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The Phantom Speaks

Greetings fellow Wanderers,

Firstly, my apologies for the late Wandering About...you'd think this would take away my moral high ground on the late match report submissions wouldn't you? Think again. 3rd Grade and 4th Grade continue their perfect submission record. Pablo made a strong comeback with a couple of make-up reports, including an epic on the state of relations between WWCC and Barton (Bartongate IV?).

1st Grade are now lagging badly in the match report stakes...presumably this will pick up once Crazy returns, assuming he is not still celebrating Geelong's win.

In Royal Queanbeyan Club Championships news...Stan and Rabs both choked (highlights included a broken lob wedge for Stan, and some classic wildly fluctuating golf from Rabs).

Dale and Bailey were already way too far gone to choke, although there was an interesting result on the final day...for those with long memories (like I have when it suits me), S.Bailey once famously stated that if K.Dale ever beat him off the stick, he'd quit golf and return to cricket.

28 October 2007. Bailey, 90; Dale, 88

Bailey last seen departing the car park in a hurry muttering something about looking for his whites...

Did he throw it because Pipey is back??

Cheers,

The Phantom

From the Prez

Nothing from the Prez this week...but I figure it would finish something like this...

Go you Wanderers.....

The Prez

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Club News

PM'S XI Tickets

Tickets are now for sale please see Caitlin or Marcus back at the Bowlo on Saturdays. Tickets are \$32.00 each. More details of the days' activities closer to the event.

Membership Fees

A gentle reminder that membership fees are now due.
These can be paid to your skippers or see Marcus back at the club on Saturdays.

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

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Match Reports

Round 4 – 3rd Grade

WWCC vs Tuggeranong @ Rivett

This week saw 3rd Grade come up against another low placed team & again Major was unable to deliver an agreeable toss of the coin and the Wanderers were sent into bowl. After being hit with injuries & absenteeism Starkey received a deserved late call up to the team & arrived with people magazine in tow to 'psych' himself up for the game.

Macca was thrown the new ball along with his 3rd new-ball partner for the season Moners. This was a turbulent opening partnership with Macca at one end struggling for line & length (& some ordinary sundry calls) not helping his cause, where at the other end Moners just found a spot & kept hitting it. The end of the seventh over saw a bowling change at both ends & the opposition sitting at paltry 1/11 with Macca bowling 0-10 (0/18) off 3 & Moners 1-0 off 4. The change saw the evergreen Craig Collins (2/8) make his comeback & you wouldn't have known he'd been away from the game. Bowling his 8 overs straight he tormented the batsman, to the point where he collected one unfortunate bloke in the spot that no one likes to be hit. To prove his accuracy the batsman later showed CC his cracked protection device, stating "it did not miss". At the other end Starkey (1/17) bowled with great fizz. WWCC's effort was greatly helped by the opposition captain who after a shocking piece of calling had one guy gone for a diamond duck, proceeded to run the next batsman out for a golden duck a couple of balls later (again with Dean Jones like efficiency). Unfortunately the bloke who got hit in the 'ouch' area seemed to resort to his baseball skills & smacked a 50 with some massive hits. Blakey (3/44) was unfortunately on the end of most of the damage. Worse was to come for Blakey as their No. 8 was about 15 years old & with his introduction we all crowded in for the catch. Smack, over cover, smack over mid-off, much jest was being had a poor Blake's expense. At the other end Dalts (1/19) was bowling a consistent spell to & had a wicket off a good catch by Starkey, who ensured he dived & rolled to one that should have been on his chest. Back to the other end where things continued to get worse for Blakey when he had the big hitter dropped.... by himself after the bloke put one straight-up...up & up. Thankfully the next ball brought his misery to an end when Texas caught the 12 year old (or was it 10) at short mid-wicket. The next catch was far better with Moners taking a stunning catch sprinting in from the boundary (to the point where I don't think anyone else would have got close). Things finally worked for Blakey when the very next ball he had their No. 11 out LBW

In chasing a low score, Major (protecting his average i'm sure) put himself down to 11 again. Zak (17) & Mojo (12) started what should have been a comfortable run chase. As 3rds tends to do though, things turned shambolic again as batsman couldn't resist swinging at tripe. Moners (10) & Texas (11) followed the openers back to pavilion as did Dalts (20). Despite there being a lot of lusty hitting, four of five batsman were out caught to a less than convincing bowling attack. A high-percentage of 4's & 6's were hit in the total of 111, with all batsman getting a start. It fell to Macca (23*) to continue his chase for a N/A season average & Blakey (6*) to work on his net worth to finish off the match. How old was that kid again Blake? 8? ☺ (*Phantom's Note*: Probably younger than 8 if Tex managed to hold the catch...)

