

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We are at the half way mark of the regular season and the club is in such a healthy position in both the men's and boys divisions. Our juniors continue to lead the Club Championship (jointly with Gynea) with the 10A's, 14A's, and 16A's all on top and the 16C's running a close second and our 14D's are closing in on the leaders. Most of our other teams still have an opportunity to make the finals but a little luck with some good play will need to go their way. As reported in last week's newsletter our Men's teams are having exceptional seasons with some outstanding individual performances bolstering their play.

Our three under 8's teams, who are the future of this club, are really impressing one and all with their enthusiasm and commitment both at training & at the games. I hope the parents are enjoying it as much as the coaches & managers are as the results to date have been fantastic. The other teams just can't get our little fellows out!!

Congratulations to Hayden Smith & Ben Dwarshuis on their selection in the NSW Schools PSSA Sydney East Team that defeated Sydney North in the final. Ben was also selected to represent NSW in the Australian Carnival. This is an outstanding achievement.

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Steve Jones

JUNIOR RESULTS ROUND 5

8A BLUE	3 - 136	defeated	DLS SEAGULLS	11 - 70
8A RED	5 - 145	defeated	AQUINAS	?
8B	3 - 132	defeated	BOSCO	9 - 54
10A	4 - 134	defeated	BOSCO	10 - 63
10C	10 - 138	defeated	AQUINAS	11 - 54
10D	7 - 109	lost to	CARINGBAH SPORTS	8 - 156
12B	9 - 195	defeated	GYMEA	9 - 110
12D	10 - 56	lost to	ILLAWONG	6 - 187
14A	4 - 226	defeated	ST PATRICKS	8 - 209
14D	6 dec 133	defeated	CARINGBAH SPORTS	24 & 60 outright
16A BLUE	5 - 199	defeated	GYMEA	10 - 130
16A RED	30 & 35	lost to	CARINGBAH SPORTS	6 dec 109 outright
16C	10 - 207	defeated	CARINGBAH SPORTS	10 - 79

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

BATTING:	Rhys Marlow	12B	91
	Nathan Loder	14A	85
	Mitchell Floyd	16A BLUE	56
	Jason Gilmore	16C	56
	Andrew Jones	16A BLUE	52 ret
	Nathan Marciente	10A	46
	Jeremy Forshaw	16C	38
	Joel D'Imperio	14A	37
	Hayden smith	14A	35
	Ryan Emerson	16C	32
	Scott Boyton	14D	29
	Dylan Rae	10A	26
	Jarrayd Holmes	14D	26
	Daniel Ward	16A BLUE	26 n/o
	James Loughran	14D	23
	Brendan Knowles	12B	23
BOWLING:	Mitchell Cox	14D	4 - 9
	Thomas Meyer	10A	3 - 7
	Michael Dumbrell	16A BLUE	3 - 9
FIELDING:	Christian Haynes	16A RED	3 catches

The following players all deserve a mention for taking two wickets last round...

10A - Brendan Curtis and Nathan Marciente
 12B - Michael McFarlane
 12D - Nathan Benson
 14A - Hayden Smith and Liam Herne
 14D - Mark Kidd
 16A BLUE - Andrew Herne and Cameron Heard
 16C - Daniel Walsh, Bradley Price and Dean McMillan

TOPS IN AVERAGE CRICKET

8A BLUE:

Jack Dwarshuis	26 & 3 - 9
Dylan Smith	21
Jarrold Mazurkiewicz	17 1 - 9
Lucas Parsons	23
Joshua Smith	1 - 10
Jarrold Thompson	2 - 8
Lachlan Coldwell	1 - 22

8A RED:

Max Batty	24
Dane O'Neil	23 & 14
Luke Miller	49
Jade Christie	14
Thomas Squire	11

10C:

Adam Batty	27 & 1 - 5
Mitchell Sargent	10 & 1 - 3
Jordan Findanis	19
Joey Cox	21 & 1 - 2
Nicholas Jago	2 - 7
Ryan Findanis	2 - 2
Matt Wright	2 - 3

10D:

Jett Cheadie	13 & 1 - 14
Dylan Lees	12 & 2 - 23
Michael Warner	11 & 1 - 23
Anuraag Varanasi	16 & 2 - 4
James Grady	1 - 5
Braiden Broadstock	1 - 23
Angus Brown	1 - 5



PLAYER OF THE ROUND

JUNIOR: Our junior player chosen this round is Thomas Meyer from our 10A side. Thomas took 3 - 7 off 6 overs, 2 were maidens, to help his team to a win over Bosco who were all out for 63. Top effort Thomas.

