

# Wandering about... Edition 5 2007/2008

## The Newsletter of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club

### *The Phantom Speaks*

Greetings Wanderers,

The match report slide continues, remarkably similar to last year. Round 1 was a perfect 4/4, Round 2 and a respectable 3/4...Round 3 and 2 match reports received...what will next week hold?

Speaking of match reports, I started correcting all the typos in The Major's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade report this week but then thought it might be funnier to leave his drunken meanderings as they were.

In addition to some words from the Prez, we also have secretary Rocket giving everyone a rev-up for Movember, I've included a couple of photos from the past two partays as a reminder of how hilarious and/or offensive the moustacha can be.

For the golf fans waiting with bated breath for an update on last week's Club Championship play at Royal Queanbeyan, I think the less that is said the better. Rabs and Stan are both in the mix in their respective grades. Bailey was gone after about 5 holes...and as for your Editor, well, my first shot of the entire event went out of bounds, hit a tree and managed to end up back in play. Rather than signifying some good fortune, it was just the start of a long weekend of battling, which can be summed up beautifully by Rabbsies bag and buggy on the 14<sup>th</sup> on Saturday arvo...a wreck!

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

Cheers,

The Phantom



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### ***From The Prez***

Another good week on the park with 3rd's continuing on their merry (sorry ...happy way). Hmm.....if Macca keeps unleashing the trigger finger might not stay happy for too long. A great start to the year by 3rd's considering they have been missing 4-5 key players from last year. 4th Grade showed a stroke of genius by sacking the skipper and registered their first win of the season after some close loses to start the season. 6th's once again put in a great showing but were unlucky to lose to a Queanbeyan side containing a few first graders "enjoying" their week off. Special mention goes to Michael Hermann scoring his maiden 50 for the club and backing that up with 3 wickets, I'm sure the 4th grade skipper has taken note of that one!!

We are currently in the enviable position of most weeks having more players available than spots in sides, it's an unusual position for us as a club and something we are attempting to manage to ensure fair game time to all players. We are currently investigating a couple of options with the association, but if everything stays as is it may mean that you will miss out on a weekend that you are available. If you feel you have been hard done by or have any issues with selections, please approach your skippers, myself or any of your committee representatives. Please don't stay quiet – if we don't know there's a problem we can't remedy it.

By ensuring you update your availabilities early with Tex, you will be greatly assisting us with managing the 4 sides.

Go you Wanderers.....Go you good things!!!

The Prez

### ***Club News***

#### ***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

#### ***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.

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### **MOVEMBER 2007**

The Sec says:

Hi All,

During Movember (The month formerly known as November) many brave Wanderers will be growing a Mo. That's right; we are bringing the Mo back because we are passionate about changing men's health and the fight against male depression and prostate cancer.

Why?...Depression affects 1 in 6 men...Most don't seek help. Untreated depression is a leading risk factor for suicide. Last year in Australia 18,700 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 2,900 died of prostate cancer - equivalent to the number of women who die from breast cancer annually. Men are far less healthy than women. The average life expectancy of males is 5 years less than females.

If you don't wish to grow a Mo yourself you can sponsor one of our Wanderer Mo Bros or to sponsor our collective Mo efforts please go to <http://www.movember.com/au/donate>, enter our registration number which is 70640 and your credit card details. Or you can sponsor us by cheque made payable to the "Movember Foundation" clearly marking the donation as being for our Registration Number: 70640. Please mail cheques to: PO Box 292, Prahran VIC 3181.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The money raised by Movember is donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Beyondblue - the national depression initiative, which will use the funds to create awareness, fund research and increase support networks for those men who suffer from prostate cancer and male depression. For those that have supported Movember in previous years you can be very proud of the impact it has had and can check out the detail at:

[www.movember.com/Fundraising Outcomes](http://www.movember.com/Fundraising_Outcomes)

Movember culminates at the end of the month at our Gala Parté.(Date to be announced shortly.) This glamorous and groomed event will see Tom Selleck and Borat look-a-likes battle it out for their chance to take home the prestigious "Best Mo on Field" title. If you would like to be part of this great endeavour you must be clean-shaven on 1<sup>st</sup> of Movember and just let your Mo grow. Please supply your Mo sponsors with an official Movember receipt including our rego number: 70640 which you will find attached and let me know so I can place your name in the Movember hall of fame.

