

NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST CRICKET CLUB (AFFILIATED WITH THE NORTH
BLACKBURN UNITING CHURCH) NEWSLETTER (Edited by G. Stone)

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Some underhanded attempts to change our club's name took place during the football months. Hence the confusion as to whether we are Methodist or Uniting. Although 'Methodism' has ceased to exist, cricket goes on. The ESCCA has accepted our application as Methodists, so that's the end of it - at least for this season. We are officially

NORTH BLACKBURN METHODIST CRICKET CLUB

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Once again, there was a rather disappointing attendance at this year's well publicised Annual Meeting, but those few interested members who did attend made their presence felt as subscriptions, the proposed 3rd XI and Steven Smith's conduct were discussed and voted upon. Numerous office bearers were elected, re-elected or thrown out, leaving the following in command.

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Ken Meadows	3 Erli Crt. Blackburn	8782676
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	Michael Hill	2 Norfolk St. Blackburn	8783263
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Richard Stone	16 Tyrrell Ave. Blackburn	8782606
<u>TREASURER</u>	Kevin Miller	1 Suffolk St. Blackburn	8784777
<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	Greg Stone, Stuart Hall, Steven Smith		
<u>SOCIAL COMMITTEE</u>	Stuart Hall	114 Springfield Rd. Blackburn	
	David Oswin	109 " " "	8782682
			8785730

These names, addresses and telephone numbers may be needed one day so hang on to this sheet.

The reformation of a 3rd. Senior eleven was proposed by Richard Stone, who had done a lot of research on the matter, and was accepted coolly and discussed heatedly. Dick's homework eventually paid off and the multitudes were convinced.

Kevin Miller presented his financial report with optimistic pessimism. It's really up to the members of the club to support their club, so don't complain about poor equipment if you aren't up to date with your subs. Cash is needed particularly at the beginning of the season, so please pay your Annual Subscriptions now. (This editorial has been authorised by the Committee)

NEW PLAYERS

The Senior list has been bolstered this season by the addition of many new names; mostly from the ranks of our own Under 16s, but some from farther afield.

Mark Barrett (from U/16s) Winner of the coveted U/16 most improved

trophy for 1976/77. Batsman and keeper.

Greg Bowman (comeback) Ardent admirer of Keith Stackpole (note similarity of style and appearance) Started with our Juniors, member of 1975/76 C2 semi-finalist team.

Stephen Buth (Nowhere in particular) Interesting prospect. Strong bowler who is still under 16.

Stephen Down (U/16) Bowler of awkward leg-cutters; promising batsman

Mark Droscher (U/16) Versatile bowler, fieldsman and batsman (what more could you ask for?)

Ed Earl (Springvale Salvation Army) Established senior cricketer; captain of SSACC last season. Curly hair and beard.

Barrie Hodges (Nowhere special) Unknown quantity at present; holds record for highest full toss ever bowled.

Brad Liddle (U/16) Talented allrounder with reddish hair and freckles.

Richard Ludekens (of doubtful origins) Little is known of 'Tiks', except that he is a friend of Mark Barrett's.

David Oswin (Blackburn North) Solid middle order batsman; maniac bowler with destructive capacity. History of rebelliousness.
"Ossie"

Gary Rutherford (U/16) Medium pace bowler and talented baseballer with ability to scatter field and stumps. (or is that shatter field and stumps)

Robby Walsh (Kerrimuir United) Last but not least of the fabulous Walsh trio. Steady left arm seamer; accomplished batsman.

Glenn Weatherley (U/16) Last season's most consistent U/16 batsman. Great future predicted (by his mother). Can bowl too.

SOCIAL REPORT

The first social event of the season was cleverly disguised as a progressive dinner, held at the homes of Messrs. Oswin, Hall and Tamblyn, on Saturday September 17th. The evening was successful both financially and socially, and thanks must go to all who helped. Brew tells us that nearly \$60 was collected.

Even more money was raised at the club's Trash and Treasure stall at Croydon Market on Sunday July 31st. A few stupid members (ie. Dick, Brew Penguin, Denise and Jack Richards) opened trading at 6.00am and were kept busy brushing the frost from the goods, until the second shift arrived at 9.00. Brew's Red Spot specials wound up the day's selling at 4.30pm, with about \$270 in hands and biscuit tins. Thanks to all those who donated goods or helped at the stall in other ways. Special thanks must go to Mrs. Stone, and Mr. and Mrs. Richards for sortation and transportation.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS Treasured memories from our club's glorious past. Outstanding features from previous opening rounds;

