

# Eagle Eye

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## Club Calendar

Upcoming Matches:	
Saturday 2/12/06 Saturday 2/12/06 Saturday 2/12/06 Saturday 2/12/06	1sts v C&S @ Majura 2nds v Eastlake @ Kaleen 3rds v Eastlake @ Deakin West 5ths v Eastlake @ Dickson
Sunday 3/12/06 Sunday 3/12/06 Sunday 3/12/06	1sts v Creek @ Majura 4ths v Eastlake @ Deakin West Women Intra-club Super-8s
Sunday 17/12/06 Majura Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KT Memorial Day / NCGCC Xmas BBQ</li><li>• Women's 20/20 Game</li><li>• Double wicket comp</li></ul>
Saturday 6/1/07 National Sports Club-Lyneham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pipe Night</li></ul>



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## Editors Rant

Much like our season, it's been a slow start for the Eagle Eye team. A combination of a heavy workload and competition from JB's rancid cricket companion has threatened the very existence of Australia's leading cricketing publication. But never fear, we've come up with a bumper edition, and unlike other cheap imitations (JB's), the EE is free to all!

Many thanks to Rob "Doc" Docker, Matt "Jeppo" Jeppesen, Michael "Snout" Groenhout, Angus "Truckin' Gus" Vickery, Craig "Jesus" Salter, Vanessa "Whacko Jacko" Jackson, Matt "Nase" Nason, Rowan "Thommo" Thompson, Denis "DA" Axelby for the effort they've put in. No thanks to Gordon "G-Bang" McGurk for putting in no effort, and no thanks to Ronny Axelby for making me sell his stinking JB Cricket Companions.

Hally

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## Presidential Quip

Welcome to the first edition of Eagle Eye for the 2006/07 season. Much has happened already on the field and off the field in the early stages of the season.



Like the past few years it has been a sluggish start to the season for Northies. All grades have been strongly competitive but apart from our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade side wins have been difficult to come by. However, as the 2nds showed last weekend there are clear signs the Club is returning to its winning ways.



If effort and dedication to training was to be rightfully rewarded our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade side would be in the top 4. I am sure over the next few games with the continuing guidance of Matt Nason as captain and Jack Rowan's input as coach that Northies will put other sides on notice that we are serious contenders for the premiership. Jack's return to Norths as 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach has been greatly welcomed. I well remember Jack playing for the club in the early 80s as an opening bat. He was a batsman who liked dominating the bowling but I can not recollect Jack ever throwing his wicket away. He was one of those batsman who always knew exactly where the field was set and batted accordingly. As he once said to me "Doc you only get a bat every couple of weeks in Canberra 1<sup>st</sup> grade cricket so you need to value your wicket". That sentiment still remains today.



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Alan Hall has more than stepped up to the mark in leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade side. He has made a couple of 50s already and with other players starting to show form with the bat and ball our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade side is now starting to look the goods. Keep up the good work fellas.



As always 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade have suffered from too many players across the club being unavailable from game to game. Notwithstanding there have been very good performances from some players already none better than Johnny Chilko who made his first 100 for the club. Congratulation Johnny and let's hope another 100 is just around the corner.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade is being led by the ageless Axelby Bros Inc.



DA and Ronny just keep on bamboozling the opposition with the ball. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade has lost only one game this season. I note some very good performances by our younger players and congratulate Craig Salter on a terrific 100 against Eastlake.



The very Reverend Peter Nelson is imparting his second to none cricket knowledge on 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We all know what a super star he is and I don't think any player in the club needs reminding of Pete's immense impact upon particularly the younger players. Brad Exton's feats with the bat in 5<sup>th</sup> grade have undoubtedly been soundly guided by Pete. I don't think there is a more enjoyable experience on the cricket field to be had than batting with Pete.



Our women cricketers continue to be competitive in the ACT competition. Injuries and unavailability's has taken a little bit of gloss to the start of the season. However, the signs are good for the remainder of the season and I am sure that through the senior players such as Adelaide Jones and Vanessa Jackson as well as the coaching of John Eichholzer that Northies will return to the winners list very shortly.



The Club's junior administration continues to prosper under the leadership of Ken Walton. I note that most junior side are performing well and congratulate coaches, managers and all others for their commitment and contribution to our junior club.



