

Wandering About

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Crazy Talk...

It's time for another edition of Wandering About and you know what that means – awesome news, important announcements, numerous social events to talk about, and plenty of good old fashioned humour (old fashioned as in Dad jokes that is).

I hope everyone has started preparations for the **PMs XI tour match** coming up later this month. Remember, tickets are \$34 and there's a brekky on at Caph's in Manuka as the warm-up. I would easily entice you further with funny anecdotes from last year's match, but all I remember is that it was very hot, the match finished up early, and at some point I made a frantic run for the kebab shop in heavy rain. I'm sure you can do much better than that this year. But it was a good kebab.

Just quickly I'd like to mention that recently we have farewelled a couple of Wanderers in Shaun McNamara and David Betts. Both guys have been around the club for a few years now and we are going to miss both of them on and off the field. Macca has returned to Junee to live, while Bettsy is soon moving to Victoria (after getting married this week – congratulations from us all!). I know I will miss watching Macca chat up Heather, while hearing at the call of the card about how many times Bettsy got struck on the pads or ran someone out. ☺

Other things of interest in this edition include an exciting new caption competition, and the second instalment of 'Millar Time coaching tips – which this week focuses on the art of bowling (except spin bowling which is so over-rated).

If you have anything you think worthy of publication, and even things that may not be, we can make that judgement call if you hit us up at matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com or josh.crase@gmail.com. Feel free to send anything you'd like published to us (Millar does). It can be photos, articles, news, ... whatever.

Go you Wanderers,

Crazy and Monners.

(Vice) Prez Says...

Welcome back all members to cricket in 2009 (notably classified as the year of the Wanderer). Hopefully the summer of cricket on the television has everyone itching to get back in to things and if the first 2 rounds back are anything to go by, the Wanderers are progressing to an unprecedented challenge on three premierships (now all touch wood). Despite the records in the Win & Loss columns, each week it makes me proud to see the effort our players are putting in & pushing all oppositions to their limits. We could hope for nothing more, that when an opposition sees us on the fixture list they know they're in for a tough game, despite respective positions in the ladder. I hope all players feel proud of their commitment on the field and push towards the end of the season with an increasing level of passion.

A couple of things from an administration side of things: firstly, there are plenty of players' handbooks still available, so if you don't have one, pick one up. It details the list of grounds, club sponsors & list of events. This booklet should have been received once you registered with the club, however if you don't have one please let your captain or committee member know and we'll get one to you.

Secondly, we have the Prime Ministers XI match coming up on Thursday 29th January and the Wanderers have tickets. This event has been well attended in previous years and turns out to be a cracker of a day every year. This year sees our PM's XI come up against the beige army of NZ. Please contact the Prez, Secretary or Treasurer by email (see contact details further on) to get your tickets. The cost is \$34pp. A pre-match breakfast is organised for the Manuka area (at members' cost), starting around 8:30am. It's a great way to start the day! Please be aware that due to the PMs XI being on a Thursday and the Bowlo being closed on the Australia Day public holiday, we will not be holding a Hottest 100 as in previous years. Albeit disappointing, the timing of the two events may cause financial stress on some members and we would like to see members attending the PMs XI as a great club day.

Thirdly, money. If you are one of the players that took the great option of paying your registration in two \$125 instalments, and you have not paid your second as yet, please do so ASAP. This money was due the last round before Christmas, but we know at Christmas time money can be tight. Please do the right thing and sort this out as soon as you can. For those who have not paid their registration fees (and owe them), please also contact the Treasurer to sort this out. These monies help keep our teams on the paddock and the club running.

Lastly, selections. Please keep your availabilities coming into selections@wodenwandererscc.com. The job is made extremely tough when out of 90 registered players we are having to chase half every week to find out availabilities. This adds a large amount of stress to both captains and coaches not being able to put consistent teams on the park, and also have 12th man personnel available to help out during short-notice pull-outs. Without your availabilities captains are having to put teams together last minute on Fridays, rather than at training. Please help them out, by keeping it up to date (remember those who have their availabilities known are prioritised when teams are being selected).

I look forward to seeing you back at the club again this Saturday.

Go you Wanderers!!

Texas



Boy does training miss this man... as does Heather

Training

Players, get down to **Duffy Oval** (Dixon Drive) on **Wednesdays** at **5:00pm** for a bat, bowl and field. As we approach finals let's all continue to improve and hit form at the business end of the season.

There is talk of some extra net sessions coming up too, so stay tuned. (Millar's advice alone won't get you through, I promise.)