- 1960 U/16s all out for 16 vs. St. Barnabas, including nine ducks. Pete Leumont top scorer with 10 n.o. NBMCC all out for 10 in 2nd. inn.
- 1961 C1 Keith Hughes made a duck at Lynch's oval, Charlie Boldiston took 3/34, Norm Piggott 2/18 against Canterbury Baps.
- 1966 B2 Russell Davison captured 6/28 and 5/36 against St. Martins. Alan Peach scored a century.
- 1966 D grade Robby Redman bowled Wally, Frank Blackham made a duck, Robby Redman collected a pair and a young T. Tombs scored 6 and 28.
- 1967 U/14 Steve McKenzies first 50 for NBMCC. (The first of many)
- 1967 U/16 An E. Walsh scored 41 for Kerrimuir against NBMCC.
- 1968 U/14 The Stone brothers first match. Opening stand of 99 between Dick and Macca. Dick catches Gerry Gee off Macca.
- 1970 U/14 NBMCC vs. Sth. Blackburn Meths at Burwood Tech. C. Meadows scores 16 on his debut. S. Hall number 11, S. Smith 74 n.o.
- 1971 U/16 The famous John Humnell takes 4/43 against Blacky Baps.
- 1971 D grade Frank Smith takes 7/29 against Blacky Baps. I. Toogood runs out Lester twice for 11 runs total.
- 1973 B1 Ron Blake 5/8 from 8 overs vs. the Baps at the High School.

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Round One Highlights

Edward Irons 7/21
Chris Byrne 7/44
Brad Liddle 5/9
Greg Clark 5/10
Richard Stone 58x

Round Two Highlights

Edward Irons 6/27
Brad Liddle 5/13
Glenn Weatherley 100x
Robby Walsh 56
Steven Smith 51



The scores in detail.....

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Round One

A grade

183 and 5/89
Walsh 38 Chapman 42
Chapman 27
Smith 26

defeated

Glen Iris Rd. Uniting

165
Byrne 7/44
Chanter 2/28
Hall 4 ct. 1 ro.

C1 grade

103 and 4/120
R. Walsh 38 Stone 58x
Bowman 22x Meadows 49

defeated

Canterbury/Mont Albert

88
Irons 7/21

D2 grade

120
Barrett 25
G. Rutherford 20

defeated

Summerhill Rd.

34 and 74
Liddle 5/9 Liddle 3/21
Rutherford 3/8 Down 3/3
Rowbotham 2/1
Rutherford 2/13

Under 16

115 and 5/68
Brodtsmann 27 Farrell 27x

defeated

Ashburton Pres.

100
Rowbotham 3/29
Caldwell 2/3
Farrell 2/30

Under 14

5/99
Medwin 18
Cooper 14
Burke 12

defeated

Wycliff

59
Clark 5/10
Crist 2/4

Round Two

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A grade

9/132
Smith 51
Walsh 20

lost to

St. Silas

8/177
Byrne 3/35

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Round Three Highlights...

Michael Hill	103	Craig Rowbotham	5/3
Tony Chanter	90x	Robert Hands	5/32
Carey Meadows	79	Chris Byrne	6/51
David Medwin	53 ret.	Peter Burke	3/0 hat-trick

The scores in detail...

<u>A grade</u>	<u>drew with</u>	<u>Hartwell Uniting</u>
7/198		219
Chanter 90x		Byrne 6/51
Tombs 37		E. Walsh 2/14
Chapman 32		
<u>C1 grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Blackburn Baptist</u>
341		231
Hill 103		Hands 5/32
Meadows 79		Earl 2/57
G. Stone 36		
Clarke 29		
<u>D2 grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Kerrimuir</u>
143 and 7/49		227
Brodtmann 43 Brodtmann 26		Liddle 3/78
Barrett 32		Weatherley 3/24
Ludekens 17		
<u>Under 16</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Blackburn Road</u>
146		16 and 7/51
Farrell 43		Rowbotham 5/3 and 3/16
Payne 26		Dugdale 3/8
Caldwell 23		
<u>Under 14</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Doncaster Uniting</u>
9/166		9/38
Medwin 53 ret.		P. Burke 3/0 hat-trick
Cooper 32		

Points of Interest...

Mark Barrett has been appointed as captain of N.B.M.C.C. 3rd XI for the remainder of the season. As Mark is now a selector, it is suggested that players treat him with due respect.....

Stuart Douglas Hall has been appointed as captain of the E.S.C.C.A. U/21 team for this season. Also representing our club at the first match at Ringwood last Sunday were Steven Smith, Tony Chanter, John Tamblyn and Chris Byrne. Unfortunately we lost. Ask Brew for details.

