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Baby Bluetongues show how it's done! – 21/22 October 2017

The T20 Blast started this weekend and BWCC is well supported with 19 fresh faces that looked great in their playing gear. The program is an extension of the "Milo" skills sessions as the girls and boys play a modified T20 game with everyone having a turn in all the disciplines of the game. Commencing at 9am each Saturday, we've partnered Lisarow and Narara to form a larger Centre that plays on all 3 clubs' grounds. We play on Adcock 1 from Nov 18 to Dec 9.

Our Junior teams appear to now have settled into their competition. The u12 group has been re-arranged and in a true reflection of the diversity of our playing group, we now have a team in each game format, A grade, Stage 1 and Stage 2.

The u12A side started a 2-day game this weekend against Narara and the Coaching staff must be applauded for giving each player an opportunity with the ball, and with that comes a broad mix of wicket takers with 6 of the team grabbing one each. The team chases 231 from 50 overs next week.

The State 2 team is finding their feet after a few weeks of changes and their match against Kincumber was a bit of a one-sided affair. We lost the toss and given the ball first, the opposition piled on 4/191 from the 30 overs with Bailey P. bagging 2 of those wickets. Our turn with the bat produced 22 runs, so it's off to the practice nets with you boys this week! This week the team had only 7 players, so with one final player transfer this team will have the full compliment by next match.

The Stage 1 result is not finalised as yet but it looks like a win to the team! This group has responded to the positive changes made during the week and taken the points from Terrigal at Adcock 3. This is a great result for a team that can now settle into the rest of their season.

An interesting result for the 14C cohort as it looks like they came up against a hot Narara side. Liam G. starred with the bat to reach 15 and unfortunately the only other score was Matthew L. with 4 as the team recorded 40 runs in their dig. Narara chased it down without loss but only after some exceptionally tight bowling as it took them 22 overs to overtake our score. You too are off to the nets this week!

Col Ryan's 16B's easily accounted for their opposition after being sent in by Lisarow – who surely regret that decision! 5/244 from 50 overs was the damage after their innings closed with notable performances by Mitchell R. with 95 and Ayden S. on 69*. The pair knocked out a 97 run partnership in even time to setup the match. Fine bowling from James T. to grab 5 wickets for 5 runs from 4 overs and Liam B. with 2 for 5 from 3 set the agenda and the opposition crumbled to 103. This is a combined team with Kincumber and play under that clubs colours and name.

Round 3 of the Saturday Senior Competition consisted of 2-day games and the rain last weekend didn't help at all! Games had different starting times and conditions depending on how other games commenced or not, and in the end all teams competed which is what we are here for.

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First Grade v. Warnervale @ Woongarra Oval.

On day 1 the boys played 22 overs before the rain ruined the afternoon and at 5/94 the opposition were left licking their wounds. 4 wickets to Jordan Price setup day 2 nicely.



Day 2 and JP was handed the ball yet again and early on it was tough to get through the opposition defences. Once he grabbed his 5th wicket of the match, there was no stopping him! 6/132 and then 7/134 and JP had 6 in the bag. Cue Kevin Searle and his change of pace grabbed the 8th wicket at 154 to leave the tail exposed for JP to clean it up with the final two wickets at the same score. Jordan's bowling figures of 8/72 from 22 overs (straight) looks to be a new Club record.

Once Carl had recovered from running fine-leg to fine-leg (might be on Facebook later tonight), he partnered with young Ben Shelley to repel the half hour till lunch without loss. The carb-loaded break proved to be a hindrance as a steady fall of wickets from the top order saw us at 4/39, 5/53, 6/66 and 7/80 before Jordan and Kevin put up some fight. Unfortunately the final 3 wickets fell at 126, 128, and 129 to give the Bluetongues their first loss for the season. Obvious MOM was Jordan Price. The team sits in 4th place on the ladder.

Second Grade v. Warnervale @ Adcock Park #1.

With an average age of the team under 19, this Club continues to provide the opportunity for our young players to be tested and this weekend the team did not disappoint! Without a ball bowled last week, the maximum overs this week are 100, effectively turning the match into a one-day format.

