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The Newsletter of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club

The Phantom Speaks

Hello all,

My apologies for the lack of publication over the past couple of weeks, especially at the business end of the season. I was in Geelong all of last week for a conference, and now I know why it's known as *Sleepy hollow*. 'Last drinks' called at the pub at 9 o'clock on a Tuesday?!? Admittedly that had been pushed out to 3am by Thursday and it was probably a good thing I was safely on a plane back home by Friday.

Following Edition 11's 3rd Grade theme it looks like this Edition is a 4th Grade special...no other match reports received to date.

Can anyone who may be in line for finals action please let Tex know your availability for the coming weeks via the selections email address (see below).

Don't forget the Ladies Travelling Picnic on the 16th of Feb (details on the next page).

If anyone is willing or able to send a report on the PM's XI it would be most welcome.

Good luck to all on the weekend.

Cheers,

The Phantom

Inaugural Caption Competition

Entries have included:

Pick who the electrolysis didn't work on.

I didn't realise this event was formal wear.

New Japanese cartoon launch - Pablotron the enforcer.

Colmenares offers moustache rides

And after much careful consideration (ok, it was about 1.5 seconds worth) the Winner is...Texas Holdom for the Pablotron effort...congratulations Mick.



Mick gets to take home his choice of the following unlicensed, unofficial memorabilia:

- A signed photo of Rabbsies backside (far left)
- A signed photo of Ian Stanley sprinting after one from 1st slip

* neither photo actually signed yet, but in worst case I'll sign it myself

Selections - Player Availability for Upcoming Finals action

Could 1sts, 3rds and those 4ths players who have played a few games in 3rd Grade please advise selectors of your availability for the finals by email on selections@wodenwandererscc.com

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IT'S BACK!!

Ladies Travelling Picnic

16 February 2008

The Woden Wanderers 3rd Annual Ladies Travelling Picnic

A day full of fun, watching your partner play cricket, having a few champers and great food
and being chauffer driven in the cheapest bus we could find in Canberra

Order of the Day

Pick up from West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club at 12:15pm.

Rivett Oval at 12:30pm

1sts play Lanka Lions

Chicken platter, salad, wine and champagne

Garran at 1:45pm

3rds play Baaaaaarton

Champagne and wine

Kambah at 3:00pm

4ths play Panthers

Pastries are served and more wine and champagne

Gordon at 4:00pm

6ths play AKS Jets

Cheese platter and even more wine and champagne

Drop off at West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club at end of 6ths game

\$20/head provides mini bus hire, 3 course picnic and
wine/champagne/soft drinks.

Only 11 seats available - so book quickly!

RSVP: by Wednesday 13 February to caitlin@jaseandcaitlin.com

Please advise of any dietary requirements and organise to make payment prior to the day to
secure your seat.

Queries to Caitlin Hammick by email or on 0412 737 851

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Match Reports

Round 13 – 4th Grade

WWCC vs Workers @ Deakin 2

What looked like an absolute scorcher of a day started badly when Capt Fantastic (Troy White) lost the toss and we were sent into the field.

The Fred-a-nator was in fine form bowling to 5 slips and 2 gullies, as per usual. Dubyah, Adam and Fred covering everything in front of square. The Will-a-nator was also very tight at the other end to keep the batsmen very quiet, with only 22 runs coming off the first 10 overs and Fred bowling a ball capable of hitting the stumps. Strange... that was no-where near the batsmans head....

Bates-a-nator came on next and bowled very well to clean up the other opener, and was a bit unlucky to only bowl 4 overs with Capt Fantastic dragging him on 2/13.

The Scourge took up the challenge from the other end and also bowled very tight. Runs were hard to come by and wickets kept falling regularly.

Unfortunately, the Eunuch (Callum Hughes) was to begin his day from hell when he put down a rather simple catch at the end of one over, and then dropped a complete dolly first ball of the next over. Luckily Capt Fantastic took (and I quote) "an absolute screamer at first slip".

The Adam-a-nator, even though he bowled a few full tosses that were dispatched to the boundary, bowled well to end up on 2 for thirty *scribble*. Could be 32... great scoring effort by Workers....

The Eunuch put down a sharp catch to keep kitty smiling before bowling without luck for 4 overs 0/10.

Adam, Will (2/35) and the Scourge (1/30) finished off the tale with catches to Fred, Betsy and Dalts. Workers all out for 139 in the 41st over.

Wouldn't you know it, the scorching sun gave way to a cloudy cool day for Workers to field in d'oh!!