Thanks for your support

"Rocket" Rod Chancellor

WWCC Secretary

More info is available at <http://www.movember.com>.

Movember is proudly grown by Commonwealth Bank, Holden, Schick and VB. Movember is proud partners with the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue – the national depression initiative.

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*Movember Gala 2005*



*Movember Gala 2006*



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### *Match Reports*

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

Wed night and I'm smashed, Which sums up what we did to Teachers on Saturday.

Hot day, won the toss (thanks Turka, tails never fails in NSW - even if it's ACT). Mojo and I strode confidently to the crease (well, me mainly trying to keep down the Hughes takeawy Hughes Place Hughes deluxe seafood basket meal deal - how could I resist such a superbly named establishment (and good to see our opening bowler also downing a deluxe all in burger, oh don't the happy team know how to warm up) - and Mojo his usual chirpy self. I couldn't see the ball let alone hit it. With the opposition sledging away, concentration returned. I followed the Al Parto school of batting and gave the arc from 2nd slip to point a good work out. Mojo hit some nice 4s - and we were away. Highlight of my cricket career was my first ever 6. In the slot, crunched over square leg - that's first ever in 32 years of cricket. At 17 overs I'm out (of course trying to repeat the 6. Maybe in 32 years' time...). At that stage 17 overs, 16 fours, 1 six 1/93: handy opening stand. Mojo to follow - using his usual "You can't give me lbw, I'm a left-hander". (A little unfair, many of the opposition said he wasn't out - but it does demonstrate the danger of getting hit on the pads when there's a bowler umpiring! Mind you, the non striker though "out"). 2/94.

Tex and Matthew Morrison steadied the ship and we were 3/128 at drinks after 27 overs. And weren't the opposition pissed off. They'd been in for nearly two hours, and had some time to go. After drinks Monners and Westy (happy team debut) played beautifully. 4/191 after 34. Both left in quick succession, and in came Dom and Clint to finish them off. Some great running, some crap bowling, and some nice hitting - including a nice cameo from Dalts and we finish at 261 off 40. (Morrison 61, Hughes 60, Oosterloo 39 not out, West 20)

By which time it was 3.40 - they'd taken 3 hours 10 minutes to bowl their 40. Quick changeover, or so we thought. After we waited from 3.50 til 4pm before they finally managed the extremely taxing task of getting umpires and batsmen to the crease it was 4pm. And I was cranky. F\*ck 'em - team talk: "let's show these prats how to play cricket." And we did. They never had a chance. We charged though our overs. Macca: usual sensible stuff 2/34 off nine. Hotpants became the tail destroyer 2/26 off 5. Monners showed he can bowl too 1/22 off 4 including a solid looking batsmen. Dom bowled beautifully for the third week running - did just what we wanted - ended up with 1/46 off 9. Bowled without luck again. Next week he could bowl worse and take 5 for. The the master stroke: Blake and Westy in tandem. Delayed drinks as they couldn't get them away. Blake 1/29 of 6, Westy 0/16 off 5 - and we took drinks after 26 overs. Game all over: they needed 10+ an over off 14 and we had overs in hand from Macca Dom and Hotpants. So on comes Tex - didn't get hit for six so he says that's a win. Dalts took 1/2 off 1 (give him a bowl earlier skip!). And Hotpants took the tail. Final score 8/190 off 40 overs.

Best of all we left the field at 6pm. 40 overs, 8 wickets, over rate 20 per hour, including a 10 minute drinks (well, smokes) break thrown in. That's how cricket should be played. Who wants to stand around in the field longer than necessary?

