

98/99

MATCH REPORT**GRADE:** Ist**ROUND:** 2**WARRINGAH****V****BLACKTOWN**

1st Innings 10 For 198

7 For 251

RESULT: Lost 1st Innings

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
P Banbury	92	B Muldoon	12	7	35	2
		B Johnson	12	7	45	2
		S Ware	12	7	35	2

We returned to Joe Macleer Oval, with a number of First Graders attempting to wipe those vivid memories of Grand Final defeat from their minds before taking on the PWC's in the Grand Final replay of 1997/98. This was not so easy as we arrived to find the same pitch prepared in exactly the same condition, playing virtually the same side. Unperturbed we set out to build a formidable total after Sean had won the toss, and at 4 for 42, this was looking unlikely. Pete Banbury then took control, and hit an exquisite 92 before fatigue set in (or was that Race 6 at Randwick), enabling us to scramble to a defendable 198 (so we tried to justify to ourselves). We had a go at them that night, and at 3 for 60, it was evenly poised.

Day 2 saw overcast skies and cool weather at Blacktown, an omen if there ever was! The Anita Cobby Memorial Field on the left of the ground was looking bleak, and local residents were out side doing various forms of raindance to produce the first rainfall in the area since 1994. As it turned out, there were 11 Warringah cricketers doing exactly the same at about 2pm after a frustrating day in the field. Our prayers weren't answered, as the rain came down about half an hour after they had passed us. On a positive side, it broke the drought out west, and allowed many kiddies to see rain for the first time in their lives!

Special Mention: GB, Treasure, JJ and Narelle for travelling three days to come out and support us!

Best Fielder: Steve Ware

Man of the Match: Pete Banbury

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: Ist

ROUND: 3

WARRINGAH

V

PENANT HILLS

1st Innings 10 For 227

10 For 71

2nd Innings

10 For 85

RESULT: Won Outright

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
A Crozier	45	D Millar	12	7	21	3
D Beesley	42	B Muldoon	12	7	8	2
The Total Package	20	S Ware	12	7	14	2

2nd Innings

		B Muldoon	12	7	24	4
		P Banbury	12	7	10	2

It's always exciting when the cream of the Shire's competition come down to Weldon Oval, it was no exception in Round 3 when one of our old friends Greame Beard made his way back to the Backyard. After a number of hard fought contests, followed by a few laughs and a beer after the game, the "Silver Bodgie" was back for what may have been his last appearance at Weldon. His party was spoiled however as Sean bowled him in the first dig for 6 with a ripper, only to be surpassed by the Big Unit, Brendon, for 0, second ball. (I hope everyone has been able to detect the sarcasm in this report to now).

Other news – Crowy and Beeso batted very well to put on 100 for the second wicket before someone pressed the self destruct button, and we were all out for 227 with an hour to bowl. As is often case, this helped us immensely, and at 6 for 46 overnight you would suggest they were in trouble. It took us 50minutes to wrap them up on Day 2, after which the Big Unit proceeded to scare the shit out of them with the quickest spell of bowling seen at Weldon since Steve Bartlett let fly at Motor about 10 years ago (that's one for the oldies boys). They just didn't have the talent and ticker, and we beat them by about three days. Don't get carried away though boys, as I'm backing they won't be there in March!

Best Fieldsman: Great snares by the Package and Goran

Man of the Match: Sean Monahan

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: 3rd

ROUND: 1

	WARRINGAH	V	EPPING
1st Innings	1 dec 260		84
2nd Innings			71

RESULT: outright win

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tony Crozier	166*	Steve	12	4	14	4
Geoff Munn	70	Stu	12	6	25	2
Murray Astylish	8*	John Millward	10	2	38	2

2nd Innings

		Lawesy	14	6	15	7

A very good outright for the defending premiers. After winning the toss in his debut game as captain Steve showed his game plan for the rest of the year by sending Epping into bat. (the wicket was a bit wet). Stu and Lawesy opened the bowling and got us off to a good start by having Epping 3\13 after 20 overs. Epping never really recovered after this nor came to terms with a slightly wet wicket and were dismissed for 84. John Millward (herein known as Millhouse) had a promising debut picking up 2 wickets with his well flighted off spin. He showed some good nerve in picking up the wickets after being hit for a few fours. Steve loitered around the middle order for 4 wickets.

