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WINS A MUST

The day of reckoning has arrived for our four teams still in the finals race.

If everything goes our way, we could have all four in the finals. However, this is an outside possibility as the second eleven have

only the slimmest hope. The first, third and junior elevens must all win this game to be playing in the finals.



CAPPY'S BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME !

Can we make the finals and win a premiership for this man?

Our President of 42 years, Cappy Ward has been waiting since 1932 for a Carnegie South premiership.

He is pictured here with Mrs. Ward.

From the Secretary.....

Negotiations are now under way with Carnegie Uniting Cricket Club for a joint venture to install practice nets between the two pavilions. A sub-committee from each club will meet soon to discuss the feasibility of the project. If you can lend assistance in any way, please contact Daryl Pitman, Ron Fauvel or John Earle. It is hoped the nets will be ready for the beginning of next season.

The club has purchased its first helmet and it is the intention of the committee to eventually supply at least two helmets per team. However, owing to the huge expense involved, this will be a gradual process.

The second of our honour boards has arrived and will brighten our rooms. Many thanks to Ian Wilton and colleagues for a much-appreciated effort.

PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE

Friday, April 18

Murrumbeena Hall,
Kangaroo Road,
Murrumbeena

This will be a great night and tickets are available at \$26 per Double B.Y.O.

Please see TONY BARRY if you wish to pay anything off your ticket.

**CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD
FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

DAV. WHATMORE AT JUNIOR NIGHT

Australian Test batsman Dav. Whatmore will present the Under-14 trophies at their Presentation Night on Friday, March 14.

The function will be held at the clubrooms, commencing at 7 p.m. and

will be followed by supper and refreshments. The kids have done a fantastic job in their inaugural year, and we'd like to see plenty of current senior players there to show their appreciation of the effort by our future seniors.

SOCIAL NOTES

Last Sunday's Golf Day at Moorabbin and barbecue at the Earles was a fantastic success with a good roll-up and a very enjoyable day. The weather was perfect but sorry we can't say the same about the golf. David Atkinson and Alan Burr-idge retained their title, despite a strong challenge by the Barry brothers. We'd all better start practising — can't let those two win it three years in a row! Many thanks to John and Lyn for the use of their home and to Marg and Bill Bacon for pitching in with their tent (sorry about that).

Tony Barry is still collecting progressive payments for Dinner Dance tickets and so far the numbers have been disappointing. Come on everybody. This is our big night of the year where we don't even aim for a profit. There are over 70 registered players in this club. Surely 50 couples for a Presentation Dinner Dance isn't asking too much. If we didn't hold such a night, I'm sure we'd get more than 50 people asking "why don't you . . . etc, etc."

The counting of votes for the 1979-80 Ward Medal will take place at the clubrooms on Saturday, 1st March, after the last home-and-away game. The social committee is endeavouring to make this night a higher standard than previous counts and are hopeful of a good attendance. The ladies have been asked to bring casseroles, so a good spread is assured. The function will commence around 7.30 and we should witness a close count for the ninth H. Ward Trophy for the First XI Best Team Player.

POINTS TO PONDER

As the season draws to a close, five players seem to have a chance of winning the Richards Newsagency Award. In the closest finish since the trophy was first awarded two seasons ago, an outstanding performance in the final round will clinch it for that player. Last season the top five players were:

- D. Atkinson — 208
- A. Johanson — 206
- R. Hess — 200
- S. Large — 196
- D. Pitman — 183

. . . and it seems that a similar total of 208 will win it again this year. A. Burr-idge headed the table for four consecutive rounds, but an overseas sojourn has left him one solitary point behind team mate Greg Callanan and the tussle between these two, with outsider Alan Johanson a big danger in third position, should be a feature of Round eleven.

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writes exclusively for 'At The Crease'



A NIGHTMARE AD-VENTURE

Nightmares are terrible things, especially when they just won't go away. I know, because I had a ripper recently.

You see, my old mate Percy Peewell called around the other night when it was still as hot as a Laurie Hevey staright drive, so naturally we laid to rest a few aristotles. We must have spent an hour discussing the virtues of sponsorship in junior sport today (Percy is still offering \$100 for the first 80-year-old, red-headed, Lithuanian Labour voter to score a century on our ground) and I think that's what caused the trouble.