The opposition would regret the decision to bat first as they reached the end of the second over 2-down for just 1 run and 3-down for 3 after 4. Lewis (1/11 from 7) and Mitch (2/25 from 11) took the new ball and certainly set the tone. Brock cemented his 2nd Grade call-up with 2/11 from 8, and then it was up to the elder Statesman of the team, Will Byrne, to polish off the tail and proving with several LBW's he still can't turn the ball. Will finished the innings with 4 for 10 from 6.1 overs.

The Baby Bluetongues made light work of the small total with Will (28), Josh (25) and Lewis (29) all producing runs to see the total passed 7 wickets down in the 33rd over. Currently 3rd on the ladder.

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Third Grade v. Warnervale @ Hamlyn Terrace Oval

As a Club we need to work on the stability of this team to give them more support for the balance of the season. They won the toss and batted to give time for the 10th and 11th players to arrive, but sadly the team was left with just 9, and that's just not good enough. Hadyn put up some fight early and Ben Campbell bagged a 50 to take the team to 95 at the end of their innings .

Bowling was always going to be a struggle with only 7 fielders and full credit to the team for giving their best to hold the opposition 213. Richard Frost always puts in 100% and was rewarded with 5 wickets and Graham Porter took 3 of his own.

Day 2 and the Bluetongues bat their second innings with the hope of a full 11 in the team. Sadly, one no-show and another forgot they had a midweek plane to catch sees just 9 players front up for duty. Despite a top order set-back at 3/20 the team fights back with Hadyn 37, Graham 50, Keegan (with a broken finger) 42, and Frosty 28 and posts a respectable 173 from 47 overs. We're ahead by 60 but that was never going to be enough and the opposition pass is 1-down. The 1 wicket was a master stroke by young Captain Brad Ryan who bowled just one delivery that day!

Fourth Grade v. Warnervale @ Adcock #3

One day game as Day 1 last week was washed out and after winning the toss, BWCC batted first. Let's just say the team struggled early and at 7/29 we can drag the "Captains knock" cliché out from the bottom draw as Peter Foote (41) was joined by Nick Kirby (21) to post a 50-run partnership and reach a reasonable first innings of 98.

Our bowlers worked hard for little joy as an obvious higher-grade player sent the ball to all parts of the ground on his way to three figures. They declared their innings at 3/187 our boys accepted the challenge of batting 16 overs to stave of the outright. Nick stood tall yet again and at 4-down the stumps were drawn and the first innings loss was recorded.

Fifth Grade v. Wyong @ Adcock #7

The "Beaters" lost the toss and had to chase the ball around for 40 overs before they took the final opposition wicket. 179 runs were on the board with Brad Davis topping the charts with 3 for 11 from 8 overs and 2 each to Michael and Bootstraps.

Our chase hit an early roadblock as we lost wickets on 0 and 22 before baby Belcher brought his years of experience to the crease to show the boys how to play the red ball game. His partners came and went, building partnerships and steadily chipping away at the target – Aaron with 20, Bootstraps 29 and SK 15* all made a positive impact. The performance of the day went to Jeremy with an impressive 81 and to fall when within 4 runs of the target was a cruel injustice.

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Sixth Grade v. Wyong @ Morrie Breen Oval

Taking on the archrival on their home turf is never an easy assignment. Blocker won the toss and batted in accordance with “the code”. Well, it’s more like a guideline anyway and called on Robin and Ken to start the day. The results show that our boys were unable to build partnerships and lost wickets just as they were starting to blossom. First wicket was lost at 22, then 3/47, 4/59 and all to the same bowler. Herbie (29) fell at 67, and with big hitting Rod (33) back in the sheds at 112 it was up to the tail to wag. Brad Watson held it together for a handy 24 before becoming the final wicket to fall with the score at 145. This author must ask the question – how do you get not one, but two LBW’s in 6th Grade?

Wickets were hard to come by but the boys didn’t stop. At the end of a rain-interrupted first day, Wyong had the ascendancy and that enabled them to press hard on Day 2 to take the game away from our boys. We had them 6 down as they passed our score and stumps was called. 0 from 2 is not an ideal start but its still early.

Seventh Grade v. Southern Spirit @ McEvoy Oval

It’s very rare that a game goes the full distance these days, so when you see a Seventh Grade match playing out 150 overs across two days – you take notes. Captain Col has taken on the role to teach the young ones more about the game and get them progressing through the ranks in the higher grades, and sticking it out till the final over is one lesson we can all learn from.