Whilst it is a very hard for the Club's new management committee to follow in the shoes of Max Gillard and Jason McNamarra I am delighted with the progress the club is making off the field. Matt Jeppesen's unrelenting passion for the club is infectious and we have much to thank him for in progressing Northies to a truly collective and inclusive club.



I am pleased to see the Daramalan College connection being resurrected this year. Daramalan is a very important component of the club's history. This year through Northies, Daramalan has been provided Dickson as their home ground for 1<sup>st</sup> XI games. In exchange Daramalan has very kindly provided the use of their wonderful practice facilities to our club. Thank



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you Daramalan for your support and recognition of your college's long history with Northies.

John Eichholzer continues behind the scenes with the help of Grant Forrest and Chris Brown to ensure that Majura, Dickson and Reid ovals are prepared for cricket each weekend. As always there has been the odd hiccup and it is becoming very frustrating that the motor on the roller at Reid keeps on disappearing. However, we have increased security further and Steve Moore has a clandestine surveillance operation underway to ensure that no more problems are encountered.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and trust Santa brings many runs and wickets for all players.

Rob Docker  
President

### Upcoming Social Activities

Well...at the outset, I am extremely thankful for the arrival of the first Eagle eye for the year. This way I have a legitimate NCGCC publication to advertise upcoming events....a nice alternative to the spamming machine that I have become as the Social Co-ordinator for the club. To anyone who has considered blocking my email address....I completely understand!

Anyhoo...the Eagles social scene (like the rancid Canberra summer) is just starting to heat up. We started the year with the inaugural club Golf Day at Duntroon. All things considered, everyone enjoyed themselves. A few planning issues went to brown town with buses not arriving etc....but I think the concept is a good one, and I would say this will become an ongoing fixture on our calendar. The format for the day was 2-man Ambrose. Ironically the winning team was the 3-man combination of Wilson, Power and Jubber. I have received a fair bit of feedback from those who took part in the day...and am already looking creating plans for our next venture onto the greens.

Christmas is also creeping up; with only 3 weekends of cricket left before the break we are approaching the



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club Christmas function on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

<p>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (Times to be confirmed)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KT Memorial Day / NCGCC Xmas BBQ</li> <li>• Women's 20/20 Game</li> <li>• Double wicket comp</li> </ul>	<p>Majura</p>
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This will be a great day out, and I am urging everyone to get down there. This will also be the inaugural KT memorial day, the Christmas BBQ was one of his favourite days of the year, so whack it in your calendars....feel free to bring along partners, kids, cats, dogs....albino longhaired ferrets (whatever persuasion of company that suits you basically). NOTE: There will be spam arriving shortly about this event. Given that we will also be watching the women's 20/20 game and having some sort of slogfest encore in the afternoon as well...this will be a lot of FUN.

Also...those with the guns, Pipe Night is 6<sup>th</sup> January 2007 (see below)

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So get the Stanizol out of the fridge and get training. I would like to add that random entrants like the Wookie that ripped everyone's arms off last year will not be allowed to enter this year. I know that many people are still receiving therapy after watching that gruesome affair.

That's about it for now.....watch your inboxes for more reminders, nudges and tirades!

Gus



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## Treasurers Tirade

Northies,



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You have received the emails yet still many of you have not paid up your rego fees. Those who have paid me thank you, a reminder to those who haven't:

**Seniors Men: \$400**  
**Senior Women: \$200**  
**Juniors: \$260**



If I think it is appropriate (and there is a strong case for why I will) those who haven't paid fees without seeing by the printing of EE2 with a adequate reason will be publicly shamed - their name printer so their fellow club men can hassle them to get off the gravy train to pay up and know who to accidentally beam in the nets. I realise



that the \$\$\$ we are talking appears a lot however when you take into account the; \$20,000 plus NCGCC are required to pay the ACTCA, the \$10,000 plus in ground maintenance and other costs (inc. equipment, training, etc) fielding teams in the grade competition is not cheap, and the fact remains that the money needs to come from somewhere, period. We have attempted to lighten the load by giving EVERYONE (1s through to 5s) the opportunity to seek individual sponsorship. The details have been previous noted however if you are still unawares then come speak to me, or a member on the management committee.

Cheers to the lads and ladies whom assisted with raising coin by giving up a hour or two of their time at Bunnings it has been noted and we will encourage others will put up their hands next time.

The next edition will contain a financial update to where the club is, after everyone has paid up their fees I am sure we will be on track.