INTERMEDIATE: Nathan Loder takes out the Intermediate section for his great knock of 85 for the 14A's in a close encounter against St Pat's. A great innings Nathan to help put your team on top, well done.

SENIOR; A fantastic innings of 162 n/o by Chris Lake from the A2 side paved the way for a big win over Heathcote. We know of his talent and Chris really showed in this dig. Not content with that effort Chris also took 6 for 52 to top off a great game, mighty effort Chris.

8A BLUE v DLS SEAGULLS

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Engadine 3 for 136 (Jack 26no, Lucas 23no, Dylan 21no, Jarrod M 17no) beat DLS Seagulls 1 11 for 70 (Jack 3/9, Jarrod T 2/8, Jarrod M 1/9, Joshua S 1/10, Lachlan 1/22)

Coming into this game I was a little apprehensive as DLS Seagulls were performing quite well in the first four rounds. After the game I realised I shouldn't have been so concerned. The boys as a whole lifted their efforts in batting, bowling and especially fielding. Apart from a few minor hick ups, the boys played the perfect game and delivered a decisive victory for the mighty Engadine Dragons Cricket Club. 5 games in, 5 wins. The perfect season is becoming closer to a reality, setting up the boys perfectly for U10's cricket when the finals and club championship comes into play. But enough crystal ball gazing and onto the game.

As I mentioned, I was slightly concerned about the game and wanted a big start. Knowing their players bowl line and length, with the least number of extras given in U8A's, I felt we should start with Jack and Dylan to open and make an impression. Boy, did they make an impression. Jack scored 26 (including 4 fours – one short of his challenge of 5 fours) and Dylan scored 21 (2 fours) just missing his challenge of 25 runs. Excellent running between wickets against their best bowlers led to an excellent opening partnership of 0 for 50 (second time they have posted a partnership of 50+). As a partnership facing 36 deliveries, only 7 dot balls and 3 extras were recorded against them, giving them a combined strike rate of 142%. Beat that Adam Gilchrist.

8A RED v AQUINAS

Day 1 was simply an awesome display of cricket by the young Dragons. We might have been short on players, but we certainly made up for it with the ball. Dane was on fire with the ball picking up 5 wickets with some deadly accurate bowling. Max was also on target picking up 4 scalps for his effort. Michael was late but turned up to take a fantastic wicket.

Max and Dane were first to bat and hit a great 51 run partnership featuring many boundaries. Luke and Jade continued to pile on the runs with a huge 63 run stand, with Luke contributing 46 of those. 4 of Luke's 4's actually cleared the boundary and would have been 6 in the traditional game. Such power for one so young. Michael and Chris then came in to hit a very handy 13.

Day 2 was a lot more evenly contested. Their batsmen took full advantage of their opportunities to pile on some big runs. We bowled very well but gave away quite a few unnecessary runs with our fielding. We will work on this at training as we conceded around 100 runs on day 2. All credit we did work very hard in the field with Michael and Zak chasing very well with great enthusiasm.

Zak and Tom went in to bat and did well, contributing 18. Tom belting 2 magnificent 4's in successive deliveries. Riley and Dane finished the game batting contributing a well made 26. Well done to all the players on a great game

We would like to dedicate this win to Molly Stock, Michael and Sylvia's lovely pet cat who met with an unfortunate accident on the morning of day 1 of this match. All the best.

Nick - Coach

8B v BOSCO

Another fantastic effort from the team this week. The kids got their second win in a row and are really starting to show their talent now.

Another excellent partnership of 34 from Cameron and Lachlan who opened the innings, put them in a good position to let the others build upon. Keelan batted well again this week and saw his way through to the next partnership without loss of a wicket. Alex and Dylan then put together another strong partnership of 50 to build towards an imposing target for the opposition.

Week two saw the junior dragons take five wickets on top of the four they had already taken the week before with Harry taking his first wicket of the season with his left arm medium pace. Azziz almost got a hat-trick, but still ended up with the impressive figures of 3-4 off three overs. Osman also got amongst the wickets and ended up with 1/14 to help push the kids to a well deserved win.

More importantly, the kids seemed to be enjoying themselves during the game and there were plenty of smiles and laughs from them throughout the course of the match.

Cheers, Gary and Jim

10A v BOSCO

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Winning the toss the boys decided to field against a team mostly consisting of first year boys. Whilst our bowling was steady and a big improvement in bowling less no balls and wides, the fielding from all the boys was outstanding, together with the excellent wicket keeping from Dylan and Jacob made it great to watch and "schoies" fielding drills have certainly paid off.

