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WARRINGAH CRICKET CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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Well two matches gone and we've had a reasonably good start to the season. Despite their enthusiastic preparation for the season A grade have yet to record a win (nothing unusual about that I hear you old-timers say but I think that their commitment, talent, and the large whip of captain John Morris will have them winning in no time at all), B grade fumbled their way to a loss against an ordinary Lindfield before improving only marginally to outclass a poor Lane Cove, C grade are unconquered and untroubled after first innings and outright wins, D1s are likewise undefeated after two first innings wins, and D2s have one win after two rounds.

It's certainly not a bad start but judging from comments at the clubhouse after the game concerning the standard of the opposition (excepting the Peter-Toohey inspired Lindfield A grade) it doesn't seem like we are beating a whole lot. And it seems that the reason we aren't playing to our potential (excepting A grade) seems to be a lack of training or application at training.

C grade are the only side not to have been criticised for poor fielding in the captain's reports. All the captains have pin-pointed below-standard performances in the field, and more particularly dropped catches, as being major problems.

Our experience of Shires cricket has shown that a keen and competent fielding side has a huge advantage over its opponents. We must get more enthusiastic about fielding - don't leave it to the practice captain to organise fielding practice at training, do it yourself. And don't just go through the motions - think about what you're doing, what has been your problem, and invent routines which will make you a better fieldsman. Engage in friendly

competition with each other, see who can take the most catches or most spectacular catches or can throw the furthest, and in fierce competition with yourself, seeing if you can achieve goals that you set yourself.

It's been said before and it's a pity that it has to be said again but it is essential that you approach training in a thoughtful and deliberate way. It's not just a matter of throwing the bat for 10 minutes, rolling your arm over for a spell, or attempting to field a few balls that have been hit at you. All of you are big enough boys and know enough about cricket to recognise when you have a problem (and if by any chance you don't there are enough know-it-alls about to tell you exactly what is wrong). So when you get to training WORK ON IT. Again it's an old truism but Shires cricket is primarily a mental game. If you think about your game, both in the middle and at training, you will notice a huge improvement.

Now on to happier matters. Congratulations, in no particular order, to all our heroes of the first two rounds: Peter Banbury for his 14 wickets (including 8-40 last Monday) and a run in A grade. Peter has shown himself to be a fine slow bowler but Wentworthville, last year's A grade premiers, will provide him with his first real test as a senior Shires bowler. Mr T showed us yet again what a big heart he has with a huge allround performance against Lane Cove in what was otherwise a disappointing match for A grade. Tony Emtage finally unveiled his undoubted but rarely seen class with an unbeaten 89 while Mark Morrissey, another who hasn't really done himself justice, has been a model of consistency with a couple of 60s and Barney stormed back to claim his rightful place in B grade with a bag of wickets. David McCarthy has been scoring runs and taking wickets with a D grade record of

115 not out undoubtedly the highlight. Meanwhile Paul Grattan compiled his second large score in D grade though the strain of trying to better a mark set by the editor again proved to much for him and he fell just short of his hundred. Congratulations anyway Paul. Well done also to John Morris who's total commitment to making A grade great has seen him turn in a couple of fine performances with the ball and a gutsy 46 amidst the ruins of the Lane Cove game. Brad Dixon also had some success scoring an unbeaten 50 - is it possible he has rid himself of his run our curse????? Norm has continued on from last year with his astute captaincy and quality performances with bat and ball. And, last but not least, newcomer Bill Sotoropoulous who has shown form behind the stumps as well as weighing in with a couple of aggressive 40s.

As I said before, this week's opponents Wentworthville will provide us with our sternest opposition so far so we must all have our minds on the job if we're not to get flogged.

Good luck.

PS please don't forget the upcoming Melbourne Cup night - I promise, on my honour, that it will be a real blast. Tickets for that much fun cost only \$10 - for that you get \$100 gambling money, tucker, and the chance to participate in the auction. Please let your captain know if you are coming because Cap'n Calder is screaming for numbers. REMEMBER, SATURDAY OCTOBER 31.



