

# Wandering About

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## Monners Runs (his mouth)...

Welcome back to Wandering About. Marvellous to be with you in the editor's note for the second time this year. (If you don't know what that refers to I have some CDs to lend you.)

You may or may not have heard, but some civil unrest in Thailand over the last couple of weeks delayed El Prez/El Capitan Peter Bowman from returning to Australia. As a result there will be no Prez Says this week, but he will play this week and I'm sure he'll have plenty to offer us in next week's edition.

Hopefully this reaches you on Friday, as we are keen to revive the tradition of Wanderers across the city wasting a large chunk of their Friday mornings reading rubbish. This week we have a recap of the Movember/Trivia Night, plenty more match reports (4<sup>th</sup> Grade have really stepped it up), and reminders on what's going on around the club.

Cheers,

Matthew Morrison (Monners)

Think you can do better? Don't think that, but have something to add anyway? Got some photos from your game? Talk to me. Talk to me now: [matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com) or [jcrazy@excite.com](mailto:jcrazy@excite.com)

## Movember and Trivia Night

For those who weren't aware, last Saturday night saw the Woden Wanderers (almost) Annual Trivia Night held in conjunction with the Movember Gala Parté at the bowlo. Plenty of trash had been "talked" in the lead-up to the trivia night, and so plenty of pride was up for grabs in addition to the prizes on offer. A total of nine tables entered, some with incredibly imaginative team names like "Caitlin", "Al Hughes" and "Crazy's team". In the end, though, it was Al Hughes's team which ended up the winner on the night, and they received an undisclosed sum of money for their efforts. In second was Caitlin's team, followed by "The Committee". In last place, having talked up their chances pre-game, was Crazy's team, who were each given bottles of the Woden Wanderers 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary port, which by all accounts is a drop that has to be tasted to be believed.

At half-time, the Wanderers who had grown a moustache during the month of Movember proudly displayed their handiwork for all to judge. The creations were many and varied, from Pete Kefous's use of a flashing "Disco" sign as a prop, to Adam Stewart's "even blonde mo's count", through to Pablo's "I just shaved this morning and it's already back" look. In the end, Jeremy Marples was judged the owner of the Best Mo on Ground with his "ringmaster". He received a fetching sash and tiara combination and a much-needed shaving kit for his efforts. Well done to all of the boys, who weren't just using Movember as a good excuse to grow a mo, but were raising money for men's health issues.

Huge thanks must go to Nick Millar, who was the quizmaster for the night, and Paul Bunn, who was the scorer / judge / bossman. Without your efforts the night would not have been possible, and despite the heckling Nick received for his pronunciation of certain words (archipelago is “ahr-kuh-pel-uh-goh”), they did a fantastic job.

## BBQ Sunday!

The BBQ fundraiser this year will be held outside **Magnet Mart in Woden** on **Sunday 7 December** (that’s this Sunday). Our Treasurer, Caitlin, is still looking for people help out with cooking a few snags from 8:15 to 9:00 and 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Its not hard stuff, and you get to hang out with other cool Wanderers and talk crap as well. Just don’t scare the patrons. **Please contact Caitlin at [treasury@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:treasury@wodenwandererscc.com)**

## Training

On a headshave? Sick of getting smashed all over the park? Maybe you’re just not taking those catches you should. Whatever the reason for your hopelessness, get down to training! It’s held every **Wednesday 5:00pm at Duffy Oval** (Dixon Drive).

Our supercoach Paul Bunn (“Rabs”) has made it his life mission to help you with your game, but he can’t do it on his own. Who knows, maybe you’ll be the hero at the next Call of the Card.



Ed works his magic while other Wanderers learn to be like Symmo (in the field, not in a pub)

## Raffle!

Everyone loves a raffle. Especially with a cool first prize like **COLD HARD CASH!** Other prizes include a **Wanderer’s shirt signed by Adam Gilchrist**, and a **3 month membership to Alive Health & Fitness** (our fantastic new sponsor). There will be hundreds of tickets and we will be asking all of **YOU** to help flog them off to anyone and everyone and the people they know. Grab a few books and tell everyone about the prizes – it won’t be hard to get rid of them. Stay tuned for more info!

## Selections

The teams are already out for this week, but there could always be last-minute changes. To see where you’re playing go to <http://www.wodenwandererscc.com/site2/pages/Selections/>

Please ensure the selectors are fully informed of your availability. All players should have notified [selections@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:selections@wodenwandererscc.com) of their availability up until Christmas. If this is not the case or circumstances change (for example, you get stuck in Thailand), please send an email to this address as soon as possible.

## Christmas Party

Don't forget that if you're still in Canberra at Christmas time, the Woden Wanderers Christmas Party will be held at Pine Island in Tuggeranong on Sunday December 21. There will be a barbecue, probably a cricket game, and it is rumoured that Santa may make an appearance on the day. Parents bringing their children are encouraged to bring along a small gift to be delivered by the fat red man himself.

