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Banyule Train Keeps Rolling On

It's all aboard the Banyule Steam Engine at the moment with another lot of 4 from 4 for the seniors, that now makes 8 out of 8 for the seniors over the last 2 rounds. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially to the Captains and Coaches.

What set up the 4 wins was great batting on the first Saturday of the game in the heat and amazingly 1 Captain lost the toss and was put in. A total of 1298 runs were scored with 3 century makers on the day. Congratulations to Mathew "Goosy" Gregory on his maiden ton, Goosy was in the voting for the most ducks last round in the player poll but proved he is no bunny with a great hundred on the High School Oval. Congratulations also to Martin "Lord" Veal and Greg "Ando" Anderson on their great hundreds in the last round. Lord in only his second game back at the club getting back in the hundred club and Ando getting some breathing space again as the player with the most centuries at the club.



*Punters at Flinders Street... is it a bird? ... is it a plane?
...no, it's the Banyule Express*

Special Mentions

- Congratulations to Dave Wilson and Catherine Jones who have announced their engagement, also a big Banyule welcome to Catherine from the club, as well as a welcome back to Dave after his journey over in WA.
- Congratulations to four of our Under 12s who have been selected to represent the HDCA in the Mitchell

Shield. The Players are Nick Botham, James Moio, Luke Delaney and Andrew Bransgrove. Also to Oliver Gualano and Luke Giles for being chosen in the HDCA Under 14 squad, and lastly congratulations to Graham Bennet and Scott Shelton for being selected for the Under 16 HDCA team.

- A big thank you from Danie and Brent to the club for the rooms last weekend for their engagement party, and to everyone that help out in the bar and canteen.

Ladies Day

Last Saturday saw the return of the Ladies Day back down at the club. A lot of effort and planning went into the day by Alli Anderson, so thank you Alli, and the day by all reports (as course I wasn't allowed to sneak in) was a great success. Alli organised different stalls for the ladies to purchase different items, such as ENJO, lingerie, perfume etc... and not only did the ladies buy lots of items, a few of the gents snuck in at the end and bought Christmas presents. Thanks to Scott Butler and Craig Parry for running the bar for all the lovely ladies in attendance (a tough gig that one) and to Helen Russell for running a record take on the meat raffle. It is always fantastic for the ladies to be able to enjoy each others company without the males around so it is great to see the great fixture back on the social calender again this year. Thanks for all your hard work Alli.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party this year will be held on the 20th of December following the last Saturday afternoon of cricket for the calender year. Always a highlight of the social calender, a great night for the kids with Santa making an appearance with goodies and we all get to have a nice meal together and drinks before breaking up for Christmas festivities. An information page about the night is on the last page of this Howzat. Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets, and get them back to the club as soon as possible.

The Beck's Bedding Quote of the Week.

This quote comes not from a game but from the middle Thursday night training. Renna was hitting some catches with

a couple of the lads and enquired to the origin of the bat he was using. Fez chirped up that it was Crawfo's and used to be a memento bat and was even signed by Don Bradman. Renna in his dry way conveyed his opinion of its power by quickly retorting it should have been signed by Ikea!

Man and Sponsor of the Match

Well done to Googsy on receiving this week's man of the match award, Googsy's maiden hundred was a highlight of the round so great work Googs. The Ron Butler award went to Moshy last round after his great effort of running for Ando to help him get his Century. Moshy was out there for about half the time and ran his legs off, so great teamwork Moshy. The Sponsor of the Week goes to my own sponsor, Colin Campbell, so the Crownies this week are off to Colin.

Membership

As at the 9th of December only 58% of our full senior members are paid up, very disappointing. If we were playing like this no team would be in the four. If you haven't paid see Marty ASAP, with selection getting tight it might after Christmas come down to who is paid up when deciding places in teams.

Social Calender

20th December – Christmas Break Up
31st January – Cocktail Party
8th February – Double Wicket Day
29th February - \$1000 Draw

Player Sponsorship

Player Sponsorship is critical to the running of our club and keeping our membership subscriptions so low. At this stage everyone should have made an effort to find a sponsor and so far only 15 players have personal sponsors.

Please make a big effort to find a \$50 or \$100 sponsor. Speak to Greg Barnes for assistance and possible ways to find one, and also for more information.

