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NEWS AND MATCH REPORTS

Longmuir Shield Review 2007/2008 - Bruce Haley

Round 7

Backing up after our great win over Omega we travelled to King George to take on arch rival ANA in a one day game.

Batting 1st we started brilliantly with David Norris and young gun Simon Kulikov putting on a quick 85 for the 1st wicket.

Norris went on to make a classy 63 but our innings fell away after his dismissal and it was only a late order rally between skipper Scott Handley, 24 no and the big hitting Mark McSwain 28 that got us up to a competitive 175.

We started well with the ball with Glenn Gallagher and Mark McSwain bowling tightly and with Scott Adams and Scott Handley both picking up wickets after they came on.

We looked to have the game in the bag when ANA needed 45 off the last 4 overs. Unfortunately a couple of loose overs and some good batting saw ANA get the runs in the last over.

A game we should have won but we let the opposition back into the game twice so some valuable lessons were learnt.

Round 8

Back at Lords we took on undefeated ladder leader Bentleigh Uniting. Bowling 1st we were under the pump early and at 4-163 we looked like chasing a big total.

Some great outfield catches by Lachie Briody and Kevin Pereira got us back into the game and combined with some consistent bowling we bowled them out for 193.

We started aggressively with the bat and after losing Ducky and Lachie, Kev Pereira and Simon Kulikov batted beautifully to take the score up to 90 before Simon was out off the last ball before drinks.

Kevin continued on and found willing allies in Dan Stumbles 20 and Scott Handley 24 before Kevin was out with not many runs to get for a magnificent 77. Glenn Gallagher and Carl Schleiger saw us over the line for what was without a doubt our finest win in Longmuir Shield.

Round 9

Lords again this time the local derby against Washington Park.

Noombie tossed via SEN and we were sent in to bat. We never really got going early and although we kept wickets in hand we had a lot to do in the back half of the innings

Kevin Pereira batted well again for 49 whilst Lachie Briody 63 laid a solid foundation. We ended with 165, a bit short of what we wanted so a big bowling performance would be required.

Our bowling was steady and at 4-100 we were still a chance but a strong partnership by the opposition put the game beyond our reach.

A disappointing effort after the heroics of the previous 3 games.

Round 10

We played East Sandringham who replaced Uniting at the top of the ladder, once again at Lords.

Bowling 1st we were soon up against it and some strong batting by the opposition saw them 3-130 at tea.

Our bowlers tried hard all day but with wickets in hand East Sandy got away from us in the last 10 overs to register 6-381.

We came out smoking with the bat with Martin Doc Reid blazing a quickfire 45 and Dave Norris a solid 38 but apart from a brilliant 39 from 15 year old wunderkind Hughie Nicholson our batting fell away and we were dismissed for 193.

We were given a lesson in batting on the 1st week, the opposition didn't take big risks but played good cricket shots which hopefully was taken in by our young side.

Round 11

The last round we travelled to West Benteigh needing to win to stay up in Longmuir Shield. Batting 1st we were soon in trouble on the bouncy deck and at 7-70 our future was staring us in the face but a great fightback by skipper Scott Handley 59, vice captain Glenn Gallagher 48 and the big hitting Mark McSwain 31 saw us get the score up to a very competitive 217.

Glenn Gallagher took his good form into his bowling and soon had the West boys under pressure and at 5-40 we looked home but previous experience told us that it's not that easy. So it proved as West fought back with a couple of strong partnerships but despite a poor day in the field and a number of dropped catches we hung in and achieved the much needed victory by 18 runs.

Summary

Our 1st 5 games were poor but we got our season going with our win over Omega and then continued on to be super competitive in the 2nd half of the year.

Our young players took a while to adjust to the level but once they did they all showed the ability to be good Longmuir Shield players.

Missing Scott Handley hurt us badly early but his return along with players such as Kevin Pereira stepping up meant that we were able to put some pressure back on the opposition and our boys gained a lot of confidence in the process.

We have a bright future ahead with good kids such as Simon Kulikov, Scott Adams, Hugh Nicholson and Lachie Briody all set to keep improving whilst our experienced players need to keep giving us consistent efforts.

Go Redbacks!

C Grade 2nd Eleven – Rounds 7-11 Captain Luke Adams

Round 7 saw the 2nd XI take on last seasons C grade premiers St.Kilda City. This game also saw upcoming bowler Andrew King play his first match for the 2's. We lost the toss and were bowling to an experienced St.Kilda lineup.

All bowlers worked hard throughout the 38 overs with particularly encouraging performances from Sammy Florence (3/33 from 9 overs), Mick Hulston (2/35 from 9 overs) and Andy King (1/15 from 9 overs). We fought well and restricted St.Kilda City to 8/152 from their 38 overs.

