

Wandering About



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Monners runs (his mouth)...

Hi all. It's finals time! That's good news for players in 1st, 3rd and 4th Grades, but probably sad news for those in 6th Grade as their teams have bowed out of contention. There's still plenty of opportunity for you to be involved around the club though, as you are most welcome to continue to come to training on Wednesdays, and the guys still playing would love to have your support if you can make it out to any of the coming games in the next few Saturdays.

This is where everyone is playing this week:

1st Grade – O'Connor, field 1 (enclosed field), Cnr Macarthur Ave and Pedder St

3rd Grade – Southwell park (Lyneham), field 1, Mouat St

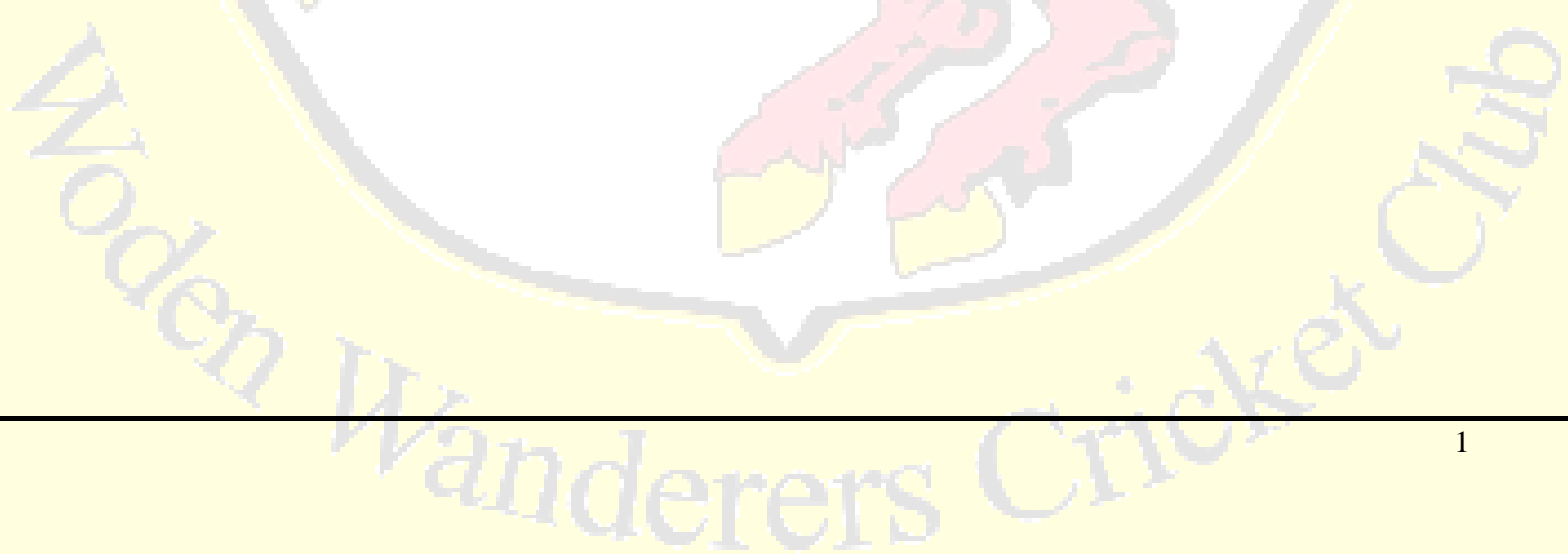
4th Grade – Narrabundah, Cnr Sturt Ave and Captain Cook Cres

1st and 4th grade are playing in qualifying finals, while 3rd Grade is playing in sudden-death matches from here on.

This is another short issue, but here's hoping it's worth reading. Don't forget if you've got something to say, send it to matthew.sk.morrison@gmail.com or josh.crase@gmail.com.

Cheers,

Crazy and Monners.



Pres Says...

What a fantastic effort it is to see three of our five teams competing in finals this year. To think if a few games had gone our way not over the last five or six rounds we could have easily looked at all teams contesting finals. Each week there has been something or someone who has stood up to shine both on and off the field in the yellow and red. We've scored more hundreds this year, taken more wickets and won more games than we ever have before. It swells my chest (in between fits of coughing) to see how far we've come and to see what you are all capable of achieving this year and into the future as a Club.

