

At the Annual Meeting in August, the following people elected themselves as Office Bearers for the 1978/79 season.....

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Under 14

Manager: David Oswin 109 Sprinfield Rd.Blackburn 878 5730

Under 16

Manager: Richard Stone

Subscriptions.....

<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Wage Earners	\$20	\$1.50
Tertiary Students	\$15	\$1.50
Secondary Students	\$10	\$1.30

Juniors

All Players	\$7.50	\$0.80
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Annual Subscriptions are due now, so please give Brew the appropriate amount this week.

Editorial.....

Several incidents of a controversial nature arose over the winter break, the first being the widely-publicised and much-discussed mass exodus of junior players, led by under 14 manager Kevin Miller. In July the NBMCC committee received a letter signed by eleven fathers of the under 14 players, stating that they were unhappy with the views of the club and the prospects of their sons continuing with North Blackburn Meths. The committee in turn forwarded a letter to each parent suggesting a meeting to discuss in greater detail the problems mentioned in the original letter, but the correspondence ended at that point. The whole affair was marred by a lack of communication and the absence of any direct confrontation between the two parties. The players concerned, from who we heard very little, have been signed up with The Avenue CC, forming an under 16 team, and will no doubt be managed by Kevin Miller.

In August, Blackburn North CC submitted a letter to Nunawading City Council suggesting that full use of both Koonung Reserve ovals be granted to that club. Various vague reasons for this request were included, but a meeting of N.C.C., Blackburn North and North Blackburn Meths. resolved that such a move would be impossible for this season. The possibility of an amalgamation of the two clubs was also suggested, but our committee strongly opposed the idea. No doubt Blackburn Nth.CC will pursue the matter further next season, so we must be prepared to show the N.C.C. that our club is worthy to warrant continued use of Koonung Reserve No.2. This will involve taking care of the ground, the pavilion and not becoming involved in any suspicious activities. (ie. the selling of alcohol without a permit etc.)

Phil Chapman announced his resignation to the committee, ending an eleven year association with North Blackburn Meth.CC. Over this period, he served as an efficient, hard working secretary, a dedicated junior coach and on the field, a valuable all-rounder.

Phil played his first game with the under 16's in 1966/67, (while still an under 14) and finished his career with A grade in last seasons Semi-Final. 101 ret. in the 1976/77 C2 Grand Final was Phil's highest score and in 1969/70 his 7/12 won him one of his many trophies. Phil rates the 1967/68 under 14 and 1976/77 C2 Grand Finals among his most memorable moments with the club. We wish him all the best with his new club, Blackburn Church of Christ.

Next Issue.....a look at the new players. PROGRESSIVE DINNER 28th OCT.

Round One - First Day.....A grade vs. Balwyn Uniting at Koonung Reserve

Tony Chanter led our 1st.XI into the field for the first time and must have been happy when Trevor Tombs and new player Chris Price had removed both openers with only four runs on the board. Balwyn recovered, however, to be 9/238 at the close of play, mainly due to a century by it's number four batsman. Ted Walsh bowled well throughout the long afternoon for 3/28

C1 grade vs. Wyclif at Highfield Park

Richard Stone, returned to his position of captaincy, won the toss and elected to bat. All was not well at 4/49, but vice-captain Neil Johnston (100), Michael Hill (41), and Glenn Weatherley (36) put their heads down and brought the final total to a fairly respectable 257 at stumps. Neil's maiden century contained sixteen boundaries and was a study in concentration.

D2 grade vs. Summerhill Road at Blackburn Primary School

Frank Caldwell (63), Ross Boucher (47), David Brodtmann (35) and Stephen Down (30) were the main contributors to the 3rd.XI's 7/284. Captain Mark Droscher's declaration paid off as Stephen Buth captured two valuable wickets before the close of play, leaving Summerhill 263 runs behind.

Under 14. vs. Kerrimuir United at Eram Park

At Eram Paddock, our eight Under 14's, under the management of David Oswin, dismissed Kerrimuir for 126. Captain Kevin Wieg (5/22) and Rod Hames (3/26) did most of the damage with the ball. At 0/10 in reply, the boys are on the way to overhauling their target. Since last week a few more players have signed up, enabling the Under 14's to field a full side for the second round.

Mid-week Practice will continue at Blackburn Tech. School until Koonung Reserve is in a suitable condition. Juniors will practise on Tuesday evenings and Seniors on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Remember that all the practice equipment must be packed into Dick's car at the pavilion, brought to the nets, then returned after each practice session. This means Dick has to load or unload his car at least twelve times over three nights, so please try to help whenever possible - at either the nets or the pavilion.

New Players.....

Chris Price - pace bowler with ability to maim, mangle and mutilate batsmen, also capable of mauling opposition bowling. A well known baseball and football personality, Chris is an experienced chook farmer.

Kevin Hurley - played cricket at primary school and winner of the NBUFC best team-man trophy for 1978, which has nothing whatsoever to do with cricket. Could be a useful bowler-- too modest to bat at training.

Paul Chesterman - largely an unknown quantity. Has some experience with Box Hill CC juniors. Could become a handy bowler despite an action which would make Frank Tyson want to give up coaching.

Paul Crump - (C.R.U.M.P.) Ex-Blackburn CC speed bowler with ability to vary direction without even trying.

