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We Love Beating Rosanna Edition

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## The Streak Continues

Another round, another 4 wins; that makes it 8 from 8 against Rosanna this season and now extends the winning streak of the club to 16 wins over all grades. There's only one thing better than 4 wins against the Sanna's and that's 8 wins against the Sanna's.

This week presents a new challenge with 4 tough games across the board. Despite recent wins, B Grade are still in 6<sup>th</sup> position; only 4 points out of 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Top spot is up for grabs if A Grade keep winning. C Grade are going nicely and D Grade need to keep winning to remain on top. Still 3 games left, 18 points up for grabs for each team. With nearly everyone available at the club there is no reason all 18 points cannot be gained by each team if they work hard and play well.



*Banyule's "winning streak" as performed on a European claycourt*

## Special Mentions

- Congratulations to Susan and Philip Barnes who have announced they are expecting their third child.
- I think the 8 out of 8 against Rosanna this season in the Seniors deserves another special mention, don't want to harp on it, but it's a great feeling.

## Prez Says

Afternoon teas at Banyule used to be a point of pride. This season has seen an embarrassing drop-off in quantity AND quality of the afternoon teas provided by some home players. We're winning ON the field – let's have some pride OFF the field as well. When you are playing at home, make sure you bring something and something that will actually be beneficial for yourself and your team-mates during the tea interval.

## Double Wicket

This Sunday. The day kicks off at 10am. Family and friends are encouraged to attend – we're looking for a big crowd, with a great lunch on between rounds. If you haven't signed up there is a sign up sheet in the clubrooms.

## Man & Sponsor of the Match

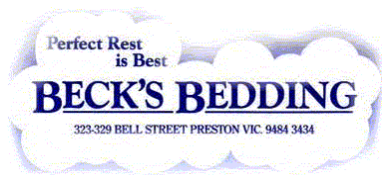
Congratulations to Marty Phillips who was awarded "Man of the Match" for Round 7. Marty has taken on the responsibility of Captaining the 2nds this season so great to see him leading by example. (He is just really a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade bully) Also well done to Chris Carroll (Fez) who took out the Ron Butler Award after a fine bowling performance in the 1<sup>st</sup>'s win over Rosanna.

With the Sponsors award, Peter Lynch of Lynch Scott Building Supplies took out the prize for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this season, so well down to Peter, some more Crownies on the way to you.

## Beck's Bedding Quote of the Week

Whilst enjoying afternoon tea in B Grade courtesy of the sanna's, the following conversational piece was heard: Tim Veal (who else) was admiring the memorabilia at the club (and what a fine collection it is), when he stated that a photo on the wall was so old, that it had faded pretty badly and was obviously discoloured as well. Upon further inspection there was in fact no photo on the wall but it was in fact the discoloured and faded yellow backing paper that a photo may have been stuck to as well as the left over glue.

The thoughts of Ash Gannon. (An occasional series):  
 "Reverse swing? There's no such thing. It's either inswing or outswing. And the ball is either new or old. Reverse swing is a load of rubbish."



## Social Calender

31<sup>st</sup> of January = Cocktail night.

A great night that has made a well-deserved return to the social calender. Entry for the night is \$10 with finger food to be provided. There will be 6 or 7 different cocktails that can be purchased, different groups from the club will be making them so they are sure to go down well. There will be plenty of great music and fun on the night, so make sure you're there and invite your friends, as these nights have been memorable in the past. Just ask the Parry's or Feroze (Beasty).

**25<sup>th</sup> January – Double Wicket Day**

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

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

## Emails To The Editor

This week:

"When are the selectors going to recognise Googsies talent and achievements and push him up the grades?  
 Anon"

## Senior Results

### A Grade

**Banyule 6/132**  
**B O'Connor 32**

**Def**

**Rosanna 8/129**  
**C Carroll 3/35**  
**P Barnes 2/38**

A good victory by A grade against a fellow top 4 opponent in our only 1-day game for the year.

We bowled first having been told by Occa (B. O'Connor) that he had lost the toss. It was only until after the game that he informed us that in fact he WON the toss and wanted to put the team under pressure. We're going to have to watch Occa from now on, what with now lying to his team and repeatedly dressing up in girls clothing on fancy dress nights. Seems everything may not be right in captain land.

