

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ROUND 3 (THE SUPERSTARS)

David Brodtmann 143 - 'A' Ron Blake 85 - 'A' Opening stand of 199
 Stephen McKenzie 72 - 'B2' Alan Kosky 63 - 'D2' Rod Hames 67 - 'D2'
 Stephen Down 51x - D2 Ross McDonald 48 - B2 Michael Jansen - Hat trick U/16.

'A' GRADE REPORT Round 3 31/10 & 7/11 vs Canterbury/Mont Albert at Elgar Park

An average bowling attack allowed Canty/MtAlbert to get to its score the first week. Craig Rowbotham showed some fire but only Trevor Tombs gave the batsman any real trouble. The fielding standard was down, but reached a high when Greg Clark "intentionally" threw the wicket down and when Craig threw Eddie Secker down. Chasing 252 we started off the second day at 0/6 and made a "comfortable" start with the skipper being dropped twice in the first over. But it was shut the gate as far as Broddy was concerned. Relishing the fact that he had turned up on time Broddy set about the bowling as only he can - hooking and pulling from everywhere. He slightly dominated the opening partnership (143 of 199) but it was obvious that the skipper, with his repaired bat didn't want to risk the glue, pigskin and tape. The opening stand finished and a characteristic collapse occurred, but there was still enough runs left in the team to get the points. R.B.

<u>NEMCC</u> <u>302</u>	Defeated	<u>CANTY/MT. ALBERT</u> <u>252</u>
Brodtmann 143 Blake 85		Tombs 3/60
Hall 10x Clark 0 (Golden)		Rowbotham 2/70

'B2' GRADE REPORT Round 3 31/10 & 7/11 vs Canterbury/Mt. Albert at Koonung

Having made an embarrassing botch of the first two games, the seconds were determined to prove that they shouldn't in fact be the thirds. With the inclusion of allrounder (ambiguous adjective) Stephen McKenzie just back from an upcountry business conference and the extremely late inclusion of the younger Walsh together with the return of the skipper from his pilgrimage to the Mecca of Australian cricket (Bowral) the second XI gained an extra, much needed boost of experience. Sent in to bat on a flat, dry wicket, Canterbury could only muster 79 runs thanks to some tight bowling and good catching. Skids (alias Mark Taylor) captured three of the first four wickets with some sharp overs from the Tech School end young Robby Walsh moved the ball around like a yo-yo to pick up 3/16 from 7 overs. By stumps on the first day we had managed to pass the oppositions total for the loss of Dick (indiscreet edge) Spooner (similar) Phil Macca and R. Walsh who lost control momentarily. Ross (Under 16) McDonald and Big Macca kept things moving the following week. Little Macca making a fine debut as an opener, collecting 48 runs from a long stay at the crease. Steve Macca's intelligent innings combined both attack and defence very effectively, and proved to his doubters that far from being a spent force, Steve is in fact in his prime. The ease with which he moved between the wickets, his obvious delight in taking impossible singles and eagerness to turn ones into twos gave much pleasure to the large crowd who seemed to know that they were in the right place at the right time to witness a unique example of a top athlete in the peak of physical condition playing the innings of his life. (Come back mate) Anyway to cut a long story short the declaration was made to give us plenty of time to pick up 10 points, but despite a few encouraging signs, minds started to wander as Saturday night drew closer, and despite the efforts of 10 bowlers, much changing of ends and a really great piece of bowling by one S.R. McKenzie, victory and the ten points eluded us. However, we did get 6.

<u>NEMCC</u> <u>195</u>	Defeated	<u>CANTY/MT. ALBERT</u> <u>79 & 5/158</u>
S. McKenzie 72 R. McDonald 48		Taylor 3/21
R. Stone 18		R. Walsh 3/16

D2 GRADE REPORT Round 3 31/10 & 7/11 vs St. Barnabas at the Primary School

A new world record score and some brutal batting by Kosky, Down and Hames set the thirds up for a big win - which in the end would have been bigger had it not been for some controversial umpiring decisions. Note: In no way is this intended as a slur on the honesty and integrity of players from the opposition team. The spirit in which they play the game is, as always beyond reproach and cannot be called into question.