After Percy left, I went straight to the cot and was asleep before the missus even had time to put the rubbish out (well, she cooked it!). So, there I was in dreamland, watching TV when suddenly Peter Hess appears on a beach in a bikini extolling the virtues of Big M. I did what any other person with normal eyesight and a weak stomach would do and immediately switched to another channel.

Bad move! This time it was Bomber McSwain advertising Dietale — by saying he never touched the stuff. This was all too much. On to the next channel — Oh No, Ian Wilton spelling out M-e-n-t-h-o-i-d-s.

The next one was a shock — a pair of hairy hands rubbing Penetrene into Coco Lyons' legs — and on Channel 2! I couldn't beleive it.

Now I could see Penguin Dettman with his hand to his head in salute fashion, saying "No nasty little nuts get through our photo scanner — ooh noo".

They just kept coming — some French sheila was ripping the real half of Tony Barry's beard off with a rusty Bic razor and then Bill Bacon appeared with band-aids all over his face, urging us all to be Safety Watchits.

That was where I woke up in a lather of sweat (if this was a classier rag, I'd use 'perspiration' there). I stumbled out to the loo, relieved at having woken up. Now with any luck I'll dream about Charlie's Angels, I thought as I returned to bed.

No such luck.

That infernal TV was there again — and in colour. Steve Large was sitting behind a jug of white muck, talking about Nature Slim, his lips not moving

at all. Back to Channel 7 and glory be — no ads on. But what was this? . . .

John Earle was slamming his fist down on the table and screaming to wife Lyn, "You're not taking the Kingswood, I've just wall-papered the petrol tank".

I switched the TV off, but it made no difference. I was wondering whether I'd gone in my sleep and this was really that downstairs place. It was awful.

Ron Fauvel's smiling dial was on screen now as he faced up in the nets saying "Lawst one before breakfast chaps".

I couldn't stand it, but as in most nightmares I couldn't move, couldn't get away.

Now Bryan McDonald was calling his dogs and feeding them on Pal out of a red construction helmet. After that it was John Hirth saying "I do it at night". But even worse was to come when a horrible thing dressed in a ballet dress and calling itself the Roof Fairy appeared — looking very much like Dave Atkinson.

I didn't know how much more I could take. Martin Balsarini suddenly featured with a chorus of "I'm an Aussie", followed an instant later by Alan Burr-idge, Warren Finnis and Rob David playing a quiet game of deck quoits on a ship's deck while a kindly-looking captain painted a serene picture of a cruise with P & O.

Now the images were mingling together and I could make out a Smurf leaping around an Arthur Murray dance studio — no wait, it was Garry Semmens.

I felt weak but had to do something and with one last desperate lunge, I managed to pull the plug out of the wall. It worked. Silence!

I had to regain my senses and decided on a bit of Beautiful Music to soothe my shattered nerves. So I struggled to the tranny and flicked the switch — just in time to hear "Hello, this is Cappy Ward, did your cat get his whiskers today?"

In mad panic, I picked up the Radiola and tossed it through the window. I must have been really thrashing about as I kicked the wife's teeth out of the jar and into the fish tank in the next room as I woke up. I was shaken and exhausted but glad to realize it was only a nightmare.

If Percy mentions anything about sponsorship to me again, I'll change pubs!

1st XI REPORT

Round 8 Hampton Central v C.S.

A new-found keenness was evident in this match and contributed to a good win. Sharp fielding and tight bowling kept the hosts to 125 in their first innings before a solid 54 by Ian Wilton set the basis for our 4/140 dec. Despite a great spell of bowling by Bryan McDonald, we ran out of time in our bid for outright points. A highlight of this game was some great throwing from 'Macca' and Tony Barry to cause three clever run-outs.

C.S. 4/140 dec. (I. Wilton 54 n.o., W. Meredith 21, N. Dettman 17) d. Hampton Central 125 (A. Johanson 3/28) and 8/83 (B. McDonald 6/29).

Round 9 E.S.B.C. v C.S.

