

Wandering About

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Monners Runs (his mouth)...

Greetings fellow Wanderers, and welcome to the second half of the season. Hopefully you all had an enjoyable and safe break over Christmas, or at least got plenty of overtime pay if you worked through the break. This is a short “half”, with only seven weeks of games before the finals start. Now is the time that teams in contention need to make their move, so you don’t have to rely on other results to go your way in the last couple of weeks. This is also the time that you might get caught on camera doing something good and get featured on the banner for next year’s Wandering About!

The second half of the season began with last Wednesday’s training session at Duffy. Unfortunately Andrew Allan was injured in a freak accident during training, and spent the night in hospital with a bloody nose. Rocket sent me a photo of the “aftermath”, but in the interests of keeping this newsletter’s PG rating, I wasn’t able to print it. We all hope you get well soon, Andrew.

“Get well soon” wishes should also be extended to our club captains, who appear to be suffering from the worst collective case of writer’s block ever. As a result, there won’t be much in the way of match reports apart from 1st Grade’s Round 10 game against Barton. In addition, there won’t be a Prez Says this week because Pete has left the country to find out how many times Kiwis can handle the Beached Whale routine before they go postal. In any case, we should still have enough to keep you interested for at least... 20 seconds.

Best of luck this weekend (or last weekend, if this doesn’t get to you until Monday). We can be reached at matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com or josh.crase@gmail.com. Feel free to send anything you’d like published to us. It can be photos, articles... whatever, really, just don’t use the email addresses to sign up for dodgy websites (I have a separate address for that).

Cheers,

Monners and Crazy.

Christmas Party BBQ

For those who couldn't be there, the Christmas party was a great day in the sun. Highlights included Ed's little brother showing us his 'keeping skills, Knuckles and Hotpants combining for the greatest park-cricket catch in history, and a brief visit from the constabulary... but nothing to worry about there eh Knuckles ;)

Big thanks to those who helped out, namely Rocket, Starky, Sarah for the fantastic salads and Texas for manning the BBQ... manly.

Training

Paul Bunn ("Rabs") is doing a great job running **training** and is happy to help you in any aspect of your game. He might not be here forever though: the position of England coach just became available, and you know how much the Poms love getting Aussies to play for or coach their team.



In any case, you're going to be rusty after Christmas, so if you can get down to **Duffy Oval** (Dixon Drive) on **Wednesdays** at **5:00pm**, your batting average will thank you for it.

You've got to train to feed the soul, or something like that

Umpires Course – Calling for Nominations

The Canberra City & Suburban Cricket Association is currently running Level 1 Umpiring courses. Your committee has decided this should be a really worthwhile venture and would like to send a couple of representatives from each of our teams, so they can come back and pass on their knowledge to the rest of the playing group.

As a result, we are asking for nominations from any players who wish to participate, particularly from 3rd and 4th grades. The date for this course is not yet known, but will be either a Monday or Wednesday night in February. The club will cover the cost, so all you need to do is send an email to josh.crase@gmail.com and we will arrange the rest. Please note: by doing this course you won't necessarily have to umpire every week, but this course should give you the confidence to deal with any situation that may arise out in the middle.

Further details can be found on the association website:

<http://ccsca.act.cricket.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=19419&id2=1&eID=76&entityID=76>

Selections

To see where you're playing each week go to <http://www.wodenwandererscc.com/site2/pages/Selections/>. Please contact selections@wodenwandererscc.com and inform your availability for as far ahead as possible.

Presentation Night

Presentation night is slated for **Saturday April 4**. Please keep this date free, as if you haven't attended before, it's lots of fun. Tickets will be \$40 for one or \$70 for two.

Ladies' Picnic – The Sequel



Sometimes a game of cricket even breaks out

Wanderettes! Get your champagne drinking shoes polished and ready for action on Saturday 21 February for the second and final Ladies Travelling Picnic of the 2008/09 season. The cost is \$20 per ticket which covers champagne*, lunch, champagne, cakes, champagne, cheeses, champagne, bus hire and did we mention - champagne. Kids and non-drinkers' tickets are available for \$10/head. More information will be provided soon. For enquiries in the meantime or to book your seat early, please email Caitlin at: treasurer@wodenwandererscc.com.

* may only be sparkling wine from somewhere in Australia

Raffle

Everyone loves a raffle, especially with a cool first prize like **COLD HARD CASH!** Other prizes include a **Wanderers 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!

Contact Details

Here are the details of people you may need to contact at the club:

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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.



Compuware Corporation provides software and IT services that help you maximise the value of your technology investments. They have been valued sponsors of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club for five years. The ongoing support that Compuware provides has helped the Wanderers to their first championship, and we look forward to a long relationship that brings more success to both organisations.