Craig Salter



### Cricket in the UK

Hi,  
We contacted you a few weeks ago regarding ourselves: we are Cricket Contacts, the newest and most vibrant player placement service on the market.



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We just wanted to remind your players that there are still numerous opportunities to play in the UK this winter; currently we have a growing number of clubs, ranging from ECB Premier League status downwards, approaching us regularly to find players.



It would be GREATLY appreciated if this e-mail message could be forwarded to any of your players who are thinking of traveling to the UK in 2007. Once again we have attached the poster to advertise us in your clubhouse, and our website address, which is:

<http://cricketcontacts.co.uk>

Thanks. We hope to hear from some of your players



soon!!!

Regards,  
Graeme, Paul and Geoff at Cricket Contacts

### Coaches Corner

Aaaaarch! McGurk was too busy coaching to write this article. Instead, here is a picture of some bogans:



### 1st Grade Match Reports:

A disappointing way to kick off a very positive and hard working start to season 2006-07.



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Starting against what is being referred to as the mini Comets ANU, I lost the toss on a great looking early season Majura wicket (great job John) and we were sent into field.



Bruce the Loose Goose Scandinavian Moose and The Weeping Swordsman Sammy Jubber opened up for us and quickly had us well on the front foot picking up a couple of cheap ones and allowing us to bowl with the new ball to three of the senior Comets batsmen in Cameron, Sheridan and Starr. Mikko continued on his merry way with the ball easily dismissing Cameron and Starr with out either of them damaging the score book to any great extent.



At the other end however, Northies debutant Ryan 'lets get busy with the business' Bissell replaced Jubs and had an immediate impact, dismissing the Australian u19 batsman Sheridan cheaply with help from what can only be described as a genuine hanger behind the stumps from one Darren WILSON!!!!!!.



The good work continued through to the main break with all three bowlers used polling up and leaving ANU reading 'How to bat at Majura' text books over a quite sausage in the visitors sheds at lunch. Northies way on top, ANU 7 for 65.



We walked out after lunch with a mind set that can probably be described in hindsight as over confident and allowed ANU off the hook. With a ever flattening wicket and older ball well in play we allowed Regent and Bronca the chance to free their arms and get the Students to a respectable total, all out for 162, 10 minutes before tea. In the process Samuel Leslie Gaskin collected his first wicket for the club, finishing with 2 and yours truly collecting the vital no.11 scalp as he looked to really struggle to decide what end of the bat was best suited to hitting the ball with.



So now we have to bat. As mentioned, a lot of hard work at all sorts of hours of the day, have gone into prepping our lads season thus far and it has to be said that the feeling in the sheds has been, regardless of result, a very positive one. A few positional shifts in the order and the inclusion of one very sure footed Sammy G at 3 has generated a great out look for us and one I can honestly say brings quite confidence to myself in particular but I'm sure others too for a strong batting performance this season.



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40 overs to play in the day and out walks our new look opening combo in Jarred 'let me get my point across through mime' Nuss and his very own crowd favorite Rowan Rightee. Facing what can only be suggested as the 2nd best bowling line up in the comp (for obvious reasons), Nussy and Colt pushed the Comet and ANU opening bowlers in Bronca and Madsen to a level that ANU never expected from our well known Northies batting top order. 18 overs in and both bowlers absolutely spent, they rested with out damaging out line





up in anyway shape of form, feeding our lads short stone after short stone and quality length ball after another, we survived to allow left arm med Sheridan the chance to rattle our cage. And unfortunately rattle our cage he did, Sheridan got a lucky one through Colts 'defense' (6) and played a decent 2 card trick to Nussy (18) shortly after to leave us a shocked but still positive 2 for 31.

With light starting to fade, Gaskin and Trev 'Rav 4 Camel' Power steadied the ship we were sailing strongly and managed to put nearly 40 more toward our required total. Left arm straight breaker Pascoe never looked to worry either batsman as they went about dissecting his cheese with Power in particular dispatching him with absolute ease to the fence on several occasions and Sammy G joining in the fun with some hard hitting of his own.

Yet just as we thought we had finally broken the back of ANU Sammy G (16) fell to a very questionable LBW decision as the shadows well and truly covered the good majority of Majura oval. Left 25 not out over night Mel and Jubs (0\*) took the light when offered and we finished the day after a couple of stumbles in the field and with the bat in a very strong position 3 for 74. our honor today and fair to say a good hour's stay at the crease the next week would just about sew this one up for the good guys.....