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Anyways, another victory to 3rd Grade, but with 3 of the top 5 teams on the fixture list over the coming weeks, batsman will need to begin the task of valuing their wickets again (especially Texas!). Bowlers will also need to try & work on 'killing' teams off, as too often we've been unable to finish off a team when having them in dire straits. Again this week the opposition was at 6/36 before scoring over a hundred & although it was nice to chase a total, we need that edge to get us past the top teams who batter deeper into their sides & where every run is important.

This weeks M.O.M went to Moners again, who bowled 4 overs 1/0, batted okay till playing a big shot (leave that to the other silly buggers Moners!) & taking a fantastic catch.

Texas

Round 4 - 4th Grade

WWCC vs Ravens @ Deakin

Deakin was the venue as the 4ths, buoyed from last weeks win took on the RUC Ravens. Troy again won the toss decisively and after a moments hesitation (it was that 1 day out of a 100 when you have to think about it first, then bat) decided to bat as usual.

Gaz & Jeremy opened for the first ball before Gaz holed out second ball for a duck. Head shave fanciers should be aware that is 2 ducks in a row now. Troy then wandered in and with Jeremy saw out a few tight overs. Jeremy was then next to go for a duck to leave the side 2 for 7.

The Herminator fresh from his promotion from the gentlemens XI joined with the skipper to steady the ship against some good tight bowling, the bowling was also aided by a slowish pitch and outfield. The 2 battled away for about 10 overs before Troy (sensing he needed to shift up a gear) was caught at slip for 22, the side now 3 for 37.

Run machine Adam joined in but a rare failure saw him out caught behind off the final ball before drinks for 5 to leave the side struggling at 4 for 48.

The resumption from drinks did not improve our fortunes as Ravens continued to bowl some very useful nuts. A couple of maidens were seen out before Dubya got a good one to be dismissed for a duck. Rocket was next in and held his ground for a while before also falling for a duck to leave us 6 for 51 in what was turning into a precession.

The Herminator was next to go (went down swinging) as he was cleaned up after an initially patient 16, Adrian was then next to go for a duck out LBW not offering a shot, Sundar elevated up the order was then bowled for a duck as well to leave us 9 for 53. Fred then whacked a few around with Will Long before Will was bowled for 2, Fred not out 9, Wanderers all out 64.....off 31 overs.

Not a lot of runs to defend so it was all out attack, Adrian opened up and bowled some useful deliveries to finish with 1 for 11 off 3 overs.

Fred opened from the other end and in 2 spells managed to bowl a bouncer every ball, it was menacing stuff and quite enjoyable to watch when your not facing it, his return 0 for 14 off 5.

Sundar came on and apart from a few of his stock "stray off the pitch" balls he was tidy and picked up 1 for 20 off 5.

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Will came on and also bowled some good stuff to finish with 0 for 11 and also took 2 catches to go with his 2 runs with the bat. He also backed El Segundo so at least he has some fond memories for the day.

Dubya bowled the final over for 10 runs as the Ravens smashed us by 8 wickets. Rocket was again excellent behind the stumps and took plenty up around the throat region to Fred's bowling.

Season stats:

The duck count exploded on the weekend and we now have a 2 way tie between Gazza & Dubya. Although Jeremy may have strung a few together across different grades.....

Dropped catches remain astoundingly low!! Andrew Allen in 1 match leads the field with 2, however he is extremely unlucky as one of those actually sconed him and was nowhere near his hands!

Round 2 - 6th Grade

WWCC vs AKS

Having had the rules of the toss explained to me by Jerra, I advised the AKS Cap Dave A. that I would be flicking the coin and he could make the call. Once again, the trusty 50c coin that I use for this part of the game came through and we decided to bat. Before we started, I explained to the AKS captain what had eventuated in our previous game, and I told him that we both had 40 overs no matter what.