It is with a tinge of disappointment that I must advise that following the completion of round 16 the Committee received a complaint in relation to the behaviour of a Wanderer during the game vs Canberra Workers. The complaint alleged kicking and breaking of a stump, verbally abusing fellow players and repeated bad language on and off field. In accordance with section 7 of the Club's constitution a disciplinary committee was formed to hear the matter. The Committee found that the player in question had acted in a manner that was unacceptable and unreasonable, and was not consistent with the family friendly atmosphere promoted by the Wanderers. The behaviour was prejudicial to the interests and good reputation of the Club and breached the Player's Etiquette and the Code of Conduct. The player has been suspended for three matches. This was a difficult and disappointing position for the Club to be in yet we remain confident that this is a rare occurrence within our ranks.

I encourage you all to play as hard as you can throughout the finals period and believe in your own abilities and your teammates. You all have the skills to bring home the spoils of victory this off season. It is with immense pride that the Committee and I wish each and every one of you the best for the finals and hope that in a month's time we're all celebrating three grand final victories!!!

Get out and support your Club during the finals

GO YOU WANDERERS!!! GO YOU GOOD THINGS!!!

Training

As mentioned above, 6th Graders are most welcome to turn up to **Duffy Oval** (Dixon Drive) on **Wednesday at 5:00pm**. However, it's probably more important than ever for players from the other grades to get down and have a hit and a bowl, as you'll not only be helping yourself out, but helping your teammates out at the same time.



Millar shows them how to hit sixes

Umpire Required

Woden Wanderers have been rostered on to umpire the 6th grade minor semi-final at Melba this weekend. Michael Brand has already volunteered to be one of the umpires, but needs a partner in crime. If you've recently taken the umpiring course and need to complete the practical component of the course, this would suit you, but anyone can do it. Please contact "Brando" at michael.brand@humanservices.gov.au if you're interested and available.

Selections

If you're likely to play in a 1st, 3rd or 4th grade team in the coming weeks, make sure you have notified selections@wodenwandererscc.com of your availability. If circumstances change, please also contact this address as soon as possible. Don't forget that your availability affects not only your team, but teams in every grade below you, and the onus is on you to notify the right people. We're getting to the business end now so it's critical that all teams start their games with 11 players.

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

Presentation Night

You'll be getting a shiny invitation sent to you soon, but don't forget that the Wanderers' "night of nights", Presentation Night, is on Saturday April 4. Canapés (whatever they are, I think it's a type of bird) will be served from 7pm. Dress is semi-formal, and the cost is \$40 per person and \$70 for a couple. RSVP to the Pres, Peter Bowman, by Saturday 21 March.

