



# Red Star Observer

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

## A Grade Match Report

### NEXT MATCHES

*Carnegie 9-303 (Kohli 101 Young 77 Byrne 5-64) d Reds 113*

A:

Sat 18 Oct 2008 (1:00PM),  
Sat 25 Oct 2008 (1:00PM)

Reds v Sacred Heart

**Venue:** Fawkner Park 5  
[Melway 2L C7]

## C Grade Match Report

*Reds 4-173 (Clark 57\* Kahn 53\*) d Coles 8-cc-161 (Berry 68)*

C:

Sun 19 Oct 2008 (1:00PM),  
Sun 26 Oct 2008 (1:00PM)

Reds v Bentleigh

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

## D Grade Match Report

*Reds 151 & 1-40 d Burnley 86 (J.Thurlow-Cole 5-10) & 100 (Collie 76\* Rogerson 7-45)*

D:

Sat 18 Oct 2008 (1:00PM),  
Sat 25 Oct 2008 (1:00PM)

Sacred Heart v Reds

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

Partnerships have always helped to define cricket: Hobbs/Sutton,  
Lindwall/Miller, Lillee/Thomson, Bradman/Fingleton.

Reds have been no different: Bickle/Roberts, Knorling/Mitchell,  
Todd/Rogerson, Kahn/Byrne, Scott/VanDenHil.

Saturday began like so many others; lost the toss, had to field, only  
had 9 players. RJ struggling with the flu was stuck in traffic, Young  
Thomas stranded at a clearly marked address on Ascot Vale Rd, as

## A GRADE RESULTS

*Sacred Heart 5-cc-306  
(Whetlor 73 Hild  
70 Graham 59\*) d Melb  
Uni 110*

*Burnley 169 (Sellars 62  
Blackey 56 Radchenko 5-  
32) d Emmanuel 89*

*Salesian OB 3-200 d  
Power House 9-cc-185*

*Indigos 3-175  
(Aryabhagat 53\*) d  
Monash Uni 173 (Coster  
58)*

*Carnegie 9-303 (Kohli 101  
Young 77 Byrne 5-64) d  
Reds 113*

Scotty clearly had a seniors moment with his melways.

Ashan opened up down the hill and had a wicket straight away, and Scotty bowled their captain for the first of his golden pair. Reds had Burners 2/9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over. By this time RJ had arrived and the field took on some semblance of normality (more so with the Train back in gully, back in form and back in town). After the early breakthrough Reds started to bleed some runs, before the Doc tightened things up with 2/8 of his first 7 overs, and Scotty got the important wicket of Robbie Williams (not the fat dancer from Take That), to finish with 2/30 off 9.

At 5/70 things were tight, when the orange ball was given to the orange headed Jesse. I could say that he was filling his brother's shoes, but that's another story. Lumbering up the hill, a wicket first ball, fourth ball, ninth ball, 3/0 after 2 overs, and cleaned up the tail with 5/10 off 5 overs – all bowled. Burners all out 86 as Jesse led the team off the field.

Needing quick runs, Woody and Ashan went about it in style until Woody woke up 1st slip with a dolly, Reds scored quickly to cruise to 3/61 in 15, before RJ fell. At 4/61 Dion was joined by Thomas, and they quickly changed the pattern of the game by taking singles and running between wickets to build a match winning partnership of 36 before Thomas got his second grubber in two games to be LBW for 19. With the points in hand quick runs were needed and the score was taken to 151 which included 2 singles from the Train with Scotty puffing at the other end.

Having only used up 63 overs, Reds sent Burners back in, and following the inspired suggestion by Rogo to open the bowling with Rogo, Burners were 2/1 after the first over, 4/9 after the 3rd and 5/21 after the 5th. Dave had 6/7 after 5overs to finish with 7/45 off 9, Scotty got another 2, the Doc got spanked (by batsman and Wim). After 17 overs Burners were 9/99, with 1 batsman 76no, before the Train took over from Scotty ( a very post-modern like for like – everything old is new, or is that new is old?) and closed the innings in his 1st over 1/1. Train Bowling Avg: 1. Batting Avg: 2.