PM's XI tour match

This year the Prime Minister's men take on the might of the Kiwis. I know this match up holds a soft spot for many; and a rivalry for many others. The club has pre-booked a barrage of tickets and we want as many yellow and red wearers there as possible! This event has been a massive success year after year, even if the match hasn't always lived up to the (our) hype.

This year's match is on **Thursday 29th January at Manuka oval**. Tickets are \$34 and payable to the club – just contact Caitlin our Treasurer (treasurer@wodenwandererscc.com). The traditional pre-match brekky this year is at **Caph's (in Manuka) starting at 8:30am**. So if you are getting a ticket, also send an email to josh.crase@gmail.com to confirm your attendance at the breakfast as well (as usual, we need to advise numbers).

Umpires Course

Cricket ACT is running Level 1 umpiring courses around the territory and we have booked a session for a group of Wanderers to attend. The course is being held on **Wednesday 18th February**, at a venue soon to be confirmed (probably the bowlo). We would love to have representatives from all grades come along and not just the same old faces.

Please note that by doing this course you won't necessarily have to umpire every week, but it should give you the confidence to deal with any situation that may arise out in the middle. And once completed and observed umpiring you will gain Cricket Australia accreditation. The club is going to cover all costs involved, so if you would like to attend please email josh.crase@gmail.com now and get yourself booked in!

We particularly need a few guys from 3rd grade, and judging from a recent study of the statistics they probably shouldn't miss out (certainly no trigger fingers in 3rds...). 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>.

Caption competition!

Who wants to win a sweet prize for doing very little? Well, here's your chance. All you have to do is create a clever or humorous caption for this photograph, starring our esteemed President at the club's recent Christmas party held at Pine Island...



“Uh... excuse me officer? Do you know who I AM?”

Well there's my poor attempt – you know you can do far better! So whether it's a speech bubble or two, or a caption for the photograph... put it in writing and send it to either Crazy (josh.crase@gmail.com) or Monners (matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com) and we will judge the best at the end of the season and present the award at the club's Presentation evening. Multiple entries encouraged!

Selections

As the Vice Prez says... we need to know your availability ASAP for the foreseeable future. When anything changes in your availability – shoot at email off to selections@wodenwandererscc.com Yep, that probably means now! ☺

To see where you're playing each week go to <http://www.wodenwandererscc.com/site2/pages/Selections/>.

Presentation Night

Presentation night is slated for **Saturday April 4**. Please keep this date free, as if you haven't been, it's lots of fun. Tickets will be \$40 for one or \$70 for two. Further details as well as invitations will be coming soon so watch this space.

Ladies' Picnic – The Sequel



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

Underage drinking is not encouraged, but tolerated ☺

Raffle

Hopefully everyone is flogging off their raffle tickets like crazy. If you are having any difficulty in selling them please inform Rocket or another committee member and we will distribute them to those who can. So get in there and start hassling your parents and workmates and strangers in the street.

Contact Details

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

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Millar Time coaching tips

(Ed: completely unendorsed by the club and largely useful to none but Millar himself, and that's debatable)

Howdy Wanderers, Wanderettes, Cricket Fans, lovers of good advice columns and Millar Time fan club members. It's been some time since my last advice column, I'm sorry, but I've been busy coaching some young bloke called JP Duminy. He goes all right, still hasn't mastered the reverse sweep though - in short he's no Adam Stewart. Nevertheless the time off has given me a chance to watch you all in the nets, on the field and at the bar. I've been impressed, I've been depressed, and I've been drunk... sometimes simultaneously... but the stats speak volumes and the stats don't lie (unless you play for Barton). After searching through volumes of stats down at Wanderers HQ, I've noticed a spike in batting averages, strike rates, run rates, over rates, and interest rates (and some very pretty ducks drawn by me on the 6th yellow scorecards), all of which can be directly connected back to my inspirational batting comments.

