

Fraser for their opening bowling partnerships was great to watch when they were both on song, it was music, ably supported through the season by Billy, Lukey Taylor, Yarni, Greg Barnes. Finally to Marty for his great captaincy - (NO THIS IS NOT A SUCK JOB - I WILL LEAVE THAT TO MARTY HIMSELF), his style may be unorthodox but it got the job done and I believe we should be in the finals, we won more games than Ivanhoe but managed to finish 5th. Lowlights were obviously the dropped catches and missed chances - one player in particular (who I will not mention cost us the season as the Captain did last Thursday night) TO THE OTHER 3 TEAMS - GOOD LUCK AND WE WILL BE THERE BARRACKING FOR YOU!!



Magoos: the whole thing should have had a happier ending...

C Grade

Banyule 8/246

R Moore 2/21

P Davis 2/27

A Young 2/40

G Barnes 2/54

Def

Greensborough 234

I Crawford 75

B Russell 74

Last game of the season and we needed to beat Greensborough to remain 1st on the ladder as the odds were that Edinburgh would defeat Bellfield outright (which happened) and they would end on top if we lost. Off to Loyola College we went to find the ground in one of the worst conditions we have ever seen, tufts of grass with a bare patch in front of it then another bare patch behind there were times when you would be right behind the ball and it would go at right angles, even the run ups for the bowlers at one end were extremely bad with a hole or divot right in the middle, which caused Paul Davis to change ends he was having that much trouble. Brad lost the toss again winning only 3 tosses for the season with Ian Crawford winning the other. Greensborough decided to bat and we had them in trouble early which has been the case for most of the season. Not that we got early wickets, with Paul Davis, and Andrew Young bowling tightly and the fielding tight given the condition of the ground, after 15 overs they were 0/24, then P.D. got the breakthrough that we wanted by having their captain caught behind by Geoff Place and then their 2nd wicket same result, and after 22 overs we had them 2/35 then 3/38, 4/55, 5/55 with 2 wickets to Greg Barnes and being on a hat trick, Rayan Moore came on and in his 4th over got the wicket that he deserved and at tea 6/74 off 38 overs. The 2nd over after tea Rayan got his 2nd wicket and they were in heaps of trouble being 7/83 off 40 overs. Unfortunately for us they had 2 guys who swung like a barn door in the wind and put on 78 runs for the 8th wicket until Andrew Young cleaned one of them up bowling him for 43, Ian Crawford got the next wicket extremely ell caught by Mathew O'Ryan who

always seems to take a reflex catch most matches, and they were 9/178 off 56 overs, then Keogh 102no who had taken the long handle to Greg Barnes and Ian Crawford decided he would bat out the 80 overs and took singles and an occasional 2 off Andrew Young, Matty O'Ryan and then Matty Holmes only to have his batting partner run out by David Veal and Paul Davis. We ended up having them all out off 70 overs leaving us 10 overs to bat. The fielding was reasonably good considering the condition of the ground as I mentioned before, also the fact that we didn't have either Rennah or Adrian Brown to keep wickets and that Geoff Place who hadn't kept for at least 8 years did a fantastic job with 2 catches and only lettings through 10 byes, when Greensborough keeper who keeps regularly dropped a couple of catches and let through 11 byes. Great job Geoff, and that's just not from me, it's from the whole team.

