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“Talking in Tongues”

A full compliment of Juniors took to the early morning sun last Saturday and a quick around the grounds revealed some exceptional results.

The T20 Blast! continued their entrée into the great game on the outfields of Sohier 1. Can one of the parents send me a photo to publish so we can share the fun times these kids are having. The structure and the activities are designed to get the kids learning the fundamentals on and off the pitch and from all accounts is being achieved.

Our 11's in Stage 1 headed up the Mountain to what is the best looking Junior oval on the Coast, Fred Pinkstone Oval. Up against the highly fancied Kincumber Thunder, our team kept fighting for the full game - starting with a brilliant bowling effort. These guys gave away only 10 wides and 3 no-balls the whole game and I don't recall seeing such a low number before. I reckon some Senior teams need to get to their next match at Eve Williams in Patonga for some tips! Our batting has certainly improved (did they sneak in that additional net session maybe?) as the team batted their entire innings without losing all the wickets. The scoreboard result is of no consequence as the team is settling into the game format and enjoying the time together!

Our Stage 2 team in the u11's had a week off with the Bye. They take on Southern Spirit Grammar team at Adcock 7 this Saturday.

The 12a's had a tough time against the competition favourites as their run chase didn't exactly follow the coach's plans. Our first innings was over at the half way mark with 42 out of the required 231 for victory. The second innings was over an hour later with another 16 added to the total. Reports are our team was not rattled by the scoreboard and nor should they be! It's "A" Grade, so they'll have to dust themselves off and come back next week, against Southern Spirit at McEvoy.

The 14c's bounced back into the winners circle with assassin-like bowling after a determined batting performance saw the team post 7/115 from their 25 overs. Their opposition was held to just 71 to take the result and 6 points away from the opposition in style! Kyan (36*) and Noah (20) put on a 50-run partnership early on to help lay the platform they'll need to reproduce this weekend against Terrigal at Kariong Oval.

Saturday Senior Teams - one day games.

Seventh Grade v. Warnervale Blue at Northlakes.

“Tough day at the office” was heard many times in the wake of this third round fixture. In fact, there were only a handful of highlights to report. First and foremost was Captain Col winning the toss and batting where Aaron starred again to top the charts with 20 runs. The rest of the team will have their anonymity protected as the next best score was “Extras” with 11.....

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A couple of the younger team-mates (Ayden and Zac) felt the warm glow of success when bowling but it was always going to be an impossible task of holding the opposition under 55. The score was passed with, ahem, a few overs to spare which dropped our boys out of the top 4. They take on the other Warnervale side (White) at Kariong this Saturday afternoon.

Sixth Grade v. Narara at Adcock 7.

Blocker is making a habit of winning the toss and had no hesitation in batting first again this week. The scoreboard shows 8/159 and upon finer investigation reveals the recalibrated batting order working in harmony. Herbie was unlucky to be given LBW on 49 and I'm reliably informed that umpire has been relegated to the bench for the next game. Herbie and Kiran put on a 41 run partnership, and not to be outdone, Lee and Rod put on 56 for the 5th wicket.

Jason Plant threw away the Zimmer frame from last year in a bowling display to rival Australia's greats. He bowled his maximum 7 overs, 3 of them maidens, for 1 wicket and only 4 runs conceded! Stand up (gently) and take a bow Mr Plant. The lesson here for ALL teams is that drying up one end impacts oppositions whether you take wickets or not. Dave Carr chimed in with 2 wickets from his spell and Herbie threw some darts to grab 2/12 and finish the opposition at 6/93 for uncharacteristically their first win this season.

Fifth Grade v. The Entrance at Pat Morley Oval.

This would have been a good game to watch safely behind the baseball screens. Bill and his boys were sent in and Baby Belcher (16) and Jacko (32) were given the nod and despatched the red to all corners of the ground. Aaron Hayde deserved his top score of 43 as he held the innings together till the end. A fleeting partnership with Mr Adams and then dominating when the skipper strode out stand out as two fond memories of the day. Oh, the third memory would have to be seeing Captain Bill run out for a duck and at the close of the innings we were at 7/162 - it was game on!

The scoreboard shows the result came down to the final over and the Bluetongues were 5 runs ahead at the close of play. A great result for the boys that never let the opposition get away or get settled with regular wickets falling. With the ball, Simon Kelly had a game to remember with 3/29 from 7, and Michael and Richard chimed in with 2 of their own as well to keep the team in the top 4.

Fourth Grade v. Northern Power at Adcock #3.

Our team was given the opportunity to bowl first and the score card reads like a delicate surgery whereby any time the opposition started to score a few, the offender was cut out of the action before too much damage could be done. Wickets were fairly evenly shared with some very economical figures amongst them - Captain Pete (2/14 from 8), (Lachie 2/9 from 5), Ewan (3/33 from 7), and Simon (2/22 from 8). NPCC all out for 146 in the 39th sets a NRR of 3.675 for the Bluetongues to chase if they want the 4 points!

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Fortunately the Fourth Grade batting team turned up and the youngsters of Lachie (25) and Jordan (33) were tasked with giving us a start and it was the cool calm head of Jordan that steered the innings in the right direction with two defining partnerships. The first with Ewan for 40 runs and the second with Ryan Wilson, also for 40 runs before he himself fell with the score safely at 114. Ryan (29*) and Brad Davis (16*) made light work of the balance of runs and were celebrating back in the pavilion with 6 overs to spare.

Third Grade v. Northern Power @ Halekulani Oval.

Brad won the toss and gestured a cover drive to the anxious team-mates waiting behind the boundary rope, to which Hadyn (13) and Ben (30) quickly strapped on the pads, puffed out their chests and strode to the centre wicket. Wickets fell regularly as the team went on to post a healthy 155 and I get the sense they weren't allowed to get settled. Brad (24), Colin (14) and Samwise Gamgee (17) all got starts but fell before they could do any serious damage to the scoreboard.

