

Senior Results

A Grade

Banyule 6/301 (Dec) **Def** **Heidelberg West 160**
G Anderson 62 Not Out **D Barnes 4/31**
B O'Connor 62 **M Lower 2 Run Outs**
A Young 45
J Wilson 38

A nice day saw us venture over to the lovely Warringal Park to meet the boys from the west. We lost the toss which we didn't mind as wanted to have a bowl but were surprisingly sent in for a bat. Figure that one out! After a minutes silence to mourn the tragic passing of David Hookes the game commenced.

Chooka (R. Felthouse) launched us off to our usual brisk start before leaving for 27. Peter Costello (J. Wilson) contributed a very nice 38 and Occa (B. O'Connor) an excellent 62. The Colonel (A. Young) fell agonisingly short of his half century posting 47. A decent score was again being accumulated. Chicken Man (A. Stuart) played an unusual innings against his old team in that he probably should have been out off the first three balls. He was dropped twice and given not out off a confident caught behind appeal. Unfortunately he didn't make the most of these let-offs soon departing for not much. Ando (G. Anderson) and Marty Veal (nickname needed here; no Veally I think you're the only one who calls him Lord) went after quick runs under instructions from the coach hitting up a significant 62no and 28 respectively. We declared after 74 overs with 301 on the board. With 6 overs to go on the first night we managed 1 wicket, a bowled by Philo (P. Barnes) with the batsman leaving the ball!

The next Saturday saw some sore heads arrive at the ground after a wedding the night before. Really someone should ban these Friday weddings during cricket season. In fact all weddings should be banned during cricket season. With Philo nursing a tight groin, D. Lo (D. Barnes) was given the opportunity to open the bowling with Occa and performed admirably collecting 4/31. At 5 down, Heidelberg West dug in for their best partnership only to be broken by a wonderful runout by Moshie (M. Lower) throwing down the wickets whilst off balance from the cover region. Peter Costello nabbed a wicket and then Chicken Man picked up the scalp of his brother due to a sensational one handed catch by Moshie on the fence who had seemingly run well under the ball only to throw the right hand out to pluck it out of the air. Moshie was rewarded for his fielding endeavours with the coach giving him his first bowl for the year. Yep, you guessed it, he even got a wicket. The last wicket was another runout with a direct hit from deep in the field catching the batsman short of a second run. The fielder, none other than Moshie!!

Other than Moshie and a few others the general fielding was deplorable with 7 catches spilled. I won't mention names but, P. Barnes, B. O'Connor, C. Carroll, A. Young and P. Costello need to get some practice this Thursday.



P. Costello is a relieved man

B Grade

Banyule 195 **Def** **Heidelberg West 78**
F Neilson 56 **T Veal 4/12**
M Phillips 54 **J Karas 2/8**
 and 8/127
 J Karas 6/48

The day didn't start well for Marty and the Magoos; they had no keys and were locked out of the rooms – not the start Marty had imagined the night before. To make matters worse we lost the toss and were asked to bat by West Heidelberg on a day when we were going to bowl.

The batting started poorly, Yarni (John Karas) hit a full toss to mid off, and Wahid was bowled for a duck. Beasty (Feroze Chowdary) then for the 5th time this year was given out LBW not playing a shot. (Do you actually not like using you bat Beast?) Usher was dropped first over before making a solid 15odd, being caught and bowled. Andrew Young (Biguns) having his first bat for second grade received a "test match" LBW after lunging down the pitch with big strides. This left the team 5/68 with Veally (Tim Veal) and captain very grumpy at this stage (Martin Phillips) at the crease. Veally got off the mark with a first ball smash and helped see the score through to 5/110 before last ball preceding the break, which was a rank full toss to the captain, was spooned down deep square legs throat – out for 54. Marty did say it was mistimed; the jury is out to whether the shot was mis-timed or the timing of the shot. After break Veally and Doc (Fraser Neilson) came out to bat and the team was still confident of a big score, but after Veally departed first over and Billy (B Sier) lasted one ball the rescue mission was needed again. LT (Luke Taylor) strode to the crease in career worst batting form and batted very well and put on 30 with Doc. Next and last was GB (Graham Bennett) who along with Doc batted extremely well to get the score to 195, Doc finishing with 56. Marty not happy with the score against the bottom team.

