

Walkerville Cats Newsletter



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Presidents Report

We are finally here....the last game of the minor round season. It sees 3 of the 4 senior sides in the hunt for finals action. The B grade are one good win away from a possible post-Christmas comeback into the top 4. The A grade had a slight stumble last weekend but this may just be the catalyst that they need to spur them into the finals. The C grade have continued their strong season however they face the top team this weekend and a possibility (like the A grade) of slipping to 3rd if the results go against them. Our one-day side, like it has for the last 4 years or so, has had the curse of the inconsistent side each week.....not the scores, but the availability of the players themselves. It is almost impossible to make the finals when you have 5 or more changes to your side each week. One game this season had 9 changes to the side from one game to the next. If we can get a consistent one-day side together then we will be a force come finals time.

So on paper we could see 3 senior sides finish in the top 2 or 3. However games aren't played on paper and we need to really play a team game this Saturday to achieve the results that we have set out to achieve at the start of the season. All players want to play finals. Well it's now in our hands. If we want it enough then it's ours for the taking.

Our formal medal count is on this Saturday 5th March at the Sussex Hotel with a 7pm for a 7:30pm start. It's a great night to dress to impress with tickets also limited to 45 people. Tickets are \$55 per head and includes a two course meal and a two hour drinks package. Please see either myself, Mark or Lachlan Nance for your tickets. Remember partners are encouraged to attend this annual formal event. This is our night of nights and I encourage all players and supporters to get in quick to secure your tickets. It's going to be a close race for all three player of the year awards so it promises to be an exciting night.

Good luck to all sides this weekend and I hope to see you on Saturday night at the medal count.

Craig Burford



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Look a Like



We all thought we had a special guest, Lewis Hamilton at the poker night but it was just our man Yash.....

Kym Reid Umpire of the Tournament



Congratulations to Walkerville Hall of Fame member Kym Reid who won the Country Carnival Umpire of the Year. Every decision he made was right, just ask him!!!

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A Grade Wrap up

PAOC (Away)

Skipper Knowles lost yet another toss and the Cats were told to field first on a decent day at park 9. I reckon the Bin Laden's cave in Pakistan would have been more welcoming than the facilities at park 9 as the boys began to appreciate getting to play at Walkerville Oval every other game!

With the game about to start Thornton decided it would be a good idea to declare that today would be 'his day out' and that we should prepare ourselves to witness a spell similar to that of Stuart Broads when he made the Aussies look like a group of lads who were on a stag do and on the wrong end of a massive bender. It's fair to say that sometimes the man from Port Pirie can make some daft comments as he once also told us that he is South Australia's answer to Crocodile Dundee and he does in fact wrestle Kangaroo's for a living.

Tom 'GPS' Heathfield got the cats off to a decent start with a classic dismissal caught by the ever present Koala Skinner behind the sticks to leave PAOC 11/1. What followed was a spell of cricket which both sets of players could be happy with. They had a 3rd wicket partnership of 104 but at a very slow rate which always kept the Cats in with a sniff if they could snare a couple of quick wickets. All bowlers bowled consistently and despite Thornton not having his earlier specified day out the runs were kept to a minimum as the big squeeze was on. The skipper was back to his usual self and trying to make up for only bowling one over in the previous game as he racked up in excess of 25 overs on the bounce. When he finally brought the Woolshed on it was a crucial part of the day and could have gone either way. The woolshed did what he does best and beat the batsmen with his flight and guile as he tossed a few up and managed to burgle himself a very cheeky 3for. Imagine if he had been brought on earlier he may have carved up and got himself on the honours board in Bin Laden's cave (the things dreams are made of). One can only guess that there was a lovers tiff in the car on the way to the game and Knowles was punishing the woolshed for dropping some lethal stink bombs on the way from the South. Apparently the Friday night curry is now a massive NO NO!

The ground fielding was also very good with Gilo getting himself two run outs. The rumours must be true that since the new girlfriend he's been hammering the gym as his throws had much more power than usual. Well fielded lad!

PAOC declared with the score at 227/9 to leave Walkerville with a very tasty 3 overs to bat. The only thing that could dampen the spirit in the camp would be a Giles wicket. Thankfully their 2nd slip decided to prevent the Giles household and the workforce of Giles Garden Maintenance from having to put up with an even more miserable Giles all week while he contemplated the concept of retirement for the 3rd time this season.

Player of the day: PAOC's 2nd slip. From everyone at Walkerville thanks very much and if you ever happen to be in the Woolshed on a Saturday night the beers will be on us!

2nd week

The signs were ominous from the start as Knowles and Woolshed arrived in separate cars. The atmosphere was tense and the other 9 players were both nervous and scared at what might come next. Has it carried on from the curry saga or did Knowles nick the last loaf of bread from the local shop the night before? The Walkerville rumour mill was in full swing. One bookmaker was even offering odds as short as 2/1 that if they batted together there would be a run out!



Brett calling Wooly on way to game to let him know he is missing him and his chat.
Wooly is yet to return his call.



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With Gilo and the Prince strolling to the crease Mr Blackmore (senior) tried to improve the facilities by making us more camouflage by attaching a large sheet to the players and scorer's tent. In quite possibly the funniest section of the day Shoarey was getting more and more agitated due to constantly being swamped by a large tarpaulin that obviously did not fancy staying all day in the sun at park 9.

On the pitch regular wickets fell as the Cats struggled to gain momentum throughout their innings as only Knowles and Shoare (40 odd a piece) looked like posting a big score and potentially getting us over the line. In the end we fell 68 short in a pretty limp batting display. On another day with maybe a bit better shot selection things could have been different but everything is easier after the event.