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Ash Gannon

Age: 31

Playing weight: Enormous

Star Sign: Red Bull

Job: Drug Dealer – Legal off course

Brothers/sisters: One Sister

Marital status: Married

Marital aids: Pass

Hobbies outside cricket: Footy, Boxing, Horse Racing

Favourite TV shows: Big Bite Night, Snake Wranglers

Favourite movie: Jaws, Rocky, Pharlap, Two Moon Junction, Red Dragon

Favourite beer: Kilkenny

Favourite meal: Chicken & Corn Soup in the big bowl

Next favourite beer: Cascade

Favourite drink: Ginger Ale

Favourite band: Boney M, Pointer Sisters, Christopher Cross

Least favourite beer: Corona

Favourite song: Disco Inferno

Outside love interests: Footy, Boxing, Medicine

Animal that best describes you: Water Buffalo, Passive until upset.

TV character that best describes you: Richard Drefus in Jaws, no one would listen, but he was right it was a big shark !!

Dream rotten egg victim: Ken Duckworth, Bill Jackson, Terry Rodgers. (Seems to be a bit of a trend against umpires here! Ed)

Dream date: With Willy Wonker in the Chocolate Factory

Worst bowler to face at training: Bill Sier

Why? He does not know where they are going, so how can I have any idea!

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Any under 12,

Why? b/c there the only ones who would not hit me for six.

Highest score for Banyule: 136

Best bowling haul for Banyule: 0/1 off 2 overs

Ambitions for 03-04 season: To contribute

Most admired player at the club: Greame Renshaw, Phil Barnes

Best Banyule player seen: Darren Butterworth, Rod McKinlay, Andy Stuart

Biggest disappointment at BCC: Being injured a lot and losing a GF.

Most memorable moment at BCC: 92/93 Premiership

Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field: Pants falling down while racing Fezz to the fence (Who won the race? Ed.)

Best birthday prezzy ever: Six Pack of Ginger Ale (Kirks)

Something you can't live without: Lolly Snakes

Where did you go to school? The zoo (Banyule High)

*Who do you prefer, **Madonna**, Justin Timberlake or Brittany Spears?*

Best holiday: Bora Bora (Tahiti)

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Tim Veal on Red Wine is always entertaining.

Favourite nightspot: The old 9 Quinn St, before it closed

Third favourite beer: VB

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? Sherilyn Fenn

Best pick up line: Who do you fancier in the next race

Hairstyle tips: Go for the Red

Word Associations:

Sledging: Jeff Wilson (Gets Nasty)

Warney: Diuretics

Chokers: Boston Strangler

Scooby: Does not know who has backed from race to race

Words of advice: Six Singles are as good a six

Senior Results

League Game

HDCA 4/275 (cc) 40 overs Def

J Wilson 95

A Stuart 34

JIKA 6/172 (cc)

P Barnes 2/22

On Sunday the HDCA combined side, of which we had 4 representatives, took on the JIKA in 40 over a side match. Looks like the JIKA thought we were easy beats and brought along a second string team, only to have them humiliated by a committed HDCA outfit. A great start to the game with a 150 run partnership between our boy Jeff "Joffa" Wilson and Corey Martin from West Ivanhoe, Joffa very unfortunate to be adjudged out to a bump ball on 95, but great batting Joffa. Another favourite from Banyule Andy "Chickenman" Stuart had a dash towards the end making 34 in 3 overs, 3 sixes in a row at one stage, good hitting Chick.

As with the batting the HDCA could rely on the Banyule boys with Philip "Philo" Barnes leading the attack taking 2/22. It didn't look like Philo enjoyed bowling with the two piece ball early in his spell. He looked more like Darren Butterworth with the ball swinging everywhere, one ball actually going over the batsmen's head by about 2 metres, but did manage to control it well enough to be the most successful bowler. Supposedly there was a 4th Banyule player in the team, our cockroach, Brent "Ocka" O'Connor, but looked to me like the rest of the Banyule boys carried him. Heard something about him hitting a six off the last ball of the HDCA innings, but other than that I only saw Ocka take a good diving catch so I hope the other boys' backs aren't too sore.



Joffa walks off the ground after a fine 95 for the HDCA.