Today I delve into the noble art of bowling (except spin bowling, which is so over-rated that you could set the ball on fire before you bowl and most real batsmen wouldn't notice). Since I gave the batsmen in the club an unfair advantage via the benefit of my wealth of talent and skill previously, I also feel inclined to do so to those of you who toil away with the pill. After all, any hack can bat but it takes a real man to bowl (with the possible exception of Nathan Bracken - and Marcus Bowman). Unlike batting, bowling is not easy and requires talent, luck and some occasional hard work. But for those of you lacking in those I have the following tips on how to turn those pies of yours from tasty snacks into undigestable lumps of face destructing coal:

1. Opposition batsmen are weak, and of dubious sexuality (our batsmen are *mostly* ok). Don't give them the time of day. They'd smash you in the face with a red piece of leather if they got the chance, so you're only getting your own back.
2. Field settings are for chumps; let your captain do it. Real bowlers hit the stumps anyway.
3. If you have to have the ball caught, you're best to do it yourself.
4. The slower ball is for people with a slower brain.
5. Run ups are over-rated (unless you can use them to look good).
6. Bowling down the leg side is usually a good way to not concede runs.
7. Always appeal for anything; you never know your luck. There's nothing more aggressive and fun than a good appeal. High-quality stress relief.
8. Don't shine the ball, or field it if you don't have to. You're the bowler; you're awesome, leave the busy work to your field.
9. Sweat bands and head bands are for winners. Just rocking up like this and people will practically give their wickets away.
10. Look good. Nothing is more important to a bowler then how awesome he looks. Batsmen get jealous, feel inferior and become scared because most of them are very unattractive.

With both batsmen and bowlers now looked after I expect to see some serious results this weekend, and just in time. The action is heating up on the pitch, there's finals coming up, it was derby weekend for the all important 6th grade last Saturday, the cops have paid our esteemed president a visit, and Craze has another drunken injury (surprisingly those last two AREN'T related). So with all this happening around you, you may be worrying... What if I get lost in all the action? How will I stand out? How will I get a bowl when there's so many other *better* bowlers in the team? How am I going to look the selectors in the face and scream 'pick me ya clown or I'll smash you' (threatening the selections is not encouraged and its effectiveness is subject to personal tuffness - Scurge, don't try this at home). Well, you can start by listening to my advice column. The rest, as they say, is skill, determination, grit and toughness. Those of you who don't have those will have to wait until my next instalment, ask me a question, or send me a suggestion for a column. And if you're really struggling, I can be contacted on the following number: 7.

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.



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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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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.



JP will hold your hand if your scared

Match reports

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3rd Grade, Round 12 vs Lanka Lions by Al Hughes

We turned up at the Mint hoping the new year would see us put our season back on course. We'd finished 2008 with two close losses, both after getting ourselves into winning positions then folding while batting. This left us precariously placed in fifth, with 5 wins (one on forfeit) and six losses.

A good omen was the return of Hotpants, professing himself keen to play after his self-imposed sabbatical. Also back to 3s after a few seasons elsewhere was the dasher Peter Spence, who had been enticed up to 3s with the prospect of opening with me, something we've talked about for years but never actually managed as we've always been in different teams. Spencey probably thought he'd at last found an even slower scoring opener, and his return was met with widespread predictions of 0/10 at drinks...



Hotpants sends one down against the worst opener in history (he scored 43 in 37 overs)

Anyway, won the toss (as usual) and sent them in to bat - which is becoming a rather unhealthy habit. My rationale is we should play to our strength, and from outside the four we couldn't afford to drop another game - even though long-term we must bat better to have a chance in finals. Plus we had nine players who could bowl - not the most balanced side but the best we could manage given player availabilities. Hotpants took the new ball (as he always did last season) and was given the best end for his outswing. At the other end Fred charged in - as despite the proliferation of bowlers, there were few who like the new ball. (And even though I prefer Fred coming on later, he always wants the new pill, so time to give him what he likes....) Neither of them took a wicket (according to the scorecard I'm looking at anyway, which was based on the most pathetic attempt at scoring I've seen in my time playing CC&SCA. But I digress.)

Nevertheless we were solid in the field and few runs were scored. With so many bowlers I changed my usual tactics and swapped the bowlers around regularly. On came Lebs and Scurge to replace Fred and Hotpants (0/14 from his 4 overs). Both new bowlers moved the ball consistently, and finally Scurge broke through for our first wicket. He ended with 1/14 from his four overs, and Lebs 0/15 from his four. Still well before drinks and on came our fifth and sixth bowlers. Dom bowled a couple for 12 runs, and struggled to find any rhythm - which was disappointing after he'd looked like running back into last season's form in his last outing for 4th grade. Mick Foti on the other hand slotted into a very consistent line and length from the start, and worried all batsmen. He clean bowled their numbers 3 and 4, and we went to drinks with the score 3/67 and well on top. We'd bowled very well - frustratingly many skied shots fell just wide of fieldsmen, but they never looked like dominating any of our bowlers.

