

Pre-Christmas Catch-Up

Round 7 - D Grade

Did somebody say outright? Again??

At Christmas: 4-2-1-0

There seems to be no stopping the fourths, as they career along like a runaway train through season 99/00. Returning to their home ground, Banyule hosted Edinburgh in this last fixture before Christmas. Batting first, a monumental 3/303 was reached before a late afternoon declaration. Mergle (157) dominated the innings, with other scores from Leader Veal (66*) and Googs (45). At stumps on Day 1, Edinburgh was not in good shape at 3/54.

Worse was to come for the inner suburban team, when their innings was routed for the addition of just 17 more runs. All out 71, with Slowhand Clapton claiming yet another impressive haul (5/18). A quick-fire 2nd innings from Banyule realised 6/60 at declaration, leaving Edinburgh the target of 292 for an outright win. More realistically, they had to survive the rest of the afternoon to avoid outright defeat. Excellent fielding and bowling saw Banyule register it's fourth outright win in succession as Edinburgh was bowled out for 161.

Banyule - 3/303 dec	
K.McCausland	157
D.Veal	66*
Edinburgh - 71	
G.Clapton	5/18 (13 overs)
D.Butterworth	3/7 (7 overs)
Banyule - 6/60 dec.	
M.Gregory	21
Edinburgh - 161	
S.Anderson	4/22 (15 overs)
D.Veal	3/29 (8 overs)
R.Hartnett	1/7 (2 overs)
J.Poyser	1/24 (7 overs)

Round 7 - B Grade

Banyule - 129	
B.Wilson	51
C.Holst	27
Olympic - 3/202 dec	
D.Barnes	2/28
G.Barnes	1/77
Banyule - 112	
B.Wilson	35*
P.Leyden	15

No joy at Olympic Park

At Christmas: 0 -2-4-1

A visit to sunny Olympic Park was the Christmas present for third grade this year. After last week's efforts against East Ivanhoe, the thirds would have been aiming high for this clash. However when Banyule were bowled out for 129 (Willo 51, Holsty 27) early on Day 1, hopes of a morale-boosting win were disappearing fast. Indeed at stumps on Day 1 Olympic Colts stood just 9 runs from victory at 1/120. The carnage continued on Day 2, as Olympic piled on a resounding 3/202 before declaring and going for an outright win. Sent back in for a second innings, Banyule folded to be bowled out for just 112 (Willo 35*). An awkward target of 39 was thus set for Olympic Colts to win the match outright. This they achieved with no problem.

Olympic - 0/40-odd

Round 7 - A Reserve

Magoos hold out the Sanna's

At Christmas: 4-3

With an even ledger after 6 rounds, this pre-Christmas match loomed as an important one for the Magoos. Batting first against the old foes from Rosanna, Banyule were able to post a competitive score on Day 1. Pix (21) did the job at the top of the order, before later innings by Scooby (40) and SpaceCadet (47) lifted Banyule to 9/195.

The second grade bowling has been impressive this season, and the team must have been confident of defending this score on their home ground. And that is precisely what happened. Fez (4/49), TV (3/36), Wristy Roberts (2/32) and Moshy (1/35) were the four bowlers used, and together with a tight fielding outfit, they restricted the Rosanna batsmen. Rosanna all out 173; 22 runs short of the target.

Banyule				
C.Parry	bowled	21		
C.Taylor	bowled	10		
B.Russell	run out	16		
M.O'Ryan	bowled	40		
G.Renshaw	bowled	13		
J.Keane	run out	47		
R.Felthouse	caught	0		
C.Carroll	c.behind	3		
T.Veal	run out	24		
M.Lower	not out	0		
Total (9 wickets for)		195		
Rosanna - 173				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.Veal	13.2	2	36	3
C.Carroll	28	9	49	4
M.Lower	15	4	35	1
N.Roberts	18	5	32	2