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## A word from our sponsors...



The **West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club** has been the home of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club since the 2004/2005 season. After games on Saturdays, players of all grades retire to the "Bowlo" to swap fishing tales from the day's play over a couple of beers. Every week the captains deliver a "Call of the Card", a barbecue is held and those present go into the draw for a meat tray.



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**Alive Health and Fitness** has now amalgamated with Bodyworks Health Clubs to provide Wanderers members with access to six top-class facilities across Canberra. Any active Wanderers member is entitled to the Alive Health & Fitness sports club membership. This membership comes at a reduced rate of \$29 per fortnight and a reduced joining fee of \$49.50.



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**Kingston Butchery** provides the meat trays for the badge draws after games each Saturday. If you spend \$40 or more at the Kingston Butchery this season you will get 20% off the purchase price. We recommend any of Jody's prize-winning sausages, with his marinated roasts and steaks fantastic for any occasion.



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The **Civic Merry-Go-Round** is run by a new Wanderer to the club, James Penney. He has generously donated some vouchers valid for 10 free rides on the Merry-Go-Round. If you are interested in collecting one of these vouchers, whether for yourself or someone of a more appropriate age, send an email to [president@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:president@wodenwandererscc.com). Be warned that supplies are limited, so get in early to avoid disappointment.



**The merry-go-round in Civic. (JP wouldn't let me ride)**

### Match Reports

In the remaining pages you will find match reports from the following matches...

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:</b>	Round 8
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade:</b>	Round 8
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b>	Rounds 5, 6 and 7

## Round 8, 3rd Grade v RUC Ravens at Yarralumla by Al Hughes

The storms cleared and it looked a nice day to play. Jacko kindly volunteered to play - much appreciated in another week of scrounging for players, and Rabs also made himself available - only to be snaffled by 1s. As a batsman - obviously they hadn't realised how crucial it is to deprive him of breath early on.

Was contemplating bowling first when they won the toss and elected to bat. This was a relief: I wasn't keen at all not to choose to bat first. The team was substantially changed from the week before - as usual, but I was confident we had the players to do the job. The opening pair were looking good. CC went back to keeping this week, so the Chad, making a welcome return to third grade after being banished to 1s for two seasons, trundled up into the outswing wind (what a surprise), and Jonty nursed his groin downwind.

They started well, but bowled without luck, and despite beating the bat regularly, both were wicketless until Jonty, in the tenth over, grabbed the first wicket. Gave the Chad a spell after seven very tidy overs, 0/13. Jonty kept going for seven, and finished with 1/16. By this stage we had them 1/30 after 14 and were well on top (as we have been in the field for four games now). I replaced the Chad with Fred - and the batsmen immediately looked more apprehensive, though not necessarily more likely to get out. Then Scurge replaced Jonty from the inswing end (the end Fred wanted but I wouldn't give him). Scurge looked dangerous immediately. He obviously didn't hear the sledging from the slips where we were taking bets on how many no balls first over (and noone betted on less than three) and slotted into a handy line and length immediately. And, more importantly, swung the thing a mile. Sometimes from the hand, sometimes late: none of them could play him. After 4 overs for one wicket I tried out Mick Hamood - only to discover that batting and keeping are remembered skills, bowling not so.



**Fred, probably getting ready to bowl another bouncer**

Scurge and Fred both grabbed a wicket each, and we went to drinks with them 4/61 from 23. We were well on top, but we hadn't quite put them away. Came out after drinks and Scurge grabbed another straight away - a very sharp catch to Jacko at short mid wicket diving forwards. Ah, he hasn't lost his catching ability I thought...That wicket encouraged me to bring the Chad back on, and he didn't disappoint, snaring a nice clean bowled in his first over back.

Six down at this point, and a couple of hitters together. They got lucky for a little while and, took the score to 7/111 in the 31st. By this stage Scurge had bowled seven straight for 3/26 - and bearing in mind he'd been silly enough to let me know he'd kept bowling the week before when knackered, I took him off after a maiden in his seventh over. Time to change things around and bring on Blake and Fred - with both bowling from the wrong end, but also the end they wanted. (Bowlers! What can you do?)

Blake bowled very well indeed. The guys who had carted the medium pacers looked confused by his good balls, of which there were many. Fortunately, some bad ones as well, as the two bad balls he bowled were smashed straight to Zak at 3/4 mid on. And another was skied to Jacko at mid on. I saw who was under it

and thought "safe". But Jacko had other ideas. Maybe he was angling for a bowl, who knows? Anyway, he spilled a sitter - only to grab the rebound and run the same batsman out trying to complete one. So same result - except for Blake's figures...And big credit to the batsman - by all accounts comfortably out (but it was bowlers making that call so who knows) the umpire gave him not out - and he walked. Well done sir!

