

**1st Edition
August 2018**

18/19 Captain and Coaches Announced

Meet the Men and Women leading the ACC to glory this season

New Sponsors!

We introduce you to the newest sponsors for 18/19

August Quiz

Test your ACC Knowledge with this Months Quiz

Player Profile

We chat with new 1st XI skipper Robbie Montgomery!

Presidents Notes

Hear the latest news from behind the scenes from Rowdy

From the Editor



Welcome back to ACC Crosswords!

Rising from the ashes of previous publications such as the “Doo-Dah” and the old school Crosswords, we are back with the ACC’s premier toilet-roll replacement!

Each edition will be packed full of articles written by members of this great club, quizzes that even Carmo will be able to complete and chocked full of stats and all your ACC news and gossip to keep you up to date.

In this first edition, we’ll be hearing from the ACC President Tristram “Rowdy” Fletcher as he embarks on his second year at the helm, we’ll introduce you to the Captains and Coaches for 2018/19, announce some new sponsors onboard for this year and profile the new 1st XI skipper Robbie Montgomery.

If you’re interested in writing a piece for CrossWords then please do get in touch. We’ll aim to have as many guest-writers as possible throughout the season. Our guests this week include James “Yarbs” Birbeck writing about.....something.....and keep an eye out in the coming weeks for articles from other ACC elites!

To finish off, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone behind the scenes and I’m looking forward to a really great 18/19 season at the ACC!!

Come on your Red Legs!

JB

Presidents Notes



We are fast approaching the 18/19 season and things are happening down at the ACC. Already in the offseason we have seen the launch of our new website, the launch of our own merchandise club shop and now the relaunch of the newsletter. We are also now a Level 2 Good Sports Club and in the coming weeks you will see release of an updated Members Protection Policy which incorporates the behaviours and policies which the ACC want to live by.

On field, we will again have 6 Saturday men's teams, 2 T20 Teams, 2 women's teams and a Colts team. Most of the captains have been selected and we are running full steam ahead into preseason, which was really well attended in the opening week. Thanks to Lenny for running his super preseason, which will continue on Sunday mornings for quite a few more weeks yet.

WASTCA have also been busy, restructuring the competition, which will see our 2nd XI move to 3rd grade in a throwback to how the competition was structured for many years until recently. However with the restructure has come a reduction of weeks in the season, down to 18 to accommodate the alleged want of cricketers to have weeks off to go on long weekends away. Also the fixture will be uneven – still a mix of two day and one dayers, but depending on who you are drawn to play twice, doesn't seem overly fair. This will be talked about heavily at the upcoming WASTCA AGM.

But we will worry about what we can control and whatever the outcome we will find a way to make it work for us. If that means bringing back the 100 Gamers vs President's XI fixture on one of those days non fixtured days.

Coming soon will be AFL Grand Final Day at Stricko, which is always a great way to get everyone, past and present together to see in the new season.

Bring on 18/19.

Rowdy

A special thanks to Murray Sutherland and
The Foodies Basket for supplying us with
amazing food and catering throughout the
17/18 season and again for the 18/19
season.



Featured Columnist

James "Yarbs" Birbeck



Steven "Better" Aspinall has been practising as an alpha dog for the most part of his life. This week we're lucky enough to gain an insight into his modus operandi in a guide we can all use to better ourselves on and off the field.

Pre game:

Never initiate conversation with the opposition. The weaker opposition will come to you to try to prove their worth, dismiss everything they say with "nah yeah yeah nah", making sure to scoff at any opinion they have on the pitch.

Never offer to help the opposition set up at an away game. Only offer to take over - the way a seasoned grillmaster takes over from his bumbling son-in-law after he burns the corn on Boxing Day.

If you win the toss (which you always do), be sure to delegate the decision to the opposing captain. Whether they bat or bowl first will make no difference to their impending ruin, and their decision should be met with appropriate ridicule.

Batting:

The opposition captain has cowardly decided to bowl first. If you're not batting in the top 4 and no WASTCA umpire is present, taking the first umpiring spell is a big time opportunity to set the tone. This position should be fought for.

Taking middle is NOT preferred. You know where middle is, you can see the well defined line. Instead spend this time looking cover directly in the eyes.

Bowling/Fielding:

Line and length is as alpha as it comes. A bouncer or yorker can be used sparingly as a reminder, but for the most part you bowl exactly where you want it and patiently wait for the inevitable.

Never let the batsman know you spent all of Friday night going through his MyCricket stats back to 2013. He has made 7538 career runs and been caught in 72% of games, but he should be asked how he's enjoying his first season.

Drinks:

Make a point of spitting out the cordial, it isn't strong enough.

Lunch:

Thank any spectators for bringing and/or serving food, they are a treasure. Assert dominance by bringing sandwiches you or your partner spent all morning preparing. Any food straight from the packet should be ridiculed.

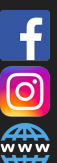
Post game:

Count how many of the opposition look you directly in the eye while they shake your hand, record this and use it for future sledging.

If the laws of the land permit bringing beers, open them with anything other than a regulation bottle opener.

About the Author

Yarbs likes long walks on the beach and eating Avocados with the skin still on. He bowls Medium Pace and his stats suggest he is a better cricketer with a mullet.



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ACC Captains and Coaches



This year sees an array of new captaincy appointments at the ACC with the top 3 sides all being taken over by 1st time ACC skippers!