MATCH REPORT

GRADE: A

DATE: 3-5 / 10 / 87

WARRINGAH

V.

LINDFIELD

1st Innings: 166

 200

2nd Innings:

RESULT: 1ST INNINGS LOSS

LEADING PERFORMANCES

BATSMAN	SCORE	BOWLER	Overs	M'dns.	Runs	W'kts.
C TOMMERUP	50 no	C TOMMERUP	14	3	30	5
J MORRIS	46	J MORRIS	23	4	67	4

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:-

Steve Cole's tight bowling: 1-16 off nine overs.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Undoubtedly Craig Tommerup for a superb allround effort 5-30 and 50no

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:-

Lane Cove batted first on a perfect wicket. Our tight bowling almost paid dividends twice in the first five overs when we dropped two catches. An early change of bowling produced immediate results when 'Mr T' bowled their 'gun' opening batsman. We continued to bowl very well and field very poorly - eventually dropping nine catches. The top scorer (62) was dropped five times. Craig Tommerup and John Morris continued to wear the batsmen down, finishing with nine wickets between them.

Our turn to bat produced a flourishing start - 0-39 at the end of the day. On day two a little rain seaped through the covers which proved to be a psychological disadvantage to some of our batsmen - we consequently went from 0-39 to 8-68. Craig and John once again applied themselves to the task - this time batting. John was finally out for 46, run out, after a partnership of 74 runs. Our innings eventually finished at 166. Craig's innings of 50 not out was a determined and very responsible one showing true grit. Overall this was a very disappointing performance from a team that is capable of much more. Too much preparation has been put in by the team to accept this of themselves.

WE KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AND WILL DO IT.



MATCH REPORT

GRADE: B

DATE: 26 / 9 / 87

WARRINGAH

V.

LINDFIELD

1st Innings: 187

 4-237

2nd Innings:

RESULT: 1ST INNINGS LOSS

LEADING PERFORMANCES

BATSMAN	SCORE	BOWLER	Overs	M'dns.	Runs	W'kts.
D MOSTYN	41	P BANBURY	21	4	81	2
M LANGRIDGE	28	B STOLK	13	2	47	1
J BOYLE	26					
G TUCKER	18					

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:-

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:-

Despite the convincing margin of victory Lindfield were not the better side, just the better side on the day. Dropped catches allowed the Lindfield top order batsmen to get a start and poor bowling allowed them to score a lot of runs - their opener was dropped at 0 and made 92. Peter Banbury was the only bowler to bowl consistently well. Warringah spent most of Lindfield's innings bowling and fielding with a poor attitude. In shires cricket an alert and aggressive fielding side is essential to a team's chances of winning the comp - if this sort of display is not put behind us we will find it difficult to beat anybody. The batting was more encouraging. We got off to a solid start but were bogged down in the middle of the innings so that the middle and late order batsmen had to hit out in an attempt to achieve an ever-spiralling run rate. In the end we failed but the fact that eight of the top nine batsmen made double figures is perhaps the biggest plus to come out of the day. Langridge, Tucker, and Gately in particular exhibited a lot of confidence and inventiveness as well as style in chasing the required eight and nine runs an over late in the innings.

MAN OF THE MATCH: DAVE MOSTYN.



MATCH REPORT

GRADE: B

DATE: 3-5 / 10 / 87

WARRINGAH

V.