Parkmore Cakeshop Night Tickets are still available from Dick or Brw. Saturday 26th November, 7:00pm at Ossie's. Seniors \$1.20 Juniors 50c. Mothers, wives and friends of a female nature 80c.

N.B.M.C.C. Tennis Championship entries close Tuesday 15th November. \$2.00 entry per doubles team. See Greg Stone (878 2606) for details.

Twilight Scores .. Round One

<u>N.B.M.C.C.</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Nth. Balwyn Uniting</u>
6/82		80
Stone 26 ret.		Chris Barnden 3/15
Meadows 25x		M. Walsh 2/10
		G. Stone 2/19

Annual Subs. are no longer due, they are overdue. Please pay now and avoid the embarrassment of having your bat re-possessed.

created and performed by G. Stone.

C1 grade - "In Which Lester Gets Us Back"

Blackburn Baptist's lost despite the rain in a close finish at Blackburn State School last Saturday. Dick started and finished the game wicket - his own and an opposition batsman. Young Carey Meadows, a substitute batsman, joined Michael Hill at 1/9, and settled his nerves by hitting two boundaries from the first two balls. The partnership added 141 quick runs before Carey attempted to hit the ball with the edge of his bat and was out for 79 - his highest score. Sub's innings included four sixes, two being off one fearful Lester over.

At tea, the determined Hill had cut, driven, pulled and glanced his way to 82 and Greg Stone had chopped his way to 32. The Younger Stone was still at tea when play resumed, and was soon replaced by Robbie Walsh. Michael brought up his well deserved century with a boundary, then was caught at 103. His first ever ton was a study in concentration and was made of 13 fours, one six and 45 singles. Like a good red wine, Michael has been maturing for years, and this vintage innings saw the cork finally removed.

Robbie and Ed "Wild Man" Earl managed a few sixes before making way to Hands and Bowman. Rob lent too far forward, Ed Irons went too far back - 8/290 and Dick was considering a declaration. But Paul Bowden (13), Greg Bowman (14) and Rod "Parent to Be" Clarke (29) had other ideas, as the last two wickets added 51 runs. As a bonus, Lester's final figures were 0/108.

Week two, was played through several summers and winters and 16 minutes of play was washed away, during which a flat football provided much entertainment. Rob Hand's stab-passing was remarkable in the wet conditions.

Opening bowlers Irons and Earl (two Eds are better than one) extracted extraordinary bounce from the damp mats. One bouncer from Irons really made Kitchen sink. "Smarty - pants" Lester came to the crease at 1/17 with the opinion that he was some kind of good batsman. Unfortunately, he was. Dick - showing unfair favour to his family - introduced his brother into the attack, who surprised everyone by bowling with a straight arm.

"Psycho" Earl quickly made friends with opposition supporters, and they were soon urging him on to greater efforts. Lester, on 116, finally gave way to a skied sweep, which Carey accepted in a semi-conscious position. Wickets were slow in coming, until Rob Hand's broke through with five wickets in great spell of bowling.

At 5.30, Blackburn were nine wickets down and over a hundred runs behind. Dick replaced Rob with Robbie and gave "Mad Dog" Earl a chance, but the last pair stood firm. Ed Irons tried swing, cut, bounce, pace, turn and drift, but to no avail. At 5:57, even the normally placid Greg Bowman looked concerned. Robbie bowled the supposed last over with all fieldsman inches from the bat - Ed almost inside the batsman's shirt. The eight balls passed uneventfully, but the umpires watch had a few seconds to spare. Before the field had changed over, Ed Irons had whipped of his knitwear and stalking around his bowling mark..... but Dick "Hero" Stone had other ideas. Removing his pullover and cap, he took ball in hand. Murmurs of anguish arose from first slip. While Ed stood motionless in disbelief at the top of his run. Dick bowled - a fulltoss, then a long hop. What kind of captaincy was this? The third ball pitched just short of a good length, and moved upwards and toward slips. The batsmen went forward and back, and played a shot similar to an Egyptian hand maiden waving a fern branch in Cleopatra's Court. The reliable left hand of "Berserk" Earl held the ball firmly as Dick performed an Irish polka at the bowling end.

As the team left the field, it was noticed that Ed Irons had not moved from his bowling mark - his eyes glazed, his mind far away - dreaming of the glory that could have been his.....

money (mun'i)n.,pl.-coin or certificate generally accepted
in payment of debts and current transactions.

overdue (o'vedyoo')adj.-past due, as a bill not paid by the
assigned date; late; long awaited.