Dave E. and Brian W. were once again sent in to have a dab. They batted well for 10 overs, frustrating the opposition bowlers, until Brian was caught and bowled for 7 with the score on 25. Enter the Nick Meister. I thought that Nick could swashbuckle his way to a reasonable score. I've seen this man bat. Nick and Dave put on another 14 runs before Dave was bowled for a useful 25. Mark H. came in, and Mark H. came out. Caught behind after a lot of dot balls. I was surprised to hear him say that he'd gotten another Quacker. In goes Trevor S. whom, as you all would know, scored his maiden 50 (55 n.o.) for the WWCC in his very first match, having started in the number 11 spot. Without a run being added to the score, Nick was caught for 8. Ben M. joined Trevor at the crease. Ben had started at number 10 in the round 1 game when he scored 43 n.o. in a brilliant 93 run partnership with Trevor. Things looked promising. However, having pushed the ball around for a few runs, Ben was caught for 4. Boxy came in to steady the badly listing HMS WWCC ship. Boxy held one end for a while while Trevor, who had faced a few dot balls, and scored a 2 and then a tantalising 4, was bowled. Pete K. was next in, and next out. Must be duck hunting season. Marcus B. was feeling good after the previous week's effort and observed Boxy get cleaned bowled for 5, then Michael H. for a Quacker, having faced two balls. Enter the Captain. I was ready to show my team mates how to score runs and I was dead set on getting us past the 100 mark. Seeing as Trev and Ben had managed to score an unbeaten near century for the last pair only last week, I was positive. However, Marcus was unfortunately caught on 2 while I remained 4 n.o. Final score for the WWCC all out for 71.

As you would have expected, the AKS team were bubbling, almost frothing at the mouth, salivating the very likely victory which they were about to attain.

We had other plans. Nick M. opened, and conceded 2 runs. Marcus followed with three dots and a wicket, conceding only 1 run. Nick bowled his second. A maiden. Marcus thought, bugger that, this is too easy, and gave away 8 runs. We could hardly afford to do that so, I thought I'd take him off...but, luckily I didn't. He only gave away 4 more runs after that in his next 5 overs, and picked up two more

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wickets. Nick didn't do much worse, with 3/14 after 7.4 overs, with a classic caught and bowled thrown in for good measure. We only used four bowlers in the end, with Michael H. (the Herminator) and Mark H. (The Harbottler ?) being the changeover pair. The AKS scorecard read like a WWCC scorecard. Wickets were falling one after another (don't they always?) and after the 17th over we had them at 7 for 39. Michael had bowled 5 overs, being unlucky to have only picked up a wicket for 11 runs. Mark was the most expensive of our bowlers with 4 overs for 28 runs but, he picked up 2 wickets in the process. This had all along seemed doable. Unfortunately, one AKS batsman thought he'd not do what his team mates (and most of the Wanderers) had done and, he single handedly managed to bring AKS home, with a score of 36 n.o. not long after the drinks break. We had managed to push AKS to 9 for 69 in the 23rd Over, before they scored the winning runs in the 4th ball of the 24th over, being bowled by Nick.

Once again, the Wanderers did brilliantly with the ball and fielded exceptionally well, supporting their bowlers and backing each other up. If only we'd scored another 30 or so more runs.

The AKS team may have won the match, but I think the WWCC had a moral victory, with only 3 ducks, whilst the AKS team achieved 5. Was cricket the winner? I don't know.

Round 4 - 6th Grade

WWCC vs Baaarrrrton

Hi everybody,

Here's another rendition of what is fast becoming a series of unfortunate events...or, is that copyright?

It turns out that the 6th Grade Woden Wanderers have had a number of close calls and we've many a times wrestled defeat from deep inside the entrails of the ugly Victory monster. Today was to be different. Or, would it?

The match between WWCC and Baaarrrrton was played at Hughes. It was our home game yet again. When I arrived, I noticed that my blokes had already organised the boundary markers and boxxy was sorting out the stumps. I looked around for the opposition Captain. He was nowhere to be seen. He'd apparently gone to the wrong ground. So, we tossed the coin with a stand in. The bludgers managed to call it right and I immediately disposed of the previously undefeated coinage. We were asked to field.

Baaarrrrton have previously scored big time against us. I was preparing myself for a massive assault. But, alas there was no such effort from the Baaarrrrton team. Instead, Marcus and Boxxy took to the openers and kept them quiet for the first 10 overs. Boxxy took the first wicket in the 12th over with only 14 runs on the board. Marcus was unlucky a number of times but, bowled 3 consecutive maidens, and then one more after conceding 1 run each in the 5th and 6th overs. I thought that the opening bowlers had done the job and I asked Mark H. and Peter K. to take over. They too did brilliantly, with Mark ending with 3 for 18 from 7 and Pete unlucky to only get 1 in his second over. At some point during all this, with only 42 runs on the board and 20 overs gone, the Baaarrrrton umpire told me that 20 were gone and we were having drinks. I looked at him and his batsmen as they were walking towards the boundary and I said "no". I'll have another over thank you very much. He tried to sweet talk me into following the rules and I told him that it was up to the fielding Captain when to take drinks, within certain limits. I had not yet reached that limit. Poor Matt R. had unfortunately picked up

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a bad injury, and with him fielding in close, I had already decided to go for drinks early. However, this effrontery would not do and Matt had to suffer because of my stubbornness.