Meanwhile Fred charged downwind with gusto. I still maintain it was pretty much a cross wind, and against Fred's natural outswing - but he thinks he's quick and so always wants whichever end is even vaguely downwind. So, gusto-ful in he charged. And, allegedly, caught the guy plumb in front only for the appeal to be turned down. (I was at cover - the height was OK, no ideal of the line...) Which led to the predictable response: yep, the no ball bouncer way over his head. Followed by the attempted yorker woops I'm too excited full bunger bounces off the pitch four bytes (should be called wides those ones!). Happy to say his final couple of overs were much better - wicket maiden, maiden - and he finished with 2/18 from 8. Meanwhile Blake, who'd come on to bowl at a potential turning point, had finally swung things convincingly our way and took 2/13 from 4. (Should have been 3/13 except for Jacko proving he is fallible after all...)

So, 135 to win, same as last week. CC was keeping, so guess who opened the batting? And at 0/42 after three overs I was unbearably smug, let me tell you, CC's innings: dot dot 4 4 6 6 6 out. And the out was one he smashed hard flat and square: it hit the point fieldsman in his ample gut, popped skywards and he snaffled the rebound. Still, 24 from 8 balls took the run rate out of the equation! Meanwhile Zak too got off to a good start, hitting four 4s in his first 10 balls, and looking solid.

Mick Hamood went out at three, and was promptly reminded that cricket really is a stupid game: after his 79 from 40 balls last week he picked up a third ball duck. So I joined Zak, with the full intention of showing how to play dots. Only managed six of them before I snicked one behind for 7, so in came Jacko. He managed to see of 13 balls before he too was out for 2. Tom grabbed a four ball duck, then Blake hung around for an 11-ball four until he missed one, bowled as was Tom. Fark! 6/83 chasing 135, and starting to get worrying. I was umpiring at this point, having not finalised the batting order. When a wicket fell I told Chad "you guys sort it out".

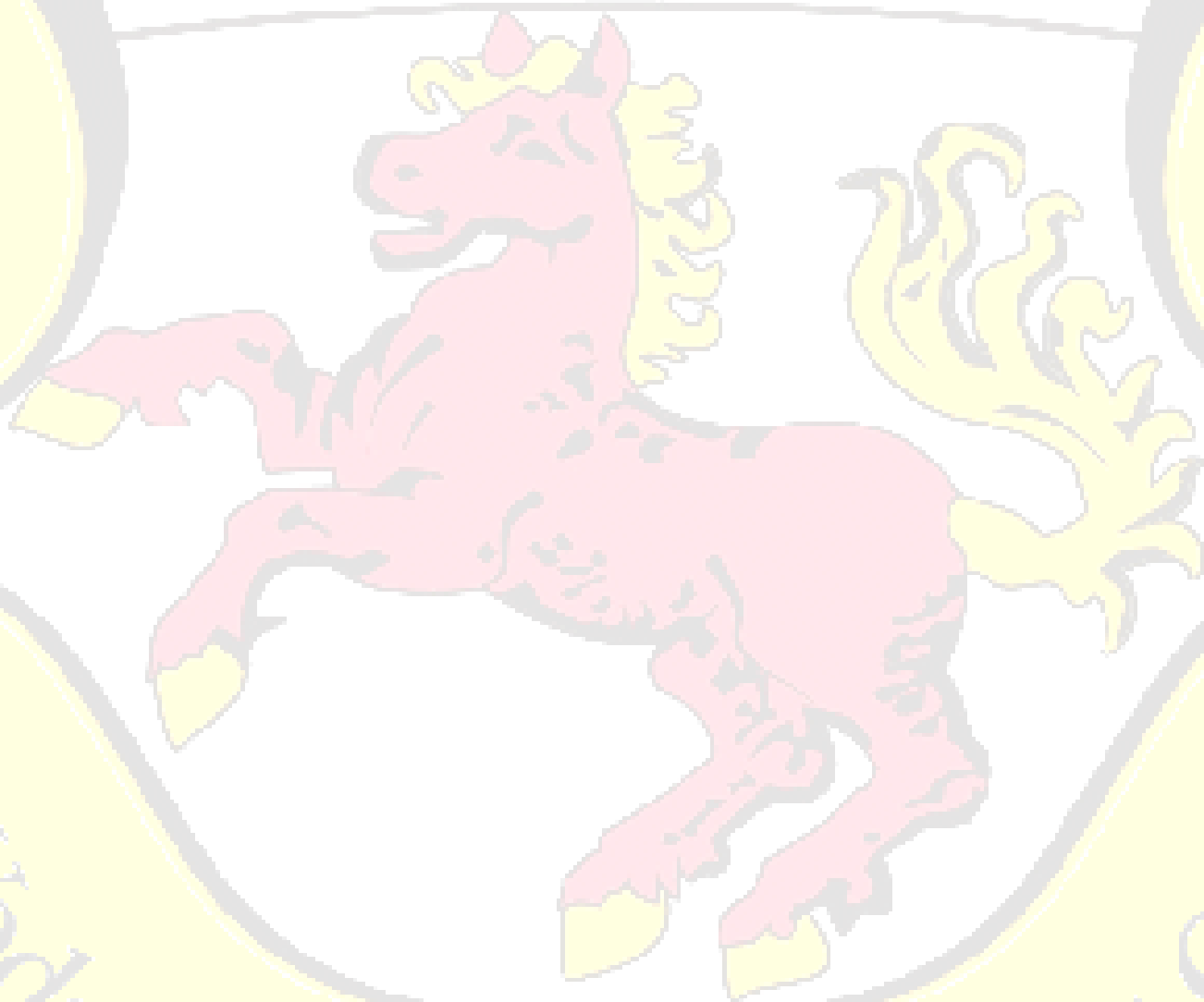
So in came the Chad at number eight, dizzy heights in the batting order for the regular first grade number 11. (I had told him he might get a bat for us). Luckily he was feeling really sick and hungover, and so those normal delusions of grandeur that entice him to try to hit every ball over cow for six were held at bay. All we needed was someone to stick with Zak, who by this stage had moved on to 45 not out - and didn't look like getting out. And the Chad did the job superbly. Despite having to stop the game for a couple of minutes at one point while he threw up, he batted very very sensibly to do what was required. In his first 33 balls he hit only one boundary, and just concentrated on defending the good balls and taking one or two when it was on offer. At the other end Zak showed he was there for the win, and did exactly the same. He started in blaze of boundaries - then when they dropped the field back, and we had no problem with run rate but in danger of being bowled out, he saw the bowlers off, defending good balls and picking off the bad ones.

