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The Beast and Ralph Show

The last two weekends have seen 8 games of cricket across the club, 3 in both A and B Grade and 1 each for the 3rd's and 4th's. The highlight of the very long two weeks was the batting performance of the Beast and Ralph in 4th Grade. The two added in excess of 200 runs for the 3rd wicket with Ralph getting 152 and Beast making 144. This obviously set up an easy victory for the team. With this and only a single win for 2nd grade the last two weekend have been tough for the club and the players involved so with only one game left till the much needed Christmas break, let knuckle down get four wins and enjoy the rest.



There are worse things that could happen than losing cricket games! Such a waste of good beer...

This Week's Games

Seniors:

A Grade V Rosanna @ De Winton Park

B Grade V Rosanna @ Home

C Grade V Heidelberg West @ Home

D Grade V Greensborough @ Elder Street Reserve

Juniors:

The U/16's and 14A's are finishing off a game tomorrow night and then also play a game on Wednesday and Friday next week. If your able to get down to support that would be great. Here is the fixture for the game starting next Wednesday:

U/16 Blue V Viewbank @ Home

U/16 Maroon V Bellfield @ Ford Park
U/14A V Viewbank @ Banyule Flats
U/14 Green V Viewbank @ Latrobe Secondary College
U/12 Comp V East Ivanhoe @ Viewbank Secondary College
U/12 Development V East Ivanhoe @ Chelsworth Park

Special Mentions

- Well done to all the lads you have survived schoolies week and made it back in one piece. Special mention to Ryan Hartnett who has ended his association with Danie after her recent marriage to Brent and is after his own ladies!
- Speaking of Brent and Danie, congratulations to them both on there recent marriage, well done also to Dasha on a great speech!
- **Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets for Christmas and get them back to Tim Veal. We have 5 great prizes and with only 10 tickets each no excuses.**

Ladies Day

The ladies day was a huge success, with over 30 ladies in attendance. All had a great time drinking spending money and of course chatting. Congratulations to Liz, Alli, Louise, and Susan for the great work you did in organising this event. I am sure it will only get better.

Sponsor's Day

The sponsor's day was held last Sunday, thanks to Greg Anderson and Greg Barnes for looking after the day whilst I was off playing. Thanks to those who were able to pop in for a drink and some food. There were 3 raffles with the prize being donated by BBQs-R-US Mill Park the winners were:

Coringle Furniture – Chris Gazzola
Greville Road Bakery - Peter Maiwald
Makin & Luby Motors – Bryce Phillips
Congratulations to the winners.

Club Shirts

The new club shirts are in, they look fantastic and are selling like hot cakes, and are available from Daniel Barnes for the token price of \$30. The shirts have been made by one of our sponsors **Jeanworks** and are of the highest quality. The shirts bear the logo's of all 3 major sponsors on the shirts as well the Banyule logo and will be made from a cool, dry material that will be perfect for summer wear.

Various sizes are available from small through to the big guys at extra large. They can be purchased by anyone including players (senior and junior), wives and partners etc, children, family and other valued supporters. It is of course **strongly recommended** by the committee that all senior players purchase a shirt and wear it on game days to promote a strong, proud and unified club.

Quotes of the Week

We start with a quote from the coach Ash Gannon:

Ganno was praising Marcus on his performance in the A Grade one dayer and said "it all comes from the effort he puts in on the track. Marcus is always first to training, and always the first to leave!"

Goosy thinks he is a " **lean, mean , loving machine** ".

Under 16 player Cameron McDonald, not much taller than the stumps came on to bowl during the 4th grade game. Anthony O'Donnell was fielding at mid off and was heard to mutter after Cameron's nippy first ball " **Sh### He's faster than me!**"

Not sure where Philo was over the last two weeks, but none have been reported about him!

Membership

Membership is now overdue. A list of those not paid will be put up in the clubrooms shortly so make sure your name doesn't end up on that board by organising payment with Marty or Dlo ASAP. Don't forget cheques and major credit cards are acceptable for payment.