Two more debtants, Geoff Munn (a white West Indian) and Tony Crozier (a very white Pom) opened the batting and effortlessly took the score to 0\138 off 35 overs at stumps. Tony being 91* at stumps. On day Geoff and Tony picked where they left off from day 1 – intelligent hitting, sharp running between wickets and the odd spectacular stroke. When Geoff was eventually out for 70 the pair had amassed 229 – a record opening stand in 3rd grade, any grade and highest partnership for any grade. Tony was dropped on 93 and in keeping with that beautiful cliché “make ‘em pay” scored 166*, with his on side strokes and a searing cover drive being the highlight. He also beat the club’s individual record held by another Pom who claims hard to be an Aussie.

Epping were dismissed in their second innings for 71 thanks largely to Lawesy’s excellent 7\15, bowled in 2 spells into a strong head wind and on a placid pitch. He bowled with great variety and made them play conitnually. He was ably supported in the field with some fine catching, particularly a scorcher from Gordo at 1st slip and 4 by Brad behind the wicket.

Best Fieldsman: Brad Lewis - 5 catches in the match

Man of the Match: Tony (Salmon pink’s my colour) Crozier

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: 3rd

ROUND: 2

WARRINGAH V

BLACKTOWN

1st Innings 7 dec 288

120

2nd Innings

RESULT: first innings win

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Murray	118	Lawesy	22	11	35	4
Hey Munn	75	Stu	15	5	20	1
Uncle Errol	30	Steve	10	5	16	2

2nd Innings

Arrived Mascot at 5.30am checked luggage in, went thru customs and picked up our duty free allowance. Boarded the plane at 7.00am and arrived at Whalan on the stroke of 10.30am. Steve went out to toss with Mick the Blacktown Captain and much to his surprise found the runway they landed on was actually the pitch. Even more to his surprise Mick elected to bowl after winning the toss.

Due to the Pom being mercilessly taken to 1st grade, Uncle Errol and Hey Munn opened the innings. After a scratchy start, they soon found their rhythm and compiled a handy 70 run stand against a tight attack, before Errol fell for 30. Murray then joined Hey Munn and from his opening cover drive he looked in fine form. Murray and Hey Munn proceeded to bat very watchfully taking the singles and putting the bad ball away. Geoff was eventually out for 75 with Murray and he putting on 115 in 38 overs. Murray continued on with a mixture of off drives reminiscent of Murray circa (R. Benaud accent) late 80s, good running between wickets and the odd hack. He was dismissed for a match winning 118. In the last hour we lost 5 wickets but did manage to compile a healthy 288 off 88 overs.

We turned up for the second day to find that we had a Black and White – much to Blacktown's dismay. Stu was heard to say that God plays cricket. Stu and Lawesy opened again and had Blacktown on the back foot from the outset from which meant they never got into the game. After 30 overs they were 5/51. Lawesy kept a good line and with his cleverly disguised slower ball picked up 4 wickets. Stu was unlucky beating the bat repeatedly, having a couple of catches go down and LBW appeals just missing the stumps. We managed to roll them for 120 despite a 20 minute stoppage for rain when they were 9 down.

Special Mention: Uncle Errol for some artful manipulation of Murray's hip at tea.

