

No 5 - It's Crunch Time

EDITORIAL

MIG apologise for the lack of news in recent weeks, however our intrepid editor has been keeping on eye on the hijack of Indian Airlines, the kerosene shortage in Nepal, the bombing of New Delhi Railway station, and keeping the Indians at bay after their debacle against Australia in the test series.

Now, down to business - it's crunch time gentlemen! 4 rounds to go and no-one can say they're a safe bet for the finals. A great win by one's on Wednesday means we stay in the hunt for the Club Championship - but only just! If we want to have that trophy at Weldon Oval again fellas, you've got to WANT IT! That means the following:

- Practicing!!! (I know I sound like a broken down record, but it's f*cking true).
- Wanting to win more than the bloke on the other side.
- Putting your hand up and saying "I will be the man today!!". Don't wait for your mate to do it.
- Looking to contribute at every opportunity, whether by geeing up your teammates, taking that great catch, scoring the single that takes the pressure off - whatever! Make it happen!
- Don't blame it on the umpires, don't worry about the opposition - concentrate on your game only!
- Be positive!

If we do this for the next 4 rounds, no matter what happens, we can walk away proud, knowing we gave it at our best shot. It also means we get a shot at 4 premierships! When you read this look at the bloke either side of you - I can assure you it will be someone you will want to be drinking beers (or cokes) with at the end of Round 15 with the Club Championship trophy in our hands!

Forget the results of the last few games. Remember the positives, learn from mistakes, and enjoy your cricket!

It starts today guys - let's give it shake!

Highlights: It's been a few rounds, so I'm only going to go back as far Round 9. One's were unlucky to cop a trigger finger penguin late in the day, however it is always exciting to see a young bloke make his debut in the top grade. Well done Coxy - it must be all those early nights you get! Two's got up after a couple of hiccups, thanks largely to President Pitt and his 44 not out. Murray's found some form of late, dispelling those rumours that the Presidency was affecting his game.

Great effort in Round 10 - 4 from 4! It was like we weren't even out there! Thanks to Super Coach Gavin Fletcher for putting us through our paces in the practice session on Frank Gray. There's a number of First Grade umpires who could learn a bit from you Gav!

What a win by one's against Burwood in Round 11. Brings a smile to this old bloke's face everytime I think about it! Well done Warren (30 on a green top), Sean (4 for 22) and Big Unit (6 for 14) for turning the tide!

Also, the old blokes are killing it in the Master's competition, with more wins than Kerry Packer at the craps table! Keep racking them up lad's (if you're wondering what the weather will be like for the finals, talk to Cliffy - his knee starts to play up know if it is going to rain in March).

Under 24's: Doogie's boy's have narrowly missed out on a final 6 spot, finishing equal with two other sides. We missed out after losing one game more than the others, despite better percentages. Bad luck Doogie, next year you might have a full compliment of players to choose from each week.

Social Scene:

- (1) **Trivia Night will be held on February 19, 2000, the first weekend of the Roseville game.** For those who haven't been to one yet, this is the premier social event on the Warringah calendar (except for Awards night if your going to pick up a trophy). Talk to Ando, Errol or DM for details. Remember, if one of those three ask when and where trivia night is and you can't answer it, you owe that person a beer!
- (2) **Presentation Night will be held in early April!** This is always a fun evening especially if your picking up awards, and even more fun if there are premiership trophies (or gravy floats) to drink out of! Expect to see you there!

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Bill Buckle Toyota

If you need to buy that new car (Jewy, this doesn't apply to you at the moment)

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Has everything you want in a beer - it's cold and it's wet

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Those wacky, zany accounts from Mona Vale, give Bags a call

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At Warringah Mall - talk to Brad for your cricketing needs

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Those mobile communication leaders and sponsors of our Under 24 side

Player Profile 4

Mark James STEWART

Nickname/s: Errol, Mixta

Age: 29 next week

Cricket Details

Highest Score for WCC: 96 run out -v- Bexley (thanks Boof)

Best Return for WCC: \$180 in the raffle

Funniest Cricketing Moment: Playing at Willowfest in Mildura and watching this guy get scored in the head by one of the fastest bouncers ever seen (I caught him at backward point). This bloke went down with blood spreading at a rapid rate of knots and was told in no uncertain terms by our 1st slip that "cricket is a mans game - get up- you're f#@% out".

Most Embarrassing Cricketing Moment: playing at Lindfield after a coaching clinic, so there were 1000's of little kids watching - coming out to bat, stopping, lifting helmet, having a spew and then getting a globe (with some coach commentating for the kids the whole time)

Favourite Ground: Weldon (summer) , Sydney Uni Number 1 (winter)

Ambitions: World peace, no child in poverty by the year 3000 (dumb question - win the club championship)

Personal Details

Favourite TV Show: Anything involving sport (go Foxtel)

Favourite Movie: Arse Wreckers 4 (just joking, Mel)

Favourite Band/Singer: DM in the Shower

Your idea of a top night out: The loop (x4)

Who would be your ideal golf foursome: Myself and 3 hackers I can beat (DM, Ando and Roger should do)

Where were you when:

Kurt Cobain died - Was that 1992 Or 1993?