Round 7 - A Grade

Edinburgh - 6/342				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
P.Barnes	19	1	77	2
F.Neilson	10	1	50	-
B.O'Connor	8	-	46	-
P.Davis	13	1	52	1
W.Gibson	29	3	108	3
Banyule				
R.McKinlay	caught	9		
M.Phillips	lbw.	45		
J.Wilson	bowled	47		
A.Gannon	lbw.	0		
G.Anderson	caught	23		
B.O'Connor	caught	14		
W.Gibson	run out	87		
A.Parry	caught	7		
F.Neilson	caught	6		
P.Davis	bowled	32		
P.Barnes	not out	0		
Total (all out for)		281		

Ones lose runs-feast at Edinburgh

So far: 1-3-3-0

Looking to move into the Christmas break with a win over newly promoted Edinburgh, the One's suffered a surprise setback at the W.J.Cox Oval. Bowling first in the Yarra Bend park, Banyule were soon chasing leather to all parts of the gardens as Edinburgh rattled up an impressive 6/342. Gibbo returned the best bowling figures of a horror afternoon, with 3/108 from 29 overs.

Chasing this sort of target is a formidable task, but one which the team went about with some confidence. Solid early innings from Marty (45) and Joffa (47), together with a brutal charge from Gibbo (87), however, were not enough to win the game. Banyule's total of 281 was not a bad score in itself, but was not good enough to secure the points.

Round 8 - D Grade

Fourth grade continue to turn it on

Now: 4-3-1-0

After enjoying a healthy record of 4 outright wins in succession at Christmas, the fourth XI returned to their home ground in January keen for continued success. North Alphington, who watched in Round 1 as Banyule took their one-day encounter with superior batting, must have been concerned when they found themselves bowled out on day 1 for just 87. Just for a change Slowhand Clapton produced an amazing set of bowling figures; this week 6/30.

Set this moderate target for victory, the Banyule batsmen were not overawed. Instead they made the North Alphington side pay, with a clinical exhibition of run plundering. Leading the charge at the top of the order was Leader Veal (110), with fantastic middle-order assistance from LJ (44) and Slowhand (41). Close examination of the scorecard suggests that another 70 magnificent runs were made by a Barnes, but we await approval of Peter's birth certificate.

Bowling again, Banyule left Norths on 5/75; Shano 3/36.

Nth.Alphington - 87

Bowler	O	M	R	W
S.Anderson	9		35	1
G.Clapton	12.5		30	6
D.Veal	4		10	3

Banyule

D.Veal	caught	110
P.Arandt	bowled	10
J.Poyser	bowled	0
L.Poyser	caught	44
D.Harte	bowled	25
G.Clapton	caught	41
Pe. Barnes	lbw	70
S.Anderson	bowled	0
C.Hunniford	lbw	30
J.D'Agostino	bowled	0
T.Veal	not out	5
Total (all out for)		397

Round 8 - B Grade

Banyule

M.Gregory	lbw	0
B.Wilson	caught	0
G.Place	caught	56
S.Butler	lbw	19
B.Bowler	caught	29
M.Harte	bowled	24
P.Leyden	caught	0
J.Karasmans	caught	9
K.Gehan	caught	0
D.Barnes	caught	4
G.Barnes	not out	0
Total (all out for)		161

It's "Happy New Year" for Third Grade

Now: 0-3-4-1

Third grade came crashing into the New Year and sounded a warning to their rivals with a comprehensive victory in the southern Bronx. Batting first, things could have immediately gone sour, but a bad start was halted by strong middle order play from Jemma (56), who, along with Plugger (29), Usher (24) and Buts (19), nudged the total up to a competitive 161.

The batsmen had largely gotten the team out of jail, but it was still Day 1. Loyal Sylvan had more than enough time to knock off the runs, and this they set about doing in the typical Sylvan style. But the Banyule bowling was ready for the challenge; stumps on Day 1: 5/41.

This must have been a nervous week for the thirds, with a win seemingly around the corner but the prospect of rain ever present. They need not have worried as, together with good fielding, Barnesy (5/44) and Usher (3/43) knocked Loyal Sylvan over for just 105. North'n'south Barnes also bowled one ball for one wicket as the threes picked up a great team win.

The rest of the afternoon was spent having batting practice: 8/165 - Barnesy (25*).