A sensational spell of bowling by John Hirth and Bryan McDonald routed East Sandy Boys Club for 82. John collected seven wickets with his swinging deliveries, bowling 18 overs in succession in an inspiring effort. However, Macca's tally of 2/19 (off 15 overs) belies his magnificent performance. If our bowlers can continue that form into the finals, and the fielding is as smart as it was in this game, we must stand a great chance of winning our first flag in 49 years.

C.S. 6/88 (I. Wilton 25, A. Johanson 19, D. Pitman 17 n.o.) d. E.S.B.C. 82 (J. Hirth 7/45).

Round 10 East Bentleigh v C.S.

The combined force of our batting line-up took full advantage of our weaker opposition at East Bentleigh. Although their bowling and fielding was well below C-Grade standard our fellows deserve full credit for exploiting the situation to the fullest by displaying a healthy 'killer instinct'. This was evidenced by the fact that of 9 batsmen, 8 scored over 20. Unfortunately, time once again beat us in our outright bid. Bryan McDonald and Alan Johanson continued their good form with the ball.

C.S. 7/305 c.c. (J. Earle 69 n.o., A. Johanson 45, T. Barry 41, W. Meredith 39, M. Meredith 29 n.o., I. Wilton 22, N. Dettman 21, L. Hevey 21) d. East Bentleigh 108 (B. McDonald 5/35) and 7/107 (A. Johanson 4/38).

Our favourite Prsident, Cappy Ward hasn't been enjoying the best of health lately but, although unable to get to recent games, he has kept a close eye on our progress. We all wish Cappy a speedy return to full health and hope to see him soon.

2nd XI REPORT

Round 8 C.S. v Bentleigh A.N.A.

A gutsy effort by Brian Lyons was the only bright spot in our first innings after being sent in to bat by A.N.A. Coco opened the innings and was last man out after making 44 out of a total of 95. A desperate fightback and excellent bowling by Russ Whyte was rewarded by having the opposition reeling at 5/35 at stumps. However, on the second day's play they steadied and managed a comfortable first innings win.

Bentleigh A.N.A. 169 (R. Whyte 4/31, P. Hess 3/22) and 4/67 d. C.S. 95 (B. Lyons 44).

Round 9 C.S. v Caulfield Socials

Unfortunately, we went into this important match at less than full strength, and although every player tried hard all day we were simply not good enough to beat Socials. The fielding and bowling was tight, particularly by Alan Burrridge, who was very unlucky not to pick up a few wickets in his 17 accurate overs. Tony Barry and Glen Corke both showed fine form with the bat, but with the failure of other players to get going, we finished up 90 runs short of the target set for victory.

Caulfield Socials 4/227 d. C.S. 139 (T. Barry 33, G. Corke 31, G. Semmens 16).

Round 10 C.S. v Mackie

With the side back at close to full strength, we proved much too strong for Mackie, dismissing them for 145, and finishing at 5/210 on the second day. Despite this, the win came too late to lift us back into finals contention after losing three straight games and dropping from 4th to 6th position on the ladder. This is the time of year when we can look back at earlier games which we should have won, which would have seen us playing off in this year's finals.

C.S. 5/210 dec. (B. Lawler 81 n.o., M. Balsarini 51, G. Corke 31 n.o.) d. Mackie 145 (D. Mills 3/21) and 1/84.

3rd XI REPORT

Round 8 C.S. v Omega

Undoubtedly this was a game we should have won. The team bowled and fielded well and showed glimpses of batting form but it wasn't enough. We had Omega on their knees at 9/89 but the tenth wicket added a further 83 runs and the target of 172 proved

way beyond our capability with the bat. The second innings highlight was the capture of a hat-trick by Greg Callanan — a well-deserved and fitting triumph for his efforts during the season.

Omega 172 (B. Lawler 5/31, G. McSwain 2/30) and 8/104 (G. Callanan 5/16 inc. hat-trick) d. C.S. (N. Schreenan 31, W. Finnis 17, B. Lawler 17, R. Hess 17).

Round 9 C.S. v St. Kilda C.B.C.

