

HISTORICAL (but boring) EDITORIAL Believe it or not, the 1980/81 season will be the Club's 21st season in ESCCA cricket, which makes it older than 84% of its current members. (trivia for accountants and the statistically minded)

A 21st birthday is generally an occasion for much backslapping and celebratory activities to the tune of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow and accompanied by that familiar phrase about "coming of age". We've already got the key to the pavilion, and no one would doubt that in terms of on field performances the club has already come of age. Exactly when this momentous moment of maturation occurred is less readily discernible - but perhaps the moment everyone had been waiting for was the promotion of the 1st XI to A Grade in 1975/76. This followed a gradual rise from C1 (Premiers 61/62) through B2 (66/67) and of course B1 (75/76). During this time the Juniors had been making their mark in the EsCCA, taking out in twenty seasons a total of 9 Premierships. The 2nds of course cracked the ice in that unforgettable 1976/77 season. However, the Big One has so far eluded us, and I suppose that until we take out the A Grade flag we haven't really hit the big time of park cricket.

At the conclusion of last season it was the considered opinion of several experts that 1980/81 might well be the BIG YEAR for the club, both on and off the field. A new improved attitude in the firsts, combined with the settling down of a number of up and comers, plus an Under 14 flag all seemed to augur well for the coming season. The proposed installation of practice wickets at Koonung for our exclusive use plus, more recently, several successful social ventures, also raised our hopes. However, you can lead a horse to water, but you can't always make him drink it (Country Party joke) and to actually get five full strength teams onto the field for the first game has become an impossible task.

The loss, or temporary unavailability of a number of last seasons most successful players has undoubtedly set us back somewhat, but although it may be disappointing to find your team without its usual opening bowlers or batsmen, we should not be tempted to make sweeping predictions before the season has actually got into swing, for as long as there are new players to replace those gone walkabout, things aren't really too bad. This season may well be the time for team building, a season in which younger players will be given the opportunity to gain experience in Senior cricket. So if you think you're being thrown in off the deep end don't worry too much, Experience is the best teacher. (Whatever happened to Ian Craig?)

The Committee would like to welcome all new players and wish everyone an enjoyable and successful season.

ANNUAL MEETING For the third successive year the Annual General Meeting in August was again a sell out. Unfortunately negotiations broke down with the Seven network and the long awaited live satellite broadcast never eventuated; however, those fortunate enough to gain admission were treated to an evening that ran the gamut of human emotions. It had everything; laughter, tears, nostalgia and moments of inspired lunacy which made the capacity audience weep tears of joy. After the reading of the apologies it was just one 'high' after another - the treasurer's report brought the house down!

The results of the closely contested election of office bearers were as follows:  
 PRESIDENT: Russell F. Davison 7255548      VICE PRESIDENT: Gregory J. Stone  
 SECRETARY: Richard B. Stone 8782606      TREASURER: Stuart D. Hall  
 UNEXCEPTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Trevor J. Tombs, Robert E. Hands, Mark H. Pryn  
 Steven R.S. Smith and Neil (not so keen) Johnston

CONGRATULATION DEPARTMENT: Whilst waiting for the 1980/81 Cricket season the following people did something worthwhile to fill in their time

Tony Chanter; Dislocated his shoulder twice. (talk about unco!)

Neil Johnston: Best Clubman award at Blackburn Football Club

Carey Meadows: Left the pottery, got a new job, hurt his back, lost his job, went on the dole, mutilated his finger and won the best & fairest award at Blacky North Baps Footy Club. Gave up cricket

Glenn Weatherley; Joined the Army (It's a bloody miracle!)

John Wogg Tamblin: Played in a Premiership team at Blackburn

John Miles: Won the best & Fairest at Bulleen Temp. F.C. U/17s

Ted Walsh: Lost a grand final by less than 18 goals (but more than 17)

Craig Rowbotham: Worked for two days in a row.

Mark Pryn: Purchased a machine with wheels (you couldn't call it a car)

Steve Slug Smith: Joined the Young Singles Group

Steve Warren: Played in a premiership Football team

Ross McDonald: Was a vital link in the Donvale premiership combination.

Alan Roodhouse's brother: Went to England to play soccer.

Chris Byrne: Made friends with a nice girl. Saw a movie called "Teenage Jailbait"

David Shaw: Played Hockey in Adelaide for the Victorian Schoolboys

Broddy: Went to the Gym (Notice the difference)

NEXT WEEK: A LOOK AT NEW PLAYERS.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER ON ELECTION NIGHT.

