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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year Tiger fans! We wish you all the best for the year ahead.

A little bit later than normal but here's our mid-season review:-

2nd Grade (our 1st eleven); After a topsy-turvy first half of the season, 2nd Grade are well positioned for a tilt at Finals in 6th position with 5 wins and 4 defeats, but are only outside the top 4 on %.

4th Grade (our 2nd eleven); After a good start to the season, 4th grade have seen themselves drop out of the top 4 after a couple of recent defeats but are still well positioned for a crack at finals.

5th Grade; Back on the winners rostrum and solidly ensconced in the 3rd place, 5th Grade need to keep on winning to keep the pressure on the top 2.

7th Grade; Another up/down season as Chinner's crew (7th Grade) are 1 win outside the top 4, with 5 wins and 4 defeats.

8th Grade; The Tiger Moos have slipped down to 4th spot from equal first after a 2 defeats and a tie, but enjoy a 2 game buffer over 5th.

10th Grade; WSCC only unbeaten side maintained their 100% record and are top of the table.

ODA; A mixed season with 5 wins and 6 losses sees F-Troop 3rd in the table.

ODB-Green; Four sides sit with 8 wins at the top of the One Day 2 ladder with ODB-Green sitting 2nd in the table on %.

ODB-Gold; Unfortunately ODB-Gold are struggling at the bottom of the One Day 2 ladder.

ODC; Sitting 3rd in the table, ODC enjoy a 2 game buffer over 5th place.

Colts secured their 2nd win of the season and continue their hunt for a place in the top 2.

Will 'Cro-bar' Crohan is doing a fundraiser involving a 700km mountain bike ride on the Gibb River Rd. This is a truly colossal physical challenge one of the hardest things Will has ever undertaken. All donations are for the Kyle Andrews Foundation, a foundation that aims to support and take care of children diagnosed with cancer, particularly in Broome and surrounding regional areas. Plus, all donations are tax deductible. Follow the link below if you would like to support Will and this great cause. <https://gibbchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/william-crohan>

WSCC LIFE MEMBERS DAY is on Saturday 7th February 2015. Cost is \$25 per person over the age of 12. Please invite family, friends and past team mates to join us on what is always a fantastic occasion. Please advise your respective captains of numbers to ensure we have sufficient catering. Thanks. Check out the WSCC website www.westernsuburbssc.org.au for further details

Good luck to all our Captains and your sides for the forthcoming season.

Looking forward to seeing you all back at the Club Rooms at College Park after the game on Saturday.

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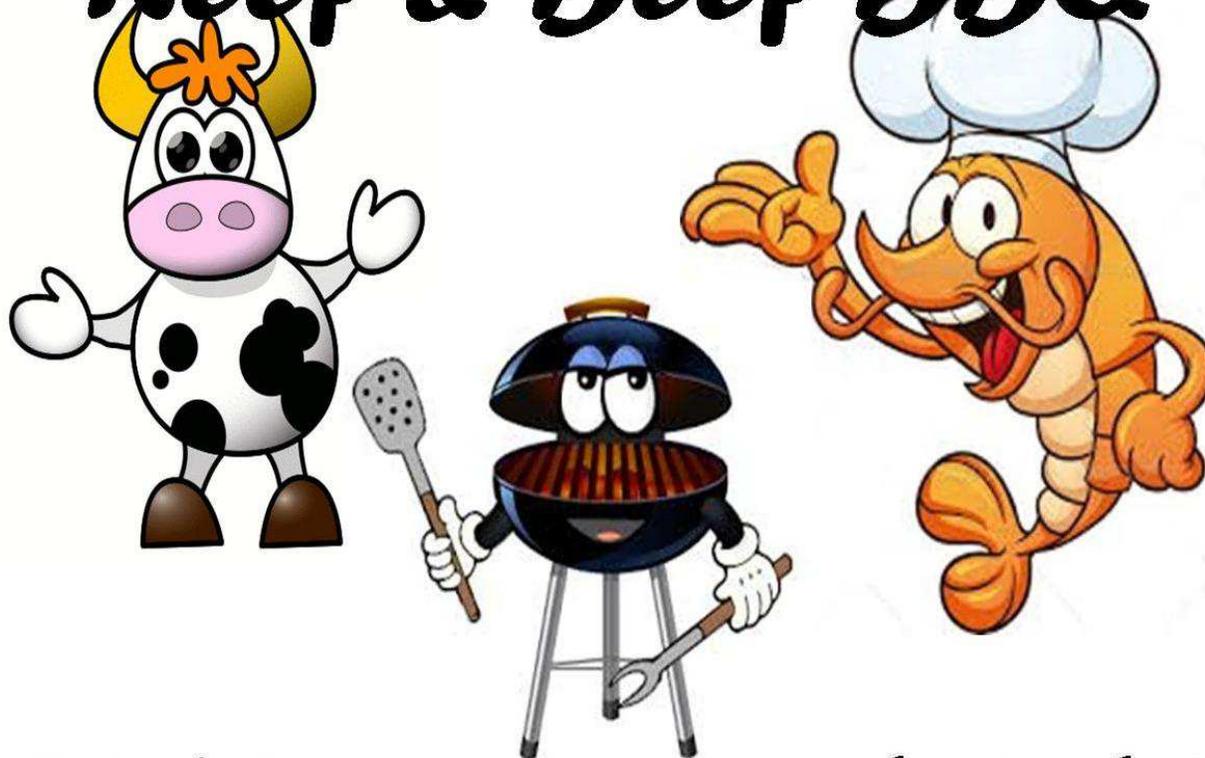
Life Members Day

Please invite family, friends and past team mates to join us on what is always a fantastic occasion

Where: College Park *When:* Saturday 7th February

The 1st XI and One Day A sides will be playing either side of the College Park clubrooms which will be open for spectators all afternoon.

Reef & Beef BBQ



Cost is \$25 per person over the age of 12 (kids free)

RSVP team captains or westernsuburbssc@gmail.com

2ND GRADE; Round 7

Subiaco Marist 198
K Grewar 4/48, S Daley 3/35

Def by

Western Suburbs 303/9
C Lefroy 62, G Brown 59, D Morey 57

Lachlan Hunn cost himself a dollar by losing the toss in his send off game. Despite this I let him open the bowling down wind (45km/hr, the wind that is, it's doubtful Lachy has reached this speed) and he removed their opener LBW. Karri Grewar on debut opened into the gail. Karri insists the he bowls out swingers. In reality Karri hooped several in swingers. One of which clattered into the off stump belonging to the opposition's best batsman. He then had their number 4 trapped in front to make it 3 for 35.

From there our bowling lost its way a bit and they cashed in on our short and leg side balls. Somehow Troy Bilich bowled a guy with a half tracker on the way down, but then a rapid 5th wicket stand took them to 147. Fortunately Ben McManus intervened. You see, Ben has arms that, proportionate to his body, are unusually long. The opposition batsman made the mistake off smashing one out of reach off a normal person, but with reach off the aforementioned McManus. Ben, lurking in the gully, extended his oversized upper right limb and snatched it. This got us back in the contest. Simon Daly gave us some control bowling into the wind and when Grewar snicker off his fourth (4 for 48) it was 6 for 160.

After tea Bilich (now gail assisted) and Daly stalled the scoring and we gradually picked off wickets. Daly finish with 3 for 35 from 20 and they were all out for 198.

Openers Garry The Pom and Jarod Sinclair saw us through to the close at 0 for 15.

The second week went swimmingly well. We scored freely from the start, with Sinclair (20), Chris LeFroy (62 from 48) and Brown (59) all contributing to take us to 3 for 159. Sam Blakiston was solid in his first match and together with the skipper (3rd person, I know) we pushed the total to within 6 of victory.

At the break, Subiaco Marrant served up a real highlight.



Myself and Blakiston got ourselves out to the spinner, allowing David Morey to hit the winning runs and then hit about another 50 runs. We were all out for 303.

That took us to the Christmas at 4 wins from 7 matches, sitting outside the top 4 on quotient.