Keiran Perkins won the 1500m in Atlanta -right there with him all the way (never doubted you, fish)

Australia won the Cricket World Cup in 1999 - In front of my magnificent big screen TV with pizza and beer (ie, in heaven)

Player Profile 5 Antonio Roy **FORMICA**

Nickname/s: Antonio, The Pepperoni Pony, Lenny Pascoe, Black, Ray, Woy
Age: Confidential (check highest score for Warringah)

Cricket Details

Highest Score for WCC: 67
Best Return for WCC: 6/28 (3 mince pies, 2 chocolate eclairs, and a tart)

Funniest Cricketing Moment: 4th Test Edgbaston Australia v England 1989. I was in the 2nd row from the fence. A guy in the front row accepted a dare of a 100 quid from his mate to do a 'streak'. He ripped off his gear, put one foot on the fence and jumped. However his foot got caught in the fence causing him to crash to the ground in the field of play and he couldn't get back up. Play was stopped while he lay there completely starkers until the police picked him up and carried him away.

Most Embarrassing Cricketing Moment:

It was quite a few years ago now. I won the toss on a stinking hot day and elected to bowl when I actually meant to say "We'll Bat". The words came out wrong. I told my players that we're batting and the Lane Cove skipper told his players that they were batting. The embarrassing part about it was that I hadn't realised I screwed up until the opening batsmen from both teams took the field with not a fielder in sight.

Favourite Ground: "The Backyard" (Weldon 1)

Ambitions: To Captain the Italian Test Cricket team against Australia at the Collesseum.

Personal Details

Favourite TV Show: Any Spaghetti Western

Favourite Movie: The Godfather

Favourite Band/Singer: Pavarotti and those two other guys.

Your idea of a top night out: Warringah Cricket Club Trivia Night - I look forward to it every year (not)!

Who would be your ideal golf foursome: Me and Brook Shields v Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf

Where were you when:

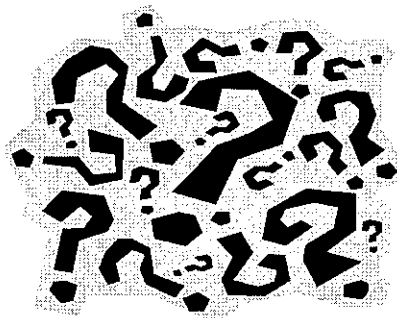
Kurt Cobain died - WGAF

Keiran Perkins won the 1500m in Atlanta - Alitalia flight 403: Sydney/Rome for World Cup trials.

Australia won the Cricket World Cup in 1999 - I was taking a net session at the Collesseum with the 2003 Italian World Cup Squad. (Yeah, I made the squad, they needed an offie with a good straight ball!). (What a complete load of bullshit - Ed).

WARRINGAH CRICKET CLUB
SOCIAL COMITTE PRESENT:

A NIGHT OF TRIVIA



The WCC Social Committee invite
YOU, your partner, your parents, your friends

To the Annual Trivia Night

Date: 19th February 2000
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Venue: Dee Why Master Builders Club
Fisher Road DEE WHY
Cost: \$15 per person

What to expect:

- Organise a table of 8-10 of your friends
- A plethora of trivia questions
- Prizes galore
- Loads of fun

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See Ando, Errol or DM for more details

Steyene Raffle Roster

Raffles have been fantastic in recent weeks - congratulations to 1st grade, 2nd grade and the Masters. \$750 in 3 outings, plus a shirt (you always do that little bit more for the club Rexy) shows just what we're capable of.

Still some way to go to reach our \$3000 target, so let's keep up the momentum.

Sunday 5.00pm meeting in the "Kelly's Bar"

Date	Team
30/01/00	C Grade
06/02/00	D Grade
13/02/00	A Grade
20/02/00	B Grade
27/02/00	C Grade
05/03/00	The Masters
12/03/00	D Grade

Instructions

All team members are to meet in the "Kelly's Bar" by 5.00pm on the Sunday.

Raffle Books : Purchase from any Newsagency prior to the day or on the day at the Newsagency across the Corso past McDonalds.

Prize : Purchase 1 x Bottle of Jack Daniels and an elastic band from the Bottle Shop and Place a \$50 on the Bottle.

Ticket Prices : \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Only one book sold per Raffle.

Raffle Balls : Balls for drawing the winner are found behind the Public Bar. Ask any Staff member. Important to inform all people that purchased a ticket of the winning number where possible.

As a significant revenue raiser for our Club we should target a minimum of two raffles per day. Any issues phone Mike Day 0418 408 801.

