



THE WANDERER WHISPER

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First XI shock losses

Cricket clubs are rarely pleasant places after two successive shock losses from the premier team of the club. After two first up defeats by the Money Shield First X1, the NEW rooms were no different, sending both coaching and selection committees into damage control. Action was swift and decisive – changes were made, players were put on notice and training expectations were soon stepped up. No greater furrowed brows could be seen than those of Mike Reid the coach and Al Mann our club captain. It was simply an unacceptable situation that needed immediate redress. Fortunately, after the first week of Round 3, our First X1 batsmen responded magnificently with a hard fought score of 3/253 against Bundoora United. But that small positive step is but the tip of the iceberg if our premier team is to resurrect their season and remain genuine finals contenders. There is still plenty of hard work to be done just to get our heads back above water.

Crossie got a ton!

These marvelous words echoed around the club two Saturdays ago... 'Did you hear Johnny Crossman got a ton.' Yes they were words that spread around the club like wild fire...words that brought a smile to the faces of all those who know and admire our popular Thirds captain and club legend. Crossie finally made that elusive first century for the Wanderers after so many near misses. And while you could not wipe the smile off JC's exhausted face, one would surely feel that no other club player deserved the recognition for such an outstanding batting performance. On behalf of all the Whisper staff and all at the club we congratulate you on your much-deserved maiden century JC. May there be many more!!

Nicknames

Sporting clubs love to invent nicknames for their members...the NEWCC is certainly no different in the business of nicknames with more than just a few weird and wonderful 'nom-de-plumes' floating around the clubrooms. Of course we continue to hear the old favourites like Shaggy, Bernie, Harry, BT, Doc, Milly, Robbo, Stiffy, Moth and so on...but how about these new names filtering through such as Mary Kate, Casper, Iceman, Allen, JC, CJ, Mini-me and Hendo...just to name a few. While their origins are dubious if not fit for publishing...the fun lies sometimes in working out just who in the hell we are talking about.

Daylight Savings

Our coach Mike Reid has been waiting very impatiently for daylight savings to kick in so some decent hours are available for training on Tuesday and Thursday nights, particularly for late finishing workers. Wouldn't you know it... the first night of training in daylight saving time was cut short by black clouds and rain...just what the doctor ordered hey Reidy! At least the top oval looks great for the first time in ages.

Rep honour for Peter Mann

Our congratulations are once again extended to Peter Mann for being selected in the DVCA Under 21 Representative team for the second successive year. Pete was a star in last season's metro wide competition and his selection this year was no surprise. Peter follows in the footsteps of other Wanderers to play in the DVCA Under 21 team including Brent Monger, Andrew Stacey and Pete's older brother Austin who took all before him only a few seasons ago.

The 'Ghost' Returns

While club legend John Crossman makes his mark once again in Diamond Valley cricket, it's great to see the 'ghost' Ian Allen don the whites for the NEWCC once again. While only frolicking around in the Fifts to lend experience and support to Clay Swain and his young charges...the 'ghost's' return is pleasing to see...even if we may never actually see him around the clubrooms. Hence the name 'Ghost'...naturally...but be assured Ian Allen is still a very talented player.

Great start for juniors

While our senior First X1 have struggled to put a winning score on the board, our First X1 Under 16 and 14 junior sides have set a cracking pace early in the season. Both sides after three rounds remain undefeated and are taking all before them so far. Junior Development Co-ordinator Dave Lambert predicted big things from these sides this season and so far the boys have lived up to all expectations with solid, even team performances. Stand out players have been Jimmy Stevenson in the Under 16's with two half centuries and Cam Jordan in the Under 14's who has taken two five wicket hauls for a total of 13 wickets in three games. Keep it up boys!