Membership:

Senior	\$140	incl GST
Student	\$70	incl GST
Junior	\$70	incl GST (includes cap, drink bottle, and match fees)

Social Calender

December 18 th	- Christmas Break Up
February 6 th	- A Race Day at Healesville
February 20 th	- The 30 th Double Wicket Day as well as the Premiership reunion for the 1984-85 Premiership Side.

Player Sponsorship

As with Membership, it is now round 9 and we only have 17 player sponsors, that is not even two team. If you don't have a sponsor, for as little as \$50 dollars the sponsor has their name under your photo on the photo board, exposure in every Howzat and on our website and a certificate of appreciation from the club. **If you need more information see Daniel or Greg Barnes, but time for everyone to get a sponsor ASAP.**

Web Site News

If you have any feedback feel free to get on the website and send something through.

The two page addresses are:

www.banyulecc.50megs.com

<http://hdca.cricketvault.com/?recent=100>

Tour De Runny Pooh

Time to catch back up with "King Pin" in edition 3.

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G'day again everyone

Glad to be reporting back again, this time from a hot & humid Chennai, where we arrived this afternoon courtesy of the good folk at India Rail.

You'll be pleased to hear that this chronicle is a vast improvement on the last one (probably because we are 2000km from Delhi!). I left you last as Forcky & I were arriving in Bangalore after 41 hours & 15 minutes on the Karnataka Express (I'd hate to be on the stopping all stations version).

Bangalore was like an oasis in the desert for us after the turmoil we had been through. The climate was cool & the city was much less hectic than the likes of Mumbai & the D-word. While there was still much poverty & beggars are a common sight, the week we spent in Bangers was a great opportunity to catch our breath, catch up with some old friends, make some new ones & watch the aussies bend the indians over & smack them with a big stick (more of that later).

A few of the highlights of Bangalore-Food

-enjoying a steak (at least we think it was beef) after a week on the curries. With Bangalore being a very westernised city KFC & Pizza Hut were also enjoyed. We still ate managed a few indian meals, especially Hodgy's 1st night when we tried to get his 'tour de runny poo' off in earnest & all ordered the hottest items on the menu. The 10 or so restaurant staff all stood around & watched us eat much to their amusement.

Nightlife

*Bangalore's nightlife is interesting to say the least. When I say it is a predominately male environment, I'd be probably understating things. I'll set the scene.. You walk into a pub, there's ear splitting dance music playing, espn in on the TV showing cricket highlights & there's not one woman in the place. Which brings me to my next point...

Bangalore- The city of Man Love?

*One of the more disconcerting sights (not excluding Forcky's moustache- more of that later) is the enjoyment Bangalore's men have in holding hands as they walk down the streets. Even occasionally upgrading to an arm around the shoulder, the level of man love in the streets was quiet perplexing. Now I'm sure Bangalore isn't an overtly gay area but it appears that they are just very comfortable with their affection towards other blokes... still it was one of the more bizarre things that we have encountered. Hodgy mentioned that Forcky wanted to hold his hand so that he didn't get lost, but with Greg's new appearance we're not too sure.

Greg Forck- Magnum for 2004?

*With the suggestion that we begin Mo-vement celebrations early & have a Mo-ctober (all adopting various facial hair styles) Greg disappeared into the bathroom the other night & re-appeared as a different man. To hysterical laughter, Forcky was sporting the latest in indian fashion, a dirty little hairy moustacha. As we are sharing a room, I felt very uncomfortable in this new development in Greg's personality. Looking partly like a b grade porn star & Tom Selleck Magnum PI, Greg's moustache has become a star on tour. If I can download some pics of the furry upper lip I'll post them on my photos page (subject to Australian Quarantine Regulations).