2ND GRADE; Round 8

Western Suburbs 223/6
G Brown 68, D Morey 59,

Def

Nollamara 131
T Bilich 3/15, S Daley 3/31

We arrived for the first one dayer after Christmas against Nollamara knowing that a win would put us in the top 4. Some of Nolla's team arrived 40 minutes later. The rest dribbled in 5 minutes after the match started.

For the first time this season Mavis won the toss. We batted.

Despite their rabble-type arrangement, the Nolla openers bowled a fairly well organised line and length. As a result Sinclair was caught behind for not many. LeFroy came out swinging like an old man denied his nip of brandy before bed. He clipped 17 from 19 but was then bowled trying to heave one into orbit: 2 for 24.

Sam Blakiston and Garry The Pom then steadied beautifully, adding 72 until Blakiston was bowled for 22. Captain Mavis joined Garry, pushing us forward to 139 when Garry was caught on the deep cover for a well made 68 from 84.

Enter Thighs Morey. Due to extreme friction caused by his upper legs rubbing together Morey did not want to run. He decided to use a less than subtle baseball method to avoid said exercise. Meanwhile, Mavis somehow managed to hit a ball from 6 inches down the leg side onto his stumps. Then, just in case he wasn't out yet, he swiped the stumps over in his follow through: 5 for 164. Unperturbed, Thighs continued.

There was a bit of a verbal confrontation between an opposition bowler and Thighs. The discussion seemed to centre around Thigh's tendency to clear his front leg and then clear the leg side boundary. Midway through one over the Nolla bowler decided to lob a full toss slower ball right into the hitting

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zone. As I'm sure he's told you, Thighs aimed his stroke at left field and hit it over the fig tree. Eventually Morey was bowled for 59 from 29 and we ended on 6 for 223.

We then started by bowling fairly well and Mathew Brunson, back from a 7 year Middle Eastern hiatus, nipped their opener out making it 1 for 18. Unfortunately as per last game we lost our way a bit and the next pair took Nolla to 74 at the required run rate. Fortunately, Troy Bilich (3 for 15) and Simon Daly (3 for 31) intervened to trigger fairly impressive collapse, whereby the last 9 wickets yielded just 57 runs. The most amusing part of this collapse was when Thigh's mate returned to the field batting at 10 and re-engaged Morey in conversation.

Nolla number 10: "I don't like you very much and you are not good at cricket."

Thighs Morey: "I hit you over the F#cking fig tree mate"

The win puts us in 3rd place. Top of the table Bentley will be a good test of where we are at next week.

WSSC Roving Reporter, Randy McHard

2ND GRADE; Round 9

Bentley 154/6 B McManus 3/24	Def	Western Suburbs 151 J Sinclair 39
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No match report provided

4TH GRADE; Round 7

Western Suburbs 59	Def by	Subiaco Marist 120 & 119 T Rose 4/29 (inc hat-trick), S Dark 3/20 & S Dark 4/29
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The last game before Christmas has always proven to be a difficult one for the Tigers, needing a win to maintain momentum and a finals push, the home ground advantage could be just what we needed to get over the line against top of the table Subiaco Marist.

New captain for this match Slam Dunk, lost the toss and was sent into the field on what was a green deck with plenty of bounce, pace and carry. Things got off to a bit of a shaky start with Darky struggling to land the ball and being dispatched to the boundary with ease, if it wasn't for Rahul's panther like skills at midwicket, Darky's first 3 overs could have gone for a lot more than 16. Freshly promoted new ball bowler Tim Rose settled into his back of a length corridor and troubled the batsman. He managed the first breakthrough, caught behind to Forbes on a delivery that saw daylight between bat and ball. Things were evened up next ball when the new batsman smashed it Stuart Broad style through to Forbes, only to be given not out, score 1/24.

A slight scare at the start of Darky's 6th over when he slipped over appearing to strain the groin region, needing a walking frame to help him back to the top of his mark, he ambled in and hooped one back through the gate and rocked middle stump out of the ground, the groin pain magically disappearing, score 2/24. Darky went on to bowl 13 consecutive overs, snaring their #3 LBW and inducing an outside edge from #4 taken by Forbes, to reduce the opposition to 4/44. Darky finished with figures 13 overs 7 maidens 3/20. Darky's personal female fan club were duly impressed with his efforts!

Luke Barton (12 overs 3 maidens 0/29) bowled into the gale force breeze from the very non spinner friendly end and bowled great areas, restricting the run flow and building pressure. He was unlucky not to have a couple wickets with the ball just evading the fielders. Luke Parker with the wind at his back tried to bounce out the batsman, but only succeeded in finding the middle of the bat, his 4 overs going for 27. However, amongst his spell he did manage to have a run out occur, a thick edge went down to 3rd man, Tim Rose chased after it with the smell of BBQ ribs in the air he returned it over the stumps to the waiting Forbes and the all you can eat BBQ Buffet was served up, score 5/50.

The Tigers got through 41 overs before tea with the score 5/106 at the break. Straight after the break Dunk (8 overs 3 maidens 2/12) chimed in with 2 quick wickets, a caught behind to Forbes (3rd catch of the game) and a leaping caught and bowled taken in front of the face of the non-striker with all the grace of a ballerina. A fair celebration ensued, score 7/116.

Brought back into the attack Tim Rose cleaned up the tail in smart fashion. Firstly a sharp catch taken at midwicket by Rahul was followed up by removing off stump from the ground. The ensuing hat-trick ball was a peach. Full and straight to the number 11 and crashing into the pads, it didn't take long for the finger to be raised and good luck catching Timmy Rose in his celebration!!!! Tim finished with figures 12.2 overs 3 maidens 4/29 with a majority of these runs going to the 3rd man region. Subiaco were bowled out for 120 in 49 overs, 19 overs left to bat the day out.

The Tigers didn't get off to a good start, with Dan being dismissed caught for 6 and Rahul following shortly after bowled for 5, score 2/15. Debutant from Claremont U/17s Matt Green played above his years of experience and looked solid. With 6 overs left, Max missed a straight one, out LBW for 5, score 3/21. Dunk went in as night watchman and saw the overs out with Matt to finish the day 3/28. Dunk got on the board early with an off drive to the boundary before receiving a jaffa that flicked the top of off, dismissed for 5, score 4/37. Clint made a solid start hooking a short ball one bounce for 4, before bunting a shortish ball to square leg to be dismissed for 6 and the Tigers in some real trouble at 5/47. Mat Green who had been batting well at the other end, played a loose shoot outside off and was caught behind for the top score of 17, score 6/47.

Forbes also looked in good form hitting a boundary before picking out cover to be dismissed for 6, score 7/53. Tim Rose hit a lusty blow to the boundary before guiding one to gully, out for 4, score 8/57. Luke Parker had been quietly watching the carnage from the other end, playing it safe and waiting for the ball to be in his area he eventually snicked off to be dismissed for 0, score 9/57. Darky got himself off the mark nicely with a 2 but unfortunately Rathnasinghe couldn't hang around out LBW without troubling the scorer and the Tigers all out for 59, lasting only 20 overs for the day.

Darky with a fire in the belly and attempting his best West Indian stare down after each ball, got the Tigers off to a great start in the 2nd innings, he managed to get a finger on a ball smashed back at him as the ball cannoned into the stumps at the non-strikers end for a cheeky run out, score 1/6. It also didn't take long for the patented Darky hooping inswinger to find the gate and crash into middle stump, removing the other opener in the same fashion as the first innings score 2/9. When Tim Rose (8 overs 2 maidens 1/11) found the edge of the bat it was Dunk at first slip who channelled his best Bobby Simpson efforts to catch it, allowing it to crash into his chest before hugging it in, leaving a solid bruise for his efforts, score 3/15. Note, the weight of the slips cordon was rivalling the front row of a rugby union side with Dunk, Forbes and Craddock!

Straight after the Tea break, Matt Green with ball in hand, found an inside edge to chop the ball back onto the stumps, score 4/25. It didn't take Matt long to repeat the medicine, another inside edge back onto the stumps, score 5/55. Matt finished with figures 6 overs 1 maiden 2/27.

