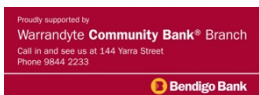




WONGA PARK CRICKET CLUB

MATCH REPORTS – ROUND 14 Season 2020/21





Stats by Smeads

Century No 2

Ben Mathews became our 2nd centurion for the year with his fantastic 129 for the 1st XI on Saturday. This is Ben's 2nd century and his highest score beating his previous score of 117*.

The Bomb Squad

After occupying positions at the bottom of the order for the 4ths all of the year the Bomb Squad - Zach Walton and Matt Phillips - were promoted for the last innings to 4 and 6 respectively. They responded like all good batsmen with an unbeaten partnership of 70. Zach scored his first ever 50 and Matt his highest Senior score of 47* to set an imposing target for Croydon Ranges.

Pigeon Pair

Mark Glassborow and Murray Keen opened the bowling for the 6th Xi in their game against Warranwood. At the end of the Warranwood innings both finished with the figures of 7 overs, 1 maiden, 1 for 31 with 2 wides each.

1ST XI V CROYDON RANGES

No report received.

Essentially it was the Ben Mathews show with support from Jake Wigney

B Mathews 129

J Wigney 65

Dyl Daniel was the pick of the bowlers with the rest of the wickets shared

D Daniel 4/23

B White 2/19

Bowens
THE BUILDERS' CHOICE

WIN

WPCC 7/267 

Opposition 135

2ND XI V CROYDON RANGES

With top spot secured, the 2nd XI made the trip up Brushy Park Rd to the idyllic surrounds of Griff Hunt reserve for the last game of the season. With the cones put out, and the 3m X 3m marquee set up, everyone was ready to play. The Croydon Rangers skipper won the toss & with a slight north-westerly breeze he decided to kick off towards the Exeter Road end.

Anyway, we were batting and unfortunately lost our pinch hitter (Bill Hartley) early, he looked displeased with the decision, despite the fact the edge was heard by the all the past players on the hill down at wonga (approx. 5km away), he bloody smashed it. Run machine N Burke uncharacteristically fell early for 9 and we found ourselves in a precarious position at 2-22. Jacko Ford then joined DK at the crease, and they put on a solid 70 run partnership, DK pushing the singles, and Jacko smashing some diddly-donk bowling over the ropes. Jacko out for a well-made 54 with the score at 3-93 after 23.

Dyl Mathews was next in and with DK they upped the tempo and put on 85 for the 4th wicket before DK, who anchored the innings very well (batted slow) fell for 38. Trigger happy Nick Johnson channelled his inner Lothar Pilz as he decided to give Dyl ran out for 60, despite the fact he was almost through the Griff Hunt rugby goals, he was in that comfortably, anyway, he is not bitter about it and he isn't stewing over that decision while he writes this report. Not at all. A late collapse in the search for quick runs saw the score go from 4-191 to 9-202, and eventually we ended on 211.

D Mathews 60

J Ford 54

D Keane 38

A positive start from rangers saw them 1/51 after 11 and right in this run chase, perhaps we were a little flat in the field, we needed someone to turn the screws & tmac went to that man again, Mr Ian Spencer himself, Scrapy Williamson. Scrap took wickets 2,3, & 4 in another swing bowling masterclass, that spell was followed by some economical bowling from Bill which saw rangers stop trying to win the game and simply bat out the 40 overs. It was grim to be honest, a slow drag out for the last 20 overs of the innings saw rangers finish on 6-145. Nonetheless, it was a good win.

A little sub-plot in the game was the head-to-head battle for the comp bowling average between Johnno & Scrap, who have both taken the pee one double five with the ball this season. Johnno unfortunately bowled 8 overs of bulk wides and couldn't muster a wicket, so congrats to scrap on winning the award. Commiserations Johnno.