Finally, 13 to win. Chad hits his second four, and Zak a four and two 2s. Next over starts - huge six over cow to the Chad and we had won. Superb partnership: 57 unbeaten. Zak finished with a superb 67 not out, Chad with 31 not out. Exactly what was needed in the circumstances. Partnerships like that make me think how good the Wanderers are going to be down the grades as the young fit guys start squeezing us out of the higher grades.

So that's three wins on the trot, and cements us in the four. Man of the match should probably be the Chad - but I can't resist a match-winning innings from an opener, so it goes to Zak. (And honourable mention to the Scurge).

PS. The winning didn't end there. Happy to say that, largely on the back of Caitlin's advice that Jeremy was looking for a table for the WWCC Trivia Night, I managed to put together a winning combination! Jeremy got 80% of the answers (and won Movember), and the rest of us all managed to chip in with one or two when noone else knew. Leading to us defeating the mighty Hercules' table! Which, after his "no-one will beat my table" intro/spruiking of the Trivia Night at the call of the card a couple of weeks ago, was particularly gratifying. (Not that I'm an obnoxious winner or anything.) Actually, it shows Herc's spruiking was very effective indeed. So, last three games to the Happy Team, and won the Trivia Night. Things are looking good....

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Woden Wanderers Cricket Club

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Round 8, vs Harman at Harman by Josh Crase

For the first time this year the 1<sup>st</sup> grade captain, Pipey, lost the toss and we were bowling first. Pipes and myself opened up the innings and before long Pipey had our first breakthrough with a catch behind to Dougie. I was bowling with some decent rhythm and the next guy in made me angry when he stepped away from one at the last minute, which I still delivered and hit the stumps. A few balls later he was gone forcing a shot onto the on-side which Sam Lang scooped up and they were 2/9. We continued to apply pressure and Steve Hart replaced me in the 12<sup>th</sup> over, with Sam coming on in place of Pipes after he took out another guy LBW. Sam bowled without luck and was soon changed for Starkey who was making his comeback to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He struck pretty quickly, enticing a slash to gully, and then following up a bit later with a caught and bowled which he sat underneath for a fair while. Macca took a similar catch at mid-off for Steve at the other end, who also picked another one up when I took a one-handed catch at first slip which I barely saw, but will relay in detail to the returning president and 1<sup>st</sup> slipper. Harman weren't scoring throughout all of this and when Callum took a catch at point to give Starkey 3/17 from his 6 overs, we had Harman at 7/79. Pipey was generous enough to bring me back on rather than himself, and I managed to clean up the last couple to return figures of 3 /4 from 7.4 overs. Pipey finished with 2/23 from 5 and Steve bowled really well for 2/25 from 9. Harman were out for 92 and had lasted just 32.4 overs. With the form of our batsman recently, disregarding last week of course, we were understandably confident that we could get the job done with a minimum of fuss.

