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## Comeback Kids Rule the Roost

Last round we saw two players make successful comebacks to the club after some time away. Ash Gannon playing his second game back at the club carried his bat in B Grade to finish with 136 not out, a great inning Ash. Likewise Alex Covey in his first game for the club this season snared 9 wickets in D Grade for the match. Big Al's figures for the entire match were 45.1 overs, 9/42, and was also on 2 hatricks, welcome back Al. Lets just hope the Army let Alex play a few more games during the rest of the season.

Last round saw A Grade and D Grade score easy victories, A Grade batted their full 80 overs and accounted for Bellfield the following week. D Grade came close to an outright, but were held at bay by a stubborn batting display from Edinburgh.

This week is another game and a great chance for B Grade to find that form that saw them knock Rosanna off in round 1. C Grade had their first loss in a while but I'm sure Brad and the Boys will be able to reverse last rounds loss.

Don't forget we have five junior teams playing over the next two Friday nights, we will have games on both grounds at home, so if you get the chance, pop into the club and support the kids.

## Special Mentions

- Congratulations to Jacqui and Paul Davis who have announced that they are expecting their first child.

## Cup Eve

What a night the Cup Eve Function was Monday week ago. It had everything, beautiful ladies, good-looking gents, great music and 3 very intriguing phantom calls.

In the 3 phantom calls the betting was fast and furious, some of the money stupidly thrown away but there were plenty that

got their money on good things. A big thank you to Ash Gannon who was the voice behind the phantom calls.

In the first race the field was open with cockroach Brent O'Connor being sent out the favourite in the race. He tried to do a Mummify in the Caulfield Cup and lead from start to finish but in the end couldn't stay and was headed by a fast finishing Andy Stuart (Chickenman). It was a great run by new player to the club Chickenman; the only problem was he forgot to bet on himself!

In the second race it was Matthew Lower (Moshy) who saluted to the judges, easily taking out the race and the money. A lot of happy punters around the rooms after this race with Moshy going into the race with solid betting. For the second time running "The Butler" just can't stay, trailing the field home again. Can there maybe be a 300 metre race next time to give "The Butler" a chance?

In the last race, a past players and friends of the BCC race, Brian O'Connor (Ocka's old man) and Head of Umpiring for the league was the only stayer in the field that saw Damien Harte trail the field for the entire race. (What has retirement done to young fella?) Maybe we are looking for some LBW's later in the season with this result?

A big thank you to everyone that helped out with Philo behind the bar. Also a thank you to Chantal and Ashlie Barnes who organised the Melbourne Cup Sweep, and to Annie Barnes who worked tirelessly in the canteen to provide the great food we ate during the course of the evening. Likewise thank you to Ian Crawford who introduced the horses in each race and helped with the bookmaker in taking the bets.

Last but certainly not least, congratulations and thank you to Greg Barnes for a great evening. Greg pretty much single handedly organised the entire evening, the decorations, the music, the betting and the running of another fantastic evening down at the Banyule Cricket Club.

## The Beck's Bedding Quote of the Week.

"... and this is supposed to be the first day of summer"

Tim Veal talking about the poor weather on the first Saturday of the last game, the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. When did summer start in November Veally?

Further to Skulls report about Edinburgh's firsts ring in just turning up to bat and down our thirds on Saturday Crawfo came up with this one from short leg.

"Good clubman you'd be mate, what couldn't help your mates field last week?"

Too which the angry reply came "I couldn't I was sick last week"

Crawfo shot back as quick as a flash....."And just what was the results of your aids test champ"?

According to Feral at slip it was C grade cricket but A grade sledging from Crawfy!

## Man and Sponsor of the Match

The Man of the Match award this week went to Ash Gannon who put on a fantastic battling display last round to carry his bat in Second Grade. Ash finished the day on 136 not out, a great effort, so congratulations to Ash.