With the experienced Doc Reid back in the side, this target proved light work as Doc opened the batting and carved away scoring 55 with a badly injured hand. He was well supported by middle order rocks Dom Cerreto (30*) and Mick Hulston (36*). We cruised to victory 5 wickets down with 7 overs to spare. A well fought out victory against an unpredictable side.

Round 8 saw the team travel to Bentleigh Uniting to take on the top side of C grade. Regardless of ladder positions, we had a strong belief that we had the team that could topple Uniting's dominance of the season.

Losing the toss we bowled again in conditions that were both difficult to bat and bowl in. Uniting held strong with their top order but once spin sensation Nicky Hulston was let loose, the game began to turn in our favour. Nicky snaffled 4/39 off 8 overs in a classy display where he troubled all batsmen constantly. He received good support from openers Scotty Adams (3/22 from 9 overs) and Sammy Florence (2/43 from 9 overs). We bowled Uniting out for 172 in a fantastic all round display which was by far their lowest total for the year.

With the confidence of a top effort in the field behind us, all players were feeling good about chasing a very gettable total. Unfortunately, this did not eventuate.

We struggled to deal with the conditions and calibre of bowling that was presented. While all batsmen did their best, it was not enough to stop Uniting rolling us for a very disappointing 38.

The singular shining light was Adrian Hulston who was the only player to reach double figures and was prepared to put in the hard work required on the day. A very embarrassing loss that all players learnt from.

Round 9 needed a big comeback from the boys after the disgrace of last match. We found ourselves up against similarly ranked Washington Park. Winning the toss and batting, young gun Tim Snape was into the side after some promising performances in the juniors and 3rds.

While our top order struggled slightly on the bouncy pitch of Packer Park, our middle order kept the score ticking over with veteran Johnny Briggs taking to the Washington Park bowlers scoring 37 in quick fashion.

I chipped in with 33 and was well supported by Nick Hulston (26) and Joel Manning (21). We posted a competitive total of 8/163 which we were confident of defending. Opening bowlers Scotty Adams and Joel Manning didn't take long to make inroads into the Washington Park top order.

Both bowled very impressively and setup what was to be a well deserved win. Scott finished with the figures of 2/20 off 8 and Joel with 2/13 off 7. Another player that returned to form was Mick Hulston. He continually hit the spot and deceived the batsman in difficult bowling conditions. His figures of 3/27 off 9 overs proved too good for Washington Park as we wrapped them up for 121 in the 35th over. A very clinical display by the young side.

Round 10 saw the team travel to the home ground of Cluden who were sitting 2nd on the ladder and had been making in excess of 300 regularly throughout the season. Winning the toss, we batted in an attempt to post a positive first innings score. Like many times throughout the season, the top order came and went without troubling the scorers too much.

At a score of 7/63, things weren't looking good. Upsteps Liam Callery. Liam had previously this season not been too keen on pursuing cricket in the 2nds, preferring to play his games in the 3's.

Contrary to what he may think, Liam's ability to time the ball off the bat and play over the top when needed is a feature of his game. Liam combined with Joel Manning to bring the score to 8/188 for a 125 run stand.

Liam was eventually dismissed for 111 in a career best for himself and one of the most outstanding efforts at the club this season. Joel's support of Liam earned him 25 runs with the Redbacks posting 10/212.

The Cluden 1st XI had many seasoned performers but at 3-31, Sammy Florence and Joel Manning were making inroads. From this point forward, Cludens experienced heads managed to put on a 100 run partnership for the next wicket and passed our score 6 wickets down. Special mentions to Sammy and Joel who worked hard all day picking up 1/38 and 2/36 respectively as well as Nicky Hulston who continued to worry batsman taking 2/56.

Round 11 saw the season conclude at the home of cricket, Lords Reserve, against long time foe West Benteigh. Winning the toss we batted on a very hot day, confident that if we posted a competitive total, we could finish with a win.

We changed the batting lineup somewhat to try and get some value from the top order. This backfired as the top 4 batsmen were dismissed for single figures. I batted as well as I had all season and reaped the rewards of spending a little time at the crease. Unfortunately I was dismissed for 60 two balls before tea.

I was supported well by Liam Callery (19) who continued to look dangerous, Dom Cerreto (14) who was playing as straight as he's done all season and Dan Speed (15*) who looked in his best touch since before the Christmas break. We were eventually dismissed for 144 in a poor batting finish to the season.

Staying upbeat, we still fancied our chances if we could snag some early wickets. Scotty Adams (1/40) and Sammy Florence (2/42) battled hard and removed 3 of the top order in quick succession. Mick Hulston also impressed, taking 3/42 in his best effort for a few games. Unfortunately 144 just wasn't enough as one of West Benteighs players scored 78 to guide them home (after we had him out LBW about 100 times!!!).