Brad Forbes, relishing his opportunity to bowl, flighted some straight breaks up outside off, one was dispatched over the cover boundary for a massive 6, but not to be deterred Forbesy flighted the next up and the batsman ran past it and an easy stumping for Max, score 6/86. Luke Parker (3 overs 0/18) struggled a bit with line and length and was replaced by Rathnasinghe who bowled good areas, 3 overs 0/10.

Continuing to bowl his hand grenades, Forbes (6 overs 2/23) induced a miss hit and a running diving catch was taken by Tim Rose at long on, score 7/94. As the clock ticked past 5pm and needing to finish the tail off for a bit of percentage and pride, Darky came back into the attack and he didn't disappoint. 2nd ball was chipped to midwicket for a clean catch by Clint and the 5th ball was a thick edge that flew towards the 3rd man boundary, but somehow from gully, inspector gadget arms Dan Lindstedt threw out a left paw and it stuck, score 9/100.

The final wicket almost came as a Darky caused a top edge which flew down to fine leg, Tim Rose came running in and didn't quite get time to settle under it and only managed to dislocate his ring finger, a quick bit of help from the sideline and he was ready to go again. The following over Darky didn't allow the innings to go further as he settled himself under another skied ball to take the innings closing catch. Darky finished with figures 8.2 overs 4/29. Subiaco Marist were bowled out for 119 in the second innings.

A disappointing result considering we could have cemented a spot in the top 2, small consolation is that we bowled and fielded well. Tigers go into the Christmas break in 5th spot.

4TH GRADE; Round 8

Nollamara 92 S Dark 3/13, L Dunk 3/25	Def by	Western Suburbs 179 D Lindstedt 57
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First game of 2015 had the Tigers travelling to face bottom of the table Nollamara in a 1-dayer. In a surprise, Clint won the toss for a change and we batted first. Recalled into the line-up, the "Big-Show" a.k.a Tim Kendulka opened the batting with Dan Lindstedt.

It didn't take long to see the trade mark Kendulka slap across the line to cow corner. As ugly as the shot might be, it certainly was effective with the ball only bouncing twice on its way to the boundary. Tim played the shot not once, not twice but thrice with success, unfortunately his fourth attempt was a ballooned catch to square leg. A quick fire 14 getting the Tigers off to a productive start, score 1/28.

At the other end Dan Lindstedt started nicely by nudging the ball around and picking up the ones and twos to keep the scoreboard ticking over, whilst Rahul found his feet at the other end. Dan got his innings going by hitting 3 boundaries in one over to the backward point / third man boundary. The pair accumulated runs helped often by extras. Dan showed that he wasn't solely an off side player by heaving a couple of short balls away on the leg side. At Drinks break Tigers were in a healthy position of 1/80.

Quick runs were the order of the day after the drinks break and Rahul carved a ball backward of point to the boundary, unfortunately he lost off peg 4 balls later to be dismissed for 12, score 2/88 and a handy 60 run partnership. In what was the most exciting innings of the day, Clint walked to the crease with a big NOONAN from Kendulka! 1st ball thundered into the pads and RWJ said "he is going to give that" before the slow Rudy Koetzen finger went up, as we all looked at Kendulka, there was a commotion on the oval, the umpire had crossed his arms and decided to reverse the LBW decision! The next ball was thrashed to the point boundary by Clint for 4, before his third ball ripped leg stump out of the ground, with a few expletives thrown in, Clint's send-off was impressive, something to the effect of "have that one reversed"! Clint strike rate of 133.33 was impressive as he was dismissed for 4, score 3/92.

The hard hitting Will Crohan came to the crease and didn't disappoint, hitting two big boundaries. Meanwhile at the other end Dan kept going about his business picking the bowling apart with relative ease, his half century brought up with a boundary to deep midwicket. Unfortunately perhaps after getting a little tired from running a couple of 3s Dan spooned a catch to mid-on from a gentle full toss for a very well made 57 (only 2 runs less than last week's team total) score 4/111. Two Dads, Rick Warner Jones, fresh from several months off recovering from multiple old man injuries, started off well, picking the gaps and running hard for the 2nd, showing no signs that the aging body was ready to give up. Will Crohan to his dismay, timed a chip off his pads down the throat of deep midwicket and was dismissed for 10, score 5/129.

With only 8 overs to go and needing to lift the run rate, Max "digits" Craddock ran hard between the wickets with RWJ as they pretty much played hit and run with the fielders. It didn't take long for RWJ to find his mark and lift two balls to the boundary, just shy of the rope for 4. Max managed a quick 5, before being bowled trying to hit one over the fence, but a solid partnership of 22 saw the score move onto 6/151.

Luke Parker didn't fare too well lasting only 3 balls before being bowled for a duck. Matt Green and RWJ set about finishing the last 4 overs off with a bang, unfortunately for RWJ, the only bang was the sound of the ball crashing into off stump, but a well-made 24 nonetheless, score 8/153. The big hitting was left to Darky who didn't fail, launching one ball back over the bowlers head, one bounce for 4.

Not to be out done, Matt also launched his own bombs as he chose to score in boundaries and 3s. Entering the last over and anticipating a big finish, Matt punched one back to the bower, out C&B for a well made 19, and partnership of 26 with Darky, score 9/179. With only 3 balls to go and Darky chaffing at the bit to get back on strike, the straight ball was too much for Dunk to handle as middle stump went cartwheeling, stranding Darky on 7, Tigers all out for a competitive 179.

With new ball in hand it didn't take long for Darky to deliver his patented hooping in swinger that smashes into the front pad, an easy LBW decision here and no reversal, score 1/2 in the 3rd over. RWJ not to be outdone, kept things quiet from the other end before deciding that bowling military mediums was so last year. Ramping up the pace and with the release of each delivery giving a war cry of effort that Maria Sharapova would be happy with, he smashed the base of leg stump to remove the #3 batsman, score 2/12.

Before finishing his opening spell, Darky managed to grab the outside edge of the bat with a ball slanting across the right hander and a neat catch in the digits by Craddock behind the stumps, score 3/17. Luke Parker was introduced into the attack and immediately introduced the ball into his half of the pitch, unfortunately the ball was also introduced to the middle of the bat as it was dispatched over backward square to the boundary. A double change saw Dunk come into the attack and found the outside edge of the bat from a cut shot second ball, unfortunately RWJ at 1st gripper was unable to hold onto the catch that went at his right hand shoulder. The hitting continued off Luke Parkers (3 overs 1/16) bowling, but he did have the last laugh as a miss timed lofted drive fell into the hands of Matt Green at mid off, score 4/50.

The following over Dunk tossed one up outside off that the batsman tried to reverse seep/cut/slap and the ball managed to hit the pad and balloon to RWJ at 1st slip, a polite enquiry to the umpire and after some consideration the umpire said "I have to give that out"! I think the scorebook should state Out – ugly shot. The following ball from Dunk caught the outside edge and a regulation catch to RWJ at 1st slip, however the ball disappeared through his thigh gap, without even getting fingers on it, maybe they were still in his pocket!

Dunk managed another wicket, shortly after, bowling their #8, score 6/56. Matt Green came on from the other end and bowled some handy areas, unfortunately not taking a wicket but finishing with figures 3 overs 0/13. Dunk (8 overs 3/25) induced a little top edge from a pull shot, RWJ moved from 1st slip to the skied ball at leg gully and guess what, yep he grassed another, fortunately the batsman stepped on his stumps playing the shot, score 7/77.

Reintroduced into the attack Dark (8 overs 3/13), did what Dark does best! Hooped an inswinger and smashed the pads, another easy LBW decision. Darky troubled the batsman all day and with 4 wides, they were only able to score in singles off his bowling. RWJ (8 overs 2/13) replaced Darky and pushed into the wind, the old master weaved his magic and used the devils number to his advantage, trapping the batsman in front LBW, score 9/87. RWJ was virtually unplayable, with 4 maidens in his spell, the runs coming from 5 scoring shots.

The final wicket fell to Rahul Revelli (2 overs 1/11) as the batsman tried to heave him out of the park, all that was managed was a splice of the bat and a gentle catch, sorry as Kendulka described it " a challenging effort that should make KFC Classic Catches" at mid wicket. Nollamara were bowled out in the 32 over for 92, a handy quotient boost that now sees the Tigers in 4th with a tough but doable run home!