<u>NEMCC</u> <u>7/279</u> dec	defeated	<u>BARNYS</u> <u>75 & 8/74</u>
Kosky 63 Hames 63 Down 51x Jansen 24		Jansen 4/11 Jansen 4/10
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Under 16

<u>NEMCC</u> <u>106 & 0/14</u>	Defeated	<u>GLEN IRIS/E. KEW</u> <u>64</u>
McDonald 25 Davidson 16 Laurie 12		Dharumaseña 4/22 Jansen 4/26
<u>UNDER 14</u> <u>NEMCC</u> <u>55</u> Baker 18	Lost to	<u>StSILAS</u> <u>112 & 3/44</u>

SEEN & NOTEDa thinner and much weakened Broddy- only 3 sixers....Handsy's freak catch....Drosh's foxing in the covers & the run out....Steve Macca's beetroot sandwich.... the set up for the hook and Wals juggled catch....Brad's vicious bouncers....Prynnie's windscreen wipers....Alan Roodhouses catching behind the stumps....Tony Mercer's bruise...
 DON'T FORGET: ANNUAL SUBS NOW DUE.

RESULTS: Round 4 Nov.14th & 21st

HIGHLIGHTS Richard Stone 64 (B2) Phil McDonald 41x (B2) Ross McDonald 45 (U/16)
 Alan Roodhouse 40x (U/16) Steven Down 41 (D2)
 Darren Baker 5/6 (U/14) Craig Rowbotham 4/68 (A)

'A' GRADE NBMCC 127 & 4/67 Lost to HARTWELL UTG 244
 Oswin 28 Phillips 23x Broddy 30 Rowbotham 4/68

'B2' GRADE NBMCC 116 & 7/141 Lost to St.MARKS 231
 Stone 64 P.McDonald 41x Stone 20 R.McDonald 2/29 R.Walsh 2/31
 Hawkes 15 I.McKenzie 29 Droscher 2/33 M.Walsh 2/39

'D2' GRADE NBMCC 69 & 159 Lost to BLACKBURN ROAD 131 7& 6/48
 Semcek 20 Down 40 Ashley 23 Jansen 3/18
 Hames 23 Down 3/23

UNDER 16s After a convincing victory over Glen Iris the previous week, the Under 16s went into their bye match against Nth. Balwyn with a new found confidence. The newly established opening partnership of McDonald and Davidson continued its success, and although Craig didn't actually set the ground alight with his scoring rate, he did provide his skipper with solid support; (Craig will tell you it was a big ground and the bowling was very accurate). Dave D came and went with very little fuss to be followed by Disco Jansen (D2 superstar). Mike celebrated an early stumping attempt and a controversial decision by an anonymous umpire with a mammoth hit to the boundary but was out soon after playing the wong shot to the wong ball. The skipper meanwhile was batting with his usual steadyness and the score was gradually growing as he slowly approached his first sixth-class half-century. But whilst Macca was fiddling his way through the fidgety forties Big Al Roodhouse had come to the crease intent on stepping up the run rate. Showing himself to be a much improved batsman, Al produced shots all round the wicket, and between them they added a total of 60 runs before Ross was dismissed for 45. With just a few overs to go, the tall, handsome figure of Clyde Sampson strode to the wicket amidst much cheering from Bay 13. A short while later time had run out and the innings closed at 4/132 - a satisfactory performance on the huge G.B.Reserve.

The second morning dawned mild and sunny and after the fourth over things looked even brighter as Dave D. made two early breaks. A brief revival by the opposition was cut short by Disco in the gully. Fortunately Mike found an edged ball coming straight into his hands - always the quick thinker Mike decided that it would be easier to catch the ball than to move out of its way. The score reached fifty, and then McDonald, relishing the conditions, turned it on. In the space of six deliveries he collected 3 wickets and the innings was in tatters. The tail was promptly cleaned up and it was all over, Ross and Dave taking 5 wickets apiece. Our brief second innings was highlighted by an excellent silver duck from Clyde Simpson (sorry, Sampson) and an enterprising 19 from Mike Laurie. Adrains Zele and Gray also batted with mixed success.

NBMCC 4/132 & 2/28 Defeated NTH.BALWYN 66
 McDonald 45 Roodhouse 40x Laurie 19x McDonald 5/24
 Jansen 11 Dharumasena 5/39

UNDER 14s A fine bowling performance by Darren Baker enabled the Under 14s to win their first match of the season. Darren netted a career best of 5 for 6. Steve Warren also played a fine match getting good results with both bat and ball. Congratulations must go to Matthew Head who reached double figures for the first time. Steven Greenwood (Pom) continued his run of consistency, scoring his fourth duck in a row.

