

CROSSWORDS

Here are the Captains' reports for all grades except 7th's, the third eleven for the club. President Kingdon has informed "Crosswords" he was unable to get this report form the captain....

First Eleven Captain's Report

The season so far can be summed up in two words - frustrating but promising.

We moved into the Xmas break with two and a half wins and three losses, but, had circumstances been different, and with a little luck, it could easily have been four wins.

Nevertheless, the season has seen steady improvement and with the promise of an improved second half our chances of a good season are very good.

Mike Broadbridge has been superb with the bat and has been well supported by Rocky Musolino.

Stephan Perer has also shown some good form and is looking to settle into the side in the important opening position.

As usual we have bowled well with Rob Pulley leading the way, being well supported by Rob Littejohn and Leigh McIntosh. Jeff Wooton is also running into some fitness and form and this is very positive for the remainder of the season.

We have probably had the harder part of the season in terms of the teams we have played, so if we can maintain our recent form and improve as the season progresses, I am confident we shall finish the season very well and play a very important part in shaping the finals.

Richard Lynch

Second Eleven Captain's Report

Five wins and one loss - a top start which sees us second on the ladder having played some 23 players with some fine individual performances.

Our batting has been solid, with Kevin Miles (23ave), Simon Shalders(28ave), Greg Harrison-Ward(27ave) and Lee, Des, Brett, George, Brad and Paul all averaging around 15 to 20 each.

Our bowling has been outstanding as well, with Brett McGregor 12 wickets at 12ave, Val Steenholdt 15 wickets at 15ave and Richard Mulronev 4 wickets at 11ave.

Lee Monument has 6 wickets at 10ave, whilst Paul Broadbridge, Brad Douglas and Lee McIntosh have all had outstanding games with the ball.

What's now required is players that want to be part of a premiership team and a solid, close side.

That means training, drinking, talking and putting this team first always; this is what makes a premiership team, not always the very best players, but the players that give their all and believe in each other and don't leave any one thing to a fellow player.

I am now looking for ten others that can see themselves as captains, tell me that you want to be one of those 10 and success can be yours in 94.

After 16 years at Applecross having never played in a winning premiership side, this is our chance - Let's Take It!

Val Steenholdt

Fifth Eleven Captain's Report

We started the season off slowly with two forfeits in the first four games.

The team then seemed to settle down with regular players, making it easier to find their strengths and exploit them.

This is the first season for some of our regular players, and they have fitted into the team extremely well.

The one thing that seems to separate our team from our opponents is our ground fielding and catching, with an average of less than one dropped catch per game.

Highlights for the season so far include:

-John Scarff's 54n.o., Paul Campaner's 40n.o. & 52n.o. and Paul Sutton-Mattock with a couple of 50's.

-Gary "Hack" Leask 5/27, Ryan Greenwell 2/12, Glen Warber 4/15 and John Scarff 3/16.

With a win loss ratio 5/3 and two forfeits, I am quite sure that if we continue our recent form we will be very competitive at the business end of the season.

Well done boys and keep it going.

Paul Sutton-Mattock

Sixth Eleven Captain's Report

Our side did not field a team for the first two games.

Alongside this, us throwing away a couple of games, especially against South perth, has cost us.

At Christmas we still found ourselves only one game out of the top eight.

So we all have to work that bit harder to make the finals.

I wish you all the best for the new year and look forward to the rest of the season.

Steve Doble

Fourth Eleven Captain's Report

After Round Six we have a four/two record which has ensured us a spot in the top two.

I believe we have the depth and ability to beat any team in the competition based on what we have seen so far.

Despite a lot of changes in the beginning to the players, we are now settling down to a core of six or seven players who play each game. The highlights of the first half of the season were:

- A chanceless century by Lee McIntosh against Bassendean.
- Some very consistent batting by Matt Campbell, who is the leading run scorer.
- Tight, well-controlled bowling by Pat O'Dwyer, who leads in wicket taking. He has been well supported by Bert Bateson.

We have played all the top five teams except Curtin University, so we have the opportunity to finish the season strongly.

I honestly believe we can get the ultimate prize this year, the commitment and strength of the team has steadily improved and if this continues, we can do it.

Pierre Every

The Coach's Report

It is very pleasing to report at the halfway mark of the season that the club is doing very well indeed. In fact four out of the six sides are in the four and doing very well and the other two are very close to making the four.

This is particularly pleasing considering that our top two sides are up at least one grade, and in Val's case his side is up two grades from last year.

Penny's side is doing extremely well and he has a very good chance of securing promotion next year which is going to be important for the short term future of the club.