Summary

It was a disappointing end to a season that many players would agree did not achieve their own personal highs of previous years. Problems with consistently posting high scores was always an issue and the task of scoring runs was often left up to those who were more suited down the order or more dangerous with the ball in their hand.

As disappointing as we were with the bat, the highs of Liam Callery scoring 111, myself scoring over 250 runs (including 3 fifties) and Adrian Hulston scoring 61 early in the season is a platform to build on.

As poor as we may have been with the bat, we were certainly excelled with the ball holding most teams to their lowest scores of the season. Having the pace attack of Scotty Adams, Sammy Florence, Joel Manning and Mick Hulston (all of whom are under 24yo) is a fast bowling force not to be taken lightly as all bowlers proved they can put the team into a winning position by themselves.

Special mention must be made to Sammy Florence for his season best 7/51 (off 28 overs) against Mackie in round 3. A truly outstanding effort.

The introduction of 2 young all rounders in Nick Hulston and Nick Barda gave the side a new dimension with Hulstons unpredictable leg spinners and Barda's fizzing medium pacers.

These 2 players impressed from start to finish and have no doubt absorbed valuable experience from playing a tough brand of cricket week in week out.

Two other young players who made their mark on the 2nds this season were Dan Speed and Tim Snape. Both tried their hand at opening and were often exposed to the best bowlers of the opposition. I hope the experience gained will hold them in good stead for seasons to come as they are both talented players who will only improve.

I would like to pass on my particular thanks to Dom Cerreto who worked tirelessly with the gloves when needed and provided some spectacular catches as the season went on. I would also like to thank my Vice Captain Mick Hulston and Sam Florence who took over the rainies when I was unavailable. Micks clear minded view of the game was a welcomed relief and Sammys unquestionable passion for success lifted teammates around him.

I would like to thank coach Bruce Haley for his support and coaching of the side, Guy Hulston who 'went in to bat' for me when faced with a tribunal appearance and Marg McSwain, Ang Hulston and Jenny Nicholson who prepared undoubtedly the best afternoon tea in the CMCA.

One final thanks is to Penguin and the boys and the late Froggy who's support week in week out, rain hail or shine never goes unnoticed and typifies the true spirit of the Carnegie South Cricket Club.

I look forward to next season where the CSCC 2nd XI will once again be a force to be reckoned with.

JUNIOR REPORTS

U/12's Coaches Report – Season 2007/08 – Carl Schlieger

Before this cricket season began I had completely forgotten that 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning even existed! As someone who truly values their sleep I knew this season would be a challenge in more ways than just learning how to keep control of 18 young boys twice a week.

While we may not have shared in the spoils of victory very often in the season, every player showed continuous improvement throughout the year, culminating in one of the greatest wins ever in the history of cricket, maybe even sport itself. (I may be running a little wild with this but it was a pretty good win by the boys!)

We started the season in promising fashion, with a narrow defeat in the grading game. Though unfortunately this outcome tended to sum up our season, with the boys falling just short of victory in a few games.

There were many memorable performances with both bat and ball. Troy's 62*, Matt Marguglio's first boundary complete with the Stumbles celebration, Sam Leary's caught and bowled in the last round.

Matt Merelji coming in off his 50 step run up. Regan catching the ball 6 inches above the ground after it was proverbially spanked to square-leg. And I have to admit I'm jealous of Sam Stafford's cover-drives, I don't hit them that well in my dreams!

Other highlights include watching Ben gradually change his batting technique from baseball to cricket with great results, James Bailey's wicket keeping improved in big way through sheer determination to get pummelled in the nets wicket keeping every training, Dom's sensational come back from injury at the start of the season to hit some great scores to finish the year.

Jack continually running to the fence and back at training for various and multiple offences. Jade's in-swing bowling was a pleasure to watch all season. A great kid who never complained unless training went late because he was missing 'The Simpsons.' Abhi Singh also stepped up this year opening the batting numerous times.

He has beautiful technique and will only get better as he gets bigger and stronger. Paul's wicket keeping was first class all year and I truly hope he keeps at it as he could really be a great gloveman. Andrew batting on in the final game after being hit with a nasty short ball was inspiring. When Sam Birrell finally discovered you stay at the crease a lot longer when you hit the ball on the ground he also shared in the spoils with a nice 30 odd to finish the year.

Throughout the year we were never light on for numbers or enthusiasm at training. Thank you Daniel for coaching the kids with me this year, it will be a damn shame to lose you to the Poms....if you ever get out of the country. Thank you to Andrew Nicholson for helping out at training and Peter Bowes for a hand with the scoring and to all the parents who turned up week in week out to support the kids and bring them down a snack for the drinks break.