The above mentioned Cricket Club may be in dire financial straits by next season if a certain debtor does not pay it's \$300 account. Paradoxically, the debtor is North Blackburn Methodist Cricket Club, as \$300 is the total of overdue annual and weekly subscriptions. This amount would adequately cover the present seasons ground rental and newly purchased equipment, so don't blame Dick when you can't find a pair of decent gloves in your equipment and don't curse Nunawading Council when they throw us off Koonung Reserve next year.

Our somewhat frantic treasurer, Kevin Miller, has retained his presence of mind enough to keep a detailed list of every players financial position, and can tell at a glance when you last paid your weekly subs. In the next issue of this periodical a list of unfinancial club members will be published alongside the amount each owes, so to avoid embarrassment.....

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Dean Dugdale has been banned from the club for the remainder of the 1977/78 season. The Executive Committee enforced this ruling following repeated reports of behaviour not in keeping with the best interests of the club.

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Round Four Highlights...

David Payne 69x	David Brodtmann 53	Robert Burke 51 ret.
Frank Caldwell 58	Richard Stone 53	Jamie Cooper 6/3

The scores in detail...

<u>A grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Blackburn Bapts.</u>
6/153 dec.		143 and 4/255
E. Walsh 46		Byrne 4/13
Smith 34		
Tamblyn 24		
<u>C1 grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Blackburn Nth. Bapts.</u>
205		225 and 3/39
R. Stone 53		Irons 4/59
Hands 44		R. Walsh 3/33
Hill 40		
Caldwell 20		
<u>D2 grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>St. Marks</u>
232		91 and 2/144
Payne 69x		Liddle 4/23
Brodtmann 53		Buth 3/23
Weatherley 47		
Liddle 22		
<u>Under 16</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>All Saints</u>
222		207
Caldwell 58		Rowbotham 4/56
Brodtmann 48		Farrell 2/28
Rutherford 45		Towers 2/37
Payne 27		
<u>Under 14</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Glen Iris</u>
205		41
R. Burke 51 ret.		Cooper 6/3
Clarke 38 ret.		R. Burke 3/10
Cooper 36 ret.		

The Club was well represented in the ESCCA teams which played last Sunday. Stuart Hall, John Tamblin, Tony Chanter, Steven Smith, Chris Byrne, Carey Meadows and David Oswin filled out the Under 21 side which lost at Frankston. In the Under 16 match played at Burnley against a side from the Reporter District, David Brodtmann, Frank Caldwell and Craig Rowbotham represented our Club. This weekend we have players from both Under 14 and Under 16s playing in matches at McLeay Park against Essendon Districts.

Practice sessions for the remainder of the season are as follows;
SENIORS: Every Thursday at KOONUNG (Centre wicket)

Alternate Wednesdays at TECH. SCHOOL (Nets) Dec. 7, Jan. 4,
Jan. 11, 25 Feb. 8, 22.

JUNIORS: Every Tuesday at KOONUNG
Wednesdays as for Seniors.

NBMCC

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 1977/78

Teams as follows:

Greg Stone 8782606
Greg Bowman 8781003

Stuart Hall 8782682
Denise Matthews

Philip Chapman 8783378
Steve Chapman 8783378

Richard Stone 8782606
Craig Rowbotham 8781953

Edward (Ted) Walsh
Neil Johnston 8782365

Carey Meadows 8782676
Peter Duncan 8789101

Tony Chanter 8425670
Steve Smith 8785879

Steven Down 881131
Barry Hodges 8789584

David Oswin 8785730
Chris Byrne 8771261

Michael Walsh 886437
Robby Walsh 886437

Glen Weatherley 8784409
Mark Droscher

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Season opens November 26th. and Closes March 31st. 1978.

Each team must play every other team once.

Championship winners will be determined on match aggregate. A countback will decide in the event of a tie.

Time and venue of each match is to be arranged by opposing teams. Grass, asphalt, clay or synthetic courts may be used, providing both teams agree.

Tennis balls must be of a quality acceptable to both teams.

Matches are to be played to the best of 5 sets.

Scores must be kept accurately and recorded by both teams.

Scores must be handed to Greg Stone as soon as possible after each match.

Good luck.

Another Stone Production.

Round Five Highlights...

David Medwin 55x
 Greg Clarke 3/14 hat-trick
 Rod Towers 5/11

Michael Walsh 6/9
 Edward Irons 6/10

The Scores in Detail...

