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## Up to YOU

Grand Finals don't come along every season, so lets make the most of this great opportunity and win them all this weekend. The words of Lloyd and Yogi last Thursday night no doubt helped everyone on the weekend, and if we can use them again this week all teams can win.

Just to re-iterate: make sure you do all the 1 and 2 percenters right - it will make all the other things run more smoothly. This can mean the difference between a good side and a great side! Stay calm at all times - how many times do you see players get flustered or rushed under pressure and make mistakes? This is what we want to force the opposition into doing, but we should stay calm and just do things as normal. If we do these things, and bat the full compliment of overs all sides can win their matches.



*Kev Gehan took another 3 wickets in the Semi-Final last week*

So here we are. From a cold Monday night in August, through awkward one-day matches, Christmas celebrations, Y2K overload, the hazy days of summer holidays, and now to this. Only one match remains in the HDCA season of 1999/2000. The Grand Final.

*Saturday-Sunday-Saturday afternoon:*

A Grade - Chelsworth Park vs. Heidelberg.

D Grade (Home team) - Banyule Flats vs. Clifton Hill

*Saturday-Sunday-Saturday morning:*

Under 14's - Banyule Flats vs. Rosanna

Three days of cricket remain for you to turn it on. You've made it this far on skills and experience - you can make it one more step...

## Coming Events

### Presentation Night(s)

*Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of March.* Junior Presentation Night

Where: Banyule Clubrooms.

*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people for their efforts this year, as many people will not see another Howzat for the season.

- Firstly to the sponsors, without their help and support we would struggle to keep our ranking as the number 1 sports club in the southern hemisphere. Hopefully you will all be back to keep supporting us on our quest to win all 4 flags next year.
- Larry & John for their tireless efforts behind the bar, and especially having a cold one ready when we get off the track on a Thursday.
- Wives, girlfriends and parents for letting us play of a weekend (in some cases they have no say in the matter), washing our whites, putting up with us whingeing about umpires and selectors dropping us.
- Ash Gannon, Brad Russell, Michael Harte and Graham Clapton for their work as captains this year. Never an easy task, as everyone thinks they should bat where they aren't batting and bowl before everyone else.
- And last of all a big thank you to El Presidente` Geoff Place, Vice Presidents Phil Barnes and Greg Anderson, Secretary Wayne Gibson, Treasurer Martin Phillips and the general committee. Their continuous work around the club allows us to keep putting teams on the field and to have somewhere to enjoy a beer and a chat after the game.

## Junior Report

A court battle between *Howzat* management and *Ralph* magazine, has seen Luke Poyser barred from writing in this publication. Hopefully we can win the court case and will have Luke back typing for us shortly.

### UNDER 12's

#### *Semi-Final*

Macleod 2/137 d. Banyule 9/80

This semi-final was played at tiny Winsor Park on Saturday morning. Unfortunately the Labour Day long-weekend holiday plans of several Under 12's got in the way of a finals victory, but this was a great season.

Chasing Macleod's total, Banyule was best served by Aiden Young (25\*) who again went undefeated.

A fantastic effort by the Under 12's to make the finals after being elevated to A Section mid-season.

### UNDER 14's

#### *Semi-Final*

Banyule 134	d.	Macleod 7/131
B.Stanton 52*		J.Poyser 2/5 (8 overs)
R.Moore 27		M.Kernaghan 2/10 (8 overs)
R.Hartnett 13		B.Stanton 1/7 (8 overs)

The Under 14's took on Macleod (Gold) at Macleod Park on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday. On Day 1 Banyule managed 134 - Brent Stanton picking up an undefeated 52. This total would make for an interesting Day 2.

Excellent team fielding backed up some great bowling efforts and the game looked like going right down to the wire. In the end, this great Under 14 side stood up under pressure to win the game by just 3 runs! A brilliant team effort sees the team into the Grand Final.