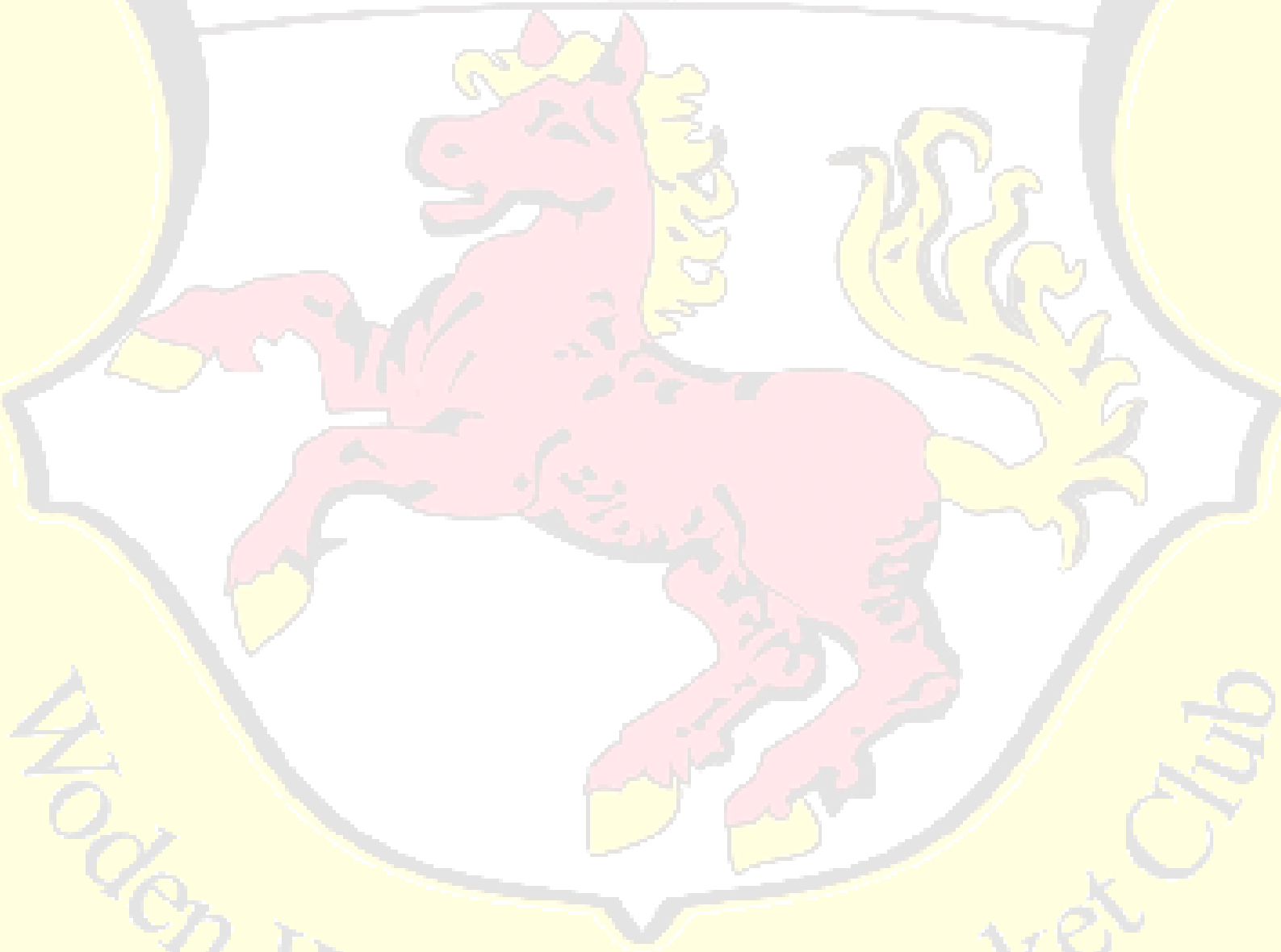
Raffle

The raffle prize draw is on Saturday. If you haven't got your tickets to Rocket, you **MUST** do so at the club before the draw. We simply can't have people paying for tickets if they don't have a chance to win the prizes.

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.



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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 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.