<u>A grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>St. Barnabas</u>
198		9/270
Hall 37x		Tamblyn 4/64
Walsh 32		Byrne 2/48
Tamblyn 23		
<u>C1 grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Summerhill Rd.</u>
3/83 and 1/43		71 and 50
R. Stone 43x R. Walsh 29x		Irons 6/10 M. Walsh 6/9
		Earl 3/34
<u>D2 grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>All Saints</u>
203		147
Liddle 35		Liddle 3/28
Barrett 31		Rowbotham 3/55
Payne 25 ret.		
Down 23x		
<u>Under 16</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Blackburn Bapts.</u>
163 and 3/43		106
Rutherford 41		Towers 5/11
Pryn 35		Hands 2/9
		Rowbotham 2/56
<u>Under 14</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Trinity Pres.</u>
7/254		8/131
Medwin 55x		Clark 3/14
Cooper 37		
Van Vugt 35		
Kosky 28x		
R. Burke 22		

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As promised in our last issue, here is the list of players who have failed to pay their Annual Subscriptions....

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| KOSKY, ALAN | LIDDLE, BRADLEY |
| PETROVIC, ALEX | LUDEKINS, RICHARD |
| VAN VUGT, GEOFFREY | BOWDEN, PAUL ANTHONY |
| BOUCHER, ROSS WILLIAM | WALSH, ROBBY WILLIAM |
| CALDWELL, FRANK | WALSH, MICHAEL JOHN |
| DUGDALE, JAMES DEAN | WALSH, EDWARD JOHN |
| FARRELL, GREGORY STEVEN | CHANTER, ANTHONY |
| RUTHERFORD, SCOTT DAVID | SMITH, STEVEN RAYMOND |
| BARRETT, MARK | |
| DROSCHE, MARK | |

Many other players are behind in weekly subs. so please ask Kevin Miller how much you owe and clear your name before Christmas.

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Twilight Report...

The David Oswin XI had little trouble defeating St. Columbus on Wed. 30th of November. Spectators were privileged to witness the return to form of John Tamblyn, who top scored in our innings of 120 with a resolute 27. Ossie played a captains innings of 25, and Brew's score stopped at 25 due to a misunderstanding with the scorers. Notable failures came from Messers Smith and Chanter. St. Columbus fought bravely against incredible odds (ie. Brew's medium pacers, Byrne's wicket keeping and Smith's fielding) and only managed 104. The innings was full of highlights - Ossie held a catch, cont'd.....

Twilight Report cont'd...

Byrney held two behind the stumps, Brew's unselfish unassisted wicket... the list goes on. Smith and Chanter took more wickets than they made runs, Michael Walsh bowled at his best and Craig Rowbotham's twilight debut may well be forgotten.

Rumour has it that Ted Walsh may join Michael and Robby in next weeks Twilight match. The prospect of seeing the Big Three in action will no doubt raise the gate takings dramatically.

NBMCC

120
Tamblyn 27
Oswin 25
Hall 25 ret.

defeated

St.Colombus

104
M. Walsh 2/9
Chanter 2/16
Smith 2/22

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New Players...

Several players have joined the club since the season began...

Neil Graeme Johnston (Johnno) has finally taken the plunge and left Blackburn C.C. to join the comparatively dry N.B.M.C.C. Neil may offer serious competition to Robby Walsh and Geoff Van Vugt for the Recruit of the Year Award.

Playing his first match with the Under 16's today is Philip Shaw. Philip has been playing in the Doncaster area and his qualifications include being a friend of David Brodtmann.

Rod Towers has already made a name for himself as a fast bowler with the Under 16's. Last week Rod dismissed half the opposition side for only 11 runs.

Kevin Miller predicts a bright future for Michael Wagner, presently performing well with the Under 14's.

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A Bar-B-Que will take place at 3 Panorama Drive., Forest Hill on Saturday 17th. of December at about 7:00. The Trevor Tombs Memorial Swimming Pool will be open, so along with your meat bring appropriate bathing equipment. Carey Meadows will be conducting swimming lessons.

Points of Interest...

Robert Burke, Greg Clark, Josh Miller, David Medwin, Peter Burke and Jamie Cooper have been selected to play with Balwyn in R.M.Hatch Shield Competition to be played in January.

On Sunday 18th of December our Under 14 All Stars will be playing a Balwyn Cricket Club Under 14 side on the Gordon Barnard Reserve No.1 Oval. Make sure you go along to watch them battle it out on turf.

Due to many suggestions and threats, all Tennis Championship matches will be played to best of 3 sets instead of 5. The mixed doubles combination of Hall and Matthews is presently top seed.

Ian Toogood is doing more than teaching in Mollyullah (somewhere near Benalla). He has joined Mollyullah Cricket Club and writes...

"..At one of our practices before the season, I stopped four in a row (Mollyullah record) so they made me wicket keeper.."