ROUND 1 REPORTS'A' GRADE "Catches Win Matches" or "A Duck in the Hand is worth five in the Bush"

Dark clouds, gloomy light and drizzly rain provided a fitting end to a disappointing opening match at Elgar Park. No-one (save David Payne who was to be deprived of his debut at the A Grade bowling crease) needed convincing to leave the field at 5.30pm pack their bags, go home, and ponder over a sound defeat. What went wrong? Was it our bowlers? Certainly Greg Clark's performance with the ball was not to blame; he must have beaten the bat at least twice an over. Nor can we hold Robby Walsh responsible - his months of pre season training was evident in his accuracy right from the first ball. And Smithy? Well he was hit around a bit, but kept his cool for a change and teamed with Brew for two stumpings; Trev Tombs put in his usual solid effort....well, how about our batsmen? David Brodtmann put in a determined effort for his half century, V.C. Hall showed signs of responsibility and experience when it was needed. David Payne played with a straight bat and.. well that was about it. How could five batsmen fail to score? Was it bad luck, or bad light, or the type of ball they were using.... What happened in the field? Broddy was impassable at short leg and held two catches, Harvey Cooke and Greg Clark dived to hold one catch each. We already mentioned Brew's stumpings. But then there were about eight catches that weren't held. Perhaps the ball was wet and slippery...or the light was bad...well you can't help bad luck. I wonder why we lost?? G.S.

NBMCC 137 lost to CANTERBURY/MONT ALBERT 226 &  
Brodtmann 54 Hall 30 R.Walsh 4/51 Smith 3/60 1/49

C1 GRADE Memorable Moments.....

The teams wealth of senior experience (av. age 17.9)....Jim's 'Paul Dowden' catch.... Dave Hands' long wait for his first C Grade wicket (20 overs)....Dave's diving slips catch....Kevin's great grab....Rob's slip in slips & the instant replay....Dick's tight bowling....the All Saints batsman's friend at square leg....Steve Pollard almost losing his leg to a neighbouring dog....Wally Sheridans baseball skills.... the lost ball....the encouraging batting the second week under difficult conditions... (after all we did only lose 5 wickets)...Franks limited strike rate....Maccas adventurous innings (he must have thought it was a non-contact sport)

NBMCC 5/178 lost to All SAINTS 286  
R.Stone 117x R.Hands 16 Rowbotham 4/79 Pollard 3/61

DI GRADE

NBMCC 91 & 76 lost to HARTWELL UTG. 107 & 2/67  
Miles 30 Chesty 11 Hawkes 20 Lindeback 13 Hackett 4/44 Makriles 2/23

UNDER 16 Memorable and not so memorable moments....

Steve Pollard and Macca's 1st wicket stand of 68....the middle order collapse - from 1/92 to 5/94 (all Clarky's fault)....Alan's GOLDEN....Dave Shaws hook...Craigs four... Chooks catch of the series....Tom's race with the ball....the captains holiday - so what's new?...Alan's tragic accident - (did Macca really trip him?)....the laughing gully fieldsman....the acting skippers catching example...tsk..tsk...the controversial conclusion

NBMCC 8/129 (26 overs) Defeated (we hope) GLEN IRIS/E.KEW 4/143  
McDonald 32 Pollard 28 Hames 16x Deckker 2/42 or 4/91  
Pollard 2/45

UNDER 14

A severely under manned U/14 team took on Trinity at "Willison slope". All but two batsmen had trouble penetrating the tight Trinity field. Added to this, was the opposition skipper whose spinners would do senior bowlers proud (Editors note: Is this a dig at a certain Senior NBMCC skipper's bowling?) Some spirited batting from Trevor "Laughlin" Frankin, and Marty Wilson, added spice to our innings. Special mention to Darren Baker (D.B.) the unbeatable back-up, who repelled all attacks launched by Trinity, and finished on 2 not out; a regular Sir Geoffery Boycott in the making. Trinity were fortunate to muster 114 runs before declaring, due to their inability to cope with our merciless attack. Sent in to bat for the second innings the pressure was on Trinity to dismiss us for less than 10. However our lads never said die, and were able to put together the grand second innings total of 14. There's a long road ahead, but if a few Seniors assist, they'll be champs. R.H.

NBMCC 48 & 14 lost to TRINITY PRES. 5/114 dec.  
Wilson 23 Frankin 16 Gray 2/19 Warren 2/29

DON'T FORGET: ANNUAL SUBS ARE DUE NOW PLEASE PAY OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES  
(TOO HORRIBLE TO MENTION)

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FRIENDS ETC

## REPORTS OF ROUND 2 OCT 18 &amp; 25

A GRADE Another disappointing performance from this team which has promised so much  
 NBMCC 135 & 5/34 Lost to GLEN IRIS/E.KEW 222  
 Moore 37 Hall 28x Cook 0x Blake 4/28

C1 GRADE HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF...HOW THE SECONDS INFLICTED DEFEAT ON RINNY & BUTCH

Just four seasons ago in that memorable Grand Final at Hislop the seconds sent Deepdene packing thanks largely to an amazing century by Fabulous Phil Chapman...this time with Dick the only surviving member of the premiership team, it was another century which set up our return victory.

The highlight of the first days play was undoubtedly the return to the bowling crease of veteran Russell Davison. It was a pleasure to have a reliable spinner in the team, and Russell's four wickets were a telling factor in our dismissal of the opposition for just 159. The day was also highlighted by some great catching - two snappy grabs by Dave Hands in slip, a great legside dive by Jim and a fine running catch on the boundary by Russell to finish the innings.