Pierre continues to grandfather his side well and he gets good support from Steve Doble and Paul Sutton-Mattock.

Whilst mentioning the skippers above, it goes without saying that the club is very fortunate to have the depth and quality of player we do who collectively make it so much easier for the sides to perform well. I look forward to the second half of the season where I feel the club can really make its mark on the club championship for the season.

Good luck to everyone and I'll see you at training.

Richard Lynch

The ACC President's Report

Well, it is the halfway mark of the season.

Five of the six sides are in the top seven of their grades. After Christmas, if we all work hard together as a team and club, I am sure we will have sides representing the club in finals.

At this point the club is second in the club championship, so we all need to improve to become number one.

I would like to thank all the people who have worked hard up till Christmas to make this club operational:

- 1) Lorraine in the kitchen - a special big thanks.
- 2) To all captains, selectors and coaches.
- 3) Val for controlling training superbly.
- 4) To all the executive committee and social/fundraising committee.
- 5) Big Al, Judas, Jock and Mars for their efforts with the chocolate wheel.

Great stuff - Thanks! But we are only halfway there.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great new year and the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Russell Kingdon

Social/Fundraising Chairman's Report

It has been a hectic and busy season to date.

From the Players Tea, Plastic Paris and the Xmas Show to four BBQ's, our infamous Spit and Gaming Night and our Xmas Eve Pub Crawl and Dinner.

All these events have been totally successful, except for the Spit and Gaming Night, where we made a loss.

There is still a lot of people with outstanding chocolate money, (\$2,200 still to go), so get the money into Burt ASAP.

The second half of the season looks as busy as the first half, so keep an eye on the next newsletter for a full calendar of our upcoming social/fundraising events.

All the best for the new year.

Nick Ashbrook

APPLECROSS CRICKET CLUB

Crosswords

Newsletter for players and friends of the Applecross Cricket Club

No. 4 Saturday, February 5th

Social Calender

MENS NIGHT...

To be held at the club on the 19th of February, this will be another evening of gynaecological fact-finding. The show will start at 7:00pm and is guaranteed to be hotter than ever before.

HOYTS MOVIE NIGHT...

To get a ticket for this night, see Angus, Snake or Cameroon.

This outing is designed to make wives and girlfriends welcome, as well as friends - the more the merrier.

Your \$15 ticket includes a new release movie plus bottled wine, beer and nibbles before the show.

So keep Wednesday, March 2nd free !

PLAYERS TRIP...

New Norcia here we come!

On March 5th, 6th and 7th, 20 players from the Applecross Cricket Club will do their best to further tarnish the reputation of everyone playing for the club.

There is only room for the first 20 people who pay their \$80 to Burt Baetson or Big Russ, so be quick!

The bus will leave on Saturday, March 5th at 8pm.

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4 x 6 PACK
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Your club urges you not to forget that for every CUB token we hand in, the club gets 50cents.

The club's aim is to collect enough tokens to receive 40 cartons of beer free of charge.

So please remember to hand them into Jenny behind the bar.

You can find these tokens on every CUB carton.

30 Ways to Improve your Cricket from Barry Richards

10 Batting Tips

1. Keep head still and eyes level in stance.
2. Elbow up when playing with a straight bat.
3. Keep the ball along the ground as often as possible.
4. Hands together on the bat.
5. Make sure the bat is the right size and weight.
6. Get accustomed to the light before walking out to bat.
7. Play yourself in before attacking.
8. Get your eyes in line with the ball through footwork.
9. Always be positive and determined.
10. PERFECT practice makes perfect.

10 Bowling Tips

1. Concentrate on line and length.
2. Don't try to bowl too fast
3. Be sideways on delivery
4. Learn the correct grip. Aim to bounce the ball on the seam.
5. Be balanced on delivery.
6. Don't run too far before bowling.
7. Use your body and shoulders to gain pace.
8. Always assess a batsman's strengths and weaknesses.
9. Train hard and get fit.
10. PERFECT practice makes perfect.

10 Fielding Tips

1. "Give" the ball when catching.
2. Form a "cup" when catching.
3. Get your eyes in line.
4. Get behind the ball.
5. Stay down in the slips.
6. Throw to the keeper on the full.
7. Walk in with the bowler if an outfielder.
8. Be enthusiastic in the field.
9. Back up behind other fielders.
10. PERFECT practice makes perfect.

Barry Richards is recognised as one of the greatest batsmen who ever lived. The South African dynamo played over 300 first class matches, scoring more than 27,000 runs. His batting average is 56.0 and he scored an incredible 79 centuries and 148 fifties.

Hey, Nev and Banksy...



Applecross Cricket Club players wearing their HBF training shirts.

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