Next Week...a look at the all new Under 14's.

Social Events.....

Ossie tells us that he has planned a Progressive Dinner for Saturday 28th. of October. If you didn't go to last year's, you don't know what you missed. If you did go.....

Annual Subscriptions will still be accepted if you pay this week. Following this match, the Selection Committee will select the teams from Brew's receipt book.

John Tamblyn will be celebrating his 21st. birthday this evening.

Round One.....A grade

80

Chanter 27

lost toBalwyn Uniting

9/238 and 7/61

E. Walsh 3/28 Chanter 4/20
Tombs 2/37 Byrne 2/0C1 grade

257

and 5/51

Johnston 100 R. Stone 23

Hill 41

Weatherley 36

Oswin 22

defeatedWyclif Uniting

129

Earl 3/37

Rowbotham 3/46

R. Walsh 2/17

M. Walsh 2/20

D2 grade

7/284

Caldwell 63

Boucher 47

Brodtsmann 35

Down 30

Hodges 26

Droscher 25

Crump 23 n.o.

defeatedSummerhill Road

61

and 6/156

Droscher 5/25

Buth 5/30

(inc. hat-trick)

Droscher

2/24

Under 14

45

and 2/40

Wiegel 18 Wiegel 14 n.o.

lost toKerrimuir United

126

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Hames 3/26

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Social Events.....

A Progressive Dinner will be held next Saturday, October 28th. Final details will be announced during the week at practice and published in the "Age" Entertainment Pages. We can however tell you the prices.

\$2.00 per head \$4.50 per family BYO

AND NOW A LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S UNDER 14 TEAM.....

Kevin Wiegel Captain. Left handed batsman with sound concentration. Smithy has already predicted a bright future for him. (The kiss of death)

Peter Ferrari Solid allrounder. Always ready to give advice to his manager or any other committee member within earshot. Commonly known as "Fats"

Ross MacDonald Last surviving member of the All Stars. Useful batsman who has potential as a looping leg spinner.

Michael Janson Backyard cricketer who could become a useful off spinner, as well as being a handy batsman. Popular because of his good batting gloves.

Rod Hames Remember Ian Hames - NBMCC Junior wicketkeeper back in the 60s? Well this is his brother. Rod has already proven his effectiveness as a bowler.

Adam Burston It's still a bit early to comment on Adam's particular cricketing skills; but he has already made a name as a snappy dresser.

Ian Johnson Also a bit early to make predictions, but Johnno looks a pretty sharp fieldman.

Steven Warren Enthusiastic recruit who has already shown that size is no handicap. Could develop into a good left arm bowler.

Alan Roodhouse Early days, but Alan is keen and should do well.

Gary Eldridge The Skateboard Kid. If he plays cricket as well as he talks Gary will be a star.

Annual Subscriptions.....

Next week a list will be published of those players who have not yet paid their Annual Subscriptions, so unless you want your name in print for exploits other than those of a cricketing nature...pay up this week!!

Chris Byrne will be celebrating his 21st. birthday this evening.

Round Two.....

A Grade - At Elgar Park the 1st XI defeated Canterbury/Mont Albert by 100 runs. The highlight of the game was undoubtedly Russell Davison's century - his first for over ten years. Russell came to the crease early in the innings, replacing opener John Tamblyn (once again the victim of failing eye-sight) and put together a knock that recalled his years at the top in the early and mid-sixties. Captain Tony (54) who saw most of Russell's unbeaten 106 from the other end summed it up in one word - "experience". The Little Master, Ted Walsh was so far out of touch that he couldn't even get a decent edge, and was eventually caught off the back of his bat. Veteran Trevor Tombs (27) and Chris Price (24) also contributed to the final total of 9/260.

Despite "heatloaf" Hall's performance behind the stumps and Ted's temporary loss of ability, Canterbury/Mont Albert were dismissed for only 160. Trevor Tombs (2/34) and Tony Chanter were the main wicket-takers along with John Tamblyn (2/22), who put on his glasses to take a couple of good catches. Steven (Phil Carmen) Smith has recovered from the lateral sub laxation of his pattela (sore knee) and will stage a dramatic return to the field sometime today.

<u>A Grade</u>	defeated	<u>Canterbury Mont Albert</u>
9/260 and 3/45		160
Davison 106x		Chanter 2/17
Chanter 54		Tamblyn 2/22
Tombs 27		Tombs 2/34
Price 24		

C1 Grade - The 2nd XI began well against All Saints, as Richard Stone (27) and Michael Walsh (47) put on 53 for the first wicket in even time. However, the remainder of the batsmen failed to take advantage of the good start and, apart from some resistance by Glenn Weatherley (19) and Robby Walsh (15), the innings folded fairly quickly.

At the close of play, All Saints had scored 75 for the loss of only two wickets - one falling in Wal's second over and the other just before stumps to Robby.

Day Two - Wal's absence from the bowling crease due to illness certainly did not help the situation, and despite some fiery bowling and talking by Ed Earl, All Saints overtook our score without losing another wicket. Robby bowled intelligently in the face of some hard hitting and deserved his 4/40. Rob Hands made the most of his 14 deliveries to clean up the last three wickets for only four runs.

Dick (57x) and David Oswin (29) batted well in our second effort, but the game had been well and truly over for some hours.

