

**Wandering about... Edition 2 2007/2008**  
**The Newsletter of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club**

***The Phantom Speaks***

Greetings Wanderers,

This second newsletter for the year sees the return of match reports (huzzah!). Thanks to Alan "The Major" Hughes and the Chad for the reports, they are a little light-on for sledging but it is still early in the year...

There is plenty happening in the next week including the start of mid-week training and the season launch. Unfortunately your editor will be far away in a foreign land at that time and will miss the launch so any reports would be most welcome for the next Edition...if nothing comes in I will just make something up in true *Wandering about* fashion.

See you in a couple of weeks.

Cheers,

The Phantom

***Mid-week training***

***Starts 3 October from 5pm Till Dark***

***Clarrie Hermes Park Webster Street Hughes***

***Season Launch!***

***The traditional season launch is on again @ the Bowlo***

***Friday 5 October from 7pm.***

***Great opportunity to have a few quite ones, meet your new team mates and talk about how successful the season ahead will be while everyone still has a 100% record.***

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### *From the Prez*

#### *Grand Final Day Festivities*

This Saturday come down for a hit at the Mint from 10.30am for an Intra-club 20/20 then on to the bowlo for the AFL GRAND FINAL, on the Big Screen Kindly Organised by our Treasurer Marcus Bowman.

Can interested players for the 20/20 please advise Rocket (Rod Chancellor) @ [secretary@wodenwanderscc.com](mailto:secretary@wodenwanderscc.com)

Cost for the day will be \$15 which will include Pizza's during the footy and a couple of beers during the 20/20.

#### *Season Draws*

The Association in all their wisdom is yet to supply us with the draw for the season we will advise players grounds for first games as soon as they are to hand – which may not be until next week – check the website for updates.

#### *Selections- Call for Player Availability*

This season to make life a little easier for the Skippers we have set up a central email address for you to keep us updated with changes in your availability. [selections@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:selections@wodenwandererscc.com)

At this stage we are asking for you to advise us of your availability for the first 4 weeks of the season. If you are unsure of any week that's OK just put that down in your email and advise closer to the date.

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### *Match Reports*

#### *Super Sixes Wrap (by the Prez)*

A bleary eyed Pres arrived at Deakin West @ 8.40 on Sunday morning surprised/shocked/relieved to find 10 Wanderers already in attendance ready for the day ahead.

Names were thrown into the hat and sides were drawn as follows.

Pres' VI - Gareth McAlister

Dave Zakharoff

Dom Oosterloo

Ben Dalton

Tom McGaw

Joel Ashman

Captain's VI - Troy White

Peter Dradach

Peter Bowman

Michael Holdom

Ben Starke

Ben Pipe

A few Mumbles from Boxey who happened to be last out of the hat that this was just like school and the selection process should have been over.

Now there may have been 11 Wanderers ready to go -( the same could not be said for our hosts for the day), but with the Presidents VI scheduled to play @ 9.00am there was still no sign of Dom and it was now 9.05am. Call to Dom went something like this:

G'day Dom its Chad

G'day mate (distinct undertones of : what the F@#%#% are you doing calling me this early on a Sunday Morning)

Just wondering where you are seeing first games @ 9.00

(Penny Drops)

(Swear words removed)...I'm still in bed I'll see you in 15 minutes.

#### PRES' VI

Quick shuffling of the teams and Starkey and Zak were sent out to open the innings. A well compiled partnership of 55 before Starkey was out after 4.5 overs- leaving Sparkles McGaw the unenvious task of facing the final ball..Sparkles could only manage to turn the ball of his hip for what should have been an easy single and near suicidal two, ever the team man Sparkles sets off for the two and in something that could only happen @ 9.30 on a Sunday turns the easy single into an ALL RUN 6. Wanderers make 61.

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We came out to field ensuring each other that just pegging the ball at the stumps was not a good idea as may lead to excessive overthrows (ya think??). Apart from a few wides early on to scare the skipper, a very tight performance in the field restricted the opposition to the low 40's. Dave Zak was the only wicket taker 1 for ?, but a great performance first up.