Highlights: Skinners outrageously good keeping, Shoare and Knowles batting,

Lowlights: Mals paint on sun cream, Thornton's big claims, Heathfield's non stop talking (the new Sam Hutchinson), Hutchy's tattoo.

Coxy



B Grade Wrap Up

Upon arrival on Saturday the B's were met with a slightly green pitch, which might have something in it for the seamers early, on what was otherwise a perfect day for batting. It was a toss you wanted to lose, so of course Lachy won it, deciding to put Payneham into bat. Good tight bowling eventually rewarded the openers with Payneham falling to 3 for 30ish after 15 overs. This was continued with great tight bowling without deserved rewards, leaving Payneham 5 for 80 odd at tea. After tea the bowlers continued to toil hard, trying to break a tedious (and incredibly boring) partnership between two of Payneham's middle order. Until finally the first great

instalment of the Stuart Norton show kicked off, taking 4 for 15 off his 4 overs, with Payneham's tail end collapsing to be bowled out for 155 after 63 long overs. All bowlers toiled extremely hard, including a mammoth 20 straight spell from Ian, in what was a great bowling and fielding effort. (Norton - 4, Morena - 2 with the rest of the bowlers taking one a piece)

This left Harry and Jules 17 overs to bat out before the close of play. Things couldn't have started worse with Jules losing his middle peg first ball. However, "Lord Farquaad" Latham and Tommy were able to see out the rest of the day without further casualty, leaving a further 90 runs to be made the following week to hopefully set-up an out-right opportunity. (Latham a 43*, Ahern 24*) Second Week Arriving at the ground on the second week there was a slight strut to Harry's usual saunter, who also became a batting coach over the week's training sessions. Runs early were important in order to secure a victory and create platform for a potential out-right.

Harry and Tom picked up where they left off, putting on a further 20 runs before Harry fell for 64, followed soon by Tom falling for 33. A quick scoring partnership between Lachy (20) and Jack (46), was ended, with Lachy given out on a tough LBW and Jack being called run-out despite being halfway to the nets. Cue the second instalment of the Stuart Norton show. Blasting a quick-fire 73* off less than 50 balls, ensured Walkerville had bragging rights over the cross-town rivals. Naughty's superb innings guided the B's to a 110 run lead, with 29 overs left in the day to go for outright. (Norton 73*, Latham 64, Caldwell 46)

An electric start saw Payneham lose 2 in their first 2 overs, however that was all we could manage before the two captain's called it a day. It was a vital win for the team, setting us up for a possible final's berth, with a must win game next week against Pooraka.

Cooper Harrod



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C Grade

Another home game for the C's. Another toss win and once again bat first.

The day didn't start as hoped, with Quigs and Sytnyk both falling early for 13 and 8.

Garlick was in at 3 and Jordan "Trigger" at 4, however with trigger falling on 2 Matt Milanese came to the crease.

Both Garlick and Matt batted well putting on a 95 run partnership, Matt fell for 33 which was harsh because he looked good for his 50 with some lovely cover driving throughout his innings. Garlick brought up his century soon later. (well batted mate)

Panz came in to join Garlic and I don't know what it was with the two of them. From the side line it looked like there was something between them as they both took off for a run with both sets of eyes following the ball and not looking at each other they brush shoulders. Luckily it was just shoulders because if there was any more body involved I'm sure Panz would of broke Garlick. The completion of the run ended with both lads diving across their own crease in what can only be compared to synchronised swimming.

Panz was soon caught for two and Harriss got a quacker so that left skip to come in to face the hattrick ball. He saw it out only to shortly later cut a wide one only to be caught at point. (a regular occurrence for the walkie batters this innings)

Darcy came in and the message was sent out to the boys to make runs quick. Rumours of a declaration started to whisper.

With Garlick absolutely smashing the leather to all parts runs came quick and we soon found ourselves 7/219 with Darcy being run out trying to give the strike to Garlick it was time to declare! Garlick ended on 132 no ! With Modbury being forced to bat out 11 overs at the end of a day in the field 2 wickets was the target for the bowlers. Unfortunately we were only able to sneak 1 wicket of out Modbury at days end leaving them 1/19 Day 2 and into the field we went with Decklan "Deks" and Mal opening up for us. We didn't look threatening early on and the batters started to feel a bit confident that is until Deks started to hoop the ball both ways. This lead to the first wicket with Deks taking off stump bail with a hooping in swinger that the batter shouldered

arms to. Panz took the next wicket with an LBW on the batter that remained in from late week. Skip came in just before tea and took two with him in a sharp 5 overs took 2 wickets and only gave 4 runs.

Tight bowling was the highlight of the day with Deks taking 1 for 8 from his 9 and Darcy taking 3 for 8 from his 9. Panz also taking 4 for 47 from his 14.

Wickets fell constantly in the afternoon with Walkerville taking 8/63 in the last 12 overs to bowl out Modbury for 122. Walkerville winning by 98 runs.

Great effort in particular to the bowlers with fantastic partnership bowling applying the pressure and causing runs at risk. Again well done to Garlick on his 132 not out. Things to improve on: Batting in partnerships, Matt and Garlick did this well and lead by example, if a few more partnerships are formed we post more intimidating totals that opposition teams look at and think "ahh jeez"



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Round 11 games

A GRADE v Pooraka Home
B GRADE v Poorak Away
C GRADE v Rostrevor Away
LOD v Mawson Lakes Home



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