The highlight was one of the 1st year lads, Lachlan, who saved numerous runs and put his body on the line at all times, and his returns were flat and hard. He also showed improvement with his bowling and hit 3 boundaries in his innings. Nathan top scored with a sound 46 and bowled his thunderbolts on a good line. Dylan who opened the innings with skipper Brendan put on a good partnership with Dylan scoring a great 26 and Brendan 18 who also bowled well with 2 wickets. Other boys who batted okay were Brayden, Joel and Joshua.

After the opening spells from Brendan and Nathan, 1st change Thomas took 3 for 7 bowling a great line and length. Jake was back to his best and Connor is developing into a handy leggie. Mitch was sick, we hope he will be ok for our clash with St. Patricks. The team and coaching staff are fortunate to have a friendly bunch of supporters who each home match supply us with breakfast tucker and drinks for everyone at the end of the days play.

GENERAL MEETING

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON THE 6TH DECEMBER IN OUR CLUB ROOMS AT ANZAC OVAL, 7-30 PM ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND HAVE A SAY IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR CLUB. A MEMBER OF EACH SENIOR TEAM ALONG WITH THE COACH AND/OR MANAGER FROM THE JUNIOR TEAMS ARE TO ATTEND

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

10C v AQUINAS

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Alright boys, our first win of the season, and it was a crushing victory.

The boys played so well this game, and it just shows that they are getting used to each other, and are playing as a team.

There were some excellent individual scores from some of the lads in both batting and bowling,

Adam; 40 with the bat and 1-5 with the ball.

Jordan ; 25/batting.

Kurt; 9/batting.

Mat Wright; 2/3 bowling.

Nash; 0/5 bowling.

Josh; 1/8 bowling.

Joey; 15 /batting, 1-2 bowling.

Mitchell; 13/batting.1/3 bowling.

Ryan; 7/batting, 2/2 bowling.

Nic; 1/7 bowling.

Anthony; 14/batting, 0/11 bowling.

Matt Westlake; 1/8 bowling.

As you can see everyone contributed to this fine win.

Lets keep the momentum going and make it 2 wins on the trot.

Keep on practicing your bowling, and batting skills, and listen to David at training.

David and myself are very proud of every boy in this side, because everyone has improved. And it is only round 5, imagine what a team will be come rounds 9-10.

Coxy.

10D v CARINGBAH SPORTS

This was the best opposition we have come up against so far and we were struggling from the beginning against their superior bowling, fielding and batting. To their credit the boys hung in there, and as with the last match we took more of the opposition wickets (9) than we lost of our own (7). There were also some definite signs of improvement in our own ranks, with some of the fielding from Angus and batting from Braiden standing out.

The bowlers to take wickets this match were Anuraag 2-8, Michael 1-28, Angus 1-11, Jett 1-18, Dylan 2-24, Braiden 1-34 and James G. 1-6. We unfortunately were several boys short the second week, which left a few gaps in the field, but the remainder kept on trying. Our batting pairs were Jason and Ben (16), Jett and Angus (18), Dylan and Michael (top scorers with 37), Jake and James D. (14) and Anuraag and Braiden (24).

Keep up the practice and improvement boys!

12B v GYMEA

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Today's result was a great victory and I'll talk about the team effort later. As a coach sometimes you think (and I'm sure every coach goes through this), whether sticking your hand up to be coach was a good idea or not. There was a couple of things that happened during this game that dispelled the limited doubts I had. Firstly the efforts by Brenno, Rhys and Luke (And I'm sure a bigger effort by the dads) who were away on their annual father and son football weekend trip down the south coast to turn up for the second week ready to bat at 8am. Great effort guys and the three of you backed it up with your best batting performances this year. The second incident was when a partnership had developed between Michael McFarlane and Rhys Marlow. We had already passed the oppositions score.

Rhys was just short of 100 and Michael was on 9. A shot was played and there was a misunderstanding whether to run or not and both players got caught standing in the middle of the pitch side by side and the bails were removed. Me, being the square leg umpire was unsure who was out. Without hesitation Michael put up his hand up volunteering he was out full well knowing it was giving Rhys the chance to go on and maybe score 100. Michael you won't get any trophies for that but that was a champion effort. Well done mate.

That makes 2 wins in a row guys and after having a quick look at the table we're coming 5th after 5 rounds but only 1 win behind the leaders in a very tight competition. Our bowling and fielding continues to improve, limiting the opposition to easy runs which has been our previous downfall. Again the wickets were shared around by the bowlers backed up with three great run outs. Michael McFarlane claimed 2 wickets with some great spin bowling.