After a cracker of a day in the field, The Eunuch who was also on a head shave, opened the batting with Batesy. Surely The Eunuch was due for something inspiring. And he didn't disappoint, however, it wasn't the Wanderers he was inspiring. The Eunuch pulling out the old yes/no call on Batesy to leave him stranded in the middle of the pitch with the Keeper knocking the bails off. 1 for 1 off 2 overs.

Dalts hesitantly joined Cal at the crease, but soon the boys were dispatching the very ordinary bowling to the boundary. Cal was a man possessed cracking 44 of 32 balls including six fours and a six. He was caught out with the score on 2/64.

Dubyah lasted 4 balls, scoring 4 runs with a customary cross bat slog before being fired by Capt Fantastic caught behind (Ok, so it was definitely out...). Adam joined Dalts and proceeded to dot it up, however Dalts was knocked over with no addition to the score, 4/68.

Adam continued to dot it up and scored a run on his 18th ball faced. Betsy took 2 balls to get off the mark, and kept the score ticking over. A handy 36 run partnership ensued, before Betsy was bowled for 25. 5/104.

The Fred-a-nator who will never die wondering, took up with the bat the same kind of aggression he gives the ball, and smacked the ball around and pushed Adam into running hard, as the ball was holding up in a slow outfield. Fred quickly knocked up 15, before Adam was caught out for 14, very disappointed not to get red ink.

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Herschelle joined Fred in the middle for lots of quick runs off Freds bat, but unfortunately Hersch dotted it up before spooning a simple catch and leaving for a quacker. 7/132

So it was up to Capt Fantastic to come in and save the day, score 2 of the remaining 8 runs and get us over the line. What a guy.... Troy n.o. on 2, Fred n.o. 25.

Now... did I include everything Troy wanted... Hughes dropped catch, Hughes dropped dolly, White takes screamer at slip, Hughes drops another catch, Workers all out 139, Hughes burns Batesy, White gets us over the line with the bat. Yup... that's everything.

So the mighty mighty 4th Graders made it look a lot harder than it should have been, but managed to come up with the win.

Man of the Match was The Fred-a-nator with 3/19, 25 n.o. and a catch.

Cheers, beers and "Go you Good Things!"

Dubyah!

Round 16 – 4th Grade

WWCC vs Gungahlin @ Nicholls

On a bright late summers morning 4th grade travelled north to Nicholls to take on the top of the table Gungahlin, on a ground that was no bigger than a backyard. After a demoralising loss last week to Academics, where we dropped at least 10 catches and losing Fred 'The Juggernaut' Nortje, Ben 'Dalts' Dalton & Clint Fritz (all promoted to 3rd grade), David 'Beesty' Betts, Sundar & Chris Harpley (unavailable), several openings were made available to guys to showcase their claims for positions next season.

Promoted from 6th grade were Jonathon 'JT' Turkich, Kerry 'Dubya' Wilson, Callum 'Cal' Hughes & Jeremy Friend. Also welcomed back from breaks were Andrew Allen, Dominik 'Dom' Oosterloo and Brentan 'The Scurge' Skurowski.

The game started well with me winning the toss and promptly electing to bat. I sent Cal, fresh from running his opening partner out 2 weeks in a row out with JT. They batted well and ran quite well between the wickets stealing a few quick singles, before JT was out on 8, getting a tickle on one through to the keeper leaving us 1/20 off 5. Out came Brendon 'Batesy' Bates batting at 3, and these 2 put on what looked to be a very solid start to their partnership, until the leggie came on and Cal tried to plant one in the car park across the road and was bowled for a good 25, leaving us 2/45 off 12.

Out came the captain determined not to get a 2nd duck in a row, and I promptly got off the mark. Batesy and I put on another 19 runs before he got a rank full toss from the leggie and smashed it straight to mid off, out for 19. Without any addition to the score, the very next over the captain was fired LBW for 9 putting us at 4/64, bringing two new batsmen to the crease Andrew & Dubya. Kerry looked good hitting his first and only scoring shot to the boundary before a freaky full stretch catch in the deep saw him also succumb to the spinner's web of mystery out for 4. This left the team in a bit of trouble at 5/64 after 20.

Jeremy strode out to the crease and was promptly sent back, bowled for a duck. Now I'm not 100% sure but I think this might be his 5th duck for the season, no idea what the record is? Perhaps the archives need to be checked.

That dismissal left us reeling at 6/68 after 21 and it looked like the usual 4th grade collapse had set in. Out went Dom to face the music and he and Andrew saw it out until drinks, where we were 6/85.