<u>C1 Grade</u>	lost to	<u>All Saints</u>
141 and 2/93		213
M. Walsh 47	R. Stone 57x	R. Walsh 4/40
R. Stone 27	D. Oswin 29	R. Hands 3/4

D2 Grade - Mark Pryn promoted to the prestigious position of captain for this vital encounter against St.Marks, could hardly put a foot wrong. His bowlers ripped through the powerful St.Marks batting lineup, and thanks largely to Rod Towers, Paul C.r.u.m.p. and Steven Buth the opposition were quickly dismissed for a miserable 56 runs. Rod Towers also collected three catches. Our openers passed the total with ease, putting on 85 before Prynny was out for 44 (including a six), Brodgy going on to make 53. No doubt under captain's instructions, the rest of the team went swisho - with a notable duck from Tix and a very fine absent ill from Paul Chesterman. St.Marks managed only 94 in their second knock due to some good bowling from Stephen Down and Kevin Hurley who bowled his longest spell ever in senior cricket (2.1 overs) and captured 3/4. The necessary 23 runs for outright victory were scored without fuss by Brodgy and the new improved Scott Rutherford.

<u>D2 Grade</u>	defeated outright	<u>St.Marks Templestowe</u>
128 and 0/24	56 and 94	Down 3/29
Brodtmann 53, Pryn 44	Towers 4/15 Buth 2/15	Grump 3/4
		Hurley 3/4

Under 16 - Having been granted a very convenient bye for the first round, we thought the extra two weeks would enable us to build up a match winning combination. However at 8.40am on the first morning of Round 2 we had for various reasons only seven starters. By 8.45 we had stumbled across a likely candidate (in the bath) and by 8.50 he was a registered player. Eight players is bad enough, but when five of them are playing their first match the coach is entitled to a few doubts about the value of Saturday morning cricket. Our batting however, for the first ninety minutes was encouraging, thanks to skipper David Brodtmann who completed his predictable half century Jim Phillips with a lively but brief innings and David Makrides with a not entirely flawless knock of 17. The rest of the team however, apart from Gordon Rothnie had been watching too much Packer cricket and the last three closed their eyes and presented some lucky bowler with the only hat-trick that he is ever likely to get. The less said about the stumping on the third ball of the hat-trick the better. Our bowling attack could hardly be called a proven one, but it seemed to be doing quite well until Trinity's captain got lucky and made sure of the not so rare full tosses that he was presented with. Russ Atkinson, David Makrides and Gordon Rothnie bowled well considering their lack of experience, but Broddy impressed most with his scientific approach to the art of bowling. Apart from Jim behind the stumps, the boys work in the field is best forgotten. They have yet to realise that cricket demands concentration, enthusiasm and teamwork. However these things will come (I hope). By the way, we lost.

<u>Under 16</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Trinity</u>
413		6/213
Brodtmann 59		Brodtmann 2/43 Makrides 2/49

Under 14 - At Koonung Reserve last Saturday morning, our eight under 14's led by Kevin Wiegel defeated Trinity in a thrilling finish.

Ross McDonald (3/12), Rod Hames (2/17) and Kevin (2/12) all bowled well to have Trinity 9/106 at the close of play. The bowlers were well supported in the field, especially by Rod, holding a fine catch at slip and Michael Jansen who did likewise at point.

The real excitement came the following week. Kevin, batting solidly, had his sights set on victory, but wickets began to fall about him. With twenty minutes to go, our sixth wicket fell, and Alan Roodhouse joined his captain at the crease. Kevin had to pace himself to avoid the compulsory retirement at 50, and Alan was depended upon to do his share of the scoring. Batting like an opener, Alan played shots all around the wicket and when one over remained, only fourteen runs were needed to win. Relieved of the pressure of a premature end to his innings, Kevin took control of the game and carefully brought the total closer. One ball to go - two runs required. Rather than risk running up and down the pitch, Kevin opened his shoulders and sent the ball to the boundary.

<u>Under 14</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Trinity</u>
6/108		9/106
Wiegel 59x		McDonald 3/12 Wiegel 2/12 Hames 2/17

ANNUAL SUBS

If the following people do not pay their annual subs very soon they might well find themselves bowling with a second hand cricket ball in the next match.

TAMBLYN	WEATHERLEY	DOWN	BURNS
BYRNE	DROSCHE	RUTHERFORD	JENNINGS
CHANTER	ROWBOTHAM	HODGES	FERRARI
SMITH	CALDWELL	BUTE	JOHNSON
LIDDLE	HANDS $\frac{1}{2}$	ATKINSON	HAMES
WALSH (All three)	LUDEKENS	SHAW	WARREN
BAXTER	PRYN	PHILLIPS	and anyone else
PRICE	BOUCHER	MAKRIDES	with a guilty
			conscience.

NEXT ISSUE A look at this years Under 16 team
Exciting social news
The results of Johnnos exams.
Psychologists report on Ed Earl

Round Three....

