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7 out of 8 make the Finals

As we have made a habit of over the past few years, Banyule has once again finished the home and away season with great success. Congratulations to all players that have represented Banyule over the season and also a congratulations to the Coaches/Captains and selection committee. 3 out of the 4 senior teams have made the finals, only B Grade, who finished with a fabulous win/loss record of 7/3, missed out. Congratulations to Martin Phillips and the guys on a great season, it is the best year we have had in B Grade for some time and to miss out was extremely unlucky. Although for some the season has now ended it would be great to still you on training nights helping out and supporting come the games on the weekend.

A Grade has finished the season in 2nd place and C and D Grade have both finished on top.

In the juniors we have 4 from 4 in the finals, the only team not playing is the U/12 Development who do not have a finals series. The junior games revert back to Saturday/Sunday morning games, so whilst you're preparing for your games in the afternoons it would be great to see some support for the future of our club in the mornings.

The games and grounds for this weekend's games are as follows: Good luck to all players and coaches.

A Grade V Heidelberg at Chelsworth Park

C Grade V Old Ivanhoe at Banyule Flats South

D Grade V Viewbank at Beverley Road Oval 2

U/16's V Viewbank at Banyule Flats South

U/14 A V Heidelberg at Warringal Park

U/14 Green V Viewbank at Beverley Road Oval 1

U/12 Comp V Rosanna at Heidelberg Park

As the teams prepare for their respective finals games on Saturday the following messages have been received from past players, just something to read and memory bank.

Good luck to all that are playing finals this weekend. Congrats to the 3 captains on another finals campaign and good luck to the young guns making their debut. The only thing to remember for the debutants is that is still just a game of cricket, treat it like any other game and you won't have a problem. Brent Wilson

*One year I asked Peter Goulding to speak to the group I was coaching and he spoke about the 3 P's
Persist, Persist, Persist.*

His message was simply regardless of what the situation is, no matter how far behind or out of the game you are, you must keep persisting because cricket is a game that can change out of nowhere and when you least expect it. It was great advice and in fact in that final against Rosanna, Rosanna were chasing our total without looking like losing when all of a sudden we got a wicket and then another. They ended up under pressure and we ended up winning.

Of course I couldn't let the opportunity pass without adding that each player must stay focussed on their particular role in the team. Taking each session at a time and narrowing your focus on what you want to achieve in that session.

Good luck to all players playing this week. Enjoy it!!

Rod McKinlay



Persistence pays off

You play your best cricket when you are enjoying it, you enjoy your cricket most when you are playing well, when you are playing well and enjoying it you win. You are obviously playing well to make the finals, so go out and enjoy the game and the results will come. People tend to get down in finals when things aren't going your way, heads drop and pressure builds. When batting, partnerships are the key, quick wickets builds the opposition's confidence and deflates your own. Spend some time to get your eye in and get used to the conditions. When bowling, tight lines restrict runs, increase pressure on the batsmen. I've always found it easier to get wickets in finals as you actually need to do less to get a wicket, finals pressure does strange things to batsmen. You can bowl 6 balls on off stump that they can't score off and they will try to score off the 6th and get themselves out. Plenty of voice in the field, let the batsmen know when they have blocked out a maiden or haven't scored enough runs to meet the run rate required "mental disintegration". A finals quote for you "finals pressure, schminals pressure"

Good luck to everyone playing this weekend, give it your best that's all anyone can ask. I'll be out on a boat off Rottneast Island catching some fish on Sunday so hopefully I'll get the message of 3 wins on my phone when I get back!

Darren Butterworth

I have always had a theory that in these important games, you play for yourself, thereby if you have success as an individual, you also have been productive for the team.

Remember the team who fields the best in finals is normally the winner. It is that important during finals games to hold your catches. Gibbo (Wayne Gibson)

You can't win the granny if you don't win the semi

1. Get there early 2. Stay off the piss the night before

3. Plenty of rest 4. Plenty of hydration

5. Have something to eat before you go the ground

6. Have two of everything in your bag (especially a spare of sneakers.)

7. Check drink bottles and sunscreen

8. Enjoy it and remember to smile.

Good luck, don't let yourself down by not being ready.