NBMCC 68 & 6/47 Defeated DONCASTER 57
 Warren 26 Gronlund 1x Baker 5/6 Warren 3/19

Highlights and odd occurrences Broddys sixers (missed the air conditioner again).... Ian Maccas bowling comeback....the second sucker to fall for the bouncer trick in two matches....StMarks junior size mats....the beautifully preserved shine on the ball.... Spooners catching on the boundary (after a practice attempt)....Darren Bakers finely flighted finger spin (another Candles?)....Ross Maccas best ever bowling....Dave Hands nearly getting lost taking his brother to his wedding....Rob finally tying the knot....Steve Downs great form with the bat....Chooks sudden run of success.... The great blue aeroplane disaster at Koonung oval....Clarkys keeping....Carey Meadows gradual comeback....Craig Rowbothams ferocious bowling....Old Father Marriott still making runs...how?....

David Hands announces that he has a lost cricket jumper at his home.

PRE-CHRISTMAS BARBEQUE COMING UP SOONWATCH THIS SPACE.

ANNUAL SUBS CONTINUE TO BE DUE.....PLEASE PAY UP NOW OR SUFFER THE FOLLOWING....

Jim Phillips coming to clean up your house and wash your clothing.

STATISTICAL SUPERSTARS Round 5

Philip McDonald 82x (B2)	Ian McKenzie 70 (B2)	David Dharumasena 63 (u/16)
John Tamblin 52 (A)	Steve Warren 44 (U/14)	Mark Pryn 43 (D2)
Ron Ashley 42 (D2)	Ricky Hodges 0 (B2)	David Brodtmann 54 (A)
Peter Ewbank 1 specky catch (U/16)		

'A1' GRADE REPORT With yet another untried opening combination (Wogg & Dick) laying the basis for a big score, the firsts were able to build a first day total of 9/183 before the lights went out at Myrtle Park. Tambo's enterprising innings was full of fine shots all around the wicket, and laid to rest once and for all the rumour that he was related to Bevan Congdon. Broddy struggled for most of his innings but came out on top with a useful half century. If only he'd rolled up his sleeves a bit more the bowlers would have been shaking in their boots. Clarky produced a little gem of an innings after the Grey Ghost (Jim Phillips) had been led on a wild goose chase by the illustrated man. With Brew and Handsy at the crease when the gloom descended, we were confident of a boosted tally the following week, and so it was to be. With Sycho Sandy contributing his usual donation of no-balls, these much underrated batsmen added over 40 runs with a blend of deflections and good old fashioned thumps. Confident in the knowledge that we had on our side the most dangerous bowler in the competition we followed our skipper onto the field - only to discover 4 no-balls and 5 full tosses later, that our secret weapon had cut his finger on a beer can. Alternative plan B was put into action and Burke & Blake reopened the attack. A Blake special (the one that swings in and cuts away) soon found the edge of the opposite skippers bat and Hall held a comfortable catch at second back stop. Runs were coming steadily and at tea the game was evenly poised. After the break the match gradually developed into a close contest which either team could have won at 5 o'clock - but which we won at 5.53pm. Some tight yet tempting spinning from Tombs at the Northern end, some sharp keeping from the Grub in Gloves and a brilliant piece of fielding from Tambo in which he threw down the stumps when only one stump was to be seen, guaranteed us our third win of the season in a game that was Brew's last as an unattached accountant.

NEMCC 227	Defeated	Balwyn Utg. 203
Tamblin 52 Brodtmann 54 Hands 25x		Tombs 4/48
Stone 20 Clark 18 Hall 16x		Blake 3/7

'B2' GRADE REPORT A mixture of bad weather, good weather, good fielding, bad batting, and Booze led the depleted 2nd XI, under yet another captain (on whom none of the blame can be placed) to a disappointing defeat at the hands of Balwyn Utg. As the Umpire explained "Balwyn didn't win the match...North Blackburn's inexperience lost it for them" Having been set 220 to win, Ian McKenzie and Phillip McDonald, aided by young Robby Walsh, gave us every chance of victory, but batting virtually two short, and with what turned out to be a long tail, we slumped from 4/190 to all out 206. Enough said.