With the help of two juniors (Nigel Schreenan and Darren Isaacs) the Thirds with not the most endowed side, but certainly the most enthusiastic, defeated 'top dogs' St. Kilda CBC. The opposition made only 134 after some tight bowling from Rob Hess and Greg Callanan. We were soon in trouble with the bat, however, and only some tail-wagging from Snape, Ellis, Callanan, Isaacs and Bomber enabled us to win with one wicket in hand. It was good to see all the other club members right behind us to the last run. Is this a return of the atmosphere this club needs? I hope so.

C.S. 9/135 (D. Snape 30, R. Ellis 25, G. Callanan 20) d. St. Kilda CBC 134 (R. Hess 4/26, G. Callanan 2/38).

Round 10 Nth. Caul/G'huntly v CS

On their performance in Round 10, the Third eleven do not deserve to play in the final series, IF they make it. In an important game where application, dedication and concentration were needed, especially in the batting, we fell down badly. Having beaten our opposition earlier in the season we had good reason to go into the game confidently but, in a few short hours, we collapsed under pressure and never really got back into the game. It was a very, very disappointing effort from a side that could have, and should have, performed better.

Nth. Caul/G'huntly 190 (J. Lawler 3/23, D. Snape 2/11) d. C.S. 126 (M. Bent 42, G. Callanan 24) and 6/29 (R. Ellis 8 n.o.).

4th XI REPORT

Round 8 Cluden v C.S.

Bowling first, we dismissed the opposition for 163, Alan Burrridge taking 6/44. We had to bat for 20 overs and were 5/82 at stumps. Alan Burrridge scored his first 50 for the club before going out on the last ball of the day. We went on to make 124, with Ian McIntosh and Gary Schwab making 18 apiece. After a second innings declaration of 5/97, we were sent in to bat, three players short. Despite a gutsy stand by Billy Capper, we were all out for 27.

Cluden 163 (A. Burrridge 6/44) and 5/97 dec. d. C.S. 124 (A. Burrridge 50, R. David 19, G. Schwab 18, I. McIntosh 18) and 27 (W. Capper 12).

Round 9 E.S.B.C v C.S.

Sent in to bat in the limited-over game, we produced an opening stand of 52 runs in 9 overs. However, we couldn't continue the momentum and were all out for 94 in 31 overs. It took them 35 overs to pass our score, after good bowling performances from Bill Capper, Mark Bushfield, Graham Thompson, Ian Leslie and Gary Schwab. The fielding was very good once again, considering we were playing on such a small ground.

E.S.B.C. 8/145 (W.Capper 3/6) d. C.S. 94 (G.Schwab 39, J.Noel 19).

Round 10 C.S. v Chelsea Heights

Although well beaten, the club can be truly proud of the fighting performance by our boys. Chelsea Heights had the runs on the board but at no stage did our fellows throw in the towel. More runs were scored by our batsmen in this game than in many previous games combined. Every player contributed as can be seen below and we saw a great half-century from Chris Barnett.

Chelsea Heights 5/260 dec. d. C.S. 178 (G.Withers 24, M.Bushfield 24, M.Large 18, J.Foster 16, G.Thompson 14, I.Leslie 11, C.Barnett 10) and 3/134 (C.Barnett 53 n.o., M.Bushfield 28, I.Leslie 16 n.o.).

Junior Report

Round 8 C.S. v Washington

After a shaky start we batted ahead of Washington to take the points. We fell down in the first innings with too many players trying to hit the ball out of the ground.

C.S. 9/54 dec. and 2/46 (B.Large 21) d. Washington 34 (N.Schreanan 6/15, D.Isaacs 4/9) and 86 (N.Schreanan 4/27 D.Isaacs 6/34).

Round 9 C.S. v Highett

We avenged Highett's first round defeat with a convincing win. In this game the fielding was of a veyr high standard as was the general attitude of the players. The big thing is that the win put us into fourth place, 2 points clear if fifth. We must win round 10 and the train hard to put up a good show in the finals, which, with the right team attitude and dedication, we can beat the teams above us.

C.S. 122 (B.Large 25, P.Knight 29, N.Schreanan 21) and 2/15 dec. d. Highett 43 (N.Schreanan 5/21, D.Isaacs 2/7) and 1/33.