Ian has also performed well as an opening batsman, making a few 50's and a 96 n.o. STOP PRESS: MOLLYULLAH IS SPELLED MOLYULLAH....

Would all players please remember to inform a captain or manager as to their availability over the January break. This will avoid numerous phone calls and Bayside searches.

Robert Burke and Josh Miller played their 50th game for the club last week.

The Editorial Staff wishes to withdraw any remarks that may have suggested that Edwin Earl is unable to control himself or retain his presence of mind while participating in a cricket match.

Stone Publications Ins. will close down until mid-January.

Have a Jolly Christmas. G.J.Stone.

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Round Seven Highlights...

Tony Chanter 54
John Tamblyn 5/33

Round Eight Highlights...

John Tamblyn 77x
Robert Hands 5/37

The Scores in Detail...

<u>A grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Canterbury-Mont Albert</u>
8/131		9/150
Chanter 54		Tamblyn 5/33
Tamblyn 23		T.Walsh 2/27

<u>C grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Hartwell United</u>
124		6/170
Johnston 43		Irons 3/68
Baxter 32		G.Stone 2/28

Round Eight...

<u>A grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Highfield Rd.</u>
6/191		175
Tamblyn 77x		Byrne 3/17
Smith 42		Tamblyn 3/43

<u>C grade</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>St. Barnabas</u>
167		155
G.Stone 46		Hands 5/37
R.Stone 42		R.Walsh 2/39
R.Walsh 27		

<u>D grade</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Blackburn Rd. Uniting</u>
101		8/105
Brodtsmann 31		C.Rowbotham 3/11
Weatherley 22		

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Twilight Report...

Round Four...

<u>NBMCC.</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Trinity</u>
7/109		51
M.Walsh 23		R.Walsh 2/5
R.Stone 20		Barnden 2/6
		Smith 2/8

Round Five...

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>All Saints</u>
137		115
Meadows 27		Smith 2/19
Hall 25		
Johnston 24		
Smith 22		

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Points of Interest...

Stephen Chapman made a brief come-back with C grade against St. Barnabas last week. He took two catches behind the stumps, was involved in two run-outs and made 17 quick runs, including a six. Unfortunately Steve was only available for the one match.

Rumour has it that Alan Rash has had thoughts of a come-back. No doubt he has been inspired by Bob Simpson.

The Annual Car Trial, this year under New-Management, should make an appearance one Sunday early in February. Complaints regarding the complexity of clues and route may now be directed to Ossie and Smith.

Thank you for paying your subs.

Published with monotonous irregularity by your friend and mine, G.J.S.

Round Nine Highlights...

David Brodtmann 97
Trevor Tombs 85
Mark Barrett 67

John Tamblyn 6/56

The scores in detail...

A grade

327
Tombs 85
Baxter 49
Chapman 47
Hall 41
Byrne 31x
Tamblyn 23

defeated

Koonung Heights

130 and 1/125
Tamblyn 6/56
Tombs 3/33

C1 grade

146 and 3/74
Oswin 47 G.Stone 21
R.Walsh 20x

lost to

Box Hill Salvation Army

9/216
R.Stone 3/35
E.Irons 2/40
R.Walsh 2/67

D2 grade

6/253 and 135
Brodtmann 97 Droscher 46
Barrett 67 Ludekins 33
Ludekins 28
Towers 22x

defeated

Deepdene Uniting

143
Down 2/10
Weatherley 2/25
Liddle 2/28
Rowbotham 2/42

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The 3rd Annual Car Trial will be held on Sunday 26th. February. Those who found previous trials above and beyond their mental capabilities may be pleased to know that the Planning Committee this year consists of people less dedicated to the task of creating complexity, confusion and catastrophe. The first cars will leave the North Blackburn Uniting Church at 2:00, so be there early if you want to be first to go.

Seniors \$1.50
Juniors \$1.00

Family \$2.50

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A sad state of affairs at Hislop Park on Wednesday evening. NBMCC lost a Twilight match for the first time in two seasons. The less said about it the better.

NBMCC

8/110
Hall 30 ret.
R.Stone 19
M.Walsh 18
Droscher 18

lost to

Canterbury/Mont Albert

6/113
Smith 2/8

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Most of our Under 14 side were involved in Balwyn's Hatch Shield effort during January with varying degrees of success. Similar results were achieved in ESCCA inter-zone games and an abandoned inter-association match on Australia Day. Alan Kosky performed creditably with the bat.

Frank Caldwell captained the B zone Under 16 team in an unsuccessful encounter with A zone on January 21 and 28. Craig Rowbotham went beserk with the bat and Dave Brodtmann even had a bowl.