Losing the toss and sent into bat, the top order was looking strong. Wickets eventually fell with Metamucil regularity at 33, 46, 54, 78, 83, 95 and then 7/100 before our younger crew of Marley and Zac took the score to 137 before Marley fell and Zac top scored on 37 when his wicket closed out the innings on 156.

There were some amazing similarities when the opposition had their turn to bat in that they were 7/107 and despite a brilliant bowling effort from Aaron (4/15 - 8) they limped to 9/160 before declaring early on Day 2.

A quick drink and the pads were back on for the second innings. Subway Sam scored well before falling for his second LBW of the game and the score had trouble re-gaining momentum against some very tight bowling. At 9/115 from 40 Col reckoned he had enough and set the opposition an ambitious score to reach in 11 overs. Game on! The opposition came out blasting and was racking up the runs without breaking a sweat. In the end, they were within 10 runs of taking the outright and if it were not for some acrobatic and desperate fielding the result would have been very different.

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Under-21 v. Terrigal @ Duffy Road

The club continues to focus on our younger players for the future and the 21's side had a great start to the modified T20 game on Sunday morning. JordanV won the toss and emphatically said, "we'll bat thanks". We wore new coloured clothing with a combination of our new training shirt plus plain blue longs – topped off with matching clads when batting. They looked great but this author was too busy wrestling with an update to the scoring app to get a photo, so that will come in future editions.

Keegan (7) and Lachlan (35) started as expected and set the run rate with a 7 in front. Boundaries were hard to come by so the boys had to run for everything. JordanV (7), Matt (0) and Ben (3) came and went too quickly and it wasn't until Daniel (22 @ 169.23) paired with Lachie that we saw the runs pile on again. Lewis (8) has to have the shot of the day when lining up for a no-ball free hit against their spinner. You could see him licking his chops from the sideline and seriously you've never seen a backswing this big before! It was worth it in the end as the red was sent hurtling over the boundary and shouts of "save your legs" from the growing crowd.

The boys unfortunately didn't bat out their overs as Joel (9), Alex (2) and Michael (1) left Dane (0*) stranded in the middle and with the score at a decent 109 runs, was definitely defensible.

Patience would have to be a high priority when bowling to the more fancied opponent. Mitch (2/27 - 4) earned early reward with both openers but that only brought out the big hitting pair that took them to within 30 runs of our total. A bowling change saw Daniel (3/11 - 4) brought on at the Duffy Road end and he was instantly rewarded with the 2 prized scalps to bring the game back to evens. Matt (1/18 - 4) chimed in and at 6/83 it was getting close. Terrigal then lost the final 4 wickets for only 18 runs as we saw a Diamond Duck run out, Dane (1/26 - 4) chimed in, another confusing run out with balls to spare which left Alex (1/16 - 4) to take the final wicket to record a sensational 11 run win.

Open T20 v. Terrigal @ Duffy Road

Did someone say dejavu?

As if Captain Ben (42) had pinched a page from the earlier playbook, the toss was won and the boys batted first. We lost Will early as he racked up another unfortunate duck then JordanV (6) just as the partnership was delivering the goods. Matt (17) made up for the earlier game in a fine style and when JordanP (17) fell, we had 4/80 on the board. The shuffled order didn't work this time as Shaun (1), Alex (1), Daniel (4), and Ben (6) were back in the sheds too quickly, which left Carl (4*) and Kevin (8) to close out the innings at, you guessed it, 109.

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I personally find it a ridiculous 'condition' to allow non-regular players to take to the field. Terrigal imported 2 x Sydney First Graders for the game - 1 with the ball (4 wickets) and 1 batter that simply took the innings away at the start. Before Alex (1/22-3) grabbed the wicket, his 35 runs had been blasted all over the ground and the score sat on 68. Similar story happened in a game up North too – not good for cricket on the Coast in my opinion.

Cue Kevin Searle as he again shows everyone how to bowl on Coast wickets. Against this fancied side he grabbed 3/7 from his 4 overs to scare the living daylights out of the opposition in a career best T20 performance that earned accolades from the large crowd of loyal Bluetongues.

In the end it was simply not enough and the score was passed with 2 overs to spare.

Best of luck to all teams this weekend in the sport we love playing and love supporting.

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