The batting opened soundly with the old firm of Stone & Stone gathering 29 in an opening stand highlighted by a fine square edge for four by Penguin before he tried to repeat the shot but misjudged the width of his bat. Russell and Dick carried on until drinks, but soon after an indiscreet pull brought about the skippers downfall. Jim followed soon after Russell who followed soon after Dick and then it was Steve Pollards turn, but Steve had done a Byrney and had been caught with his pants down. Eventually Steve struggled to the crease, looked good for three singles then ran himself out just to make things exciting. (Steve obviously wasn't suffering from the runs)(Editors apology: Sorry about the toilet joke) At 5 for 71 things looked a little grim, but soon after we were able to afford a little grin as Droscher set to the bowling in his inimitable fashion with a mixture of baseball, lacrosse and hockey shots the result of which was an additional 30 runs. Shortly after tea however Drosch paid for a moment of carelessness and found himself stumped for words. Meanwhile at the other end the younger Hands was settling in nicely, but to be totally frank, (who was A.W.O.L. with a lingering memory of the night before) the sight of D.V.C. Rowbotham coming to the crease with the score at 6/112 cannot have filled him with absolute confidence. Craig however, had other ideas. Sick and tired of his tag as a poor man's Jim Higgs with the bat. Craig was determined to prove himself and after a few shaky moments settled in to play the innings of his life. With Dave displaying an intelligent blend of aggression and defence a victory began to appear a distinct possibility then a probability and finally a fact! Polite applause greeted the winning run and then both batsmen settled down to enjoy themselves. Their 78 run partnership ended and it was Ross "Under 16" McDonald who replaced Craig at the crease. The excitement however was only just beginning; could D.W.Hands keep it together long enough to score a ton? Could Macca hang around long enough? Well, it was yes to both questions, and with just an over to go Dave picked up the necessary single. (more applause and much handshaking) It was a fine innings filled with some fine shots and much intelligent batsmanship - indeed it was a winning Hands.

NBMCC 7/247 Defeated DEEPDENE 159  
 D.Hands 101x M.Droscher 30 R.Davison 4/34  
 R.Stone 28 C.Rowbotham 21 R.McDonald 25x C.Rowbotham 3/44

D1 GRADE The clubs most consistent team repeated its first match performance and lost outright again by eight wickets. The bowling looks good, but the batting....well....

NBMCC 86 & 76 Lost outright to THE AVENUE 113 & 2/52  
 M.Pryn 41 D.Makrides 24 Makrides 4/48 Hackett3/24

UNDER 16 The clubs most successful team won its second match thanks to some fine bowling by Steve Pollard and Kevin Wiegel, and some excellent batting by Kevin and Ross McDonald. Michael Jansen made a golden duck.

NBMCC 6/158 Defeated TRINITY 100  
 Wiegel 62x McDonald 28 Pollard 5/46 Wiegel 3/32

UNDER 14 Once again a severely undermanned team opposed Ashburton, who were sent in to bat and reached 9/142. Some fine bowling performances were put in by Darren Baker and Clyde Sampson, taking four and three wickets respectively. Only Captain Steve Warren reached double figures in our massive first innings total of 37. We were sent in again with about an hour to bat to avoid outright defeat but finished the day on 4/24 after good disciplined batting by most players. HIGHLIGHTS Steves catch... Matt Heads chest marks...Darren Manns fine keeping ..Steves batting...Kiernans 40 mins. at the crease, Ade's defiant innings, controversial umpiring, Ashys disgusted keeper...

UNFORTUNATE RESULTS ROUND 3 Nov-1&S

A GRADE were defeated in a rain affected match at MacLeay Park in which everything went their way and nothing went our way - even the batting sensation of the eighties young Robby Walsh made a duck! Poor Harvey slipped over.

NBMCC Not nearly enough (about 90) lost to Deepdene Utg. something declared for Tombs 25 Stone 18 Clark 17 255

C1 GRADE were defeated by the ever pleasant, cheerful Barnys despite the inclusion of recently naturalised John Tamblin and guest captain Russell Davison. From 3 for 32 to all out 54 sums up the situation.

NBMCC An embarrassing 54 lost to St.Barnabas 100 Payne 15 G.Stone 12x Tamblin 5/45

D GRADE Narrowly avoided outright defeat by not playing

UNDER 16s played through the rain for a frustrating draw, with victory so close, yet so far away.