Needing only 36 of 9, Reds cantered to an outright with 5 overs to spare.

– Rhidian Thomas

## Mercantile Association Roundup

### Round 2 scores

Batsmen quickly found their feet in dry sunny conditions in round 2.

Indigos continued their impressive debut in A grade. Sameer Aryabhagat grabbed 4-37 then scored his second half-century to steer his club to an easy win, taking the shine off Monash Uni Gryphons first game at their new home ground on the campus. Sacred Heart and Carnegie ran up big wins, the Neggie's Jas Kohli providing the fireworks with a century off 40 balls against Reds. Salesian Old Boys justified their request to stay up in A Grade with a big win over Power House, and defending premiers Burnley opened their account on the testing Scammell wicket thanks to a century second-wicket stand between Mike Sellars and Martin Blackey.

Aaron Todd's century set up Bentleigh's second win in B grade, while all-rounder Dave McNamara's effort of 4-7 from 10 overs ensured that Coles also remained unbeaten. Monash got home over Sacred Heart to be the other side yet to drop a point, and Gunbower recovered from its first round loss thanks to half-centuries by Greg Nash and skipper Toby Procter.

In C grade, only Carnegie and Bentleigh have full points after two rounds. Jatin Bhatia's 91 steered Bentleigh to a hard-fought win, while John Eipper's 75 got the Neggies home over Hydro Flow. A century stand by veterans Ian Clark and Alec Kahn took Reds to victory over Coles, but Youlden skipper Ian Robertson's 85 was in vain against Burnley.

A Mont Albert bowler took the honours in C Sunday grade, Paul Gear's 6-17 overwhelming Maccabi-Ajax. Malvern, Glen Iris and South Yarra White join Mont Albert on the unbeaten list, all recording big wins.

The weekend's only outright came in D Grade at Herring, where Reds 15yo Jesse Thurlow-Cole and veteran leg-spinner Dave Rogerson ran

### C GRADE RESULTS

*S.Yarra 3-157 (Hill 60  
Hone 51) d Power House  
154 (Carr 51)*

*Carnegie 9-202 (Eipper  
75) d Hydro Flow 192*

*Burnley 8-cc-192 d  
Youlden-Parkville 174  
(Robertson 85 Barker 5-  
29)*

*Bentleigh 9-182 (Bhatia  
91) d Parkville Dist 155*

*Reds 4-173 (Clark 57\*  
Kahn 53\*) d Coles 8-cc-  
161 (Berry 68)*

through Burnley twice despite staunch resistance from James Collie. Ex-Gunbower star Anthony Schroder's seven wickets kept Sacred Heart on the winners' list. Canterbury continues to impress, winning easily over the unpredictable Barnies.

### U21 rep squad try-outs

Clubs are asked to get their potential Under-21 players along to the Under-21 Squad training sessions. These will be for three Wednesdays at the Melbourne Cricket Centre, 13 Duerdin St, Clayton, beginning 7pm on Wednesday October 22.

### D GRADE RESULTS

*Canterbury 192 (I.Gates 51) d Barnawartha 70*

*Reds 151 & 1-40 d Burnley 86 (J.Thurlow-Cole 5-10) & 100 (Collie 76\* Rogerson 7-45)*

*Sacred Heart 95 d Parkville Dist 72 (Schroder 7-34)*

*Hydro Flow 5-182 d Monash Uni 176*

The Under-21 Wright Shield inter-association matches begin on Sunday November 23. 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.

### Pink ball feedback

Clubs who tested the new pink balls in round 2 are requested to email me their captain's thoughts on the visibility and general performance of the balls.

– Alec Kahn

## Sundries

### *The Train's view of the D Grade Match against Burnley ....*

“The second round is always the round where you struggle. The joy of a new season has passed and the routines have not set in yet. The Train arrived at Herring early to soak up the atmosphere of his own return and the joy of playing with the great Dave Rogerson and the trepidation of playing with the annoyingly chatty Graeme Scott. This was soon evidenced when Scotter arrived all hot under the collar the collar because he couldn't find new junior recruit Tom Holden. Tom had given instructions that he would be waiting outside his house (XX Epsom Rd). Graeme arrived without young Tom claiming that there were only three houses in the street and none contained

the young man. I think we all know that Epson Rd is a major road and probably contains more than three houses, so the Train was forced to point out (I thought helpfully) that Graeme had obviously stuffed up because he had been too busy talking to his car radio.

