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Around the Grounds

The elements again dominated Vets cricket, as wind was replaced by the sun. There was hardly a match report without the word 'beer' included, that was submitted to me. At our game it seemed to get hotter as the day went on, so batting second was probably an advantage. Hopefully Round 3 will be a little cooler.

Our match reports are light on this week, due to the number of reports submitted. Some clubs are ongoing culprits, so please make an effort to make sure someone from your team lets me know, just briefly, some feedback from your game.

Cheers

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Ivan Lyons (Croydon Ranges) thinking of Monday morning's bricklaying ???

Masters 1

Warranwood v Sth Warrandyte

Sth Warrandyte were up against Warranwood, with Warranwood winning the toss and choosing to bat on a hot 32 degree day – it felt like 45 (maybe we're just getting old).

Brad Court and Baz Williams took early wickets before Tony Smith (39) and David Vaughan (26) steadied the ship a little. At 6/52 it was going to be tough to post a decent score. Ross Arblaster (29) came in and pushed the score to 7/107. At the end it was all out for 122 off a disappointing 28 overs for the Sharks. This being on a small ground it was going to be hard to defend. Baz Williams was the pick of the bowlers taking 4/14.

Sth came out with confidence chasing a small total, but were in trouble early losing their first wicket at 7. Tony Smith was tight, going for only 9 off 4 taking one wicket. Although 5 wickets fell (Don Rixon went cheap again!), Martin .Smith (38) and Paul Campbell (29) helped Sth cruise to an easy victory off only 21 overs, leaving plenty of time for beers.

Lilydale v Nth Ringwood

In very hot conditions, Lilydale was happy to bat, as they continue to struggle for numbers! Fortunately they amassed 8/191, and they pretty happy with that. Ronnie Fotia 40, Brett "Mullet" Fisher filling in got 35 not out and the Dales were happy to welcome back Tommy Schumann 32. Kevin Reyment 2/21 was the best of the bowlers.

After the break North requiring 5 and a half per over started very solidly getting to 75 before losing first wicket .By the 20 over mark the Dales had North 3/78 and were looking like winners. So much so, that their captain made the stupid remark; "Two Words Boys.....Box Seat". Well poor Mr. Wintle had to eat his words! Put all things together, the heat, the bowling depth and old frail bodies, not to mention some fine batting from the North Ringwood middle order, saw them reach what some thought was a fairly safe score, with 6 over's to spare. Opener John Wright made 40, as did the consistent Brian

I'anson. Michael Bellizia finished with the famous 45. Simmo 2/18 a job well done but it looks like another long hot summer ahead for the Lilydale boys!

Ainslie Park v Croydon

On a fast Ainslie Park, Croydon batted first, and did what they do best- bat well. Opener John Hickey 42, was ably backed up by the 'laconic' Darren Croft (41) and 'stalwart', Bruce Stafford (40). Shane Cooney chipped in with 27 as Croydon made 6-214.'Cubes' was the best bowler with 1-20 off 6 overs.

In reply, Ainslie got off to a 'shocker' losing 3 of their guns for less than 10 runs. Ian Cubitt and David Wright batted well in the middle for 40s, but the chase lacked more batting support. Ainslie were dismissed for 174.

Wonga Park defeated Sth Croydon

Masters 2

Wonga 3 v East Ringwood

Wonga batted first and saw Rick Thomas and Andrew Morris put on nearly 50 for the 2nd wicket. Gary Woods then got his customary 40 and with Andrew making 29, Wonga looked solid at 4/101. Some slow going in the middle with some tight East Ringwood bowling, put Wonga behind the eight ball. However, the skipper (Deon Vos 23*) and Geoff Reyment (12*) finished the innings off, taking the score to 171. Perhaps not enough up the top, but something to bowl at.

East Ringwood started in a blaze of glory with Wright and McNamara (which could mean anyone of about 8 Easts players) getting their 40's and not losing their first wicket until 115. This proved to be their 'Nelson' as 3 wickets fell on the same score and Wonga were back in the game. Rohan Burke (2/28) and Geoff Reyment (1/15) were both responsible for the brakes being applied. After losing another wicket at 140, another Wright and Wayne Ferguson steadied the ship for the visitors to get home in the 31st over.

Templeton v Wonga

The Taipans were at home to Wonga-2. They batted first and soon lost a wicket. Shaun Exton and the Master (Steve) kept the score moving along briskly however, and Steve had to retire in the 11th over. When Greg Mathews and Paul Parker came on, the scoring slowed down dramatically, with the slower bowling. Shaun made 42 before Phil Dewar and Mike Elliott pushed the ball around with few boundaries. On 36, Phil top edged a pull into his face and had to retire. Denis George and Dave Adam found the boundary more frequently and the innings closed at 220 for 5 with Mick Elliott on 27 and Denis 21not out.