NBMCC 3/50 drew with Wyclif Utg 59 McDonald 18x Pollard 16 Pollard 4/23

UNDER 14s cleverly gained 3 points for a draw by not playing

TWILIGHT REPORT With an appalling response from our experienced Twilight competitors, it was left to a hastily assembled team of juniors and stragglers held together (more or less) by a handful of familiar Twilight faces (not even a handful actually) to face up to the awesome strength of the dreaded Blackburn Road complete with the famous pair of implements - Tong and Shears - not to mention Elvis Presley lookalike Alan "Grey Ghost" Gibbs. With Broddy captain, the pressure was really on. The widely regarded opening bowling combination of Hackett and Roodhouse supported by Pollard, Broddy and a couple of unknown quantities, Bruce and Stuart (alias S.Down & H.Cook) bowled steadily, but the less said about a certain bowler who wishes to remain anonymous but whose initials are C.R. the better. Anyway, 121 to win off 15 overs did not look altogether impossible - at 0/50 it looked even closer thanks to an entertaining opening stand between R.McDonald and Dick (whose brilliant forty, ret. was literally studded with devastating strokes all around the wicket, including a monster sixer off Gibbsy which modesty prevents me from describing in detail). The anonymous Craig Rowbotham followed Dick and settled in for a long innings, which was the last thing we wanted at this stage of the game, but with Broddy in the wings we weren't too worried. After what seemed like an eternity Macca's innings terminated and with a target of something like 47 runs in 5 overs it was all set up for Broddy and his jumbo. Two balls later the game was as good as over and despite the efforts of Bruce, Steve and Disco Jansen, we failed by 18 runs. Very sad indeed.

NBMCC 5/103 lost to Blacky Road 5/120 Stone 40 ret Macca 18 C.R. 16

ASSOCIATION GAME Last Sunday Ross McDonald represented the EsCCA in an Under 16 game against the Reporter District which we actually won. Ross performed creditably but his innings was cut short by his very inconsiderate team manager who forced him to retire.

ANNUAL SUBS For anybody who may be confused, Annual Subs are supposed to be paid to the treasurer, not spent on lollies, cigarettes and not-so-soft-drinks. Annual Subs does not stand for Annual Spend Up BoyS.

Please pay YOUR Annual Subs NOW or suffer a fate too horrible to mention. There follows a list of punishments which the committee reserves the right to enforce whenever it chooses: PAY UP OR SUFFER: Drosh and the boys beating your heads in. A free pass to Wals favourite Nightspot. Broddy coming for dinner. (or Ossie) Dave Makrides taking out your sister. Clyde Pryn servicing your car.

The following people owe:

BLAKE	CALDWELL	CHESTERMAN	CLARK	<del>COOK</del>	DOWN	DHARUMASENA
DROSCHER(part)	<del>HANES</del> , D(part)	<del>HANES</del> , R	HAWKES	HODGES	HOLLINGSWORTH	
HURLEY	JETSON	MAKRIDES	MILES	PAYNE	PHILLIPS	PRYN
ROWBOTHAM C&K	SMITH	<del>STONE</del> , G	TAMBLYN	TOMBS	WALSH, R&M	<del>ZAFRA</del>
HAMES	POLLARD	<del>PONTIFTS</del>	SENCEK	<del>STEEL</del>	WIEGEL	
HEAD	<del>BAKER</del>	<del>MAIN</del>	GRAY	<del>WARREN</del>	WILSON	LAURIE
SANDERS	SAMPSON	WILSONS				

JUNIORS: \$7.50 WORKING SENIORS & TERTIARY STUDENTS \$20 SECONDARY STUDENTS \$12.50  
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RESULTS Round 4 (Running late due to a journalists strike)

A Grade The firsts finally cracked it for their first win of the series thanks to a hypnotic bowling performance from Dr. R.O. Blake and some fine batting, especially from Geoff Moore, newcomer Peter "Steve Robins" Newton, Broddy and young Robby Walsh whose first runs for the season were also the winning runs.

NBMCC 7/291 Defeated BALWYN UTG 9/269  
 G. Moore 94 P. Newton 43 D. Brodtmann 48x R. Blake 3/84 (25 ov)  
 J. Tamblin 28 S. Hall 22

C1 GRADE Under the captaincy of the younger Stone for the first time, the seconds came close, but couldn't quite reach the total set by Blacky North Baps. Good work with the ball came from Dave "The man of a thousand faces" Hands and his nextdoor neighbour Greg Clark, whilst useful batting came from the skipper, Jim "Jumbo" Phillips, and, making his C grade debut with the bat, Andrew "Destructo" Hawkes, who together with Jim added 73 for the 9th wicket. Another feature of this game was the umpiring of David "Trigger finger" Payne.

NBMCC 223 Lost to BLACKY NTH. BAPS 9/253cc  
 J. Phillips 50 G. Stone 35 A. Hawkes 35x D. Hands 5/68 (22ov)  
 M. Droscher 30 M. Walsh 24 G. Clark 3/86

D1 GRADE In another game much like all the others, the thirds lost outright. The result was perhaps a little disappointing coming so soon after the hard fought draw of the previous round, however, a good time was had by all.

NBMCC 68 & 68 Lost to KOO NUNG HEIGHTS 111 & 6/150  
 P. Ferrari 21 S. Hackett 3/29 Sencek 3/18

Under 16 Despite some sloppy fielding and a weakened attack the first week, we came back well the following Saturday to finish almost 100 runs ahead, thanks to a solid batting performance from Ross McDonald and an enterprising and entertaining innings from Dave Shaw who added with Alan Roodhouse a total of 91 for the 6th wicket.

