



CRUSADERS FLASHBACKS

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You will all be aware of the work that Crusaders Australia carries out to meet its objective in “the development of young cricketers by improving their playing standards and promoting a spirit of fair play”. In fact, many of the readers of this newsletter have been beneficiaries and, subsequently, supporters of the Crusaders’ cause.

Recent initiatives have been successfully completed with the **Merv Hughes Cup Carnival** involving 8 Private School and 2 Crusader teams in T10 and T20 matches over 2 days in early December. Melbourne Grammar took out the Cup, for the second consecutive year, with Brighton Grammar runners-up.

The highlight of the inaugural season of the **Outright Foundation** was the Simulated Test Match completed last week between the Crusaders - Boys and the Victoria Cricket Academy (VCA) side made up of Victoria U15,16,17 and some of the boys who missed out on U19 selection.

Swan advises that the game was played with great regard to the spirit of the game and finished in an excitingly close draw, played to the last over of the last day as the Vic side narrowly missed on a win by 12 runs. All participants will undoubtedly benefit from the experience.

Crusaders won the toss, batted and made 266 all out with J. Manning 37, T. Rosenthal 20, N. Perera 61, J. Billington 29, J. Barton 20, B. Harbinson 35* and J. Rosewarne 22. VCA bowling figures were: - S. Gribben 0/15, L. Gray 0/26, A. MacMaster 1/30, J. Bartlett 0/40, M. Freeman 5/45, N. Taylor 2/46 and J. O’Toole 0/22.

In reply VCA was all out for 366 with a lead of 70 with performances from J. Serry 90, T. Cody 130, R. Sarleni 27, and A. MacMaster 21. Successful Crusader bowlers were: M. Adams 2/70, J. Barton 2/36, N. Perera 4/58, and P. Cassidy 2/26.

Crusaders made 9/231 in the 2nd Innings with Z. Elliot 25, P. Cassidy 85, M. Adams 36, B. Harbinson 16*, Bowling honours were shared by: L. Gray 1/17, M. Freeman 2/45, R. Phelan 1/13, J. Bartlett 1/24, T. Cody 3/14.

VCA needed 161 runs in 26 Overs to win the game finished on 6/148 with main contributors being J. O’Toole 30, R. Phelan 28 and T. Cody 31 while M. Adams 1/15, J. Barton 0/17, N. Perera 4/62 and R. Allada 1/49 did everything they could to both overcome the run chase and pull off a victory.

Over the 4 days 981 runs were scored, 35 wickets were taken and around 300 overs bowled making for a very entertaining and strategic game. It was an outstanding job from all the boys to make the match last its entirety; playing quality cricket.

As usual, the ground was in superb condition. Scotch College did an amazing job and must be commended as the wicket played well for all 4 days and, if required, could have been used for an extra day and still held up. Gary Peckham and Michael Smith from Scotch did a spectacular job and sincere thanks were expressed to all concerned at Scotch College.

Umpires Eric Kelly and John Mellett did a magnificent job over the 4 days to substantially contribute to the success of this new venture.

Swan gave "a big thank you to Cricket Victoria for their participation and support of this exciting new venture and also to the parents and other individuals who came to watch and support". On behalf of Crusaders, he thanked "everyone who in one way or another came out and helped make the whole thing a big success as 27 boys went about enjoying time on the cricket pitch" in search of an outright win.

Taking Precautions

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea.

As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said pointing to the bowl, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?'

'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease.'

Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter!'

CRUSADERS Vs OLD MENTONIANS CC

Sunday 16 December 2012

Crusaders 9/81cc (B Hutchinson 18, M Rattenbury 16, I Prosper 3/13, K Gaston 2/5) lost to Old Mentonians CC 9/109cc (D Rowland 36no, P Sadler 29, Jeff Costello 3/11, G Shipp 2/6)

Umpires: Darrell Holt & Bob Seymour

Rain late in the week and on Saturday morning juiced up the Old Mentonians pitch and slowed the outfield. Batsmen from both teams battled against a ball that boomeranged in the air and off the track. Making it more complex was the bounce was slow making batting a real grind.

Gary Shipp had no hesitation in sending the Mentonians in to bat first. Luck and spirit played a good part for Tony Austin and Peter Sadler to survive the first eleven overs.

The introduction of Jeff Costello into the attack paid dividends as he found the breeze to his liking and managed to extract sharp turn. A war of attrition came with Chris Dalkin and the miserly John Costello pegging the home team. Garry Shipp really hoped the cherry around and only the determination of Dave Rowland allowed our opponents to get three figures.

A tight opening attack of Keith Gaston and Dave Rowland left the Crusaders only 2/8 off the first 12 overs the Crusaders. No batsmen really looked in control although Brent Hutchinson and Michael Rattenbury looked like challenging.



Next Match

Unfortunately the proposed match against Singapore CC had to be cancelled but the Flashbacks still have some challenging games in front of them.

The next match is against **Melbourne 29'ers** who will be out for revenge after suffering defeat in their last outing against the might of the Crusaders Flashbacks.

Details and team make-up for the game is as follows:

Sunday 3 February, 2013 at Bulleen CC., Koonung Res., Bulleen (Mel Ref 32 F10)

Commencing at 11.00 am (Team members are asked to be at the ground by no later than 10.30 am)

Selected Team: Brent Hutchinson (Capt & Wkt Keeper); Jeff Costello; Brett Dalkin; Chris Dalkin; Matt Darby, Michael Day; Troy Harbinson; Daniel Streker; Josh Sundberg; Mark Sundberg; Paddy Tyler; Ryaz Yoosuf.

Should you be selected in the team and you are unable fulfil this commitment, please contact Peter Cullen (m) 0417420 262

REMEMBER

Always check your mobile for SMS messages on the morning of scheduled matches as you will receive a message if there is any change to the match arrangements for the day!

Regards,

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