NEMCC 202	Lost to	Balwyn Utg 8/219 dec
P.McDonald 82x I.McKenzie 70 R.Walsh 17		R.McDonald 3/37

D2' REPORT A total of 206, in which most batsmen played a useful part seemed enough runs to guarantee a win for the thirds - and win they did. But only just; thanks largely to somebody's wedding.

NEMCC 206 & 5/137	Defeated	Mooroolbark Baps. 199
M.Pryn 43 R.Ashley 42 Hackett 39		Ashley 3/24
P.Pryn 25x//Jansen 28 Miles 38 Sencek 28		

UNDER 16 REPORT Having been soundly thrashed by Blacky South at their last encounter on a Junior soccer ground, the Under 16s were keen to avenge that defeat on a real cricket oval. A splendid innings by Dave ~~Blacky~~ ~~South~~ ~~at~~ ~~their~~ ~~last~~ ~~encounter~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~real~~ ~~cricket~~ ~~oval~~. A splendid innings by Dave Dharumasena incorporating some glorious straight drives to the long boundary, together with another good knock from Alan (B.P.) Roodhouse, and good support from Sampson, Zele etc. enabled us to tally 6/140cc. The following week, with Ross Macca busy jet setting around the country Dave D. took control of the team, and had the pleasure of capturing the final wicket in a nail biting finish. Special mention must be made of Crackers Rowbotham for a great overhead mark to dismiss everybody's favourite batsman, Tommy (Chook) Pontikis for subbing, catching and running out and Ewby for a top catch in the gully.

NEMCC 6/140 cc	Defeated	Blacky Sth/B'wood 138
Dharumasena 63 Roodhouse 21		Roodhouse 4/36

<u>UNDER 14 REPORT</u>	Nothing to say except that the little chaps lost again.
NEMCC 85	Lost to
Warren 44 Lodge 10x	
	Blacky Sth. 104 & 1/29
	Kemp 2/22 Baker 2/27

TWILIGHT REPORT Amid much controversy and speculation in conditions more suited to spotlighting rabbits we lost by one or two runs.

NEMCC 110 - 113	Lost to	Blacky Road 111 - 114
Hawkeys mate 30 Broddy 26 Dick 16		

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP BARBY

Please note that this ever popular function will be held at Dicks place 16 TYRRELL AVE. BLACKBURN on SATURDAY December 19th. after the match. B.Y.O. meat. Drinks will be on sale for amazing prices.

SENIOR matches recommence after the break on JANUARY 9th (A & B2) & 16th (D2) with one day games. Please notify your Captain as to your whereabouts on the above dates.

ANNUAL SUBS A large quantity of Senior players and a lesser number of Juniors have not yet paid up. This makes the Treasurers life very difficult - as if it isn't difficult enough already. PLEASE PAY NOW or we'll get violent. Really. Fix em Broddo!

JOHN TAMBLYN'S TESTIMONIAL MATCH Today's A Grade match has been declared John Tambllyn's testimonial match by the ACB. John (alias Wogg, Tambo, Snake, Jack Stinky Jr. etc) is the first of our Clubs players to be granted this honour. One of the clubs most popular members, Johnny Jancun is off to the old country on January 7th to become emotionally involved with a Pommy lass - yes, he's doing it by choice - and may well be absent from the matting wicket for a season or two (or even more if he slips right under the thumb). We hope to raise through donations and multi corporational sponsorships, enough money to provide him with a balaclava and a battery operated reptile warmer to keep away the winter chills. Please give generously. Show him you care.

Memorable moments from recent weeks B grade using a ball with bottle tops in it during the storm affected first day (or was that a night)....Jim's decoy stumping.... Johnny Mile's one and only over - a wicket off the first delivery and then 32 off the next 7 balls....Ricky Hodges catch - that was no catch, that was an accident.... Blacky Soths (U/16) coach - cool in a crisis....Michael Laurie practicing to be a wicket-keeper when he grows up....Huggers batting in the association match (5x4s in 22).... Hawkseys twilight accident....Broddys temper = one broken stump....the bowled that wasn't....Jim's winning catch - an unorthodox kind of bat -pad....Balwyns whingeing batsmen....Kevin Wiegel and Alex Petrovic escaping from custody behind the Iron Curtain... the photograph of Phil McDonald that wasn't....