After drinks I changed the pace introducing our 7th bowler, Blake, to great effect. He picked up their skipper, a dangerous batsman who has scored runs against us regularly before, plumb lbw in his first over. Next over Mick picked up a not quite so plumb lbw - I don't think it actually hit the pad at all but instead flew from a leading edge to point. And in Blake's next over came a piece of CC magic. Having given the keeping gloves to Simon, he was lurking at short fine leg, when they pushed one past him and set off for what seemed a comfortable single. CC swooped and flicked the ball backhanded to the keeper whilst facing the boundary: run out by two yards. Mick grabbed another soon afterwards, and suddenly the Lankans had slumped to 7/82.

Blake and Mick continued to bowl very well, so I let them keep going. When I asked the scorers "how many overs has Foti got left?" they replied "Six". Which was strange, as he'd bowled at least seven already. Turned out they'd made the perplexing mistake of confusing the right hander bowling from the far end (Dom) with the left hander bowling from the Mint end! Dom wasn't complaining mind you - they had him down as having taken four wickets. Anyway, that was sorted, and Mick ended up finishing a very good spell of nine overs with the superb figures of 4/9. At the other end Blake also bowled out his nine overs, and finished with 1/21. Probably the best Blake has bowled this season, and very promising as we head towards finals. It is a massive advantage having someone who doesn't bowl mediums....

I decided to bring on CC to have a trundle, thus using my eighth bowler for the innings. (I don't think I've ever used more than six before.) CC bowled with his usual composure, and all batsmen struggled to find anything to hit. At the other end Fred got another chance, and charged in and bowled with considerable pace. Both picked up a wicket, and we managed another run out to end the innings. Fred ended up with 1/17 from his seven overs, and CC, bowling at the death as they tried to lift the run rate, five overs, two maidens, 1/7. Handy. Which all added up to bowling them out for 114 at the end of the 44th over. Surely....

So out went what was probably the Wanderers most experienced opening pair ever, both in combined age and games played. And off to a quick start we went too (!) - six from the first over. Somehow I found defending difficult, but after 11 from 17 balls presented mid on with a very simple catch. Still, an opening stand of 20 at better than four per over proved those predictions false. But another 95 would have been nice.... Simon went in at three, and looked very solid from the start. Unfortunately Spencey departed for 15 with the score 34, and out went Dom at number 4. (CC was listed at 4, but his beers were proving more attractive, and he kept shuffling himself down the order.) Dom looked determined, though was finding it difficult to time the ball. It was pleasing to see him hang in there and struggle on. Normally he smashes the ball all over the park - or gets out quickly, or both - so having the sense to just hang in there when things weren't going his way was good to see.

At the other end Simon never looked like getting out, and took singles when available. Finally Dom received one of the widest wides he'll get - and somehow managed to leap off the pitch to reach the ball and spoon a catch back to the bowler. He'd made a struggling 17, and, more importantly, had taken us to 61. Out went Fred to replace him, and started with a lovely drive along the ground past mid off for four. And then was bowled. 4/65 and time for Blake, fresh from a 30+ in the last game before Christmas, to join Simon. Their partnership looked like it was going to get us over the line as Blake compiled 23 from 24 balls, and Simon continued to pick up singles at will and avoid taking risks. But then Simon lost patience and skied one to long on, Blake missed one and was bowled, and CC came and went for 2. From 4/97 we'd slumped to 7/105, and although only 10 more were needed for the win, memories of the past two games (lost by 17 runs each when chasing low scores and collapsing horribly in the lower order) were a little worrying.

Not to worry: Mick Foti was dotting them up very effectively at one end, and Scurge swung from the hip as only Scurge can at the other - and the two of them carried us to victory in the 34th over (Scurge 7 not out, Mick 0 not out). Phew! Man of the match went to Blake for his excellent bowling and very hand runs.

3rd Grade, Round 13 vs Panthers by Al Hughes

Availabilities led to a more balanced team for this game, with the batting strengthened by the addition of Westy, Zak and Callum. Paulie returned as well, so again I felt confident we had the team to win - provided we played to our potential. A very important game - well they all are now that we've lost so many in the first half of the season! - as this was 4th versus 5th. A loss would put us back in the pack, and a win give us a little breathing space. Although with our final three games against the three sides above us on the ladder, we really have to make sure we pick up the wins now.

Much to my chagrin I won the toss yet again - and had to ask the other captain to give me a couple of minutes decide. Again I'd rather bat to give us some practice of setting large targets - but again I felt the safest course to actually win was to play to our strength and bowl. So that's what we did.

