

# **Wandering about... Edition 4 2007/2008**

## **The Newsletter of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club**

### ***The Phantom Speaks***

Greetings Wanderers,

After a perfect 4 match reports last week we've dropped back to three this week (c'mon El Capitan Pabs)...a similar pattern to previous years. There's some other general Club news from the Pres in this edition, and then the match reports. Something to keep you all busy for a few minutes on your Friday, enjoy! Or get back to work! Whatever...

Keep an eye out next week for the possibility\* of some crossover reporting featuring a few former Wanderers...yes, your humble Editor, Paul 'Rabs' Bunn, Scott 'Beetle' Bailey and Ian 'Stan' Stanley will be playing the first two rounds of the Club Championships at Royal Queanbeyan Golf Club this weekend.

There may not be many golf fans out there, but for those who have ever seen this foursome in action on the golf course you would know it is a hilarious mix of wild slices, snap hooks, chunked chips, skinned chips, timid putting, aggressive putting, aggressive sledging, dummy spits, and complaints about the standard of the: a) fairways, b) greens, c) bunkers, and d) weather.

Good luck to all this weekend. Go you good things!

Cheers,

The Phantom

\* Report may or may not appear depending upon how The Phantom plays

***Mid-week training***

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

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

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### *Club News from the Prez*

#### *Association Rep Side*

Josh Crase and Jarrod Hupfield are the 2 Wanderers nominations to represent the association in the Konica cup. With Crazy away at the moment Jarrod will be Woden's sole representative this weekend – Good luck Mate!!

#### *Rego Fees*

Fees are now due. If you are having problems paying please let your skippers or the Treasurer know to advise when you will be able to pay.

As mentioned on the weekend if we have a surplus of players on a given weekend those who have paid or have advised of when they will do so will be given priority.

#### *Player Availabilities.*

Wanderers could everyone remember to get their updated availabilities to Tex at :  
[selections@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:selections@wodenwandererscc.com)

We are currently liasing with the association to see if there is any possibility of us fielding another team for this season. So could everyone please update their availabilities up until Christmas, this will help us see if we do have the numbers for another Wanderers team

#### ***MOVEMBER – COMING SOON***

Remember Wanderers Movember is fast approaching, yes even the Prez will be clean shaven on Movember the 1st

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### *Match Reports*

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Round 2*

WWCC v Lanka Lions at Rivett

Sab called heads and it wasn't, so the Lankans went in to bat first. We opened up with The Chad and Pipey this week, both beginning well and bowling some great line and length from the start. The second over saw us send one opener packing when Pipey found the edge and had him caught behind, and then their no.3 was gone two balls later for a quacker - another catch for Dougie who returned to take the gloves this week. Pipey was bowling with some real zip and The Chad, then Paulie, were keeping things tight at the other end. Sticking to this process rewarded us eventually when their form opener, coming off a century in round 1, was dismissed for 34 when he played an unnecessary shot off Jason Ellis (1/41) and skied it to the captain's safe hands....completing the Ellis double on the scorecard. Sri Lanka 3/53 in the 14th over. Paul (2/28) picked up the next wicket with a beautiful leg-cutter slower ball which clean bowled the only other batsmen who looked capable of sticking the innings out and scoring some runs for them. He took another soon after when Jarod took a close-in catch. We continued to focus on bowling consistent off-side deliveries while Sab set attacking fields and though the batsmen were able to swing across the line at times and find the boundary, it didn't usually work for too long. Pipey came back on and bowled magnificently, claiming a further 2 wickets and returning our best figures for the day of 4/13 from 8 overs. Crazy (2/31) had a bowl after drinks and finished off the tail with two wickets in the 34th over, seeing the Lions dismissed for 145.

After such a strong performance with the bat last week, confidence was fairly high that we would be able to chase down the Lions modest total. Jarrod and Sab once again went out to open the innings as just as Jarrod seemed to be getting into his stride he was fired LBW for a quickfire 16 – Wanderers 1/16. Sab followed in the next over backing up his first week century with a duck 2/16. Sparkles and Knuckles managed ride their luck for a quick 40 partnership but when Sparkles (16) and Knuckles (21) were dismissed in quite quick succession 146 was still a fair way away with the score reaching 4/63. Taka's and Dougie came together and decided to shut up shop for a while and stop the flow of wickets – when Taka's was bowled for 13 they'd added a valuable 19 and blunted the attack for a good ten overs (5/82). Pipes joined Dougie at the crease and the runs started to flow. Just as the game was being turned back in our favour Pipes was bowled for 14 and the score had moved on to 6/113, with Dougie looking vey comfortable at the crease and Crazy starting with a beautiful cut for 4 the game was still very much in our favour. Unfortunately for Crazy he failed to add any more and we'd slumped to 7/121. Paulie Smith came out and made a quickfire 9 before being the second Wanderer fired in the innings 8/130. The Chad came out to join Dougie with 16 still needed to claim victory after hitting a four he decided that with Dougie still at the crease the win would come far too easily – so promptly ran him out with a beautiful display of lower order running 9/140. With that Jase Ellis strode to the crease and in a combination of deflections and leg byes Jase and Chad brought up the winning runs in the 37<sup>th</sup> over, With Dougie top scoring with a very well compiled 35.

