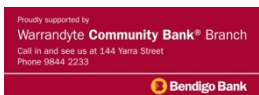




WONGA PARK CRICKET CLUB

MATCH REPORTS – ROUND 13 Season 2020/21





Stats by Smeads

WPCC Debut

Alyse Dines has become player # 1301 and the 3rd member of the Dines family when she played with the 8th XI this week. Alyse showed up the rest of the family with 1/4 off her only over as the 8ths strolled to another strong victory.

Laurie Flynn Memorial Trophy

Laurie Flynn was a member of the Wonga Park Cricket Club until he moved to North Ringwood when he was brought to the Parkwood Cricket Club by Andrew Tonkin.

Laurie whilst not a stylish player was determined and prepared to put himself on the line when opening the batting for the 1st XI. Having played most of the 1995/96 season in the 1st XI he was made 12th man for the semi-final against Ferntree Gully. There was no moaning from Laurie, he just turned up with his whites to help the team any way he could.

It was after the 1995/96 season that Laurie became ill and after treatment he was well enough to play in the 5th XI after Christmas the following season. It was during this time that Laurie made his only 2 centuries - 107 vs Croydon North and 106no vs Kilsyth.

Laurie always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell, the last time he visited Parkwood for a beer was late in November 1997, just a couple of weeks before his premature death.

In recognition of his involvement with both the Wonga Park and Parkwood Cricket Clubs, the Laurie Flynn Memorial Trophy has been provided by both clubs to be held by the winner of the Parkwood (now Warranwood) versus Wonga Park 1st XI games. (penned by John Jacob of Parkwood CC and taken from the 1997/98 RDCA Annual Report)

1ST XI V WARRANWOOD

On Saturday the 1st XI were back at the home of cricket up against Warranwood.

With both teams playing for finals positions it was set up as a massive game for the 2 sides.

Wiggers won the toss and we elected to put the runs on the board and bat first.

Snags and Ben got us off to a decent start seeing off the new ball with the first wicket falling and 1/28. After hinting at how good his form is while waiting to bat Ben Osborne was quickly removed after spooning a hip high full toss to short mid-wicket. Not much was achieved after that to be honest.

What was to follow was one of the greatest tail end batting performances in recent wonga park 1st XI history.

Sam Mathews strolled to the crease with wiggers at the other end hope of a big score seemed a very tall order. Sam took some time to get his eye in and then decided it was time to make mince meat of the Warranwood bowling attack.

Sam along with handy contributions from Ben white, Rick left and Josh white got us to 8-162 with 2 overs to go. A mishap from Warranwood meant that a part time bowler had to bowl the second last over. Sam proceeded to hit 4 sixes in the over taking the score to 8/188.

The last over of the innings had the score at 8/199 with 1 ball to spare. Sam smacked it into the bike jumps, puffed his chest out and walked off the ground with 85 not out off just 49 balls.

With the ball, a couple of key early wickets put us ahead in the game having them 2/2 and from there we were able to restrict them pretty well despite a couple of good partnerships. The wickets being spread out between the Whites, Wiggers, Mick and a few run outs. Eventually getting them all out for 157. A good win.

Hanky

Bowens
THE BUILDERS' CHOICE

WIN

WPCC 8/205



Opposition 157

2ND XI V CROYDON NORTH

The 2s travelled down to North Croydon and had a shocker of a day despite the opportunity to wrap up top spot.

Unfortunately our top 3 batsmen all hit catches to fielders and made 3 between them. Liam Court and Xav provided some stability and some lower order hitting form Tmac and Patto took us from 9/71 to 112, a somewhat respectable total.

Patto 22*

Tmac 16

With the bowl we were also not at our best with skipper Tmac the standout with 3 in an over, however we couldn't bowl consistently enough and bowled to many extras.

Tmac 3/27

Scrappy 1/11

Fortunately Mt Eve also lost so top spot is secured, however we will look to bounce back strong next week.



Loss

WPCC 112



Opposition 7/114

3RD XI V EAST RINGWOOD

This week the 3s had their final home game against East Ringwood.