NBMCC 8/242 Defeated ASHBURTON 147  
 D. Shaw 82 R. McDonald 51 A. Roodhouse 37 P. Ferrari 4/29 K. Wiegel  
 S. Pollard 29 3/32

Under 14s Under the expert guidance of the Hands brothers the Under 14s lost outright for a change. This new theory of child psychology which aims at teaching children to accept defeat for an extended period before subjecting them to the traumatic experiences associated with victory and success is producing excellent results, and is similar to the method being employed in D grade.

NBMCC 18 & 54 W Lost to ASHBURTON 6/162  
 Warren 25

TWILIGHT The second evening contest resulted in a convincing victory for our tawwific twilighters under the inspirational leadership of Captain Courageous Craig Rowbotham. The bowling honours were shared, but the highlight of our stint in the field was undoubtedly the superb running catch by D.W.D. Hands who sprinted some 30 yards from cover to catch the ball coming over his head at deep mid off. Amazing. Droschers short innings threw the opposition into disarray as he powered 3 sixers in as many balls over midon and raced to 25 with a minimum of fuss. Broddy and Craig saw us to victory despite some trouble with visibility. The way in which our skipper heroically shouldered the responsibility of facing up to Fulecky will be long remembered.

NBMCC 3/93 Defeated ALL SAINTS 7/83  
 Broddy 33x Drosch 25 Rowbotham 16x

RESULTS Round 5

A GRADE The firsts notched up their second victory of the season down near the railway line in Frog Hollow. Trinity had no answer to our aggressive approach to the game which brought us a 93 run victory. Despite overcast, showery conditions and a slippery ball on the first day we kept the opposition down to 231 runs with Tambo, Rowbotham and Tombs bowling fairly steadily. When the ball was in the air Broddy was unpassable in the field, and it followed him around for three catches and a runout, including a "look ma, no hands" catch on relay from Brew. We faced just six overs that evening, Dick batted as if he was going to a wedding, and by stumps the leeway had been cut to 186. (Trinity's opening bowler, having suffered the indignity of joining the 20s club failed to front the following week) In perfect batting conditions on the second day, we produced a run feast highlighted by Broddys maiden A Grade ton. It was a remarkable innings which included 8 sixers and provided the capacity crowd with thrill after thrill, whilst local residents

passing motorists and VicRail commuters were placed in constant fear of their lives. Controversial umpiring and a brief walk on appearance by the Doctor (who might just as well have been at a wedding) resulted in a slight top order collapse, but a superb, fluent, chanceless innings from skipper T.J. helped set things right again. It was the Walsh boys however who steered us to victory, with young Rob finally hitting his straps again after a disappointing run of outs (he also hit Harvey's car) Michael too got into the action, although it wasn't the kind of action he was really after. Victory came around 4.30pm but the real highlight of the final session of play was the arrival at the crease of Harvey Cook AIA, FRFCA. Much had been heard of this young man's on field talents, and yet little had been actually made visible. Soon however we were to be left in no doubt as to the stature of his remarkable talent. Such square driving had never been seen at Frog Hollow; such elegance, such timing, such footwork! This was not sport - this was ART. Capital A...R...T.  
 "Cook was in fine touch....a performance of stunning visual beauty...." The Sunday Press  
 "A faultless performance of classical elegance from this consummate artist...."

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NBMCC 324 Defeated TRINITY 231 & 1/48  
 Brodtman 105 R.Walsh 63 R.Stone 40 Tamblyn 3/64 Rowbotham 3/35  
 M.Walsh 37 Tombs 24

C1 GRADE An incredible bowling performance on the second afternoon enabled the seconds to pull off an amazing victory - their second of the season. Having been bundled out for a mere 119 runs on the first day, things looked pretty grim with Trinity seemingly well placed at stumps on 43 without loss. However, in the famous words of Stuart Hall, "it's recovery that makes a top footballer" and recover we did. Excellent bowling from David Hands and Greg Clark saw Trinity crumple under the pressure to be all out for just 104. Well done lads.

NBMCC 119 & 5/101 Defeated TRINITY 104  
 R.Hands 34 Clark 15 Phillips 27 McDonald 20 D.Hands 20/3/51/6  
 G.Clark 15/5/26/3

D1 GRADE Were not beaten outright (but it was a close thing) Actually we only missed a first innings victory by 10 runs. Some enterprising batting by Alan Kosky, Stuart Hackett and a Boycott like innings from Michael Jansen who carried his bat for 27x enabled us to reach three figures for the first time this season. After a promising golden duck first time at the crease Prynnie came good in the second innings. It was good to know that amidst late starts, lost and damp balls and misread street directories there was some cricket actually played.

NBMCC 108 & 91 Tied with BURWOOD UTG 118 & 81  
 Kosky 34 Jansen 27x Pryn 29 Makrides 4/27  
 Hackett 20

UNDER 16 Defeated All Saints in a high scoring game at Basil Park. Fat bowled extremely well into the wind and Tom took 3, yes 3 catches.