Tim Veal, actions speak louder than words

Special Mentions

- A congratulations sent all the way to Drouin with the announcement that Nicole and Brent Wilson are expecting their first child in later this year.

\$1000 Draw

The \$1000 draw was held at the clubrooms on Sunday and the recipient of the grand was Anthony O'Donnell. Congratulations to Ant on his payday. The hard luck story of the day was Matthew Lower who had 10 tickets left of the last 200 and only took home a bottle of port and a BBQ apron. Also on the day was a closest to the pin golf tournament which Jeff Wilson ruined by getting to close to early, so we gave him the prize and ran another comp for those not as good as Jeff. The second comp was a draw between Brent O'Connor and Ian Crawford. A really good day was had by all that attended, we even had to set up a pram parking bay we had that many, and a big thanks to Chris Carroll for organising and running the day. Also thanks to Greg Barnes and Tim Veal who were Chris's right hand men for the day and to all those that helped behind the bar.



\$1000 cold, hard caaaaaaaash

1983-84 Premiershipe Reunion

Saturday night saw the celebration of the club's first ever A Grade Premiershipe side, the side of season 1983-84. With 10

players out of the team of 12 on hand each player was announced and presented to the club by the MC of the night Philip Barnes. After researching the old score book from the year Philip tested the players memories with questions relating to the season, unfortunately most players failed the test and had very vague memories of the season.

A fantastic night was had with each player giving a funny and entertaining insight into things that happened during the season. The night was rounded off with an inspirational speech on behalf of the team by the then Captain/Coach Rob Lloyd wishing the club the best in the upcoming finals series.

The players that represented the club in the Grand Final are as follows: (In order form back left in the photo below) Neil Anderson, Rob Lloyd (Captain/Coach), Peter Goulding, Gavin Renwick, Brad Russell, Andy Sayers (Front row from left) David Veal (12th Man), Peter Robertson, Matthew O'Brien, Greg Anderson (VC), the two missing are Wayne Gibson and Graham Anderson.



Furthermore Graeme Renshaw (Rennah) the President at the time and has emailed this through about the season as unfortunately Rennah couldn't make it Saturday night.

"The 83/84 season was very special for the club being our inaugural First Grade premiershipe - little did we know that we would "Get the Jack Back-to-Back-to-Back"! I can still hear Tim Veal and GR bragging about it!

It truly was a great era and surely Banyule has been the most successful club in the HDCA, in its short history. The club has had a strong foundation of efficient, supportive off-field management and competitive, inspiring on-field leadership combined with a sense of humour.

I credit Rob Lloyd as the motivating force behind our climb up the ladder and eventual premiershipe. His fierce desire to win and use of gamesmanship-talking people out - has unsettled many an opposition player [heaven knows what he has done to his customers in his plumbing business!] I can imagine he has made them believe that water pipes passing through the lounge room or spouting without down pipes is perfectly acceptable!

Lloyd was the driving force but a super team backed him up with Peter Goulding, along with Philo (we have a love child in Philo who gets a mention and was only 14 at the time Ed.) the best bowler the club has ever had. Yogi, Gibbo and Greg, super batsmen, an outstanding 'keeper in Gavin - bugger him, a cunning spinner in Robbo and terrific steadying influences in Ninna, a wonderfully accurate bowler, Andy Sayers, a handy all-rounder and Skullman - buffoon and general

d#ckhead (Rennah – language Ed.) wearing that Nullabor inspired, yellow Caterpillar cap!

The game was an exciting one for the club, captured by Neal Butterworth on video, if I can remember rightly or was it Baron?

One of the highlights for me was the catch Lloyd took out in the deep late in the afternoon. It seemed to go up forever and finally landed safely in Lloyd's buckets!

I would have loved to be with you all today but I'm wearing the green silks down at Morwell. Good health, good cheer and have a great reminisce gentlemen.

Skullman, I'll have to wash your van to make up!