Rabsy, returning to 1<sup>st</sup> grade in place of the last-minute absence of Knuckles, opened with the bat along with Sam Lang who was coming off a good 50 against the Lions. Rabs carefully evaded the first two balls whistling past his ears, then proceeded to remind us why he was the pinch-hitter for our side a couple of seasons ago. One six clanged nicely on the vacant metal viewing stand, but after a few slogs he found himself cleaned up for 18. We were 1/24 after 5 overs and still looking the goods. Dougie came in at no.3 but after knocking a couple around was clean bowled for 5 by the same left-armer as Rabs (Wilcock). JP came in for his return to 1<sup>st</sup> grade and after surviving a huge shout for LBW early, looked pretty comfortable with much of the bowling directed at his pads and he happily kept flicking them away for runs. Unfortunately we lost Sam when he was bowled and we were suddenly 3/36. Tex joined JP and for a short time looked like they were going to stick together and get us close to home, but then Tex, after smashing the previous ball for 4, had a go at one that wasn't quite there and only managed to sky it and be caught for 9. Callum came in at 6 and departed soon after, again bowled by the lefty who was making us look pretty ordinary. Macca came in and didn't last long, LBW for 4, and then Pipey copped a ripper ball first-up and was cleaned up as well, leaving us looking down the barrel at 6/60. And unfortunately the tail couldn't stay with JP for any length of time to get us across the line... Steve, Starkey and myself gave little resistance, leaving us with the pathetic total of 65 runs in 24 overs. A very disappointing end to a day that looked to be ours for the taking. That gives 1<sup>st</sup> grade two losses in a row, but we won't focus on the bad. This week sees the return of a few batsman and we will definitely be pumped up and ready to go for the top-of-the-table clash with Workers.



**Apparently this wasn't the ball that got Tex out, but I have no idea how he got the bat down in time here.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 5 vs Southside Teachers at Hughes by Adam Stewart

4<sup>th</sup> Grade made a return to the graveyard, where the infamous tie of '08 took place against Workers in round 2. After last weeks win over the previously undefeated TUFC CC confidence was high as the team looked to protect its own undefeated record.

The game didn't start well with the skipper (yours truly) losing another toss to be 0 from 3, the opposition choosing to have a bat and us starting and in the end finishing the game with just 10 men. New ball honours went to Charlie and Lebs who both bowled magnificent opening spells, mesmerising the batsman the whole time without reward.

Time for a change and the Scurge came on bowling his big inswingers, and it didn't take long before he took the team's first wicket having one popped up off the body to square leg. At the other end Tom Novak came on and bowled 3 overs for 15 without reward, and looked to improve as he settled into his spell. Without much action before drinks the skipper brought himself on to bowl some "spinners" after a superb first over of 2 full tosses 1 of which went to the rope drinks were had with Southside at 1/50 after 23 overs.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> over after drink saw the skipper continue his excellent bowling form with another full toss which was dispatched to be boundary and so far I'd bowled more balls that had gone to the boundary than had landed on the pitch. However on the final ball of the over the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket fell with the skippers guile and flight too much for the Southside batsman who was clean bowled, 2/64. At the other end Tom was replaced by debutant Vijay who bowled solid throughout his straight 9 over spell and dead-set destroyed the middle and lower order of the opposition. Vijay's spell which included him being on a hat-trick returned him figures and a MOTM performance of 4/24.

After Vijay's spell Az Thorne was thrown the ball after talking up all week how he's been bowling pies. 2 balls into his first over, WICKET TIME clean bowled, not bad for a part time pie bowler. Things got even better for the part-timer who took a 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket in his first over yet again too good for the batsman and bowling the perfect delivery taking just the bail on off-stump. Coupled with a good team run out, Southside had managed to get themselves in deep trouble and were reeling at 9/88. Right time to clean the tail up and Charlie came back into the attack and almost straight away got a well-deserved wicket and Southside were wrapped up for 94 all out.

Only 95 to get even with 10 men surely this was achievable. The innings started up with Rocket and Tom Novak opening, Tom started aggressively before a good 1 handed catch brought him undone out for 12. Next out was Jeremy Friend the big hitting slapper, and after 2 superb outside edges to 3<sup>rd</sup> man the opposition caught on and put a fly slip in and sure enough Jeremy guided it straight to him, gone for 4 (2/17). Az Thorne came in and looked good before he too went for 4 and the batting started to look fragile at 3/21 but confidence was still high. Rocket, who'd done an excellent opener's job of occupying the crease was next to go for a 22-ball quacker, and at 4/24 with 10 men things weren't looking positive.