*L.J. normally appears courtesy of Helter Skelter Records.*

## Special Mentions

A few special mentions this week:

- Tim Veal on the announcement of his engagement to Elizabeth.
- Jemma and Butts for working the canteen on Saturday and Sunday, much appreciated.
- Pete & Nat Arandt on the news that they are expecting their first child. Let's hope the child gets no influence from uncle Brad!!
- Lloydly and Yogi for their inspirational words last Thursday night. Hopefully everyone remembers them coming into this weekend.
- First they got engaged, now they are expecting! Well done to Ocka & Danie who are expecting twins towards the end of this year.
- To the Greensborough Cricket Club for their magnificent afternoon tea last Sunday!
- And finally to Banyule's Herald Sun correspondent, Neal Butterworth for having yet another article in last Monday's paper.

## Quotes of the Week

"41 - but it should have been 42." - Leader Veal when asked "How did you go?" by A Grade players on Saturday. (making absolutely certain that everybody knew about Smokey Dawson's crucifixion).

"History may decide whether the 1948 side was the greatest Australian team ever. I can't.

"For me, I'm satisfied to say it was a really great team, whose strength lay in its all-round ability, versatility and brilliance allied to bulldog courage." - Sir Donald Bradman, *Farewell to Cricket*.

"How many Anderson's and Gibson's do you have?" - Assistant coach Brent O'Connor's dad Sunday morning after seeing Gibbo's name in the paper again.

## Trivial

- Q. What TV show featured Kermit the Frog before the Muppets?
- Q. Who released the Graceland Album?
- Q. How many players are on the field during a American Gridiron game?
- Q. How many players of the last A grade premierships team have played A Grade this season?
- Q. Who won the second "Renna", Banyules Best & Fairest award?
- Q. Who are the two Australian cricketers below?



# Not Just a Grandstand

Robert Neil Harvey

Born: 08 October 1928, Fitzroy, Melbourne

Major Teams: Australia, New South Wales, Victoria.

Known As: Neil Harvey

Batting Style: Left Hand Bat

Bowling Style: Right Arm Off Break

Test Debut: Australia v India at Adelaide, 4th Test, 1947/48

Last Test: Australia v England at Sydney, 5th Test, 1962/63

Wisden Cricketer of the Year 1954

## TESTS

(career)

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	79	137	10	6149	205	48.41	21	24	64	-

	Balls	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ
Bowling	414	23	120	3	40.00	1-8	-	-	138.0	1.73



The esteemed cricket writer Ray Robinson once remarked that had Michelangelo been a cricketer he would have batted like Neil Harvey.

Harvey emerged from the shadow of Bradman at the end of the great man's career. By the time he himself retired in 1962, he was second only to Bradman on the all-time Australian first-class list for the most centuries and most runs scored.

No one who ever saw Harvey play will forget his hawk-like fielding in the covers - or the hushed air of expectation every time he walked to the crease, instantly recognisable; a debonair, dark-haired, stocky figure, almost always without a cap. No batsman of his day, or since, would go further down the pitch to drive.

Harvey burst onto the Australian cricket scene with unmatched brilliance. He scored centuries in his maiden first grade club match, his first first-class game for Victoria, his second Test appearance for Australia and his first appearance in England, in 1948. At 19 years of age, he was by far the youngest of the "Invincible" touring party.

Harvey scored 21,699 first-class runs (50.03) in his 16-year career. He is still rated as one of the finest outfielders of all time. At Surrey in 1948, Harvey, running at full stretch, threw himself high into the air sideways, Australian football style, to take a towering drive that was heading for a 6. Bradman described it as the greatest catch of its kind he had seen to that time. "It took some seconds for the players to realise he had caught it. It seemed an impossibility he could even reach it", Sir Donald said.

# Letters to the Editor

The Howzat has had some correspondence over the last few weeks. Here is some of it:

Dear Howzat,

Can you tell me why Scooby isn't in the ones? He has made more runs than a group of Aussie tourists in Bali, yet he could only manage the 2 games!

Run Machine

Heidelberg.

*Dear Scooby,*

*Not enough sucking up to the selectors!*

*Eds*

Dear Howzat,

Damo Harte is the best cricketer this club has ever seen!

Anonymous,

Banyule.