After the break Peter Clark and Paul Ginniff started out to get the runs in quick time, but at 37, Clark was out for 18. Wickets then fell regularly and Wonga were eight down for 66 in the 23rd over. Greg Mathews and Ian Coutts pushed the ball around and the former took a liking to Geoff Ofield's bowling with four 4's in an over. When he retired on 40, Wonga still needed 100 runs in five overs, and were 139 for 8 at the close. It was good to see all catches were taken in the outfield.

The best of the Taipans bowler's were – Steve [the Master] 2 for 8 off four, Skeeter Reed 2 for 16 off five, and Terry Brauns 2 for 20 off six.

Other winners were Boronia and Ranges.

Masters 3

Wonga 4 v Olinda 1

The Wonga boys drove to Olinda hoping it was 5 degrees cooler up at Olinda. The Olinda openers did not lose a wicket in the opening over's. Terry Gibbs on his return to cricket hitting a well placed 40 and Captain Taylor 24, as Wonga toiled in the heat. After 8 over's Paul GPS (alias Green cans) McMahon and Johnny Beck came on, while Olinda continued to accumulate.



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By the 18th over they were 0/79, at which time Terry Gibbs retired. 2 quick wickets then fell as Wonga held off Olinda getting a real big total as they finished on 5/162. /15 (6). Best of the bowlers was Bill Kennett 2/26 (5), and Matt Ellis 2/28 (6), and Enzo Gissara 0. The Olinda opening bowlers bowled a good line and length with Captain Taylor's twin, KB Brickley, in particular, hitting the spot and Wonga were suddenly 3 wickets for 4 runs after 4 over's. By now Wonga had Chris (Don't call be me Sascha but Sachin is OK) Dhar out there batting after rerouting his overseas flight via Olinda. Assisted by Matt Ellis, they were successfully refloating the Wonga Park ship which had run aground. Wonga was able to score a bit more freely when Olinda brought on some part timers to have a trundle, but at that point they needed 130 off 12 overs with only 4 wickets in hand. The tail batted out the over's out but not scoring heavily, especially when the Olinda keeper had a bowl. At the end of the 36th over's Wonga were 8/76 and EXtras was top scorer with 31.

Other winners were Kilsyth, Montrose and Bayswater Park

Legends - Ainslie Park V Croydon Ranges

Greg Graham goes looking for the ball



Before and after shot

Barry Westgarth tells Peter Burckhardt all about his 6



Legends

Warrandyte v Ranges

It was a bit of a mismatch at Warrandyte as, although turning up with 9 players, Croydon Ranges were mostly battle hardened Legends of RDCA Vets and the 10 man home team included 2 recruits back to the game after a combined 60 year absence.

Nevertheless, one of those recruits, John Ryan, defied the tight Ranges attack to eke out a score of 40 that flourished, the closer he got to the retirement score. Steve Pascoe contributed a subdued 40 and Greg Warren 28 at the top of the order. But, while the ground was super quick, it was the miserly Ranges bowlers who controlled the innings as David Keenan (1/20 off 6) and Ross Macaulay (1/17 off 6) clamped the lid on. They were superbly backed up by Bill Artis (1/22 off 6) and Ian Spencer (0/17 off 6) to restrict the 'Dytes to 3/156 cc.

Ranges reply began with a rattle of stumps in Max Summers 1st over but, thereafter, the Warrandyte bowlers were put to the sword.

Brett Haines (40), Bill Stafford (41), Ross Macaulay (38 ret) and David Keenan (21 ret) saw the score past the target without losing another wicket and when Alan Cornell's donkey drops accounted for the 2nd wicket with the score at 165, the contents of a well stocked fridge could be ignored no longer.

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Warranwood v Croydon

Both sides only had 9 players so it was agreed to supply 1 sub fielder during the innings and the boundary was reduced by 5 meters. Warranwood batted first and got off to a great start, courtesy of Kevin Lewis (40). Rob Ruffle came to the crease much earlier than he expected and took a little longer to reach his 40, but Warranwood could only manage to stay in for 25.3 overs and finished with 157.

Barry Jacquier was best of the Croydon bowlers with 2/2 off 3.3 overs, but bowled as 6th change. Kevin Pumpa 2/18 off 4. So it was an early and very welcome tea in the cool of the club house.

Croydon then batted where Legend's 'legend', Barry Jacquier managed to reach 40. He was supported by Gary Skelton with 23 and Daryl (honeymoon) Stephens 24 not out, but it was not enough, all out for 115. Stephen Moore bowled a double wicket maiden, showing his sons where they get their talent from, finishing 2/14 off 3 overs. Mark Whitaker's 2/9 off 4 overs was a reasonable effort given that he was tired from Saturday's game.

As usual the game was played in good spirits and always tough fielding with 10 players so the cold drinks after the game were more than welcome.