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You may have noticed that a certain John Tamblyn has been performing well in the firsts over the past few weeks. A few of you might mutter, "and about time too". John came back to us last season accompanied by a promising future. That future is now the present.

A grade's score of 327 in the last match prompted some interest in large totals scored in the club's history. A quick look through some old score books found the following:

*In 1975/76 our C2 team scored 329 against Blackburn Bapts. Trevor Baxter made 85, and Robert Coombs, batting at no.10, scored 62 n.o.

*NBMCC Under 16's totalled 6/340 on the first morning of the 1970/71 Semi-Final. Peter Felstead made 105, and the McKenzies each scored a half-century.

*Russell Davison contributed an unbeaten 107 to B1's 345 in 1968/69. John Harris and "Jack" Vandenberg added 90 and 96 respectively.

*In a match against Kerrimuir in the 1967/68 season, our Under 16's made 358, largely due to an innings of 201 by Trevor Sanders. A certain E. Walsh took 3/117.

*A few years later, 1969/70, B1 grade amassed 6/358 against Mont Albert. Geoff Harris 103, Ron Blake 102, Trevor Tombs 0,

*In the 1976/77 Semi-Final, our C2 team was set 347 by Blackburn Bapts.-a sizeable task in any match, let alone a Semi-Final. However an opening stand of 138 between Richard Stone and Michael Walsh and a fifth-wicket partnership of 108 between Phil Chapman and Ian Toogood took the final total to 5/368. Stone 140, Chapman 62, Toogood 58, Walsh 50.

*The same team scored 330 two weeks later to win the Grand Final. Phil Chapman (101 ret.) and Michael Walsh (78) again guided the team to victory.

.....Some other interesting facts discovered during our search through the archives included:

*A young Russell Davison, playing for NBMCC Under 16's in 1960/61, bowled 4 overs for 2/72. Russell's last over went like this...
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*The best all-round performance in a single season in the history of the club was performed by Russell Davison in 1966/67 - B2's premiership year. Russell took 60 wickets at 9.88 and scored 562 runs.

*The best bowling performance we could find was by Ian McKenzie, (a famous name in NBMCC history) against St. Aidans when captain of our Under 14's. Macca took 7/4 from six overs, including a hat-trick and four wickets in five balls. St. Aidans were dismissed for 20, of which there were 11 extras.

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Senior players who chose to pay their Annual Subs. in two \$10 instalments are reminded that the second payment is now due.

Round 10 Highlights...

Brad Liddle 77
Glenn Weatherley 76

Trevor Tombs 5/20
Glenn Weatherley 5/30

The scores in detail...

A grade

9/121 and 7/75
Meadows 29 Tamblyn 29x
Hall 22

defeated

Sth.Camberwell Uniting

91 and 6/61
Tombs 5/20 Chanter 3/12
Tamblyn 3/30

C1 grade

186
R.Stone 44
M.Walsh 43
Earl 23

lost to

All Saints

9/286
Johnston 3/10

D2 grade

3/214
Liddle 77
Weatherley 76
Brodtnann 35

defeated

St.Mark's

112 and 7/63
Weatherley 5/30 Liddle 4/1
Rowbotham 2/7 Weatherley
Liddle 2/32 2/10

Under 16

101
Caldwell 35
Payne 26

defeated

Trinity

6/57
Buth 4/14
Rowbotham 2/20

Under 14

drew with

St.Stephen's

Rain washed out play.

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Final Reminder...for the Annual Car Trial on Sunday 26th. February. First cars will leave the North Blackburn Uniting Church at 2:00. Bring your own meat for a bar-b-que afterwards, but drinks will be on sale. Don't forget to tell your family and friends about it. Seniors \$1.50 Juniors 50c Family \$2.50.

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Twilight Report...in detail

The sting of defeat still present in mind, the Twilight team set out to destroy Camberwell Uniting last Wednesday. Trevor Tombs, called to play his first evening match, and Neil Johnston, fresh from his wicket-taking spree on Saturday, added strength to the slightly suspect eleven.

Brew, an experienced Twilight competitor, was placed in command and justified his position by winning the toss and opening the innings with Dick. Eleven runs later, both had left the field of play. (Had they been payed to play those strokes?). The old firm of Smith and Chanter applied their years of accumulated cricketing knowledge to take the score to 52. Smith, the more adventurous of the two, was compulsorily retired at 28 and new-comer Tombs joined the patient Welshman. Trevor had a few problems adapting to the style of play, but was just finding touch when dismissed at 16, and the team total at 79.