Greg's Bucks Night-

As some of you are aware, Greg is to become betrothed in early December to his latin sweetheart, Graciela. Due to the fact that Chuggy & myself won't be back in Oz before he heads back to Chile, we decided to have a big night out to help GF celebrate his exit from the single world. As nudie bars are few & far between in India, we had to settle for a quick read of the FHM & then out for a few Kingfishers (the local drop). The Waving the Flag guys had organised a get together so we thought we'd start there & continue on. Despite a very very poor showing at the WTF trivia contest (due to very average questions we protested!) we were significantly charged to head to Spinn, Bangalore's hottest nitespot.

When we got to Spinn, we were shocked to be knocked back due to incorrect attire! To our shock & horror, thongs & shorts were not sufficient! After a quick change we headed back & this time were welcomed in & even given a discount on the cover charge after Hodgy told them that he was actually Brad Hodge. Spinn was actually a pretty good club & there were quite a few flaggers on board to have a chat to. The real highlight of the night though was after leaving Spinn.

Greg Forck- Rickshaw Driver

* As we walked back to the hotel (about a 5 minute walk) we were invariably hit with the rickshaw drivers offers of transport. While Hodgy & I still had a few wits about us, G.Forck was a incoherent mess & not only took up one of the offers but decided to jump in the front seat & drive it! With the driver not really sure what was going on, Forcky managed to somehow get the shabbily made machine going & then took off up the road in it. Hodgy & I had a good laugh & then realised he was out of sight, so we continued back towards the hotel. Just as we reached the front door we heard some raised voices & turned to see Forcky stumbling out of 'his' rickshaw & a little indian bloke wanting him to pay his fare. Greg turned around & said "mate I was the one who drove, you owe me the fare". A priceless moment & once again, I have photographic proof.

The Cricket

* Finally I get to the reason why we are in this great & sometimes god forsaken country. The 1st test match between India & Australia, the rematch of the classic 2001 series that India pinched due to VVS Laxman, Rahul Dravid, Harbajhan Singh & some very dodgy indian umpiring.

Results

A Grade

Round 5

Banyule 120	Def By	Rosanna 4/124
A Young 42		M Kernaghan 3/15

No report here, Steve somehow lost it??? But well batted to Aiden in particular with 42 and great bowling from Marcus who bowling for the first time in A Grade got 3/15 off 8.

Round 7

Banyule 9/221	Def By	Edinburgh 6/228
A Young 42		P McMurray 3/42
F Neilson 28*		F Neilson 2/66

On a very energy sapping Saturday afternoon we won the toss and had a bat. We got off to a reasonable start with Colonel (A Young, can you believe his girlfriend works at KFC??) and Chopper (J Wilson) putting on a 40 run partnership then Colonel and Banga (D Butterworth) putting on a 40 run partnership but then lost a few too many wickets just before tea going in at 5-114. Colonel was out just after tea for a very well made 42 and we were struggling at 6-144, The tail waggged brilliantly with every one batting from 7 down getting over 10 runs. Some good working from Spud (A Clapton), Frodo (P Barnes) and LT (L Taylor) and some good stroke play from Doc (F Neilson) and Rowdy (P McMurray) saw us get to a competitive total of 9-221.

We went out confident our bowling attack could keep the undefeated top team under our total, and things looked good early. Rowdy and Doc were the best of our bowlers and wickets came in regular intervals and we had them in trouble at 6-140 odd. A similar position to what we were in, unfortunately the two batsmen at the crease didn't leave until the game was over. We bowled well, but our fielding was very ordinary. Too many balls going through legs or passed hands and it needs to be worked on sooner rather than later. I'll put in a mention about the standard of the fielding in 4th garde. We had a few conversations in the cordon about how good a catch or bit of fielding we had just seen in the 4th grade game. Maybe they could take us for training. But overall we pushed the top team to the limit which was pleasing.