When it came to batting, although not all individual scores don't indicate it, everyone continues to improve. Matt Lister I'm sure is still shaking his head. Brenno opened for the first time scoring 23. His last 2 innings has shown his potential as he realises that keeping his head down and not going for the big slog every ball doesn't work. Rhys what can I say but again played a solid captain's innings scoring 91 backing up last games effort. Both innings deserved 100's. Dylan(15) backed up Rhys with a solid partnership. Sorry Nick but you did say this "That's my first ever golden duck."

Bob Walton

14A v DE LA SALLE Round 4

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De La Salle were the opposition this week and the boys felt confident in getting the points. Maybe a little too confident as De La got off to a good start, 0-53. One wicket fell and so did the rest as we rolled them for 98. Benny dominated with the ball taking 4-27 off 11 overs and he was well backed up by Ryan with 3-16 off 10. Hayden Morton and Herny got one each also in a good 'post drinks' session.

Chasing 98 we always looked comfortable, scoring 207. Nathan was unlucky, falling for a good 49 while Benny smashed the attack around for a strong 53*. There were some good back up scores with Hayden S scoring 28, Dunny 19 and Joel 18.

Well done boys, a tough game next week against St.Pats...We'll knock 'em off!!! RK

14A v ST PATRICKS Round 5

Sponsored by ACTIVE SPORTS COACHING

A very confident St.Pats team was our opposition this round for a top of the table clash. Early wickets to Hobbo, Joel and Hayden M saw St.Pats struggling on 3-33 before Dylan Smith knocked us around the park, taking their score to 8-209 from 60 overs. Although this is a big score, the boys never stopped trying out there and kept the pressure on for the full 60 overs. Hobbo was outstanding with 1-26 off 10, with good support roles by Herney 2-33, Hayden S. 2-12 and Benny 1-13.

Week 2 needed a super human effort by the boys. Nathan and Joel couldn't have started things better. At Drinks we were 0-97 after 32 overs. Joel fell shortly after drinks for 37 and Hayden Smith joined Nathan to put us in a very strong position. Nathan produced an awesome captains knock of 85 before Benny -10, Hayden M - 9 and Ryan -20* smacked St.Pats around a bit. Hayden Smith ended up on 35*, a huge innings in this situation as we cruised to victory, scoring 4-226 from on 60 overs. What a game and what a win boys...Top of the table, congratulations.

RK

16A RED v CARINGBAH SPORTS

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Well at least we won the toss!! Playing against Caringbah the Dragons elected to bat and were in trouble after only five balls, slumping to 5 -11 off 16 overs. From that point on Brent and John defended well but found runs hard to get. Wickets fell and eventually we were all out for the ignominious total of 30. Many of our batsmen looked comfortable at the crease only to lose their wicket by not concentrating and poor shot selection.

Caringbah put on their pads and posted a comfortable 6-109 at the end of the first day. Ryan bowled well, maintaining a good length and direction to return creditable figures of 0-9 off 6 while John also bowled tightly for 1-11 off 5. The fielding also showed a marked improvement with Christian taking 3 very good catches.

Caringbah declared on their overnight score and we were hopeful of putting up a better performance in our second innings when Ben and Sean began confidently. This came to an end however in the 5th over when Ben was dismissed and from there on in the old habits surfaced and we once again found ourselves at 6-18 before Matthew and Clinton began to bat sensibly. Too little too late however and we once again were dismissed for a disappointing 35, giving Caringbah outright points.

It is interesting to note that out of the 20 wickets lost, 14 were via catches and 2 were stumped. This indicates poor shot selection and a lack of concentration. We have the talent to post a defendable total and bowling that can certainly make inroads in the opposition line up if it is straight and pitched up. The fielding in Caringbah's first innings was as good as it has been this year and we should take heart from that.

Next week is another game.

16A (Blue) V's Gymea - Proudly Sponsored by Wizard Home Loans

Playing at Woronora Heights and loosing another toss we found ourselves in the field. Daniel Ward picked up a quick wicket in the 1st over with a fine catch by Andrew Herne to have Gymea on the back foot. A solid partnership of 73 then followed between Andersson & Del Din before Andrew Herne rapped Andersson on the pads & was judged out LBW for 30. This fall of wicket unnerved the visitors as a further 2 wickets fell whilst the score was on 75 with tight bowling from Cameron Heard who finished the day with figures of 2/19. Wickets continued to fall with the introduction of Michael Dumbrell (2/9) bowling his medium pacers in tandem with our spinner Sam Newman (1/24). A highlight of our fielding was the two stumpings by Mitchell Floyd, one down the leg side off a medium pacer. Mark Rice finished off their innings needing just one ball (some would say a long hop!!) with Gymea slumping to all out for 130, after being 1/75 in only 16 overs.