THE ADJUDICATOR

4th GRADE CORDIAL REPORT v NOLLAMARA

When news filtered through via social media that this week's cordial duties fell to ex WSCC president and now hard-hitting opening batsman Tim Kendall, I was surprisingly enthused at what our esteemed former leader would provide for the day's liquid refreshments out at lowly Nollamara. Despite a somewhat brash exterior, TK is one who typically plays by the book when it comes to team cordial, and *The Adjudicator* is a massive advocate for his patented formula of 2 bags of ice and 2 bottles of cordial concentrate, with a fill line of around 26-28 litres, which is a sure-fire way to not only produce a vibrant, flavorsome brew, but also the much needed ice-cold temperature required for the harsh Perth summer heat.

Rumour had been doing the rounds that an "interesting" choice had been made, and sure enough those fears were confirmed when TK pulled out the upmarket Bickfords Lemon, a drop more likely to be seen consumed by people participating in the more genteel past-time of lawn bowls, rather than the fast-paced, action-packed nature of a WASTCA One-Day fixture. Despite the choice, proper execution would've at least provided a zingy mix, however a weak, cloudy colour provided an unfortunately meek brew. With a lack of ice meaning that by the tea break the drop had started to become tepid and as the afternoon progressed the end result was a fadeout akin to Fremantle's 2014 straight-sets finals elimination. This sad fall from grace exhibited by Kendulka and his cordial mixing prowess is not dissimilar to that of Fernando Torres, who went from being the most feared striker on the planet when he was banging in the goals as Liverpool's #9, to someone who could barely hit a barn door with a handful of wheat once he started wearing Chelsea blue. Fortunately for TK this decline is not reversible, and sticking to the basic principles of the age-old art of team cordial creation should see his reviews be far more favorable in the ensuing seasons.

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4TH GRADE; Round 9

Western Suburbs 103	Def by	Bentley 106/8 S Morrison 3/24
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WSCC Tigers were looking for back to back wins and cement their place in the top 4 with a clash against 2nd place Bentley at home. Clint won the toss and promptly chose to bat on a slightly worn grassy pitch, much to the consternation of Kendulka.

A new opening partnership of Kendulka and Max Craddock confidently strode to the crease, only for Max to skulk back to the change rooms one ball later. Max decided to use his pad to play the first ball, not offering a shot and being adjudged LBW against the left arm opener. Newly demoted President Mugabe made his way to the crease still putting his gear on and was told by Kendall he was swinging them in. Mavis took guard and assumed his crab like stance, as the ball came down Mavis missed the full toss and was hit flush on the ankle, the appeal was loud, mainly led by Kendulka at the non-strikers end and Mavis was triggered, out LBW. Tigers reeling at 2/0 after 0.2 and Mavis hobbled back to the change rooms, only to return shortly with a large ice pack on his ankle.

It is such a pity that the Tigers don't have a left arm opening swing bowler that they can practice against at training ☺ Interestingly.....What do Mavis and Sam Davis have in common in 4th grade this year you might ask???? Golden ducks, dismissed LBW you say??? That would be correct!

Clint was still putting his gear on and had to jog to the crease, the hat-trick delivery nearly snuck through the gate, only a small inside edge saved a 3rd consecutive LBW decision. Kendulka was the first to open the Tigers scoring account with a trademark plow across the line. Clint joined in the action caressing a couple of deliveries through the cover region to the boundary, both players dealing in boundaries and not worrying about running. Unfortunately Kendulka went to the well one to many times and found a thick inside edge which clipped leg stump, dismissed for 9 score 3/24. Rahul and Clint then began to trade cover drives, dealing in only boundaries. It wasn't a surprise that there were 9 boundaries in the first 40 runs scored by the Tigers with the crisp hitting occurring. Unfortunately Clint tickled one back onto the top of middle stump dismissed for a sparkling 22, score 4/41.

Brad Forbes didn't waste time, finding the middle of the bat and the boundary immediately, he raced along to 9 before missing a straight one and was bowled, score 5/57 and the beginning of the WSCC collapse. Rahul was adjudged LBW out for 10, score 6/58, Seb Morrison then smashed one into his pad and was given out LBW for 4, despite square leg umpire running in to protest the decision, but all to no avail the original decision stood, score 7/65. The composed Matt Green was unable to continue his good form and guided one to gully when on 3 and the score hadn't moved, now 8/65. Dunk came to the crease and struck a boundary followed by branding and dropping Safi at the non-strikers end who was unable to get out of the way of a crisply struck flat bat drive. This may have unsettled the usually solid Safi who missed a straight ball and was out LBW (5th of the day) for 0, score 9/69.

Darky and Dunk set about restoring the innings with both hitting the ball crisply to the boundary and putting the ball into gaps and with Dunk's speed between the wickets, turning 2s into 1s. As the score climbed towards the 100 mark, Dunk approached the magical mark of 25 set by Kendulka which meant he had to do 100 push ups after the days play. Unfortunately for Dunk and maybe attributed to the cordial on offer (see the Adjudicators Report), there was a sniper on the roof which picked out his hamstring when running a 2, the explosion was heard from the boundary. Dunk was dismissed caught next ball for 20 when his leg was unable to support his critical mass, leaving Darky stranded on 14 (now averaging 41) and the Tigers all out in 33.3 overs for 103.

A fielder and bowler short with Dunk on ice, it was left to the rest of the guys to salvage some pride for the day. Things nearly got off to the perfect start except for Mavis picking up from where RWJ left off last week! Darky managed a healthy edge to President Mugabe at 1st slip who previously boasted having a 100% catching record in the slips, grassed this one and now in real danger of lack of contribution tax! Darky's first spell very unlucky as a couple of very close LBW shouts were turned down.

Some quick runs were scored before Matt Green grabbed our first LBW of the day, score 1/19. The introduction of Max Craddock (3 overs 2/17) came with great success dismissing their #3 and #4 batsman in the same over for ducks, both neatly caught behind by Brad Forbes, score 3/32. The introduction of Seb Morrison into the attack also produced success with a neat caught and bowled, score 4/45. Matt Green (4 overs 2/30) also had some luck with a miss timed pull shot skied into the air and the safe pair of hands of Safi holding onto the catch. Needing some wickets to win the game as the Bentley batsman continued to attack our bowling, Seb (5 overs 3/24) flighted a couple of off breaks that managed to beat the inside edge and trap their batsman in front LBW and the Tigers in with an outside chance at 7/94.

A final ditch attempt to win the game with the reintroduction of Darky (6 overs 1/32) nearly paid off with another LBW dismissal (4th of our innings, 9th of the game) and the score 8/100. Darky hit the pads repeatedly but was unable to earn the support of the umpire and the Bentley #10 managed to finally get a thick inside edge on one and the game was lost. Bentley amassed 8/106 in the 18th over, a bitter pill to swallow, so close and with the loss the Tigers slid to 5th on the ladder.

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4th GRADE CORDIAL REPORT v BENTLEY

After the Kendall-inspired abomination from the Nollamara game, it was with some relief that an experienced, conservative hand in the form of current WSCC President, resident badger and Lance Bass look-a-like Michael "Mavis" Davis was tasked with the responsibility of mixing the brew for a vital one-day clash with Bentley at the College Park fortress. With both sides well and truly in the finals conversation, one-percenters can mean the difference between victory and defeat, and also a place in the four come season's end. Only the brave would stray from the tried and tested in such a crucial fixture, and if not executed correctly, the consequences can indeed be severe. Last week former president Kendall went with the stiff-upper-lip, retirement home style of Bickfords Lemon, this week was the exact opposite with Golden Circle Pink Lemonade, something more likely to be seen at a 5-year old birthday party (the only thing missing was the fairy bread). To be fair on our current office-bearer, this was forced upon him by 4s skipper Clint O'Neill, who made the purchase and assigned the assembly duties to Mavis.