WARRINGAH CRICKET CLUB - MATCH REPORTS

Round Nine v Strathfield

Grade: 2nds WCC 7/124 Strathfield 122

Report: Lost the toss and Strathfield decided to bat, probably because at 9:30 they only had 7 players. We started off well, but as usual, we met some stubborn middle order resistance and they ended up with about 60 more runs they looked like scoring. Slippery was unplayable, Vinnie was straight (as usual), and Peter Thomas bowled with welcome control. Slippery had a guy caught at cover given not out, and the guy quickly worked out that he should have walked. There was very little color in his face after he faced the next couple of balls from Mr Hutchins. Slippery's 4 wickets were all bowled and he bowled with considerable pace.

Roger dropped a catch after a short run, and his quote of, "I can't run and catch at the same time", will go down in WCC's book of great quotes. Possibly with Murray's of a couple seasons ago, "Gee, Mrs Head gives good sandwich".

122 runs on a flat Weldon deck was going to be a reasonably easy target as long as we applied ourselves, worked the partnerships, and gave them nothing. Sounded sensible but at 5 for 38, and a couple of shots that you'd see in a kindergarten playground, we had a job to do. Fortunately Murray was up to the task, and with graceful assistance from Peter Thomas, and not so graceful assistance from Roger, we got over the line. Murray's knock was like going back in time. It was a lesson for all of us in how to concentrate and play your own game, fully aware of your strengths and weaknesses, and playing accordingly.

Strathfield were second on the ladder and it was a great win, but one where plenty of lessons were hopefully learnt.

Highlights: Slippery 4/12 off 9 Murray Pitt 44no
 Roger 2/33 off 12 Peter Thomas 22
 Peter Thomas 2/25 off 11

Match Result: Win
Man of Match: Murray Pitt and Steve Hutchins

Grade: 4ths WCC 128 Strathfield 135

Highlights: Danny Reynolds 3/14 Danny Reynolds 29 not out
 Jeremy Bradley 3/15 Snake 25

Match Result: Loss
Man of Match: Danny Reynolds

them to below 170. Unfortunately they got a few more runs than I would have like and we needed to score 200 to win.

David Millar in his first 2nd X1 game since 1938 bowled well in his return from a broken wing, and Slippery was quite quick on occasions. Roger started off bowling bouncers but recovered to bowl well after lunch, and Dave Barker bowled what could be described as a mixed bag, but troubled the batsmen at times and filled the fifth bowling spot well. Did I mention Beeso? He bowled a marathon spell of two overs, where his dibly dobbly mediums came out as dobbly dibbles, but will be a better bowler for the experience...don't believe I said that. When I asked him if he was interested in masquerading as a bowler for a few overs, he nearly threw his tongue down my throat!

200 to win, same old, same old. Partnerships, go on with it when you get a start, be around to maul the fifth bowler, you know the drill.

At none for 40 odd, and 2/102 things were going well, but we were behind the run rate (no major concern) and the rain was getting quite steady. Next thing you know we got a dose of the Pakis and we were trying to belt the ball into Ryde. We failed by 23 runs to win a game that we should have won. 20 minute post-mortem in the rooms afterwards reiterated the stuff we were talking about three hours earlier, and it will be interesting to see how the "forbies" approach Canterbury-Bexley this week.

Can't help but think that this result will really hurt us in March.

Highlights:	Slippery 3/32 off 12	Beeso	29
	Funky Millar 2/29 off 12	Gus	28
	Angry 2/24 off 12	Rachel Ward	23
		Errol	20

Match Result: Loss

Man of Match: No one.

Grade: 4ths WCC 103 Burwood 137

Report: After a positive chat before the game things looked good after bowling Burwood out for 137. A great effort in the field, including 3 catches from Chris Julian behind the stumps, meant we went into bat in a winning frame of mind. All out 103, with 5 batsmen getting starts says it all!

Highlights:	Roy 4/41	M Kulkarni	26
	Snake 3/43		

Match Result: Loss

Man of Match: no one

Grade: Masters

Match Against: Lane Cove

WCC 7-72

Lane Cove 10-68

At Frank Gray Oval (No 1 was being "scarified") we had a good win (5 out of 5) in a low-scoring match on a wicket where the grass was long enough for there to be a lot of sideways movement off the deck. They won the toss and elected to bat, but were 7-27 due to some great bowling by Simon Lyon, 2 run-outs from direct hits and some super catching by Numbers and Falk. Then they recovered somewhat when Mark Mitchell made 20 before holing out to Falk off Numbers and they were all out for 68 (off 38.1 overs). Mike Falk took 2-7 off 8.1 overs.

We had a nightmare start and were 3-12 with their opener bowling big innies that came in some more when they hit the deck. Panda saw him off and with Roscoe took the score to 42 before Panda was caught at 3rd man. We inched our way painfully to 7-55 before Roscoe was eventually out for 20. In what was a nail-biting finish Blairy and John Teer steered us safely home amid some vociferous LBW appeals.

<u>Highlights:</u>	Simon Lyon 4-11 off 10	R. Dalgleish	20
	Mike Falk 2-7 off 8.1	Panda	16

Match Result: WIN

Man of Match: Simon Lyon

Fielding Award : Mike Falk