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Record Partnership

With the season only one and a half rounds old, ACC had a great start to what should be a great year. On the way to a first up 3rd XI win, Tom Morgan and Jeff Orchard featured in an opening partnership of 189. This is an all time record for the association for 5th Grade and laid the foundation for a huge 40 over score of 2/223 which High Wycombe were unable to match, but there will be more in Laconic Don's Match Report, but first to Weiry and his wrap up of the A Grade win against High Wycombe: With round 1 being reduced to a 40 over game it gave us an extra week to ponder the upcoming fixture against High Wycombe at Scotts reserve just west of Kalgoorlie.

Winning the toss and bowling we held them to 1 for 47 by drinks. With the entrance of Cheese Fields into the attack their batsmen were restricted and wickets fell regularly throughout the last 20 overs. We held High Wycombe to 8 for 156 due to two inspirational bowling displays by captain Jerry 'SPICE' Marquis 4 for 71 from 20 overs straight and Ali 'CHEESE' Field 2 for 56 from 12 overs straight. Nice!! Our batting plan was to be a maximum of one wicket down at at the half way point and we kept to that plan. Kappo started the season with a bang by defying the High Wycombe attack and scoring an impeccable 53. Great!! His partner in crime Graeme 'THORPE' Cashin from Liverpool also cashed in on their attack with an entertaining and faultless 46. Cheese Field was given authorization to look to 'cow' which is what he did with 35 not out

under wicked pressure to score quickly. Well done Ali. We ended the day with a ground breaking win away from home against a finals contender last year. Admirable!!!

It was a first class start from the 2nd XI, when the Wild Colonial Boy Brian Seymour inspired the team by pulling our two fresh decks of Elle MacPherson photos from his recent trip to Kal. Openers Stirling D and Fiad (both forced to wear their boxes upside down) were batting like millionaires to put on 70 before the effect of the photos wore off and they were both instantly dismissed. Still well placed in the forty over contest, Applecross experienced a batting collapse the like of which had never been seen before at Stricko until some rear guard action from the young buck Buckley allowed a reasonable score of 118 to be scrambled.

A strong bowling performance was needed, but when tea consisted of only apple pies, the warning signs were omenous for the ACC and Hack Wycombe shortened slightly in the ring. Crumbling to 4/10 after some firebrand bowling from Stirling and Seymour, Hack Wycombe recovered to be 4/90 with plenty of overs to remaining. The laconic Richie Mulroney was bowling well when the lean Aboriginal Ian Williamson was brought into the attack and with figures of 7/5/2/3 (that's three wickets for two runs you pommy pricks) blasted ACC to a miraculous victory by five runs. The team was so happy with the victory that Seymour took home only one very thick Elle MacPherson photograph.

Welcome to the Fifth Grade - no bloody umpires, a disgrace. After a Fiery Orchard late call we arrived at 'Coffin Cheaters Oval' won the toss and batted. The bowling in the first few overs was about as potent as the Dockers forward line. Tommy was heard to comment 'it is the worst bowling I have ever seen'. But when walking off after a great innings he was heard telling the High Wycombe captain 'that's probably the worst innings ever seen'. Anyway, not to take anything away from Fiery and Tom, the bowling improved, but this was the day and a record was set. Going neck and neck through the fifties, right up to the eighties, they pulled, cut, hooked, cowed and drove their way to a record opening effort of 189. Fiery played on he thinks, but Teedee told me he walked because he was about to spew up. A fine 84 leaving Tom well on the way to another Ax hundred. Unfortunately, Tom fell two runs short leaving the rest a few overs to get 223.

Looking at the way they bowled, we thought they can't be anything devastating with the bat, but didn't take it laconically (there's that word again - Ed). Teedee and Deano opened the bowling with a good line and kept the runs down. Sometimes Teedee must have thought he was at Port Beach using the sand on the pitch's outside to gain some movement. We got them 4/40 before the cow squad walked out. Smashing a quick 40 to cow (and calf) they might have had a sniff but enter all rounder Tommy with a torn calf (not a short cow) he dazzled them with John Lever type deliveries they had no answer to. 4/14 off five overs and the game was over. Some great fielding with as usual with Aida's catch that brought rain, Joe's keeping and Milesy's running around a lot. A good effort but of lot of improvement also needed. The makings of a good all round side with youth, experience and spirit. Come on Wembley - you're next.

The 4th XI suffered the ignominy of losing the only game in what was otherwise a very successful round 1 for Applecross. We took on Wembley at Henderson Park. I have no idea

who won the toss, but it resulted in Kangy and I wandering out to open the batting. The bowling was very tight and despite our gun batting line up, we limped to 2 for 38 at halfway. We lost wickets regularly with the only partnerships of note between captain Gus and the batsman formerly known as George and the sixth wicket between Gus and (they killed) Kenny (you bastards!). We scrambled to 6/123 at the close with Gus 49 not out.

Their opening bats both had a limited array of shots. They were both hesitant coming forward but very confident (and capable) cutting anything remotely short and wide. Faced with this choice our bowlers bowled short and wide and much damage was done by the opening stand. We stuck to our guns and had them six down when they passed our score. The best of the bowlers was probably Kenny although Fabio had the stats and a sensational one handed catch and bowled. Special mention must go to Baetsen who will prefer to forget this day. A sledge at Kenny querying his ability to hit the ball was followed by a bludgeoned drive through extra cover for four, Burt did not get a bat, got clubbed for two sixes and had a catch dropped (by Kenny) depriving him of his 250th wicket - fortunately drugs can ease the pain.