NBMCC 59 Defeated ALL SAINTS 27 & 7/119  
 Shaw 15 Roodhouse 13 Ferrari 6/12

UNDER 14s Continued to improve with a mere first innings defeat thanks to some determined, gritty batting.

NBMCC 40 Lost to ALL SAINTS 5/159 & 3/35

ANNUAL SUBS Please pay annual subs before Christmas as we have lots of presents to buy. The following people continue to owe \$20, \$15, \$12.50 or \$7.50

BLAKE	CALDWELL	CHESTERMAN	CLARK	DOWN	DES	DROSCHER (part)
HAWKES	HOLLINGSWORTH	JETSON	MAKRIDES	MILES	PAYNE	PHILLIPS
PRYN	ROWBOTHAMS	SMITH	TAMBLYN	TOMBS	WALSHS	HUMES
POLLARD	SENCEK	WIEGEL	HEAD	GRAY	WILSON	LAURIE
SANDERS	SAMPSON					

SOCIAL REPORT CHRISTMAS BBQ at Trev Tombs (POOLSIDE) after the game on December 20th. Come along and help push Wal into the pool. Hours of fun for the whole family. 3 Panorama Dve. Forest Hill. BYO meat and drink. Minimal admission fee. Ask Trev or Dick. During January: Golf Day at Olinda, U/16s BBQ, Car Trial etc

WELCOME BACK TO MR. EDWARD IRONS. Resuming after a three year sojourn in Adelaide.  
 WATCH OUT FOR MIKE HILL. Here for Christmas.  
 CONGRATULATIONS TO ROB WALSH now a qualified bludger with a degree in something.  
 CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG CLARK soon to join the workforce  
 Did you know....Stuart Hall is moving house....Steve Smith has rejoined the Young Singles  
 Jim Phillips needs glasses....Alex Petrovic has made a comeback....David Hands has replaced Neil Johnston on the Committee....Dave Makrides has purchased a car....  
 Peter Ferrari has made 4 ducks in a row....Harvey Cook prefers blondes....Wal isn't fussy....

Happy Christmas from the Editorial Staff.

RESULTSROUND 6 December 20A GRADE

NBMCC 113 Hall 28 Lost to St.BARNABAS 6/200 Clark 4/26  
Blake 30 off last over

C1 GRADE

NBMCC 6/171 R.Hands 28x McDonald 26x Defeated BLACKBURN ROAD 8/140 D.Hands  
Pollard 25 Davison 23 G.Stone 21 6/24

D1 GRADE

NBMCC 101 Kosky 24 Milew 22 Lost to KERRIMUIR UTG 4/165

UNDER 16

NBMCC 8/105 dec. Pollard 36 McDonald 17 Defeated BLACKBURN RD 58 Pollard 3  
& 3/41 3/11

UNDER 14

NBMCC 79 Sanders 24 Gray 20 Lost to GLEN IRIS 1/2 E.KEW 3/127

ROUND 7 Jan 10A GRADE

NBMCC 128 Moore 44x Hall 22 Lost to K.FERGUSON UTD 4/216

C1 GRADE

NBMCC 8/167 Droscher 74 Liddle 23 Defeated KOONUNG HGTS 9/117 D.Hands 3/34  
Liddle 3/35

ROUND 8 Jan 17

A GRADE In a keenly contested contest at Ferndale Park the firsts came as close as possible to winning without actually gaining six points. It may not have had quite the magic of the famous tied test, but at least it was a two sided contest for a change. Batting first the newly formed opening combination of Blake and Moore produced a fine stand of 92, with Geoff going on to record 80 valuable runs. This young Robert Walls look-alike has staked his claim as the find of the season having finally made the transition to the mat. With Payney slipping progressively lower down the order, it was swisho all round. Tombsy set the example for imaginative batting with a six over the keepers head and we ended up with 6/166 from 24 overs. Accurate bowling and on the ball fielding (including some great catching) kept the pressure on the opposition and thanks also to some not particularly intelligent batting from the ever popular Rosco, we were able to keep them to the same score. Congratulations must go to young Craig Rowbotham for not cracking under the tremendous pressure whilst bowling the final over.

NBMCC 6/166 Moore 80 Blake 30 <sup>Tud</sup> Defeated ST.SILAS/STH.CAMB 9/166

C1 GRADE Under rather warm conditions at Koonung, the seconds completed their fourth successive victory and kept their finals chances alive. The pressure was always on the opposition batsmen with our tight pace attack of Dave Hands, Clarky and Brad supported by some keen fielding despite the heat. Fine catches by Brad at slip and Jim (freshly scrubbed and shaved) behind the stumps together with two excellent run outs - a Sausage dismissal from Penguin on the boundary and a two handed runout a little later - meant that Burwood could only manage 145 from 29 overs. Our innings began disastrously with Penguin committing one of those inexplicable seabird rituals and beaching himself high and dry in the middle of the mats. Rob Hands and Dick decided that ~~running~~ should be kept to a minimum and started to throw the bat around before Rob was out at 41. Jim didn't hang around for long, and Drosch decided that two balls were enough under these weather conditions. At 5 for 66 it was touch and go, but Dave and Clarky had other ideas. With Dave being himself for a change and Greg impersonating Payney (12 singles from 14 scoring shots) the two added about 40. With Daves dismissal Brad came to the crease and after a couple balls warmup he let loose with some fine shots all round the wicket, and with some help from Jims Jumbo, made short work of the remaining 44 runs. The winning runs came from a lofted pull into Raphaels tomato patch, and it didn't take much convincing for the opposition skipper to pack up and go home - without his ball.