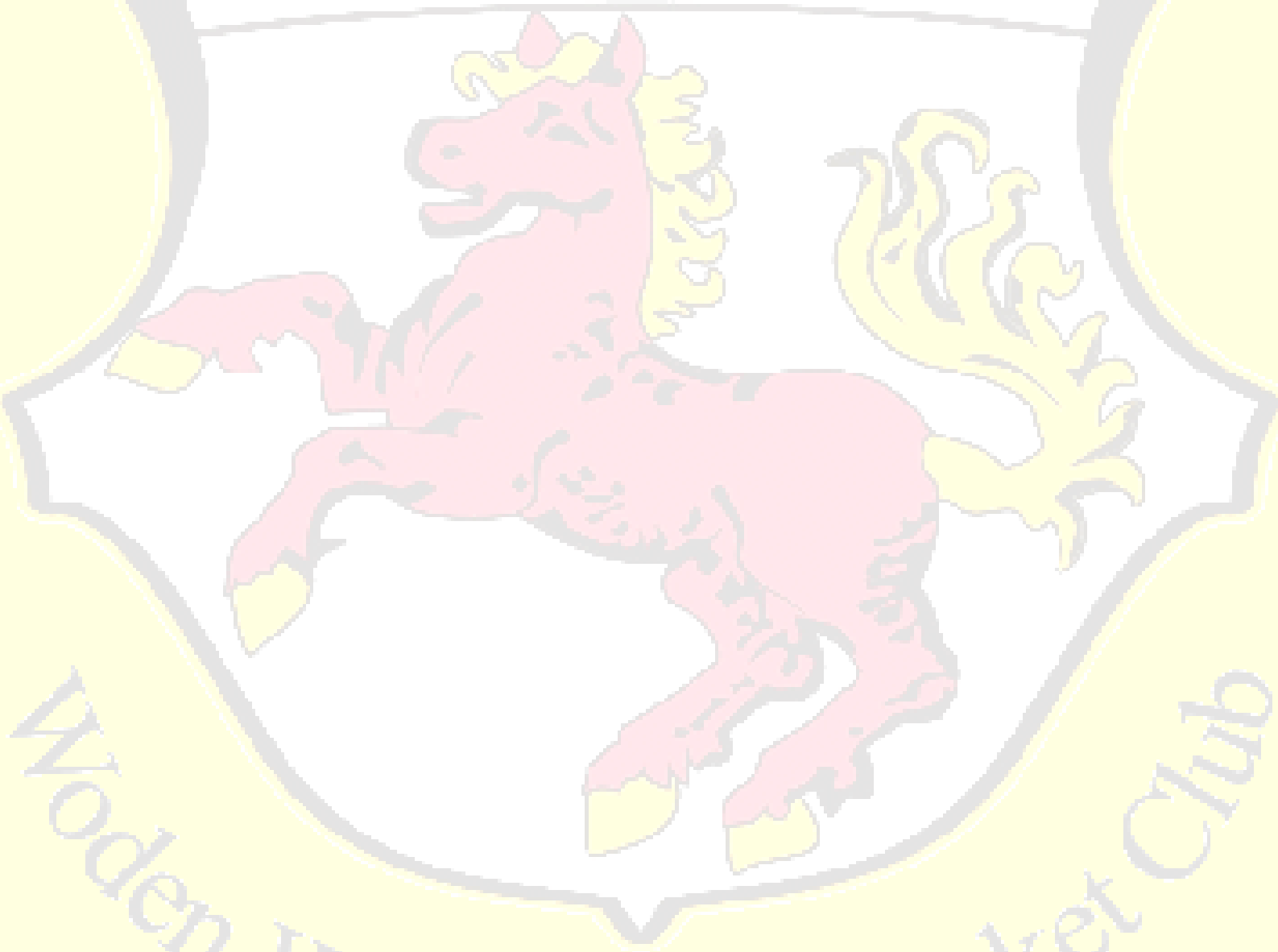
Spikes and the skipper occupied the crease for a productive 21 run partnership in the circumstances, before Spikes was gone for a hard fought 8. The game was still well in the balance at 5/45. Things got worse for the Wanderers with the skipper next to go for 16 in the same over and at 6/46 all signs were pointing towards another poor batting display at the graveyard. With two new batsman at the crease Charlie and Lebs set out occupying the crease, Charlie more so than Lebs, who definition if occupation is anything more than 10 balls. And he didn't disappoint not wasting anytime scoring 2 boundaries off 4 ball before he went for one to many big shots and skied one, gone for 8 (7/57).

Out came the Scurge to bat with Charlie who was working the singles around patiently and they put together the partnership that the team needed. 33 runs before Charlie's patient innings finally gave out for an excellent rearguard innings of 18. Mean while at the other end the Scurge was punishing anything on his pads and dispatched 2 boundaries to the leg side with a flick, one massive 6 which only took one bounce before reaching the pavilion. Finally Vijay who'd be wording the captain up while he was umpiring saying he could clear the ropes with ease got his chance. He held his end up for a 2 with red ink while the Scurge who batted superbly and dug his team out of the jaws of defeat scored a timely 24 off 24 to get 4<sup>th</sup> grade across the line.

MOTM as mentioned before went to Vijay who's bowling during the middle overs were superb, but the Scurge taking 24 runs from as many balls to get us across the line was as impressive. The 10 man Wanderers had done what they required.....just.