Despite the unconventional drop, an experienced pro would still be able to produce a thirst-quencher that would satisfy the harshest critic, but alas this came up well short of the mark, like a Ross Lyon-coached team in an AFL Grand Final. A weak brew with just the merest hint of a pinkish hue pointed to a lack of cordial, it was also well short of the ice mark thanks to Mavis' decision to use a single ice block from a 6L ice-cream container full of frozen water. Such a technique is one that can produce an inconsistent result when compared to service station bought bags of ice. Perhaps the shortfall in ice can be attributed to the fact that Mavis was struck a nasty blow on the ankle in the only delivery he faced at the crease, trapped plumb in front to have Wests reeling at 2/0 in the 2nd ball of the day. This is not the first time a Davis has been adjudged leg-before for a first-baller in 4th Grade this season, as the same fate befell the older, greyer member of the Davis clan earlier in the campaign. Another pointer to a poor mix was the fact that a post-tea decision to add an extra bottle to the existing brew, which was of a tropical variety, shows that the initial quantity was not sufficient to last a full day's play, but also the question must be asked as to why that 2nd bottle was a completely different flavor? Two bottles of Pink Lemonade, whilst producing a colour akin to the West Indies infamous World Series Cricket shirt from the late 1970s, would've produced a far more pungent and energising taste.

In extreme cases of rubbish cordial, injury can also occur, and it was no surprise that leggie Luke Dunk pinged a hammy whilst running between the wickets during his defiant late-order innings. In what ended up a valiant but albeit unsuccessful defence of just 100 runs, the poor standard of beverage may have conspired against the performance on the field.

So, where does the blame lie? Certainly Clint deserve scathing criticism for his initial choice of rank cordial, and by extension buying 2 different flavours whilst Mavis' poor skill in execution had a large bearing on the end result.

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5TH GRADE; Round 7

Western Suburbs 203

J Gerace 127

Def by

Murdoch University Melville 314/6

S Davis 4/71

It was a difficult week for the 3rd XI leading up to the first Saturday. Up against Murdoch uni who have been rolling teams for less than 100 and making 350+ for fun. It was always going to be a huge challenge to see where we are at. With only 3 regular 5s players available as Dunky the stand in skipper of the 4s decided it was an appropriate time to steal 2 of my boys and had been talking all week about needing another 2 or 3 players. Lucky hitcho keeps in contact with some boys from high school and he drafted 5 into the side along with Jack Da Silva, Dan Parker and Cam Rohan playing for us as well. We somehow conjured an XI to give Murdoch a crack.

Come Saturday, the opposition had arrived earlier than an hour before play and started warming up 20 mins before the toss. The Murdoch skipper introduced himself with a smug arrogant smirk when he realised we only had 3 players at the ground when the toss was about to take place and then pointed out to me that on myCricket we only had 3 regulars playing. But it was the ever reliable captain Jack who once again won the toss when it matters and elected to bat.

While the opposition were still warming up 10 mins before play, confidence was oozing from Hitcho's mates as they tried to crank some tunes on the side lines but couldn't find a power slot. Thank goodness for that.

Hitcho and Da Silva opened against a very disciplined Murdoch attack whose bad bowls were very far between. Da Silva was stumped after making 2 to the opposition skipper, hitcho decided to match his opening partner and was also leg side stumped against the same opening bowler also on 2. So once again wssc 5th grade off to a horror start with the bat.

Former 1st team leading run scorer Dan Parker and captain Jack started the inevitable rebuild that has been required every week so far this season (usually S&P and blakos job). Concentrating on not falling on our ass and being stumped down the leg side. The two put on 35 before Parker got the first loose ball of the day, a full toss from the offie and chipped it to mid on as if he was using a 9 iron trying to chip onto the green from about 10 meters away. In came Rhoi one of hitchos mates who found it difficult to score runs and was out to the offie for 4.

We were then 4/55 and it was now captain Jack's responsible to start farming the strike for the rest of the day. Roche joined the skip and put on 80 for the 5th wicket. Before Roche was given an absolute howler from cliff who was clearly napping. Roche contributed 9 of those but was solid.

Matty Horton came out at 7 when we were 5/122 and for some defensive reason, so did the field. Horto and captain Jack put on 75 with Horton making a much needed 24. We were then 6/197 and Murdoch uni genuinely looked like they were in shock. Unfortunately hortons' wicket triggered an over due collapse. From 5/197 we were 8/197 with the opposition skipper taking a few more poles and another leg side stumping after captain Jack gave clear instructions 'he will try stump you down the leg side so keep your balance.' Was obviously not clear enough. From there captain Jack decided it was time to go aerial but was clearly the wrong decision as the first ball he tried to do so he was out caught at cow for 127. We were then all out for 203 which was a huge disappointment after being 5/197 and having a genuine chance of giving Murdoch a big score to chase.

We had 8 overs to bowl at Murdoch at the end of the first days play and they finished 0/19 with their first week player making 18 of those and luckily wasn't playing his second week. His name was Ponting, so he it was inevitable that he was going to make runs.

Week 2 came along, we had 2 blokes pull out mid week, apparently hitcho told his mates it was only a 1 day game... Dan Parker only available the first week and our regular keeper Ben Gicquel not playing, we were without any one who knew how to wicket keep. With only 10 blokes it was going to be difficult.

With Pat McKenzie operating at the southern end at Rosalie, S&P our second week player at the northern end with part timers filling in the other overs to give them a rest.

We had 4 dropped catches (2 to S&P of his own bowling), 2 brilliant caught behinds by captain Jack not given out by a once again napping cliff where the batsmen almost started to walk and a missed stumping opportunity where the batsmen was never in any trouble as the keeper forgot that stumping was apart of the job description of a wicket keeper.

Taking wickets at regular intervals was the theme of the day and there was some serious nerves from the boundary line as Pat McKenzie took '2 in 2'. Murdoch uni 6/188 with batsmen number 7 onwards not being required all season for them so we were pretty keen to test them out. There were nerves both sides of the boundary.

But with only 2 specialist bowlers plus Cam Rohan bowling his leg spin who was offered no assistance from the flat Rosalie deck. The 20 plus overs from both S&P and Pat McKenzie started to take its toll. Murdoch's number 7 and 8 went past our score then shut up shop for the rest of the day with young Cam Rohan bowling an economical marathon spell from the northern end to finish the day with 13 overs next to his name and hitcho sending down 11 overs of his stuff.

The scorecard genuinely doesn't reflect how close the game was. Considering that we fielded such a week side and the undefeated Murdoch were at full strength. I thought we gave it a really good crack and were only a tail away from winning. Look forward to playing Murdoch again next time. Well done to S&P taking 4, should have been 7 and about time captain Jack made a few.

Next game we play Tuart Hill which in effect is a play off for second, with a full strength side it should be a great game.

5TH GRADE; Round 8

Tuart Hill 181/8 I Hart 3/21	Def	Western Suburbs 131 H Sando 49
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A must win game for 5th Grade if we wanted to put ourselves in a prime position for the 1-day Final, playing 2nd place Tuart Hill, with both WSCC & Tuart Hill unbeaten in the 1-day games. With a strong batting side on paper, Captain Jack won the toss and decided to field.

WSCC got off to an great start as Pat Mackenzie (2/16 off 8) opened the bowling with the strong breeze at his back and promptly tempted the opener into a poor shot as he played on to his first ball, 0/1. The great start could have been an absolutely fantastic start as Pat followed this up by inducing an edge to the No3's third ball which was unfortunately dropped behind the stumps. The great start could have been a fantastic start as in the 4th over, S&P (0/43 off 8) opening the bowling with Pat also induced an edge from the other opener, which was put down at 1st slip.

They say "catches win matches" and this couldn't have been truer on Saturday - 8/1 could so easily have been 8/3 and these missed opportunities soon came back to haunt us as the 2nd wicket put on 69 and the opener who was dropped on 5 went onto top score with 87.

Anyway, it's no good dwelling on what could have been, let's get on with the game. After an excellent opening spell, Jake Smith (aka Will Haslam) replaced Pat and Harty replaced S&P with no further wickets. Harty (3/21 off 8) made the next break-through, bowling the No3 with a full length ball, 69/2 and followed this up in his next over having the no4 caught by Captain Jack at 1st slip for a duck, 73/3. Tuart Hill made it to drinks without further loss to be 78/3 off 20 overs.