With a win guaranteeing a place in the finals, the 3s lost the toss and were sent out to bat, with usuals Whitey and Fuzz opening. Remarkably, and much to the shock of his teammates, Whitey left his first ball and was bowled middle and off peg, with a ball I can only assume hit a crack or hooped in a mile. Not to worry, Whiteys programming will be updated and patched throughout the week and a new 2.0 model will be ready for the final game of the season.

Having been given what I can only assume, and hope, is a final opportunity to bat up the order, Tyler Parker joined Fuzz at the crease at number 3, with the two putting on 20, with what appeared to be the start of a promising partnership. However, as with all things in life, it came to an end, with both of them snicking off cheaply for good looking scores of 10. Jake Guerin came to the crease and watched in horror from the non-strikers end as the score went from 1-21 to 8-62 in a matter of overs, with a golden duck from Liam Rollo only adding to his fine form in the 3s. Mini slapped a few around after drinks at got himself to 62*, with a knock that some have rightfully compared to Steve Smith's Ashes winning 211 at Old Trafford, despite the major differences in ground size, bowling attack and just about every other aspect of cricket.

With a score of only 117 on the board, the 3s had to take early wickets and restrict East Ringwood's runs. They didn't. East to 0/40 odd after 4, and an over off 22 from Mini just about sealed the loss, while simultaneously undoing all his hard work with the bat. Although everyone knows runs are better in a losing team. The highlight of the bowling innings was Tyler Parker who bowled lovely areas and picking up 3 cheapies late, finding some much required form heading into the final game and potential finals. East chased the score down in 17.4 overs, and with a 4 o'clock finish, everyone was in pretty good spirits. However, it's do or die next week for the 3s, with a playoff with Croydon Rangers determining who plays finals, and with that, I'd like to take this time to send a quick message, nay, a plea, to ex 3s player now 2s superstar Nick Burke. Nick, I know you're averaging above 90 in the 2s and are without a doubt way too good to play B grade cricket, but please come home.

I'm sure there is a young leggie from ranges just begging to be bombed over square leg at Melba College's 25m boundaries onto the other side of Croydon Road, and with the 2s top spot secured, I think it's time you come back to your old pals in the 3s for some end of season fun, while subsequently carrying us to a win as you have done all year. Thanks.



LOSS

WPCC 117



Opposition 5/126

4TH XI V TEMPLETON

J Lovell 2/13

J Kimpton 1/27

M Semken 36*

G Ford 29

chirnside park
auto care

LOSS

WPCC 195



Opposition 5/259

5TH XI V SEVILLE

C Wyatt 33

A Boxshall 25

A Crowe 1/9

Loss

WPCC 9/133 

Opposition 4/139

6TH XI V MONTROSE

We returned to “The New Fortress” at Serpells for the first time in three months to take on 2nd-placed Montrose. A must-win game for us, currently sitting 4th on the ladder. Montrose won the toss and we found ourselves fielding first. We had a brief tactical discussion, I don’t recall the details – the usual stuff about runs and wickets? - I was more concerned about finding some shade. Muzza and Disco took the new ball and bowled a tight set in very hot conditions. Disco snagged a nice caught-and-bowled to dismiss one opener just as he was starting to look dangerous. Then the Osborn family proceeded to put on a bowling clinic. Lily was denied three consecutive lbw shouts. Sadly, no DRS available, but it wasn’t required when Damo rattled the Montrose skipper’s stumps. We had them 2/46 shortly before the drinks break. Montrose attempted to lift their run-rate as Mike and Jason took up the attack. Mike snagged a couple of ~~s~~wickets, one a fine outfield catch by GFB. Jason unlucky as a couple of mis-hits landed safely. Montrose 4/89. Muzza returned for a second spell and clean-bowled their top-scorer at 5/108. Stoney rounded out our bowling with a marathon spell at the end of the innings, Disco also returning to take his second wicket at 6/145. Montrose closed at 6/159. A good bowling and fielding performance given the old Tony Greig “player comfort meter” would have been off the scale. Top score for Montrose: 27 (extras!)

