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MEN IN GREEN
XMAS SPECIAL

Men In Green would like to wish all our readers a very merry Xmas, and a wonderful New Year! (Make sure it's not to big fellas, you've got to play cricket on the 2nd!)

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EDITORIAL

SHIT! Not one of our most productive rounds of cricket at Weldon Oval. Three losses and draw against the silvertails, South Sydney Pty Ltd, has seen us slide to some ugly positions on the various competition tables. All this withstanding, there was some gutsy cricket played, and if luck had gone our way, or a little more application shown at times, we could easily have come away with three wins. So, as we approach the final round before Xmas with the local derby against Roseville (where the ghost of the Silver Bodgie still lurks), let's not lose focus on what we are trying to achieve, and get back on track with 4 from 4.

Highlights – Round Six

Ben King: Another ton! Ben is currently the shortest price favourite, since Brisbane took on Canterbury in this years grand final, to break the club record for runs scored in the season. So Ben, if your batting with anyone who's name appears on those record books, watch out for some very dodgy calls between wickets.

Craig Little: Back in the runs after growing a third arm out at the nuclear power plant known as Chernoble. Was unfortunately robbed of a ton by Murray Pitt who put the mozz on him while going around the grounds for radio 2UE. Said Pitt - "Yeah, Little has been hitting it like a dream today listeners and should go on to three fig... and he's out".

David Millar: DM picked up wickets in both innings for the game against South Sydney Pty Ltd, with a match aggregate of 8 wickets for \$25 000. Apparently one of their openers is reviewing his "paid by the run" contract after being dismissed for 1 and 0.

Classic Quote from Round Six:

Peter Banbury to Michael CheeQuee, older (and smaller) brother of Richard, the sometimes NSW opening bat:

Pete: ' Michael, isn't that shirt a bit big for you – oh, sorry, it must be one of those hand-me-ups'

(Pete then shut up as CheeQuee proceeded to hit about 30 off 10 balls).

Other Information:

- Super Coach Gavin Fletcher has requested that we pick up our attendances at training. While it seems that we were cruising, we've crashed back to earth in a big way after the last round – GET TO PRACTICE - WE'RE NOT INVINCIBLE!
- A mid season thanks to Joy Peart and her tireless staff of helpers in the canteen every Saturday and Sunday. As always, our afternoon teas have been exemplary and I now feel ripped off if I don't get a lemon cordial at drinks break when I'm away from home! Thanks girls!
- Also, congratulations go to Mike Day and his lovely fiancée Robyn. Yes, for those of you who know Mike and Robyn, this one's been a while coming! (Just keep talking to Uncle Ando, Mickey!)

Social Events

*Xmas Party Weldon Oval 19th December 1998

A chance to have a Xmas drink with the boys and their respective better halves. This gala evening will be held back at the club after the second day of the Roseville game, where for a minimal fee, food and grog will be supplied in abundance. The Steve Dinning "This is Your Life" show will be on again – past stars include Murray Pitt, Roy 'Antonio' Formica, Michael Lay and Dave Mostyn (for the new guys, they're the dusty looking blokes who hang around the club sometimes drinking Tooheys New), and Scott Chapman! Who will it be this year! Santa Claus will also be there – apparently Chris Melville has been making in-store appearances at Grace Brothers around Sydney now his Saturday's are free! Hope to see you all there for this festive occasion!

* Trivia Night Master Builders Club 13th Feb 1999

It's time to brush up on your trivia as we prepare for the fourth annual trivia night, at a different venue and at a new time of February! Of course there will be other fun games to be had on the night such as "Get the hosts really drunk and try to bribe them" or "Get the hosts really drunk and hope they make a mistake giving your team more points". As always, the teams to beat will be the Murray Pitt syndicate, the Mark Gately syndicate and the Matthew Macoustra syndicate, so get your tables of 8 to 10 organised now and start researching.

Sample questions (answers at bottom of First Grade report):

1. How many former greats has Mark Stewart dropped in his time?
2. In what year did the great Greame Beard make his first class debut?
3. What is the highest individual score made against Warringah, and who was the bowler to dismiss this batsman?
4. How many kilometres does John Johnson walk in any one afternoon of cricket at Weldon Oval (Hint – the circumference of the oval is 800m)

- **Steyne Breakfast:**

Thanks to all those who were at Café Steyne for the inaugural Warringah breakfast last Sunday morning at the very bright hour of 8.30am (9.00am for those south of the Harbour). Highlight of the morning was definitely watching Julian Evan Pitt eating his breakfast in exactly the same manner as his father – spilling it all over his face and shirt!. Also, there has been an ammendment to the menu – the Mark Stewart Breakfast (A Bloody Mary), has changed to the Grant Thompson Breakfast (with a couple of Panadol added as well). Lucky someone didn't light a match around you Thommo, or your breakfast would have been flambe!