The Ron Butler Award this week went to Alex Covey playing his first game for the season. Alex bagged 9 wickets and even took a couple of catches. The wickets is something we have come to expect from Big Al but taking catches, when I played with Al he couldn't catch a cold!

The Sponsor of the week went to Ando's sponsor MTI Qualos, the recipient of the Crownies this week was Andrew Smith. Make sure you have a paid up sponsor by the completion of the next round for them to have a chance at the Crownies.

## Play of the Match

Our play of the match this edition doesn't go to a big hundred or a great catch, it goes to a fantastic act of sportsmanship. During the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade game last weekend Edinburgh fighting to save and outright defeat had a batsmen with Down syndrome come in to bat. Graham previously been asked if he would go easy on the batsmen when he came into bat, meaning not to bowl himself or the in form Alex Covey. Graham stuck good to his word and in the end the team was unable to capture the final wicket needed. Graham would have loved to have won the game outright, but in true Banyule spirit stuck to his word and for this Graham receives this weeks, Play of the Match.

## Membership

At this stage of the season a reminder about membership shouldn't be needed. We should have all paid or set up a payment structure with Marty. If you haven't see Marty ASAP.

## Social Calender

The next function is Danie and Brent's Engagement Party. All players and partners are invited to join them in celebrating the evening. Don't forget as Danie and Brent are putting on the evening that it is just for players and their partners.

The following function is our Ladies Day, so make sure you inform your wives, girlfriends, and female relatives about this day. It's a day where the girls get to take over the clubrooms and enjoy themselves. Lots of activities are planned for the day so stay tuned for more information.

**29<sup>th</sup> November – Danie & Brent's Engagement Party**

**6<sup>th</sup> December – Ladies Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Break Up**

**31<sup>st</sup> January – Cocktail Party**

**8<sup>th</sup> February – Double Wicket Day**

**29<sup>th</sup> February - \$1000 Draw**

## 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 sponsor's 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.

It is now the critical time when everyone should already have a sponsor. If you need any assistance please see Greg Barnes.

## Interview with a Vampire

*Name:* Crawfo

*Age:* Wrong side of 40

*Playing weight:* Middleweight

*Star Sign:* Virgin

*Job:* Please!

*Brothers/sisters:* One sister affectionately known as Shrek

*Marital status:* Still hangin in there.

*Marital aids:* DVD,s

*Hobbies outside cricket:* Gardening, cooking, playing with the kids oh and fanning Daics and Didaks asses :-)

*Favourite TV show:* Seinfeld, Survivor, Naked news (Foxtel sat. nights WOW) Rick Steins cooking adventures.

*Favourite movie:* Blue Murder True Romance All of Tarantino's actually!

*Favourite beer:* VB

*Favourite meal:* My chilli mussels and Spanish chorizo risotto. YUM!

*Next favourite beer:* Corona, with a lemon please.

*Favourite drink:* Wild turkey and coke.

*Favourite band:* Dixie chicks, Shania, Faith Hill, Dwight Yoakim(don't snigger have a listen)!

*Least favourite beer:* West End

*Favourite song:* Khe Sahn

*Outside love interests:* PLEASE!

*Animal that best describes you:* Fox (use your imagination)

*TV character that best describes you:* Arfur Daley

*Dream rotten egg victim:* Stewie Brandt (hope he doesn't get the howzat) actually can he read? Whoops! (I have his email address Crawl, might accidentally forward it to him! Ed)

*Dream date:* Read favourite band...no not Dwight! Or Estalla Warren ooh yeahh!

*Worst bowler to face at training:* Chicken Man

*Why:* Too quick!

*Dream player to bowl bouncers at:* In a match Chicken, at training Scooby.

*Why:* Cause I actually bowled one at chicken in a match and Scooby, cause he plays them worse than I do.

*Highest score for Banyule:* 109 in a 2nds semi

*Best bowling haul for Banyule:* 5-31 v G,borough in the firsts(yes that's right Ando in the ones) he he

*Ambitions for 03-04 season:* Help Skull and Jed bring the kids along in the 3.s and hopefully win the flag.