*Damo,*

*Get your hand off it!*

*Eds*

Dear Editors,

Do you think it's time we called for the old "tub-up" rule? A couple of years back we were all told to have a shower on a Saturday night before hanging around in the clubrooms. This was supposed to make it more attractive to families and friends as a place to go. The old smell has returned to the rooms this season and I think we should bring back the "tub-up". (And I really miss jumping in the showers at BCC)

Anonymous

Malvern.

*Dear Anon,*

*While your point about the unhygienic stink surrounding the rooms on a Saturday night is a good one, we are concerned with your motives. If you feel this strongly about jumping into the shower at a sporting club we suggest you take your urges to King's Cross, Sydney.*

*Eds.*

Dear Editors,

I can't remember the cocktail night. Can you help me?

R.Parry.

*Dear Reg,*

*We are the wrong people to ask.*

*eds.*

Dear Editors.

I have a confession to make. I am a highly competitive individual from a large family, and I like nothing better than to succeed. Practice and hard work have got me to the top and I feel cheated when injury brings me down. Earlier this season I suffered injury and played a game in a grade lower than I normally play. Perhaps I was expected to do well in this grade, but I struggled. I got slapped around a bit and was not treated with my usual respect. To avoid embarrassment, I deliberately injured myself further during the day's play - so I would have an excuse to explain my poor form. That's all. anon.

*Dear Philo,*

*just get out there and play, fella.*

*eds.*

# Interview with a Vampire

**Name:** Geoff 'Jed' Place

**Are you a vampire:** If you've seen my butt, I'm more of a werewolf

**Are you Y2K compliant:** Yep

**Age:** 40

**Playing weight:** 73kgs (Yes Adams, the figure is correct)

**Star Sign:** Scorpio

**Job:** Secondary Teacher

**Brothers/sisters:** Two sisters

**Marital status:** Married to Jenny & BCC

**Marital aids:** Ear plugs

**Republican or Monarchist:** Republican

**Hobbies outside cricket:** Fishing

**Favourite TV show:** Meet the Ancestors, SBS Wednesday's at 7:30pm

**Favourite movie:** a tie between Zulu & Shawshank Redemption,

**Favourite beer:** Crown Lager

**Favourite meal:** Any seafood or schnitzel

**Next favourite beer:** Hahn Premium

**Favourite drink:** V&T or a red

**Favourite band:** Simple Minds

**Least favourite beer:** Courage Lager, a 70's beer. (I'm still drinking to get rid of the taste)

**Favourite song:** Smooth

**Outside love interests:** None

**Animal that best describes you:** Fox (I'm cunning)/Sloth (I'm lazy too)

**TV character that best describes you:** Felix Unger/Homer Simpson

**Dream rotten egg victim:** Peter Adams

**Dream date:** Meg Ryan & Shania Twain together

**Worst bowler to face at training:** Scooby

**Why:** Because he honestly thinks he's a bowler

**Dream player to bowl bouncers at:** Peter Adams

**Why:** Because he doesn't believe my weight and barracks for Melbourne.

**Highest score for Banyule:** 161

**Best bowling haul for Banyule:** 6/65

**Ambitions for 99-00 season:** A grade premiership, D grade premiership, U/14 premiership

**Most admired player at the club:** Graeme Renshaw (by a mile)

**Best Banyule player seen:** Peter Goulding

**Biggest disappointment at BCC:** Captaining a losing 4<sup>th</sup> grade Grand Final by 1 run

**Most memorable moment at BCC:** Captaining 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Premiership the weekend Jed (his third child) was born.

**Best birthday prezzy ever:** My Jarvis Walker black queen deluxe fishing rod for my 21<sup>st</sup> & of course the Complete Angler Gift voucher from the BCC for my fortieth

**Something you can't live without:** My cardio – pulmonary system

**Who wrote Lord of the Flies:** William Golding

**Name of Australia's first prime minister:** Edmund Barton

**Where did you go to school:** Banyule Primary & Ivanhoe Grammar School

**Best holiday:** Hamilton Island (it has a Kids Club)

**Best bloke to go to a nightclub with?** Trace Bakker, he's a chick magnet.

**Favourite pub:** Metung Pub

**Third favourite beer:** Guinness Draught

**What did you do last Sunday:** worked the canteen with Scott Butler at BCC

**If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with?** Jenny & the kids (or Meg & Shania)

**Favourite pick up line:** Don't have one. We didn't need one in my days. Our platform shoes and baggies usually did our talking.