Cheers

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skipper  
Adza.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 6 vs Brewers at Melba by Adam Stewart

Still undefeated after 5 rounds, playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom team in the competition confidence couldn't have been any higher for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The game started as usual the skipper losing another toss to be none from 4 attempts and Brewers decided to bat.

Once again 4<sup>th</sup> grade strode out to the centre with just 10 blokes but keen for the early wickets to get into the game early. Leigh and the Scurge opened the bowling this week and both bowled really well but weren't provided the support from the fielders, dropping 2 chances and missing a run out, as the opening bowlers were seen off without loss.

Leigh was replaced by Dom Oosterlooooooo to make things happen, however after a few more overs went by, the scoreboard kept ticking, yet still no wickets. Desperate for a breakthrough the Scurge was given a rev-up, sure enough the breakthrough finally came in the 15<sup>th</sup> over. 1/50. Leigh was replaced after bowling economically, but without the elusive wickets the team needed. Az Thorne was introduced and in his 3<sup>rd</sup> over he got the 2<sup>nd</sup> break through, (2/79) and continued to bowl tight and started to get the reward for some good bowling taking 4 wickets in his spell of 9 straight overs taking 4/33. A sensational spell of bowling considering the Brewers number 4 batsman was getting stuck into all bowlers.

At drinks Brewers had reached 3/106 but the ground was small and the boys, buoyed by the arrival of our 11<sup>th</sup> player looked to go out after drinks and wrap things up quickly. Charlie and Joel Greenaway were brought on after drinks, coinciding with the arrival of the ladies day bus. Joel bowled well, giving the ball lots of and was generally unlucky as he was hit for 0/37 off 4 overs. Charlie on the other hand was causing all sorts of problems for their middle order as his pace caused the batsman problems ball after ball. Finally Charlie got the reward he deserved picking up 3 quick wickets and finishing with figures of 3/19 from 8 overs.

Leigh and Dom were asked to bowl the innings out and the Brewers tale took to them with venom, scoring 30 runs off the last 4 overs getting their total to 203.

Right, 204 to get on a small ground with a quick outfield it seemed possible, the only question was how was the batting going to be this weekend? Sent out to open were Clint and Leigh (who was on a head shave). They started solidly and the Brewers bowlers were kind enough to bowl a leg side full toss which Leigh put away to the boundary, scoring his runs for the Wanderers and to avoid the head shave. (Game note: There may have been some mild fist pumping done by the batsman).

The solid partnership came to an end with Leigh caught for 7, 1/17. Bettsy went out and found the sun too hot, so he decided to run himself out for 1 the team at 2/20. Out went the skipper and immediately spoke to Clint and asked him to dot it up to stop the wickets from galling. We both and got through to drink with the score 2/50.

