



Warrandyte Cricket Club Newsletter

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RAIN PURGES THE WCG

Whilst the RDCA lost round 6 to rain, no one can begrudge the heavens opening up and soaking the entire state for the weekend, as it's a much needed change. The rain hasn't affected the charge of the bloods though as Warrandyte has continued its dominance in all but one of its grades. With the Firsts currently being the only team not to be on top of the ladders its looking to be a busy March for a lot of the teams. The threes, lead by Captain Kline and Moses Goddard have continued there push for the holy grail of F grade and to push onwards to the fabled E Grade. The threes were one of only two teams to take full points away from round 6. Yet this did not bother the men of the threes, after they rolled Ainslie Park for 62, with young gun Mitchell Gaffney claiming the best figures of 3/7 from his 6 overs, followed by Gidley with 2/11 and McKellar's 2/23. Warrandyte had plenty of time to go in for a bat and passed Ainslie Park without losing a wicket, with openers Jack Wrong and Moses setting the team up well with 59 and 34 respectively. Tulloch Greve, looking to regain his position in the Two's presented a strong argument, blasting himself a 50 and when the day came to an end Warrandyte were 3/190 with McKeller and Disco Stu still at the crease and considering an overnight declaration for the outright victory, but this argument never came to a head.

The other team to gain a result out of round 6 was the Fifth XI with the other Man Mountain Greve carrying the fifth XI on his plentiful back, with Warrandyte bowling out the Warranwood 7 XI for 155 with Joel Greve taking 3/11, Luke Warren 3/21 and Mathew Steed

3/54. Warrandyte again was able to go in for a bat and again passed the opposition with ridiculous ease. After opener Chris Carver departed for 20 and junior Rowan McKenzie (18*) joined Joel Greve it truly was a one man band wagon. Greve amassed a massive 126 not out over night from the teams 1/175.

The other three teams all batted first, and the First XI went into the game needed to come away with a victory to build up their season before the Christmas break to be able to set themselves up for the charge for finals in 09. Matthew Sazenis and new Dad, Benny Taylor, opened up for the Bloods and got them off to a rocketing start with Taylor going about his usual game and Sazenis proving why his is Warrandyte current MVP and one of the best all rounders in the RDCA. When Taylor departed and Mooney came and went, obviously still disillusioned with changing between the two day game and the 20/20 format, Sazenis was joined by White and the two of them batted like men possessed, combining for a vital partnership until Sazenis got a shocker LBW decision and departed for a great 76. White batted in his normal way, amassing runs and pushing the scoreboard along, with batters coming and going until he and Campbell Holland (29) were able to combine and push the scoreboard to 248 from 79 overs with White the last man out for 86.

The Two's batting line up again failed, losing early wickets with some great bowling from Croydon North putting them on the back foot. After Captain Day burnt young Ellis, he was joined by Adam Beardall, and though Beardall didn't push the point early, they were able to get Warrandyte into lunch in a respectable position, even though Beardall had a brain fad and forgot how to finish his pull shot half way through it. Day batted well and was the spine of the innings again for the Two's and as well as Two's debutant Clint Thomas was able to push Warrandyte to finish with 10/139. Thomas was obviously frustrated at the tail collapsing around him and not being able to bat it out so to take out his anger he split Keeper, Dale Landers chin open with the first ball of the innings. Landers bitched out and decided to go and get it checked out, so with one fielder down, and Day keeping with no pads, Warrandyte were still able to push for a late wicket with the 6 overs they had to bowl. They couldn't get one, but it all doesn't matter now anyway. The Fours batted first as well and had a shaky start as well, losing early wickets until Better Zach (29) was able to stabilize the innings with Stuart "Warney" Smead (26).

The Fours were then given a batting seminar by Croft and TJ Hookey with Croft just falling short of his half century for 46. Hookey was the key to the innings though with a smart 68, one run off his favourite number, and when he was out the Fours were bowled out for 222 in 56 overs. The Fours were able to have an early crack at the Ainslie Park defences and Johnnie Prangley was able to claim an early wicket.