First wicket of the match was a beauty with Marty Veal unfurling a bullet like return to the keeper from fine leg affecting a runout as Rosanna went for a second run. It wasn't the only runout of the day with Ando (G. Anderson) throwing down the non striker's stumps from short range to freakishly dismiss Rosanna's captain as he backed up too far on a well hit ball to mid off.

Being a shortened version of the game not all our bowlers were used, with those involved doing a very good job to restrict Rosanna to 8/129 off their 40 overs. Best was Fez (Chris Carroll) with 3 wickets whilst Philo (P. Barnes) collected 2 and Chicken Man (A. Stuart) picked up 1.

Chasing a small target is not always easy but we went well enough early staying on the run rate of about 3 an over. We did lose some wickets along the way but continued to pace ourselves well. Peter Costello (J. Wilson) knocked up 20 odd and Occa a fine 32 before being cruelly given out leg before by his old man (Brian O'Connor), one of the umpires officiating on the day. It might be some time before Brian is invited round to dinner again by his son. In an ironic twist, probably more by design than coincidence, the other umpire was Bill Anderson, father of Rosanna's captain Luke Anderson. In the battle of impartiality we thought Brian held sway on the day.

A late flurry of wickets saw us having to scramble home with victory not being achieved until the last over. Some excellent running between wickets by Colonel (A. Young) and Marty Veal and then also Moshie (M. Lower) getting us through at the end. Final score 6/132.

Still going well in second spot on the ladder but looking for top. Go Bears.



*Occa tells the team that he "lost the toss"*

### B Grade

**Banyule 2/152**  
**M Phillips 69**  
**W Kazi 43 Not Out**

**Def**

**Rosanna 6/147**  
**F Neilson 3/32**  
**A Young 2/39**

We lost the TOSS and Rosanna batted, much to their dismay they got off to a very poor start with "ANDY YOUNG" playing his first game in the TWO's getting a wicket with his 3rd ball - the Rosanna captain. A dropped chance in the third over with "SON OF GANNO" dropping a sitter (maybe he needs more practice) pretty soon they were 2 for with Fraser taking the next wicket. At the half way mark Rosanna were 4 for 52 and we were looking like rolling through them, but credit to their young batsmen who put on an excellent partnership and saw them rebuild the score. A couple of excellent catches by the Captain and some excellent chasing by Usher Harte and Lukey Taylor to all parts of the fence saw us restrict Rosanna to 6/147. A notable mention to Usher for his 1 wicket "NEVER MIND THE 14 OFF THE LAST OVER", Tim who bowled tirelessly without any luck or fortune and to Fraser who bowled a TRUCK load of overs and chased balls to the fence.

As for the batting - we got off to a slow start with the first TWO OVERS as maidens "OR SO IT SEEMED" then the

Phillips show began with balls being despatched to all parts of the oval. It was the Marty of old - "ROSANNA, RUNS and AFTER XMAS", they had no answer to his and Yarni's batting and a fantastic partnership was built. However Yarni "suffering from the effects of a BUCK's NITE", tickled one behind which even he admits he did not hear (it was obviously the alcohol - dims the senses Yarni) and that brought Marty and Waheed to the crease to steady the ship and take the total to within 20 off the magic score, when Marty spooned one and the match was finished with Beast and Waheed steering the ship home. This puts the TWO's in a good position leading into this week and with this form should carry on to another good result.



*Captain Phillips steps off the ship at Southampton*

#### C Grade

**Banyule 4/179**

**Def**

**Rosanna 142**

**A Brown 60 Not Out**

**G Barnes 3/22**

**A Gannon 59**

**P Davis 3/42**

**G Place 30**

**R Moore 2/23**

First game after the Christmas break, and a one day game to boot which isn't our strong point, and we were off to play Rosanna at Shelley Park on what wasn't one on the warmest days we've had, but certainly not the coldest.

Our stand-in captain Ian Crawford actually won the toss (only our 3rd for the season) & decided to bat. Ash Gannon and Geoff Place opened the innings with a slow but steady start, slowly building up the run rate to have us 1/55 off 17 overs when we lost Geoff who had out scored Ash during their partnership even running a 4!!!!!! and 2 3's!!!!!! It took them a while to catch their breath – especially Ash.

Brownie came in to replace Geoff and started off like a startled rabbit making Ash run like he'd never run before, with Banyule running 8 3's no wonder Ash couldn't take his pads off after he was out, he was still puffing after we had lost another 2 wickets.