*Most admired player at the club:* Other than myself? Hmmm..... Ando

*Best Banyule player seen:* Rod McKinlay, Philo, Ando, Gibbo, Marty, Chicken Man, Ocka Fez, Scooby, Butts and Gus.

*Biggest disappointment at BCC:* Losing that seconds semi final by 1 wicket grrrrr sorry P.D.

*Most memorable moment at BCC:* Being involved in the firsts premiership a couple of years ago (time for another guys)

*Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field:* Everytime I bowl really, Philo has to alert low flying aircraft in the area

*Best birthday prezzy ever:* Getting to another one is present enough these days.

*Something you can't live without:* My Dad

*Where did you go to school?:* Shepparton High

*Who do you prefer, Madonna, Justin Timberlake or Brittany Spears?:* Madonna to sing and Brittany to just stand there

*Best holiday:* Easy one The COOGEE BAY HOTEL

*Best bloke to go to a pub with?:* Read Best Banyule players seen and add the Tuesday nite crew and Shano.

*Favourite nightspot:* Used to be the Clifton but I've banned it, open to suggestions. Shepp clubs go alright!

*Third favourite beer:* Partial to a Hahn premium or Crownies.

*If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with?:* My wife. (She can read) ha ha

*Best pick up line:* Do u believe in a friendly face in a room full of strangers or GET HERE!

*Hairstyle tips:* Get Ya DIDAK'S on!

*Word Associations:*

*Sledging:* Me

*Warney:* Poor bugger, misunderstood.

*Chokers:* Port Adelaide big time!

*Scooby:* PALLEEEASE!!!!

*Words of advice:* Do as I say you young guys not as I do :-)

## Senior Results

### A Grade

**Banyule 9/250 (cc)**

**Def**

**Bellfield 133 & 0/25**

**J Wilson 73**

**D Barnes 4/17**

**G Anderson 71**

**B O'Connor 4/38**

**M Lower 58**

**P Barnes 2/27**

A good toss to lose on a slow Mumbai pitch (sorry Beverley Road Oval) as we were invited to bat. When did our pitch become so flat and slow. For a club built on fast bowling it's a hellhole, completely unbiased here.

We were 4/60 early with the losses of Chicken Man (A. Stuart), no harm done to his Kevin Brady prospects, Ocka (B. O'Connor), Colonel (A. Young) and Chooka (R. Felthouse) but the mainstay of our innings Peter Costello (J. Wilson) remained. He was eventually out at 5/109 for a wonderfully crafted 73. JD (J. Poyser), missed out but this brought together Ando (G. Anderson) and Moshy (M. Lower) a great winner of the Brolec Banyule City Handicap on cup eve. A sensational 109 run partnership before Ando was out for a masterful 71 (what a man for a crisis) and Moshy making his maiden A grade half century departed in the final over for 58. Once Moshy got over the early nerves the strokes especially through the offside were sublime. The good guys compiled 9/250, very satisfying considering only 3 scores in double figures. Very unlike summer weather with the temperature a freezing 15 degrees.

A good day in the field followed the next week. Banyule Council must have run out of 2 stroke oil as the outfield resembled a woolly mammoth needing a haircut. Some early wickets ensured that Bellfield would never get on top and the day proceeded accordingly. A steady flow of wickets bowled by either Barnes and caught Ocka was the highlight of the innings. In all Ocka held 5 catches and even managed 4 wickets himself, a total involvement in 9 wickets, an amazing achievement the likes of which this journalist has not seen. The 10<sup>th</sup> wicket was an LBW to D-Lo (D. Barnes) of which Ocka claimed he had the loudest appeal. D-Lo also picked up 4 wickets with his mature mixture of pace and slower changeups whilst Philo (P. Barnes) picked up 2. A doubtful debut in A Grade for the new Platypus Cricket Ball, it may struggle to 80 overs.