With an hour of play still remaining on the first day we commenced our innings with Mark Rice (0) & Ben Marciante (12) back in the pavilion before stumps where we coasted to 2/39 with Mitchell Floyd & Andrew Jones the not out batsman.

Mitchell & Andrew resumed on day 2 in beautiful cricket weather and both showed determination & maturity in building their respective innings as they both posted half centuries, Mitchell who was bowled for 56 and Andrew who retired on 52 to give others a bat. Andrew Herne compiled a quick fire 19 before being caught and Daniel Ward (26*) and Adam Dow (19*) provided great entertainment to the crowd until the allotted 60 overs were reached 5/199.

Gymea commenced their second innings and at stumps were 4/66 with wickets to Daniel, Ben and Sam. A great last ball runout to Daniel Ward who had Donny short of his crease for a duck.

Another good first innings win and a solid team performance. This weeks game we will do battle with Illawong and this clash should determine the minor premiership so our "A" game will need to be on.

16C v CARINGBAH SPORTS

Day 1. Deano lost the toss and Caringbah sent us in to bat. Jason and Daniel opened the batting with an impressive start from both boys. The first wicket fell at 66. Beddy was next in but was bowled out too soon with a good ball. Deano came in only to be caught at square leg by his soul-mate (Alex Gill, now playing for the opposition). Alex of course, knew Deano's play and was waiting for him to hit the ball. (There was a lot of animation on the field, as you can imagine).

After such a great start from Happy and Daniel, we then suffered a mini collapse where we were 6 - 100. Then came Jeremy who is having a great time with the bat and performing well before he was out for 38 runs. We then lost 2 more wickets cheaply when Russell compiled a well deserved 32 not out. Well done Russell. The final score was 207 all out which was helped along by Caringbah bowling 46 sundries in our total.

Day 2. The weather was warming up nicely and the lads were pumped up to get a few quick wickets....and they did! Caringbah were bowled out for 79 runs. Deano 2-9 off 10, including 7 maidens, Brad 2-9 off 4, Daniel W.2-11 off 4, Beddy 1-6 off 4 overs, Matt F 1-10 off 4 and Daniel T 1-19 off 7 overs.

Engadine decided to send Caringbah back in for an outright but the innings ended with Caringbah 4-88. The bowling was shared by Daniel T 1-18, Daniel Dywer 1-6, Ryan E. 1-11, Russell M 1-26.

Highlights: Batting: J.Gilmore 56, J.Forshaw 38, R.Emerson 32 n/o. D.Tench 18

Bowling: D.Tench 1-19 off 7/1-1, D.McMillan 2-9 off 10/0-3

B.Price 2-9 off 4, D.Walsh 2-11 off 4, M.Bedford 1-6 off 4

M.Fraser 1-10 off 4

Every week we can see massive improvements in the lads' performance. Training is so important and vital right now, especially in the field. Catching needs to be improved and developed and let's try hardly guys with our bowling. There are still too many wides and no balls, but again with practice we can perfect these. A great win and let's go for it now!!!

ONE FOR THE MUM'S

Daddy Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!" he roars. Mummy Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For God's sake, how many times do we have to go through this?"

It was Mummy Bear who got up first.

It was Mummy Bear who woke everyone in the house.

It was Mummy Bear who made the coffee.

It was Mummy Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away.

It was Mummy Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper and croissants.

It was Mummy Bear who set the table.

It was Mummy Bear who put the cats out, cleaned the litter boxes, gave the cats their food, and refilled their water.

And now that you've decided to drag yourselves downstairs and grace Mummy Bear with your grumpy presence, listen carefully, because I'm only going to say this once.....

I HAVEN'T MADE THE ***** PORRIDGE YET!!!

