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Vale Leanne Richmond

The members and friends of the Banyule Cricket Club were saddened by the recent death of Leanne Richmond. A Life Member of the club, Leanne is best remembered for her role as scorer for many of the senior teams. A trip down memory lane, studying the premierships photos on the wall of the clubrooms, will reveal the valuable and selfless contribution that Leanne made to Banyule over so many years. She was the official scorer for nearly all of the First Grade premierships teams and for the past two seasons has scored for the Third Grade team in their premierships. Captain Brad Russell and members of the Third Eleven have been particularly grateful for Leanne's dedicated efforts in not only maintaining a meticulous scorebook but also looking after the valuables and managing the team off-field.



Leanne as part of the 3rd Grade Premierships last season

Historical record keeping, compilation of averages and newsletter reports are arduous tasks to many people but were further contributions that Leanne so willingly made. The annual Christmas party and visit by Santa Claus, for the children of club members, has always been a highlight of the social calendar. Leanne was involved in the present buying and party organisation for many years, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Leanne has battled ill-health in recent seasons but that has not deterred her from attending matches and doing the scoring – testimony to her courage and love of the Banyule Cricket Club. With the passing of her parents, Joan and Don, in recent years, the Heidelberg District Cricket Association has lost a fine cricketing family [Don was a Life Member of the HDCA].

The members of the Banyule Cricket Club are indebted to Leanne and the Richmond family for their tireless efforts in contributing to the success of the club both on and off the field. Our condolences are with Greg Richmond [Leanne's brother and former junior player at Banyule CC] and family.

An era has passed but will never be forgotten.

Graeme Renshaw

This Week's Games

Seniors:

A Grade V Greensborough @ Home

B Grade V Viewbank @ Banyule Flats South

C Grade V Greensborough @ Home

D Grade V Heidelberg West @ Latrobe Secondary College

Juniors:

No Junior games this weekend, they will begin back on the 28th of January.

Special Mentions

- Congratulations to our junior players who have been selected to represent the HDCA in tournaments over the Christmas break. Scott Shelton is Co-Captain of the U/16 side, joining him in the side are Garrick Melton and Roshan Abedi, and James McLean is playing in the U/12 Mitchell Shield side.

Sponsor's News

Club sponsor **Coringle Furniture** who do not sell to the public are offering all of the Banyule community the chance to visit their factory and buy second's items at a discounted rate. The clearance sale will be held on **Wednesday the 9th of February between 5 and 9pm**. We will also be given the opportunity to place orders for items that are also not sold to the public. If you have any questions you can contact Chris Gazzola directly on 9729 4622, or contact Daniel Barnes. The details of the factory can be found on the sponsor's page of the newsletter.

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.

Membership

Membership is now well 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

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 10, well and truly past the halfway mark of the season 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>

We did receive so feedback from Mustaq Ahmed from Pakistan offering to ship cheap cricket balls across to Australia, if anyone is interested in this offer let me know and I'll pass on Mustaq's details.

Results

A Grade (4 wins, 5 loses, 5th, 7th on 1 day ladder)

Banyule 6/182	Def	Rosanna 177
P McMurray 76 not out		L Taylor 3/31
S Pinner 40		McMurray 2/21
J Poyser 28		F Neilson 2/30
		D Barnes 2/40

We ventured to De Winton in a must win game to end 2004 on a good note. Fez (Chris Carroll) took on the responsibility of Captaining the side with Philo (Philip Barnes) ruled out with a hammy (but he did somehow recover well enough to be a 4th grade bully). Fez lost his first toss and the good guys were told to take the field. Rowdy (Paul McMurray) opened up with a great spell and with him leaving at break he gave us everything he had and finished up with 2/21 off 13 overs. At the other end Doc Neilson was bowling a tight line and building the pressure whilst Rowdy was taking the wickets. Dlo (Daniel Barnes) was thrown the ball to try to land off spinners. (not much difference in pace from his gentle mediums!) He was able to get an early breakthrough and with a slow run rate the pressure was mounting on the Rosanna boys. A special mention to Smithy (Waheed Kazi) who took over the gloves from Spud after getting hit on the knee and kept up at the stumps for most of the day, even getting a stumping that quick that the umpire didn't quite see it.