When Brownie went into bat Ash was 20 and when he was out for 59, Brownie was already 52. Together they took the score to 2/148 off 35 overs. P.D. came and went going for quick runs after we lost Ash, then the acting Captain came in and with Brownie they put on 30 with some short singles and 2's, also running a 4 off just under 5 overs which on Shelley was a good effort.

We opened our bowling with Rayan Moore and Paul Davis with Paul bowling the 2nd over he started off rather unusually

for him with a no ball and wide in his first 4 balls, he was soon back on track obtaining the 1st wicket with his next ball caught by Matthew O'Ryan (which was rather surprising as Scooby was too crook to bat and could hardly move his head let alone his body after a bucks night). Hope this doesn't happen to any other player in any grade. Both Paul and Rayan were bowling very tight and had Rosanna 3/19 off 6 overs. Rayan ended his bowling spell of 8 overs with 2/23 both wickets bowled. Marcus came on to replace Rayan and got his 1st wicket bowled with his 4th ball, he also bowled tightly with 5 overs for 1/20. At this stage we had Rosanna 6/49 off 17 overs with good tight bowling and with 4 of the 6 wickets being out bowled, which was just as well as our fielding was deplorable, I'd hate to think what the score could have been had we not taken those early wickets. Rosanna were 8/82 off 27 overs with Greg Barnes taking 2 wickets in 2 balls and on a hat trick. Rosanna had 3 batsmen who tried to take to our bowling and almost succeeded with the win with the help from our fielding dropping at least 7 catches for the match and some terrible fielding efforts. We expect to see a big improvement next match.

If we want to play **FINALS** we definitely have to improve on our fielding and concentration as an effort like last Saturday will see us watching the **GRAND FINAL** instead of playing.

All things considered it was a good win and makes it 2 out of 2 against Rosanna this season.



*Red Bull (59) departs stage left.*

#### D Grade

**Banyule 4/220**

**Def**

**Rosanna 6/184**

**M Gregory 78**

**D Veal 2/21**

**R Kernaghan 67**

**G Clapton 2/63**

**D Veal 33**

Banyule began the game without the huge presence of the Puppeteer. Rumours were rife that Craig was axed at the selection table for disciplinary reasons (**The Boss showing who is the real Boss???**). Another rumour was that he was unavailable because of some kind of soft tissue injury. Neither rumour could be confirmed at time of going to press.

Rosanna won the toss and batted, thus alleviating Graham from making the decision whether to bat or bowl. An early wicket to Scott (1) and Graham Clapton had us on top early. As often is the case in the first game after Christmas, the concentration levels were not great and the fielding was a little below par and Rosanna began to get on top before the skipper snared another good wicket. Dave Veal (2/21) and Ralph bowled tightly to slow down the scoring somewhat. Scott (1)



came on for an extremely good final spell of 4 overs for 2 runs only when Rosanna was trying to step up the scoring rate. Unfortunately Graham had to take the onslaught of a few lusty blows just going out of reach of despairing fieldsman. Scott (2) Darling & Scott (3) Matterson fielded well whilst Goosy (2 catches) did well behind the stumps despite a little wayward bowling on occasions. Our fielding needs to pick up as we head to finals because a few catches are still being missed which can be costly in the long run.

The highlight of the latter overs was Ralph “ the Cat Lloyd “ swooping in from mid wicket, pouncing on a fiercely struck shot and with only one stump to aim at, took out the middle stump with a bullet like missile thrown whilst off balance and falling to the ground. To any other fieldsman it would have been an easy single.

Rosanna finished with a competitive score of 6/184, which would require good solid batting if we were to make the winning total. Matty Holmes (3) fell early to bring Goosy (78) & Ralph (67) together for a strong match winning partnership of 126. Early in his innings Goosy was moving about the crease and trying different techniques. He was promptly told that **his name was Matthew Gregory and not Matthew Hayden** and to revert to what he does best and play straight and solid. With his new tree trunk bat Goosy settled down and batted fluently and stylishly. Ralph also provided a sound score whilst Dave Veal chipped in at the end for a quick fire 33. At 4/220 Banyule completed a strong win and consolidated our position on top of the ladder. With players coming back all teams will get stronger so competition for places will be keen come finals time.

The big question now is can a place be found for the Puppeteer. Never seen a 6’ 5” 12<sup>th</sup> man before.

- Phantom reporter.



*Goosy (or is that Matt Hayden?) and friend*