SENIOR RESULTS ROUND 6

A2	4-355 defeated Chris Lake 162 n/o Chris Lake 6-52	HEATHCOTE 10-225 Chris Reeves 112 n/o Will Wooster 60
B2	5-229 & 0-4 defeated Stewart Vella 102 Mitchell Davis 31	COMO JANNALI 150 & 80 OUTRIGHT James Stone 46 Matt Carroll 4-18 & 3-17
B3	174 & 1-65 defeated Nabeel Chadhry 51 & 31 n/o Nabeel Chadhry 3-19 Lee Bailey 4-31	HEATHCOTE 95 & 154 Lee Bailey 45 Peter O'Reilly 3-20
B4	10-161 defeated Richard Katon 45 Paul Waddell 5-16	ILLAWONG 10-91 Brett Adams 37
B6	86 & 114 lost to Outright after leading on first inn Chris Jackson 5-21 & 3-31 Ken Hyde 39	ILLAWONG 79 & 5-124 Tim Russell 3-16 & 36
C1	5-259 defeated Matt Russell 102 Paul Dixon 3-25 Reece Penington 3-41	BOSCO 78 & 224 OUTRIGHT Ian Mitchell 74 n/o Ian Mitchell 4-19 & 3-41
C2	99 & 2-203 defeated Craig Townsend 34 Paul Bremner 51 Paul Bremner 3-5 & 5-42	COMO JANNALI 47 & 92 OUTRIGHT Dale Bates 102 n/o Colin Kidd 33

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BY NOW ALL PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO SELL ALL TICKETS. ALL THE MONEY GOES BACK INTO YOUR CLUB. JUST LOOK AROUND AT THE FACILITIES WE NOW HAVE AND BESIDES, THE FIRST PRIZE IS WELL WORTH WINNING. PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY AND BUTTS TO BOB PRICE NO LATER THAN 17TH DECEMBER.

B2 v COMO JANNALI

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES:

* Stewart Vella: 102 & 3-31 * Matthew Carroll: 4-18 & 3-17

* James Stone: 46 * Mitchell Davis: 31 * Mark Mitchell: 4 Catches

With two outright victories in a row, we now have a bit of breathing space at the top of the B2 ladder. This game was a comprehensive team effort, and despite missing Galby, Ooza, Kenno, Bubbles and The Flash, Sammy Newman from the 16A's stepped up to ably fill their shoes. Returning to Anzac, we lost the toss and were sent in to the field. J-Dog was excited to have the ball back in his hands after 'study leave' and sent down some thunderbolting ripsnorters to their pro-golfer opener. It didn't take long for him to take one swing too many and was back in the pavilion for only 10 – caught Newman in 2nd slip. Vella up the other end copped a bit of stick, and had to resort to leg-spinners to pick up his only wicket of the afternoon (caught in the deep Marlow).

The afternoon actually belonged to the spinners, with Como having no answer to the world-class attack of Carroll, Newman and McMillan. Warney picked up 4-18 off his 7 overs, before the wickets went to his head and he had to go home crook. Sammy picked up his first men's wicket (caught Wranger) and Davo was at one stage on a hat-trick (2-16). The fielding was the best we have seen all year with 7 catches taken all up. Como all out 150.

With one hour to bat before stumps, we sent out our two in-form batsmen Vella and Stone. They ripped up a bowling attack that included an ex-first grade bowler and at the close of play we were in the commanding position of 0-98 off only 16 overs. DAY 2, the pair continued where they left off and passed the Como total without the loss of a wicket. Stewy claimed his third century from five attempts before being bowled and Stone was unlucky to be given LBW for 46. Nato looked in good form hitting 16 and Brother of Corey hit a few BIG 6's before he was out for 31. Sammy Newman also contributed down the order with a hard-hitting 19. We declared just before drinks with the score on 7-229 (39) and a lead of 79.

Mannsy and Vella began with the second new ball and immediately had the defensive Como on the back foot. Mannsy was unlucky to only have one wicket (1-16) and Stewy clean bowled 3 of their batsmen to finish with 3-31. Warney (now recovered) was introduced and snared 3-17 (6) to make it 7 for the game and Sammy grabbed another 2 to finish on 2-14. Brenno, Wranger, Mitch and Ryan Marlow (16A's) were the pick of the fieldsmen in another impressive display. With Como ahead by only 2 runs, our second innings was merely a formality and after only 2 balls we had the outright in the bag (0-4). Well done boys, it's now time to prove our worth in the 1-dayers. TOP STUFF!

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B3 v ST PATRICKS Round 5

A top of the table clash for this round as we took on the second placed St.Pats team. Wado won the toss and we bowled first. Well backed decision as Wado took a wicket from the first ball of the match. Good fielding and bowling continued as we knocked the St Pats order over for 145. Wickets went to Bails, Monty & Rob (1 each), Slacky 2 and Horse 4. Ibbo took an absolute speccy and Joff was strong as usual with 2 catches and 1 bye.