Round 8

Banyule 149	Def By	East Ivanhoe 9/171
C Carroll 42		F Neilson 3/38
A Young 29		L Taylor 2/27

In a word "Disappointing". Not many positives to be taken out of this game, as long as we learn't from it, the less said the better. Losing the toss and fielding first on the back on 80 overs the day before probably wasn't great for us, but that's what we did. LT picking up his first A Grade wicket was great and he followed it up with his second of hopefully many more. Rowdy and Doc bowled well again and Fez (C Carroll) was good in his first game in 5 weeks. The fielding also picked up from the day before. We were good without being great, hence the 171 from 40 overs. Frodo did a hammy in his

second over, and Banga re-did his hammy for the second time in 3 weeks added injury to insult.

The ground was fast so we were confident that we could pick up the runs. Colonel was good again and is enjoying a good run of form but wickets fell around him. Moshy (M Lower) added some resistance, but we were in trouble with only a couple of wickets in hand needing 8 runs an over. As typical with Fez at the crease, no run rate is too high and he set about chasing down the target with some lusty hitting. When he was out for a well made 42 the game was all but over.

So back to "Disappointing". We've had patches of people performing well without the team performing well as a whole, hopefully the weekend gave us two losing kicks up the backside to get us to perform against Rosanna. I don't think we should need anymore motivation other than knowing we are playing Rosanna!

B Grade

Round 5

Banyule 8/146 Def By Rosanna 1/153

D Veal 38

W Chircop 31

No match report for this game but a good effort with the bat and thanks to Sam Place and Josh Young for helping out in the game. Well batted to Dave and Warren.

Round 7

Banyule 9/155 Def Edinbrough 152

W Kazi 38

T Veal 4/29

D Barnes 2/18

M O'Ryan 2/47

We travelled to the picturesque Brunswick Street Oval to take on Edinbrough in as the cliché says "a must win game". Tim Veal led the team due to illness taking over Captain Grumpy. M Phillips did grace the team with his presence due to illness also meaning young Roshan Abedi was unable to attend the first day of the game. With all the drama's the 2's sent out an SOS to fielding extraordinaire Ash Gannon. TV won the toss and as all good opening bowler Captain's do, we decided to have a bowl. TV and Billy got the ball rolling and bowled good tight opening spells with little luck. Dlo and PD were brought into the attack and with the early pressure already applied the wickets started to fall with PD getter 1 and Dlo 2. Lucas showed his class in the field with an amazing throw to the bowlers end from the outfield leaving the Edinbrough Captain out by over half a pitch and well on top. The rot continued for Edinbrough with Scooby and Marcus not letting the heat out of the pressure cooker with Marcus bowling a great tight line at one end and Scooby taking wickets at the other. Scooby ended up bowling 18 overs (yes you read right, must be mates with the Captain) and took 2/47, a great tight spell on a hot day. With Edinbrough still only 6 out and the fielders and Coach and umpires getting restless, TV brought himself back on to see if he could get a quick one, and he not only got a quick on but got a quick 4 to clean up the tail and get us all of the oval.

With about 11 overs to face we sent Billy and Waheed out and were 0/about 20 overnight. With only 130 more to get and and the batting bolstered with a healthy Marty and Roshan we were confident of getting the runs. Billy decided early on to show his pull shot to the bowlers, unfortunately the middle of his bat didn't come to the party and he fell for a well made 18 with the score on 30. Some tight bowling made scoring hard