After Will and Harty came the part-timers as Hitch (0/21 off 2) and Forbes (0/21 off 3) were thrown the ball to make the 5th bowler, only to toss up an array of full tosses and long hops, which duly got the punishment they deserved. After 5 overs from the spinners, which cost 42 runs, Lavan Thasarathakumar replaced Hitch and S&P was brought back for his last 2 overs. Lavan (1/17 off 3) made the next break through, clean bowling the no5, 126/4; however, the runs kept on coming as the No2 brought up his 50.

Pat replaced Lavan after his brief spell and claimed his second wicket, taking a skier off his own bowling, 149/5. Will and Harty came back on for the death and Captain Jack, with a direct hit to the non-strikers end ran out the no2 for 87, after going for a suicidal single. Harty then bowled the no7 as WSCC claimed 2 wickets in the over, 166/7. Will picked up a deserved wicket as Pat took another good catch, 173/8 as Tuart Hill finished their 40 overs on 181/8. Pat MacKenzie and Harty the pick of the bowlers.

The chase started well with Hugh Sando and Campbell 'the fridge' Hitchen (14) putting on 44 for the first wicket but once the first wicket fell, wickets continued to fall as the next highest partnership was 15. Forbes (5), Sando (49), Gerace (7), Dan McManus (4), Gicquel (4), Thasarathakumar (0), Mackenzie (7) all failed to put any form of partnerships together against what was a very ordinary bowling attack. Only S&P with 25 reached double figures and when Harty (3*) joined Will Haslem (7) we were 119/9. Will and Harty stuck around for a few overs but the game was well and truly over at this stage, eventually Will got bowled and WSCC were all out for 131.

A very disappointing loss which puts Tuart Hill in the box seat for the 1-Day final.

5TH GRADE; Round 9

Western Suburbs 241/3 C Hitchen 135*, P Ryan 58*	Def	Bassendean 162
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After last weeks poor performance with the bat, this was a resounding response, especially from Campbell Hitchen and a welcome return to the winners rostrum that consolidated our position in the top 3 after losses to Murdoch University Melville and Tuart Hill.

After winning the toss, Captain Jack decided we would have a bat. A different opening partnership this week as Ben Gicquel accompanied Campbell 'the fridge' Hitchen in opening the batting. After a steady start, Hitch was dropped on 6, an absolute dolly, after which Hitch made Bassendean pay for in the best possible fashion. Unfortunately, the steady start came to an early end as Gicquel (9) wasn't so lucky as he was stumped failing to ground his foot, and despite Hitch starting to score freely at the other end, Captain Jack (5) was out shortly after, 41/2. Sam 'S&P' Davis started his innings slowly but Hitcho was now up and running, scoring at a run-a-ball as Hitch brought up his 50. WSCC reached drinks at 92/2.

S&P fell shortly after drinks for a well made 24, 113/3 but this just brought Pete 'Red Ink' Ryan to the crease, back after a 2 year hiatus in Queensland. Hitch brought up his maiden century for WSCC as Red Ink and Hitch despatched the bowling to all areas of the ground. Pete brought up his run-a-ball 50 and the score past 200. It was only at the end of the innings, when they had tried 7 bowlers that Bassendean found a bowler who could keep the run rate below 5-an-over as WSCC reached 241/3. A fantastic unbeaten partnership of 128 and a marvellous innings from Hitch, who finished unbeaten on 135 off 113 balls and Pete reached 58 off 55 balls.

In reply, Pat Mackenzie (1/17) grabbed an early wicket 7/1 and despite some stubborn partnerships, wickets fell regularly and were shared around as Captain Jack gave all of his bowlers a spell or two. Sam 'S&P' Davis was the only bowler to complete his 8 overs and finished with 2/33, Luke Parker, down from 4th Grade to find some form claimed 1/35 from his 7 overs, Scott McMahon grabbed 2 wickets either side of drinks to finish with 2/31 off his 6 over spell and at drinks the scores were pretty even with Bassendean 95/5. However, Bassendean continued to lose wickets as the run rate climbed over 8-an-over. Will Haslem got in on the act with 1/21 off 5 overs and even Captain Jack got a wicket, finishing off Conner McShane's over and bowling the dangerous No8 (Ravi Kumar) for 36. Harty was finally thrown the ball, and cleaned up the tail finishing with 2/8 off 4.4 overs. Bassendean all out for 162.

A great win built around a fantastic innings from Hitch with support from S&P and Red Ink and an all-round bowling effort. Next up, Swanbourne.

7TH GRADE; Round 7

Murdoch University Melville 264	Def	Western Suburbs 97
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No match report provided

7TH GRADE; Round 8

Western Suburbs 146/5 L Petersen 67*, S Petersen 39	Def	South Perth 141 S Shrestha 3/27, S Petersen 3/32
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7TH GRADE; Round 9

Swan Valley 122 S Petersen 3/13	Def by	Western Suburbs 170/9 L Petersen 56
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No match report provided

8TH GRADE; Round 7

Western Suburbs 187 J Ridley 62, Q Lee-Jones 36	Def by	High Wycombe 258 B Buckley 4/49
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8TH GRADE; Round 8

Fremantle Mosman Park 155 Q Lee-Jones 4/23	Tied with	Western Suburbs 155/9
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Pre-game selections

With the January transfer window open, Tiger Moos management decided prior to their opening game of the new calendar year, to take full advantage of the opportunity to bring in some fresh talent. In a move that can only be described as "bizzaro-North Melbourne", we opted to trade out an ageing yet once moderately talented cricketer and replace him with a younger all-rounder full of potential. One who is better looking, more supremely talented, possesses a better personality and just demonstrates greater overall intelligence. This resulted in Brad Elliman departing the starting eleven and Todd Hatfield making his long awaited return.

The Tiger Moos were also strengthened with the absence of Steven Agar and Toni Daniels as a result of their honeymoon taking place in a log cabin for two on the icy slopes of some part of Japan I have never heard of. In a show of commitment to their beloved Tiger Moos, Agar and Daniels huddled around their log fire and stuck close to their phones in order to gain regular updates of this vital one day fixture.

Due to work commitments, Sam Church could not join the starting XI for this game, however team management look forward to welcoming him back into the fold next week. Likewise Matt McCormack who was busy saving lives in his work at St John's. We regained Rockingham's most eloquent resident in Kim Read after a 13 month hiatus as well as big Timmy and the only team member to actually reside in the Western Suburbs catchment area Ollie Basson.

Brunch

Today's brunch easily featured the most intelligent company of any this season. The reason? The cretin brigade(aka Steve, Tony and Brad) were all absent and I was able to enjoy a nice meal on my own.) The quality level of the conversation was immediately enhanced and I had a grand time, dining on a fine Mexican breakfast that never fails to disappoint from TLMP in Victoria Park. As I consumed the breakfast Quesadilla, I flicked through my phone to read up on pre-season training updates from Arden Street. I then noticed a rather likely sort sitting on the table next to me and decided to chat her up. After trying in vain to gain her phone number for the next twenty minutes, I ultimately had to concede defeat and much like Ross Lyon exiting the MCG on any given Grand Final day I was forced to walk away empty handed.

Warm Up

In need of a pre-game net session following the Christmas break, there was impressively a strong contingent of Tiger Moos present for this. Some strong bowling and batting ensued and in particular I noted great potential in the off-spin(orrff-spun) being demonstrated by Grant Plumb(Gorraunt Plumb). So much so that I thought it worthy to mention to Captain Cretin(Jason Ridley) that if he was to throw the ball to Gorraunt at a crucial stage in today's match he just might be able to bowl a critical spell of eight overs that could well turn the game on its head. Ridley was initially a little surprised

at my idea, but was ultimately swayed by the great level of respect he has for my talent identification abilities. Much like the time I noticed a young Jack Ziebell running around in an under 8's game and said "this kid is going to be a star."