Day 2 was an absolute whitewash as we knocked up 2-157 with Spence smacking them to all corners, scoring 101 not out. Good support roles from Bails (23*) and Slacky (14) gave us an easy victory...still undefeated with the Gnome safely in Spence's hands.

B3 v HEATHCOTE Round 6

Another mission to bowl first and another shellacking. Monty and Mr.Sheffield knocked over 3 each, helping to roll Heathcote for 95. Joff ended up with 2 dismissals for 1 bye again. At the end of week 1 we were on 5-110 with the first innings points in the bag and Bails on 45*.

Week 2 and a licence to have a hit got Bails out for 45 while Monty went on to score 51 in short time. Nice back up digs by Joff (21) Spence (16) and Mr.Shef (16*) saw us end up all out for 174. A quick mention goes to Birdy with a well compiled duck and a top captains knock by Wado, finishing his innings with 0. A shot at outright saw Bailey clean up with 4 wickets while Horse and Slacky took 2 each. Needing 76 for outright we ended up with a respectable 1-65 from 6 overs, only 11 runs short.....Nabs 31* & Bailey 24*.....Gnome.....Bailey

RD 6

B4			B5			B6		
AQUINAS		27	CAR INN SPTS		22	CAR INN SPTS		32
CAR INN SPTS		18	COMO-JANN		35	ENG DRAGONS		39
ENG DRAGONS		32	GYMEA BAY		26	GYMEA BAY		20
ILLAWONG		29	ILLAWONG		35	HEATHCOTE		32
MIRANDA RSL		22	SJ BOSCO		27	ILLAWONG		34
ST PATRICKS		27	ST PATRICKS		37	MIR MAGPIES		36
TAREN PT		42	SUSC		31	ST PATRICKS		16

B7			B8			B9		
AQUINAS		37	ALLIANCE		19	AQUINAS		24*
CAR INN SPTS		32	AQUINAS		30	CAR INN SPTS		39
COMO-JANN		15	CAR INN SPTS		36	CR SEAGULLS		31
CR SEAGULLS		17	COMO-JANN		31	GYMEA BAY		25
HEATHCOTE		22	ILLAWONG		20	ILLAWONG		12
SJ BOSCO		24	MIR MAGPIES		36	MIR MAGPIES		34*
ST PATRICKS		38	ROY CREST		14	ROY CREST		37

C1			C2		
AQUINAS		35	AQUINAS		46
ENG DRAGONS		40	COMO-JANN		27
ILLAWONG		13	ENG DRAGONS		30
LOFTUS		32	HEATHCOTE		21
SJ BOSCO		21	ILLAWONG		11

*POINTS STILL
TO BE ADDED
FOR RD 6.

B4 v ILLAWONG

Our first game at Kareela South provided some interesting events and saw us back on the winners list against Illawong. We won the toss and elected to bat despite the long grass on one side of the field (we were pretty sure the council would leave it long for awhile). Our innings was one of two distinct halves. Brett "Hubba" Adams and Richard Katon made another great start for us getting to 72 before Richard fell for a well made 45. Hub continued through to be the 6th wicket down making a hard fought 37.

Unfortunately the second half involved the team being bowled out for 161 thanks to some poor shot selection and some of the questionable umpiring we've seen. Having been bowled for 161 we got 8 overs at them and were able to start to balance the "questionable decision ledger" to have them 2-30 at stumps. The second week started with mixed news. The grass was still long but unfortunately we had two new and competent umpires - a distinct disadvantage now that we were in the field. However the team put in its best performance in the field this year with only one catch dropped and a number of sharp chances taken. There was good talk from the boys and everyone put in to support the bowlers.

Paul "Wal" Waddell didn't play golf in the morning and put on his best bowling performance of the year to finished with 5-16 off 16 overs straight. A great effort and needless to say Wal is now banned from playing golf before a game. Wal was supported well by Matt Whitney - 1/12 at the end of the first day, Beau Knowles - 2/35, and Mick Turner 1-20. With one man down we dismissed the opposition for 9/91. Despite the low score Illawong had occupied a lot of time at the crease and managed to pass the follow on. With two bowlers down - Matt Whitney away and Wal too exhausted to bowl again - the remote chance of an outright had slipped away.

We decided the remainder of the afternoon would be best invested celebrating the win. A big thanks to Mick Turner and Richard Katon for putting in for the team and getting to the game when they could have justifiably put other personal and family commitments first. Team spirit makes the difference when the games are tight.