The final match report will be embarrassingly brief as I only have hearsay to go on. This will be rectified in the next edition. Congratulations to Murph for his first up win starring Dunc Collie who was missing from his real team for reasons unknown. A low score against Nollamara of 122 off forty overs was always defensible when you knock them over for 55. Dunc picked up 6/22. Sorry I can't go into more depth than that, but Murph was so excited he forgot to ring the scores through. Although we may incur a small fine for this, it will be nothing compared to the fine he will get if he stops his game to listen to the Caulfield Cup (or piss off to the TAB for that matter!)

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Movie Night



Hoyts Garden City

November 11th - 7.30 pm

\$15.00/head

Choice of Sex Movies (oops SIX movies)

Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Munchies

Bring your friends, partners, lovers, or people you don't know - just ask them

Scores Round 1

1st XI

Vs: High Wycombe
At: RA Scott (1)
Applecross 5/167
Kaptieyn 53
Cashin 46
High Wycombe All out 156
Marquis 4/71

3rd XI

Vs: High Wycombe
At: RA Scott (2)
Applecross 5/223
Morgan 98
Orchard 84
High Wycombe All out 15
Morgan 4/15

5th XI

Vs Nollamra
At: Winthrop
Applecross All Out 122
Nollamara All Out 55
Collie 6/22

2nd XI

Vs: High Wycombe
At: Shirley Strickland
Applecross All out 118
Bensusan 37
Stirling 33
High Wycombe All out 113
Mulroney 3/25
Williamson 3/2

4th XI

Vs: Wembley
At: Henderson Park
Applecross 6/123
Castley 49 not out
Wembley 6/134
Fabio: 3/42

Ardross Under 17s

Ardross Under 17 scores will be kept here too as soon as Tommy sends them to me. Please make these guys welcome at training on Thursday nights

Crap Page - AFL 2007 - the whole thing (I thought it was funny)

The start of season 2007 was much awaited with all keen to see if the South East Asian Football League could repeat the success of its record first year having expanded the AFL competition into Asia in 2006. The Bali Runs were the first Asian team to enter the competition and were greeted with mixed success. Nonetheless, six wins in their first season was seen as a sign of promise. Riding on the success of the foray into Asia AFL supremo Dr Douglas Hawkins Phd MLA was keen to further tap the Asian market and season 2007 saw the introduction of the Phillipine based Manila Folders.

Port Adelaide and Collingwood were the big winners in the pre season draft. Although Port Adelaide regarded season 2006 as a success having managed to sneak into the top twelve, they were still able to draft 2005 Brownlow Medallist Jason Torney in a deal with Richmond involving the gestating Jarman twins. Collingwood finished second bottom after a disastrous season, but was able to snare fifteen year old triple Magarey Medallist Darren Nunn from Norwood. Fremantle, who finished bottom in 2006 were expected to draft Nunn but instead opted for Westar Rules Team Peel Thunder who had nominated as a job lot. Although this gave Fremantle a list of 83, the SE AFL ruled that they could be counted as one if they were drafted as one. This technicality has also meant Fremantle is able to field seventeen interchange players and three coaches.

The introduction of the second Sydney team, the Westside Moccasins has had mixed success, but has appealed greatly to the Western Sydney demographic. Coach Robbie Muir and Assistant John Worsfold have been able to draw together a team of great talent, but one which has been criticised for being one dimensional. Players such as Danny Southern, Damian Monkhurst (recently out of retirement) and Kostya Tzu are typical of the calibre of footballer required for the elaborate Muir game plan. Muir has been an ardent critic of the restricted nine man interchange, particularly with the introduction of the send off rule. The moccasins finished one game last season with just five players, but were still able to win after Adelaide lost twenty four players to the blood rule.

Port Adelaide were hit hard by injury in only the third round when Jason Torney sustained a knee injury after being hit by an elephant in Hindley Street. The elephant reportedly had taken just on twenty years to make it from Arden Street. With Torney the only big name in the team, some were heard to say 'no Torney, no Port, but the Power were able to overcome this and put together many vintage Port performances.

Collingwood, still regarded as one of the underachievers of the competition, has bolstered its line up after drafting Darren Nunn. He, combined with Captain Nathan Buckley will make up a potent midfield to feed Sav Rocca as he approaches Tony Lockett's goalkicking record of 2863. New Coach Craig Bradley, a surprise appointment was still reticent about his teams chances. When asked at a pre season function how he thought his team would fare in 2007, he commented that to assess Collingwood's chances, he would have to look very closely at his star midfielders, Buckley and Nunn.

Round 14 saw the first and keenly awaited Asian Derby with the Bali Runs taking on the Manila at Denpasar. Manila played a conservative game and were able to take it up to Bali early on and even managed to hold a slender lead at half time. It was however no surprise in the second half as the Folders capitulated and allowed the Runs to go straight through them - the final score Bali: 23. 12. 150., Manila 10. 13. 73.

After much speculation half way through season 2006, Essendon reappointed Kevin Sheedy as Coach for season 2007. This was despite Sheedy's untimely death in 2004.

In media news Channel Seven's Live and Kicking has won another Logie for best variety program. Many have eaten humble pie after writing off the program when Kylie Minogue tried to kick Frank Sinatra's head off. Eight years on, Live and Kicking is still going strong. Some attribute the strength to host Bert Newton, some consider the midday time slot the key to success, but most believe the breezy shopping atmosphere and special discount offers as the recipes for longevity. However, the bad news for Channel Seven is police and Union warnings not to watch Seven's Talking Footy whilst driving or operating heavy machinery. Bruce Macavaney has taken the warning very hard and is reportedly spending some of his own time on the couch at about \$125/hour.