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Then things started to turn around, Dom and Andrew got on top of the bowling playing some good shots and taking a lot of runs without risk. The partnership lasted until the 32nd over when Dom also decided to hit a rank full toss from the leg spinner to cover and he was out for 20, but he had helped turn the momentum of the game along with Andrew in our favour, we were 7/106.

Out came the Scurge, full of chat confidence he took the usual leg stump guard then proceeded to stand at square leg. With more good running between the wickets and 2 consecutive 6's from the Scurge they took the score along to 8/146 before Andrew was finally clean bowled for a hard fought 25, which held the lower order together.

The herminator came out to the wicket and within balls deposited their opening bowler over the cover boundary for 6. Unfortunately at the other end the Scurge final hulled out playing 1 too many big shots, getting out to the opposition's wicket keeper come off spinner, with the first ball he bowled for a very entertaining 31.

The fall of the Scurge left us at 9/154 and in a position we could have a target to bowl at, Will Long came out to bat with the herminator and they knocked the ball around for a while before Will was run out for 5, leaving the herminator not out 9. Our innings had come to a close with a total of 167 from 43.1 overs, not our best batting effort but a mighty job by the last 5 guys to show some guts and put on 99 runs for the final 4 wickets.

Before we went out to bowl, I thought I'd give the boys a pep talk to lift the spirits. I reminded them about pride in themselves and the club, also that we were playing top of the table and how great it would be to knock them off. But most importantly I reminded them if all the teams win it's another keg to add to the list, so with that in mind it was time to bowl.

Without hesitation I gave the new ball to the herminator in search of early wickets. Hermy bowled a really tight opening 4 over spell and had their openers jumping all over the place, unfortunately for no reward. At the other end I gave Will the chance to impress with the new ball, unluckily for Will the guy he had to bowl to decided to swing at anything that was bowled at him and he went for 20 off his first over including a first ball 6 followed by 2 x 4's and then another 6.

I gave Will another 2 overs before I took him off, and made a double change bringing Oosterloo on who's first over was dealt with pretty harshly going for 14, and replacing the herminator from the other end was the Scurge, who bowled some nice tight in swinging balls to the body to slow the scoring rate down.

In Dom's 2nd over he got the vital break-through we needed getting their slogger out for 45 off a mere 23 balls, with an edge through to the keeper and they were 1/54 after 9 overs. In the same over Dom picked up a 2nd wicket with a beautiful out swinger to a left hander where it was nicked and went straight to the captain standing at 1st slip, 2/58 and right back in the game.

In a terrific spell of bowling Dom picked up his 3rd wicket of the innings getting rid of the opposition's captain, clean bowled leaving them 3/72. The Scurge who was also operating really well got his 1st wicket of the day when he too bowled their dangerous and inform number 5, leaving them with some work to do at 4/73.

I gave Dom a rest and brought the herminator and Will back on from opposite ends to see if they could get another breakthrough before drinks, unfortunately for Hermy he didn't but finished with solid figures of 0/16 (7). At the other end Will kept plugging away with his usual line and length deliveries, and right on drinks we got the wicket we wanted leaving them 5/90 at drinks.

At drinks we felt confident if we could keep it tight in the field we had a good chance of snatching the game. I brought the Scurge back on to complete his overs and he picked up another wicket quickly

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after drinks and we had them 6/100 after 25. The Scurge finished with very respectable figures of 2/18 (9). Time for the captain to earn his keep and I made the brave call of bringing on Dubya before Cal. However in a very tight 4 over spell Dubya grabbed a crucial wicket, clean bowling their number 8 and we had them on the ropes at 7/110, and Dubya finished with 1/7 (4)

Through the period after the drinks break the bowling was excellent, outside or on off stump, showing my confidence in the bowlers at some stages we had no fine leg. Dom was introduced back into the attack from the end where he had struck 3 times before and it wasn't long before he completed a man of the match performance, taking his 4th wicket and finishing with very healthy bowling figures of 4/31 (7) leaving their chase for 167 looking very shaky at 8/122.

I finally threw Cal the ball and asked him to bowl straight and clean the tail up, which is exactly what he did. Cal took the final 2 wickets both bowled to finish with 2/9 (4.1) and will be on a hat trick for the next game he plays.

The Wanderers had done it bowling Gungahlin out for 123 after 37.1 overs to win by 44 runs. An excellent effort by the boys and great to register my first win as captain. Who knows if it was the pep talk before we fielded or the possibility of a keg later in the year, all that mattered was the guys played as a unit and supported each other thought the game.

Finals this year may not be possible, but if we play with the determination and skill we did in this game next year is sure to be a different story.