Good heads for radio

We've all heard the old saying above many times but no more appropriate saying can be attributed to our three wise monkeys, Brian Stieg, BT and Ali Mann who were recent guests on the Plenty Valley Radio DVCA Cricket Show. And what a great NEWCC public relations performance they presented to the listeners for almost an hour. Our President, Brian Stieg was the epitome of wisdom, confidence and purpose, Al Mann our club captain oozed determination, leadership and knowledge of the game, BT our opening slow bowler was actually funny, quick-witted and modest. And to think they only had time to rehearse on the way up to the Mill Park studio. A great example of club teamwork.

Geisha Boy

Who is our Club's favorite Geisha boy? Yes, it's Phill Harris of course. But do all geisha boys have that much body hair? In all seriousness, it was great to see so many of the club's members get behind Phill and his recently published book on his exploits in Japan. I'm not sure how many copies Phill has sold to his team mates but two things are certain...if they ever take a trip to Japan, these players will be more than ready for the culture shock and secondly...the personally autographed copies will definitely be a collectors item in years to come...well, maybe.

Cup Night

Last Saturday nights Cup Calcutta was the Club's first big social event of the season. While the general turnout was disappointing (especially by senior players!) a fun night was had by all. Thanks to Craig Ondarchie for all his great work in organising the night.

A small number of Wanderers partied all the way into the wee hours of the morning... with some apparently having mistaken it for a Karaoke night full of classic rock sing-alongs. For the record, Phill Harris was the big winner purchasing both 1st placed "Makybe Diva" and (with Al Mann) last placed "She's Archie". Richard Henderson got 2nd with "Vinne Roe" and the Groves clan took out 3rd with "Zazzman".

VCE Students

The club wishes all its VCE studying students all the very best of luck in their final exams currently underway. We trust that you will make the most of your opportunities, not only pass with flying colours but get the chance to pursue the course or career you are hoping for.

Separated at Birth

Rumor File

Cup Eve -> Karaoke night

Phone call to Eltham Soccer Club - 3 am.

Matt's Car in pole, and bashing.

Zach Grove's Richie Benau

Junior Results

Ladder

U16 (1) Round 4 NEW 9/112 DEF Bundoora 52 & 6/44

Ryan Oehme 4/4, Michael D'Agastino 2/9, Max Leropoulos 2/12 & 18, Ben Godfrey 2/4, James Stevenson 52 & Jesse Waters 21

After bundling Bundoora out cheaply on day 1, we were able to secure the first innings points early on day 2, then we went after the outright points but ran out of time. Another solid win to remain at the top of the table.

1 NE 24
2 SF 18
3 TU 15
4 RE 15

U16 (2) Green Round 2 NEW 159 DEF Lower Eltham 8/131

Ben Leine 4/24, Nathan Day 28 & Matthew Carnell 27

A solid performance all round as we posted our first win for the season

1 MC 12
2 PY 12
3 WH 6
4 DC 6
5 NE 6

U16 (2) White Round 2 NEW 39 lost to Plenty 7/46

Ash Neville 2/10 & David Ellis 2/11

A poor batting performance was nearly wiped out by an excellent effort with the ball. A few first gamers so there will be natural improvement. The second day was washed out.

1 MC 12
2 PY 12
3 WH 6
4 DC 6
7 NE 0

U14 (1) NEW 8/139 DEF Bundoora 115

Jack Young 31, Tom Memmler 23no & Cameron Jordan 5/7

Another win for the 14 1's although not without a struggle, Cameron Jordan continues to take wickets & valuable innings from Jack Young, Tom Memmler & the defiant Matthew Ondarchie saw us home in a thriller.

1 EPP 24
2 NE 24
3 YB 21
4 RE 18

U14 (2) NEW 2/147 DEF Eltham College 24

Dayne Sweres 35no, Jordan Higham 35no, Tim Vlastuin 20, Mitchell Anderson 2/0 & Nick Astin 2/1

This game was all over by just after 10am on the first day after a great effort in the field by the boys. Play was washed out on day 2.