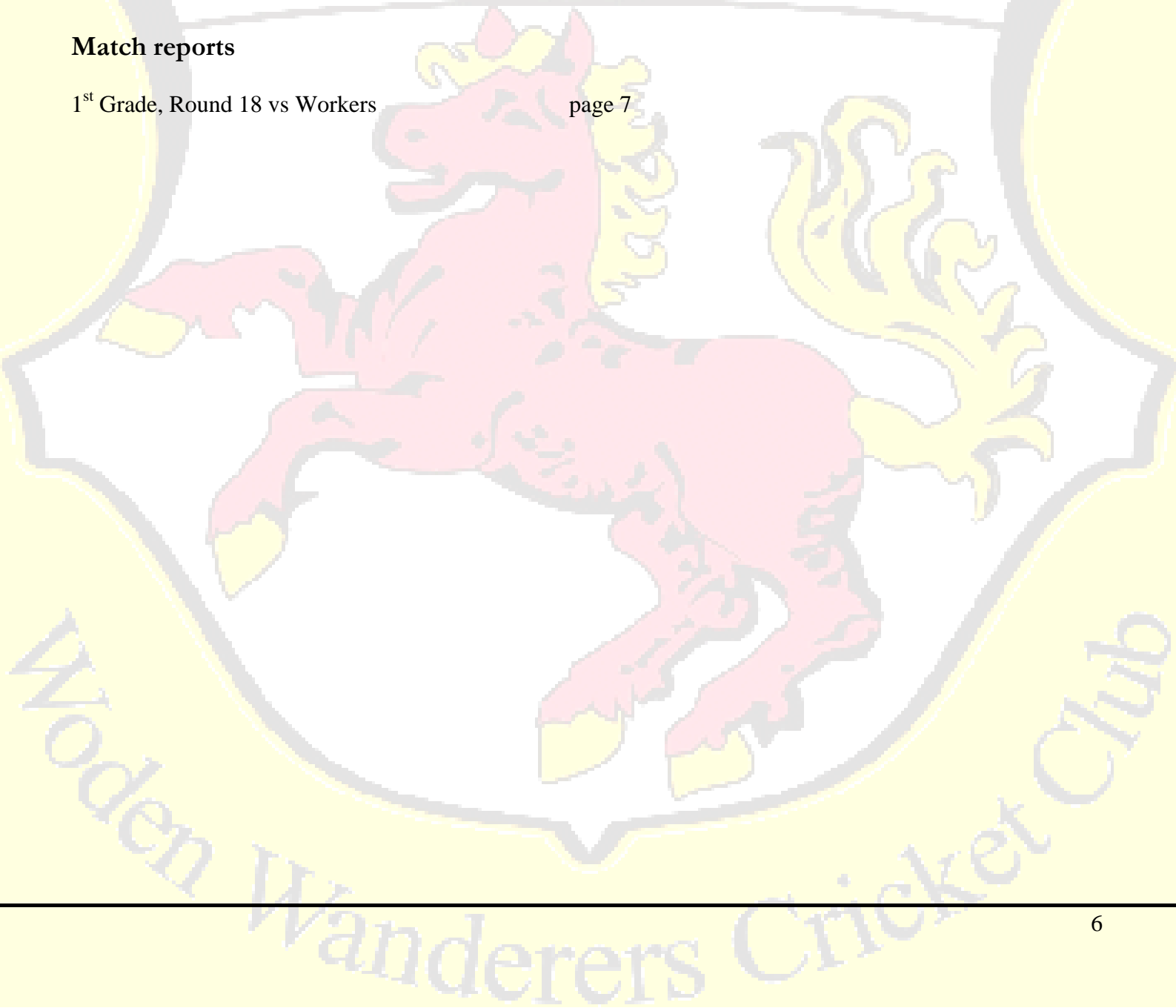


JP will hold your hand if you're scared

Match reports

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1st Grade, Round 18 vs Workers at the Mint Oval by Matthew Morrison

Once again First Grade headed to the Mint Oval for the last game of the regular season. With Damo, Dougie and Knuckles all unavailable, Mick Hamood had the opportunity to make his First Grade debut as a wicketkeeper. The only other addition to the side was Tex.

Sab won the toss and elected to field, and opened the bowling with The Chad and Pipey as he had the previous two weeks. Workers' batting lineup is probably the strongest in the competition, and they certainly are not afraid to go after the bowling right from the outset. Pipey got an early breakthrough in the fourth over of the game, with a nick through to Mick that seemed to take half an hour to go from the bat to the gloves. At the



I can only assume there's a Picture stashed inside this mag

other end, Mick gave The Chad a bit of an ego check by standing up to the stumps to his bowling. To Mick's credit, though, it was more than a party trick as he gloved the ball very well. The Chad was moving the ball around, and the batsmen had a bit of luck with a few french cuts that refused to hit the stumps. Meanwhile Pipey bowled a couple of superb short balls that really shook up their captain, Ross Kelly, hit him in the body a couple of times and had a close lbw shout turned down. Despite all of this, the wickets just wouldn't come: The Chad's opening spell of 4 overs went for 21, while Pipey bowled his 9 overs straight for the return of 1/34.

Crazy was brought on to replace The Chad, and quickly settled into a line and length that troubled both batsmen. Frankie, who had opened the innings and was starting to look good, played and missed at a straight one and was bowled. Soon after, Crazy dropped a caught-and-bowled chance from Ross that came off the bat much slower than it first looked. Once Pipey had finished his 9 overs, Starky replaced him. From memory he delivered another blow to Ross's soft body, but no more wickets would come before drinks. Still, we felt we were in a reasonable position, with Workers 2/91 after 23 overs.

Shortly after drinks, Crazy finished his spell of 9 overs with the figures of 1/32, and The Chad got the ball again. Andrew Wheeler is averaging over 60 this year but The Chad fancies his chances against him based on past results, which is fair enough. Sure enough, he got his man, and in the process showed Crazy how a caught-and-bowled is done. Starky was only given a short-and-sharp spell before being replaced by Sam Lang, who bowled tightly as usual. Blake was brought on to take the pace off the ball and bowl his left-arm spinners at The Chad's end a few overs later. The Chad ended with 1/38 off 8 overs.

