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The chance is YOURS

A lot of people have represented Banyule Cricket Club over the years. A lot of hours spent training, buying equipment, cleaning up the rooms, drinking and raising money. Why? To have fun - and to win finals.

The finals are here - and Banyule is again in a strong position. Three of the four senior teams are playing, and both of the junior teams. Semi-finals are played over Saturday-Sunday of this long weekend.

Saturday-Sunday afternoon:

A Grade - Beverly Road Oval vs. Greensborough.

A Reserve - Ramsden Street Oval vs. Clifton Hill

D Grade - Banyule High School Oval vs. Greensborough

Saturday-Sunday morning:

Under14's - Macleod Park vs. Macleod.

Saturday morning only:

Under 12's - Winsor Park vs. Macleod.

After working so hard all year, one match now stands between you and a Grand Final. This is your chance. Take it.

On the news stands

Our special guest junior reporter is fast becoming a regular feature. We are excited to have Mr. Luke Poyser with us again, with contract negotiations underway between *Howzat* management and *Ralph* magazine.

Coming Events

Presentation Night(s)

Friday 31st of March. Junior Presentation Night

Where: Banyule Clubrooms.

Friday 28th of April. Senior Presentation Night. Players, wives, girlfriends (boyfriends if you're that way inclined!) and family are all welcome.

Where: Cellini's (Mount St & Burgundy St corner, Heidelberg).

When: 7.30pm Friday 28 April.

Cost: \$25

What: 2 course meal, tea and coffee. No BYO (fully licensed) - drinks at bar prices, with a deal being struck on wine. Scintillating awards ceremony.

Super Sunday

Finals action at Beverly Road this weekend!! This Sunday sponsors are invited to the Club, where a couple of free drinks can be enjoyed. Banyule's 1sts and 4ths will be in the semi-final at Beverly Road this Saturday and Sunday.



*Scooby's high-scoring season continued last week
(Just like Justin Langer's recent 155 in NZ)*

Junior Report

How he finds the time we'll never know, but thanks again to LJ:

JUNIORS REPORT - Luke Poyser

Two washout's last week - but both teams into the finals.

UNDER 12's

Banksia 62 vs. Banyule 0/5

UNDER 14's

Watsonia - Heaps vs. Banyule

L.J. appears courtesy of Helter Skelter Records.

Round 11 - B Grade

Banyule				
M.Harte	15			
C.Holst	15			
D.Veal	14			
Total (all out for)	91			
Nth.Alphington - 8/216 dec.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
D.Veal	15	1	61	6
G.Place	6	1	11	1
Banyule				
C.Holst	18			
G.Barnes	21			
Total (all out for)	85			

It's like that - And that's the way it is *Finished: 0 -3-6-2*
 Frustrating season, that. Thirds missed a spot in the finals following their second outright loss of 99/00. North Alphington's 1st XI came to play at the High School Ground and set about a demolition job.
 A revamped top order meant Yarni and Usher opening the innings as Banyule batted first. Bikkies and tea were a nice diversion -5/70 at the interval, with most of the top order already gone. Beasty surprised pundits by lasting a full 6 balls against the wiley craft of HDCA legend Paul Duckworth before falling stumped. Alarming scenes were played out after break as the innings fell like a house of cards. Banyule all out 91 just 10 overs after the resumption.
 In reply, the crash and bash innings of North Alphington stretched only about 1 hour into Day 2 before a declaration was made. 50 overs bowled, 8/216 the total. Leader Veal, a late inclusion to the side, stepped in to claim the bowling figures (6/61 from 15).
 Banyule now faced the unenviable challenge of staving off outright defeat. The first job was to ensure Nth.Alphington had to bat again - 125 runs required. Unfortunately the side fell to be all out for 85. And so an inglorious season ends with an innings defeat. The second innings contained a couple of interesting points. Beasty was restored to open the innings, in the hope of "hiding" him from Paul Duckworth. This masterful tactic backfired, however, when he fell to Son-of-Duckworth for 4. Also of note: top-scorer of the innings was a Mr.Greg Barnes. And finally: two junior players made their 3rd Grade debuts - Rhino and JD. Well done fellas!

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Round 11 - D Grade

Big total swamped by bigger total

Finished: 4-3-4-0

Keen to arrest an alarming slide in batting form moving into the finals, Fourth Grade emerged from Day 1 full of confidence. Batting first against the haunting backdrop of Fairlea Women's Prison, Banyule were well placed with 2/114 on the board at break. After tea the batsmen pinned their ears back, with Mergle (139) playing the stand-out innings. His knock was very well supported by Peter "Batting Gene" Barnes (41), with Big Craig Hunniford also motoring along (31). Batting the full 80 overs, Banyule enjoyed the week knowing they had posted 9/291.

In a mirror image of form reversal, as Banyule's batsmen had turned the corner on Day 1, the bowlers largely went missing on Day 2. Things began according to script - Clifton Hill 4/114 from 40 overs. But the day went steadily downhill with the momentum of a large bus. Despite the best efforts of Slowhand (3/63) and the other 9 (!) bowlers, Clifton Hill went beserk after tea - finishing with a 9/364. Around 250 runs were scored from the last 40 overs - at 6.25 per over.