**Hairstyle tips:** The 70's were stylish so why change (unless you're follically challenged like Adams)

**Words of advice:** (Jed left this blank, we don't know if he has no advice or if he missed it. Going by his interview something along the lines of 'Don't listen to a thing Peter Adams says!')

## Trivial Answers

A. Sesame Street

A. Paul Simon

A. 11

A. 9

A. Billy Sier

A. Bill O'Reilly and Mark Waugh.

G	E	H	A	N	R	E	L	T	U	B	H
M	H	T	R	O	W	R	E	T	T	U	B
C	A	R	R	O	L	L	V	E	N	W	I
C	T	F	L	A	G	L	N	N	E	C	N
A	N	S	D	V	H	O	I	T	E	L	O
U	O	A	P	B	T	F	G	R	F	A	S
S	P	Y	Y	N	O	E	C	A	L	P	R
L	O	B	A	R	N	E	S	H	I	T	E
A	Y	T	D	L	O	X	I	L	C	O	D
N	S	W	H	S	N	G	L	A	L	N	N
D	E	B	I	J	O	I	E	M	U	O	A
Y	R	A	Y	L	H	B	K	R	B	S	D
R	O	R	D	P	S	S	H	C	G	L	C
R	O	N	N	O	C	O	C	F	M	I	I
A	M	E	L	R	A	N	N	L	A	E	V
P	T	S	D	A	G	O	S	T	I	N	O
L	O	W	E	R	A	N	O	N	N	A	G

Butterworth

Club

Parry

Hunniford

Barnes

Stanton

Butler

Poyser

Clapton

O'Connor

Gehan

D'Agostino

Wilson

Moore

Gregory

Barnes (again)

Place

Hartnett

Anderson

O'Ryan

Gannon

McCausland

BCC

McKinlay

Phillips

Neilson

Veal

Gibson

Lower

Harte

Carroll

Flag

*Semi-Final - A Reserve*

<b>Clifton Hill - 205</b>				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
R.Parry	17	9	28	3
M.Lower	9	3	16	-
T.Veal	16	3	39	1
P.Davis	13	-	41	-
C.Parry	10	-	28	-
R.Felthouse	14.2	4	25	4
<b>Banyule</b>				
C.Parry	c.behind		15	
B.Wilson	caught		36	
A.Parry	caught		53	
C.Taylor	bowled		1	
M.O'Ryan	caught		12	
R.Felthouse	bowled		12	
B.Russell	lbw.		11	
P.Davis	caught		6	
R.Parry	caught		2	
T.Veal	bowled		6	
M.Lower	not out		1	
Total (all out for)			168	

**Great season winds up for the Magoos**

Clifton Hill hosted Banyule in one A Reserve semi-final last weekend. Amid bush-like surroundings, over-priced terrace houses and speed humped streets, Banyule played a tight aggressive game on Day 1.

Full credit must go to the bowling and fielding efforts. The edging, nicking and shuffling Clifton Hill batsmen were squeezed as if by a hungry python, and were lucky to muster 205 runs. Chook (4/25) claimed the bowling figures from a great spell of 14 and one-third overs.

Like a slippery seafood chopsticks dinner, the match was now delicately poised. Careful and defiant early batting saw the first wicket fall at 51 and a tea time score of 3/84. Still the match could have turned either way.

Werdy (53), restored in this match as a batsman, batted magnificently. Sixes over backward square leg and long on rattled the Clifton Hill fans, but the steady fall of wickets at the other end would play the decisive role in this match.

At 6/154 the Banyule team was still on track, but an outstanding catch from a PD cannon launch may have been the turning point. From 7/154 Banyule were bowled out for 168.

With the fall of the last wicket came the end of season 99/00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. In his post-match comments, captain Skull said that the team should look back on their year with pride. "We set a goal at the start of the season to reach the finals," said Skull. "Of course when you get there, you'd like to go all the way." In thanking the A Grade players who travelled to Clifton Hill in support, Skull commented: "You saw the disappointment on our faces; don't have that disappointment next week."