Croydon Ranges 3 v Ainslie Park

When 3 batsmen from one team retire, and only one batsman from the other, it's normally the former team that wins. This was not the case at Silcock Reserve. Ranges batted first and Ivan Lyons was in no mood for settling in, as he spanked boundaries off the first 2 deliveries of the game. Fortunately for Ainslie, their openers, 'Heddey' Ham and Luke Dullens tightened up things but not before both Ivan and Sean Dooley reached their 40s. Unfortunately for Ranges, of the remaining batsmen, only Glen Forbes could get going, continually smashing the ball passed the bowler to get a well made 40. Ranges finished at a competitive 6-165.

Ainslie's Chris Allan and Brendon Kane got things going, bringing up a 50 run opening partnership by the 11th over to set up a strong run chase. 'Peeping' Pete' Burckhardt (40) and Baz Westgarth (35) took the score to around 150 ensuring a win for Ainslie with about 4 overs to spare. Special mention again to Ranges Ivan Lyons who produced 6 superb overs of swing bowling, to finish with 0-17 off 6 in searing heat.

Nth Ringwood v Mt Evelyn

On a very hot day Mt Evelyn won the toss, but that was to be the last of their joy.

The game between these two sides always brings a few laughs and some good hearted sledging. Only 4 wickets fell for the day and 4 guys retired not out. Gary Paget won the toss and elected to bat and Mick Gavan hit a solid and quick 42. Bluey Dunn batted for 29 overs to retire on 34. Mick Grounds, Bill Knowles and Geoff Gray all picked up a wicket each and Bill Knowles lads held Mt Evelyn to 156.

Scotty and Cooky opened up for the Bulls and Scotty thumped a quick 40 and Cooky took a bit longer but also retired on 40. Peter Hawkey had Geoff Gray caught by Graeme Seymour and then 'father time' Jeff Luscombe 33no and Mick "Grinder" Grounds 29no saw the Bulls home after 30 overs to 161. Graeme Seymour bowled tightly to finish with 0/15 from his 6 overs. The mercy rule was then brought into play.

Over 60's

Ringwood travelled to Casey for their third game of the season. We lost in what was a much closer match than the 30 run difference indicated.

On a 'rubber backed', high bouncing synthetic wicket the lads had to play themselves in before feeling comfortable, hence the run rate was a bit slow at the start. However there were some pleasing figures to emerge.

Casey's total was 3/186 but our bowlers did a fair job with Gary Paget 1/13 off 6, Paul Robinson 1/34 off 7, Rod (the most inviting top spinner in the history of cricket) Cordwell 1/38 off 8 and Bob Burgess, back after injury, with a solid 0/12 off 5. Our chase fell short at 5/153 with Paul Robinson 31, Alan Duffus 40 and Rob Groat 34no.

As the Interstate Carnival begins in Launceston on Sunday the 15th Nov, our next match will be on the 29th at the home of

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the Ashes, Rupertswood at Sunbury. Looking for an historic win with that one.

And also from around the grounds

Poor Ranges player, Ivan Lyons. In searing heat ,Ivan batted for 18 overs to make a lovely 40. He then bowled 6 overs off a long run up medium pace ,before throwing himself at everything in the field. Not surprisingly he was a little disappointed that he had an early start Monday at work. Ivan is a bricklayer!

In a controlled 'smashing' display, Kevin Lewis reached 40 before the end of the 3rd over, deciding not to hang around in the heat any more than he needed. Is this the quickest opening 40 in Veterans?

With Croydon forfeiting Rd 1, we think their pre season training efforts, in the nets just prior to the game, may have been too much especially with the hot day to play. There was definitely a lot of huffing and puffing and that was before the game had started!!

Rob Milne fell for the 3 card trick. When hitting a ball down to fine leg and about to turn for the 2nd run, Rob heard the call of 'great throw' and slowed down before turning only to see a big Cheshire grin on the face of the Olinda captain and a not very happy look on his batting partners face. A lesson learnt.

Phil Dewar, injured as mentioned above, came back to the ground to advise he has a fractured cheekbone and sporting a very large egg under his left eye. All the best Phil.

Johnny McNamara celebrated turning 50 during the week by picking up 2/23 from his six overs.

Jules Cosmi tried to wrap things up early for Easts, taking 20 off 4 balls before holing out for 26 from 8 balls faced.

One highlight for Olinda was the fielding of Dave McIntyre playing only his second game in over 20 years. He threw himself at everything, at one point diving to collect the ball at backward square sliding on the turf and missing it by a long way. His theatrics were enough to distract the batsmen who went through for the single not noticing Kevin Brickley pouncing on the ball from fine leg pinging in a quick return to have Dean Lindsey (3) well short of the crease.

In round one, Daniel Ellis for Wonga had his first ever delivery in Vets dropped. It's now two games in a row.....

..And just a reminder as to who your contacts are....

Vets committee 2009/10

The structure of the Vets committee is done in a way, whereby specific roles are assigned to committee members. The following people should be contacted on issues listed if you have a query:

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