Three wickets fell in fairly quick succession to get us right back on top in the game. Sam clean-bowled Daniel Gardiner, another one of Workers' good batsmen, with a clever off-cutter. Blake finally trapped Ross in front for 63 with a very good appeal (I'm not saying it wasn't out; I couldn't tell because I was at deep midwicket). After Blake enticed another batsman to hole out to Crazy in the deep, we had them at 6/163 with only a few overs to go. It really looked possible that we would restrict them to 180 or 190, which would have been a tremendous result given the strength of their lineup. Unfortunately we let them off the hook, with a couple of dropped chances in the deep (ahem, Tex, Monners) proving costly. Their number 7 and 8 batsmen shared in a partnership of 55 in 6.3 overs; Blake bore the brunt of the punishment (1/50 off 5 overs), but Sam copped a bit at the end too (1/44 off 9). Starky was brought on to bowl the last over and actually did

very well. He took two wickets, which made his figures look pretty (2/18 off 5). More importantly, he only gave up 4 runs off the last over, and Workers finished on 8/219 after their 45.

Although the wheels had fallen off a little in the field in the last few overs, we were still feeling pretty confident, particularly given only a few weeks ago we had chased down almost exactly the same score against the Lions with plenty of overs and wickets to spare. Sab decided it would be best for the team if he opened the batting and put me down to number 3 (though he did have to get to the Brumbies game, which had a 7:30 kickoff). So out went Sab and Josh, while I asked around to see what batsmen actually did while waiting to bat. In the end I tried to sleep but the ground was too uncomfortable. For that reason I can't actually tell you how Josh and Sab batted (apologies), but they must have done OK because they got to 40 before Josh was given out caught behind attempting a cut shot.

Once I got to the crease instincts took over, and I was swinging away as per usual. At the other end Sab was batting sensibly but also punishing the bad ball when it came. After a slightly scratchy start I started to get a couple out of the middle, and the run rate started to climb. We had made it to 108 after 18 overs and were just starting to look good when Sab was clean-bowled by Ray Kyle, their quickish off-spinner who is the competition's leading wicket-taker this year.

Sam came to the crease, and right from the start he kept the scoreboard ticking nicely. Apart from being a good strokeplayer, he's also great runner between the wickets. Not only is he a quick runner, but he turns well and is a good judge of a run, so you know you'll get full value for your shots if a guy like Sam (or Pipey, or Blake for that matter) is at the other end. At drinks we were in a fantastic position. At 2/137, we only needed 83 off 22 overs, so the run rate was never going to be a problem. We had plenty of wickets in the shed (or under the tree, at least), so it was just going to be a matter of holding our nerve.

Soon after drinks, though, Sam got bowled by Ray in a similar fashion to Sab for a quick-fire 31. At this point we still needed 68 from about 18 overs. Mick Hamood came in, and dabbled it around for a few balls before putting Ray away for a couple of boundaries. Mick got out the next ball after the second boundary, again being bowled by Ray. Even though Mick had only got 10, the runs were always ticking over and the target was only 48 runs away. This brought out Pipey, and we scampered between the wickets (or tried to run each other out, I'm not sure) for a while before he nicked one behind to the keeper.

Tex was the next man in (not a bad number 7), and he didn't waste much time getting stuck in to wiping off the remaining runs we needed for victory. With just four runs to get, and five wickets and seven overs to get them, Workers brought the field in an attempt to get me to hit it over the top. Tex had told me to calm down and play sensibly, but Sab and Pipey had already tried that I clearly wasn't listening. I ended up being caught for a lucky 87, which included SEVEN dropped chances. I admit that the first part of my innings was OK (I didn't give a chance until I was 40), but the rest was quite an embarrassment to cricket, in all honesty. I would've felt like a fraud if I'd made a hundred.

Blake came in with four runs to get, but got bowled for a duck. We still needed two to win with three wickets in hand, but there was a mild panic in the "dressing room" as Crazy was due in next but hadn't padded up, while The Chad had to leave his umpiring stint to put his long pants back on. Thankfully Starky put an end to the anxiety by dispatching a ball to square leg for four, and finish the game with three wickets and 6.2 overs in hand. Tex finished unbeaten at the other end on 19 not out.

All in all it was good to get a win, especially in another sizeable run chase against the top side. As a consequence of Barton beating Northside, we have finished second on the ladder, though there is no difference between second and third except in the event of a rain-out. We now play Northside at O'Connor next week. If we win that we'll play Workers for the right to go straight to the final, but if we lose we'll be fighting for our season against either Barton or Lanka Lions.