Not to be.

The second Saturday came and Mel and Jubs batted with out risk for close on 40 minutes. Unfortunately one to may rubbish short ones got the better of our batting backbone Mel Power and he was dismissed for a well complied but short of the mark 33, cutting straight to point. Grant 'Hairy Dot' Forrest walked to the wicket to rekindle the former opening stand from the season past with Jubs and looked to hit his straps very quickly, bashing a very technical cover drive through the gap first ball for a couple to get off the mark. We discussed the morning of play that singles were our friend for the 80 odd we needed to get over night but unfortunately the following over to Mel's departure, a sloppy call for a single between our blokes left Jubs(5) halfway down and with out bails at his end.



Our positive start in tatters losing 2 very quick ones and was not enhanced when we lost Foz(2) and Daz WILSON!!!(0) without troubling the score book in their partnership, both falling in similar fashion, bowled through the gate.



Northies now reeling at 6 for 94 and soon to become 7, Heath '\$5 hair do' Axelby walked to the crease to try his best to re-establish our innings and help get us over the line in street fighter mode that he knows better than most. Joining him at the other end walked moi and with the typical Nason / Axelby look down the track, we were in no way out of this game.



Having said that, first ball of our partnership was knicked by Axe(2) straight to 2nd slip and now we were in all sorts.



Or were we?



Here's Mikko.... well if you've played at Northies for long enough you'd be aware of Bruce and his uncanny knack of tapping the occasional long ball in un-orthodox fashion (over cow). Bruce however decided today was his day....



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a flurry of very rarely seen off and cover drives were punished and the Mikko / Frenchy fight back was on. With 70 odd to get when we came together, we fudged, slogged (well and poorly at times) and gritted out a bizarre but ultimately useful 50 odd to get us to with in 20 runs of a win.

Tragedy struck yet again for us though with Mikko(23) miss-judging a fuller ball from Pascoe and was cleaned up middle and leg. The partnership was broken but with 20 to get surely we could still manage a bit of luck to get over the line.... not to be however with Biz(0) being adjudged caught behind off one that he looked like he missed from my angle, stranded I finished with 25 not.



We fielded again before the end of play pushing for an unprecedented out right chance leaving ANU bugged again at 6 for 92 and allowing a few senior players in the comp a rubbish start to the year in regard to stats for ANU. Mikko grabbed 3 more, Biz 1, Axe 1 and myself 1.



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Innings and day over and we were 20 short chasing 162. Disappointing is one way of labelling the day but with lessons hopefully learnt we move onto Eastlake next game. We are doing good yards this season and it is a matter of time till we come good. I just ask our lads to keep believing in their ability and play cricket like the leaders of the club and we will go far - write that down! We are more than good enough in this comp.

Fight hard lads - HEART, BALLS & HEAD, until next game, Nase.

Matt Nason.

### 2nd Grade Match Reports:

#### Round 1 vs Weston Creek

The first game of 06/07 had arrived, and no-one was quite sure what to do as it wasn't hosing down, which is a Canberra tradition for the first game of the season.

I lost the toss and we were sent in on a pretty good wicket for the first game of the season.

Northies "Next-Next Genners" Sab "BLASZCYK!" Blaszczyk and Andy "Haurrie" Blackman started the innings steadily, both content to support sundries which had blazed it's way to 60 in no time. Haurrie copped an LBW decision which would have offended left-handers all over the world, but Blaz and Sam "Mini-jizz" Rooney kept the runs ticking over. When the two talented teenagers departed for 22 and 19 respectively, old man Paul "Surly" Stephens and pint-sized Matt "Coops" Cooper took up where they left off, taking the team to 106 with 10 overs and plenty of wickets still in hand.

When Stepho (27) and Coops (30) were dismissed, a filthy slog-ensued, and while the middle and lower-order's backs were seriously damaged from some big whooshes, the target set of 199 looked very defendable.

Our bowlers suffered an initial set-back, with the creek opening batsmen attempting to score the runs in the first 15 overs, and doing a pretty-good job of it. Jizz made a vital breakthrough by cleaning up their main destroyer, and the match was in the balance for the



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next 30 overs as wickets fell regularly enough to keep us in the hunt.