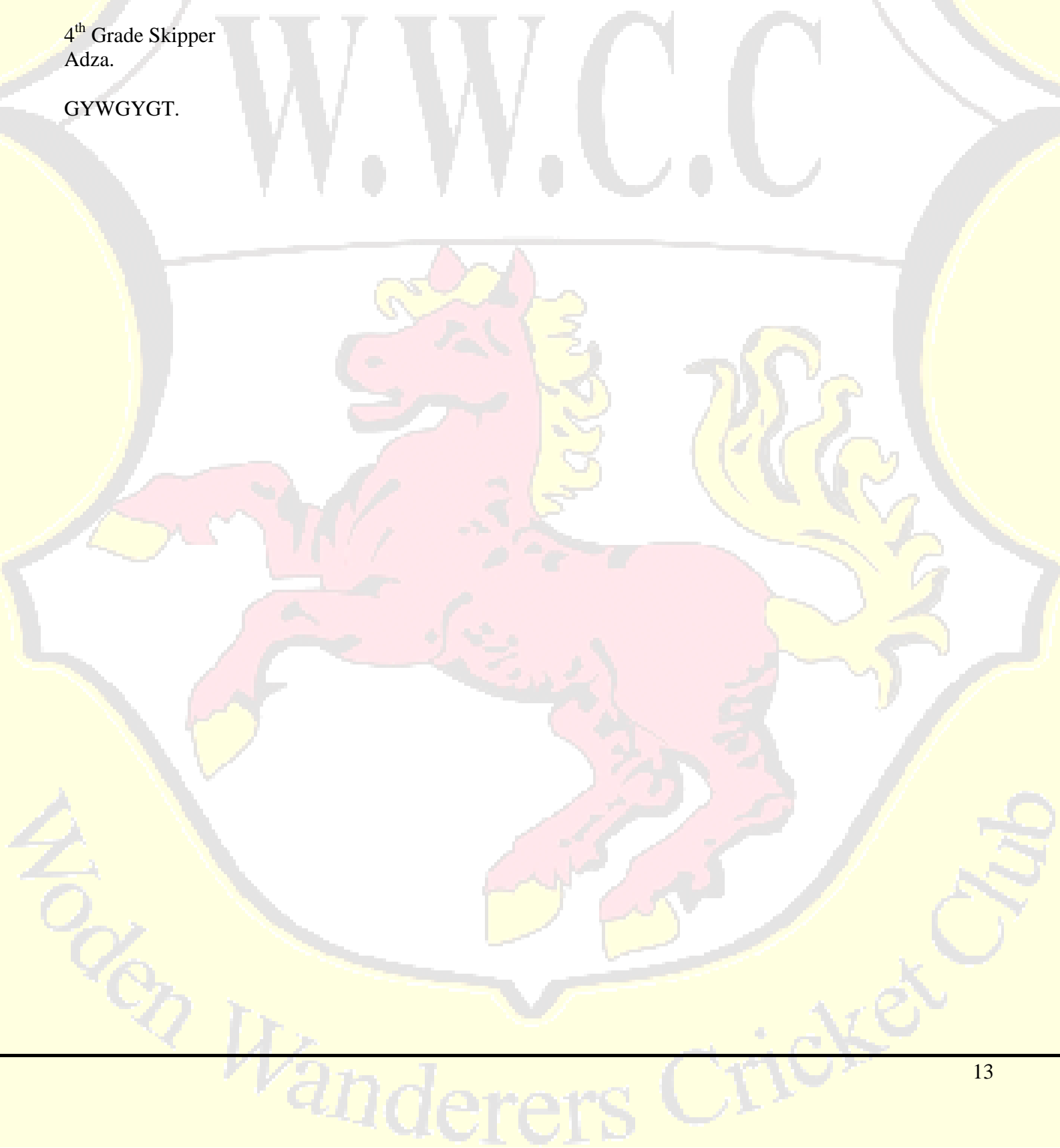
Needing 154 runs from 132 balls the instructions after drinks was to up the run rate, and Clint and I did that taking 32 runs off the next 3 overs taking the partnership to 61 runs. Unfortunately in his endeavour to lift the run rate Clint was out for a well constructed 44, the score now 3/82 and the run rate was being pegged back. Out came Az Thorne who put together a solid short partnership with the captain, before the skipper was sent packing for 39 and in the same over Az followed gone for 9. The score was now 5/101 in the 31<sup>st</sup> over (that's 103 runs from 84 balls).

Even though the Scurge hit 2 sixes towards the end of the innings the tail didn't wag with the boys collapsing after drinks in search of quick and cheap runs, all bowled out for 128 in the 36<sup>th</sup> overs. The game can be best summed up again by our bowlers bowling well given the conditions and not getting enough support from the batsman. At drinks needing 154 was an ask but one which was achievable on the small ground and this was highlighted by the 78 runs made in just 13 overs, but coupled with the loss of 8 wickets meant constant wickets and new batsman.

A good effort by the boys with room to improve on our approach to chasing runs in the future. MOTM was Clint with an excellent 44 and Charlie's 3/19 (8) was also a highlight.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skipper  
Adza.

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#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 7 vs Academics at Hughes by Adam Stewart**

You could have been forgiven for thinking cricket was a winter sport on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Braving the cold weather and wind I went and tossed the coin and finally snagged a win that's 1 from 5 and got so excited I said we'd have a bat before considering the weather conditions.

Our ummmm batsmen, well we had 11 blokes wearing white that turned up, but none could be called batsmen on this day. The difference between the two teams was a quality left arm bowler from Academics who took 6/10 (9) and destroyed our batting. The one positive thing that can be said about the batting display was that nobody threw their wicket away and we made them earn every wicket.

Top scorer was some new bloke to the team called S. Sundries with 16, followed by a gutsy 13 from Spikes. That's where we'll stop talking about the batsmen, as everyone else failed to get to double figures. So we were rolled for 52. Not a great score but we had defended 64 on the same ground a few rounds ago.

We opened with Charlie and Lebs, 3 balls into the innings and Lebs had taken the first wicket, clean-bowling one of their openers and we felt a sniff of running through the batting line up. Charlie was bowling as he always does, superb even at times nominating which ball he would bounce the batsman. And bounce he did: the batsman hit the deck on 3 occasions to avoid some very well-directed bouncers.

Unfortunately as you'll find in the lower grades of City & Suburban guys play some outrageous shots (Monners' note: trust me, it happens in all grades) and our bowlers weren't given any exception with 2 massive 6's being driven over covers. The 53 runs required for victory was achieved easily by Academics in the 9<sup>th</sup> over for the loss of just 1 wicket.

4<sup>th</sup> grade has now lost 2 games in a row, but the boys are still keen and pumped to turn things around. The best thing to do for us is to move on from this one and concentrate on our next assignment against the Cook XI. We were undefeated for 5 rounds and the boys are keen to get back to those winning ways.

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