Now the important part – arvo tea. Most of us rehydrated and topped up on anti-inflammatories. Mike opted for his customary Coles sandwiches. Not sure about Disco – probably some Continental delicacies? Some tactics were discussed, something about hitting the ball along the ground? (Sorry, skipper, I was just soaking up the shade again).

Nicko’s recent hot form with the bat and youthful enthusiasm saw him promoted to opening with Adam (let the young blokes face the heat!) They made a slow but steady start against a very good opening bowling pair before Adam fell with score on 20. Mike joined Nicko at the crease and was welcomed by a head-high bouncer from the young opening bowler. Together, Mike and Nick put on a quick-fire 50-plus partnership. Mike was dismissed with score on 94 and Damo joined Nick in the middle. They put the sword to the Montrose bowlers and Nicko looked certain to reach retirement. Obviously unaware of his score, he (deliberately?) holed out just to get out of the heat at 3/94. Tim was studying the stats on MyCricket while waiting to join Damo in the middle. The pair proceeded to smack the ball to all corners of Serpells. Tim, clearly aware of Damo’s challenge in the batting aggregate, attempted to run Damo out, but somehow Damo managed to recover his crease. Tim must have some mates in Montrose, as their bowler hotly disputed the failed runout, despite being more than a pitch-length away from the action. Sorry fellas, no DRS. Not to be denied, Tim successfully burned Damo on his next attempt with the score on 140. With the target now in sight, Disco joined Tim and they guided us home to victory in the 33rd over (4/161).

Highlights: Bowling - Mike 2/17, Disco 2/23. Batting – Nick 43, Damo 41, Tim 33*. We remain undefeated at Serpells.

Lowlights: very undisciplined batting – the captain’s instructions were to “hit the ball along the ground”, yet Damo hit at least 4 sixes, Tim and Nick also guilty of clearing the fence. Laps at training for you guys! Once again, the top order hogged the batting crease and didn’t give us tail-enders a chance. Scotty cracked it and left early – something about a Celine Dion concert I think?

With our finals aspirations alive, a win away next week against Warranwood will see us hold fourth spot, with an outside chance of sneaking into third if other results fall our way.



WIN

WPCC 4/161



Opposition 6/159

7TH XI V CHIRNSIDE PARK

D Annells 1/15

G Harwood 1/15

P Doevelaar 1/15

W Hartley 47

P Doevelaar 38



LOSS

WPCC 160



Opposition 5/175

8TH XI V SOUTH CROYDON

This was the last H&A game for the 8ths with a bye next week. We went into the game with a full squad plus a new recruit who made some big statements during the week about her bowling.

Facing Sth Croydon we turned up to Bryce Avenue to humid conditions with some light rain around in the high heat. Sth Croydon had 4 players pull out of the team and they were scrambling to get players. We agreed they could bat first.

We opened up with Bailey and Zac with Bailey taking a wicket in the first over. At 1/11 at the change of ends the Glassborows came on and dried up the runs with only 2 runs of the next 4 overs. Joel in those 4 overs took 2/0 bowling off 4 steps to protect his knee. In the 12th over the new recruit playing her first senior game Alyse Dines came onto bowl. Incredible over with the first 2 balls being wides but then hit her length and claimed her first wicket when the batsman hit the ball in the air to Joel. Very happy celebrations with her first wicket in her first game. St Croydon then shut up shop and we bowled all our overs out with Sth Croydon finishing on 7/78 off 36.

Joel 2/0 off 2

Bailey 1/6 off 6

Zac 1/9 off 5

Alyse 1/4 off 1

Hoodie 1/6 off 3

Opening the batting for the first time the Glassborows got off to a flyer with 50 runs off the first 6 overs. Joel retired on 50 from 30 balls in the 9th over with the score 0/68.

Mark and Darcy finished off the run chase with Mark finishing on 20 and Darcy on 1.

We have had a great year so far being undefeated and look forward to the first final in 2 weeks time.



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WIN

WPCC 0/82



OPPOSITION 7/78