Our second game unfortunately was no so successful and had nothing to do with everyone hitting the beers between games. Fielding first more wickets were taken but alas a lot more runs scored by the opposition - 75 to get. Well it all pretty much went pear shaped for us from here on in our hosts for the day PCCC put us to the sword with a cunning combination of Rank full tosses and good balls thrown in PRES VI dismissed for a paltry 26 - GAME OVER FOR US

#### CAPTAINS' VI

With the luxury of a 10am start and being able to sit back and watch us in our first game,

The boys did what any good Wanderer would - they hit the beers. Primed for their first game Knuckles and Tex were sent out to bat Knuckles with the choice of only 4 fielders beautifully steered the first ball straight down long-on's throat 1/0. Pipey came in at three and was soon stumped and it was 2/F. All From here though some beautiful hitting from Tex and some able support from the lower order the score raced along to 79 with Tex scoring a quick fire 47\*. Special mention must go to Dom for his selfless act of dabbing the second last ball of the innings for 1 to give Tex a crack at his 50, which he then followed up beautifully with the selfish act of nicking down the Pie Shop without telling anyone else.

Spectators were buoyant on the sideline yeah sure it was a smaller ground but with the ease that we'd defended 61 surely, Wanderers were going to be 2 from 2 that hope was short lived. With boundaries flowing freely and 1 of their batsmen making no mistake in reaching his 50 the runs were achieved with 3 balls to spare.

Troy's lads then had to back up straight away for game 2. More lusty hitting from Tex (47 Again) he may have taken a wicket or 2 as well but that's just showing off, and good team support overcame Knuckles blatant urge to be involved in a wicket off every first ball he faced - this time running out Drady. Saw the Captains VI win by a very comfortable margin and set up a spot in the semi's.

After a loooong break and a few more ales, the boys were a bit grumpy by the time the Semi final came along. It didn't show as once again batting first Knuckles and Tex managed to hit a massive 0/110 ( help by a few extras) off their five overs with Knuckles scoring 60\* and Tex 38\*. This total ended up being way beyond the opposition with wickets falling regularly the total was never in any danger - So the Wanderers at least had 1 team through to the GF versus our hosts the Pakistani Canberra Cricket Club who had also comfortably won their semi.

Unfortunately much like Port Adelaide the boys seemed to play their Grand final on game to early - with their Talisman Tex going in the first over for a Quacker and after that the innings didn't really get moving save for some lusty hitting from Pipes. 55 was on the board and yes the side batting second has to get those runs... but they did with almost 2 overs to spare.

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A great effort by the boys and a piece of silverware - albeit a runners up trophy is now in the Wanderers possession, great work Troy.

Special mention to Michael 'Texas' Holdom how was awarded a trophy for the best batsman of the day.

HMMM.. maybe a Wanderers super sixes carnival next year!!!

The Pres

### *Annual Challenge trophy - Queanbeyan CC v Woden Wanderers CC (by Major Alan Hughes)*

A motley collection of WWCC's finest made their 07/08 debuts at Queanbeyan on Sunday. As is traditional with Wanderer's match reports, I will first concentrate on the most important element of the game - discussing who won the toss. It was put down in the Scorebook as variously: "mutual consent" "team effort" and "rigged". (Ron Bates, QBCC captain and ex Wanderer asked "Shall we toss now or is it OK if we bat?") So that's 1/1 for me and they batted.