RD 6

A1			A2			A3		
CAR INN SPTS		46	CAR INN SPTS		37			
COMO-JANN		21	ENG DRAGONS		32			
ILLAWONG		10	HEATHCOTE		22			
LOFTUS		37	ILLAWONG		27			
MIR MAGPIES		22	ST PATRICKS		37			
ROYAL CREST		32	SUSC		17			
TAREN PT		30	TAREN PT		32			

B1			B2			B3		
ILLAWONG		36	COMO-JANN		26	CAR INN SPTS		23
KAREELA GC		20	ENG DRAGONS		45	COMO-JANN		22
LOFTUS		29	GYMEA BAY		27	ENG DRAGONS		42
MARTON		46	HEATHCOTE		21	GYMEA BAY		28
MIR MAGPIES		26	ILLAWONG		22	HEATHCOTE		28
MIR RANGERS		26	MIR MAGPIES		37	LOFTUS		22
TAREN PT		23	ST PATRICKS		32	ST PATRICKS		33

C1 v BOSCO

Day 1, The Dragons won the toss by default, due to the opposition and the umpires going to the wrong ground. It was decided, after much debate to bowl first, and what a good choice with Bosco capitulating within 19 overs of very accurate bowling for only 78 runs. Wicket takers were Ian Mitchell 4 – 19, Paul Dixon 3 – 25 and Reece Penington 2 – 31 and catches to Glenn Caukill and Brad Young.

The team as a whole should be praised for the high standard of their ground fielding that prevented many boundaries on the small ground at Miranda. Ian also achieved a great run out from square leg with only one stump to aim at hitting it on the full. The accuracy of the bowling showed in the 6 bowled and 1 lbw dismissals that caused Bosco to play rash shots.

The batting got away to a fair start with Matt Russell (unbeaten on 102, his maiden “ton”) scoring the bulk of the runs and Ian 19 n/o to see the Dragons to 3 – 171 at stumps, with a great chance of the “outright” points if all goes well.

Day 2, Unfortunately Matt couldn’t add to his impressive score, however Ian took up the “cudgel” to continue to pound the bowling to all parts of the park with the able assistance from Paul, 14, and Reece 18 n/o to push his total to 74 n/o and Bill declaring at 2.41 with the total at 5 – 259 after 43 overs. Another rather impressive total we all think.

Putting Bosco back in the Dragons attack once again started out rather well with 2 – 19 after 6 overs. But then a bit of fatigue and the wearing ball (a lousy pitch surface full of sand) began to give them the edge before the 3rd wicket fell at 150. The 4th at 192 triggered the required collapse to see them all out 224. The wicket takers being Reece 3 – 41, Ian 3 – 47, Glenn 2 – 25 and Rowan 1 – 31 with catches to Rowan 2, Brad Parkes 1 and keeper Brad Young 1. Unfortunately we dropped a few (all relatively difficult chances) that could have seen a lesser score, but non the less a pretty good effort though we once again gave a few too many “extras” in their 2nd dig, 17 compared to the great go in the first innings where only 5 were conceded.

Needing only 44 runs in about 16 minutes the Dragons decided to “go for it” and try to achieve the “big 10 point” result with the instructions to “hit big” and the lads didn’t disappoint with 54 on the board after 4 overs, Matt with 23 and Glenn 24 n/o the big scorers.

We should have extended our lead at the top of the comp with us now on 40 valuable points and if the form is maintained an excellent chance of making the finals. Unfortunately poor “old” Bill did a calf muscle whilst fielding in their second dig, hope it’s not too bad Bill, we need you. Matt Russell and Ian Mitchell with their great figures should share M O M for this game, hard to split them with Matt’s 102 and 23 as against Ian’s 74 no and 4 – 19 and 3 – 47.

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* Under 8's are not included in the Club Championship

Pos.	Club	Points	No. of Teams	Teams Eligible*	Teams up to date	Club up to date?
1	Engadine Dragons Cricket Club	67.09	13	10	10	Yes
2	Gymea Bay Cricket Club	67.09	11	10	10	Yes
3	Jillawong Menal Cricket Club	60.19	17	15	15	Yes
4	St Patricks Cricket Club	58.83	13	11	11	Yes
5	Sylvania Heights Cricket Club	57.17	6	5	4	
6	St John Bosco Cricket Club	53.10	12	9	8	
7	Como Jannell Cricket Club	45.36	11	10	8	
8	Miranda Magpies Cricket Club	44.00	6	5	4	
9	Aquinas College Cricket Club	41.89	9	8	7	
10	Carlingbah Sports Cricket Club	38.06	19	15	12	
11	DLS Seagulls Cricket Club	35.83	7	5	4	
12	Loftus Cricket Club	11.00	1	1	0	