Unfortunately Creek's middle-order capitalised on their swashbuckling start, and they got home with 3 overs to spare and 4 wickets in hand. On paper it looked like a comfortable victory, but this did not reflect the hard work put in by bowlers Angus "Truckin' Gus" Vickery, Steve "Murph and the Magictones" Murphy, Steve "Diver" Cluff, Paul "PH" Hodges, Jizz and Haurrie, who all took a wicket each. Also special mention to Joel Rivers who made his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade debut and fielded his guts out.

### Round 2 vs ANU

Our first game at Mystical Majura had an eerie feeling about it, with the absence of Keith "KT" Tournier painfully obvious to everyone who entered the ground.

Losing the toss, we were again banished to the field. We were then treated to an inspiration spell of bowling by Angus "Truckin' Gus" Vickery. Gus bowled with pace and venom, tearing the heart out of ANU and holding it up for all to see. The big man bagged 6/21 off his 10 straight overs, and ANU limped to 165 on the back of a 30 run 9<sup>th</sup> wicket stand.

In reply, we got off to a shaky start, slumping to 4/25 by the 10<sup>th</sup> over. This brought Matt "Coops" Cooper to the crease with myself. ANU's bowlers were understandably pumped up, and the first ball Coops received rocketed into his helmet. The little man showed his rock-solid temperament and sheer guts, sharing a partnership of 97 with me for the 5<sup>th</sup> wicket.

Sadly, with Coops' dismissal a collapse followed, and Norths were bundled out for 131. Not Small Hall surly and 56\*.

### Round 3 vs Eastlake

The pitch and outfield at Kingston would tempt even the most die-hard Northies batsman to consider a south-side transfer, and today was no exception. The strip was like concrete and the outfield like a putting green, and we won the toss! Bearing in mind that the field



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conditions would be the same the following week, I sent them in to bat in overcast conditions. In hindsight it was a poor decision, but we weren't to know then that Eastlake would play so damn well...

Despite a spirited effort from Truckin' Gus, Murph, Diver, Jelfsy, Lee "Gibbo" Gibson and Haurrie, Eastlake declared at 8/361. We needed to bat out 7 overs at the end of the day, and it was great to see Blaz and Haurrie tough it out despite having chased leather all day.

The following Saturday the plan was simple: bat all day. We knew that to have any chance of overhauling such a massive target was to keep wickets in hand. The pitch and outfield were just as impeccable as the previous week, so we felt that if we were still standing at stumps, the deficit would not be.

We lost Haurrie and Johnny Chilko early, but Blaz and Stepho put a solid partnership together. Stepho departed for 30, and Blaz was bowled by a cracker just before lunch for 60 odd. It was a great knock for the 17 year old, and I'm sure that once his off-field performances improve he will be the complete Northies cricketer for years to come.

Jason "The Ghost of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Past" and I kept the score moving along, and the balance was tipping in our favour. Jason went for 37 invaluable runs before Tony "Kebabs" Harman picked up where he McNaLara had left off. In the last over before tea, I let myself and the team down by throwing my wicket away, 19 miserable runs away from my first ton. This left us at 5/250 and tea, and still in a great position to save the game if not take it out.

Unfortunately we followed suit to our earlier games in not pushing hard to the end, and our last 5 wickets were skittled for just 8 runs. This left us with 3 losses in a row, all from positions we could or should have won. Next week, surely...

### Round 4 vs Queanbeyan

Apologies to all, but I don't have the exact scores for this one and I have the memory of a goldfish...



After torrential rain all week, it was a credit to John Eichholzer's pitch preparation that play was started on time. The pitch had plenty of juice in it, and rancid Queanbeyan elected to bat first after winning the toss. Idiots.



Again, apologies to our bowlers, as I can't remember the bowling stats. But Queanbeyan were routed for just 130 odd.



Our batsmen will be pleased that I can't remember the batting scores, because we humiliated ourselves to be all out for 99! Very disappointing to lose chasing such a small total.



### Round 5 vs Tuggeranong

As per the Queanbeyan game, I can't remember the exact scores...

With Tuggeranong being such a force last season, the boys were going to have to step up and then some to get some points on the board for the 06/07 season.



Losing the toss for the 4<sup>th</sup> time this season, we were banished to the field yet again.



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Our hopes for an early breakthrough were suffering as Truckin' Gus left the field minus his big toe. For weeks the big man had been pushing through the pain of this niggling injury, but it had finally taken its toll. Murph was bowling well without luck, and Cluffy was struggling to find his line. Given the fact that I hadn't yet bowled in the season, I thought it was time to dust off the cobwebs and unleash "Preparation H". As expected, my first ball was a rank long-hop outside off-stump, which their opener smashed with the contempt it deserved. Murph and the Magictones leapt to his left, taking an absolute screamer. A few stinking balls later the other opener played down the wrong line and was trapped in front. 2/6 off two overs, you little beauty. The charade was over, and it was time to bring the real bowlers back into the attack.