Back from drinks and I asked Peter to continue bowling. Unfortunately, this over cost us 14 runs. Peter finished on 1 for 30 after 5 overs. Mark continued on his merry way, collecting a wicket in his 6th over and then two wickets in consecutive balls in his 7th. This presented us with a welcome hat-trick ball. I called everyone in and Mark bowled two beautiful dot balls...bummer.

Next on the fray, replacing Peter was Trevor S. whom was more surprised than me to get a bowl. His first over went for 2. His second over went for 7 but, he picked up the one Baaarrrrton batsman whom had opened the batting and had amassed 40 runs by the time he was finally bowled out. His last over went for 14, finishing on 1 for 23. With nine wickets down, and only 111 runs against their name, I thought I'd give myself a bit of a dabble with the ball. Sam H. was disappointed but, hey, when Baaarrrrton are batting this badly, any joker can take a wicket. And take a wicket I did. Having faced two dot balls, the batsman thought he'd now worked out what I was doing, and he swung with all his might. Thank you Mark at mid-on. Nice catch. Baaarrrrton all out for 111 and the Captain on grandiose bowling figures of 1 for naught.

We had a chance. I asked the Baaarrrrton captain for a 3pm start. He argued for a 20 to 3 start. I haggled for a 10 to start. He said no. I then put to him that 2:45 would be my last offer. He took it and we started at 10 to. This guy doesn't know how to haggle.

So, Dave and Brian opened the batting like they've done before. Dave did well with the bat getting out caught in the 12th over for 15 with the score on 45. No drama. Boxy went in, and after one ball, the Baaarrrrton captain who happened to be bowling at the time, said to me after his first ball, "with a stance like that he (Boxy) had better not miss the ball". I ignored him. His very next ball hit Boxy in the back of his foot, in line with the leg stump but going away missing it for sure. So, he appeals and I turn him down. He then questioned my integrity, the apparent lack of fairness in this game, the fact that he'd never in 20 years of cricket faced anything like this. Boo Hoo Hoo. Baaarrrrton are the worst mob when it comes to umpiring and especially when it comes to LBW decisions, with the exception of one or two players. Well, he said to me that we'd be playing each other again later on and that he now knew how to umpire to us. Nice. Bring it on grumpy old man.

Well, Brian had had enough of this and he decided to depart in the 18th over, bowled for 39 with the score on 65. You beauty. Sam the Wolfman came on. I had advised the Baaarrrrton captain of the 20th over approaching and he ignored me. I then called him out and made sure that he'd heard me and I asked him when would his team be taking drinks. They said they wouldn't be. Fine, but the rules say that you'll have to take drinks by a certain over. So, there. They suggested the 40th. I pointed out that it would have to be before that. Fun, fun, fun.

When Boxy got out for 12 in the 23rd Over with the score on 78, I was still confident. What, with Jeremy taking to the crease. He hit a four for his opening score, following it with a single and then a whole bunch of dots. He gave the Baaarrrrton fielders a practice catch which they obligingly dropped, only for the same fielder to be given another chance a few balls later. He didn't drop it this time. Exit the head WWCC trainer in the 24th over for 5 with the score on 83. All still ok. Mark will save us. Mark's on a head shave now, with his second consecutive duck. Never mind. Enter the half-centurion Trevor. He'd missed out in his previous two outings so, surely it was time. No, it wasn't. He was stumped batting outside his crease. So, Peter comes in, and between him and Sam, they moved the score along to 96. When Sam was bowled for a handy 12 runs, we'd gone from 3 for 83 in the 23rd over to 7 for 96 in the 33rd over. I thought I'd put the pressure back on the Baaarrrrton fielders and

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managed to score 1 run before being run out on a silly, yet necessary attempted run. Marcus went in at 8 for 100 with only 12 runs to get. Unfortunately, Marcus was bowled for a duck and Matt had to face the ball. Carrying an injury, he took Boxy with him as a runner. Things went well for a while until the dreaded confusion kicked in and Peter was run out attempting a second run. Here endeth the story of a mighty team. Afraid of no one but, cursed with having victory slip away yet again...we ended nine runs short of our target with 35 overs gone. Bugger.