LANE COVE

1st Innings: 2-105

 104

2nd Innings: 4-174

 172

RESULT: OUTRIGHT WIN

LEADING PERFORMANCES

BATSMAN	SCORE	BOWLER	Overs	M'dns.	Runs	W'kts.
J BOYLE	49	P BANBURY (1ST)	13	1	41	3
D BLAIR	31	(2ND)	14.1	4	40	8
		G TUCKER	10	2	22	3

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:-

A fine chase by the top six batsmen to score the 172 runs required in 30 overs. All the batsmen contributed to the steady flow of runs:

M HYSLOP	48	D MOSTYN	37 no
J BOYLE	19	M LANGRIDGE ..	14 no
G TUCKER	34		
A NOBLE	14		

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:-

A better effort but still not good enough. The bowling was again poor overall and the fielding, though improved, was still sluggish and lacking in application. It was the batting and Peter Banbury's fine bowling that got us through. The fact that we won so convincingly despite playing badly shows how weak the other side were. In the field it was much the same story as last match though there was some improvement. The same cannot be said of the bowling, no-one except Peter Banbury came close to achieving consistent line and length. The batting was a little slower than it needed to be in the first innings but in the second every batsmen applied themselves to the task. The batsmen were almost faultless in achieving the most important part of chasing runs - maintaining a steady rhythm. Though there were two run outs they also showed how important, and profitable, aggressive running can be. But even this impressive display must be seen in the light of the fact that the Lane Cove bowlers were only able to take three wickets in 81 overs. Having said that an outright win is an outright win and we are very happy to have the points. Our first real test comes this week against last year's premiers Wentworthville. We will need to improve considerably if we are to trouble them.

MAN OF THE MATCH: PETER BANBURY.



MATCH REPORT

GRADE: C

DATE: 26 / 9 / 87

WARRINGAH

V.

LINDFIELD

1st Innings: 6-234

 230

2nd Innings:

RESULT: 1ST INNINGS WIN

LEADING PERFORMANCES

BATSMAN	SCORE	BOWLER	Overs	M'dns.	Runs	W'kts.
B KIBBLE	37	M SEGRETO	8	2	34	2
M MORRISEY	62	S BARNES	13	2	36	2
T EMTAGE	89no	B DABBS	8	0	40	2
		S BRADSTREET	15	1	70	2

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:-

Good fill-in wicketkeeping by Steven Lane.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:-

A good start to the season. With only 10 players on the field for all but the last hour of Lindfield's batting it meant an uphill battle to contain runs. All bowlers showed that with more match fitness, accuracy, concentration, that they should represent a formidable hurdle for the opposition.

Excellent batting by Kibble, Morrisey, and Emtage after the team was 3-64 turned the game around to an easy first innings win.

MAN OF THE MATCH: TONY EMTAGE



MATCH REPORT

GRADE: D1

DATE: 26 / 9 / 87

WARRINGAH

V.

PENNANT HILLS

1st Innings: 6-179

66

2nd Innings:

RESULT: 1ST INNINGS WIN

LEADING PERFORMANCES

BATSMAN	SCORE	BOWLER	Overs	M'dns.	Runs	W'kts.
B SOTOROPOULOUS	46no	M NORMAN	12	3	26	5
B ELLIS	40no					

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:-

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:-

A good start to the season against fairly weak opposition. The two Bills were the highlight of the batting, both batsmen started fairly slowly but accelerated gradually and finished the innings with an avalanche of well-struck boundaries.

The bowling was very tight from both ends and Pennant Hills never looked to be in the game.

MAN OF THE MATCH: B SOTOROPOULOUS (two stumpings, 46 runs) in his debut for the club.

MATCH REPORT.

D2 GRADE 14/11/87.

WARRINGAH 10/243 defeated LINDFIELD 10/99 &3/98

LEADING PERFORMANCES.

P. Brandon	58				
D. Heffernan	33				
S. Dinning	38				
D. Searson	32				
S. Dinning	19 overs	4	for	23	
D. Searson	7	"	2	"	14
D. McCarthy	16	"	2	"	29
N. Lawson	10	"	2	"	32

MAN OF THE MATCH. S. Dinning

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Some much improved batting with five scores over 30 produced a score of 243. The bowling didn't let us down with every bowler performing, S. Dinning leading the way. This backed up by impressive ground fielding from C. Neville (2 catches) secured an easy first innings win. Langdon Gould was also much improved in the wicket keeping department, although he still has some way to go.

Dave Searson.