A SONNET

(with apologies to W. Shakespeare)

*Shall I compare them to a cricket team,
They are more skillful and more close
Rough winds of Knight and summer's
heat sizzles like Bacon.
Sometimes too hot, the pace of Schreen-
an shines and as often does 'Ice-pack'
make batsmen go cold and every bowler
come against our lads has felt the lash
of Brendan's bat, untrimmed but the
eternal summer shall not fade or lose
possession of a finals spot.
And when in years eternal and time has
passed we will look back and say with
pride - our first junior side won this
club's first flag!*

— Bystander

Did you see that catch by Hirthie against Hampton Centrals? Caught it right in the spare tyre. Don't go on a diet John — we need the wickets!

Interesting to note that a certain fast bowler from another club, who came in for criticism in the last issue of this newsletter, could find himself in some hot water with officialdom soon. Seems other clubs have taken a step further than we did and have complained to the CMCA about his dubious tactics. He won't be getting too much sympathy from this direction.

INDOOR REPORT

Round 3 — Batterham Park 2/66 (D. Atkinson 1/11) d. C.S. 6/65 (N.Dettman 22, D.Atkinson 17). With a fairly strong team and good all-round performances, we just missed out on victory in a close and exciting finish.

Round 4 — East Doncaster 3/96 (W. Meredith 1/9) d. C.S. 6/43 (P.Hess 10). Chasing a mammoth score, we started solidly but collapsed badly to suffer our third defeat.

Round 5 — C.S. 5/36 (A.Johanson 25 n.o.) d. Kilsyth 6/34 (A.Johanson 1/6, A.Burridge 1/6). After another woeful batting display we pulled ourselves together to win this game with thigh bowling and good fielding.

Round 6 — Croydon 2/58 (M.Meredith 1/6) d. C.S. 3/47 (M.Meredith 17 n.o., W.Meredith 15). Although our batting showed signs of improvement, we just could not get that vital breakthrough when bowling.

Round 7 — C.S. 3/48 (M.Meredith 26 n.o., R.Hess 11 n.o.) d. Johnson Park 5/45 (M.Balsarini 1/6, M.Meredith 1/7). After both teams had early batting collapses we snatched a thrilling last-ball victory in perhaps our best win of the series.

Round 8 — St.Andrews 6/70 (P.Hess 1/2) d. C.S. 5/52 (W.Meredith 22). Although beaten, this game enabled us to experiment with fourth eleven players and to provide them with valuable experience.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

By Rob Hess

MILESTONES

- Round 4 — J. Earle, 50th game.
M. Meredith, 50th game.
Round 6 — T. Barry, 50th game
Round 7 — M. Liddicoat, 50th game
Round 11 — D. Atkinson, 50th game.

Partnership records have certainly taken a beating this season. No less than twelve new records have been set and there is still one round plus finals to go. Here are the new partnership records—

Wkt.	Total	Players
First Eleven		
4th	125	A.Johanson, L.Hevey
Second Eleven		
2nd	84	B.Lyons, D.Mills
Third Eleven		
2nd	72	D.Mills, G.Corke
6th	91	G.Callanan, K.Pooley
8th	33	R.Fauvel, R.Hess
Fourth Eleven		
2nd	42	R.David, A.Burridge
3rd	82	M.Bushfield, C.Barnett
5th	53	P.Moait, W.Finnis
6th	31	G.Withers, R.Armstrong
7th	23	G.Thompson, R.Armstrong
8th	55	R.Ellis, W.Finnis
9th	31	C.Barnett, M.Bushfield

Statistics for run-outs and stumpings have only been kept over the past two seasons. Here are the leading players in respect to their career figures:

Run outs	Stumpings
T. Barry — 5	J. Earle — 8
R. Hess — 5	R. Fauvel — 5
P. Hess — 4	D. Pitman — 4

The under 14's will appear in the finals in their inaugural season if they win today. We're looking for lots of support if they make it.

VALE

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Greg Callanan's mother on February 8. We extend our sincere sympathy to Greg and his family.

Our deep sympathy is also extended to John Foster and family. John lost his brother in late January and on February 14, his father passed away after a long illness.