The 1998 Warringah Christmas List

Here at "Men in Green" we received an anonymous letter this week that was addressed to a S.Claus c/o The North Pole. Being a bit nosey, we decided to have a look inside and we found this very interesting Xmas list:

Sean Monahan – a small radio ear piece to listen to the races while pretending to make important cricket decisions.

Ben Johnston – a box and dice (the complete package).

Dave Beesley – a beach towel built for two

Anthony Crozier – a mint shirt to compliment the apricot, the peach and lemon.

Kerry Mullins – a new mouthguard in club colours.

Roger Curry – a new fridge, washing machine, dryer, and dishwasher (and one of those little furry things you get from Luna Park)

Murray Pitt – "How to Control Your Emotions, Even When You Know You Were Robbed" by John McEnroe

Rex Wightley – "101 Witty Sledges" by Merv Hughes

Narelle Johnston – A new set of coloured textures and a calligraphy set

Ben Tasker – a years supply of vanilla custard (he is the Captain)!

Ben King – a wider bat (he's a greedy bugger)

Phil Lewis – another season's supply of VB in cans

Brad Lewis – "Alcoholism Isn't Hereditary" the new book from AA

Jimmy Castrisos – An electric razor, guaranteed to keep that growth off all day

I hope that all your Xmas wishes come true!

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: Ist

ROUND: 6

WARRINGAH

V

SOUTH SYDNEY

1st Innings 10 For 103

10 For 124

2nd Innings

7 For 186

RESULT: Lost First Innings

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
A Crozier	32	D Millar	19	7	32	4
P Banbury	20	S Monahan	18	7	38	3
		S Ware	14	7	46	2

2nd Innings

		D Millar	14	7	42	4
		S Monahan	12	7	60	2
		S Ware	12	7	42	1

We played the Six Million Dollar team at Weldon Oval, where Sean won his 6th straight toss, and we had a bowl just to change the scene a little! Our fielding was excellent, and backed up a mighty effort by the bowlers, and we dismissed South Sydney Pty Ltd for 124. A number of their batsmen looked threatening, however, consistent bowling and tight fielding saw them frustrate themselves out (I think most of them are on salary rates, and not paid by the run). We then had a bat, and after a good start (0 – 32), we finished the day at 5 for 48! One could say we were in a spot of bother.

Day two arrived, and we went out in positive frame of mind (maybe too positive in some cases) and were dismissed for 103. They then went back out with the intention of scoring quick runs and declaring, leaving us a run chase, however, we forced them into shutting up shop, having them 6 for 60 at one stage. Basically, we played bad cricket for 1 hour of the game and got beaten – but that's cricket!

Best Fieldsmen: Most (two good slip catches by Geoff Munn on debut)

Man of the Match: Ben Johnston – Passenger 57

Answers to trivia questions:

1. 3 – P. Toohey, G. Beard and G. Bensley
2. 1975
3. G. Beard 220 for Roseville, caught J. Boyle bowled M. Pitt
4. Approximately 12 km

MATCH REPORT

Grade: 2nd

Round: 6

WARRINGAH

V

SOUTH SYDNEY

Result - draw

This report from AAP , Russia

Chernoble: David Morris and his team of weary travellers arrived at the former disaster area wary of past dramas at this ground. Reports of players finishing games with three hands or two heads did not deter the Warringah boys, as they went out desperate to defeat the big spending Russian superpowers, South Sydney. Morris won the toss on a flat wicket and elected to bat, sending in two of his most experienced campaigners, Mark Stewart and Ian Bassett into battle. This proved to be a sound decision as they cruised to 100 without loss. Quick wickets then fell before Jimmy "Merv" Castrisos and Craig "Mr" Little steadied the ship. As Murray Pitt, radio 2UE's man on the spot, described Little's performance to listeners back home "It was a gem of an innings". Little then promptly got out. A highlight of the innings was the running between wickets of the two warhorses, Dave Morris and Roger Curry – a lesson to any youngster watching the game live on Foxtel. At 8 for 260 Morris backed his chargers!

As expected, the Russians fought hard. At one stage they seemed to be on their way until Curry, bowling his left arm squirters, and Mark Anderson, recalled to the side after recent pay disputes, clawed Warringah back into the game. At the end, a win seemed likely, however, a scud missile aimed at Mark Stewart in the gully put paid to any chance. The boys left worn, but not defeated!