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.



5 Star Cricket is Canberra's local specialist in cricketing equipment, providing quality equipment made for cricketers of all abilities. As specialists they are able to provide the equipment and quality advice on how to best maintain your top gear. The shopfront is located at 4/9 Townsville Street, Fyshwick.

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.



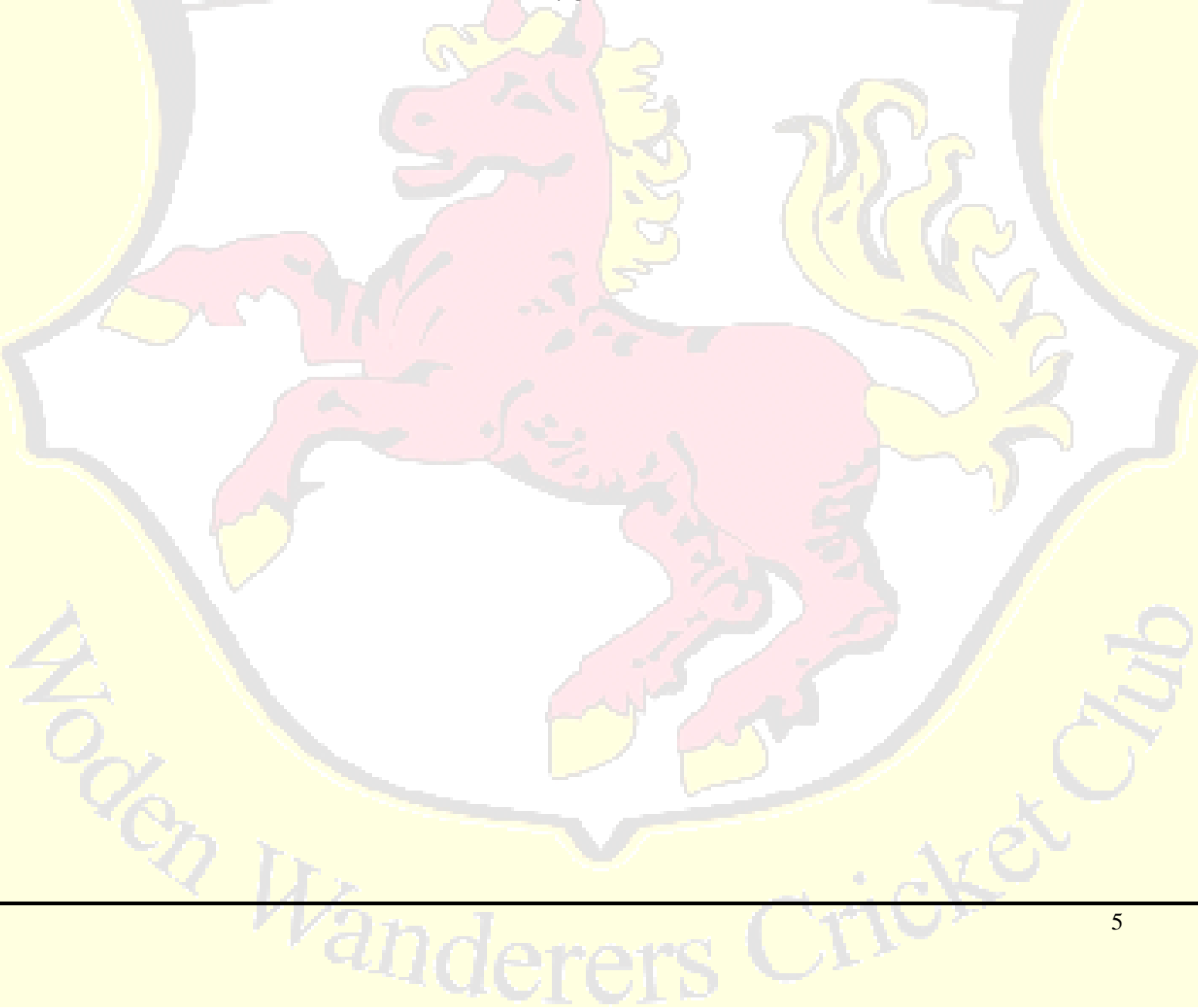
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Weston Indoor Sports Club offer indoor cricket, access to a cricket bowling machine, netball, volleyball and soccer for people of all ages and all sporting levels. You'll find plenty of Wanderers at Weston Indoor Sports in teams such as the Polar Bears and the Partridge Famulee Sporting Club on Tuesday nights.

The **Civic Merry-Go-Round** is run by a new Wanderer to the club, James Penny. 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. Be warned that supplies are limited, so get in early to avoid disappointment.