and with but the batsmen worked hard and after Marcus and Waheed had fallen we were still in a great spot at 3/71, with Waheed contributing a fine 38 of these. Lucas (18) and Paul (10) set about increasing the scoring rate but a collapse before tea saw the magoos fins their own trouble when there was none to be found. Suddenly we were 6/96 just before tea with Marty and Scooby at the crease. What happened after tea all but turned comical. Not sure what was going through Captain Grumpy's mind as he was healthy again and not sick so he didn't have an excuse, but the bowler bowled a ball that slipped out of the back of his hand and landed at cover. Marty not happy with the one run awarded for the no-ball decided to say he wanted a free hit at it. Their wicket keeper ran and attempted to block the shot, after getting him out of the way Marty had a whack at the stationary ball and moved it about 1 metre! He then proceeded to call yes and ran to the bowlers end. As the keeper was still in the vicinity he picked up the ball through it to the keepers end (where he should have been) and proceeded to run Scooby out by about 3 or 4 metres, leaving us 7/106 with Dlo joining Marty at the crease. Edinbrough thought they had the game won and decided to let their mouths win the game and not there bowling as the game tightened out in the middle. Marty not happy with the verbal treatment set about quick runs and was finding gaps with ease. When Marty did finally fall for 24 the Yules were still in deep trouble at 8/125, 28 still needed. Enter the master of these situations, Tim Veal. With a cool head Vealy set about the winning runs and even when he lost Dlo who had no idea about the wrongun, he worked with Renna and the result was never in doubt. A great final partnership of 20 not out between Veally and Renna was tense to watch but they put value on their wicket and showed us all how to stay focussed and get the job done.

Round 8

Banyule 122 Def By Greensborough 132

M Phillips 42

D Barnes 3/20

B Sier 3/24

A disappointing finish to a game that we set up well. The bowling and fielding we fantastic and we were chasing a very achievable score. Well bowled to Dlo, TV, Usher, Billy, and who all got the job done with a mixture of pace and change up deliveries. A highlight was Usher on a hatrick after smashing the stumps and then getting their A Grade batsmen plumb LBW the next ball. Also Billy got an interesting wicket the the batsmen giving up by knocking of the bails whilst attempting a pull shot, he really didn't want to face you Billy, great bowling and Billy ended up with 3fa. Dlo deceived the batsmen with a mixture of slow and slower which the batsmen struggled with. How is the pension card going Dlo?

With the batting it was dissapointing as most batsmen got themselves out when they were set playing shots they didn't need to play. We need to work harder with the batting. Well done to Marty, Yarni and Waheed who were the pick of the batsmen.

C Grade

Banyule 247 Def By Old Ivanhoe 329

D Veal 70

W Chircop 3/36

I Crawford 47

I Crawford 3/71

P Adams 38*

G Barnes 2/66

Again no match report but listening to Skull Saturday night it was a good fighting effort with the future of the club in the juniors performing well in the seniors. Well batted to Dave

who is in great form and Crawfo who keep knocking up runs. With the bowling the old work horse GB got a couple off a heap of overs and Crawfo and Warren picked up 3 each. With number returning soon this team should be tough to get into with the kids doing so well.

D Grade

Banyule 7/384 Def

R Kernaghan 152

F Chowdary 144

Bellfield 189

R Kernaghan 3/19

K Gehan 2/12

This year has been a difficult season for the selectors in trying to field 4 teams each week with the numbers we have had available each week. With T-Bone (Elliott Everson) having a car accident on his way to cricket and a couple of others having to pull out due to work commitments there were more changes from the selected teams from Thursday.

We called up 3 boys from the under 16's – Scott Moran, Cameron McDonald & Michael Abrahams – but we were still one player short. Someone suggested we call the Bully of 4th Grade – Feroze “Beasty” Chowdary. Beasty obliged and made himself available, but only for the first week. We needed to win the toss to utilize Beasty's talent with the bat.

Craig (the best “tossler” in the club) continued his unbeaten run with the coin toss (coin tossed twice and he won both times) and he happily decided to have a bat.

The ground was still slow but quicker than previous weeks. Weather was warm but overcast. Ants opened the batting with Googsy and we were soon off to a bright start with Ants playing a classical pull through square leg for 4 – brilliant shot. Ants was first to go for 10 with the score on 19. As Ralph joined Googsy at the crease the **BEAST** arrived and padded up. The 2nd wicket partnership soon realized 52 before Googsy laced a cut from the middle of the bat to point and lost his wicket. If he had gone over the top and not tried to keep it down, as batsmen should, the ball would have carried most of the way to the fence on the full.