CORRESPONDENTS REPORT Steve "Slug" Smith has been wowing the locals at Bruthen with some devastating leg spin bowling and some shifting of weight..... Greg "Penguib" Stone has settled into Don Bradmans old team and has made a name for himself as an opening batsman. He has even had his picture in the "Southern Highland News"....Steve Pollard has been playing serious turf cricket in Canberra with mixed success and is looking forward to a temporary return to NBMCC over the holiday period.... 1982 appointments; Tony Chanter will be teaching at Healesville next year..... Steve Smith at Lucknow (near Bairnsdale)..... Chris Byrne at Horsham again.....(poor Horsham)

THE EDITORIAL STAFF WISH ALL PLAYERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD HOLIDAY.....

P.S. BREW got married yesterday.

RESULTS: Round 6 Dec.12 & 19 / Round 7 Jan 9 / Round 8 Jan 16'A' GRADE 6

NBMCC 9/229 & 4/28 Defeated
Blake 108x Oswin 40 Tamblyn 31

St.SILAS/STH.C*WELL 180
Rowbotham 3/44 Blake 3/63

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NBMCC 9/150 Lost to
Stone 43 Blake 30 Brodtmann 29

ST.BARNADAS 1/188

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NBMCC 118 Lost to
Tombs 21 Rowbotham 18 Clark 16

DEEPDENE 7/200
Blake 3/63

'B2' GRADE 6

NBMCC 201 Defeated
R.Walsh 41 R.McDonald 37 Clark 37 Hawkes 20

TRINITY 190
R.Walsh 4/62

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NBMCC 8/160 Defeated
McKenzie 49 P.McDonald 39 Liddle 27x

WYCLIF 145
R.Walsh 4/53

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NBMCC 9/153 Lost to
McKenzie 33 Liddle 33 R.Walsh 28

KERRIMUIR 5/155
Droscher 3/15

'D2' GRADE 6

NBMCC 164 Defeated
Hackett 28x Pryn 26 Hames 22 Wiegel 27

DEEPDENE 160 & 0/58
Down 4/49 Ashley 2/7

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NBMCC 157 Defeated
Pryn 59R.Hands 33 Hames 26

DURWOOD 64
Jansen 4/17 Hands 3/0

UNDER 16 6

NBMCC 9/128 Lost to
Roodhouse & 53 Davidson 14

BORONIA 7/205
McDonald 5/25

STATISTICAL SUPERSTARS Round 9 Jan 23 & 30

Ron Blake 129 (A) Rob Walsh 64 (B2) Stuart Hackett 76 (D2) Dick Stone 57 (A)
Skids Taylor 56 (B2) Steve Down 53 (D2)
Mike Jansen 5/44 (D2)

RESULTS'A' GRADE

NBMCC 234 Lost to
Blake 129 Stone 57 Phillips 21

BLACKY STH/BENNETTSWOOD 5/3-01
Tombs 3/

'B2' GRADE

NBMCC 251 Defeated
R.Walsh 65 Taylor 56 McKenzie 32 Droscher 22

ASHBURTON 228
Weatherley 3/31

'D2' GRADE Liddle 20

NBMCC 255 Defeated
Hackett 76 Pryn 40 Down 53 Hames 19
Sencek 16

ALL SAINTS 142 & 7/152
Down 3/43 Jansen 5/44

TWILIGHT Round 2 Dec 16

NBMCC 114 Lost to
Weatherley 29 Broddy 21

BARNYS 132
Hands 2/12 Wiegel 2/20

Round 3 Jan 27

NBMCC 6/143 Lost to

WYCLIF 7/151
Broddy 2/36 Macca 2/33

Broddy 44r Oswin 30r Stone 25 R.McDonald 25r
* 4x6s (32 in one over)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: Ross McDonald (U/16 captain) top scored for the ESCICA side in an inter-association game on Monday Feb 1st. with a fine 60, leading a batting revival which took the score from 6/40 to 9/184. Well done lad.

ANNUAL SUBS.....ANNUAL SUBS....ANNUAL SUBS.....ANNUAL SUBS.....ANNUAL SUBS.....

For those of you having trouble coming to grips with this frequently appearing phrase there follows a definition:

subscription /n. 1. a monetary contribution towards some object or a payment for shares. 2. the dues paid by a member of a club, society etc.

annual / adj. 1. of, for, or pertaining to a year; yearly 2. occurring once a year etc.

If language is a barrier the following might be for you:

annual abonnement.....jarlich Abonnement....annuale abbonamento....
annual subscripcion.....regularo ruppees.....