Loyal Sylvan - 105

Bowler	O	M	R	W
G.Barnes	19	5	44	5
M.Harte	17	3	43	3
K.Gehan	2		4	0
D.Barnes	0.1	-	0	1

Round 8 - A Reserve

Second grade hitting form

Now: 5-3

A season that was poised on a knife's edge after Round 6 now looks to be heading in the right direction after wins over long-time rivals spanning the Christmas break. Hosting Greensborough in the opening match of the year, the Magoos began the match strongly. Tight opening spells from Reggie (3/16) and The Moshpit (1/22) squeezed life out of the 'Boro, before Dasha (3/38) snuffed out any flickering life left in the innings. All-rounder Pix (2/17) again showed his value with the ball as Greensborough were dismissed early on Day 1 for just 140.

Eventually finding a pair to open the batting, Banyule finished the day on 1/40 and in good shape. Day 2 saw the threat of rain, but not before Banyule had successfully closed out the match. The Beast (39) and Skull (36) started the ball rolling, with a valuable later innings from Chook (41). Yet another important red ink for the Bevan-like Mr. Doo (28*) in a team total of 7/223. Congratulations to Moshpit for seeing off the challenge of his bowling brother. Seconds in the four.

Greensborough - 140

Bowler	O	M	R	W
R.Parry	10		16	3
M.Lower	9		22	1
D.Butterworth	23.5	10	38	3
N.Roberts	12		35	1
C.Parry	11		17	2

Banyule

F.Chowdary	lbw	39
C.Taylor	bowled	8
B.Russell	caught	36
C.Parry	bowled	12
R.Felthouse	caught	41
M.O'Ryan	not out	28
D.Butterworth	caught	22
R.Parry	caught	9
M.Lower	not out	2
Total (7 wickets for)		223

Round 8 - A Grade

Banyule

M.Phillips	caught	33
A.Gannon	c.behind	2
J.Wilson	stumped	9
G.Anderson	caught	62
W.Gibson	caught	32
B.O'Connor	run out	2
A.Parry	caught	20
C.Carroll	bowled	1
P.Davis	bowled	7
F.Neilson	not out	15
Ph.Barnes	caught	0
Total (all out for)		191

Rain thwarts victory over Greensborough

So far: 1-3-3-0 plus a draw

From what was expected to be a fiercely contested match Banyule emerged on top; but only psychologically. Unfortunately no result was possible from this fixture due to the afternoon rain last Saturday. On Day 1, a solid hand at the top of the order from Marty (33) was later built on by Ando (62) and Gibbo (32). Werdy popped up for 20 runs, while Doc (15*) was again left stranded short of a ton, in a team total of 191. Not a huge score, but a competitive target. In four blistering overs before stumps 191 seemed a long way off for Greensborough, who limped to 2/13 overnight.

Grey skies on Day 2 were the saviour of a shell-shocked Greensborough team. All the Banyule bowlers played their part, with tight aggressive bowling evidenced in the figures. Philo (5/49) was particularly impressive in his 28 over assault on the 'Boro, yet the final wicket eluded everyone.

Nine wickets down for five overs, Greensborough somehow managed to hold on for a draw.

Greensborough - 9/127

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ph.Barnes	28	7	49	5
B.O'Connor	7		22	0
F.Neilson	8		19	2
C.Carroll	12		24	1
W.Gibson	1		6	0
G.Anderson	7		3	1

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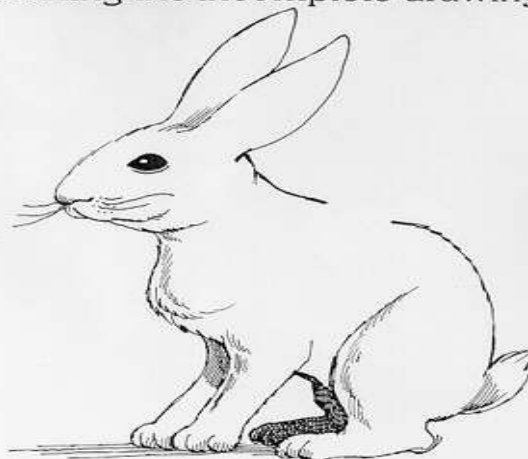
(David Hopps is an English cricket writer who has accessed the BCC website a few times).

Juniors

Juniors kick off the new year this week.

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Then see if you can complete the drawing.

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