Rangers 6/145

M Williamson 3/31 (off 8)

D Mathews 1/24 (off 8)

B Hartley 0/17 (off 8)

A great season for the second XI finishing top of the league with a 11-2 record. The great Michael Jordan once said, 'talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.' We have Dan Keane in the team & he is known by his teammates as brains due to his high IQ, so I think it bodes well for us going into finals.

Mt Evelyn awaits in the semi next week at the 2nd XI's traditional home ground, Warrandyte Reserve (Oval 1).



WIN

WPCC 9/211



Opposition 6/145

3RD XI V CROYDON RANGES

This week the 3s played their final game of the season against Croydon Rangers and Melba College. After the collapse last game, the 3s boldly chose to bat first. Fuzz and Whiteys clear difference in running techniques came to the forefront when Fuzz was run out for 2, and shortly after, Whitey was bowled for not many. Clearly last week's system update did not work, and so further patches will be done over the winter to ensure a new and upgraded Alpha Whitey next year (in fairness did make over 400 runs this year). This calamity of events brought Jake Guerin to the crease, as he was presumably possessed by the spirit of Glenn Maxwell and left his first ball on the stumps, resulting in leg stump going cartwheeling. Probably time to fix that yuck batting technique champ, you're not Marnus, and, besides the fact you're almost 20 and still play 3rds, you never will be (His own words).

Former twos players' Rollo and Xav occupied the crease for few overs, before Rollo embraced his inner pyromaniac and absolutely SCORCHED Xav, ignoring the waiting call on a ball hit to mid-wicket by Xav and just took off and kept running, resulting in poor Professor X being stranded feet out of his crease with his pants metaphorically down. I'm unsure as to the motivation for this call, but I can only assume this act was an attempt to ensure his spot as 12th man in the upcoming 2s final. Either way, I respect the it. However, just to ensure the first mistake was not just a fluke, Rollo proceeded to burn himself in similar fashion a few overs later, seemingly confirming he is just in fact a poor runner. Tyler Parker had his pad blown off for one last time for good measure, and Pete and Schlutes (bash brothers) did what they could together, putting on 30 odd with batting that put the higher order to shame. An innings high score (sad) of 17 from Ethan Lovell saw the 3s finish their batting innings at 114, a, to be realistic, undefendable score on a ground with 20m boundaries. The final bowling fittingly began with short rubbish being hit to the boundary, as if there was a score of 350 on the board to defend. Jake Guerin was handed the ball to make amends for his batting woes, and make amends he did not. 3 switch hits down to third man later, Guerin was dragged, and as he walked off the ground he took with him the 3s final chance at finals. Dan Schluter and Ethan Lovell took 2 each, the pick of the bunch in a batting innings that slowly loitered around for far too long, with Rangers chasing the mammoth total down with 6 wickets to spare. As the 3s season came to an end, I take this moment to thank everyone for a fantastic season! I hope everyone has enjoyed the weekly reports, with the seasons completion, I can now safely reveal that I, Bradely J Condict, have been the author of these reports, and for that, you are welcome. Good luck to the remaining teams in the finals runs, and see everyone (not you dan) next year.



Loss

WPCC 114



Opposition 4/115

4TH XI V CROYDON RANGES

Z Walton 50*

M Phillips 47*

J Kimpton 3/13

R Glide 2/24

chirnside park
auto care

WIN

WPCC 4/230



Opposition 166

5TH XI V KILSYTH

A Crowe 45
W Ashby 34

S Johnson 3/32
A Crowe 2/12

6TH XI V WARRANWOOD

Wonga 6ths ventured to Quambee Reserve West to play against Warranwood, with the winner to make the finals.

Wonga's Innings: I won the toss and decided to bat, we set ourselves a target of 180 as a winnable score. Warranwood's opening bowling combo (a surprise "in" from their 3rds) and 6'5" with a bit of bounce, provided a nice challenge for our top order. Our opening pair of Adam and Nick both got decent starts, but we then lost 3 quick wickets to be 3/35 before Damo, Tim and Glassy steadied the ship. Damo had another great innings with 52 not out and was the standout batsman. The last few overs of our innings were hectic, with Scotty thinking he could sprint like Usain Bolt and running himself out, Stoney and I running way too many 2s which would later have a significant repercussion on the 2nd innings. We ended up with 7/162 off our 36 overs.