With the WASTCA competition likely to be restructured this season, the top 3 sides are all likely to have challenging seasons ahead and everyone at the club should get around Robbie, Muss and Yarbs as they tackle it head on this year.

We'll also be streamlining selections this year which will see John Stone, Chris Cooper and Jack Barendse form the selection committee who will work closely with the captains to pick the best possible teams each week.

Also, a big thank you to Stoney, Muss, Frog and JB who will be coaching this year. Please do approach them during training as they are there to help all cricketers at the club improve.!

CAPTAINS

1st XI - Robbie Montgomery

2nd XI - Sheamus Byrne

3rd XI - James Birbeck

4th XI - TBA (*Taking Applications*)

5th XI - TBA (*Taking Applications*)

OD1 XI - Angus Castley

OD2 XI - TBA (*Taking Applications*)

T20 1st XI - Robbie Montgomery

T20 2nd XI - Steven Aspinall

Colts XI - Daniel Baker

COACHES

Director of Cricket - John Stone

Bowling Coach - Sheamus Byrne

Batting Coach - Josh Petersen

Women's Coach - Jack Barendse



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New and Returning Sponsors



This year we're happy to announce a new sponsor joining us!

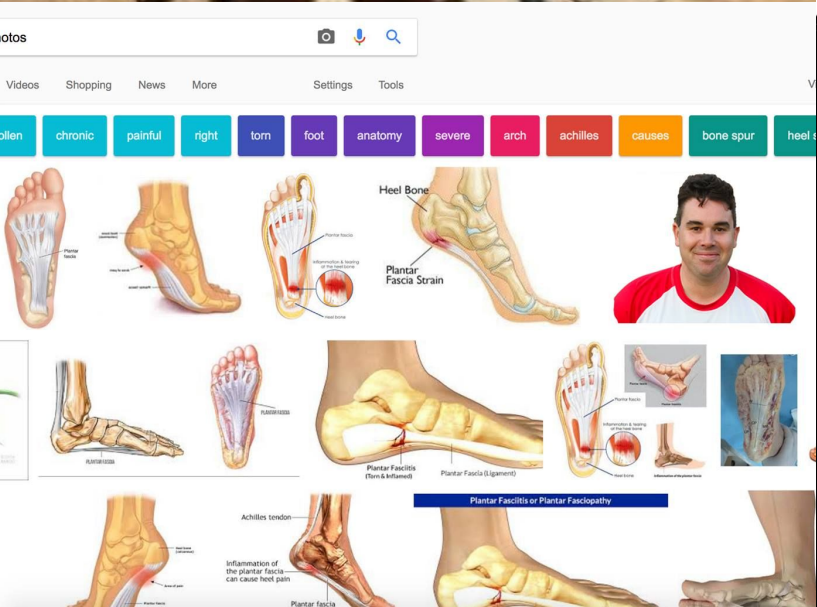
Clancy's Fish Pub has long been a distant supporter of the ACC but this year have stepped out their game and we'll be seeing the Clancy's logo adorning the ACC T20 Shirts! Welcome to the ACC family!!



We'll also be joined again this year by our friends at Salt Property Group and Bradford Legal as our major sponsors. They have always been great benefactors of the club and we thank them for their continued support



ACC Meme Gallery



Club Shop is OPEN!!



The Clubs Online Shop is now Open for Business! Please get your orders in early as the shipping time can be quite lengthy! Here's a selection of some of the best items available!!



Player Profile

Robbie Montgomery



In our first Player Profile for the 18/19 season, we'll be looking talking to our new 1st XI Skipper Robbie Montgomery



CAREER STATS

MATCHES - 202

BATTING

Runs - 4336

Batting Average - 24.92

BOWLING

Wickets - 199

Bowling Average - 22.45

Robbie joined the ACC at the start of the 17/18 season and has immediately made an impact at the club, so much so that he will be skippering the 1st XI for the 18/19 season.

In a debut season interrupted by injury, Robbie still managed to score just under 400 runs at a touch under 30 and took 10 wickets despite a back injury. And now for our chat with Robbie!

In the style of the Great Mad Dog Thomas, give yourself a nickname:

The Bison

Best ACC Player you've played with

It would have to be none other than Chris Cooper or James Cabbage

Favourite Fielding Position

Cover

Best Shot You've Ever Played

"Just ask David Willey"

Funniest Moment on the field

Would have to be Will Daggs fielding performance vs MUMCC

Goals for 18/19 Season

To create a culture which both excels on and off the pitch and contributing to a season personally reaching finals in all 3 formats



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ACC Grand Final Event



Come and join us at Shirley Strickland on 29th September for the traditional 18/19 curtain-raiser as we screen the AFL Grand Final.

Tickets are a steal at just \$20 which gets you entry, food, a ticket in the sweepstake and your first drink!



Join us at Shirley Strickland Oval as we kick off the 18/19 season with our AFL Grand Final Party!

\$20 entry gets you a ticket in the sweepstake, food and your first drink!
Half time games to be announced!!

Join us on 29th September at Shirley Strickland Oval starting at 11am



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ACC Quiz



1. In what year was the club founded?
2. Which school was the club started from? (the clue is in the colours)
3. How many players appeared for ACC Mens Teams in the 17/18 season?
4. Which player holds the highest career average for the ACC?
5. Name 3 families to have played for the ACC



Message your answers to Jack Barendse or email to media@applecrosscricketclub.com