A Grade - A steady collapse of wickets during the post tea session on the first day resulted in our being dismissed for a disappointing 203 - disappointing because at one stage we were well placed at 3/120 thanks largely to some good batting by skipper Tony Chanter and vice-captain Russ Davison. A useful partnership between David Oswin and Brad Liddle and a scintillating? innings by young Ted Walsh (a star of the future) eventually boosted the total to the two hundred mark. Tony collected a vital wicket with his first ball to leave Koonung 1/6 at stumps. The second day was marred by sloppy fielding which resulted in an embarrassing number of dropped catches and missed opportunities. The latter part of the afternoon was ruined by heavy rain (which was courageously endured by players and umpire alike) and an opposition batsman who treated the local bowlers with chilly indifference.

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Koonung Heights</u>
203	Chanter 63 Davison 43 Walsh 33 Oswin 18x	6/214

C1 Grade - The seconds were routed rapidly on the first afternoon by a fast but by no means unplayable bowler. The first three batsmen and the last three fell to a mixture of retarded reflexes and apprehension. The middle order, apart from a determined effort by Greg Stone, were inexplicably dismissed; from 5/78 we were all out by tea for only 94. Due to an unfortunate timetable clash, Ed Earl could only bowl four overs with the new ball and we were soon reduced to a depleted attack who did all they could to save the match, but not even Robby Walsh could prevent the top edges and lusty swipes that the Hawthorn batsmen placed over the nearby boundaries. The opposition continued their frustrating compilation of singles and sixes the following week and ended their innings over a hundred ahead. The outright was safely avoided by some more determined batting in our second knock against a wily spin attack, Glenn Weatherley and Trevor Baxter treating the eager crowd to some entertaining late afternoon batting.

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Hawthorn Salvos</u>
94 & 4/141	G. Stone 30 R. Stone 15 Weatherley 39x Baxter 29x R. Stone 24 M. Walsh 20	217 Earl 4/43 M. Walsh 4/63

D2 Grade - The thirds faced yet another tough challenge this match from All Saints, led by the almost late lamented Wally Sheridan. With our bowlers generously sharing the wickets on the first day the opposition were dismissed for 80. By stumps we had amassed 185 for the loss of just three wickets. Captain Ross Boucher rattling up 66 with nine 4s and four 6s. Scott Rutherford and David Brodtmann also had fun at the expense of the All Saints attack, with Paul Chesterman contributing well the following week. Thanks to a fine bowling performance by Rod Towers the opposition crumpled to be all out for 76 in the second innings; Rod's figures were 12 overs, 7 maidens, 6/28. It's a pity we couldn't have sent them in for a third innings.

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>defeated outright</u>	<u>All Saints</u>
9/241 dec	Boucher 66 Rutherford 59 Brodtmann 43 Chesterman 26x	80 Pryn 2/0 Crump 2/38 76 Towers 6/28

Under 16 - The Under 16s suffered their second successive defeat due to an inexperienced batting performance and an at times embarrassing fielding display. The first week saw our limited bowling attack approach their task steadily, but without the necessary support in the field. A number of fieldsman found it impossible to concentrate for 2½ hours and the captain was almost reduced to a nervous wreck. Gordon Rothnie bowled particularly well however and captured 4 wickets. Our batting in general lacked the usual things but encouraging performances came from Russ Atkinson and Bruce Hollingsworth. Our second bowling effort, although brief, was more successful, and if the boys can produce the same enthusiasm this coming match we should notch our first win.

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Glen Iris/EKew</u>
63	Atkinson 19 Hollingsworth 12	147 Rothnie 4/52 & 4/35

Under 14 - At Koonung Reserve, our Under 14's went down to a better side. Peter Ferrari and Michael Jansen were the main wicket takers and Rod Hames bowled well but without luck. Some generally bad fielding allowed the opposition to amass a sizeable total and put the pressure on our batsmen. Despite steady batting by Peter and Kevin, and Rod and Steven Warren scoring their first runs for the season, we just weren't good enough. See scores at the bottom of the page.....

Twilight - Yet another victory to the NBMCC nocturnal wizards, despite an unsettled team, a spate of noballs, an overenthusiastic Chris Byrne, a fine display of sportsmanship from one of Mrs.Gibb's boys and a premature exodus by half of our supremely confident team. The battle for the coveted tin can is already on in earnest.

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<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>Blackburn Road</u>
5/86	Oswin 24 (Captains innings)	83 Chanter 4/16
	Price 17x	Hall 3 catches
		Price 2 runouts

***** Following a number of incidents during the past few weeks, it seems necessary to remind all players of RULE 60 in the ESCCA constitution. The rule concerns MISBEHAVIOUR and can be found on page 15 of the ***** fixture book. Please read and take note.

Practice - Senior practice will be at KOONUNG PARK on Wednesdays Nov.29 & December 13. Thursday practice will be at Blackburn Tech. each Thursday until Christmas. Due to the rapid disappearance of players after 6.00 pm a new arrangement will be attempted this week. Practice for 3rdXI players will commence at 4.15 and should be over by 6.00pm (approx) 1st and 2nd XI players especially regular A grade players, should be prepared to practice between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. (approx) so as all players receive the benefits of seeing the bowling of Trev Tombs and John Tamblyn. This is an experiment for your benefit.

This year's Under 16 Team

DAVID BPODTMANN Captain. What can we say that hasn't already been said about this little bundle of joy?

MARK ATKINSON Schoolboy Hockey champ turned to cricket. As a batsman has some trouble coping with the ball that doesn't roll along the ground. Has been known to open the bowling.