1 NE 12
2 EP 12
3 PY 12
4 DC 6

U14 (3) NEW 131 DEF Lower Eltham 7/108

Morgan Hancock 42, Jordan Cisek 2/7 & Nick Vlastuin 2/9

Our innings was held together by the skipper Morgan Hancock's 42 & we bowled well in the wet on week 2 to maintain our undefeated status.

1 DC 16
2 NE 16
3 EP 13
4 RV 12

U12 (1) Diamond Creek 7/129 Drew with NEW

Jordan Cisek 3/4

After bowling fairly on week 1, the second day was washed out

1 RE 9
2 PY 9
3 RV 6
4 PH 6
7 NE 3

U12 (2) NEW Bye

1 NE 12
2 RE 6

U12 Development Green Yarrambat 3/72 DEF NEW 6/47

With a few mods coming up to fill vacancies in this team, the boys battled thru the wet to perform admirably

U12 Development (2) NEW DEF Diamond Creek by Walkover

Senior Results

Ladder

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| <p>Money Shield: 1st XI 3/253cc drew (Washout) Bundoora United 6/77 abandoned Man of Match: Al Mann 62. B Monger 60no, D Rawson 39, B Jose 36no, P Mann 30, B Temple 3/24, J Colliccoat 2/20 On day 1 the firsts blew away their bad batting form by batting all day for an excellent total in which all who battered got at least 30. Day 2 started very promising with Bundoora reduced to 3/7 with B.T. bowling well again. Then as happened in the same fixture last season, with NEW still very much in control, the rain came to rob us of a win.</p> | 1 TU 19 2 LS 15 3 PH 15 4 WH 15 9 NE 3 |
| <p>Money Reserve: 2nd XI 195 defeated Bundoora United 190 Man of Match: None given. Matt Reid 83, Scott Eastwood 34, Darren Morter 3/34, Tony Purcell 3/28, Dylan Perera 2/33. On day 1 the seconds stumbled to 8/90 and then 9/121 before a big last wicket partnership between Matt Reid and captain Dozie Morter saw a competitive 195 posted. With the rain tumbling on day 2 the team played through adverse conditions to register a character building win by 5 runs. Best of the bowlers were Dozie, Tony Purcell and Dylan Perera.</p> | 1 NE 18 2 EC 18 3 MC 16 4 LS 15 5 SM 15 |
| <p>D Grade: 3rd XI 6/259cc drew (washout) Thomastown United 2/92 abandoned Man of Match: John Crossman 100no. Brett Millsom 36, Rhys Lamert 26no. The highlight of the match was undoubtedly John Crossmans maiden club century. It provided the backbone to a very good total which would have taken some catching by Thomastown had it not been for the rain.</p> | 1 HB 19 2 RV 15 3 EL 15 4 YB 15 7 NE 9 |
| <p>F Grade: 4th XI 5/134 defeated Mill Park 97 Men of Match: Luke Groves 31no & 4/26 and Peter McLaughlin 33no & 3/24. Zach Groves 2/22 & 22 & 2 catches (Richie Benaud would have loved it!) The fourths opened their account for the season with a well deserved win against Mill Park after a good team bowling and batting effort, especially from the Groves boys and Pete McLaughlin. Jimi Ryan's 9no off 21 overs played an important role in seeing us home.</p> | 1 PH 13 2 MY 13 3 EP 12 4 TU 9 6 NE 6 |
| <p>H Grade: 5th XI 100 drew (washout) Panton Hill 0/23 abandoned Clay Swain 24 This game had no play on day 2 with the pitch practically underwater. On day 1 a disappointing total was put together off 56 overs with Captain Clay Swain playing the anchor with 24 off 40 overs. With NEWCC only bowling 12 overs no wickets were captured, although Jack Young's 5 overs 0/2 with the new ball was very promising.</p> | 1 MP 16 2 MY 10 3 BU 10 4 PH 9 5 NE 9 |

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