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Teachers were undefeated. They finished 2nd on ladder last year, though they were missing a few players. But we completely smashed them. Way to go. Notable all round performance from Westy (20 plus very handy bowling) Dom (39 not out plus 1/46) and Monners - 61, catch, brilliant fielding, 1/1/22 - man of the match.

For me the highlight was our effort in the field. No way we would let these guys into the game. Everyone put in. No dropped catches, and several gutsy attempts. If we work hard like that every game, we stand a good chance of going one better than last year. Several key players from last year to return (Greg, Paul M, Butch, Turka to name a few) But lets not drop any. Keep working hard. Hard work brings luck, and a bit of luck is all we need. Go you happy team - 3/3 and looking good....

Al

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 3*

WWCC vs Barton @ Lyneham

With a slightly reshuffled squad for the match against Barrrrrrrrrton it was stand in skipper Gaz making his season debut who won the toss and elected to bat on a warm day out at Lyneham. Chris Harpley & Gaz opened proceedings for the good guys but it was not long before Gaz was sent packing for a quacker (some suggestion we may need to check last years score book to confirm if he got runs in the final match). Jeremy Friend joined Chris in the middle and after a shaky start (dropped on zero by the keeper and slips cordon) put together a good partnership. Eventually Jeremy went for 19 which allowed Rocket to join Chris and together they saw us safely to drinks to be 2 for 71. Rocket then went first ball after drinks for 8, Chris joined him on the sidelines shortly after, after being unluckily stumped for a superb 46. Bettsy & Adam then tried to up the run rate a touch and put on an entertaining 50 run partnership before Bettsy was FIRED (some doubt with the decision given it appeared he hit the COVER off the ball) out LBW for 28. This left us 5 for 134.

Adam then holed out for another excellent 32 and it was by now very much the 'have a go' show with the bat. Andrew Allen entertained getting off the mark first ball with a skier that no fewer than 3 fielders and the bowler couldn't be bothered catching, then he hit a nice six before being bowled for 7. Starky then came and went for a duck, Fred Nortje remained not out 14, Adrian Ellis not out 2, the final score a respectable 8 for 167.

Opening with Sundar we saw an early sharp chance go begging at slip in the opening over. After that it was tough work by Sundar and Jeremy as neither had the radar switched on early, both bowlers racking up the sundries. Starky replaced Jeremy (0-12 off 2) and soon applied the brakes allowing just 5 runs off his first 5 overs. Eventually it was Sundar in the final over of his spell who made a double break through getting rid of both openers to fine catches by Adrian Ellis in gully, and then another to Adam to finish with 2 for 20. Bettsy come on then and kept things tight at one end, while Starky reign of terror at the other end delivered 0-21 off 8. Fred came on next and was arguably the pick of the crop at an important stage. He terrorized them for eight straight overs to collect 1-29 at a time when the

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batsman were needing to get moving but could not get him away. His wicket came courtesy of a tremendous one handed catch by Rocket behind the stumps. Gaz was by now operating and took a good wicket in his first over, and then again in his fifth courtesy of an outstanding catch at fine leg by Fred off a rank half tracker that deserved to be punished...

OK 3 overs to go with Bettsy and Gaz operating, 22 runs required for Barrrrrton to win. The atmosphere was palpable as Bettsy held his nerve to take a wicket with a catch to Starky, only seven from the over. Gaz then bowled a tremendous last over at his end going for just 4 runs and taking a wicket to finish with 3 for 38. All up to Bettsy to bowl the final over and it was outstanding with no short stuff, and the skipper was on his game too with the only 2 blokes (Sundar & Starky) with arms in the side patrolling the long boundaries.

Bettsy took a wicket (caught by Sundar at long on) and then finished off the game with a single and a dot for the side to get over the line by 2 runs with Barrrrrton 8 down. Pandemonium then broke out, there were high fives, there were aeroplane dances, there was Andrew Allen getting done for dropping a catch off his head in close (he was stiff!!!) , there was general excitement. Stats worth mentioning, we still got up after bowling 8 no balls and 15 wides.....(but no byes Rocket!)