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FIRSTS HIT ROCK BOTTOM WHILE 2NDS, 3RDS AND 4THS SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENT

The First eleven are languishing at the foot of the B Grade ladder after a shocker last week against Cluden. Today they meet the strong Washington side and will need to pull out all stops to restore their self-pride and start a belated charge at the four. The second eleven are improving each week and now sit just outside the four (equal 5th). Their strong point has been their eveness and their determination but there are still batsmen there who can do far better. Rob Hess's charges showed last week that they are a definate finals chance after narrow losses in the first two rounds. If they can continue to play as they practice they will certainly be there at the business end of the season. The big improvement in the last round came from the fourth eleven who, playing short of numbers and lacking experience, amassed 7/205 intheir second innings last week. We saw some great potential in that game and they will continue to improve under the enthusiastic guidance of Peter Moait.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT

Round 2 Carnegie South v East Cheltenham

After having East Cheltenham 7-132 at tea on the first day, we let our traditional rivals off the hook as they smashed their way to 293. Only the determined fielding of Frian Lyons and Dave Mills, among others, prevented an even bigger total. In reply we could manage only 155, of which Daryl Pitman contributed 67 n.e. This is the only occasion so far this season we have topped the hundred mark, which is an indication of where our problem lies at the moment.

East Cheltenham 293 (B.McDonald 3/64, D.Mills 2/13) def. Carnegie South 155 (D.Pitman 67 n.o., Jeff Preen 23).

Round 3 Cluden v Carnegie South

For the first time this season we put it together on the first day against Cluden when we dismissed the hosts for 127. Bryan McDonald howled magnificently for 4/49 and deserved far better figures. Alan Johanson also bowled well for 3/35 while John Preen made a welcome return to the team to take 3/20. But then came the ultimate debatle, an innings which probably saw the worst performance from a Carnegie South senior XI for many, many years. All out for 70 was the woeful reply with only John Preen (15) and Rick Comber (10) showing any fight. The sad part of the "Cluden Clean-up" was that our batsmen brought about their own dismissals with suicidal shots and general lack of application and self-discipline. The Cluden attack was as friendly as we'll ever face (and that's not sour grapes as their team deserved to win) but merely a fact which highlights the importance of improving our attitude to batting. Today we face the top team and must prove to ourselves that we are a worthy B Grade team.

Cluden 127 (R.McDonald 4/49, John Preen 3/20, A.Johanson 3/35) and 5/48 dec. (A.Johanson 4/17) def. Carnegie South 70 (John Preen 15, R.Comber 10) and I/42 (John Preen 26 n.o.)

Round 2 East Cheltenham v Carnegie South

The first win of the season for the second eleven was highlighted by a brilliant batting performance from John Preen which ended only I6 runs short of a century. John was given plenty of assistance from Rick Comber and Mark Meredith, both of whom played a safe and solid innings. The bowling and fielding early in the day was excellent, resulting in a dismissal for 82 and a follow-on for East Cheltenham. However, a lapse of concentration later in the afternoon, possibly a result of the previous evening's Sportsman's Night, allowed the opposition off the hook to avoid an outright defeat.

Garnegie South 8/225 dec. (John Preen 82, M.Meredith 36, D.Atkinson IS n.o., R. Whyte IS) def. East Cheltenham SI (D.Atkinson 6/12) and 7/132.

Round 3 Carnegie South v Highett West

This was a particularly good win because we were chasing a lot of runs and every player contributed evenly in what was a great team effort. Although at times it looked as if we were in trouble while batting, each player who went to the crease showed great determination in adding to the score and the result was a well-earned victory. The bowling and fielding was again tight, and promises much for the rest of the season.

Carnegie South 6/205 dec. (R.Whyte 39 n.o., N.Dettman 3I, B.Lawler 29, J.Hirth 23. D.Atkinson 2I n.o.) def. Highett West 195 (R.Whyte 5/49).

THIRD ELEVEN REPORT

Round 2 Carnegie South v Chelsea Heights

After scoring 106, thanks to the greatly improved batting form of Ken Pooley and the outstanding debut of young policeman Rob David, we had Chelsea Heights reeling at 6/69 at the end of the first day. However, after spilling several crucial catches early on the second day, the game gradually slipped from our grasp, despite some tight and accurate bowling from Steve Large and Brian Lawler.

Chelsea Heights 139 (S.Large 5/41, B.Lawler 3/52) def. Carnegie South 106 (R.David 49 n.o., K.Pooley 21) and 4/69 (R.David 26 n.o., B.Lawler 16).