DAVID MAKRIDES Clean living youngster who has left his mark at BlackburnCC - (not only in the record books) Effective bowler with deceptively casual runup. Unorthodox but useful batsman. Brilliant fieldsman (cough, cough)

GORDON ROTHNIE Life member, with his brother, of the Tech school nets. Gordon's years of practice are now being put to good use. Determined batsman and promising spin bowler.

JIM PHILLIPS Turned down offer to play with RKM Enterprises (exNBMCCALLSTARS) Wicketkeeper and promising batsman who likes to get on with the game. Versatile sub. for C grade.

PHILLIP SHAW VC Hockey star who looks good in the nets but as yet hasn't got it together in the middle. Member of last years U/16 finalists.

STEVE BURNS Versatile cricketer who can handle both bat and ball with equal ease. However, using them is a different matter. Let's be fair, Burnsy is already showing signs of improvement.

BRUCE HOLLINGSWORTH Powerful hitter of the ball with some talent as a bowler. Will be a handy middle order batsman. Expert on trucking.

MARK FLYNN Should develop into a good batsman. Noisy team member with a natural talent which will make him a vital asset to the team.

PEPPER JENNINGS Discovered 10 minutes before the first match (In the bath) Cool cricketer with one major handicap, (He's a friend of David Makrides) Shrewd businessman already on the way to his first million.

MARK OSBORNE & ANDREW JETSON Too early to say but we will be watching.

Under 14 scores.....

<u>NBMCC</u>	<u>lost to</u>	<u>Glen Iris</u>
110		7/169
Ferrari 33		Ferrari 3/31
Wiegel 28		Jansen 2/41

In Short.....Subs are still due....Ron Blake, due home in a few weeks, scored 100x in New Guinea last week....Ian Toogood may also be available in January.... guest editor this week has been Richard Stone. Please excuse!errers@and typing m

Round FourHIGHLIGHTS

Stuart Hall 78 Rob Hands 55 Michael Walsh 6/22 Mark Droscher 7/10
 Pricey's impersonation of Gerry Gee $\frac{8}{10}$ Steven Buth 7/37

A Grade - Thanks largely to a fine sustained spell of fearsome pace bowling by Chris Price, Deepdene were dismissed on the first day for 136. Pricey bowled 16 overs straight and none of the opposition batsman could handle him with confidence (not even Rex). Steven Smith emerged from temporary retirement to capture a wicket and Trevor Tombs chipped in with a couple. Ossie took a great catch at short leg without even using his hands. Tony 'Boring' Chanter and Smithy held out the Deepdene attack until stumps and our determined skipper continued to treat the crowd to an exciting spectacle of bat and pad the following week until the umpire was forced to give him out to prevent the scorers from falling asleep. Our batting lineup maintained a consistent flow of runs for most of the afternoon, with Smithy, Carey Meadows, John Tamblyn and Neil Johnston all contributing well. The highlight of the day however was the batting of Stuart 'Out of Touch' Hall. Sent to the crease in emergency conditions after an unexpected rise in the batting order Brew quickly located the middle of his bat and went mildly beserk, conserving his energy by hitting boundary after boundary before falling victim to the heat and some pre-century anxiety. (About time Brew!)

<u>A grade</u>	260	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>Deepdene Utg.</u>	136
Hall 78	Johnston 33	Smith 32	Price 4/59	Tombs 2/34
Meadows 33	Tamblyn 26			

C1 Grade - The decision to send Trinity into bat on a damp humid afternoon paid dividends for the seconds, as Michael Walsh came good with the ball, moving it around sufficiently to capture six wickets. Mike was well supported by Brad Liddle playing his first game with the seconds and Rob Walsh. Our fielding was particularly pleasing considering the wet conditions and there were some excellent catches, especially in slips. Dave Brodtmann kept well in his first C grade game. Trinity were all out by tea, but our batsmen were unable to get on top until the following week. By stumps on the first day we needed just nine runs to win with five wickets in hand, thanks to some intelligent batting by Trev Baxter and Mike Hill. After some early nail biting on the second day Broddy and Rob Hands steered us to victory - Rob going on to record his first ever half century. Our outright attempt was foiled by the heat, a reduced bowling attack and a more fortunate opposition despite the presence in the field of our guest sub Russell Davison. Rob Walsh impressed again with a tidy spell and a couple of wickets, whilst Glenn Weatherley accepted a screamer in slips to give Trev Baxter one of his rare wickets.

<u>C1 Grade</u>	9/172 dec.	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>Trinity</u>	89 & 6/189
Hands 55	Baxter 28	Hill 26	M. Walsh 6/22	
			R. Walsh 3/10	

D2 Grade -(Yawn) The thirds had to struggle again this match and they were only able to win by an innings and 20 runs. A very disappointing effort.

<u>NBMCC</u>	164	<u>Defeated outright</u>	<u>Blackburn Road</u>
Droscher 43	Chesterman 30	47	& 97
Caldwell (capt) 29		Droscher 7/10	Buth 7/37
		(all bowled)	

Under 16 - The Under 16s were unlucky to lose this match by just two runs after dismissing their opponents for 111. Our fielding during the first day showed a marked improvement and was highlighted by two great catches - one by Andrew Flynn and the other by Gordon Rothnie. Dave Makrides bowled well to record 4/15 off eleven overs and Broddy bowled intelligently but without luck. Our batting, apart from a solid innings by the skipper and an entertaining 36 from Jim Phillips was to put it mildly, a disappointment. At the drinks break we were well placed at 2/70; with 30 minutes to go we had five wickets in hand and needed only 6 runs to win. It wasn't long however before we were all out for 109 - a minor collapse. The only bright spot in the debacle was Burns's great undefeated innings of two.