All in all a fantastic bowling display and we did just enough with the bat to get the win for a fantastic 2-0 start to the season.

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### *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Round 2*

WWCC vs Queanbeyan at O'Connor 2

What a beautiful day to play cricket.... except for the amount of fluff falling from the trees making it look like winters day in bonny ol' England. Having seen the opposition belted by Barton last week there was a hope of batting first for some practice, but alas Al "Major" Hughes was unlucky in his endeavour & the Wanderers were sent into bowl... well 10 of us anyways. Where was Matthew Morrison? As that phrase was uttered, jogging down the path with a cricket bag (full-size) on his back & a Sportsmans Warehouse shopping bag in his hand arrived the man in question. Surely a nick-name had presented itself for the debutant...

Missing Turka to long term injury (he says its necessary to avoid possible paralysation) we all just think he's soft, the 3rd grade side has been looking for a contender to partner Macca with the new ball. Yet again this week, Hotpants (0/19 off 4) did his chances no harm in bowling an effective, albeit unlucky opening spell which involved a couple of dropped catches. Keeping it tight from one end Hotpants left the glory to the other end with Macca bowling his 8 overs straight to finish with (3/12 & 4 maidens) Macca's second wicket brought up his 50th wicket for the Wanderers at an average of about 14. Congratulation Macca. Deciding to give Hotpants a rest, the Major decided to give Mojo (0/42) a bowl on his return to the Wanderers fold & he began well. Unfortunately his last three overs could not replicate his first & the end of his spell brought a double change in the bowling. Blakey (3/12) came on & continued the fall of wickets from his end whilst Oosterloo (2/17) bowled with great pace & control at the other. During their spell, wickets steadily fell & we had the opposition at 5/91 at drinks. After drinks the wickets fell increasingly quicker with edges starting to find fieldsman instead of air. During the fielding effort there were several highlights. Matthew Morrison's two catches combined with his tireless running made Hersch remark that he looked like Steve Moneghetti.... is it, could it, yes! Combined with his arrival which had him running from Northbourne Av to be at the game, 'Moner's' was born. Hersch took two catches which moved him past his 50th catch for the club (well done mate) was joined with an assisted run out by Major. Yes with two blokes batting who likely tipped 120kgs a piece (*Phantom's Note*: Queanbeyan Gift candidates?) called 'No' as the ball rolled to Major and with a fumble, which he claimed was intentional, suckered the batsman into running. Quicker than you can say 'I can't believe you fell for the oldest trick in the book' (okay quicker than that) the ball was in over the bails. Gone.... that arm's deadly from 10 yards! (*Phantom's Note*: was it an underarm??) All in all a good performance was wrapped up with Moner's second catch of Bates' (1/1) first over which denied him a bowl as he was due in from the other end. Queanbeyan all out for 112 with one bloke scoring 55 (after being dropped).

After forgetting his bat (which I'm wondering was also a plan) the Major sent Mojo (6) & Zak (47) into open, moved himself down to 11 & rewarded himself with a coldie. Mojo & Zak looked very comfortable in their opening roles taking the quick singles when presented & dealing out punishment to the loose stuff. After hooking a ball to the boundary Mojo quickly followed that shot with a less effective one which had him caught. Blakey (8) stepped up next to face an uneven attack which had one end bowling great (bloke who got 55) & moving the ball & at the other end a continuous string of balls that screamed 'hit me'. Unfortunately for Blakey he was unable to hold out to the efficient bowler

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falling with the score on 46. After learning from success in the super sixes & pre-season 20/20 games, Texas (39\*) had his required two beers & was sent in next. After getting his 'eye-in' with a boundary off the first ball he had a quick chat with Zak and decided to leave the sensible (& steady) batting to his partner. Zak continued to find placement in the field & with the help of several sundries the score accumulated quickly. Towards the end of the innings marked a moment in which people can claim 'I was there'. With another wagon wheel looking like the only scoring shots were between square-leg & cow corner, Texas shocked the masses with straight-bat shot that cleared mid-off & raced to the boundary & yes he says it was intentional.

