



Western Suburbs Cricket Club

The Scorer

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Welcome all to the 2015 season for the Western Suburbs Cricket Club albeit like a month late but we'll work on that for future editions.

Results

5 out of ten for the Tigers this week scraping a passing grade.

WSSC 2nd Grade		Ocean Ridge
98	def. by	101
WSSC 5th Grade		Kalamunda
6/247	Educated	8/224
WSSC 6th Grade		Ocean Ridge
7/229	def. by	4/231
WSSC 8th Grade		Ocean Ridge
2/188	def.	9/180
WSSC 9th Grade		Bedford Morley
128	def. by	6/221
WSSC 10th Grade		Murdoch University Melville
86	def. by	1/93
WSSC 1 Day Gold		Applecross Red
8/201	destroyed	69
WSSC 1 Day Blue		Swanbourne
124	def. by	8/179
WSSC 1 Day 2nd Grade		Balcatta
129	beat	99
WSSC 1 Day 3rd Grade		Bedford Morley
5/113	def.	112

Please send your submissions for future rounds to chief editor Steve: stephen.agar@metso.com



Western Suburbs Cricket Club

Christmas Function

Saturday 12 December 2015

From 7.30pm

@ The Claremont Hotel

Tickets \$35.00 each

(Includes food platters plus 4 standard beers or wine)

Tickets can be purchased from your captain or
from the club rooms

Family and friends welcome



1st XI 2nd Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Ocean Ridge

No report submitted from the 1st XI for round 1. Looked like a very solid bowling performance with Mackenzie and Chuck leading the way. The batting hmmm not so much some runs from Lefroy at over a run a ball the only one to make double figures as the Tigers fell agonisingly short by just three runs.

2nd XI 5th Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Kalamunda – At College Park

Reporter: Daniel Lindstedt

The morning of round 1 began with some early disappointment as Dan Lindstedt's individual warm-up was interrupted with the commencement of the team warm-up. This disappointment was soon forgotten however as WSSC 3rd XI (who were playing on the adjacent ground) joined in our warm-ups to form a momentous "double-team" warm-up. Onlooking opposition players were most certainly intimidated by the thought of having to take on 22 players instead of 11. The mood however changed at College Park and undertook a more solemn vibe, as the opposition captain invited WSSC 2nd XI to join in their moments silence for one of their club's past players. Both XI's linked as a circle and it served to make for a more meaningful cricket match to come.

Captain RWJ lost the toss (let's hope it doesn't become a habit) but Kalamunda's captain elected to bowl. He was soon to be reminded why sending an opposition in should be done so with caution. After a few throw downs to WSSC 2nd XI openers Dan Lindstedt and debutant Matt Horton, a few cracks started to appear in Dan Lindstedt's bat. This was apparent to all players except for Dan Lindstedt. Moments before the first ball Pete Ryan made Dan aware of the cracks (which were rather large at this stage) before he was to face the new ball. Dan appreciatively accepted Pete's offer to borrow one of his bats, but was subsequently fined for it after the game.

The start of the innings saw a continuation of Messrs Lindstedt and Horton's solid opening success (carrying on from a 50 run opening stand in a practice game six days previous) and neither player had any problems with the new ball. Umpire Kevin Anderson claimed the first wicket of the day with his far from correct LBW decision against Horto, and the left hander had to depart for 22 with the score on 37. The arrival of Campbell "biceps" Hitchen to the crease saw the first pivotal occasion of the game, quite unprecedented by the Kalamunda XI, WSSC XI and most certainly Campbell Hitchen. The partnership of Dan and Campbell began with Campbell asking on more than one occasion which way a particular bowler was swinging it. Campbell had already faced a few balls from this bowler at this stage. The partnership took the form typical of one involving Campbell – plenty of sledging between bowler and batsman including multiple incidences of Campbell being called a "hack" after swatting balls down the ground to the fence. Running between the wickets was a feature of

the partnership as the two young colts tantalised the fielders with plenty of “drop and runs” and miss timed shots into gaps for ones and twos. The phrase “we’ve got to stop that single” sounded better every time it was heard. Many times Dan Lindstedt was even lapped by his faster running partner (which he was also fined for). Campbell’s calling for a drink two overs before the scheduled drinks break was not appreciated by Umpire Kevin Anderson, and other memorable moments in the partnership included:

- Campbell being caught off a no-ball (although he should have been out given how dreadful the shot was he played)
- Campbell belting a lofted shot back at Dan at the non-strikers end. Given Dan’s aversion to helmets, it could have killed him – lucky he’s nimble.
- Debutant Jake Smith (square-leg umpire) being called a “fucking cheat” after a controversial waist high no-ball call.

Both players brought up their half centuries shortly after drinks, and just as a century partnership seemed probable Dan Lindstedt was bowled for 55, with the score on 137 and the partnership, 99. 2/137 brought Clint O’Neill to the crease whom scored at his swash-buckling best. A notable shot was a half-volley on off stump being hammered wide of mid off to the fence. It looks easy when you bat with a tree trunk. He was soon caught out for 17 and Campbell followed for 59, both when the score was at 162. Debutant Rob Pluske (there were four debutants in this side) and Pete Ryan then combined for the second largest partnership of the innings (58) which included a big six from Pete over midwicket. The partnership was especially satisfying for Captain RWJ as it made a score well in excess of 200 possible. Pete departed for 19 with the score at 4/220 and Captain RWJ and Pluske combined for a further 15 runs. Young Rob easily took shot of the day with an effortless flick wide of long on for one bounce four. His innings contained some really classy strokes, but he was eventually dismissed for 41. For the remaining last few overs of the innings Captain RWJ (10*) and BMac (6*) took the score to 6/247 (40 overs).

Innings breaks are not usually written about but on this day there were two things that happened here of note. The first was an impromptu visit from Kalamunda’s captain to let both Dan Lindstedt and Captain RWJ know how much he enjoyed playing today, especially because of the banter and sledging being “in good spirit”. What he may not have factored in was that usually most sledging comes from the fielding side and his side had just fielded. WSCC banter in the field was unlikely to follow suit.

The second was that because WSCC 2nd XI finished later than both other games at the ground, all 2nd XI players missed out on the hot food for tea which was disappointing to say the least [tears come to eyes].

With 248 runs to defend, ten of the eleven players strode out to the field with confidence. The exception was Captain RWJ, whom reminded players how well we would still have to bowl to win. What was to come showed how right he was in saying that.

Karri Grewar took the first over and started with a wide down the leg-side (maybe he wasn’t listening), and although he was rarely on target this first over he was still clearly beating both batsmen for pace. BMac started from the other end and within the first three balls had cleaned bowled one of the openers. Karri’s next over was better and accounted for the other opener, bowled as well. So after three overs of the innings (with the score at 2/7) things were

looking positive for the “burbs”. Kalamunda then strung together two sizeable partnerships of 48 and 50, and it was the bowling of debutants Will Has-Shazam and Horto that broke them. Haslam broke the first partnership with a miss-timed a pull shot down Pete Ryan’s throat (whom looked very relieved to catch it) and departed for 56. Umpire Kevin Anderson was brought back into the game with the dismissal of 15 year old Joel Curtis whom knicked to the keeper (with clear daylight) to give Horto a revenge wicket for his earlier decision. The key wicket of a stocky fellow named Benjamin Kerr (56) also went to Horton, and at this point with the score on 5/116 Will “the jinx” Haslam decided to call for game, set, match early. It would turn out to be far from the end of the match as the big boys of Kalamunda summoned some strong late order hitting. The bowlers that felt this the most were Captain RWJ (5 overs for 37), BMac (8 overs for 50), Jake Smith (8 overs for 42) and Karri Grewar (7 overs for 40). Multiple sixes down the ground got a few WSCC boys nervous as Kalamunda edged closer to the target. It was down to a couple of key run outs from Captain RWJ and Karri Grewar that turned the game. Captain RWJ’s was a direct hit off his own bowling and Karri Grewar’s was from the deep a couple of overs after. The last over required Will Haslam to defend 28 runs, which he made easier with a wicket on the first ball. The remaining five balls went for singles and Kalamunda fell 23 runs short at 8/224, a win round 1 for the “burbs”.