<u>Under 16s</u>	109	lost to	<u>Blackburn South/Bennettswood</u>
Brodtmann 39	Phillips 36		111 Makrides 4/15

Under 14 - (The coach speaks) Mistaken umpiring decisions - later admitted to by the opposition team manager - probably cost us the game, however, a return to form by Ross McDonald, top scoring in each innings, and fine bowling performances by Kevin Wiegel and Peter Ferrari, backed up by some much improved fielding brought us to within just 6 runs of victory.

<u>NBMCC</u>	64	&	4/33	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>Blackburn South/Bennettswood</u>
McDonald	18		McDonald 17		70 Wiegel 4/17
					Ferrari 3/15

Twilight - A record score of 142 enabled the NBMCC After Dark Bandits to steal home against Trinity by 16 runs in a game that was highlighted by a superb captaincy display by 'Brains' Burn. Burney's decision to bat first in already fading light was the mark of a great leader and an astute mind. His decision to open the batting himself was inspired, and his decision to keep wickets still draws gasps of admiration and wonder from those who were lucky enough to be there. Turf import Jack Wycherly showed copybook technique with the bat, but it was a fine partnership between Sub and Dick which set the innings moving after the loss of three quick wickets. Ossie revealed remarkable skill in assessing the placement of the field during his solid innings. Our performance in the field was dominated by the bowling, catching and fielding of Jack Wycho and the fine display of bowling by David Oswin - what a fine young prospect this lad is; we can hardly wait to see him with the new ball.

<u>NBMCC</u>	9/142cc	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>Trinity</u>	126
R. Stone	28	C. Byrne	24	Wycherly 2/18
C. Meadows	25	J. Wycherly	18	Oswin 2/16

INTER ASSOCIATION TEAMS

A long list of NBMCC players made the ESCCA Under 21 team that played and won last Sunday at Coburg. Tony Chanter (captain) Steve Smith, Carey Meadows, Chris Byrne Michael Walsh and David Oswin were in the squad. In the Under 14 match to be played next Sunday at Broadmeadows or somewhere peter Ferrari, Kevin Wiegel and Ross McDonald will play for the Association. David Brodtmann will represent the Under 16s.

SOCIAL NEWS

The long awaited progressive dinner continues to keep us in suspense, and Ossie has organised a BBQ at his place 109 Springfield Rd. on Saturday December 9th. after the match. BYO meat ...Drinks for sale ...Salads provided. Entry \$2.00 per head; 50c. juniors.

ANNUAL SUBS

Come on, hurry up we can't wait all season. There is a long list of players yet to pay their annual subs:

BYRNE	WEATHERLEY	PRYN	BUTH	FERRARI
LLODLE	DROSCER	BOUCHER	SHAW	JOHNSON
WALSH (All three)	ROWBOTHAM	DOWN	BURNS	and anyone
PRICE	LUDEKENS	RUTHERFORD	JENNINGS	else who has
				trouble sleep-
				ing.

Please return butts and money to ossie as soon as possible for the Christmas special effort.

Please inform your captain of your availability or otherwise for the Christmas and holiday period.

Steve Smith is at present on leave, and any inquiries should be directed to his mother. The Specialist has warned us that if Steve does not take a holiday he risks incurring permanent damage to his knee. On the other hand, this holiday could result in further strain, and even greater irreparable damage. Have a nice time Slug.

Round Five

HIGHLIGHTS

Tony Chanter 70 Michael Hill 61x David Brodtmann 80x (R5) 60 (R6)
Mark Droscher 5/17 Craig Rowbotham 8/70 (21 overs) Chris Price 5/61 (21)

A Grade - Despite a solid innings by skipper Tony Chanter and useful hands from John Tambllyn and Chris Price, the firsts were unable to consolidate their innings on the first day and were all out for 190, having been at one stage 3/114. A marathon bowling stint by Pricey netted him five wickets the following week, but not even this and Wogg's reassertion as an allrounder could prevent Hartwell from overhauling our score, being finally dismissed just 14 runs ahead.

NBMCC 190 Lost to HARTWELL 204
Chanter 70 Tambllyn 29 Price 32 Walsh 17 Price 5/61 Tambllyn 3/43

C Grade - An inexperienced batting lineup and some disappointing displays from more senior batsmen allowed Hartwell to dismiss us very cheaply on the first day. Only Mike Hill and Rob 'Stan Magro' Walsh PROVIDED ANY sort of resistance. Our bowling was dominated by Craig Rowbotham who captured all eight opposition wickets to fall to finish with 8/70 off 21 overs. With a little more luck on the first afternoon we could have found ourself in with a chance the following week, but despite Craig's fine bowling and Michael Walsh's good support we just didn't have enough runs on the board. Our second innings was an improvement (with notable exceptions) Wal finishing with 27 and Mike Hill with a solid 61 not out.