Colin (1/21 from 8) early and Graham (2/28 from 6) in the middle showed consistency beyond their years to record the only wickets in the second half of the game. There's not much else to say other than NPCC reached the required runs with the fall of those 3 wickets thanks to a near-100 run partnership that we just couldn't break through.

Second Grade v. Northern Power @ Adcock #1.

Your Club continues to produce results in higher grades by backing the youth and this weekend's match of the round must go to Seconds. Their average age is under 19 and skipper Dylan sent in the opposition after winning the toss. Dane (2/27) and Mitch (1/36) kicked off the game and were rewarded with early wickets. An injury-free Brock (2/27) held up his end well and took the scalps of players with the same surname. Daniel (2/29) was the only bowler to send down his full allocation and Callum (1/18) swept up the final wicket with 139 runs on the board.

The team's batting was bolstered with Will away on a bender but was off to a rocky start when Keegan was caught short of his crease attempting a quick single. Dylan (14) and Daniel (40) put on a handy 55 between them before they both fell and it wasn't until Callum (18) and Michael (26*) dug in their heels that the result finally turned our way. The total was achieved 9-down with some fairly tense moments in the final overs proving these younger players are our future. As a Club we need to give them every opportunity to achieve their goals and enjoy the game whilst they continue to learn and rack up experiences.

First Grade v. Northern Power at Harry Moore Oval.

The boys travelled North and saw a familiar face umpiring the match - former President of the Club, Mark Ronson. Pleasantries were exchanged but did not give us any advantage at the toss and we

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were given the chance to bowl first. It was a pretty good bowling performance all round with Matt (2/35 from 9) and Alex (2/30 from 9), along with Kevin (1/24 from 9) holding the opposition to 4/55 early on. Ben (1/16 from 5) was brought on and was immediately successful in breaking a forming partnership. Jordan (4/26 from 8) came back on to help clean the tail up as they lost 5/23.

When 6 is the highest score from your top order, and the score is sitting at 5/18, you know it's going to be a tough day at the office. Despite a great innings from Captain Ben (36) the target was simply too high and the opposition bowling too good for us today. All out for 81 and no points.

Sunday Games - First to Fourth Grade v. Kincumber

First Grade @ Adcock Park.

An early night in proved to be helpful to Dave Mitchell as he leapt all over the slip cordon for his 4 catches! Darcy with 1 and Jordan P with 2 showed the opposition came to play shots. Kevin topped the charts again with 3/40 from his 9, whilst son Alex was not far behind with 3 of his own wickets for 50 from 9 overs. Matt has taken wickets each game this season and with 2/23 from 8 showed his worth once again. Our spin attack of Ben (1/42 off 9) and Shaun (1/37 from 6) brought the over rate back into line and produced results when called on. Jordan P was fined for his opening over lasting 10 balls and immediately called for the physio in true EPL style. Kincumber had put on 1/146 the day before so full credit to our boys for taking all their wickets inside 42 overs.

Ben Cohen (54) led the charge again this game with a truly inspirational display of power hitting. Being ridiculously cut short (Umpire later apologized for his decision) after dispatching 3 in a row over the rope sealed the fate of the side where the top order made starts but were mowed down by good bowling. Dave Mitchell (19) and Darcy Bubby (17) were notable contributors whilst Jordan P scored more with the bat than conceded with the ball so all was forgiven. The run chase ended on 134 and now the boys have to re-group to take on Wyong (away) in the next round.

Second Grade @ Erina Oval.

Them: 4/317.

Us: all out 141.

That's what having 9 players turn up can do to a side. The full story of why only 9 turned up is still being revealed but I'll say it only once - Captains and players have got to have good communication and issues like this won't happen! Enough said.

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Third Grade @ Adcock #3.

Our third team to be bowling first! Just as some players couldn't get to a ground, we thank Colin Starkey for travelling **513km** to get to the game on Sunday and his contribution was well noted. 1/12 from 8 surely won't see him in Thirds the next time he's in town. Samwise Gamgee (2/34 from 7) kept the top order on their toes and then our boys had some tough times against the building partnership until Colin was brought back on and swiftly removed the opposition bails. Graham (2/22 from 7) and Tim (2/14 from 3) tied down the batting side until they ran out of available overs and ended their innings at 7/155.

The run chase was, as you would expect - an exciting affair! The Father (35) /Son (13) Shelley combination got the team off to a great start along with Frosty (13) before the lusty hitting of Graham (53*) and Tom (49*) produced a partnership of 91 and passed the required total in 30 overs. Rumour has it the Ford dealer has a few cars on sale this week - "minor damage" only! 4 points in the bag as the grade posts its first win for the season.

Fourth Grade @ McKillop Oval

A huge shout out of thanks to Herbie (3/31), Tony (36*), Dave (3/18) and Mick (1*) for answering the call for players and joining Pete for the game. Yet again, the Bluetongues were unable to win a toss and had to bowl to the ladder leaders. Just one of the opposition players made their total (168) competitive, and with 101* deserves a little recognition. Pete (1/23) and Ryan (2/31) weren't left off the score sheet, nor was Little Foote (Jordan) with a couple of catches and a sharp stumping.

Our wickets unfortunately fell all too regular and at 6/49 the boys were in trouble. 7/64 then 8/69 and 9/75 normally spells disaster for any team and so was the case for our team but let's pause to recognise the final partnership of Tony and Mick (both not out) that took the team to 113 before they ran out of overs. 40-odd runs added for that final wicket may not look like much but these 6th Graders dug in and held their ground till the end.

Next edition in 2 weeks.