Enter the **BEAST**. After a few defensive shots to get the pace of the ball, become acclimatised to the light, the field placings and all that stuff, Beasty bludgeoned a stiff fore arm jab miles over the square leg fence at no higher than 10 feet for 6 runs to get off the mark. The Beasty show was about to begin. Ralph was to be the silent partner in a 3rd wicket record partnership for the 4th grade Banyule team. Before too long the partnership started to move along. Beasty would interrupt his flow of 4's crashed to the boundary fence with the odd 6 which would sail way over the fence with seemingly little effort. One feature of the partnership was the farming of the strike, not necessarily the running between the wickets. It took a little while for Ralph to wake up and realize Beasty was taking a lot of singles on the last ball of the over. It did not take Beasty that long to realize that Ralph was returning the favour. Team mates watching on were enjoying the game within a game – who could farm the strike the most. Bellfield tried many bowling changes to try and stem the flow of runs but with no luck. Umpire Galea's decision to turn down an LBW appeal against Beasty (then on 12) when he was squared up, hit 34's up the stumps and in front of middle stump could have been considered a little unlucky for Bellfield. Beasty says the umpires still owe him in relation to past LBW decisions.

Beasty raced to his century and eventually fell for a brilliant 144 (6 6's & 17 4's) and the score had reached 3/277. Whilst the Beasty carnage was going on Ralph moved along at a steady and controlled beat and was never in trouble. Craig joined Ralph on 83 and the score then moved at a rapid pace.

After a lightning partnership of 79 Craig fell for 21 and was soon followed by Ralph for 152 (3 6's & 17 4's). The final score was 7/384 which proved to be more than enough for Bellfield.

The highlight of the second week was the performance of the kids we had seconded from the under 16's. Nikale Joseph was called up from the 16's to field for Beasty. Michael Abrahams opened the bowling down wind & Graham pushed up into the breeze. The first wicket was a result of some fine fielding from Nikale which resulted in a run out to Googsy. Michael was a little nervous but settled down and bowled a very tidy spell of 6 overs for 15 runs. He bowled 2 overs later in the day to get his first senior wicket and finished with 1/28. Graham bowled 13 overs in 2 spells and finished with 1/19 to show he is getting back to his best. His back pulled up well also. Ants replaced Michael and picked up a wicket in his first over and finished with 1/21 from 7 overs. Craig bowled 5 overs of rusty stuff for 1/27. The Wiz sent down 4 overs for 2/12 & Ralph snared 3/19 from 10.1 solid overs with the help of some good catching.

Craig gave Scott Moran (left arm orthodox spin) 6 overs for 0/20 & Cameron McDonald (right arm medium) 6 overs for 0/18. Cameron bowled at a brisk pace despite being on the shortish side. Both bowled well and showed our juniors will provide good senior cricketers in years to come.

Now the highlights. Michael Abrahams at mid off had the ball skied well over his head. He turned and ran hard looking over his shoulder at the ball all the time. He was never a chance to catch it but he did – an absolutely fabulous catch. Scott Moran took a regulation catch a cover but fielded like a demon and his long left hand throws over the bails were sensational. Cameron at backward square leg took a lovely catch just above the ground when diving forward. These 4 lads fielded exceptionally well. They concentrated well, backed up, were enthusiastic and hopefully enjoyed their cricket in the 4's – they more than held their own. They actually brought the standard of fielding up a notch or two. Sunil George provided another highlight with his non-chelant one handed catch to capture the last wicket.

Despite a swarm of aphids and later bees we knocked over Bellfield for 189 to record an emphatic 195 run win. Craig continued on his unbeaten run as the 4th grade juggernaut moved to the top of the ladder. A sign of Craig's growing confidence in his role as Captain was when he moved Clappers ½ a metre on the boundary line just for the hell of it. A lovely moment that Graham will not forget. Graham was seen talking to Scotty about short pitched bowling on leg stump to 6 foot 4 inch batsmen. Hmmm, I wonder what that means?

“ The Occasional “



Ralph and Beasty prepare for their big day