



Red Star Observer

October 8th, 2008

Newsletter of the Reds Cricket Club
“Win Nervously, Lose Tragically”

A Grade Match Report

NEXT MATCHES

A:

Sun 12 Oct 2008 (12:00PM)

Carnegie v Reds

Venue: Koornang Park
[Melway 68 H6]

Match Officials:
Umpire1: Paul Whitehead

C:

Sun 12 Oct 2008 (12:00PM)

Coles Sharks v Reds

Venue: Righetti Oval
[Melway 59 E3]

Match Officials:
Umpire1: Peter Maddocks
Umpire2: Fahad Ahmed

D:

Sat 11 Oct 2008 (12:45PM)

Reds v Burnley
CYMS

Venue: Edmund Herring
Memorial Oval [Melway 2K
K2]

Match Officials:
Umpire1: Peter Maddocks
Umpire2: Mithilesh Edavalath

Emmanuel 8-94 d Reds 73 (Thompson 5-22 inc ht)

Time changed at 2am on Sunday morning. By 4 that afternoon id gone plumb for a golden for some emmanuel blokes hat trick to make it 7 for 12 ross had led a late order comeback then taken 3 quick wickets then been hit for some fours by an assy near but far from humun slogger a wicket keeper had acted like an unhindged psycho and lost his shlt republicans were extolling the virtues of a half witted candidate catches had lost matches emmanuel were probably on top of the ladder geelong had lost the grand final the d grade had just lost to barney despite no sober batsmen in the shed when passing the 2's had been beaten due to batsmen not staying in alec was scoring herring was keeping low rhidian was talking brad was smoking nigel was explaining how he'd got out the a's opening batsmen was driving home lamenting a lamentable caught behind decision the dude was screaming somewhere about the triple crown lachies dad was getting releaved of 2 bucks for magic beans trotts nose was burnt lace was talking I was deciding which of 4 fridges worked JT was padded up johnno was out the 'committee' wasn?t seen at either game dogs were runnin on the ground kenno was the only fit bloke the gun fill in in the a's had made no runs dogs were barkin chooks wer chookin crows were crowin... quite lucky to be alive though. – Brett Byrne

C Grade Match Report

A GRADE RESULTS

*Monash Uni 8-132 d
Burnley 129*

*Power House 8-cc-204 d
Sacred Heart 178
(Graham 82 Witton 5-18)*

*Indigos 9-cc-238
(Aryabhagat 76 Sangha 73
) d Salesian OB 98*

*Emmanuel 8-94 d Reds 73
(Thompson 5-22 inc ht)*

*Carnegie 104 d Melb Uni
92*

Hydro Flow 8-cc-176 (Trotter 3-19 Scorgie 2-31) d Reds 83 (Chapman 17 Extras 18)

I never thought I'd say it, but I'm looking forward to playing at Righetti next game. If Herring on Sunday wasn't the worst pitch I've ever played on, that's only because my life didn't feel in danger as often as it did at Lord and EE Gunn #2. Only one ball every seven overs threatened to take batsmen's heads off, most just tried to remove a toenail or break an ankle. Though keeping wasn't exactly an OHS officer's delight, since every grubber was a good chance to take off as soon as it hit the moonscape at the end of the cut pitch.

Trotts sent Hydro Flow in when he won the toss, figuring that if they got out in under 35 overs, a definite possibility on this minefield, we could get some bonus overs and the byes alone would take us past them. Not a bad plan, since it had nearly worked for Youlden-Parkville in the early game. Unfortunately Waterboys skipper Kenez played a great knock for 72 and their no.4 Peters punished everything loose for 48. Most of our bowlers showed decent early form. Trotts 3-19 from 7 took the bowling honours with a nice spell of inswing. Scorge was always dangerous and fully deserved his two wickets at the end, and Squid 0-15 bowled a very impressive spell on debut. KMIC trapped their no.3 plumb in front with a corker of a late inswinger on his first ball. I thought something was missing from Prabakhar's bowling and then I realised he wasn't following through 17 metres down the pitch like last year. The big surprise was JT whose herky-jerkies completely deceived Kenez and Trotts took a blinder of a catch diving away at short cover. That made it 3-128, but our fielding held up well in the closing stages despite having only ten players. The run-out on Nige's throw to Scorge from the boundary was textbook stuff. Our only problem was the usual first game rustiness which produced one or two loose balls each over, and all credit to the Hydro Flow batsmen who

usually took full toll and ran hard when they didn't.