We began the second day one player down, Biguns unable to leave a certain room of the house with gastro. From the start though we bowled well and Veally (4/12) got the first 3 wickets in a great spell. Yarni got 2 wickets both with full

tosses and alongside two team run outs West Heidelberg could only muster 78. We put them in again looking for the outright and after some missed opportunities and countless plays and misses West had reached 1/100. Yarni got a couple again with full tosses but then bowled a fantastic spell with drift, turn and dip to finish with the figures of 6/48 leaving West in dire straight at 8/115. They finished with a score of 8/127. With two big games remaining the win was very important after a disappointing first day, but the next two games will now decide whether we play finals. One thing mentioned from the team was they didn't appreciate certain comments yelled from a big crowd on Saturday afternoon, one name mentioned was Scott Butler giving lots of advice about bowling changes.



Umpire M. Phillips no-balls Scott Butler

C Grade

Banyule 6/212 (Dec)	Def	East Ivanhoe 82
P Davis 64		P Davis 5/23
J Poyser 53		I Crawford 3/21
D Wilson 29		M Kernaghan 2/1
B Russell 29		and 9/104
		R Moore 2/13

With our Captain back he continued his form with the toss; losing again. East Ivanhoe decided to bat on what was a perfect day for cricket. P.D. and Greg Barnes opening the bowling and kept things very tight, being well backed up by the fielding which was 200% improvement on the last match. P.D. obtaining the first 5 wickets off 16 overs (5 maidens) to have them 5/41 off 27 overs. Being well supported by Greg Barnes with 10 overs 7 maidens 0/5 with only 1 scoring shot being a 3. Rayan Moore continued the excellent bowling being extremely unlucky in having the only 2 catches dropped for the day being off his bowling; he could have ended up with 2/31 instead of 0/31 off 8 overs. Ian Crawford bowled his lolly pops and the batsmen didn't have a clue on what to do, except for 1 batsman who had a go, however Crawford had the last laugh by getting his wicket ending up with 4.4 overs 3/21. Marcus came on to bowl in the 38th over and with his 2nd ball struck LBW and then bowled his next victim with his 9th ball. It was an excellent performance by both bowlers and in the field with 7 wickets being caught and dismissing them off 40.4 overs for 82.

Brad and Big Dave opened the batting and were looking really good taking the score to 49 of 19 overs before Brad was unluckily given out LBW. Marcus and Dave taking the score to 65 before Marcus (8), Dave and then Brownie (6) were all out leaving us 4/78 off 39 overs and the end of the day. We were hoping to pass them before stumps, but that didn't happen.

On the 2nd Saturday with a weather forecast of showers with possible thunderstorms things didn't look as if our plans would

come off, however the weather stayed fine and with P.D. and J.D. really hitting out taking the score from 4/75 to 5/168 off 55 overs, with J.D. out going for quick runs, Crawford joined P.D. and took the score to 6/200 before P.D. was also out going for runs. Crawford (10) and Scooby (4) taking us to 6/212 dec. leaving us 134 runs in front. Obviously we sent them in trying for an outright with 55 overs to bowl and soon had them in trouble with Greg Barnes and Rayan Moore taking the 1st 3 wickets being 3/24. Again all the bowlers put their hands up Greg 1/18 off 11, P.D. 1/30 off 12, Big Dave 1/6 off 6, Scooby 1/14 off 7, Crawford 1/12 off 7, Marcus 1/6 off 4 and the fielders backing them up with Marcus taking his 1st catch for the season and also involved with Rennah in a runout. At one stage we had them 5/52 then 9/94 off 49 overs which left us 6 overs to get the last wicket, which unfortunately we were unable to obtain. We took 12 catches, dropping 3 for the match, which I said before was a huge improvement

It was a great team effort and if this continues we may end up 1st which will be a huge bonus. We are currently 2nd to Edinburgh with Bellfield (6th) and Greensborough (3rd). Edinburgh also plays both these teams, so it is necessary for us to continue our performance of this match.



JD & PD going for quick runs early on Day 2

D Grade

Banyule 9/146	Def	Viewbank 116
A Clapton 54		K Gehan 4/44
G Clapton 27 Not Out		S Clapton 3/29

The Clapton Gang (with some help from "The Wizard") decided to flex their muscles and take on Viewbank by themselves and continue the winning run of the 4th Grade Juggernaut. Wickets, Runs & Catches they did it all.