Tiger Moos Bat

After an insipid display of coin tossing from Captain Cretin, we were sent into bat by the toothless skipper from Fremantle-Mosman Park. Courageously and showing more shinboner spirit than is present in Glenn Archer's left shinbone, I decided to head to the non-striker's end to face the first over from Freo's fiery left-arm opening bowler. This would leave Jason with the significantly less onerous task of facing the first over from the gentler medium pacer opening up from the river end. The first ball saw Captain Cretin absolutely smoke a cut shot, albeit directly to point. I quickly resumed my normal "role" in this partnership. Ie. Sit on my bat handle at the non-striker's end and shout "shot, Jase" while he gets the job done wielding the willow. At this early stage I started to hold the same degree of sympathy for what the opposition fieldsmen were likely to endure at the hands of Ridley, as I do for a taxi driver collecting him on any given Friday night. This sympathy for the opposition was quickly abated however as on the second ball of the day, Ridley edged one through to a diving first slip who took a very sharp catch. Given his seasonal average of 57 prior to this innings, it would be wrong of me to apportion any blame onto Jason for such a rare blemish. No, the blame for this one lies squarely at the hands of his wife. Sharon, if you're reading this you should know better than to allow Jason one miserly beer on the night prior to the match. We all know he can only score runs when he has a raging hangover or is in fact still drunk. So in future, please even if he insists on going to bed at 830PM on the Friday, just sneak a few shots of vodka into his Milo. So to summarise Jason's entire dismissal: simply not good enough, Sharon, do not let it happen again.

With the score on 1 for none, we were in need of a solid partnership between myself and Tim who was next to the crease. In spite of the fact that he has not played for over a month and was batting slightly higher up the order than usual, big Tim demonstrated extreme confidence in smashing a quick fire 16. The opposition captain noticed Tim's penchant to play the pull shot and resultantly proceeded to stack the on-side field. Such flooding of one side of an oval has not been seen in Fremantle since Ross Lyon last ran a training session and practiced flooding the defensive side of the ground to minimise the likely big losses his ageing side is set to endure this season. I digress.. Tim's precocious innings was only halted when his former friend Brendan Buckley gave the tall left hander out LBW. Those watching in the grand stand thought perhaps the ball was going over the stumps, but my view from the non-strikers end would suggest that Bucks got this one right.

At 2/19 off 5 overs and with two batsmen on zero at the crease, our innings was delicately poised. We needed a storr performance from Gorraunt Plumb who was next man in and after a patient storrt, his really upped the ante and delivered successive balls to and then over the boundary. The second of which was a majestic pull shot for six that had Hansie Cronje cheering on his South African counterporrt from the depths of hell below. This ball travelled further than an average Air Asia flight before coming back to sea level and ended up almost decapitating the umpire on the ground immediately adjacent to ours. At this stage, we were looking set for a big porrrtnership and total with the score on 2/56(15 overs). Things then started to unravel rather quickly. Gorraunt lobbed a cut shot off the first change bowler to point and then I proceeded to run poor Ronald out for a duck right on the stroke of the drinks break. Two quick wickets immediately after the interval(Ollie for 1 and I for 15) served no help whatsoever to our cause with the score precariously placed at 6/66 after 22 overs.

A handy partnership of 24 from Buckley and Tommy Lee-Jones then ensued to tick over the scoreboard. Buckley was desperately unlucky though, when on 15 he swatted a straight pull shot in the direction of the opposition's worst fieldsmen. This cretin somehow decided to run in the opposite direction to the ball, seemed to slip and then flung out his left-hand to inexplicably take the catch. This bloke was clearly the Nic Naitanui of their side in the sense that he ran around having absolutely no impact on the match whatsoever, before one purely fluke of an act late in the game, results in unjustified plaudits being heaped upon him by those in the media. On arriving back to the dressing shed, I have not seen Buckley so dismayed since Brad left him stranded at the alter(or whatever they use at a civil union).

Quinn and Robin "Nahas" Anderson then took the score past 100 but were both dismissed soon after for 9 and 8 respectively. After 32 overs, the Tiger Moos were in the disastrous position of 9/107 with Kim and Todd our last remaining batsmen at the crease together. What was to follow can simply be described as a miraculous performance from these two. Kim took it upon himself to patiently work his way into his innings, leaving balls alone from a looping leg-spinner that were not in his stroke repertoire range(the sweep shot). Todd also took a few deliveries to get his eye in and then both proceeded to ascend the scoring rate and had the Freo boys shaking their heads in dismay as the partnership ended unbeaten on 48. These two heroes were rightly applauded as they made their way back to the pavilion and witnessing this partnership first-hand from the middle of the ground, I have no doubt they could have kept going to a considerably higher total had the overs remaining allowed it. In fact, they could still be batting as you are currently reading this such was the temerity and chanceless nature of their stroke play.

Tiger Moos Bowl

Spirits were certainly high amongst the Tiger Moos at the innings break following the aforementioned partnership. Quinn and Bucks were thrown the new ball in that order and it was clear from the outset that their opening batsmen had every intention of playing some attacking shots. After three successive boundaries, one opener fell to the sheer pace and class of Lee-Jones and the score was 1/18 after 4 overs. This early wicket, was just what the good Doctor Quinn Medicine Woman ordered. From past experience, we knew that this Fremantle-Mosman Park side was prone to batting capitulations and our fired up bowlers were keen to tighten the noose to ensure another choke was forthcoming.

Their second wicket partnership got away from us somewhat with the score being 1 for 81 at the mid innings drinks break. The mid afternoon heat perhaps got to a couple of us in the field with a few early mishaps(one embarrassing blemish from yours truly) not helping our cause. A handy spell from Captain Cretin on each side of the interval steadied the ship though. Ridley's figures of 6 overs for just 15 runs were as tight as the elastic on his cricket whites after an equally stinging festive season. He certainly deserved a wicket, but nevertheless this spell of bowling got us back into the game in the sense that the pressure was still on Freo to score at 4 runs per over for 20 overs.

Following the drinks break, the ball was thrown to strike bowler Quinn who, in the words of Goraunt "knocked over the batsmen's corrrstle... oh yes indeeed Qwon... that one has erntt you a lorrerrr." Yes well summed up there Grant, couldn't have said it better myself mate. Quinn had us right back in the game, giving us more of a sniff than Ben Cousins on holiday in Colombia. Captain Cretin then took my pre-game advice on board and threw the ball to Gorraunt. The big South African bowled majestically, with his subtle variations in pace, bounce and spin having the batsmen in more trouble than a shark in Colin Barnett's backyard pool. A bit of miscommunication between Ollie and Ron saw the former drop a skied catching in the afternoon sun. This prompted an equally stinging glare from Ollie's countryman Grant. I haven't ever witnessed such an argument between two South Africans before. Well certainly not two of the same colour anyway. Fortunately the dropped catch cost us less than a Zimbabwean dollar, with Grant taking it upon himself to remove this opponent the following over with a very shorrrp corrrrt and bowled. Great stuff from Grant to make their total 3/98 off 28.

The Pirates steadied to be 4/115 and sensing the urgency of the situation Captain Ridley threw the ball to his star performer. While Quinn's parents may have abandoned him leaving the game an hour or so earlier, our collective faith certainly had not departed. The youngest member of the Tiger Moos continued one of his greatest days with the ball smashing the stumps on two separate occasions that over for a timely double wicket maiden. His fourth scalp had them needing 40 off the final 8 overs and there was all to play for.

They threw the bat at the next two overs evenly splitting sixteen runs, which ended up completing brilliant eight over stints from Quinn(4/23) and Grant(2/26) respectively. The next over resulted in 10 runs being conceded off Buckley and the ledger swung in their favour with just 12 runs required from 18 balls to seal victory. But if this match that was well into its sixth hour by this stage had taught us one thing, it's that had it had more twists and turns in it than the flight path of MH370. The real drama had only just begun and some suicidal running between wickets coupled with some brilliant composure in the field from Grant had us back in the game. Much like Kevin Bacon in the 90's, Grant was simply in everything. Rob then clean bowled their number 8 batsman with a full pitched delivery. Again it was game on with Freo 8/147, requiring nine runs from the final twelve balls.