WSCC lads then returned to the rooms for Tigerland, victory tins and fines, which included yet another interruption from Kalamunda’s captain to say how much he enjoyed the game. What a bloke.

3rd XI 6th Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Ocean Ridge

No report from the 3rd XI either so I’ll have a quick look: seems like a pretty solid effort with the bat with 7 for 229 include a pretty special 89 off 87 from Gerace and the rest of the top order getting starts. Doesn’t seem to have been enough though as Ocean Ridge chased in down in 32.1 overs Shrestha the best of the bowlers taking 3 of the 4 wickets.

4th XI 8th Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Ocean Ridge

Reporter: Ed Fearis

8th Grade entered the new season with a side missing four of its best players from last season. Then, on the morning of our first match against Ocean Ridge, another of our more experienced players had to pull out of the side for family reasons. A replacement, Chris Williams, was hauled away from his bricklaying work but when we took to the field having lost the toss and with Williams still on his way we were, needless to say, cautious about our chances...

However, Chinnery and debutant David Zeitsch started brilliantly, both bowling with excellent control. Zeitsch capitalised on the pressure, courtesy of a sharp catch from another of our debutants, Steve Andrews, and from then until drinks we continued to bowl accurately, picking up a further three wickets to leave Ocean Ridge 4/70 at drinks.

Unfortunately, after drinks we dropped our standards somewhat, with the bowling, catching and ground fielding suffering from a lack of concentration, early season rust and a fairly warm early October afternoon. Zeitsch (2/30) and English debutant Luke Davison (2/35) can be pleased with their efforts, as can Reville (3/39), who pegged things back at the death, but overall we were disappointed to end up conceding a score of 9/180.

Fearis and Davison opened the batting and started cautiously in the face of accurate, swing bowling. Without much pace to work with the run rate was initially slow, but began to accelerate as quicker bowlers and spinners came on and Ocean Ridge in general began to tire. Although both batters had a bit of luck along the way, an opening partnership of 108 was a good first up effort. The departure of Fearis (32) brought our second English debutant, Matt McGladdery, to the crease. Davison quickly assumed the supporting role as McGladdery hit a succession of stylish and powerful shots. When Davison was dismissed for 66 we still needed 9 to win off about 4 overs, but McGladdery (59*) and Andrews (1*) were able to safely steer us to what ended up being a comfortable victory.

The performance of a number of our debutants and the way we paced our chase was a real positive to take from this match. As always, though, there are things to work on and we will look back on overs 25-35 of our bowling innings and realise the dangers of even a relatively short drop in standards.

5th XI 9th Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Bedford Morley

Reporter: David Moon

Tiger Moos Bowl

Another insipid display of coin tossing from Jason Ridley resulted in the Crackheads sending the Tiger Moos into the field in unseasonably warm October conditions. The Moos were hit hard with injuries at this early stage of the season with two key players forced to sit the match out. Quinn Lee-Jones (puberty pains) and Grant Plumb (injured while hunting endangered species of lions) will hopefully return to the side in the near future. This meant that the Tiger Moos would be weakened in terms of bowling and fielding. A notion that would certainly ring true in the second half of this first innings. Following a six month hiatus, Brad Elliman was let out of the pound and returned to take up his usual role of batting (briefly) in the middle order, strolling around the field looking genuinely disinterested and bowling if and when he feels the situation suits him. A truly vital cog in the well-oiled Tiger Moos machine.

Buckley and Church opened the bowling for the Moos and after some early fluent ninth grade stroke play from the Crackheads (i.e. swiping across the line at farking every ball), Church was promptly replaced with Tony Daniel from the Meth Lab end of the arena. Some initially tight bowling from Daniel allowed Buckley to go on to take 4 wickets from his maximum allotment of overs at the Bikie Compound end of the ground. Church would later return to the fold and produce the comparatively tidy figures of 7 overs, no wickets for 34.