*Regards,
Rennah"*

Player Survey

Earlier this season the Howzat held a survey into who the players thought would make the most ducks in the season from a group of 6. As B Grade are out of the finals I thought we would see how the predictions went.

The predictions were as follows:

Ian Crawford 15 votes, Alex Covey 8, Greg Barnes 8, Daniel Barnes 4, Philip Barnes 2, and Mathew Gregory 2.

The results are in and the club was right, out of that list Crawford did make the most ducks, 2, both in the same game. Alex Covey made 1 and also Mathew Gregory made 1, so only 4 ducks in this group, well-batted guys.

The most ducks made this season was 3 by 2 players at the club, Luke Taylor and Scott Matterson.

Crawford did make the prediction that he would make the most ducks, but also the most hundreds out of the group. Whilst Crawford you did make the most ducks you didn't quite get a hundred, but Matthew Gregory did so well done to Googsy on making the most runs out of the duck hunting group.

Now that finals are upon us duck season has officially finished. (For our batsmen anyway)

Man and Sponsor of the Match

Due to the function Saturday night the awards have yet to be named but stayed tuned they will not be far away.

Beck's Bedding Quote of the Week

The quote this week is from a conversation held Thursday night as the tennis courts.

Ocka: "don't forget to rake the courts after we finish"

PD: "it's bag the court Ocka, you don't rake them you bag them"

Fez: "we'll I'll do that then, the courts are f#\$%ing S#it."

Social Calender

On the 23rd of April the Presentation Night will be held at the Heidelberg Golf Club as it has been for the past couple of years. Everyone is invited to attend the evening, which consists of a sit down dinner as well as the presentation of all the awards and trophies for the season.

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Alex Covey

Age: 22

Playing weight: 83 kgs

Star Sign: Virgo

Job: Student/Purchasing

Brothers/sisters: 1 brother, 1 sister, 1 half brother, 1 half sister, 2 step brothers

Marital status: single

Marital aids:

Hobbies outside cricket: Footy, Army

Favourite TV show: Malcolm in the middle

Favourite movie: Happy Gilmour is always good for a laugh, also Momento

Favourite beer: Boags Draught – A Fine Tasmanian Drop

Favourite meal: Chicken Parma or Pizza

Next favourite beer: Kilkenny

Favourite drink: Bourbon

Favourite band: Third Eye Blind

Least favourite beer: Carlton Cold – Cats Piss!!! Same goes for XXXX

Favourite song: Wounded – Third Eye Blind

Outside love interests: The Mighty Dons

Animal that best describes you: Sloth

TV character that best describes you: George Costanza

Dream rotten egg victim: Sam Newman

Dream date: Kim Kilby

Worst bowler to face at training: Yarni

Why: he makes it obvious I can't bat!!!

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Anyone who can't bowl em back!!!

Why: You've seen me bat. Enough said.

Highest score for Banyule: 33

Best bowling haul for Banyule: 6-29

Ambitions for 03-04 season: Maybe see a couple more premierships photos up on the Club Walls

Most admired player at the club: Philo and Ando

Best Banyule player seen: Philo and Ando again! Best I've played with – Usher and The Wiz.

Biggest disappointment at BCC: Playing about 4 games over the last 2 years

Most memorable moment at BCC: That first premiership, and the sweet taste of premiership beer

Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field: Any time I pick up a bat!

Best birthday prezzy ever: BMX

Something you can't live without: My Bed

Where did you go to school? Leighland Christian School and Don College down in Tassie

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

Best holiday: Bali and Lombok a few years back

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Dlo is all right when he shuts up!

Favourite nightspot: The Elephant or Pugs.

Third favourite beer: Boags Premium

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? Kim Kilby or Anna Kournikova, can I have both?

Best pick up line: Does anyone get these to work? Mental note to brain, maybe I need to change my hairstyle tips.....

Hairstyle tips: Shave it off for hassle free mornings!

Word Associations:

Sledging: The more the better

Warney: Wanker, but the kid can bowl!

Chokers: Port Adelaide

Scooby: Shaggy

Words of advice: Forget how to lose.