MATCH REPORT

GRADE: 3rd

ROUND: 6

WARRINGAH

V

SOUTH EAST SYDNEY

1st Innings 208

256

2nd Innings

RESULT: first innings win

1st Innings:

Batsmen	Runs	Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Elvis	102	Stu	6.2		10	3
Lawesy	35	Lawesy	?	?	?	3
		Steve	17		50	2

Unfortunately 3rd grade suffered their first loss of the season, going down by one wicket to the Wall Street Boys. Steve won the toss and elected to bat. After half an hour we were in deep trouble at 3 for jack. Elvis and Coxy, playing his debut game, steadied the ship briefly as they took the attack up the lively openers from Wall Street. Elvis was off the mark with a late cut and Coxy played a couple of cracking hook shots before he fell to a sharp catch.

The wickets then continued to fall except for Elvis. He seemed to be playing on a different pitch and against different bowlers to the rest of the team. His cuts and on drives were powerful and precise. He kept his cool despite the wickets falling about him and the quality bowling he was facing. At tea we were 7/151 with Elvis being 100*. After tea Lawesy did some sensible hitting and contributed a valuable 35 which got us to a competitive 208. However we were about 50 short of a imposing score and only batted for 60 overs. This is simply not good enough against quality sides.

With 23 overs left to play we set getting early wickets and that we did. Stu continued his impressive form bagging 3 wickets before he fell victim yet again to his fickle body. At stumps they were a vulnerable 4\48.

On the second morning we got off to a bad start when Stu was unable to bowl. The Wall Street's boys confidence soared. When then proceeded to bowl too wide and field with little enthusiasm which allowed the 5th wicket to put on 120. Very disappointing. To our credit tough we fought back, led by Steve & Lawesy, as they slumped from 4\168 to 9\188. This left 20 runs for them to get which they unfortunately did.

Nevertheless it was a quality game of cricket from both sides and the Wall Street Boys certainly know that we can play the game.

Special Mention: Millhouse digging in with Elvis for an important partnership & bowling a tight spell when their batsmen were in full cry.

Best Fieldsman: No one

MATCH REPORT

GRADE : 4

Round : 6

WARRINGAH
1st Innings 118

v

South Sydney
203

2nd Innings

3 for 68

RESULT : Warringah lost on 1st Innings
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Batting	Runs	Bowling	O	M	R	W
Gordon (Big Unit) Tomlinson	31	Bags	7	2	16	3
		Billy	10	2	16	2
2nd Innings						
		Billy	7	3	11	1

South Sydney inspired by Dollar Motive

Market analysts have revealed that a substantial purchase of Aussie Dollars against the Greenback may have propelled South Sydney to victory in their top of the table 4th grade clash against Warringah CC last Saturday.

Senior Habib Bank FX Trader, Vinod Rehaan, completed the sale of Aussie to colourful South Sydney investor, Mr. Peter Daffen just prior to Friday's market close.

With the market already factoring in a Warringah victory, South Sydney's unexpected success has pushed the Aussie up 2 big figures which equates to a substantial windfall to Mr. Daffen.

Mr. Daffen has revealed that negotiations with former West Indian Captain, Viv Richards, are expected to be completed within the next few days as Richards' asking price of

\$30,000 per game is no longer an obstacle. Asked for his comments after the thrashing, Warringah captain, Roy Formica, was unusually forthright, "the better team won but I was very happy with the way we fought back to restrict Souths to just 203. At tea, it appeared that we would be chasing a runaway truck but part time bowler, Bags, sent down a few pies to tempt the Souths middle order and was rewarded with career best figures of 3 for 16 and also snared a couple of good run-outs."

The packed crowd at Alexandria Park were right behind the visitors' from the seaside. One local spectator, Marcus Emery, was particularly boisterous in his abuse of the South Sydney opening bowlers.

Souths' young English import sent down three successive

bouncers to Warringah's 'Big Unit' and was smashed for successive boundaries "Keep bowling that shit mate" Marcus yelled in a voice that echoed across the postcode. South Sydney's Chief Executive Officer, Peter Daffen, was unimpressed with Emery's outburst and attempted to remove the troublesome spectator. When police arrived on the scene Emery fled across the park yelling obscenities along the way.

Warringah lured former wicket keeping legend 'Beachball' out of retirement for this game but his performance, along with his waistline, was unimpressive. Warringah are expected to return to the winner's podium in their next match against neighbours Roseville.

Man of the Match : Bags