### B Grade

**Banyule 9/216 (cc)**

**Lost To Old Ivanhoe 4/231**

**A Gannon 136 not out**

**J Karas 27**

**F Chowdary 25**

Due to email glitches this week, a report from Beasty (F Chowdary) did not arrive, but I'll give an insight from the stories I heard at the club.

The good guys batted first and got off to a great start, Yarni (J Karas) and Beasty both getting involved with some runs. Ash Gannon carried his bat in what I have already explained was a fantastic innings earlier in this edition to finish with 136 not out. Banyule bat their overs and finish with 9/216.

On a small ground it was always going to take a great effort to contain Old Ivanhoe's 1sts and unfortunately the good guys couldn't. Good bowling performances from Barnsey (G Barnes), PD (P Davis), and LT (L Taylor) all bowling well

and taking a wicket. LT doing really well in his first game in the 2nds. Dropped catches were the talk of Banyule Saturday night and also talking points were the bowling performances of Captain Grumpy (M Phillips) and Beasty. Supposedly a bloke couldn't hook to well but by the time Captain Grumpy was through with him he was quite apt at the stroke. Also to Beasty well done on bowling a maiden on the small ground! Not to be for B Grade on this occasion.

**Ed.**

#### **C Grade**

<b>Banyule 93</b>	<b>Lost To</b>	<b>Edinburgh 104</b>
<b>M Kernaghan 24</b>		<b>M Kernaghan 4/18</b>
		<b>R Moore 3/29</b>

**And 4/127**

**B Russell 58**

**S Darling 28**

Banyule played Edinburgh at the W.T. Petterson Oval ( old Fitzroy footy ground) we lost the toss on a cold wet day and Edinburgh decided to bowl. One end of the pitch is deemed unsafe, so therefore the game is played by bowling from one end, the Grandstand end, which really isn't appropriate for cricket. I was not informed til the end of the first day of play that Edinburgh were fielding with 2 subs. At the main break we were looking good at 2 for 62; then all out for 93-not looking so good

Best batsman:-Marcus Kernaghan -24

On the first day we had 27 overs to bowl and had Edinburgh 4 for 38. ( still a chance)

Day 2 a very different day, a beautiful sunny day for cricket. Edinburgh past our score with the help of a player who had not turned up the previous week! We had three players take great catches, Scott Clapton at point, Scott Darling in the gully and Ian Crawford (pair boy! Ed note) at say mid-off. Edinburgh all out 112.

Best Bowlers:-Ryan Moore 3 for 29

Marcus Kernaghan 4 for 18

With 57 overs left I decided to bat with the hopes to win outright. We batted for 25 overs and declared at 4 for 127.

Best batsmen:-Brad Russell- 58

Scott Darling-28

Edinburgh batted for 26 overs making 2 for 117 winning by an outright. Our bowlers tried hard, but bowled too short.

Best Bowler:- Jeff Place 2 for 15

Beaten by an average side on a crazy pitch!!!!

\*Also a message to Leanne, ' A speedy recovery' from all the team we missed her scoring.

**Skull (Brad Russell)**

#### **D Grade**

<b>Banyule 6/128</b>	<b>Def</b>	<b>Edinburgh 24</b>
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<b>G Clapton 35</b>		<b>A Covey 5/1</b>
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<b>C Hunniford 21</b>	<b>G Clapton 3/5</b>	
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<b>A O'Donnell 18 not out</b>		
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**and 9/114**

**A Covey 4/28 (34 overs)**

**K Gehan 3/33**

An injection of youth and pace was what the selectors sought this match with five changes (average age 16) replacing the unavailable's (average age 35). Some former graduates of the

nursery also helped us in Ryan Hartnett, Hollywood, DLo & Spud at various stages of the match.

After a slow start we managed to have Edinburgh in some sort of strife at the drinks break at 3/23. Little were we to know that Big Alex Covey in his first match back would destroy the opposition who lost 7/1 in just over 15 minutes of playing time. The bowlers were on line backed up by some good fielding.