A Grade

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| Banyule 9/349 (cc) | Def | Edinburgh 142 |
| G Anderson 100 | | J Wilson 3/6 |
| B O'Connor 87 | | C Carroll 2/15 |
| A Young 34 | | |

A comprehensive victory by A grade against a top 4 opponent. We were pleased to be batting first on a hot first day courtesy of Ocka's (B. O'Connor) first correct coin toss. After a couple of early wickets, Colonel (A. Young) batted briskly for 34 followed by a wonderful partnership of 132 between Ocka and Ando (G. Anderson). With a mixture of temperance and aggression Ocka posted a beautiful innings of 87 before departing. It was suggested that he batted for so long to avoid assisting set up for he and Danie's engagement party at the club that night. Ando, battling the effects of calf soreness, cramp, dehydration and willing sledging soldiered on. Together with Fez (C. Carroll) a further 59 was added before Fez returned to the sheds with 26. Ando, now with the aid of Moshie (M. Lower) as a runner was eventually dismissed in the last over for a very gutsy 100 even. Both he and Moshie were rightly exhausted after their efforts. We amassed 9/349 off our 80 overs, a formidable total indeed.

Day 2 and Banyule debuted with a new wicket keeper in young Spudder (A. Clapton) playing his first game. After skilfully gloving the first ball of the day he looked in total command. Banyule, as we have all year grabbed early wickets

to place Edinburgh in a difficult position chasing such an imposing score. Our fielding, in particular early, was fortress-like and smacked of true professionalism with all players prepared to stop the ball at any cost on such a difficult and bumpy surface. Spudder took a blinder diving low to his right to record a lifetime memory of his first catch. With partnerships continually broken, Edinburgh eventually put up the shutters after tea and the goal was to bat out the day with all hope of victory forgotten. All the bowlers were enjoying the spoils bowling very accurately and helping to spread the load. A special note to Peter Costello (J. Wilson) who late in the day when the ball and pitch offered no assistance managed to conjure up some mystery removing the last 3 batsmen within 2 overs. Unfortunately he finished on a hatrick with the last batsman dismissed. Well done to all bowlers and fielders to have Edinburgh all out for 142, victory by 207 runs!



Moshy was knackered after running for Ando.

B Grade

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| Banyule 318 | Def | Edinburgh 270 |
| M Veal 119 not out | | L Taylor 3/45 |
| F Chowdary 42 | | B Sier 3/55 |
| F Neilson 38 | | |

Hooray for Marty at last – we won the TOSS and decided to bat on a scorcher of a day on a ground no bigger than the clubrooms. (well it might as well have been because it was QUICK) Once again our opening combination of Gordon Greenidge (Waheed) and Geoff Boycott (Yarni) got us off to a brilliant start with 40 odd runs until Waheed let one go and was bowled. The little RED BULL (Justin Poyser) followed, and he must have still been at BI LO as he trust his pad out for LBW and Yasser Arafat (Martin Phillips) snicked one behind trying to put it into the next suburb. Yarni followed soon after with Beasty (Feroze Chowdary) and Lord (Martin Veal) at the crease. A healthy partnership was put on and at tea we were 5/182 with Lord on 50 odd not out. After tea the run rate rattled along at a healthy pace and Lord took full toll of the bad bowling being ably assisted by Billy Sier, Doc Neilson, Graeme Bennett and Greg Barnes to end up at the end all out for 318 with tensions high between the teams.

These tensions followed into the following week with Yasser Arafat doing his best to rev us on the mild day. Tight bowling and tight fielding and some wayward catching saw the bowlers doing the damage with LBW's and bowled wickets to have the opposition 4 for 100 odd before tea, when the opposition captain (aka Ariel Sharon) came out to bat. Yasser was in his face right from the word GO with his battletank (G Barnes) bowling thunderbolts, a wayward shot by their captain saw a send off given by the whole team including Waheed. After tea the fitness of our premium geriatrics came into play with Doc and Barnsey going off for injury time and Ocka and Joffa taking to the field to help bring it home. Excellent

captaincy, good fielding placements, tight bowling from DUMBC (Luke Taylor), Billy, Greg, Yarni and Fraser (I can spell your name) Neilson, giving us a memorable victory. A special mention to our young wicketkeeper who has done a marvellous job behind the stumps.



Marty Veal graciously accepts some congratulations.

C Grade

Banyule 6/350

M Kernaghan 74

I Crawford retired 60

B Russell 56

P Davis 56 not out

M O'Ryan 35

Def

Bellfield 77

M Harte 5/30

P Davis 2/26

and 8/158

I Crawford 4/62

P Davis 3/8

Finally we won the toss and batted on a hot Saturday, getting off to a slow but steady start losing M.Holmes (3) after 13 overs, Brad & Marcus putting on a partnership of 72 off 22 overs. At tea we were 2/113 off 38 overs slowing increasing the run rate to nearly 3, Scooby joined Marcus and with the heat getting to Scooby he decided he would wield the bat being either dropped or near misses about 4 times, taking the score 3/167 a 62 run partnership. Crawfo & Marcus started to throw caution to the wind adding 58 off 13 overs. Hollywood joined Crawfo and set about upping the rate even further, so much so that Crawfo had to retire hurt (asthma) we believe, enter PD who after 2 innings had not scored less than 50, and continued to set about another 50 with 2 6's, 4 4's 1 run 4 at 6/303 of 76 overs we ended up with 6/350 with Ush (1 no) P.D. making 46 off 5 overs. Fortunately for us the Umpire became confused when Crawfo retired hurt and forgot to click off an over and we ended up facing 81 overs scoring 20 off the 81st over.