We thus started with only 9 players as Rob J was also late due to being a soft girlie woosbag. For some inexplicable reason Rhidian opened with Scotter who then complained about bowling to a field of only eight men when let's face it he was the one who had cost us one of those men. Young Ash did no such complaining and soon wickets began to fall. Sadly again, Scotty took a couple, with his formidable changes of pace which were really keeping Woody on his toes behind the stumps. I swear he moved at least 2 inches back when Graeme signalled the quicker one. (So quick in fact that club legend Rogerson had to advise him to slow down). Wickets fell to Rhidian as well whose roll as captain seems to be to give himself a long bowling spell. Then the master stroke though. With 4 down for about 50 and a change was necessary, Rhids brought on Jesse Hyphen.

## 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

Season fixture:

<http://tinyurl.com/j3w36>

Reds website:

[www.redscc.org](http://www.redscc.org)

Email mailing list:

[reds@redscc.org](mailto:reds@redscc.org)

To unsubscribe from the mailing list:

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With his first ball he had a wicket as the batsman failed to pick up the ball was now coming from 12 feet in the air, rather than the 4 feet he was used to from Graeme. Confusion reigned and Jesse bowled straight and brilliantly to have 5 wickets for not many (all clean bowled) and the Burnley side out in 26 overs for 86 runs.

Ash opened the batting with some colourful stroke play and Woody did well to take the score quickly to 21. Herring was still a treacherous pitch though and woody proved this by going out to a soft catch at second slip which had nothing to do with the pitch. Everyone contributed runs in to double figures and we easily passed them with 6 wickets in hand. Young General Motors Holden batted well for 16 and Rob J made teens. The runs were being chased though and by the time Scotty went out to bat he really needed to push on. Sadly Rhids then went out and the Run Machine was forced to go out and partner Graeme. The whole way out I pondered what would be his first words to encourage me, he didn't let me down "just make

sure you don't go out because I don't want to be left here. There is no "I" in "Run Machine", well actually there's one and it's reserved for "I hate it when Graeme talks".

Anyway the Machine made two before the treacherous pitch saw a shooter get through at ankle height and clean bowl him. With Scotty's words of "you should have gotten forward" ringing in my ears I departed.

## SELECTORS

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*Rhidian Thomas*  
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*Blair Hobbs*  
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Luckily the Burnley opening bowler got one to kick up and hit Graeme on the body. That cheered me up and then when he was out soon after the joy of cricket was back in my heart. Reds all out for 155 with plenty of overs left to push for an outright.

Rhids then opened with Rogerson, who after 3 overs had figures of 5 wickets for 1. All but one bowled. An incredible display from this Reds legend who just continues to get better with age. Rhids got a couple too and the Burnley side would never have passed our score except for a fighting 76 no from their number 4. To wrap up their second innings the Train was brought on, and as always (and like the mailman) he delivered in his first over with a ball that simply beat the batsman for pace and he drolled it to mid on. Burnley all out for 100 and Reds requiring 36 to win off nine overs.

Ash opened the batting with Woody again and Train and Scotty sat down to score. Scotty proved to be so annoying that the score book was almost stuffed up in 4 overs. Ash again got quick runs before the fading pitch kept low again and he went bowled. Enter the greatest all rounder ever seen at the Reds.

Rogerson strode to the crease and promptly hit two sixes and a four to see the side home. An outright in a one dayer. Well done to all. Scotty almost shut up then, but instead decided to go and tell a new Burnley recruit how he should change his bowling action to improve.

The Train's advice to General Motors Holden on the trip home was as follows, "I know he is a lot older than you and should respect him, but you may be forced to him to shut the F..k up after 5 minutes in the car." Hopefully he took my advice.

Thanks to Rhids for giving the Train one more ride, Train out.”

-Wim ‘The Run Machine’ Vandenhil