Dave Wilson kept up his catching skills of the match before this time taking 2. The wickets were evenly spread with P.D. 15 overs 6 maidens 2/27, Andrew Young 22 overs 7 maidens, 2/40, Rayan Moore 8 overs 1 maiden 2/21 Greg Barnes 10 overs 1 maiden 2/54 and Crawford 8 overs 1 maiden 1/47, with Scooby 4 overs 0/19, Matty Holmes 2 overs 0/6, and Dave Wilson 1 over 0/2. Brad and Dave opened the batting with the intention of getting as many runs as possible without losing and wickets which they did at the end of the day we were 0/40 off 10 overs. Day 2 and with a warm day predicted things looked as if we would have the better of the batting conditions however that was not to be the case with the ground very slow, shots that were 4 last week we were only getting 2's. Brad and Dave added another 12 runs before Dave was dismissed for 15, then David Veal went 1st ball to a good catch but should never had played the shot 1st ball, leaving us 2/52 off 17 overs, Scooby (Matty O'Ryan) and was looking good until he fell to a catch that was juggled 3 times for 7 3/74. Crawford (Ian Crawford) came in and with some excellent batting and running between wickets except for 1 occasion were Brad was nearly run out the decision of not out being given by Greg Barnes infuriated Greensborough so much they told the Umpire they wanted him replaced. Brad and Crawford took the score to 169 until Brad was out caught for 74 including 11 4's after 54 overs batting 31 overs together. Rayan Moore joined Crawford after not having a hit in a match since November was out for 4 5/184, P.D. 11 was out caught leaving us 6/201 off 63 overs with 27 overs to come for the day, Jed then joined Crawford and as usual batted sensibly giving Crawford the strike if he possibly could, together they took the score to 224 before Crawford who was suffering cramps in his hands and forearms was out caught for a well made 75 including 10 4's leaving us with 11 runs to win, 3 wickets and 17 overs left. Matty Holmes joined Jed and together they took us past Greensborough's score with Jed being out caught behind 13 and Matty not out 8 and still 10 overs left. I know I have mentioned the efforts of Geoff Place earlier however I would like to congratulate him on his keeping efforts it is not an easy job at the best of times. Well done Geoff.

This win has left us on top of the ladder and play Old Ivanhoe in the semi. Let's not leave the batting to a few to get the runs we need or set ourselves, and continue on with the fielding holding all our catches and getting our body behind the ball when it's on the ground.

Congratulations and good luck to 1st and 4th grades in their semi-finals. Bad luck to Marty Phillips and his 2nd grade team on missing out on the four by finishing 5th. Next season is yours for the taking guys. Also Congratulations to all the coaches of our Junior sides who I believe are all in the Finals, a job well done by all involved.



Jed performed a tricky task very well.

D Grade

Banyule 7/294	Def	Greensborough 163
A Clapton 95		S Clapton 4/41
C Hunniford 52 Not Out		R Kernaghan 3/44
R Kernaghan 48		K Gehan 2/51
M Gregory 40		

Playing at home the toss was lost and we were asked to bat. The Borough were obviously planning on a Carlton loss and chose Nick Stevens to open the bowling along with a couple of other high profile ring-in's. This didn't bother Spud and Googs as they set about achieving the highest opening partnership of the year (110). Googs annoyed 'em and Spud hit 'em all over the Park. Ralphy joined in the runs until he fell to a nasty short delivery, which saw him sky one and be controversially run out. This saw us loose our second wicket at 194. The Puppeteer joined Spud and they both belted the bowling everywhere. Unfortunately Spud hit one down the square leg boundary fielder's throat and he fell an agonising 5 runs short of his maiden century. A fine chanceless innings which deserved those 5 runs. Capo Clapo or Papa G showed the 4th grade world he can bat by compiling a great 27 to see us at 277 for the 5th wicket lost. Some tight bowling in the end and an extremely slow ground saw us with a satisfying score after batting our 80 overs.

Week two saw them one man short (Can anyone believe the Blues won and Stevens had to play?) so we were confident we could get through the Borough even with the ground having sped up tremendously. Scotty bowled with his usual fire and finally got himself some wickets, knocking middle stump over twice and beating the bat on a many occasions. Our occasional off Spinner Ralphy joined his spin twin in the Wiz picking up 3 and 2 respectively. The Wiz is currently in career best form, delighting his teammates and bamboozling the opposition. They were well supported by the Puppeteer who grabbed 3 sharp catches in 1st slip. After struggling the previous couple of matches our batsmen made runs, bowlers took wickets and the fielding was as good as we have seen all season. A good lead into our 5th finals campaign in as many years.

For BCC 4th Grade

Harry Potter

(Down to watch the Wiz)



Craig relaxes at home after collecting 52n.o.

Under 16's

Banyule 6/169	Def	Rosanna 9/168
A Young 54 Ret		S Shelton 3/20
G Bennett 50 Ret		

Our last home and away game was against Rosanna, which we had to win to be assured of a finals position.