Best Fieldsman: all the team fielded well

Man of the Match: Murray

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: 3rd

ROUND: 3

WARRINGAH V PENNANT HILLS
 1st Innings 5 dec 187 182
 2nd Innings 4 – 111 135

RESULT: first innings win

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Errol	79*	Stu	19	6	40	4
Thommo	69	Lawesy	14	5	31	2
		Millhouse	10	2	46	2

2nd Innings

Errol	44	Millhouse	14	3	38	5
PT	20	Run Outs				2
Gordo	18					

We lost the toss and fielded on a warm day with a batsmen friendly Weldon 2. Stu and Lawesy again got us off to a reasonable start by taking a wicket each. We continued to bowl tightly and field very well which restricted Pennant Hills to a modest 182. In all 7 catches were held including 2 by Mark “where that sign come from” Anderson at 2nd slip and Thommo’s well judged catch on the boundary. Without these catches our day would have been longer and their score higher. The pick of the bowlers was Stu who finally got some reward for his consistent efforts.

Errol and Thommo negotiated the difficult 10 over period before stumps by blasting 59 off 10 overs ! They continued the trend on day 2 until Thommo was out for 69 when the score was on 120. His knock was a mix of powerful hitting, sharp running and the odd bit of luck but he backed himself. We proceeded to lose 3 quick wickets before Errol and PT saw us past their score. Errol finished with a resolute 79* highlighted by some well timed drives and even a pull or 2 !

They had their second dig and what a dig it was. Whatever manual they take their cricket from, there’s not a chapter on intelligent cricket. They were all out for 135. Millhouse picked up his first 5 wicket haul for the club with some good off spin bowling. He kept his line and cool, varied it up and waited for them to make the mistakes. Again he was supported by some good ground fielding and catching. Except for a certain captain’s chronic misjudgement on the boundary. We were left needing 130 off 14 overs for the outright. Unfortunately we fell 19 runs short despite some entertaining hitting from Errol, Gordo and PT. The huge crowd (51 a ground record) on the hill certainly enjoyed it.

Special Mention: Gordo’s all run 4 (rumoured still to be on oxygen)

Best Fieldsmen: Errol and Thommo

Player of the Match: Uncle Errol

MATCH REPORT

GRADE : 4

Round : 1

WARRINGAH

v

EPPING

1st Innings 6 dec 153

10 for 74

2nd Innings 1 for 37

10 for 115

RESULT : Warringah won Outright
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Batting	Runs
Ben King	48
Greg (Jack) Russell	43
Ritchie Butterworth	13*
Roy Formica	13

2nd Innings

Paul Chalmers	22*
Andrew Lindsey	12

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Matt Sherry	8	4	8	4
Paul Chalmers	15	7	21	3
Tim Fletcher	5	1	13	2
Andrew Lindsey	9	3	10	1

Jack Russell	10	4	8	3
Vinnie	8	2	18	3
Tim Fletcher	7	1	18	3
Matt Sherry	10	2	24	1

Warringah won the toss and sent Epping in on a deck softened by overnight rain. Our bowlers led by Snake and Chezza were far too good for the Epping line up and by tea were all out for 74 from 45 overs.

Although batting was difficult on the soft pitch, Ben King and Jack Russell applied themselves to the task and both contributed good scores in their debut games for the club. In search of outright points Warringah was able to declare at the overnight score of 6/153

Our bowling depth came to the fore in the second innings. Snake and Chezza, despite bowling well, were unable to take the wickets and it was left to Jack, Vinnie and Tim to do the damage. Each took three wicket a piece.

Andrew Lindsey and Snake, normally No's 10 & 11 in the order were given the opportunity to knock off the required 37 runs for the outright victory. They did this with little trouble.

Our fielding was outstanding and will prove the difference between winning and losing in many games this season. Ben Tasker was safe at slip taking two chances, Vinnie and Andrew were skilful and proficient but I thought Justin Cox was outstanding and was the best on the ground.