Graham led the way with the bat and guided us to a very early victory. The Puppeteer and Ant had a slap allowing us to declare and have 20 overs to close out the day. With the completion of A grade the crowd drifted over with their cans and lined the boundary in what was the biggest crowd we have played in front of all year. After being dismissed by the pick of the bowlers "Charlie" Ragunathan was thrilled when the chant went up for him to bowl, Captain Clapton obliged of course and this closed out a great days cricket for 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Week two saw a very determined Edinburgh bat 80 overs to avoid the outright defeat. Some great bowling from Garrick Melton, Graham, The Wiz and Big Al was not enough to break through. To his credit one player made 69\* from 100 overs in a Googs like innings. A great run out from Scott Melton along side of Alex's 2nd hatrick opportunity of the match were the highlights of the day.

**The Puppeteer**

## **Junior Results**

#### **Under 16's**

<b>Banyule 5/80 (cc)</b>	<b>Lost To</b>	<b>Edinburgh 3/91</b>
<b>G Bennett 31 not out</b>		<b>G Melton 1/16</b>
<b>M Ryan 15</b>		<b>A Young 1/9</b>
<b>S Shelton 11</b>		<b>M Ryan 1/8</b>

With the first Friday Night being washed out this game reverted to a one-dayer against Edinburgh. Andrew continued his good run with the toss and elected to bat, we failed to get of to a good start losing Andrew and Aidan in consecutive balls. This provided a challenge to our other players, which Graham Bennett accepted posting 31 N.O. and Michael Ryan 15. Scott Shelton battled hard for his 11 and we finally finished on 5/80 of our 24 overs which was going to be a score that may prove to be not quite enough.

Garrick Melton bowled well to have us in a good early position dismissing their opening bat thanks to Glyn Frame taking his first catch for Banyule. Even the Edinburgh boys said that they were in trouble when this wicket fell. We decided to try something different and allowed Aidan to open the bowling from the pavilion end which he carried out perfectly collecting 1/9 from 5 overs. With Edinburgh in trouble at 2/8 the next wicket fell at 80 with the help of 3 dropped catches, they passed us in the 21st over to finish on 3/92.

We now meet Viewbank at Banyule Flats which should be a high scoring match with both teams having good batsmen and therefore will come down to who bowls and fields the best.

Congratulations to Aidan Young and U/14 player Rebecca Allen who both received player of the month awards for October.

#### **Under 14 A's**

**Banyule 5/80 (cc)**  
**O Gualano 25 Ret**

**Def**

**Edinburgh 6/78**  
**L Giles 2/5**  
**T Woodman 2/15**

We lost the toss and Edinburgh batted. We kept constant pressure on them. It began to tell when they tried to hit out and we took some excellent catches. After their 24 overs they were 6 for 78. All batsmen being dismissed by great catching or runouts. Luke Giles was the pick of the bowlers. He bowled 3 overs 2 for 5 and Tom Woodman picked up 2 for 15 off 3 overs too. Bec Allen stopped everything that came her way, Olly Gualano took 2 superb catches. Luke Giles took a great slips catch, Jack Arrowsmith held on to a sharp offering and Josh Young also accepted a difficult chance. Robert Gooche's superb throw over the stumps made it easy for our keeper Josh DeStefanis to remove the bails before the opposition's number 4 batsman could make his ground. It looks as though that Thursday Night that was totally devoted to fielding paid dividends. We batted and began cautiously before Tom Woodman was out trying to lift the tempo. Jack Arrowsmith followed not long after before Robert Gooch and Oliver put on a 30 run stand. Robert was out for an enterprising 14 runs, Olly retired on 25 n.o and Skipper Mickey Abrahams received a good ball. Bec Allen made a quick 7 runs.