We lost the toss and Rosanna put themselves in which is what we wanted. Scott Shelton continued his good late form with the ball and picked up the prized import from Ivanhoe Daniel Webster for 2. Michael Delaney bowled with little luck beating the bat and the stumps on numerous occasions. Our fielding on possibly the worst ground was of a high level and we were able to restrict Rosanna to 9/168 from 43 overs.

On day 2 we set about amassing the runs but were soon in a little bit of trouble losing "Spud" and Mickey Ryan after 44 runs. This then opened the game up for Graham Bennett and "Colonel" to bring us back on track with Colonel bringing up his 50 with a towering hit over the Mid On fence for 6. Graham continued to graft away and reached his well deserved 50 leaving us in an strong position. At the start of the 40th over we were 3/149 but then disaster struck losing two wickets, Sam Place run out by a direct hit from half way to the boundary going for his second and Garrick Melton bowled to previous ball. We failed to score off the 41st over, 5/154 with 12 balls needing 15 to win. Framework strode to the wicket with purpose and soon went about dispatching the Rosanna bowlers to all parts of the paddock until he was out with scores tied and 1 ball to go. Michael Delaney swung at the ball and made contact and with Scott Moran completed the match winning run. What a finish for the home and away series.

We now front up against Viewbank at Banyule Flats and if its anything like it was during season we are in for a high scoring encounter, but what ever happens I know the boys will do their best. So get down and give them some support and you maybe inspired.



Michael Delaney was rapt with the finish

Under 14 Blue**Banyule 9/103****Def****Rosanna 100****N Joseph 26****R Gooch 5/11****N Joseph 3/25**

We bowled out Rosanna for 100. Robbie Gooch starred with the ball and was rewarded with 5 for 11. Our leggie, Nikhail Joseph bagged 3 wickets too. We were in a spot of bother at 2 for 10 overnight. The wickets began to fall the next Friday night, with Nikhail Joseph offering some resistance to make 26. We passed Rosanna at 9 wickets down to record a narrow win and to put the opposition out of the four. We'll have to bat with a bit more application against the talented Heidelberg side this weekend if we want to make the Grand Final.

Under 14 Maroon**Banyule 5/134****Def****Greensborough 115****L McMahon 30*****J Hoang 2/5****A Pearson 26*****C Sullivan 2/14**

A great win to set them up for the finals. Chris Sullivan bowled well to get 2 wickets. Ash Pearson, Zac Hubber, Nick Lynch and Lachie McMahon all batted well to pass the Greensborough total.

Under 14 Maroon V Ivanhoe Roosters

The Rooster's turned chicken and fronted with 4 players. Game abandoned. We claimed 6 points for a forfeit.

Under 12 Comp**Banyule 2/141****Def****Viewbank 54****A Bransgrove 2/2****L Delaney 23 Ret****W Delahunty 2/3****N Botham 20 Ret**

Pilkington Shield

The Pilkington Shield points finished with the end of the regular season last week with Banyule finishing in 2nd place. Well done to everyone on this effort as it is a reflection of the clubs' consistency across all grades and we have shown we all year with the players that haven't got a game each week that we are fielding 4 strong teams every game. This result is something to be proud of, but next year we can go one place better.

Pilkington Shield As at Round 10, season 2003/04

<i>Club</i>	<i>First Grade</i>	<i>Second Grade</i>	<i>Third Grade</i>	<i>Fourth Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>No of Teams</i>	<i>Shield Pts</i>
Greensborough	62	56	44	30	596	4	149.00
Banyule	55	42	62	48	573	4	143.25
Edinburgh	37	46	60	18	461	4	115.25
Heidelberg	45	46	15	12	405	4	101.25
Old Ivanhoe		47	34	39	248	3	82.67
Rosanna	27	31	27	21	303	4	75.75
East Ivanhoe Saints	24	22	12		210	3	70.00
West Ivanhoe United	27	6		46	199	3	66.33
Viewbank	9	34		34	181	3	60.33
Heidelberg West	18	6			108	2	54.00
Bellfield	12		18		96	2	48.00

The Pilkington Shield is a Club-based award which will be presented to the club with the highest points in a season

based on the performance of its senior two-day teams. Points will be awarded to clubs as follows:

- All First grade points multiplied by 5
- All Second grade points multiplied by 3
- All Third grade points multiplied by 2
- All Fourth grade points

These four figures are tallied and divided by the number of teams.