Someone suggested a warm up (!) which was done with rather distasteful gusto. We'd agreed to 45 overs per team regardless of the score. Skipper's instructions were "let's get through our over as quickly as possible and then we can take it easy". Which we did. Hotpants from one end, Nick Millar from the other. On what is generously described as an atrocious pitch (well, turf, what do you expect?) and typical Eastern States drought outfield, our opening pair did us proud. Hotpants 1/5 from 5 overs bowled with great shape, but there was no way an edge would be found - which was in some ways fortunate as it was even more unlikely first slip would catch it anyway. Nick started with two wides - but then found rhythm and finished with 0/1 from 5 overs (*Phantoms' Note: two wides and still had 0/1? What rules were you playing Major?*). Two Wanderers debutants then took up the attack: Ben Murphy and Brenton Skurowski. Both continued the WWCC dominance: Ben 0/7 from 4, Brenton 3/18 from 5 (including catch from 'father-in-law-to-be-but-don't-tell-him-I-called-him-that-Will'). Drinks after 23 overs saw the score 3/39 - a good performance given we'd agreed batsmen could keep returning until the 45 overs were completed. (Yes, I know the overs don't add up - you try making sense of this scorebook! *Phantom's Note: I don't think I'd try if the bowling figures are anything to go by*) We played 13 a side, and our rotation system meant Magnum was due to return to the field after drinks, having bowled a superb one over spell prior to drinks. (I call him Magnum as that is how he is recorded in the scorebook - aka Peter Kefous.) However, he was still busy with the most important aspect of every drinks break - ensuring adequate intake of image enhancement (why don't they call it Smokes not Drinks?), so Brenton, who was to be subbed, came back onto the field. An inspired choice: the second ball after drinks bowled by returned Wanderer Blake Wilson was smashed to deep mid-wicket hard and low. But Brenton had been kept in short saving one, flung one hand in front of his face and took an absolute blinder: 4/39.

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Will Long, another debutant (and one who made this the first game I've played without the honour of "oldest Wanderer on the field") proceeded to bowl a very handy spell downwind. Will ended up with 5 overs 2/7, and Blake 6 overs 2/9 - by which stage we had the opposition 9/61 from 35 overs. A good start to the season. From there we threw the ball around a bit. Brendan Bates bowled well, Magnum bamboozled the batmen into overconfidence and took a couple, Rocket took one (and was cruelly denied another by the skipper proving he still can't catch - even complete sitters), Dave Betts stopped bowling wides, eventually, and took a wicket, and Sam Howley finished them off with a wicket. A highlight was Jeremy's elegant and gazelle-like movement from behind the stumps to take a fine diving catch near square leg - rescuing first slip who'd moved himself to square leg and decided very early on it was definitely the keeper's catch. Final score 13/111 from 45. And, more importantly (from my perspective anyway), we got through our overs very quickly. Hard work done, time to enjoy batting.

Queanbeyan provided lunch. During which the skipper, having had a long look at the pitch and conditions, decided now was the time to give the other guys a bat. Batting was very hard work: if it didn't fly at your head it ran along the ground. Rocket, Sam and Ben all departed quickly for not much. 3/11. Then we had the elocutionist's nightmare: Bettsey and Batesy batting together. A brief revival; then, alas, both departed - 5/30. At this point byes top scorer. (A point noted with some glee by the Wanderers keeper, Mr Jeremy Marples, who, it must be said, did a fine job in very difficult conditions. And wasn't he glad when their byes exceeded his!)

Blake joined Nick and proceeded to show him how many quick singles were available. Nick responded by hitting our first 6: lovely clean hit over square leg. Then departed. 6/51 soon became 8/58 and things were looking grim. In came Jeremy to the rescue: he and Blake put on a fine partnership of 30. (The crowd especially enjoyed watching Blake complete 3 while Jeremy was completing his first!) Just as skipper was wondering if, in the spirit of the game, he'd have to ask them to retire, they both got out: 10/94. At which point came the Wanderer's finest ever 11th wicket partnership (well, you don't see too many :-). Hotpants batted very sensibly for 13, partnership of 39 with the reluctant-to-bat skipper - final score 11/131.

A very enjoyable and useful practice match all round. Everyone who likes bowling got a bowl, and we all got a bat. 3 LBW's in our innings - we had 'proper' umpires - and, true to form, all those given out LBW considered themselves hard done by. (Looked plumb from where I was, but let's face it, batsmen are never out.) And a win - always good. Man of the match honours shared between Hotpants and Blake: both took wickets and made runs. Highlight definitely Brenton's catch. Looking good for October 6.

Hughsie

*Phantom's Note: Was the name Hughes on the Bowling list?*