The game began as usual. **Graham lost the toss.** Viewbank decided to have a bat and were quickly in trouble. Scott (1) Clapton again bowled well with a fast and furious opening spell. Goosy was taking some deliveries, on the up, at shoulder height. Viewbank were quickly 1/0 after an early wicket to Scott (1). A run out followed and then a blistering yorker from Scotty that smashed the middle stump in half and thus took out their dangerous number 3 for a first baller. Before Scotty completed his follow through and did the obligatory Clapton Glare he stated that he **wanted that stump** as a trophy. Graham quickly took the broken stump and stuffed it in the kit bag and brought out a replacement stump. **AND WE WERE THE AWAY SIDE.** A wicket in the next over to Graham had Viewbank reeling at 4/22. A modest

recovery then saw Viewbank lose their 5th wicket to "The Wizard" Kevvy Gehan who bowled 20 very good overs for 4/44 **and is back in great form** and will be a key figure in the finals. A fine caught & bowled plus a smart catch in the gully topped off a good day for Kevin. The 10th wicket put on a nuisance partnership of 24 with a combination of audacious slogs, swipes, slashes and near misses. Scotty came back on and did what Graham normally does - mops up the tail, although on this occasion not quite as quickly as would be the norm. The general standard of the fielding was high and if we can repeat this performance in the finals it will go a long way to a successful finals campaign.

We had to face 25 overs for the remainder of the day. Goosy gloved one to the keeper early for one of his rare failures and left the field without troubling the scorer. Banyule 1/4. Andrew Clapton (the third member of the Clapton Gang) and Ralph put on 46 for the second wicket before Ralph also gloved one to the keeper for a very ordinary and scratchy 19. In the mean time Andrew was batting beautifully with powerful hooks, pulls and elegant drives along with a very sound defence and technique and never looked in any trouble at all. Jed joined Andrew and saw us through to a very solid position at stumps with the score on 2/71.

The weather looked threatening on the second day but thankfully never intervened. Jed fell early being bowled by a good ball off his pads for 3. Craig joined Andrew and they pushed the score to 94 where Craig fell for 13. He was looking in reasonably good nick before playing across the line a little and was bowled. Andrew brought up a very well made half century before falling for 54 with the score on 104. Dave Veal was next to go for 9 when he chipped one to mid wicket and was well caught. Scott (1) joined Graham and they took the score to 124 before Scotty played over one and was bowled. Scott (2) Matterson was also bowled with the score still on 124. The Wiz joined Graham for a nice partnership of 22 before the innings closed at 146. Lucas was not able bat on Doctor's advice due to a back injury which he assures me was a Tennis related injury. We all believe you Lucas. Graham finished with the red ink on 27. He batted very well and gave the lower order some much needed stability.

Now if the rest of the team can chip in and support the Clapton Gang we should be able to have a good finish to the season and hopefully a successful finals campaign.

Guest Correspondent



The Clapton Gang arrive at the ground last Saturday

Under 16's
Banyule 7/194
G Bennett 46
A Young 46
A Clapton 36

Def

Heidelberg 96
A Young 3/3
S Place 2/26

Our first game back after the Xmas break with a new schedule of Friday and Wednesday nights was against the Bergers at home. We won the toss and batted with Scott Moran taking on the challenge to open the innings with Michael Ryan. We still have not decided who is going to open for us if we make the finals so whoever gets a chance needs to grab it with both hands. Micky batted his normal style of going after anything that he could and we lost our first wicket on 41 in the 8th over, with Mick making 23. Graham Bennett next in has been given the goal of making a fifty before the season ends and almost got their with 46, close but not close enough. He was well supported by Spud with 36 and Colonel 46. We finished on 7/194 after our 45 overs and as long as we bowl to our field we should do well.

Garrick Melton opened our bowling and struggled early with his line bowling too many balls down legside but finally got everything together to finish his spell with a tighter line. Michael Delaney shared the opening role and produced his best display for the season giving the batsmen no room as well as taking a good catch of his own bowling. Scott Shelton took over from Mick and finally took his first wicket for the season after many near chances. Sam Place once again troubled the batsmen with his flighted spinners and possibly could have collected more than his two wickets if he had a little bit of luck. Colonel cleaned up the tail and was well supported by Alex Mulholland to give us a win in the 36th over.

Under 14A's
Banyule

Vs

Heidelberg 169
N Joseph 2/4

Results of this game are yet to come to me as it was only completed last night, see Jed for results.

Under 12 Comp
Banyule 6/97

Def

Ivanhoe 40
C Marotta 2/5
TGeoghegan 2/5
A Fewkes 2/7

J Moio 23 Retired
A Bransgrove 19 Retired

Another good win for PD and the Under 12 Competition team. This team will be playing finals and it is good to see some of the good form that got James and Andrew into the HDCA Mitchell Shield continue.

Under 12 Development

Banyule 7/77
R Larbey 10 Retired

Lost To

Rosanna 6/81