Current Ladder Positions (Round 6)

First XI Wilkins Cup	6th - 2W 3L 1D
Second XI A Grade	1st - 4W 2D
Third XI F Grade	1st - 6W
Fourth XI I Grade	1st - 4W 2D
Fifth XI M Grade	1st - 6W
U/16 (U/16-2)	3rd - 2W 1L 1D
U/14 (U/14-1)	7th - 1W 2L 1D

Upcoming Events at your club

- 20/20 Match Against Olinda—Today

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TAYLORS TALES

As I sit here in front of my computer screen, debuting "Taylor's Tales" in an attempt to introduce some grammar and sense into Hoiberg's weekly publication, I feel like the chick from Sex and the City, pondering what I should write about in my first column. Like Carrie (ok, so I know her name), my inspiration comes from my friends and the issues that seem to be on their minds at this particular point. Instead of discussing the lack of single men in New York as we enjoy another lunch date, my ideas come from the steps of the cricket club and the various issues and happenings that make the WCC the vibrant place it is. Of all the many things floating around the club that could be discussed, today I have chosen to explore the myth that is Stephen "Mystery/Dirt/Moses/Dirty Slogger" Goddard; in particular his role in the club's third eleven this season.

Due to an influx of talented players, as well as the progress shown by many much younger than him, "Dirty Steve", as he is affectionately known, found himself in the thirds at the commencement of the season. Finding time between his strenuous work habits, he ventured on to the cricket club forum and posted after his first game that something needed to happen this year in the thirds to elevate them from F-Grade and into a more appropriate competition for our younger players/second's players in need of form. This bold statement inadvertently pronounced Steve as the hero; the man for the job. With his eyes staring out toward destiny, he would be the man who

would pick up the boys on his own two shoulders and show them the way into a better standard of cricket. He was to make himself the swashbuckling hero, complimenting the rock-like figure of his captain Brett Kline. He would be what Warnie was to Ponting, what Burke and Wills were to camels, what Barack Obama is to a nation of disgruntled people; he would be the one to stand up and say "Enough!" Ladies and Gentlemen, he would become the Moses of the Warranted Cricket Club Thirds.

Of course, these lofty ambitions were in their early stages; swimming in Steve's mind and becoming more prevalent in the thoughts of his peers. The name 'Moses' was attached to him by a clever team mate who understood his position. For a short lesson, I shall brief you on what is meant by referring to Steve as Moses. (Note: It should be pointed out here that all religious comment in the following passages may be a little scratchy and is only meant for shallow entertainment.) From what I remember from my days in Warranted Primary Religious Education classes I can tell you that Moses had a beard. When I then looked him up on google it became clear that Moses was the man who led the Hebrews from a life of slavery and toward the promised land. He also dabbled in some commandments and plagues but those stories can wait for another day; for what is important here is the story of Moses and his people and Steve and his team mates. Pronouncing one's self as a hero among men is both a bold and courageous action that must be followed by actions to support it. Steve has placed himself outside

of the group and told them that he shall lead them to the promised land of E - Grade, yet his title of "Moses" may have been brought on prematurely. For if he is to live up to such a name, there are challenges he first must meet. Moses wandered the desert for forty years, Mystery has until march to produce a flag. Moses heard the voice of god, Dirt must decipher the voice he hears in his head after numerous Jack Daniel's. Moses faced God and the almighty Egyptians of his era; Steve's stiffest competition may come from Wonga Park Fifts.

Despite the difference in situations, a common theme runs through both the stories of Moses and Steve Goddard. Both put their neck out to do better by others and I know I am not alone in hoping that Steve is successful in steering the mix of experience and enthusiasm of the thirds to an F - Grade premiership. As the season progresses it will become tough; catches will be dropped, bad decisions made; but a hero always triumphs against great adversity. So next time you see Dirt on a Thursday night, deep in thought as the upcoming game approaches, take a minute to understand his role and what he has proposed to do for himself, his club and his captain. For as we know that Moses parted the red seas, so must Steve part the gap between cover and mid-off in his pursuit to lead a team to glory.

Until next week, may the runs flow and wickets fall for all that wear the red and white.