SERIOUSLY THOUGH.....this cricket club, like other amateur sporting groups, is designed to provide members of the local community with the opportunity to engage in a game of cricket with their mates. It is not a profit making concern, but neither is it sponsored by the government nor wealthy industrialists, nor BHP (the big Australian). NIMCC is a self supporting group which can only provide services in proportion to the contributions of its members. Financial contributions, whether weekly or annual are required only to cover the ever increasing running costs of the club. Last season it cost approximately \$2,400 to run the club. This season, with general increases in the cost of equipment and ground rentals, plus unexpected expenses such as a new set of mats, it will be well over \$2,500. This does not include payments to umpires.

In actuality, it takes a lot more than \$2,500 to keep the club operating efficiently. It requires not just donations of money, but donations of time and effort on the part of each member. By being slack with your payments of subs you not only make the committees task difficult, but you also create the situation wherein the club is being supported by only a limited number of its members. If your mates have paid up, why shouldn't you.

Social events and functions are arranged for your benefit, and as a means of raising funds to supplement the income provided by subs. They are a necessary part of the club's activities, and need your support. Next time you complain about the practice equipment just think for a moment - have you paid your subs? Have you put into the club as much as you are taking out?

According to our records the following people owe ANNUAL SUBS for 1981/82:

BURKE	CLARK	DROSCHER	HAMES(part)	HANDS,R(part)	HODGES
HOLLINGSWORTH (part)		McKENZIE	MILES(part)	PETROVIC	ROXBOTHAM
McDONALD,P.	TAYLOR	WALSH,M	WALSH,R.	WEATHERLEY	CHANTER
GRAY	MANN	DHARUMASENA	ZELE	LIDDLE	

ALSO some Under 14s (ask Handsy)

SPECIAL EFFORT 1981/82

Please make a special effort to sell your book of tickets for this years special effort. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the prizewinners will be drawn at the SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT in April.

REMEMBER...If we sell all tickets you can have better practice equipment, more comfortable boxes, and even new practice nets next year.

CAKE STALL

Another cake stall will be held at the usual place on Saturday morning Feb 27th. Please warn mothers and cake bakers.

A FINAL THREAT

The committee has been forced to make the following threat - a threat which will become a reality if necessary.

- 1) No player owing money to the club will be eligible to receive a trophy for the current season.
- 2) If annual subs are still outstanding by the end of February from 3 or more members of the one team (teams as for round 10) no trophies shall be made available for that particular team.

THINK ABOUT IT.....

CLASSIC PERFORMANCES Round 10

Anthony 'Tony' Chanter 110 (A) David 'Bruiser' Brodtmann 101 (A)
 Mark Taylor 58 (B2) Robert 'N.W.' Hands 60 (D2)
 Round 8 (Juniors)
 Ross 'Ronald' McDonald 94 (U/16) Steve 'Ginge' Warren 59 ret (U/14)

RESULTS Round 10 Feb 6 & 13'A' GRADE

NBMCC 8/300 Defeated CAMBERWELL UTG 218
 Chanter 110 Brodtmann 101 Rowbotham 3/30 Tombs 3/37
 Hall 33x Hands 3/57

'B2' GRADE

NBMCC 222 & 2/46 Defeated KEW BAPS. 173
 Taylor 58 Weatherley 42 Weatherley 3/35 McDonald
 Droscher 23 R. McDonald 20 3/21

'D2' GRADE

NBMCC 169 & 7/140 Lost to KERRIMUIR UTD 238
 Ashley 48 Hands 60 Jansen 46 Hackett 3/5

Under 16 Round 7

NBMCC 5/101 Defeated TRINITY 63
 McDonald 36 ret. Dharumasena 3/20 Macca 3/40

Under 14

NBMCC 7/73 Defeated BALWIN UTG 8/59
 Hancock 22 Warren 15 Lodge 2/4 Baker 2/10 Kotz 1/5

Under 16 Round 8 (incomplete)

