you to both Darren Butterworth and Michael Harte for their contributions to the committee in the past seasons. Darren has of course put together this publication and transformed it into both an informative and entertaining newsletter.

Once again as the new season comes around our playing stocks have changed, players have retired, moved and we have had players return to the club. As most know Dasha has taken up a job in Perth and is leaving this Sunday, so congratulations on the position but his services will be missed. Plugger has retired from cricket. Plugger has been an inspiration at the club to come back and play cricket again and to lead the twos last year was a great effort, I'm sure we will all see Plugger down at the club this year. Congratulations from the club on a great career. Young wicket keeper and slogger Damo Harte has retired at the rip old age of 20 to pursue a career as a rock star, so good luck to Damo in his new chosen field. Also Brent Wilson has moved up to the country with his wife so it will be too far for him to travel but we wish him all the best at a new club. Our playing stocks have been

bolstered will some new players coming to the club and players returning to the club. As previously mentioned Jeff Wilson has returned to the club. Steve Pinner has also returned from his time in Ireland. It is fantastic to have two A-Grade Premiership players back at the club to strengthen the batting line up this season. Also we welcome to the Banyule former Heidelberg West Captain/Coach Andy Stuart who will also be a great acquisition to the club with his batting and bowling. Finally a big Banyule welcome to all other new players at the club.

Congratulations to the four captains who have been appointed for the upcoming season:

A Grade – Brent O'Connor

B Grade – Martin Phillips

C Grade – Brad Russell

D Grade – Graham Clapton

The cockroach will announce the Vice Captains when the first teams are announced.

The competition itself has under gone some changes as well in the off season, which hopefully will see the HDCA as strong as our other local competitions. Clifton Hill and Olympic Colts have left the league which has left the HDCA with A, B, C and D grades as well as the one day competition. Banyule will be fielding teams in A, B, C and D grade. The idea is that all clubs will have 4 grades to make it an even competition, this may take a couple of years but it is a sign the competition is looking to move forward to create a better and more even HDCA. The dates for the season are as follows: we start on the 4th of October and finish on the 20th of December. We the return on 17th of January and the home and away season ends on the 28th of February. Home sides don't forget your afternoon tea's!

Special Mentions

Plenty happening during the off season, but I've got a memory like a sieve and couldn't remember anything!

- Congratulations to Liz and Tim Veal on the arrival of their first daughter Emma Grace Veal, who weighed 8lb 3oz.
- Congratulations to Danie Carter and Brent O'Connor on their engagement on Tuesday evening.
- The cockroach and Danie have also purchased a house in Yallambie and a golden retriever called Stinga

(named after some bloke with dicky hammy's), these acquisitions have only further fuelled the rumours of the up coming birth of their first child.

- Congratulations also to Kari and Fraser Neilson on the birth of Joshua Neilson in April this year. (Now two young quicks in the making! Great to see)
- Congratulations to Kerry and Beasty who are expecting their 3rd child.
- Goosy has been hard at it during the pre season getting extra coaching sessions from former test cricketer Graham Yallop, word is that Graham will be Goosy's sponsor this season.
- Don't forget this Saturday night is Dasha's Farewell at the clubrooms after the game. Drinks will be at bar prices so after the game there is plenty of time to grab something to eat and tub up and get back to the club for a great night.

Membership

Our membership fees have changed slightly this year. The student membership has increased by \$5 and the junior membership has gone up to \$55. With the junior membership this includes match payments so coaches won't have to worry about collecting loads of coins on a game day! 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	\$60 incl GST
Junior	\$55 incl GST (includes cap and match fees)

Match Fees:

These changed for B Grade where they have been raised to \$7 per week, and of course for junior matches where there will be no match payments.

A Grade	\$7 per week
B Grade	\$7 per week
C Grade	\$5 per week
D Grade	\$5 per week

First Games

This week all four teams have been pitted against Rosanna, so a great chance to make a great start to the season and ruin theirs! Lets make sure we are all switched on and come back and celebrate Dasha's farewell with 4 wins on the board!