The merry-go-round in Civic



1st Grade, Round 10 vs Barton at the Mint Oval by Matthew Morrison

I'd already been out to the city during the morning, and although there had been a bit of breeze around, I kind of laughed when someone asked me if they should take extra layers when venturing outside and said "No".

Idiot.

I'd forgotten that the Mint Oval is a wind tunnel at the best of times, and today a gale was blowing across the field that turned players into Michelin Men due to their extra layers, and spectators into shivering fools due to their insufficient layers. At any rate, Captain J Pres won the toss and decided to bowl, and once the scorebooks and ball had been delivered, the game was due to start.

We're a little spoilt in 1st Grade because our bowling attack is almost always able to pick up anywhere up to four quick wickets before the opposition has even had a chance to rub on their sunscreen. For once, though, sunscreen wasn't required, but more importantly, the bowlers couldn't make the early breakthroughs. Pipes and Crazy certainly didn't disgrace themselves with the new ball, but a number of chances did not quite go to hand. Jonty was brought on to replace Pipey, and also bowled without luck. One skied ball could have been caught by either Josh Lumby or Starky, but was not even touched by one (sorry guys, it's gotta be told). Poor JP was distracted by the fact that the almost gale-force winds had blown the hard tray cover of his ute out of joint, and was standing vertically against the cab! Eventually I did a superb job of supervising a couple of the Barton boys tying it down with a rope, and total disaster was averted.



Pipes lets one rip against Simon Smith, who scored 65

The truth is that Barton had a very strong top order today, and it wasn't until Steve Hart trapped Andrew Ryan in front that the first wicket finally fell with the score on 54. Apparently there was an inside edge, but nobody could hear *anything* out there except the wind in their ears. Unfortunately though, despite the introduction of The Chad and Starky to the bowling attack, no further inroads could be made before the drinks break, with Barton well-placed at 1/96.

Thankfully, not long after the drinks break, The Chad got his first wicket, but the runs continued to flow, and at 2/130 after 30 overs Barton looked like putting up a big target to chase. The Chad then managed to lure another of the Bartonians ("Bartians"?) into a false stroke, popping up to Crazy at short cover. This was the start of a collapse that saw Barton slip to 7/158 in the space of 6 overs, with Crazy coming back to rip through the middle order to match The Chad's haul of 3 wickets.

Their tail managed to wag a bit thanks mainly to "Kochy", their opening bowler who behaves like, well, all fast bowlers seem to do. (Do I have to spell it out? OK. It rhymes with "banker".) He was not happy to be given out caught behind despite smashing it, by all accounts. In any case, Pipes managed to pick up a couple of wickets on his return to the attack, and Steve picked up the last wicket as Barton was all out for 193 in the 44th over. Dougie picked up three catches during the innings, and was solid as always behind the sticks.

193? Surely. (Not “suuuurely”, but surely.) James Penney and Josh Lumby strode out to form the Wanderers’ seventh different opening partnership this season. This partnership looked like it might be over pretty quickly, with JP “caught” off the second ball of the innings. Thankfully it hit his arm (he had the bruise to prove it), and he was given not out. Not long later though, he managed to bunt one back to the bowler to be gone for 1, and we were in a spot of bother at 1/4. Dougie joined Josh, but also got out caught and bowled to the same guy for 1.

Knuckles J Facebook then joined Josh, and finally the runs started to flow. From 2/10 in the 8th over they pushed the score to 40 in the 13th without taking too many risks. At this point though, Pete decided to try and smash the guy that looked like Mick Malthouse for six with the wind, but was well-caught on the boundary by a guy called Tough. Tex came in and tried to smash a guy that *didn’t* look like Mick Malthouse for six against the wind, but was also well-caught in the deep and now faces the prospect of losing that flowing mane if he doesn’t get off the mark this weekend.

The only real highlight left to mention is the innings of Josh Lumby, who had been threatening to put together a good innings for a few weeks and finally delivered today. He started off steadily but built his innings really well, and played some vicious cuts that just couldn’t be caught. We were in real trouble when he was dismissed off the bowling of Mick Malthouse for 40. At 6/66 (Starky had already been dismissed for 3), it was a long way back. Things didn’t get any easier when Pipes and Steve Hart were involved in a, ahem, “mix-up” (in indoor it would have been a “stitch-up”), and Steve was run out.

At drinks we were 7/79, and needing the bowlers to do the job of the batsmen, which is always a tough ask. This time it didn’t happen, and the Wanderers were rolled for 93, which meant a loss by exactly 100 runs. This is just one of those games we need to forget about, and move on. A win before Christmas would be nice though.