The weather was smiling on us as it was quite a pleasant day with a breeze to keep the heat off. Bellfield started off pretty much the same as us; slow but steady, when Ush got the 1st wicket the wheels feel off well and truly with wickets falling at a consistent rate and after 34 overs we had all 10 wickets. Some good ground fielding with Marcus 2 run outs and most catches held, and with P.D. 2/26 off 14 and Ush 5/30 off 16, it was an excellent performance by all.

We decided to go for an outright win and had them 3/6 off 9 overs, unfortunately for us our fielding wasn't as good as it should have been dropping a number of catches even though we took 5 with Brownie taking the gloves and getting a stumping and Rennah taking a catch in the field. After having them 3/6 and 4/26 it was disappointing that we couldn't come up with an outright. Even though the Umpire had warned Bellfield in our 1st innings for language, we were required to put up with some of the worst language and sledging you will come across in the 2nd innings.

However a win is a win. Although we gained 6 points from this match, with Greensborough who we play at home this

match winning outright we dropped to 3rd. This match is probably going to decide who finishes in the top 2.



Marcus and PD help asthma-stricken Crawfo from the field

D Grade

Banyule 281

M Gregory 105

R Kernaghan 62

S Clapton 24 not out

Def

Old Ivanhoe 75

D Veal 4/35

R Moore 3/10

and 4/133

We were greeted with hot & sunny conditions for our round 5 clash against Old Ivanhoe. Prior to the game starting Banyule was rocked with the news that star bowler, batter and mercurial captain, Graham Clapton, had been cruelly struck down with "Osteitis Softie itis" (a very rare flu type condition) and was unable to take his place in the team. Despite this major setback "The Puppeteer" took up the daunting task manfully (almost Churchillian like) and slipped into the Captaincy like it was a devine right. Craig did us proud and promptly **LOST** the toss in the hot & oppressive conditions and then inexplicably we were asked to bat. The Puppeteer even pulls the oppositions strings.

We started poorly. Dave Veal fell to a good catch to the keeper (Mick Ryan from our own u/16's) & Rayan Moore also going cheaply. Then a partnership of 92 with Googsy & Ralph; Ralph scratched his way to 62 before an awful shot saw him depart to the shade of the Marques. Googsy remained rock solid for most of the day to complete his maiden 100. He eventually fell for a very well made 105 that was studded with many fine cut shots plus a few cover drives and pull shots that raced to the boundary fence. When he reached his 50 Googsy was **quite miffed** when his milestone was not duly recognised. An opponent apparently said "your own team mates can't stand you either". But, his team mates and members from the A's gave Googsy a good round of applause for his 100 which he greatly appreciated. Well done Googsy.

Craig only got 9 but under the tremendous stress & weight of leadership in trying to fill Graham's shoes (size 9 for Graham & 17 for Craig) he fell to a vicious, swerving, straight full toss that anyone could miss and unfortunately took a large inside edge into the stumps. Ants chipped in for a bright 19, Shano powered one to cover for not many and Katick came and went. Our last 3 batsmen, Garrick Melton (a hard hitting 15), Scott Clapton (a well crafted innings of guile and deft touches beyond his years that brought him a PB of 24 NO) and the WIZ (a very patient 7) batted out the last 20 overs or so to get the score to a very competitive one of 281. Value of batting your 80 overs.

The second day, after a week of stormy wet weather, saw the conditions more conducive to bowling plus the ground was softer and slower. Also Rayan was sufficiently over his injury that he could bowl and thus booster our bowling stocks but never to the extent of replacing our ailing skipper who was still recovering from his debilitating illness. We were able to quickly dispatch Old Ivanhoe for 75 in only 27 overs with Dave Veal taking 4/35 & Rayan 3/10 (excellent bowling). Scotty Clapton (we need a nick name) bowled an extremely fast spell that set up wickets for the other bowlers. Scott will bowl less impressively on another day and get wickets (tremendous spell). Garrick snared an early wicket in the 2nd Innings of Old Ivanhoe and things were looking good for an outright at our 4th attempt. Unfortunately as per the other 3 occasions we were not able to get the maximum points but still came away with a convincing win! Craig remains an "UN-DEFEATED" Captain and will hand back to Graham for the next game. It would be interesting if Graham played and Craig Captained to see how things panned out. Pressure on Craig to retain un-defeated scoreline. Food for thought. Phantom Scribe.