LT (Luke Taylor) was saved until after the interval with Rowdy leaving and bowled with pace and great competitiveness to grab 3 vital wickets straight after tea much to the delight of the crowd who were clearly not impressed with the bowler, chanting "no-ball" after regular deliveries. All this did was fire up the young feller and produce a fantastic spell, with final figures of 3/31. Fez and Doc Neilson kept the pressure on with both bowling with great accuracy, Fez picking up 1/33 and Doc 2/30 off a massive 24 overs. With Rosanna on the ropes at 9/147 they got a couple of late runs before Dlo closed the innings, and finished up with 2/40. All up, 177, a great target to chase but a tough 3 overs to see out before the day was over.

We sent in Doc Pinner (Steve) to open up with Aiden (Young), unfortunately disaster struck when they opened up their offie and he got one through Aiden early, 1 for 2 early. Moshy (Matthew Lower) came in as the watchmen and with 6 men round the bat appealing for everything and anything as they looked to have reached desperation stakes, but unable to con a decision out of the umpires and we stayed 1fa over night.

A couple of good partnerships to start off the day were what the team wanted and it was what the team got with Moshy and Doc adding 20 odd and tiring out the bowlers on a hot hot day, and the same from Doc and Smithy. Doc was the main stay and made a well deserved return to form with 40 and if a blinder was taken to get him out he looked like he could have been their all day.

Rowdy and JD (Justin Poyser) kept the score ticking along and JD played a controlled knock, even with bad JD on his right

shoulder trying to get him to slog and finished with 28. This left the team 5/99 and after Fez departed we were 6/118 with still quite a bit of work to be done. That though would be the last wicket Rosanna could muster with Rowdy and Spud working the ball beautifully to lead us to victory. Rowdy capped off his great bowling the week before with 76 not out, and Spud made 17 not out. It was a fantastic victory for the club after struggling with injuries before Christmas. We have now put ourselves in control of where we finish, if we keep winning we can still make the finals and that's what we have the ability to do.

Highlight of the day other than Ash Gannon wearing possibly the worst outfit seen at the club since a cocktail party, purple shorts and a purple tight fitting tank top, was singing the football club theme song in the rooms after the victory. Whether or not this sticks, we can only find out if we keep winning.

B Grade (4 wins, 5 losses, 5th, 5th on 1 day ladder)

Banyule 112	Lost To	Rosanna 138
M Johnson 47		T Veal 3/22
M Phillips 24		M Johnson 2/29

We found a way to loose this game after setting ourselves up to win in every fashion possible. Again, our batting as a side wasn't up to scratch and as a result we dropped this match that really should have been won.

After successfully loosing the toss (for the eighth consecutive time), we were sent into bowl by our old favourites Rosanna.

As in all previous games, our bowling and fielding set this game up to be won as we were able to contain Rosanna to 138 off 76 overs.

Timmy Veal maintained his fantastic year of bowling, capturing 3 wickets for 22 runs off 14 overs. Johnno (Michael Johnson) worked like a stock horse bowling 18 overs in hot conditions, finishing with 2 deserved wickets, he was proper stuffed afterwards. Hollywood (Lucas Willoughby) played the field like a professional, creating a run out through his vibrant presence. In reference to Hollywood, one of the Rosanna batsmen was clearly heard saying, "This kid is the most annoying player I have ever had to put up with...I hate him." Such a quote outlines how animated Pretty Boy can prove in the field, working to our advantage by getting the batsmen offside and aggravated, keep up the good work Lucas.

The rest of the wickets were shared between PD (Paul Davis), Usher (Michael Harte), Billy (Sier) and Mooks (John Karis), all of whom bowled really well.

Special mention to Scooby (Matthew O'Ryan) who bowled 6 threatening overs, and had the sledge of the day by saying to the batsmen after looping up a few gentle top spinners, "mate if I were batting to me, I think I'd hit it for six over into those trees, the bowlings really not that good."

As stated, our batting was disappointing and let us down again. We had three batsmen who were able to make double figures on a quick ground, with the extras our fourth highest score with 5 runs.

As in his bowling, Johnno again worked hard and deserved 50, but was caught on 47. Chasing 138, Johnno and Marty (Phillips) (24) put us in a strong position at break, where we were 4 – 90, and realistically we should never have lost the game from this position. Scooby fought for a patient 14, but as

in previous games, silly shots and not enough respect for our wickets saw us bowled out for 112.

This was a very disappointing loss and again our batting let us down, all we can do is keep working harder at concentrating with our batting whilst our bowlers maintain there good form and are supported in the field.