NBMCC 6/152 R.Stone 47 Liddle 40x Defeated BURWOOD UTG 7/145 Clark 2/41  
D.Hands 28 Clark 18x D.Hands 2/35

D1 GRADE What can you say about a team that is beaten outright in a one-day game? Do you laugh or cry? Certainly it is very tempting to laugh, but I think that this particular defeat should not be taken too lightly. Although we had 11 batsmen in the first innings, we only had 6 in the second. This mass desertion says a lot for the team spirit and responsible attitude of a number of players, and must be extremely disheartening for their captain and those interested players who want primarily to play cricket. Its certainly time that a number of D graders thought about what they really want to do on Saturday afternoons.

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D GRADE

NBMCC 73 and 31 Lost to SUMMERHILL RD 2/190 dec  
KOSKY 22 Hackett 25 KOSky 22x

DWILIGHT REPORT

FOUND 3 Dec 17  
NBMCC 9/123 Stone 25 Broddy 23 R Walsh 21 Lost to BARNYS 7/137

FOUND 4

NBMCC walked all over KOONUNG HGTS who piked it in the heat, but they wouldn't have stood a chance anyway.

ANNUAL SUBS

Once again the treasurer has advised me to make another plea for those smart aiecs who think they can get away with not paying their subs to wake up to themselves and pay up NOW. The Club still has a number of outstanding debts which must be paid absolutely soon. Money is owed to Hoaths, Nunawading City Council, Blackburn Primary School, ESCCA and others. If we are unable to meet these debts by the end of February we will have to use Kiss bubble gum cards as trophies this season. Come on, lets be sensible about it. Money is still owed by the following clowns:

CRESTERMAN CLARK DOWN DES DROSCHER (part) HOLLINGSWORTH JETSON  
MAKRIDES (plus weekly subs for every week) MILES PHILLIPS PRYN ROWBOTHAM  
TAMBLYN WALSHS LIDDLE

If you do not think you should have to pay full annual subs because you haven't played regularly complain to Dick or Brew but don't expect too much sympathy. Adjustments can be made however, if enough pressure is applied.

SOCIAL NOTES

Thanks to those who attended the Christmas BBQ at TJ Tombs' residence. A GOLF DAY at Olinda has been planned for Sunday week, February 1st. Hitting off will occur between 9 am and 9.30 am. It is planned that 9 holes will be followed by a BBQ lunch (BYO everything except BBQ itself) followed by 9 more if your legs will carry you. If interested please contact Dick NOW

A car trial is being organised for us by Robert Hands and will take place on Sunday February 15th. Further details later. Please keep this date free.

Points of Interest: Geoff Moore has been invited to play in an inter association game on Australia Day. Well done laddie.

Ron Blake plans to (sorry) Dr. Ron Blake plans to be consulting very soon in the old Woolworths warehouse at Old Orchard. He will specialise in sports injuries and trolley elbow.

Chris Byrne (the Horsham Horror) has averaged 10 runs an over in his six overs with the firsts this season. It is now believed that his P.R. build up prior to his return to Koonung Park was grossly exaggerated.

Ian Toogood has recently been appointed headmaster at the Woomelang State School somewhere in the Mallee.

Des Dharumasena has returned from a holiday in the Asian area (not the same areas that Wal once visited)

Steve Pollard has moved to Canberra

Rob Hands was no-balled twice at practice - while batting!

Andrew Hawkes must now be addressed as Mr. Hawkes - for your own safety. (My knees are trembling already)

WARNING - SMOKING IS A HEALTH HAZARD

NOSTALGIA DEPT

10 Years ago.... B1 lost to Balwyn Pres. at Myrtle Park  
NBMCC 152 & 6/83 BALWYN 3/181 Tombs 0/16 (8 ov.)  
Tombs 29 Blake 19 Harris 21 Gore 19 Blackham 16x  
D GRADE lost to Balwyn at Willismere Park  
NBMCC 125 BALWYN 184 & 3/9  
S. Pryn 21 F. Smith 16 R. Coombs 16 Courtis 4/49 Hogg 3/3  
J. Hogg 14 W. Courtis 13 R. Redman 0 Redman 4/23



ROUND 9 - Jan 24 &amp; 31

**HIGHLIGHTS** Russell Davison (C1) 9/27 David Hands (C1) 7/30 Alex Petrovic (D) 5/42  
 Greg Stone (C1) 57 David Hands (C1) 56 98 opening stand  
 G&R Stone

**RESULTS****A GRADE**

NBMCC 9/145 & 5/45 Nearly defeated outright HARTWELL 78 & 113  
 Blake 32 Brodtmann 27 Tombs 30 Clark 4/22 R.Walsh 3/14  
 Rosco Walsh 2 too few. Rowbotham 4/57