With the thought that Zak's 50 would be close by now, singles were used to rotate the strike & the scorers attempted (although very naughty) to drag out an over whilst Zak clinched his 50. Unfortunately for Zak he looped a catch to mid-wicket instead of clearing him & was dismissed in what was the last ball of the innings.... oh well there goes the average ☺

Man-of-the-Match this week went to Blake Wilson who with his 3/12 & getting hit in the nuts whilst batting edged him past the ever reliable Macca who also had 3/12. It's a tough team Macca and apparently just bowling well isn't enough to claim MOM honours any more, you now have to be a contender for Funniest Home Videos! This win makes it 2 from 2 now, but tougher challenges wait with Teachers this week. A look at grade results so far indicate that it will be the usual four teams challenging for the title again this year, but clinical wins against the other clubs like Queanbeyan are just as important.

Go you Wanderers!

Texas

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 2***

WWCC vs Panthers

This weeks opponents were the Panthers, and the day got off to a great start with Troy winning the toss convincingly and having no hesitation in batting first. After the previous games top order train wreck it was decided to shuffle things around and so opening the batting was Betsy (fresh off a golden) and Jeremy Friend (on a crack, back & sack). The loudest cheer for the day was then reserved for the umpire in the first over who immediately called 'leg byes' to keep Jeremy on zero. Not long after though both men had got off the mark (culminating in a lot of air punching from Jeremy) before Betsy was bowled through the gate for 4, this bringing Westy to the crease.

Like a man with a new lease on life Jeremy started to go after the bowling hitting some nice boundaries and constantly checking with the scorers after each shot (OK I made that up). (*Phantom's Note:* nothing wrong with that). With each swing of the bat getting more and more exuberant Jeremy was soon bowled for a flashy 22 and is now officially "on the march" for more runs. Troy then came to the crease in time to see Westy fired LBW for 2, so Adam Stewart fresh off a fifty then joined the skipper with the side 3 for 29. The two knuckled down to restore some order for the next 15 or so overs with

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Adam being subjected to the same mid pitch sermon between each over "do nothing stupid, Wilson is in next".

Eventually Adam fell right on drinks for an excellent 44 after an early let off which saw him dropped at slip, it appeared to be the simplest dropped catch in recorded history. Adam was again the mainstay of an excellent partnership worth 78. At drinks, Wanderers 4 for 107. Wilson (fresh off a duck) was next in and got his season run tally on the board before being bowled for 1. Rocket was next in, and looked in good nick before picking out a bloke who could catch and was gone for 3. Brentan 'the scurge' Skurowski took middle, then stood somewhere near square leg and was bowled by a full toss first ball. Score was now 7 for 114. Starkey (another player fresh off a golden) joined the skipper and after a nice boundary was bowled for 4.

Will Long (backing up from a duck) added 2 runs before holeing out to a top edge, score now 9 for 131. Sundar then sauntered in at number eleven brim filled with confidence after his 1 not out the previous round, he then proceeded to smash them to all parts in tandem with the skipper as the pair guided us to 9 for 169 after 40 overs.

Sundar not out 18, Troy not out for a painstaking 50.

Not enough runs to protect so attack was the order of the day as Starkey opened with pretty much the whole team fielding in another postcode behind the stumps. He was sharp but the openers doggedly held him out, Sundar was struggling a little with the radar on the narrow pitch at the other end but otherwise bowling some useful nuts. It was not until Westy was introduced did we grab the breakthrough with the opener falling for a stray one down legside and being well caught by Rocket who was putting on another clinic with the gloves. Westy who like a thoroughbred looked 'short of a run' finished with 1 for 20 off three. Sundar then chipped in with a wicket to have them 2 for 27. Sundar's figures, 1 for 16 off six. The skipper then wrung the changes, the Scurge came on and claimed a wicket with his first ball (rank half track loosener/boundary magnet/half rat-pace pie just begging to be dispatched) as the opener skied one to the safe hands of Sundar. Will Long came on and copped some punishment from a big hitting middle order bat despite bowling a good line and length and finished with 0 for 30 off three. The Scurge then took another to finish with 2 for 36 off six. Seeing that the batsmen were playing the good length ball well, the skipper then decided it was time for the introduction of Wilson (who normally disdains line & length). An immediate dividend as a ball was smashed straight into the waiting hands of Adam, and with an LBW the next over Wilson finished with 2 for 12 off three, his first wickets for the club! Adam came on to bowl next and took a wicket down at fine leg thanks to a good catch by Wilson who was having a blinder in the field to back up the 1 run he scored with the bat.

At drinks we had them 7 for 136 and were in with a sniff.

During drinks we discovered that the Scurge had managed to break his left wing and was to play no further part in the match. Needing 3 more wickets we turned to Betty who bowled 2 really tight overs (0 for 2) before throwing the ball to the strike bowler Starkey in an effort to snatch the game. Unfortunately it was not to be and the side went down fighting by 3 wickets. Starkey with 0 for 28 off five.

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4th grade season stats :

Highest duck scorer - no outright leader after 2 rounds but plenty still in contention!!

Most dropped catches - Will Long with 1.