C Grade (4 wins, 3 losses and a draw, 3rd)

Banyule 194	Def	Heidelberg West 99
A Covey 37 not out		W Chircop 2/11
G Renshaw 23		D Veal 2/13
G Barnes 22 retired		A Covey 2/14
		I Crawford 2/40

On what turned out to be one of the most uncomfortable days's weather wise with the humidity and playing the side above us for fourth spot. We lost the toss and were sent into bat with Brad (12) and Geoff opening. We got off with a reasonable start being 1/23 off 6 overs. Warren Chircop joined Geoff and took the score to 52 off 19 overs before Warren was out bowled for (8); Geoff followed 2 overs later with another LBW. Scott Darling and Ian Crawford took the score to 84 adding 31 off 13 overs before Gus lost his wicket for (9). Graeme Renshaw joined Crawf and at Tea we were 4/93 off 41 overs, with both Crawf and Rennah looking quite comfortable. Unfortunately we lost Crawf straight after the break Dave Veal joined Rennah and played an unlike Leader shot and was out for 5, which left us 6/107 off 47 overs and we were soon in deeper trouble 7/113 when Garrick Melton was out without troubling the scorers. Mr. Reliable was still there keeping up his usual run rate and annoying the hell out of the fielders with his stubbornness and quick running between wickets. Rennah and Alex batted 20 overs together taking the score to 8/141 off 69 overs when Rennah was unluckily caught & bowled. Scott Clapton (4) joined Alex and started swinging like a barn door in a gale from the first ball he faced almost throwing himself off the ground. When Scott was out it didn't look to good with 7 overs to go and only 155 on the board, however we all forgot about Greg Barnes and Alex with their big hitting and **QUICK** running between wickets taking us to what looked an unlikely total off 194 with 2 balls to go when Barnsey pulled his calf muscle as he played his shot and called for a single he was almost crawling the last half of the pitch and they still couldn't run him out. All credit must be given to Alex for the way he batted making 37 without any boundaries. West Heidelberg didn't help themselves in the field either giving us and extra 32 runs with 13 byes 7 wides and 9 noballs.

The second Saturday's weather report was for 35 degrees so things didn't look to good. Scott and Alex opened the bowling and bowled particularly well having West 1/23 off 15 overs, with Scott 8 overs 0/11 and Alex 8 overs 1/10, Dave Veal replaced Alex and his first 3 overs were maidens ending up with figures of 9 overs 3 maidens 2/13, West lost their 2nd wicket at 28 off 23 overs, which showed that not only was our bowling extremely tight, the fielding was also putting on extra pressure, with 2 run outs one which involved 3 players, Jed/Leader/Rennah, and also 2 amazing catches by Crawf. Garrick replaced Scott and he also had great figures of 6 overs 2 maidens 0/7. They were definitely feeling the pressure as the started collapsing from being 2/28, to 6/61 off 40 overs at Tea.

Losing wickets at regular intervals 3/33, 4/44, 5/55, 6/61 then the 4th and 5th overs after tea 8/69, their number 10 batsman showed the others how to bat ending up second top score of 18 and taking the score to 9/96, Alex soon had the last wicket bowled and West's all out for 99. The way our bowlers bowled giving away only 3 wides and 4 noballs and the fielding was evident as to the pressure that can be applied to a side above you and cause them to collapse.

This was a very important win as we are now 3rd, however we must continue to play like this for the remainder of the season as we play Greensborough (4th), Viewbank (1st) Heidelberg (8th) and W.Ivanhoe (10th) if we are to play Finals again. Thanks to they guys from 2nd Grade who fielded (given the conditions) for the injured Greg Barnes it was greatly appreciated.

Leanne Richmond

D Grade (7 wins, 1 draw. 1st)

Banyule 189

Def

Greensborough 183

C Hunniford 80

K Gehan 5/36

P Barnes 51

R Kernaghan 4/41

The "Puppeteer" did it again and he was not even there. Running a little late for the game he called Graham and asked him to take the toss of the coin. Graham continued our successful run with the coin and won the toss. With conditions conducive to bowling we decided to bowl. We started the game with only nine players from the selected 11 from Thursday. Micky Delaney & Matt Reinke were called up to field and performed magnificently. Goosy (unavailable first week) and Philo (unavailable due to a hamstring that would not let him bowl) were included on the team sheet for the 2nd week. Sam Place took over the glove work in the absence of Goosy and did a fine job under some trying conditions (a catch & a stumping).