Round 3 Carnegie South v East Brighton

Showing the benefit of solid training, the Third eleven unearthed several potential stars in recording their first win for the season. Warren Finnis gave a sharp display behind the stumps and approached his batting with a maturity that belied his years, while Mark Davidson also applied himself well in his first game with the club. Left-arm medium-pacer Alan Burridge added variety to the attack and complemented the deadly accuracy of Steve Large to perfection. If these players can continue their form in future games then it is hoped that further victories will naturally follow.

Carnegie South 100 (R.Hess 45, W.Finnis 18) and 5/63 dec. (W.Finnis19, M.Davidson 12 n.o.) def. East Brighton 51 (S.Large 4/17, A.Burridge 3/15) and 8/59 (S.Large 4/9).

Editor's Note: And not a bad effort from the writer of the above report, Rob Hess, who scored his highest club score of 45 to lead the way.

FOURTH ELEVEN REPORT

Round 2 Walkover over Brighton C. of C.

Round 3 Carnegie South v North Caulfield-Glenhuntly

Although the fourths were beaten last round, they were by no means disgraced. After being bundled out for I29, chasing 346 on the first innings, we were sent in to bat again, this time determined to avoid outright defeat. Batting with more confidence in the second innings, Marcus Wade, Michael O'Hanlon and Johnny Wade all got amongst the runs. After this morale-boosting effort our team's first victory for the season cannot be far away.

Nth. Caulfield-Glenhuntly 346 (J. Wade 4/74, M.O'Hanlon 3/88) def. Carnegie Sth. 129 (M.O'Hanlon 57) and 7/205 (J. Wade 69, M. Wade 43, M.O'Hanlon 41).

Congretulations are in order for David Mills on attaining his majority. Dave turned 2I on October 29 and there would have been a few sore heads about that day as a few celebrationary drinks were downed the night before, and the night before that, and the night before

Details of winners of Incentive Awards and The Barry Gardiner Mastercut Award and Steve's Barber Shop award for the first three rounds will be announced either tonight or at the end of this game next week. We are once again most grateful to these sponsors (and Richards Newsagency) for their generous support. Richards Newsagency details appear in a 'Top 50' format on the club notice board.

Don't forget the FAMILY FUN NUGHT tonight at the Duncan McKinnon Pavilion. A fun night is assured and the social committee have gone to a lot of trouble to arrange something different. Support them and your club by bringing the family or if you haven't got a family, bring yourself. Could be a few laughs and a few surprises. See you there.

It would be nice to see a few more players and friends, wives, etc. back at the rooms after the game each Saturday. The same few faces can be seen every week. Seems some players just expect the club to mollycoddle them while they don't feel obligated to give anything in return. Speaking of the same old faces, Our Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Breakfast was great fun for the few who attended. Ask those who were there about it and you may be sorry you missed it.

Hope there's a telly at the Family Fun Night. Then we'll be able to see a certain member of the McSwain stable appearing on the Penthouse Club. Not sure which one but we're looking for a big cheerio for the cricket club.

Who was that I6-month old girl who won four prizes in succession on the punch-board the other night. The poor old father has being trying for years and never won a cracker. But he's thinking of hiring her out as a Tattslotto adviser.

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

By Rob Hess

Each week players are passing some personal milestone with the club. As a sidelight for interest, here are several that occured in the first three rounds.

Round 1

M. Meredith 500th run
B. Lawler 200th over
B. Lawler 50th wicket

Round 2

D. Pitman 3000th run
(a club record)
N. Dettman 2500th run
John Preen 100th over

Round 3

A. Johanson 1200th over
B. Lawler 500th run
J. Hirth 100th over

Even though the Fourth eleven have not won a game this season, their improvement over last season is reflected by the fact that no less than five partnership records have been broken so far.

1stG.Schwab/M.O'Hanlon573rdM.O'Hanlon/J.Wade584thJ.Wade/M.Wade766thM.Wade/M.McInnes269thM.O'Hanlon/I;Leslie18

In his two games with the club, young Rob David has certainly shown scintillating form with the bat. With an average of 89.00 he is setting a great example of both technique and application for other team mates to follow.

Heard a whisper that Lyn Earle is keen for the 2nd XI to play another match at East Cheltenham. Reckons the sights you see around there take the boredom out of a dull cricket match. Might be a WEE bit of truth in that.

Tee shirts are coming! If you would like a special size, i.e. for the kids, then please let Daryl Pitman know TODAY. We're ordering Monday, 20th. Shirts will be red with the motif from our cap in black on the top left breast pocket.