It was down to Captain ~~Courageous~~ Cretin to bowl the penultimate over. Jason threw the keeping gloves, pads and even his box to Grant and kept things tight conceding just two runs. Throw in a run out from Rob and Jason combined and it was another sensational over from the skipper. This left Fremantle-Mosman Park needing 7 to win with just one wicket in hand from the final over which was to be bowled by Rob. Rising to the occasion, the hairiest man in world cricket bowled a timely dot to start. Second ball: a fortuitous cover drive off middle stump goes for four runs and the equation swings in their favour. Two dot balls followed from the ever calm Rob with Freo needing 3 runs from the final two balls. The next ball slipped a little coming out of the hand and the full toss no ball was flicked to fine leg for a single. This coupled with the one run for the no-ball resulted in Freo levelling the scores with two balls remaining. Absolute mayhem then ensued as Tremble dabbed the ball back in the direction of the bowler. Coming in from cover Bucks unfortunately collided with Rob with both making valiant attempts to effect a run out. The collision enabled the non-striker to get back to his crease and deny us any chance of a match saving run out. So it was down to the final ball. Rob pitched it wide and full outside off stump. Their number 11 Tremble failed to get any bat on it as the non-striker came charging down the pitch to win it. Grant gloved it cleanly and stormed towards the stumps. He narrowly beat the batsman there and this run out tied one of the greatest games of 8th grade cricket you are ever likely to see. Buy a pair of glasses and put them down. It was sensational stuff and to be honest, both sides deserved to split the points such was the even nature of the contest. While it was a tie, it felt like a win given on three occasions we were in seemingly doomed positions. I am confident that this result will give the Tiger Moos immense confidence heading into the second half of the season.

I will leave you with the words of the ever-eloquent Brendan Buckley when asked to describe his feelings post-game: "a tied match is like making out with your sister."

8TH GRADE; Round 9

Western Suburbs 138	Def by	Murdoch University Melville 224/6
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10TH GRADE; Round 7

Whitfords	Def by	Western Suburbs
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Western Suburbs won on forfeit.

10TH GRADE; Round 8

Bassendean 98 S Carmen 4/16, J Simmons 3/30	Def by	Western Suburbs 256 A Cock 76, J Simmons 49, S Hawkins 30,
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10TH GRADE; Round 9

Murdoch University Melville 92 A Cock 4/16	Def by	Western Suburbs 94/6
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1-DAY A; Round 9

Western Suburbs 131/3 CJ Paul 54, I Rakich 41	Def	Subiaco Marist 128 A Kavanagh 3/14
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1-DAY A; Round 10

Western Suburbs 122 A Kavanagh 48	Def by	Swanbourne 201/7
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No match report provided

1-DAY A; Round 11

Western Suburbs 158 D Baptist 52	Def by	Doubleview-Carine 164/4
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No match report provided

1-DAY B - GREEN; Round 9

Western Suburbs 171/4 D Mumford 51, N Stewart 46*	Def	Kalamunda 170 S Caldwell 5/13
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1-DAY B - GREEN; Round 10

Western Suburbs Green 107 H Mackenzie 31	Def by	Applecross 180/7
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1-DAY B - GREEN; Round 11

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1-DAY B - GOLD; Round 9

Western Suburbs 238/6 M Stephenson 108	Def by	Fremantle Mosman Park 241/7 I Hart 4/38
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1-DAY B - GOLD; Round 10

Western Suburbs 190/4 L Peterson 63* M Stephenson 45, S Peterson 37*	Def	High Wycombe 185/8
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No match report provided

1-DAY B - GOLD; Round 11

Western Suburbs 97	Def by	Bentley 230/9
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1-DAY C; Round 9

Balcatta 147	Def by	Western Suburbs 164/6
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No match report provided

1-DAY C; Round 10

Applecross 176/6 B Hardinge 3/34	Def	Western Suburbs 173/7 S Hawkins 46*, D Morrison 30
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No match report provided

1-DAY C; Round 11

Balcatta 78 B Mortimer 3/9, J Ribbon 3/26	Def by	Western Suburbs 81/4 J Ribbon 43*
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No match report provided

COLTS; Round 4

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SEASON STATS

Best Batting Performances

2014/15

Grade	Names	Runs	Game	Opponent
10	D Squance	158 no	2	Bassendean
5	S Blakiston	144	3	Bassendean
7	B Forbes	135	3	Swan Valley
10	A Cock	111	5	Nollamara
2	G Brown	110	3	South Perth
ODB-Green	D MacLeay	110	4	Murdoch University Melville
ODC	D Morrison	101	3	Murdoch University Melville
10	S Hawkins	85	2	Bassendean
8	J Ridley	85	6	Curtin Victoria Park
ODB-Green	D MacLeay	83	2	Kalamunda
4	R Warner-Jones	82	4	Fremantle Mosman Park
8	G Plumb	79	2	Fremantle Mosman Park
8	J Davies	75	5	Bedford Morley
ODB-Gold	K Dev	73	1	High Wycombe
ODB-Gold	A Murray	73	4	Kalamunda
8	J Ridley	72 no	4	Bassendean
8	J Davies	70 no	4	Bassendean
2	G Brown	70	2	Kalamunda
7	N Mugi	69	2	South Perth
ODB-Gold	T Bayley	69	4	Kalamunda
ODA	S Davis	69	6	Murdoch University Melville
ODB-Gold	R Murray	67	2	Fremantle Mosman Park
ODB-Green	B Taylor	62	3	Wembley Districts
7	S Shrestha	62	4	Ocean Ridge
10	S Hawkins	60	3	Murdoch University Melville
10	D Levi	57 no	6	Tuart Hill
4	C O'Neill	55	4	Fremantle Mosman Park
ODC	D Morrison	54	6	Tuart Hill
ODA	R Brierley	53	4	Subiaco Marist
8	B Elliman	53 no	6	Curtin Victoria Park
2	M Davis	51 no	1	Ocean Ridge
8	Q Lee-Jones	51 no	2	Fremantle Mosman Park
T20-1	G Brown	51	4	Fremantle Mosman Park
10	J Simmons	50	6	Tuart Hill

Best Bowling Performances**2014/15**

Grade	Name	Figures	Game	Opponent
4	D Morey	6/56	3	South Perth
ODA	K Mansfield	5/13	2	Applecross
ODC	N Khan	5/18	1	Applecross
7	G Chinnery	5/25	4	Ocean Ridge
7	G Chinnery	5/28	2	South Perth
10	S Hawkins	5/37	2	Bassendean
Colts	L Hunn	4/10	2	Doubleview-Carine
ODB	S MacDonald	4/17	3	Bedford Morley
ODB	P Wilson	4/19	2	Kalamunda
5	S McMahon	(Hat-trick) 4/27	4	Ocean Ridge
5	P Mackenzie	4/28	4	Ocean Ridge
4	B McManus	4/36	5	Swanbourne
T20-1	S McGukin	4/38	1	Swanbourne
10	T Dowe	4/43	2	Bassendean
2	S Daly	4/44	3	South Perth
1	J Simmons	4/47	1	Ocean Ridge
7	N Mugi	4/61	3	Swan Valley
8	M McCormack	4/61	3	Murdoch University Melville
10	G Page	(Hat-trick) 3/11	1	Curtin Victoria Park

Partnerships**2014/15**

Grade	Wicket	Partners	Score	Game	Opponent
10	3	D Squance & S Hawkins	232	2	Bassendean
8	6	J Davies & J Ridley	147	4	Bassendean
ODB	2	D Morrison & C Smith	131	4	Murdoch University Melville
4	7	S Morrison & R Warner-Jones	123	4	Fremantle Mosman Park
7	2	B Forbes & S Shrestha	108	3	Swan Valley
OBC	1	D Morrison & C Williams	108	5	Swan Valley
10	1	A Cock & S Park	107	5	Nollamara
8	4	B Elliman & G Plumb	94	2	Fremantle Mosman Park
ODA	1	R Brierley & I Rakich	84	4	Subiaco Marist
7	7	N Mugi & A Ellis	78	2	South Perth
5	8	S Blakiston & B Gicquel	75	3	Bassendean
5	6	S Blakiston & S McMahon	74	3	Bassendean
T20-1	1	M Craddock & G Brown	74	2	Fremantle Mosman Park