Fourths have shown glimpses of their crushing pre-Christmas form, but are yet to put batting and bowling together in one match. After totals of 150, 125 in the weeks leading up to Round 11, it was great to see 291 runs scored last week. The bowling had an off day, but has been consistently excellent for most of the season - opposition totals of 196, 129 and 87 since Christmas.

Semi Final time now. Time to bring the batting and bowling form together.

Banyule

M.Gregory	bowled	1
K.McCausland	bowled	139
D.Harte	bowled	0
L.Poyser	run out	25
C.Hunniford	lbw	31
G.Clapton	c.behind	3
Pe.Barnes	bowled	41
J.D'Agostino	caught	2
S.Anderson	not out	21
D.Barnes	bowled	0
K.Gehan	not out	0
Total (9 out for)		291

Clifton Hill - 9/364

Bowler	O	M	R	W
D.Barnes	22	3	77	1
G.Clapton	22	4	63	3
S.Anderson	11	-	65	-
K.Gehan	9	1	48	1
L.Poyser	6	-	23	1
K.McCausland	2	-	26	1
J.D'Agostino	2	-	14	-
D.Harte	2	-	5	-
C.Hunniford	2	1	4	1
M.Gregory	2	-	11	-

Round 11 - A Reserve

Crushing win sets up the unexpected...

Finished: 6-5

Despite claiming a fine victory, the Magoos could easily have come to regret their actions last Saturday. But more of that later.

First lets talk about the massive total reached on the equally massive Bronx ground at Ford Park North. Going into this match the general opinion was that 2nds needed to win outright to make the finals. Batting first on Day 1 was not the ideal scenario for this, but a top order onslaught saw a tea time score of 2/147 from 39 overs. Consistent batting rounded out the day, with Scooby (66) and Chook (51) top scoring in the 314 total.

Bellfield would need to be bowled out twice on Day 2 if an outright win was to be achieved. But as the last wicket fell at 4.45pm with the score of 149, finals looked to be out of reach. Harry Hindsight will tell you that the decision not to bat on for bonus points, and instead return to the Clubrooms for a drink, was a very good one. It could easily have backfired though, with results at other grounds conspiring to lift Banyule into Fourth place by the narrowest of margins!!

Over the course of 20 weeks of batting, bowling and catching, the gap between 4th and 5th on the ladder came down to One Run!

Going into an unexpected final series could be just the ticket for the Seconds. Without much hype or expectation surrounding the team in recent weeks, the scene is set for a great weekend. Any team with the bowling line-up this team enjoys will be hard to beat. And the top-order batting is finding form at the right time.

Look out for Second Grade.

Banyule

C.Parry	caught	27
B.Wilson	bowled	46
J.Keane	caught	44
C.Taylor	caught	28
M.O'Ryan	stumped	66
R.Felthouse	caught	51
P.Davis	caught	6
T.Veal	caught	0
R.Parry	caught	25
M.Lower	caught	4
G.Renshaw	not out	0
Total (all out for)		314

Bellfield - 149

Bowler	O	M	R	W
M.Lower	14	7	16	2
T.Veal	10	5	14	-
R.Parry	16	5	27	2
P.Davis	10	1	48	2
C.Parry	5	-	23	2
R.Felthouse	2	1	2	2

Round 11 - A Grade

Banyule - 8/248

R.McKinlay	caught	20
M.Phillips	caught	27
J.Wilson	caught	0
G.Anderson	caught	89
W.Gibson	caught	38
B.O'Connor	lbw.	35
A.Parry	lbw.	0
D.Butterworth	caught	13
C.Carroll	not out	14
Total (8 wickets for)		248

Heidelberg - 207

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ph.Barnes	12	1	24	1
D.Butterworth	9	-	45	1
F.Neilson	17	3	30	1
B.O'Connor	10	1	18	-
C.Carroll	15	2	34	3
W.Gibson	15.2	4	31	4

1sts close out the regular season in style

Finished: 1-6-3-0 plus a draw

The last home and away fixture for 99/00 drew Banyule to host Heidelberg. Always a big clash, this year's meeting saw both teams as likely finalists, and a perfect opportunity to get some match hardening before the March action.

Macca (20) returned to the side and got things underway with a good stand with Marty (27), but at tea honours were even - Banyule 3/97 from 39. Consistent middle-order pair Ando (89) and Gibbo (38) extended the fourth wicket partnership to 123, setting Banyule up for a big total. By stumps Banyule were well pleased to reach 8/248.

This was a competitive total, but by no means a match-winning one. Heidelberg are known to be a good batting side. At tea Banyule had managed just 3 wickets (3/110), and an ominous partnership looked to be building. A freakish catch, where the ball was caught after being deflected by the non-striker's bat, seemed to turn the tide. Gibbo's left-arm spinners (4/31), along with some good outfielding, did the rest. Fez (3/34) also did the job as Heidelberg folded - all out 207.

This was an excellent win by A Grade, with the game looking out of reach mid-way through the second day. Great concentration and a never-say-die spirit are ideal things to take into a finals campaign. The real work begins now.