Michael Walsh came and went amidst a whirlwind of willow for the addition of no runs whatsoever. David Oswin, who practises his batting against the bowling of Junior wicket-keepers, had trouble with the Senior attack and only managed a few. Brew gave the order "Death or Glory", and Byrney chose the latter as he drove a quick 13. Tony finally reached the magic 25, but with a few minutes remaining was involved in a flurry of "Yes", "No" and "Wait". Johnno and Tony left the field, both believing that they were run-out. Dick, who was umpiring at the time, was too busy rebuilding the wicket to give a decision, so Tony sent Neil back and unselfishly headed for the pavilion. As he did, some of the opposition questioned the verdict.

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Tony explained the situation, saying, "Listen mate. I'm out. Do you want to make something of it?" No one did, so he was out. The younger Stone and Walsh did little to increase the total and Brew declared at 9/114 soon after the last ball of the innings. Astute captaincy indeed.

Trevor Tombs and Michael Walsh, wearing his Marlon Brando cut-off T-shirt opened with the new (oops - old) ball and had immediate success completing their three overs with 2/17 and 1/13 respectively. Brew and Robby picked up catches off Trev and Wal scattered the stumps with his final delivery. 3 for 33 and Johnno was warming up, but Brew decided on Robby Walsh and Tony. Both broke through in their second overs, Tony relocating the bails and Penguin taking a diving slips catch at deep cover. Camberwell were 5/52 and the game was evenly poised with just over half the allotted overs gone. The fielding was fairly tight, with a few major exceptions, costing a critical run-out and several boundaries. Smith and Wal were displaying some particularly effective throwing arms. Tony finished his spell with 1/23 and Brew, showing great foresight, decided to save Robby's final over until later. Johnno's arm was swinging wildly about his head, but Byrney was favoured to save the game. The sixth wicket partnership was building considerably and the tension was mounting, but Brew stayed cool. He asked his bespectacled pseudo-cousin for one over, and swung Chris to the other end. Three overs remaining and thirty four runs required with four wickets in hand. Accurate bowling was required, but Byrney had trouble with his length, and 12 runs were taken from his second over. Robby bowled his last over on the spot, but the batsmen were hitting the ball hard and took 13 runs.

One over to go, nine runs and still four wickets intact. Brew thought carefully and looked around the field for inspiration. Could he trust Byrney? Could Dick possibly bowl an over for less than nine runs? Would Penguin bowl nine no-balls? Could Smith take four wickets? Johnno, the eternal optimist, placed himself prominently in Brew's vision, but the Captain was blind to such foolishness. Putting faith in his old friend, Brew gave the ball to Chris and the field moved toward the boundary. The final act was ready for staging.

A single from each of the first two balls brought up the 50 partnership for the sixth wicket. The third ball was skied to deep mid-off, some hundred or so feet above Tony Chanter, who positioned himself perfectly to hold the catch with teeth gritted. Five balls, seven runs. The next delivery beat the bat with sheer pace, the following ball rapped the batsman's pads and a leg bye was taken. Three deliveries to come and Byrney was reaching Thommo-like velocity. A single from the sixth ball and a bye to the keeper from the seventh. One ball to come, just four runs needed. An edge, a mis-hit or even an error by the keeper could have won it for Camberwell. Byrney tore in for the final delivery and the bat swung wildly. The ball flew towards the backward square leg boundary and the whole legside field chased it. Robby picked it up a yard inside the flag, returned it to Brew as the batsmen completed the second run. Brew held the ball at the stumps and dared them to run for a third. They didn't, and it was all over, with eleven of the NBMCC team believing they had won the game single-handedly.

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Today is a sad day in the history of the NBMCC. One of our club's stalwarts is playing what may or may not be his last game with us. Certainly, this round will mark a temporary end to a fine cricketing career with the club. Edward 'Ed' Irons is moving to Adelaide to further extend his intellectual potential at a University level. In his 8 or 9 seasons Ed has proven himself a valuable player, a respected team-manager, a bespectacled committee member, and more recently an astute vice-captain. His performances on the field speak for themselves. Due to an accident at the State Library we only have complete records of his illustrious career dating from 1974/75. During the past four seasons Ed has bowled 560 overs for the second XI and has taken 147 wickets at a cost of 2082 runs. His best individual performances have included 8/25, (9/10/76) 8/43 (14/12/74) and 7/21 (1/10/77). Ed's achievements with the bat during this period have been equally remarkable. In 43 hands, he has amassed a mammoth 207 runs at 6.90. Ed has always maintained that batting fame has been unjustly denied him, and if he comes back it will be as a batsman. Good luck Ed, and may your inswinger never swing out.