In the last over we need 9 runs to win. Rhys Bevan and Josh DeStefanis were at the crease. They only got 2 runs off the first 4 balls. They needed 7 from 2 balls. Rhys spanked a ball to mid wicket and we got 2 runs before daring another. The resultant overthrow led to another and Josh and Rhys scampered through for 4 all run. We needed 3 runs to win off the last ball. Rhys slapped a big hit into the spacious outfield of the Brunswick St Oval and him and Josh got another 4 runs all run, in front of a delirious Banyule crowd. A fantastic win. Well done every one. It really was a team effort with 11 contributors.

#### **Under 14 B's**

**Banyule 2/63**  
**N Lynch 25**

**Lost To**

**Rosanna 7/64 (cc)**  
**L McMahon 2/6**  
**C Sullivan 2/9**

It was a much better Friday afternoon than it was the Friday before. Last week was cancelled due to the rain. Both coaches decided that instead of washing out both weeks that they would play just a one dayer the following week.

Banyule won the toss and elected to bat.

The team was told that they only had 24 overs to make a score. It didn't look too promising early on as after the 11<sup>th</sup> over we were 1/21 half way through our batting innings. N.Lynch then decided to put his foot down and retire at 25 not out. N.Joseph also made a very quick 15. D.Majerczak (4) and J.Hoang (0) saw us through the end of our innings. Banyule ended up 2/63.

Then it was Banyule's turn to have a bowl.

L.McMahon and C.Sullervan opened the bowling both picking up a wicket each off their 1<sup>st</sup> ball in their 1<sup>st</sup> over. L.McMahon then got another wicket in his next over finishing with 2 for 6 off 4 overs a brilliant bowling effort. C.Sullervan also got another wicket and ended up with 2 for 9 off 4 another brilliant effort. We looked like we were in a good position after the 11<sup>th</sup> over when we had them 4/30. The team was fielding brilliantly and also ended up with 2 run outs. Unfortunately Rosanna needed only 1 run in the last over for the day. And it was just a hit and run. A good effort from the boys and great talking in the field and when batting. Rosanna 6/64 def Banyule 2/63.

#### **Under 12 Competition**

**Banyule 3/130 (cc)**

**Def**

**Edinburgh 6/77 (cc)**

**N Botham 24 Retired**

**H McDonald 2/3**

**A Bransgrove 23 Retired**

**L Delaney 17 Retired**

#### **Under 12 Development**

**Banyule 4/69 (cc)**

**Def**

**Edinburgh 9/25**

**A Fewkes 11 Retired**

**S Eicher 3/1**

**L Russell 2/5**

**J Place 2/3**

The official season finally started for the under 12 Development side. We played Edinburgh at our home ground and Jed Place was our Captain. Banyule bowled first and bowled well, only Bowling 3 wides and 7 no balls; for this age group that's fantastic. The team bowled Edinburgh out for 25.

#### **Best Bowling**

Simon Eicher-3 for 1run.

Jed Place(Capt.)-2 for 3 runs.

Lindsay Russell-2 for 10 runs. (unluckily missing a hat-trick)

Nick Giangiulli- 1 for 2 runs.

Devin McDonald-1 for 7 runs.

Jack Nelson-2 overs for 2 runs, no extras, excellent bowling.

The team fielded very well, with Alister Fewkes throwing the ball in from the out-field, hitting the stumps side-on and getting the batsman run out. We were also very pleased with Kane Moore's Wicket Keeping.

Banyule batted making 4/69,winning the game well. We had 8 batsman retire, showing they weren't going to give up their wickets.

Alister Fewkes- 11 retired.

James Fraser- 3 retired.

Anya Eicher- 3 retired.

Simon Eicher- 3 retired.

Mitchell Fletcher- 3 runs.

Kiran Arunasalam-2 retired.

Nick Giangiulli-2 runs.

A big thank- you to Daniel Barnes for coaching and the helpers on the afternoon/night Scott Clapton and Ashley Fraser. Welcome finally to our assistant coach Craig Parry, whose knowledge of the game will be of great assistance to our young team and me.

**Well done team Brad.**