The wind seemed to change direction every over, and somehow it was perfect for Hotpants to bowl outswingers in the overs as Paulie was bowling, which meant Paulie was running into the wind rather than with it! Never mind - Paulie in particular started very well, bowling with pace, control and intelligence. At the other end Hotpants was finding it harder to get on the spot - but was unlucky not to pick up a couple of wickets. Paulie, however, just got better and better. I can recall one slower ball that was picked up and hit for four, but the only other runs scored from him were French cuts. Finally the batsmen's luck ran out and he picked up the first wicket bowled in his 3rd over. That was followed by another in his fifth, and at that stage he had a rest with 2/16 from 5.

On came Lebs and Mick to try their luck. Mick settled straight into the same rhythm he'd shown the previous week, bowling excellent line and length and moving the ball just enough in the air and off the pitch to trouble all batsmen. Lebs, too, was very dangerous, moving the ball away from the right handers consistently, and at times very late. Some his balls were unplayable: unfortunately he was also prone to bowling one pie per over. Still, both of them took wickets regularly, and we stayed right on top. Lebs grabbed wickets in his 2nd, 3rd and 5th overs, and when I dragged him after his sixth had the fine figures of 3/24. Meanwhile Mick also picked up three: two clean bowled and their skipper lbw. (Actually the umpire gave him out caught behind, and that's what the scorecard shows. But it straightened down the line and caught him on the pad in front of the stumps - and carried on to the keeper. Out caught pronounced the umpire, much to the batsman's chagrin. Plumb lbw I thought from 1st slip. Simon, keeping, insisted it was caught: Mick didn't care.) I brought Paulie back on to try to finish them off, mindful that last time we played their last couple of partnerships doubled their total. Paulie came back very strongly, and grabbed another wicket - and then we again finished the innings with a run out. Mick ended up with 3/15 from 8, and Paulie 3/26 from nine. Unlike the previous week I'd used only four bowlers, but just like the previous week we were well on top throughout. This time we rolled them for 95 in 28 overs. Surely....

After toying with using a Hugheses opening pair, I decided to revert to the "keeper should open" theory (see previous Wandering Abouts) and sent Simon in to open with Callum. Again the theory seemed to work, with Simon middling the ball from the start. Callum unfortunately departed early for 2, allowing Zak to get in early, as he prefers (though he'd prefer it more if it was because he opened rather than from an early wicket!) They took the score to 27 before Simon missed one and was bowled, then Westy decided to hit a gentle half tracker straight to mid off, and again we'd slumped - this time to 3/34. Out went Starkey, playing this week in 3s as a specialist batsman as he'd done a groin. Source of much mirth, predictably. Still, interesting that a player who, from memory, started last season with four or five ducks in his first seven innings (and a couple of scores of 1 in between), has improved his batting so much that he was worth his spot in 3s purely as a batsman. (Mind you, he did field very well too). Although he wasn't happy with his knock, I felt he did very well. He played a couple of really good shots for four: the controlled hoick to cow plus a surprisingly

cultured shot through the covers also for four, and also picked up quite a few overthrows by challenging the field and winning. His partnership with Zak put us back in control, so it was disappointing when Starkey finally fell nicking one to the keeper. Though he made only 12, he left with the score a much healthier 64 - a partnership of 30, which, when chasing only 96 to win, was substantial.

Out went Dom to join Zak, and he batted very sensibly for the second week running, scoring five singles before departing with the total on 80. By this stage Zak had scrambled to 34 - and by his own admission it was probably the worst he's batted for a long time! Mick joined him upon Dom's departure, and the two of them took the score to 91 before Zak decided giving chances wasn't sufficient, he should also give run out opportunities. By managing to do both in the one shot - dropped at mid on only to be run out by yards trying to take a run - he finally lost his wicket for 40 and the score 91. Paulie joined Mick but didn't have the chance to score before Mick took us to victory with 9 not out, and we overtook their score six wickets down in the 23rd over. Man of the Match went to Paulie: he took the vital opening wickets, bowled with fire and control, and encouraged all in the field. A good return to cricket.

So that puts us back in the four, two games clear of fifth. And with Crossroads and Queanbeyan both losing, a very outside shot at getting a double chance. But to do that, and to have an impact in the finals, we will have to improve considerably with the bat. Our effort with the ball and in the field has been excellent all season - but if we want to win finals we have to start scoring more heavily. Next match Teachers, fresh from beating Crossroads and now up to fifth, so this is a must win game for them. As indeed it is for us. Time to keep our roll going and grab our 3rd consecutive victory. Go you Happy Team!