NBMCC 2/205 vs GLEN IRIS /B.KEW
 McDonald 95 Dharumasena 44x Rodhouse 42

Under 14

NBMCC 7/159
 Warren 59 ret Kotz 47x Baker 24

'A' GRADE REPORT Despite being forced to field in hot and blustery conditions, we got off to an excellent start thanks to yet another tremendous tactical ploy instigated by the brains of the outfit, Craig 'P.B. Rowbotham. In an inspired piece of subtle strategy Craig sent Clarky (disguised as a market gardener) out to Raffael's fence where he promptly pretended to poison the paspalum. Meanwhile back at the pitch the skipper proceeded to set an orthodox quackie's field designed to cope with the good length outswinger, and showing himself to be the great student of psychology that he is, he followed this manoeuvre with a stunning example of deceptive mental manipulation. By actually issuing audible instructions to his bowler such as, "Pitch it up, Craig", and "Off stump, mate" Dr. Blake succeeded in making the batsmen think that Plastic Bertrand would be employing an off side attack to a heavily packed off side field. A quick glance around the field and the batsman noted with delight the vast expanses of vacant territory on the leg side. Craig delivers his first ball - short and thank you very much it is dispatched unceremoniously to the mid wicket boundary. Clarky strolls around and returns the ball with an Italian accent. The second ball is delivered - short again and the batsman's eyes light up as he moves into another hook. Clarky peels off his moustache, pulls in his lip and swallows the catch. Onefer. Two overs later Criagis bowling to the other opener. This time however, Clarky is disguised as a cricketer, and being a wake up to this clever ploy, the batsman decides the ball must go over the top. Short again, and look out Raffael here it comes! But to everyone's surprise Jim leaps high in the air to pull down a Jezza off the top edge. Twofer. Not long after, with Clarky now brilliantly disguised as a boundary flag, Craig drops it short again. This time however, the plan looks to have failed - the ball is hit well and appears to be travelling comfortably over the square leg umpires head towards the fence, with not a fieldman in sight. The batsman affords himself a little grin - but he hasn't picked up Clarky's disguise and suddenly in a flash with a dash and a dive our hero scoops up the ball inches from the turf and holds it triumphantly aloft. Threefer.

Chapter 2 or How Tony threw down the stumps and made it fourfer.

Once upon a time.....

Anyway, to cut a long story short, I lost my mind. Shortly after tea we had them on toast, but we were pretty warm ourselves by this stage, and when big Wedger came in to bat, escaped an early chance and then threw the bat heavily around we could offer little in the way of resistance. One monster slog from Trev landed in the middle of you know who's tomato patch and a replacement ball was demanded. It was only needed for one delivery and D.H. held a catch to finish off an unfortunately extended innings. With just ten minutes to bat, all that was needed from our opening pair was some sensible defensive batting to see out time, but Dick couldn't control himself and went for the big hook shot. Result; yet another unhappy hooker.

No report of this game would be complete without a detailed description and analysis of two of the finest innings ever seen on Koonung Park. However, on second thoughts the innings of Messrs. Chanter and Brodtmann were so stunningly brilliant in conception and merciless in execution that they defy description. Mere words can only recreate a pale shadow of the real thing. They had to be seen....you had to be there. The Welshman paced himself like a marathon runner (or a blue movie star) and after a prolonged period of settling in, adjusting to the conditions and gauging the character of the attack he suddenly, and without warning let loose and reduced the opposition to their knees (brought the opposition to their knees would be a more appropriate phrase here. ed.) with a flurry of excited strokes all around the wicket. Broddys was a more concise innings, watchful at times but brutal at others. The highlight clearly being the over from Wedger in which he dispatched the poor fellow for 24 runs including two big sixers over square leg. The airconditioner, however remained intact. Brew made a welcome return to form and recalled Ian Chappell with his superb execution of the sweep shot.

The End.

CAKE STALL.....CAKE STALL.....CAKE STALL.....CAKE STALL.....

Don't forget to remind the cooks and cake bakers of the CAKE STALL to be held next Saturday morning 27th of February at 114 Springfield Rd. Blackburn, commencing at 9.00 am.

Cakes can be delivered on Friday evening 26th to either
Dick Stone's 16 Tyrrell Ave. Blackburn or
Oswin residence corner Koonung and Springfield Rds or
David Hands place 5 Norway Ave., Blackburn

or they can be delivered direct to the stall before 9.00 am.
Collection of cakes(or pants) can be arranged by ringing Dick 8782606 or
Dave 888385

ANNUAL SUBS.....Don't forget the dire threats and warnings that have been issued.
PLEASE PAY NOW if you haven't already.

SPECIAL EFFORT BOOKSPlease make a special effort to seal these tickets to keep
the receivers and liquidators away from the dpor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Trevor Tombs (NBMCC) Life member is now the proud father of a girl
born to Diane on Friday the 19th. Congratulations Trev.