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GARRY HAS TO WAIT FOR THE BIG 100

Just how unlucky can you get?

That bouncer which felled Garry Semmens in last week's 2nd XI game against Brighton C. of C. not only gave Garry a depressed fracture of the cheekbone and robbed the 2nds of a victory only 6 runs away, but also delayed Garry's 100th game with the club. Last week was Garry's 99th game with Carnegie South, but he will now have to wait at least six weeks before he can achieve the three-figure milestone.

Garry was due to undergo an operation yesterday and we know he will soon bounce back to don the whites for that well-earned hundredth appearance.

1st XI

by Daryl Pitman

Lack of batting practice and a more worrying lack of application contributed to a disappointing first round loss to East Bentleigh. Only Ken Gale and Brian Lyons showed any fight with the bat, whilst Alan Johanson gave a good, sustained display of bowling. If we can't apply ourselves a lot better this week we will once again be behind the eight-ball with two early losses. A few more senior players at practice would be a welcome sight, or are we content to let the lower graded teams show us what dedication and club spirit are all about?

East Bentleigh 138 (A.Johanson 5/46) d. Carn. Sth. 94 (K.Gale 37 n.o., B.Lyons 15) and 2/31.

2nd XI

by a strolling nun

It is not often a team can feel proud of its performance after losing a game, but an exception was the opening round. The fielding on the first day was of a very high standard with some excellent catches taken by Peter Hess, Russ Whyte and "Sniper" Dettman, and a very creditable performance behind the stumps by Greg Date. The bowling of Mark Meredith, Dave Atkinson, Russ Whyte and Bomber McSwain was reasonably tight and should improve as the season gets under way. The best aspect of the whole game was the way in which the entire side applied themselves when batting. Rick Comber and Noel Dettman looked a very solid pair and Peter Hess did a tremendous job as night watchman. Dave Mills showed the advantage of plenty of pre-season practice, while Mark Meredith and Greg Date curbed their normal desire to swing the bat and played very determined innings. In his 99th game, Garry Semmens looked set to play the game of his life and snatch victory for the side, but was unfortunately badly hurt by a sharply rising ball which fractured a cheekbone and finished our chances for the match. However, the fight shown by the team,

the discipline and behaviour was a credit to every player and to captain John Earle. If this is continued during the year there is no doubt we will be among the top sides at the end of the season.

Brighton C of C 163 (D. Atkinson 4/52, R. Whyte 4/20) d. Carn. South 157 (G. Semmens 22 n.o., N. Dettman 21, D. Mills 21).

3rd XI

by Rob Hess

After bundling out Brighton Union for 59 with accurate bowling by Steve Jones and Brian Lawler and brilliant fielding by Derek Barry and Martin Large, we felt confident of a first innings lead. It was not to be. Batting three short, the team could only manage 52. In the second innings, Steve Large and Brian Lawler ripped through the Union batting line-up to leave Carnegie South with a target of 86 to win. After a good start by Brian Lawler and Glen Corke, three run-outs left the task beyond us, as we struggled to make 51.

Brighton Union 59 (B. Lawler 5/22, S. Jones 4/30) & 78 (B. Lawler 4/36, S. Large 4/10) d. Carn. Sth. 52 (B. Lawler 22, G. Schwab 12) and 51 (B. Lawler 16).

4th XI

by Peter Moait

The 4th eleven were beaten outright in their first game for 1978-79. There were quite a few new names in the side and we were desperately lacking experience. I didn't expect the team to work wonders straight away and we have got to keep persevering. I must give credit to the boys for the way they fought out the whole game. Never did they give up hope. A fine bowling and batting performance was given by Michael O'Hanlon. John Lucidi also fielded well in his first game for the club. I am looking forward to the next game and hope we can advance a step closer to the top teams.

East Cheltenham 6/201 dec. (J. Ronke 3/72) d. Carn. South 53 (M. O'Hanlon 27) and 43 (M. O'Hanlon 23).

Bet Ken Gale wished he hadn't organised the practice match against Upwey-Tecoma. It cost him a new laminated windscreen after a towering six. (off Rob Hess' bowling - sorry Rob).

Have you organised a table for the Sportsman's Night?

If you haven't sold at least two tickets, you are letting your club and your teammates down. This night is to raise money for YOUR benefit. Perhaps if only the players who supported our club functions were allowed to use our equipment and facilities, the message might sink in.

Hear there's a bit of a wager between "Macca" and "Corky" on their performances this year. Just watch it if he buys you a drink, Glen. Make sure it hasn't been tampered with - he'll try anything.

Many thanks to those players who helped us out at the last minute in the last round, and a big welcome to all new players.

Just because the Magpies got rolled in the VFL finals again, there is no need to send out a few mascots to terrorise our players at practice. The feathered black-and-whites have been nesting in the trees surrounding our ground and have delighted in swooping our players as they do a lap. Still, it's not the first time we have had things done to us from great heights.

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