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Gibbo

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*Semi-Final - D Grade*

**Team-4 clicks when it matters**

Banyule's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade turned it on last weekend. The timing was brilliant. Batting first on a hard, fast, glassy Banyule High School ground a safe start was extremely important. Openers Leader (41) and Damo didn't disappoint with a first wicket stand of 73. Damo continued his hard-working innings with Mergle, and they remained together at the break; Banyule 1/133.

The excellent first session reduced pressure on the lower order, who were able to play shots after tea and collect runs. Damo eventually went for 44. A hard-hitting Mergle was stiff to fall just one short of a century. Captain Clapton finished the day not out 42 in Banyule's healthy total of 9/276.

Bright sunshine leant a kick to Day 2, but Greensborough would need more than sun to defeat this Banyule outfit. The tight, swarming unit in maroon and blue smothered life out of their opponents through a great team display. Wickets fell regularly through the first session to leave a tea time score of 5/83.

No let-up in pressure was forthcoming after the break - wickets were shared between the four bowlers and the match was won well before the scheduled finish.

This match showed 4<sup>th</sup> grade playing an impressive brand of team cricket; the same brand that has taken them to success so far in 99/00. And now only one match remains. One more.

**Banyule**

D.Veal	caught	41
D.Harte	caught	44
K.McCausland	caught	99
L.Poyser	caught	13
C.Hunniford	caught	0
Pe.Barnes	caught	0
G.Clapton	not out	42
S.Anderson	caught	13
J.D'Agostino	bowled	3
D.Barnes	caught	4
K.Gehan	not out	0
<b>Total (9 out for)</b>		<b>276</b>

**Greensborough - 136**

Bowler	O	M	R	W
D.Barnes	17	2	40	2
G.Clapton	14	4	23	2
D.Veal	14	4	21	2
K.Gehan	16	3	40	3



*Semi-Final - A Grade*

**Banyule**

R.McKinlay	c.behind	43
M.Phillips	caught	27
J.Wilson	c.behind	21
G.Anderson	lbw.	30
W.Gibson	caught	92
A.Gannon	run out	22
B.O'Connor	caught	3
D.Butterworth	caught	20
C.Carroll	not out	5
F.Neilson	not out	7
<b>Total (8 wickets for)</b>		<b>284</b>

**Greensborough - 124**

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ph.Barnes	18	4	44	3
D.Butterworth	12	4	23	2
F.Neilson	6	1	13	-
B.O'Connor	7	5	4	2
G.Anderson	8	1	20	2
C.Carroll	4	1	13	1

**A Grade roar into Grand Final**

Both teams start equal on Semi Final day; the past 11 rounds are forgotten. But on Day 1, it was clear that Banyule had remembered the patience and application needed to win these matches.

Red Bull Gannon happily opted to bat first on the familiar dead track at Beverley Road. Tension and nerves invariably play their part in any finals campaign so it was reassuring to see Macca (43) and Marty (27) patiently taking drinks at 2pm. Murmurs of concern about the slow scoring rate were unfounded as the top order built a steady platform from which to launch the innings. With the loss of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket tea was called; Banyule 2/80 from 36.3 overs.

Ando (30) immediately picked up the tempo with some heavy blows, before Gibbo joined the action. His 92 run-innings decimated the Greensborough attack. Hard, clean hitting to all parts of the ground continued late into the day. By now the fieldsmen were looking at their watches and wishing for the end. Wickets in hand allowed Ash (22) and then Dasha (20) to play their parts quickly and with good effect. When the dust cleared Banyule had amassed 8/284.

Early match preparation on Day 2 had minds focussed on the job at hand - restrict and attack the Greensborough line-up. Excellent new-ball spells from Philo (3/44) and Dasha (2/23) fatally wounded the innings, and with Occa's spell of 7 overs, 2 for 4, the match was effectively over. At break 6/68. All out 124. Ando (2/20) and Fez (1/13) picked up the other wickets.

Awesome attacking cricket flowed from a patient start. On the bowling front, it was great to see both Philo and Dasha returning to peak form. One more to go.