Bedford-Morley Captain and Vice Captain warming up in their whites before the game.

The Tiger Moos arch nemesis Gellatly (formerly known as Captain Crackhead) strode to the crease mid-way through the innings and was his usual teeth-grinding, angry self. This might have something to do with the fact that he had the captaincy stripped from him much like his daughter has her diamante encrusted G-string stripped from her on a daily basis at the skimpy bar on Great Eastern Highway by the prying hands of returning fly-in, fly-out workers. Yes it appeared that it took the rest of his team mates an entire season to work out what we could decipher in the space of a single

match – that this bloke is a cretin and displays all the credentials for leadership that Mark Latham did. Sadly for us, he took said anger out on the bowlers, pummelling the leather to all corners of the ground. The only highlight of his protracted innings was some of the sledging that Tiger Moos fielders dished up to the crack heads:

“Light him up here, Buckley.”

“Hit the off pipe, Buckley.”

“Don’t give this bloke a sniff, Buckley. We all know he likes a sniff.”

“Hit the crack in the pitch, Buckley.”

“Smash his stumps into tiny shards here, Buckley.”

“Don’t let him inject...any runs into their score.”



(Former) Captain Crackhead woke up on the wrong side of his bed this morning.

In other bowling highlights, Steven “Keyboard” Agar was incredibly economical with figures of 7 overs, 1 maiden, 1/27. Macka was luckless with a couple of chances dropped from his bowling, but still managed to finish with one wicket and charged in tirelessly from the Bikie Compound end all afternoon. Captain Ridley was also denied a wicket during his cameo spell at the death due to a poor catching effort from Buckley.

Unfortunately for the Tiger Moos some poor fielding (Moon 3 dropped chances, Buckley 1 and a couple of other 50/50 drops) ultimately cost them the opportunity of restricting the Crackheads to a respectable score. Quite simply there were absolutely no highlights to speak of from a catching perspective. Nope. None whatsoever.



Post Game: Potential candidates are vying to replace David Moon in the field for next week.

Tiger Moos Bat

With an imposing target of 221 set by the Crackheads, the Tiger Moos faithful packed into RA Cook Reserve were desperate for some fireworks at the top of the order. Hence Jason Ridley and David Moon were sent in to open the batting and would surely not disappoint. The most successful pairing in Tiger Moos history started promisingly. A noticeably slimmed down Ridley was penetrating the gaps and hitting the boundaries at will early on, while Moon went about his usual business of holding up an end.



Jason had noticeably slimmed down over the winter months.

The dynamic duo had taken the total to 55, before disaster struck. A young Crackhead leg spinner produced a double bouncer that took out the leg stump of Ridley. After a brief consultation with the rule book, the skipper was deemed to indeed be out and made his way back to the pavilion.



Not in those shoes, pal: The double bouncer combination sent Ridley packing.

After a briefly fruitful partnership of 19 from Wilkins and Moon, things quickly began to unravel for the Tiger Moos and this journalist sees no point in labouring the point with too much description of the remainder of the innings. Moon was then dismissed for a patient 15, Elliman sent back to the kennel for 2, Tim Wilkins for 17, Ron “that’s” Amour for 2 and Ollie Basson for 1. At one stage, it appeared as though we would be dismissed for double figures so it was fortunate that some late runs came from Buckley (14) and Daniel (16) to add a modicum of respectability to the scoreboard.

All in all, a disappointing start to the season for the men from College Park, however in the words of the great Denis Pagan: “the most successful people I have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of those depths.” Bring on next week against Balcatta.

6th XI 10th Grade

Round 1

Western Suburbs vs. Murdoch University Melville

No report here but looks to me like not enough runs on the board despite a few starts.

The One Day Teams

Round 1

Three wins out of four games for the WSCC one day sides but no play by play for you unfortunately.