Times have changed as there was very little parental support when I was in juniors and I'm sure the kids appreciate performing in front of crowd of spectators. It has been a truly rewarding experience coaching the boys throughout the year and I can say with pride that they have grown from a cheeky bunch of smart alics into.....well, at least they are better cricketers.

U/14's Coaches Report – Season 2007/08 – Sam Florence (this is Sam's Speech he gave to the Junior's President to read in his absence, at their presentation night in April 08)

Hey Guys

Sorry can't be there tonight. Would have loved to make the trip but unfortunately teaching rounds up here have kept me away.

It's been a long year but one well worth it with a premiership flag to show for it. I want to take this chance to say thanks to the parents. For anyone who has picks up a witches hat, helped out on the bbq or simply given a cheer at a game. I want to pass on a big thank you.

Particular mention should go to Peter Bowes for his work with the scorebooks. Bruce Haley for his efforts at training and Dave Snape for helping me out on countless ways through the year. Successful junior teams in any sport don't just happen, particularly in smaller clubs such as our and the help of such people is much appreciated.

To the boys themselves – Thank you so much for a season of entertainment, challenges and most importantly a lot of fun. To come from 1-2 after the first three games to win the flag is an amazing feat in anyone's books. More importantly is the game with enthusiasm and dedication and a willingness to learn, which is what junior cricket is all about. To see some form of improvement in every single, no matter how small, is the thing that gives me a kick out of being a coach. Thanks also to the boys for putting up with me when I've taken the game too seriously, been shitty, or just plain hung over on the odd occasion.

Particular thanks to Tim, Pat and Archit for their work as Captain and Vice –Captains Their leadership of the boys was fantastic to see throughout the year and is an achievement in itself they should be very proud of.

Finally, congratulations to those receiving individual awards tonight. While cricket is a team sport the hard work these boys have put in has been incredible. The fielding, best finals player and coaches awards in particular were extremely difficult to decide upon and could have easily have gone to any number of other players.

Anyway, I'd better keep moving. Got to go write lesson plans to keep little punks like yourselves busy for another week.

Well done again on a fine season and I look forward to seeing you down at the club for season 08/09.

Cheers
Sammy

SENIOR AWARD WINNERS 2007/2008

Longmuir Shield 1st X1	C Grade 2nd X1	F Grade 3rd X1	G Grade 4th X1
Batting David Norris Ave 42.00	Batting Liam Callery Ave 29.00	Batting Shane Dobson Ave 24.85	Batting Peter Kemp Ave 41.77
Bowling Scott Handley Ave 19.00	Bowling Sam Florence Ave 13.4	Bowling David Hutchinson Ave 16.13	Bowling Archit Vora Ave 17.72
Fielding Award Kevin Pereira	Fielding Award Dom Cerreto	Fielding Award Ashley Quinn	Fielding Hamish Curtis
Ward Medal Scott Handley	The "Bomber"McSwain "MVP Award Luke Adams & Scott Adams	The Ron Fauvel MVP Award David Hutchinson	The David Snape MVP Award Archit Vora
<p align="center">Best Performance Medallions</p> <p>Longmuir Shield 138* David Norris Longmuir Shield 104* Kevin Pereira C Grade 2nd XI 7-51 Sam Florence C Grade 2nd XI 111 Liam Callery F Grade 3rd XI 9 wks Daniel Black G Grade 4th XI 108 Martin Ring G Grade 4th XI 104 Peter Kemp</p>			
<p align="center">Shields</p> <p>Aggregate Runs Daniel Black 457 Aggregate Wickets Glenn Gallagher 28</p> <p align="center">2007/2008 LIFE MEMBER HONOUR ROLL</p> <p align="center">LACHLAN CAMPBELL GLENN GALLAGHER</p> <p align="center">BEST CLUBMAN Guy Hulston</p>			



Junior Awards 2007/2008

UNDER 12'S	UNDER 14'S	UNDER 16'S
Batting Troy Nicholson	Batting Tim Snape	Batting Liam Greche
Bowling Jade Christenson	Bowling Alistair Bradley & Archit Vora	Bowling Hugh Nicholson
Fielding Ben Kuang	Fielding Hamish Curtis	Fielding Josh Fisher
Coaches Award Sam Birrell	Coaches Award Pat Foley	Coaches Award George Angelopoulos
	Best Finals Player Will Nash	
<p align="center">Congratulations to Tim Snape on winning CMCA-Under 14B Twilight Batting Average & CMCA Batting Aggregate for 2007/2008</p>		