Adam Gilchrist hears of Googsy's ton

Junior Results

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| Under 16's | | |
| Banyule 9/161 | Lost To | Rosanna 6/168 |
| A Young 41 | | A Young 2/9 |
| A Clapton 39 | | M Ryan 2/26 |

We were up against Rosanna at home and were desperate for a win after losing the last two games. We lost the toss and were asked to bowl. We did not pick up our first wicket until the 22nd over with the score at 1/64. Our bowlers were struggling to slow down the run rate with Rosanna finishing on 6/168 we knew we were in for another tough match but if we played to our attacking style of cricket we were confident of making the runs.

We pride ourselves by setting attacking fields to encourage our bowlers to bowl the required line but unfortunately other teams prefer a more defensive style of cricket which reduces our chances of reaching large totals and this was the case again this match. We will continue to play this style even if the results are not favourable, as it will make our players better in the long term.

We changed our batting set up for this match with Andrew moving to #3 and Aidan #5 this allowed Michael Ryan to open the innings with Glynn Frame. Our aim was to be around 80-90 runs for the loss of no more than 2 wickets at the break, unfortunately we failed with the runs only being 60 runs but with only 1 wicket down. After the break the pressure was on to raise the run rate as we needed almost 6 per over, Andrew

made a quick 39 with some well placed shots and Aidan dominated the attack to get us within striking distance with 41 runs. Graham Bennett also pushed the fielders with some good running between wickets for 14 before being run out, with only a few overs to go we lost our way and wickets falling short by 8 runs.

We gave ourselves some goals in this match to bowl more maidens than our opposition which we failed by 3 as well as having 1 player making 50 and at least 2 others making 30 or more once again we failed in this area.

We now play Greensborough at War Memorial and we need to get a win going into the X-mas break

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| Under 14 A's | | |
| Banyule 131 | Def | Rosanna 95 |
| R Allen 40 | | R Beven 2/8 |
| J De Stefanis 28 | | O Gualano 2/13 |
| and 6/72 | | L Giles 2/18 |

We were in a very delicate situation at 5 for 13 after 8 overs. Great batting by Rebecca Allen 40 runs and Josh DeStefanis 28 runs, and then Jack Arrowsmith making 17 assisted us in making 131. We had Rosanna 1 for 6 at stumps on day 1.

We made early in roads on Day 2 with Luke Giles bowling the other opener in the first over. Good bowling by everyone reduced Rosanna to be all out for 95. Rhys Bevan was the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 8 off 8 overs. Oliver Gualano also picked up two wickets, as did Luke Giles. Tom Woodman took 3 great catches at point and also bowled well. Nikhail Joseph has found his form and is looking dangerous with his well-flighted leggies. We had another bat because they were all out just after break. Josh Young batted well and Tom Woodman top scored with 18 not out. We play Heidelberg Gold this week and we have to win it, to grab a spot in the four. Well done everyone.

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| Under 14 B's | | |
| Banyule 107 | Lost To | Greensborough 8/131 |
| Z Hubber 19 | | N Lynch 2/14 |
| | | A Pearson 2/15 |

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| Under 12 Competition | | |
| Banyule 9/260 | Def | Edinburgh (22) 64 |
| A Bransgrove 60 not out | | J Moio 3/2 |
| J Cahir 50 not out | | N Botham 2/8 |
| L Delaney 43 | | and 5/49 |

A fantastic game of cricket last round from the U/12 comp side. The team got off to a great start first week making a massive total of 260 runs with Andrew making 60 not out and Jarrod making 50. In my years of coaching the 12's I have never seen a total this big so a great effort by the boys and congratulations to coach Paul Davis. The bowling took over from where the batting left off with the team dismissing Edinburgh for only 64. Good bowling efforts from James Moio and Nick Botham who are both in the Mitchell Shield squad. We put Edinburgh in again and again bowled well having them 5/49 before time ruined the chance of an outright. But all in all a great all round game for the boys which consolidated their spot in the four. With four of the boys representing the league after Christmas the team is in a great spot for a big tilt at finals glory, go Yules.