- A Grade Vs Rosanna (Away)
- B Grade Vs Rosanna (Home)
- C Grade Vs Rosanna (Home)
- D Grade Vs Rosanna (Away – Shelley Park)

Social Calender

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

4th October – Dasha's Farewell to Perth

3rd November – Cup Eve Function

20th December – Christmas Break Up

31st January – Cocktail Party

8th February – Double Wicket Day

29th February - \$1000 Draw

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

Junior News

Following the successful season last year with the U/16 team winning the premiership, and the U/14 and U/12 Competition side being runners up we will again field 5 junior teams. This is fantastic for the club, and the future of the club, but it also means we need a bit more help for the junior coaches. If anyone can come down early and help out with training or get to the games on Friday nights or Saturday morning it would be fantastic. Also seeing senior players at the game is a big boost for the kids as they do come and watch all of us on a Saturday Afternoon. So if you know of anyone who can help out, please let Jed or Ando know. The games will be on Saturday mornings until daylight savings start, then they will be on Friday nights & Saturday mornings.

(photo not on www edition)

The victorious U/16 team last year with Supercoach Graham Clapton. These guys are the future of our club so lets all make an effort to help out in some small way this season.

Player Sponsorship

Player Sponsorship plays an integral part in raising the necessary revenue to run our club successfully. It is our intention as a club to have a Player Sponsor for every senior player.

To become a Player Sponsor, a business or corporation can either donate as little as \$50 or alternatively \$100.

For this our Player Sponsors company name and contact details are displayed under an A4 photo of the player they are sponsoring. They will also have their details displayed within the Sponsors section of our fortnightly Howzat publication that is distributed to all players, sponsors and a large number of past players.

Those sponsors who contribute \$100 will also have a plaque with their company details displayed in the clubrooms, as well as a direct link to their web site through the sponsors area of the Banyule Cricket Club web site. Additional to this is the opportunity to run an advert of up to 100 words in an edition Howzat publication.

We urge all players to support the club in securing a player sponsor, and they should see Greg Barnes for any assistance that is required.

Club Shirts

As with last season the club has on offer of polo shirts for sale in the club colours. They will be suitable for wearing pre and post game and other times around the club or home as you see fit. They are predominantly navy blue with burgundy trimming and will feature the logos of both the club and our major sponsor Beck's Bedding. All cotton quality ensures comfort and durability.

Various sizes are available from small through to the big guys at extra extra large. They can be purchased by anyone including players (senior and junior), wives and partners etc., children, family and other valued supporters. It is of course strongly recommended by the committee that all senior players purchase a shirt and wear it on game days to promote a strong, proud and unified club. Last year they were \$20 and as of yet haven't been notified of any change.

Please see Philo to place an order.

Trivia

- Q. How many players had less than 5 disposals in Saturdays AFL Grand Final?
- Q. How many players, other than Simon Black have won a Premiership, Norm Smith, and a Brownlow Medal?
- Q. How many Fitzroy players that went to Brisbane as part of the 1996 merger are still there?
- Q. Who is the youngest player to win a Brownlow Medal

Grand Final

It's become a bit of a tradition for there to be jokes about the losing Grand Finalists. So I'll continue that this year! The Collingwood Football Club were thinking of releasing a new line of Bra's next year, but have had a few manufacturing problems. The bra's seem to have plenty of support but no cup. I have also decided this year to add a joke about another finals team due to the fact that being a Collingwood supporter I need to hang it on another team as well!

Q. What is the difference between Port Adelaide and an arsonist?
A. An arsonist doesn't waste 22 matches!

This week the first interview with a vampire is making the interviewer the interviewee! Lets see how Dasha goes answering the questions instead of asking them!!