NBMCC 96 & 3/117 Lost to HARTWELL 8/180 dec
Hill 23 R Walsh 20 Hill 61x M Walsh 27 Rowbotham 8/70

D Grade - Our batting on the first day was dominated by good innings from skipper Mark Pryn and the always entertaining Richard 'Tix' Ludekens who reversed his recent form to produce 46 valuable runs. Paul Chesterman chipped in again with some hard hit runs, and Stephen Down and Stephen Buth also contributed to our final total of 210. With St. Barnabas 1/40 at stumps it looked like a first innings win could be all we might expect, but cricket is a funny game (not an original theory) and by 5.30pm on the second day we had completed our fourth successive outright victory. Buthy and Rod Towers were the destroyers in the first innings, reducing the opposition from 1/108 to all out 146. Mark Droscher came good again in the second innings taking 5/17 and with Buthy humbled the Barnys to be all out a second time for 49 in just 12 overs. Amazing.

NBMCC 210 Defeated outright St. Barnabas 146 & 49
Ludekens 46 Pryn 42 Chesterman 24 Down 19 Towers 4/14 Droscher 5/17
Buth 16 Buth 4/37 Buth 4/25

Under 16 - Round 5 One day fixture

NBMCC 3/121 cc Defeated (Our first win) All Saints 2/95
David Brodtmann 80x

Under 14 - Round 5

NBMCC 3/62 Defeated All Saints 8/57
Kevin Wiegel 25 Derek Paterson 16 Ross McDonald 3/7 Hames 2/15

SOCIAL NOTES

- ***** Golf Day and BBQ Sunday January 21 (Olinda?)
- ***** Car Trial early February
- ***** End of season presentation night - Hoping to hold Senior function at Karinya Lodge.....more details to follow.
- ***** Thanks to those who attended last Saturdays BBQ

Please inform Captains and managers of your availability during holidays.
Please pay annual subs NOW or ~~xxxx~~ risk being overlooked for selection.
THIS IS NO IDLE THREAT

TWILIGHT REPORT Well aware of our fearsome twilight reputation Balwyn Utg did the only sensible thing last week and stayed at home. (gutless display)

Congratulations to Chris Byrne and the rest of our Under 21 reps. who helped defeat Federal Districts last Sunday. Byrney captured 6/38.
Congratulations to our junior reps who played at Ascot Vale; especially Peter Ferrari and Kevin Wiegel from the Under 14s.
Your ex-newsheet editor Greg Stone will be joined in holy matrimony on January 6th. Well done Penguin. Happy Christmas etc from the staff and management.

Round SixA GradeNEMCC 135E. Walsh 53
Chanter 39Lost toBURWOOD 134 & 1/33
Tamblyn 4/33C GradeNEMCC 146

R. Walsh 76

DefeatedBLACKBURN BAPS. 69 & 112
Earl 3/30 Hands 4/0
M. Walsh 3/11D GradeNEMCC 107Droscher 29
Towers 247/137 Lost to
Rutherford 48
Towers 27HARTWELL 113 & 4/115
Buth 4/41
Towers 3/20Under 16NEMCC 90 cc

Brodtmann 60

2/22 Lost toGLEN IRIS/E. KEW 115
Brodtmann 6/42Under 14NEMCC 6/143McDonald 50 ret
Shaw 25 Roodhouse 25DefeatedRound sevenA GradeNEMCC 130Chanter 42
Blake 36Tied withHIGHFIELD ROAD 130
Tombs 6/35
Blake 3/41C GradeNEMCC 9/130 ccOswin 40
R. Walsh 20Lost toSUMMERHILL RD 7/135
M. Walsh 3/31
R. Walsh 3/24D Grade (Round 8)NEMCC 7/127Droscher 23 Pryn 21
Crump 21DefeatedKOONUNG HEIGHTS 83
Ludekens 4/20
Down 3/15ALL OTHER GAMES WASHED OUTTWILIGHT

(Can nobody stop them?)

Round 4 Pricey's XINEMCC 95

Price 21 Meadows 19 RStone 17

DefeatedCAMBERWELL UNITING 90Droscher 3/12
Rowbotham 2/25Round 5 Johnno's XINEMCC 9/149 (New world record) DefeatedOswin 34 Chanter 24 RStone 20
Meadows 18 Smith 17ALL SAINTS 6/66

Price 2/6

Round 6 Teddy's XINEMCC 146Price 32 Oswin 27 Smith 23 Byrne 24x
Chanter 19DefeatedKOONUNG HEIGHTS 57
Chanter 2/6 Down 2/5SOCIAL NOTES

- *Senior end of year function will be held at Karinya Lodge on Thursday
- *April 19th. Cost approx 10.50 per head. More details later.
- *Car trial will be held late in February.
- *Steve Smith ("The Golden Slug") is this year's winner of the coveted NEMCC Golf Championship recently held at Olinda.
- *Congratulations to Dave Brodtmann and Kevin Wiegel who represented the ESCCA in Under age inter association matches on Australia Day. Also to the long list of Under 21 reps who will be involved in the final tomorrow.
- *Welcome back to Ron Blake just returned from a stint in the tropics.
- *Farewell to Rod Towers - last seen heading towards Mildura. (unassisted)
- *Stuart Hall is now responsible for all his actions having recently reached the magic age.
- *Is Ossie's new numberplate an omen?
- *A special happy birthday to Les's grandmother.