**C1 GRADE**

NBMCC 9/264 Defeated Outright HIGHFIELD RD. 61 & 142  
 G.Stone 57 D.Hands 56 R.Stone 36 D.Hands 7/30 Davison 9/27  
 D.Hawkes 31x

**D1 GRADE**

NBMCC 167 (New World Record) Defeated (Yes, Defeated) ALL SAINTS 146 & 2/131  
 Petrovic 42 Makrides 32 Hames 39x Petrovic 5/42 Makrides 4/24

**MEMORABLE MOMENTS & INTERESTING INCIDENTS FROM ROUND 9** Broddys monster sixer over Lunnys air conditioner (a much more exciting target than Rafaels tomato patch)... Tombsys inspired field placement (that batsman didn't last leong)...the Docs gully catch - inches from the ground...Craigs superb fielding (for Hartwell)...he was under pressure though - from Mrs.Broddy...Craigs battering and bruising of oppositio batsmen...Wals tragic dismissal (the least said about this the better)...By the way we were just two runs short...You see, Wal was facing the last two balls and he missed them both...but it could have happened to anyone...it wasn't really Wals fault...he did the best he could...it just wasn't good enough...isn't it funny how you remember the bad things in a players career and tend to overlook the good features... Highfields opening bowlers tight bowling spell...Penguins overhead smash fo the mid-on boundary...Dicks impersonation of Payney - 22 singles...Highfield skippers versatility - fast medium, medium medium, slow medium, etc etc...Penguins highest score ever - not counting back yard cricket...Chubby Beckers busy little tongue - like a continuous tape loop...Dave Hands generosity - giving the keeper two chances to stump him off one delivery...what a sportsman!...Hawkesys hook...Stuart Hackett doing a Rodney Hogg running himself out...Al Koskys last over sixer...Rob Rough Hands being Rob Safe Hands in slip...Als controversial runout - what a mongrel...Maccas timely catch off our friend with the mouth - "Nobody laughs at me and gets away with it"...Ha Ha Ha... Eds great bowling comeback...Handsys bowling 8.6/0/30/7...Russells amazing spell - 9.6/2/27/9...the deflected catch to mid-off...Hawkseys embarrassing catching effort... the last over - .,1(dropped catch) .,1,1(dropped catch), LBW Just as well. Alex finally making an effort - runs and wickets!...Toms amazing catch...Discos golden.. Wayne Davies' debut (Very brief)...D Grades very first win for the season...about ~~knocky~~ time...Fat's fever....

**TWILIGHT REPORT** Yet another comfortable victory on a dull Wednesday evening thanks to Steve Smiths enterprising comeback (5 sixers) Fattys bowling and catching (typical Byrne) Drosh's bowling ...Jims great captaincy. No thanks to Craigs strike rate or Dicks boring batting.

NBMCC 124 Smith 45 r Phillips 15 Hands 14 S.Walsh 13 Def BLACKY NTH BAPS 92 Drosh 3/19

**GOLF DAY** On a recent warm and sunny Sunday 11 members attended the annual NBMCC Golf Day at Olinda Golf Course and competed for the prized Cricketers Cup known the world over as every golfer's goal. The day was highlighted by Rough's wide repertoire of abusive phrases Dicks super drive through the trees and just over the green on the 9th, Roughs classic seven iron onto the green on the 15th, Wayne Davies' slice, Rob Hands Hook, Daves par on the 17th, Payneys nervous twitches when hitting off, the blowfly in Dicks milkshake, Congratulations must be extended to the winner, Dave "The Golden Bore" Hands. Tombsy ran an unspectacular last.

**BEACH DAY** On another recent warm and sunny Sunday an unofficial journey down the peninsula to catch a few waves resulted in several sore backs, bruised bodies and a torn calf muscle. In a cruel reversal of fate, it was natures turn to play us a trick, as the waves were obviously out to catch a few people. SCORES Waves 63 Undertow 35 NBMCC 13

**MONEY** ANNUAL & WEEKLY SUBS are owing from the following people: MAKRIDES \$44 PHILLIPS \$22 ROWBOTHAM \$30+ PRYN \$20 MILES \$17 DROSCHER \$18 LIDDLE \$14 DOWN \$15 CLARK \$12.50 HAMES \$7.50 WIEGEL \$7.50 HOLLINGSWORTH \$15 TAMBLYN \$10 HACKETT \$5 and there are others.....

**CAR TRIAL** Coming up next Sunday afternoon. Leaving church in Koonung Rd. from 2pm. To be followed by BYO Barbeque. Don't ask where. Bribes must be offered to Rob Hands who promises it will not tax the average cricketers IQ. Entry fees have yet to be finalised. Ask next Saturday. Please inform Rob or Dick if you are interested.

Did you hear the one about the boy who mistook a bag of groceries for the HSV 7 Outside Broadcast Camera Unit? You didn't? Well ask Clarky, he knows all about it.