Name: Darren Butterworth

Age: 24

Playing weight: 94 kg

Star Sign : Scorpio

Job: Senior Administrator

Brothers/sisters: 2 Brothers

Marital status: Single

Marital aids: Perth

Hobbies outside cricket: Football, fishing, drinking

Favourite TV show: Alias

Favourite movie: The Life of Brian

Favourite beer: Boags

Favourite meal: Steak & Chips

Next favourite beer: Carlton Draught

Favourite drink: Coke

Favourite band: Crowded House

Least favourite beer: Old Speckled Hen

Favourite song: Better Man – Pearl Jam (Thought you were a Robbie Williams sought of bloke! Ed.)

Animal that best describes you: Bat (or Bandicoot)

TV character that best describes you: Kel from Kath & Kim

Dream rotten egg victim: Nathan Buckley

Dream date: Kelli Stevens

Worst bowler to face at training: Marty Phillips

Why: His crap spin always gets me out!

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Ocka

Why: You know he'll have a go at them!

Highest score for Banyule: 100no

Best bowling haul for Banyule: 9-52

Ambitions for 03-04 season: Get a game for Fremantle, and hit the pitch occasionally.

Most admired player at the club: Ando. 9 A Grade premierships, need I say more?

Best Banyule player seen: Ando, Phillips, Philo, Jay Harvey.

Biggest disappointment at BCC: Losing A Grade grand final

Most memorable moment at BCC: Winning C Grade grand final with dad, 3 A Grade premierships.

Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field: Missing the pitch. (On which occasion!!!! Ed.)

Best birthday prezzy ever: Cricket bat

Something you can't live without: Zorvirax

Where did you go to school? Greensborough & Thomastown

Who do you prefer, Madonna, Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera or Brittany Spears? Christina, nice and dirty!

Best holiday: Bali

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Ocka, Philo, Scooby, Veally, Butts, Fez, Billy, Yarni.....

Favourite nightspot: PJ O'Briens

Third favourite beer: Bintang

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? Robert Harvey & His wife (Now there's a decision!!)

Best pick up line: Never used one, but heard a good one at The Clifton one night. "Do you come here often?"

Hairstyle tips: Don't let it get too high!

Interview with a Vampire

Word Associations:

Sledging: Tied semi Vs Heidelberg (we were sensational that day!)

Warney: Fool, but can play.

Chokers: The Collywobbles are back!

Scooby: Ah yes, CC and dry.

Words of advice: Hit the deck hard.

Bar Prices

Here are the bar prices for the new season.

Heavy Beer	Pot	\$2.30
	Can	\$3.00
Light Beer	Stubby	\$2.00
Mixed Drinks		
	<u>Bourbon & Coke</u>	
	- Jim Beam	\$4.50
	-Woodstock	\$4.00
	<u>Bacardi Breezers</u>	
	(Various)	\$4.50
	<u>Vodka Cruisers</u>	
	(Various)	\$4.00
Champagne	Glass	\$2.50
Wine	Glass	\$2.50
Soft Drinks	<u>Cans</u>	\$1.50
Water	Bottle	\$1.50
Gatorade	Bottle	\$2.50
Chips		\$1.30
Mars Bars		\$1.30

Neal Butterworth Red Wine Club

Once again the Neal Butterworth Red Wine Club will be in full force this season. It started small many years ago by Butters but over the last few years it has grown, and when you see all the guys drinking red wine after training on a selection night you'll know it's something you want to be a part of. All it involves is letting myself know that you want to be a part of the club and I will roster you on for a selection night, and on that night you need to bring along 2 bottles of red wine. You will be rostered on with another person so in all 4 bottles will be shared between the members. So let me know and I will put a roster up straight away.

The Beck's Bedding Quote of the Week.

It has been a long off season and I'm sure there have been many great quotes but as I have the worst memory I have only been able to come up with a couple, one by the cockroach and a couple by the new editor of the Howzat myself!

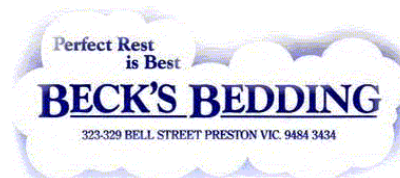
Whilst away on a recent golf trip during the off season the boys were out watching the Sydney V Collingwood football match, as James Clement went for a kick out one of the boys stated, "this guy has an MBA" Ocka's quick reply was "he played basketball in America?"