Round Eight

<u>A Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 158</u> T. Chanter 63 R. Davison 22	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>ST. SILLAS 126</u> C. Price 3/21 R. Blake 3/43
<u>C1 Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 157</u> D. Brodtmann 35 R. Walsh 31	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>ST. BARNABAS 139</u> C. Rowbotham 5/39
<u>D2 Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 7/217 dec</u> B. Liddle 67 M. Droscher 43 R. Ludekens 25 p. Crump 22 M. Pryn 21	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>DEEPEENE 109</u> & 114 B. Liddle 5/22 & 5/23 M. Droscher 4/21 & 4/34

Round Nine

<u>A Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 3/89 dec</u> & <u>5/79</u> T. Chanter 62 N. Johnston 27x (YAWN) C. Meadows 21	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>BLACKY BAPS 80</u> & <u>6/171</u> T. Chanter 5/22 R. Blake 3/20 & 3/47
<u>C1 Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 9/236 dec</u> R. Walsh 98 R. Stone 56 C. Byrne 31	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>CAMB. SALVOS 38</u> & <u>8/140</u> C. Byrne 4/14 C. Rowbotham 3/15
<u>D2 Grade</u>	<u>NEMCC 154</u> R. Towers 25 M. Pryn 23 M. Droscher 20	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>BALWYN UTG 103</u> & <u>8/104</u> B. Liddle 4/17 M. Droscher 4/19 & 3/13

Under 16s

<u>R7</u>	<u>NEMCC 77</u> (D. Brodtmann 50)	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>BLACKY BAPS 1/121</u>
<u>R8</u>	<u>NEMCC 88</u> D. Brodtmann 27 A. Flynn 27 G. Rothnie 17	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>TRINITY 8/85</u> M. Cvetkovic 4/38
<u>R9</u>	<u>NEMCC 85</u> D. Brodtmann 32 G. Christiansen 22	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>BLACKY STH 82</u> M. Cvetkovic 4/29 Christiansen 4/39

Under 14s

<u>R7</u>	<u>NEMCC</u>	<u>Defeated</u>	
<u>R8</u>	<u>NEMCC 118</u> & <u>5/57</u> R. McDonald 28 R. Hames 22 K. Wiegel 25x*****	<u>Defeated</u>	<u>BOX HILL SALVOS 69</u> P. Ferrari 3/18 M. Janson 2/2

TWILIGHT TRAGEDY Despite the inclusion of two turf professionals and Fabulous Phil (Chapman), the mass unavailability of experienced twilight competitors led to our fielding a substandard team for the crucial match against Barnys last week. The consequences hardly bear thinking about.... let alone talking about. The game was lost off the second last ball of the final over, but with only 106 runs on the board off the full 18 overs, we were always under pressure - particularly with our limited bowling lineup. At least Wal is no longer the only one.

<u>NEMCC 7/106</u>	Chanter 34 Wycherley 20	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>BARNYS 8/111</u>
	R. Walsh 18x		R. Walsh 3/20

EVENTS WORTH TALKING ABOUT

Robby Walsh's magnificent 98 runs against Camberwell Salvos. A mature knock. Andrew Minters mighty batting performance on the mat. Barry Hodges and Minters play on run out in the twilight. Tailby's sucker ball. Promising debut by Gary Christiansen (Under 16) with both ball and bat. Amazing improvement in the field by the entire under 16 team.

PEOPLE WORTH TALKING ABOUT

Rumour has it that our playing Vice President Michael Hill is about to embark on an intellectual adventure to Sydney University where he will become a tutor in some obscure scientific department. This is a fitting reward for the years and years and years of hard study that Mike has put in at Cannabis Campus. But what of Mike the cricketer? 'Chimp' as he is fondly known, joined the Meths back in the halcyon days of junior cricket in the late sixties, being of the same vintage as Phil Chapman, Trev Baxter, Chris Walpole etc. Always a solid, reliable batsman, Mike graduated into senior cricket under the guidance of Col Hosking, Alan Rash and the like. (Mike can probably remember the day when Col Kingham played in the firsts.) Mike alternated for some years between the firsts and the seconds, but finally settled into a prime batting position in the C2 Championship year of 1976/77. It wasn't however until last season that Mike really got going with the bat, scoring his maiden century and taking out the batting award with shots that he had been supressing for years.

All the while Mike was developing into a very skilful specialist in the wicket, frequently clutching catches which did not really seem possible. Along with Ed Irons, Chimp was the experienced campaigner in what has been over the past few seasons, a relatively young second XI, and as such has provided his captain with much valued support. Off the field, Mike has contributed to the Clubs committee for several years, currently holding the high pressure office of Vice President. Mike will leave a gap both in the field and the batting order of his team, and will be a considerable loss to the club. But we wish him well in his future career. Good luck Chimp, and may you never drop a crucial catch in the great game of life.

SOCIAL NOTES

Car trial getting closer. Ask Ossie for details.
Presentation night at Karinya lodge on Thursday April 19th. For players, Families and friends etc. See Ossie or Johnno for details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please endeavour to pay all outstanding subs and other debts before the Finals commence. This will save a lot of unnecessary work for our heavies. It will also enable the club to buy some decent looking trophies. If you don't pay you could well end up taking home a jam tin for your mantelpiece.