Player of the Match : Greg Russell

MATCH REPORT

GRADE : 4

Round : 2

WARRINGAH

v

BLACKTOWN

1st Innings 10 for 289

10 for 135

2nd Innings

2 for 79

RESULT : Warringah won on first innings
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Batting	Runs
Ben King	83
Ben Tasker	44
Matt (Chezza) Sherry	30
Fred Bassett	24
Tim Fletcher	22
Justin Cox	20
Andrew Lindsey	19*

2nd Innings

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Chezza	15	6	29	4
Roy	6	3	15	3
Andrew Lindsey	7	1	18	1
Snake	15	4	50	1

Tim Fletcher	11	2	30	1
Chezza	6	3	13	1

Another comprehensive victory which proved that this Warringah 4th Grade team is a class outfit with definite premiership credentials.

Warringah won the toss and batted on a beautifully prepared Weldon deck. Ben Tasker and Tim Fletcher got us away to a brisk start adding 60 odd for the first wicket. The batsmen that followed kept up the momentum and it was obvious that Blacktown would always be chasing a large total.

The score at tea was 4/183 with Ben King and Chezza the not out batsmen. It was pleasing to see that Ben and Chezza applied themselves and helped each other to a stand of 101 for the fifth wicket. Ben, in particular, showed that he has the skills and the ability to compete at a very high level in the future. Lets hope that he maintains his hunger for runs.

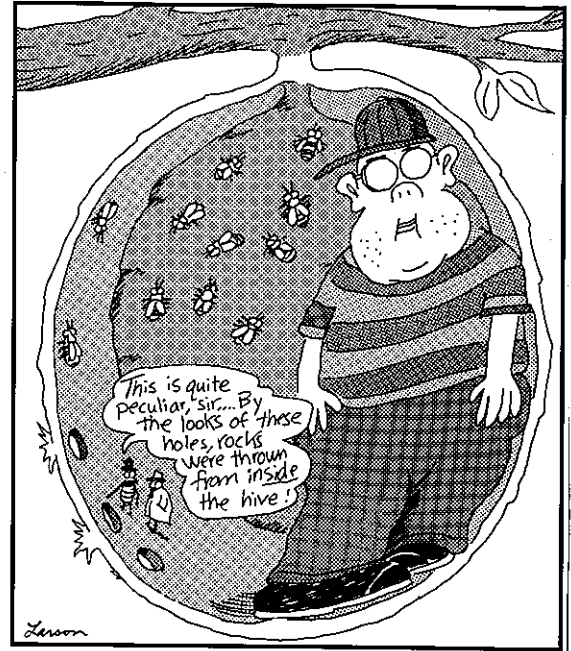
Our fielding was once again outstanding. Vinnie's direct hit run out was a gem and Justin Cox was once again the best on the park. Ritchie had a great game behind the stumps and his keeping, in general, is improving rapidly. He is also proving to be a real asset to his captain through his constructive comments and thoughts on the game.

Player of the Match : Ben King

Players to Watch

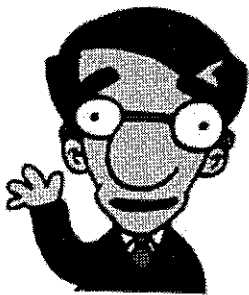
Ben Tasker

Captain Custard takes on his second season opening up for Roy's Boy's in fourth grade, and should be looking to kick on after his debut season last season. Rumour has it that since Ben stopped modelling for the great American cartoonist Gary Larson, of Far Side fame, his mind has been completely focused on cricket, allowing him to develop his array of shots.



John Millhouse

Another product of the American Cartoon Academy Of Cricketers, Millhouse developed the art of off spin bowling in the backyard at the Simpson's house in Springfield. Years of bowling resulting from Bart Simpson dominating with the bat, under the theory that "it's my house and my bat so I'll keep batting", Millhouse has developed the type of patience a good off spinner requires.



David Beesley

After cracking it for a spot in First Grade last year and playing a huge role in the Grand Final at Blacktown, there is much to look forward to this year for young Spanner! Taking on the crucial number three position in one's, he will certainly bare the brunt of many an imposing bowling attack. Not that this will phase him, in fact, he has deliberately gone out and cut his hands with glass, just to give himself a challenge! A gutsy competitor is the Spanner!