Greensborough took advantage of the 9 Banyule fieldsmen early on with quick running and some lofted shots to the open spaces. Micky & Matt arrived after answering our urgent calls for help. Graham & T-Bone opened the bowling. Graham bowled a 14 over spell and eventually finished with 1/31. Elliott was still suffering a bit from his car accident and only bowled 4 overs for 0/21. Ralph replaced T-Bone and soon picked up the 1st Boro scalp (1/55) and Graham followed up with 2nd to have the score at 2/58.

Ralph continued to bowl a tight and frugal line from one end for 16 overs up to the tea break. Soon after tea Greensborough had a partnership of 82 going to have the score at 2/140. The Wiz came onto bowl after tea and soon had his wrong'un working and started to cut through the Boro batsmen. Kevin bowled a 15 over spell of controlled spin on a perfect line and length and finished with 5 for 36 which included a perfectly pitched wrong'un that gave Sam a very neat stumping.

Craig has been growing in stature every week in his Captaincy. This week he decided to show his ruthless streak. Ralph continued to bowl and bowl and bowl in hot and humid conditions. Craig even consulted Graham to see if he should give Ralph a rest. Graham a ruthless **ex-Captain** himself said "**nah! bowl him all day**". So that's what happened. Ralph bowled 30.3 consecutive overs either side of the tea break and finished with 4/41. From 2/140 we managed to pull things around to have Greensborough all out for 183. A great effort

to restrict the total as we did. At one stage we looked like facing a score of 250+.

We had 10 overs to face to finish the day. T-Bone & Greg Staff opened the innings and unfortunately T-Bone fell early with the score at 2. Graham batted at 1st drop as Ralph was a little weary after his bowling stint. We finished the day at 1/7.

Day 2 was forecast at 35 degrees but less humidity than day 1. The score moved along slowly against some good tight bowling when Greg fell – 2/13. Goosy joined Graham and took the score to 22 where Graham fell. Ralph joined Goosy and was soon out to a poor shot – 4/28 and in a little bit of trouble. Craig joined Goosy and together they started to take on and get on top of the tight Greensborough bowling. Craig employed some good straight hitting & pulls through the on side whilst Goosy picked up his 1's 2's with some good running between the wickets. After a bright partnership of 66 Goosy fell to a catch to the keeper for a well made 23 – 5/94 and plenty of work still to do. A funny moment during this partnership - the ball was hit deep towards the fence. A couple of the u/16's were sitting together – "**there's 3 in that, surely there was 3 in that**" – they ran 2.

Philo joined Craig and a good partnership was required to get us close to the score of Greensborough. Craig stepped up the pace whilst Philo settled in. Philo soon picked off a couple of loose balls and sent them flying to the boundary fence. Craig batted brilliantly and smashed all bowlers with controlled aggressive hitting. At 6' 5" and a big stride forward the bowlers had trouble bowling a good length to Craig and soon lost their way. Philo benefited as well from some wayward bowling. Craig fell for a great Captains knock of 80 with the score now at 6/153 – still 30 runs short of the target.

Philo was enjoying his time at the crease and now had to see us through to the end. Sam Place joined him and pushed the score to 166 before he popped a catch to mid wicket. Tom Woodman joined Philo and batted very well and showed great composure as he helped Philo get us over the line. Philo called for a 2nd run (suicidal) where a direct hit or even the keeper taking the ball should have seen him run out by half the length of the pitch. Tom said to Philo "**I should have sent you back!**". But I suppose telling a club legend to go back was a little daunting for the youngster. Philo brought up his maiden 50 for the Banyule Cricket Club and the winning runs at the same time. He batted very well indeed and seemed to enjoy his time batting with the kids as well. Having secured the win and his 50 Philo reverted to his former number 11 status and wound up and had a mighty heave at the next ball and was bowled. The next couple of wickets fell shortly and we finished with 189 – a good hard fought win.

Craig really appreciated Matt & Micky helping out in the field on the 1st day and Goosy & Philo for the 2nd day. Philo had a great time with the 4ths and appreciated the way we play our cricket and keep winning despite the number of changes we have to our team each week. We in the 4ths really enjoyed having Philo play for us and he is welcome back anytime he likes.

We made it to the Xmas break on top of the ladder and still un-defeated but still to play the 2nd & 3rd sides which will see where we sit in regards to our finals campaign. So head down & bun up there is still plenty of work to do.

"The Occasional"