Our reply was pretty meek. Not because of lack of application or aggression, but because the Hydro Flow bowlers bowled consistently at the stumps and so their grubbers did more damage. Lachie (9) punished some early loose stuff and a lively start got us to 1-25 in the first six overs. Then three of our top six got bowled by dead shooters. Brad hit some cracking shots, and with Jonno took the score from 4-36 to 4-62 to give us a brief glimmer of hope. JT showed his full array of unorthodox strokes for a well-compiled 9, the highlight being the upper cut delicately lobbed between slip and third man for a single. Scorge looked good for 6, then the much-vaunted Hydro Flow fielding finally got its act together for a couple of run-outs to finish the innings. Brad (17) and Extras (18) were our stars with the bat, and if Trotts had been bold enough to bat Brad at 1,3,5,7,9 and 11 and Extras at 2,4,6,8 and 10, we would have won easily.

C GRADE RESULTS

– Alec Kahn

Carnegie 102 d Youlden-Parkville 99

*Parkville Dist 8-228
(Purcell 50 Tobin 50) d
S.Yarra 8-cc-118*

*Bentleigh 7-cc-182 d
Burnley 70*

*Hydro Flow 8-cc-176
(Kenez 72) d Reds 83*

*Coles 7-139 (Symonds 74)
d Power House 135*

D Grade Match Report

Barnawartha 7-221 (Pavolo 68) d Reds 8-cc-196

It finally rained on a Friday night, it must be the start of Cricket season, but as the prevailing wind was coming from Corio Bay, it could well have been those tear laden clouds that had yet to stop weeping. Will they stop weeping only for the wind to moan?

Saturday burst upon us is rays of expecting sun, comforted by the knowledge that a number of large Barnies were at Phillip Island, and on paper the REDS had at least 13 (all of whom turned up – thanks to Gerard & Indika). The pitch looked as it always does at Herring, suitably distressed for a ground named after a man with a penchant for the occasional use of the death penalty (but they don't teach young footballers re-tracking Kokoda that one). REDS won the toss and batted.

Ashan was late, so there was a regrouping at the top with Woody and Ian going out and getting off to a good flyer and an opening stand of 40,

before Ian went. Ashan carried on the good work with a quick 12 to take us to 70 before he went as well. With Woody looking good the remodelled Scotty went in at number 4, to stake his claim as the new Wim (TNW). Scotty looked composed, played some good shots that deserved more runs, only to be given LB after a sustained round of bellowing from the Barnies bowler (which was to have repercussions later as this umpire seemed reluctant to give any more for the day).

D GRADE RESULTS

*Barnawartha 7-221
(Pavolo 68) d Reds 8-cc-
196*

*Canterbury 4-dec-154 &
0-14 d Burnley 71 & 92*

*Sacred Heart 147
(O'Brien 50) d Hydro
Flow 140 (Lucas 53
Christensen 5-28)*

*Monash Uni 5-172 d
Parkville Dist 141*

Then it was the turn of some New Generation REDS (NGR's), young enough to attract the attention of Bill Henson, Will Gunn and Tom Holden, fresh from the Kensington nursery and fresh to the foibles of Herring. Both back on the hill after being unable to play the ball from below the ankle. Then it was the turn of the Doc, who played some shots that some people in Queensland could only dream of doing, and with the aid of the venerable Professor put together another decent partnership before the Professor played a shot and was caught. After losing another batter to a low sliding ball, RJ(16n0) and new RED Seth(33n0) put together a stirring partnership of 60 plus to go to stumps, RJ with some flicks of his hips for 4, and in the last over Seth put one on the hill, one into the wall and then one onto the roof and one bounce into Gov. LaTrobe's backyard. REDS 8/196.

Lunch. Last year Barnies had the BBQ, but forgot the meat, this year had the meat, BBQ was in Sth Yarra! But they all had a beer!

REDS opened the bowling with a degree of confidence having seen the death pitch rattle its tail. Seth, long, tall, quick down the hill, Scotty none of these, up the hill. Both bowled really well without luck, as Barnie's managed to eak out one boundary per over. Scotty taking on the role of the teams go-to all round all rounder (TNW) was crucified by the timid umpire who refused at least two clear dismissals, and was unresponsive to a number of other close calls. Each had a single wicket that could have been three apiece. RJ bowled well down the hill, and got a couple, but with out much petrol in the tank did well with is 6 over spell 2/16. The Doc bowled up the hill, and landed on the spot with flat straight ones immediately, having had several enthusiastic appeals not answered, even Woody from behind the stumps was forced to shake his head in dismay. So after working out how to miss the batsmen's legs, bowled 3