These next couple came from myself at the recent Port Adelaide V Collingwood final with Butts and our new assistant coach. I must have been under the weather as I was in fine form!!

It was late in the first term when I said to Jeff "I cant believe the guy next to me has been on his phone the whole first quarter and been supporting" After the laughter that came from their mouths I looked to my right and noticed the guy next to me had a radio to his ear!!

Later in the first term I said "why is the umpire running so far away from the play?" It was quickly pointed out that the umpire in question was the boundary umpire and doing a great job of getting into position!!!

I think my day did get worse as Butts and Jeff dropped me a team per poor quote I came up with. They flatteringly let me start in the ones and by the end of the day I was 12th man in the U/12 development team!



Man About The Streets

This season Banyule has been lucky enough to have a man on the streets reporting directly to yours truly about the happenings during the week. His first instalment is a report of what he saw whilst having a quiet beer at the Lower Plenty

Hotel last Sunday. (As yet there has been no confirmation of this story's legitimacy!)

Well apparently Denis Banks had stolen the 517 from Greensborough & offered Taz a lift but Rhys Shaw slipped over while they were running for the bus & some big unit from Brisbane bought the last ticket. Richie Cole closed his eyes & missed Banksy & questions are now being asked about

his ability to get a lift in heavy traffic.

Mick was watching all of this from the Ampol servo across the road & was heard to utter "Pathetic & embarrassing" before being picked up by Clinton Casey who was giving him a lift back to Punt Road.

Meanwhile Josh Fraser was playing a lone hand in ordering, pouring, paying & delivering the drinks back to the table, while Bucks was winning acclaim for doing not very much. Shane Wakelin was being pushed around by the rather rough representative from the Lower Plenty Bowling Club & was last seen looking for his brother at the Lower Plenty Vets clinic (Darryl was getting a new choker chain).

The scuffle began when Shane Woewoeful received a beer from Fraser (again) & dropped it when he thought he saw Simon Black in the corner of his eye. The pot bounced off his shiny white ponce boots & hit Leon Davis on the chest, who dropped it like a hot spud. Right at this critical stage the new Daicos, Alan Didak, slipped on the spilt pot & sprayed his pot out of bounds, causing Brodie Holland to shoot his pot all over the kindergarden teacher sitting at an adjacent table.

Matthew Lokan saw all this happen & began to give his 'shampoo' laugh at which Taz got offended because he thought he had heard someone liken his grand final performances to the qualifying final performances of the Burgoyne brothers.

Tristan Walker then appeared on the scene & no one really knew why.

Taz was accidentally sideswiped by Ben Kinnear (on his way back to Williamstown) & swung around to see Paul Licuria pinch Mick's Kleenex out of Ben Johnson's handbag. All this was too much for the young key forward, who was clearly out of his depth without his intellectually challenged adopted Italian brother, who was serving time for an indiscretion the previous week (no one should get Lade at the Lower).

Things really got out of hand when Eddie appeared on the scene & promised mass changes for season 2004 & Bucks suggested Taz should be traded to Hawthorn where he could get his hair dyed blonde & look pretty flexing his triceps beside Ben Dixon. Taz responded with "Well at least my missus doesn't look like Phil Matera with a wig & fake tits" & well you can imagine where it went from there.

Jason Cloke, playing in an unfamiliar position of the front bar (out of the ladies bar) was briefly seen but had little effect on the scuffle.



Our man about the street looks like he got a little bit close to the action on Sunday according to this picture taken of him on Monday!

- A. 7. (J Charman, M Ashcroft, R Lonie, J Cloke, B Kinnear, T Walker, and M Lokan)
- A. 2. (James Hird and Greg Williams)
- A. 1. (Chris Johnson)
- A. Dick Reynolds

Web News

With Dave Wilson away at the moment the web page is not being updated. For the results there is a link on our web site to the HDCA web site where you will be able to get all the results from around the traps.

The two page addresses are:

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Trivia Answers