Prior to Warranwood's innings, we welcomed Glassy our latest "M1s" debutante, our team veteran Tim conducted the obligatory ceremony including presentation of compression bandages, 100 energy drink and Milwaukee stubbie holder. Warranwood's Innings: Warranwood sprung another surprise as their M1 grade runs-leader did not open the batting for the first time this season. This proved to be beneficial for Wonga with Muz and Glassy bowling very tight, managing to keep the opposition to under 10 runs for the first 6 overs. First change of bowlers was Damo and Stoney, but unfortunately Stoney pulled a calf muscle in his first over, which meant we were 1 bowler short. On the positive side, Stoney was able to make it on time for his 'date night' at the theatre. With the opposition 1/72 just after drinks, things were not looking good, but then Damo snared a wicket and we got a run-out, they were now 3/116 and we were still a chance. A dubious umpiring decision had us denied an LBW shout that hit toe, and a decent nick from the batsman that was heard back at Wonga bottom oval. We fought it out bravely to take the match into the 2nd last over. In the end, we needed a few more runs to defend, and Warranwood's 5/169 overcame Wonga's bunch of blokes fatigued from chasing leather on a big ground. Well played by the team during the 2020/2021 season. It has been great playing, training, and having a an after-match beverage with you all.

A special mention to recruit Lily Osborn for her effort during the season as a very talented bowler and fielder - I hope you enjoyed the season. Cheers!

D Osborn 52*
M Glassborow 19

D Osborn 2/29
M Glassborow 1/31
M Keen 1/31



LOSS

WPCC 7/162 

Opposition 5/169

7TH XI V WANTIRNA

A win and we make finals - a loss and we could miss out entirely ... It was like a Choose your own adventure book from the late 80's, early 90's - how was this season to end? Doves won the toss and surprise, surprise, we bowled first. Willo and Tyson opened up and with some tight bowling from both ends, Wantirna were restricted like a pair of Warrick Capper shorts and something had to give ... And what gave was a wicket for Tyson - his first senior wicket - well deserved buddy!

Wantirna had picked up a bargain at the IPL Auction a man named Singh, also known as the Sewing machine, who hit a well made 50 not out - this was the only resistance and all bowlers chimed in with a few wickets. The pick of the bowlers was Lachlan "Inflict Pain" McBain, who finished with 3/8 off his 6 overs. Dan "Bangers and Mash" Annells bowled beautifully in a Zen like state, surely after a morning of raking sand in his Zen garden, this Zen like state was almost broken when Willo dropped the easiest of catches, think of the easiest catch and this one was ten times easier than that. Thankfully a few balls later Bangers got the wicket through a catch from WK Wayne. 9/140 off their 36 overs - a very gettable score.

Daz made a blistering start and when he fell for 45, the score was 1/52 ... Doves had an O/T shift and made a quick 10 before being dismissed, Pittsy came and went without troubling the scorers and 2/70 became 3/70, Willo escaped the hat trick ball and made a quick 9 before edging one into his helmet, a quick concussion check and Willo attempted to launch the ball into the atmosphere resulting in the bails launching off the stumps ... On the bright side - perhaps it erased the memory of the woeful dropped catch - 4/80, Jordyn stayed with Lachlan for a while before going out and we were 5/94. Lachlan continued to turn the pages of the book with the assistance of Wayne and we cruised to 5/144 ... The final page had Lachlan hitting a huuuge 6 straight down the ground to take him to 50 not out and a win for the 7th XI ... Stay tuned for the next chapter in "The Tales of The 7th XI."

L McBain 50
D Hawley 45

L McBain 3/8
D Annells 1/10



WIN

WPCC 5/144 

Opposition 9/140

8TH XI V BYE



LILYDALE
INSTANT LAWN

Warrandyte
Community Bank[®] Branch



WIN