Barnies, to have them teetering at 7/177, with a couple of well primed bats on the hill. Number 8 faced a raucous appeal for standing still in front of the stumps first ball, but Scotty's umpire just smiled, and the Barnies made their way to the score with 5 overs to go. A great effort in the field on a warm day and a pock marked oval, with special mention to Woody behind the stumps, Ashan's two catches and the effort in the outer by Jesse, Tom and Will. – Rhidian Thomas

Mercantile Association Roundup

Round 1 scores

Burnley came back to earth with a thud in Round One of Mercantile A Grade, as Monash Uni Gryphons produced a major upset to get home by two wickets over the defending premiers. The tight Monash attack set the win up in the first hour by reducing Burnley's top order to 5-39, and Burnley never really recovered from there. New club Indigos showed they will be a force with a big win over Salesian Old Boys, the victory engineered by opener Sameer Aryabhagat (76) and hard-hitting all-rounder Tarlok Sangha (73 inc 4 sixes). Powerhouse won the local derby against Sacred Heart thanks to a fine all-round performance from Tony Witton (49 and 5-18 from 10 overs), despite Paul Graham's defiant 82. Carnegie skipper Ash Chawla spun his side back from the dead against Melbourne Uni, grabbing 4-27 to send the students crashing from 0-58 to all out 92 chasing the Neggie's very modest 104. Opening bowler John Thompson and veteran Rohan Schreier were the architects of newly-promoted Emmanuel's win over Reds. Thompson (5-22) took a hat trick to send the Reds top order reeling to 7-14, and Schreier's 48 saw his side home from a shaky 4-24 on a difficult Scammell track.

In B Grade, it was deja vu for Gunbower as their C grade grand final nemesis Chris Mitchell set up Coles' big win. Monash withstood a late charge by Tony Meilak (43) to get home narrowly over Power House. A new-look National line-up accounted for Burnley, while newly promoted Bentleigh had no problems against Sacred Heart.

In C Grade, Carnegie came back from nowhere to grab a three run win

OTHER INFO

Ladders:

<http://tinyurl.com/r8yz9>

Scores and statistics:

<http://cricket.resultsvault.com/cricket/reports/reportmenu.asp>

Wet Weather Line: 1900-939238 after 9.45am on match day

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over Youlden-Parkville on a minefield at Herring. In the late game on the same pitch, Hydro Flow skipper Justin Kenez (72) showed great nerve to steer his side to a winning score over Reds. Solid batting performances gave Parkville District and Bentleigh easy wins, while veteran Michael Symonds (74) was the hero of Coles' run chase against Power House.

C Sunday grade saw a run-feast at Como. Scott Williams belted the season's first ton, smashing 169 to power Glen Iris to 6-324 with good support from 13yo Lachie Holmes (59). South Yarra can take consolation that their reply of 8-259 was the second highest score of the round. Newcomers Mont Albert and East Malvern impressed with big debut wins.

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In D grade, Canterbury got off to a flyer, taking outright points in a day over Burnley. Sacred Heart had a narrow win over Hydro Flow's new second XI. Opener Gavin Pavolo overcame some anxious early moments to lead Barnawartha's successful run chase against Reds, while Monash Uni got home comfortably over Parkville District.

U21 rep squad try-outs

As teams begin to take shape, club captains and secretaries are asked to speak to any players between the ages of 14 and 21 about the training sessions and matches for the Mercantile Under-21 squad. All eligible players, regardless of ability, are invited to attend the indoor training sessions. The U21s page on the MCA website gives all the details

(<http://www.mca.asn.au/content.aspx?file=2|10060j>).

More information about player rotations and availability, as well as physical workloads (ie. managing players who would be playing both Saturday and Sunday) will be presented to Captains and Clubs in this email next week. Players who are selected for an under-21 rep game during the Sundays in rounds 5 and 6 can be replaced mid-game by any player in the club who has played MCA this season.

Score reporting

Clubs and captains are reminded that when texting scores after a game, please include names and scores of all batsmen and bowlers in the game who have made 50 or taken 5 wickets.

Melbourne Marathon disruption next Sunday

The annual Melbourne Marathon next Sunday will cause the usual major disruption to traffic in the vicinity of Fawkner Park and Herring Oval.

St Kilda Road cannot be crossed by car next Sunday between St Kilda Junction and Flinders Street until mid-afternoon. This will produce major traffic jams on Kings Way and Chapel Street. The best approach to Fawkner Park and Herring Oval is along Punt Road. Alternatively, players coming from the city along Kings Way can park in the side streets between Queens Rd and St Kilda Rd and walk across to the park. – Alec Kahn