Cluffy's 2<sup>nd</sup> spell was that of a man reborn. He, Murph



and Jelfsy tore through the quality Tuggies line-up, and we found ourselves chasing a very gettable 150.



The next paragraph could almost be cut-and-pasted straight from any of our previous games, as we again failed to convert a solid fielding effort with a decent batting innings. Blaz fought hard for 22, and all the batsmen made as start but failed to convert. Majura is a tough deck to get settled on, and extremely difficult to score easy runs. We were saved from humiliation by a cameo 30 from Murph, but were dismissed for 130.



Allan "Not Small" Hall

### 3rd Grade Match Reports:



#### Round 2 vs ANU

3rd grade travelled to o'Connor to take on ANU. I was lucky enough to win the toss and sent us in. After two overs I realised this may have been a mistake as the ball was not only talking Ronnie style is was shouting. I was please to learn that this was because the wicket was wet rather than good bowling. I may need some lessons on how to read the wicket before play.



Brownie and Stuart Beil opened the batting and were solid seeing off some quality bowling and a pitch containing lots of gremlins. Stuart was out to a brute of a delivery, saving his head but not his wicket.



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3rd grades new keeper was thrown the difficult task of batting at three, his first hit for the year, and he batted very very well for 13, putting on 50 with Michael Brown. Tony Harman came and went to a terrible decision which was changed from Caught behind to LBW by the umpire, remember just because you hit someone in the thigh pad doesn't mean its to high, even if the batsmen is 6 3!



Brownie and I put on a few runs, the running between the wickets was brisk, mainly after over had been called, Brownie batted terrifically to make 46. Big Marty Beggs came to the wicket and looked good as he played and missed the first two, some technical advice from me saw him hit the next ball, unfortunately straight to first slip, it was improvement anyway that's all you



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can ask. I was out shortly after to another memorising decision, caught behind off the thigh pad (the umpire obviously doesn't like them).

A steady procession of wickets fell until first gamer Suddie came in and smoked the ball with some fine shots. We were all out for 160 which wasn't to bad considering the pitch.

Hitting the field we couldn't have started better with Jerry can taking a wicket with his very first ball, a jaffa. Big Robbie Kinnell started from the bouncy end, with his extra height he quickly had the bats in all sorts, I almost felt sorry for the little opener trying to survive. Rob took 3 wickets in a great display of raw bouncy bowling. Suddie and Adam Forth also bowled very well in their first 3rd grade games. At 6 down we were looking good, however one partnership basically killed us, that and some very friendly umpiring from Umpire Thigh pad, the pad isn't good enough, you have to hit the thigh pad for and LBW or caught behind decision.

In the end ANU got the runs with 3 wickets in hand and about 4 overs.

It was a pretty solid effort considering the dodgy wicket early and the seemingly biased umpiring. Special mention must go to Suddie who fielded like a man possessed. This year looks promising with the young talent in the side, a bit of luck this week should see us reverse the result.

Thommo

#### 4th Grade Match Reports:

##### Round 1 vs Weston Creek at Mawson

Northies won the toss and decided to bowl on what looked like a reasonable pitch. The decision was vindicated with WC losing wickets on a regular basis to be all out for 115. All the bowlers performed well, DA took 3/17 from 10 tight ones, Cameron Hall showed early form with 2/30. Ron 1/19, Chris Sherlock 1/17, Carpy 1/18 and newcomer Sunith 1/12 all contributed in a very good team effort. Our fielding was very good with Carpy, Adam Forth and Steve Mammoliti (mammory's)



showing the way. Jeppo took 2 catches and kept well. We lost a couple of early wickets but Salts soon put things right with good partnerships with Mammory's and Adam Forth to see us home for the loss of 5 wickets. Salts finished with 40 no and Mammory's got 21. It was a very pleasing first up effort first.



### Game 2 against ANU at Dickson.



We won the toss again and again chose to bat. Things looked a little grime early with the ANU openers going the slap. We managed to rein them in but at 2/88 after 25 overs things weren't exactly going to plan. Enter the Doc who, as he marked out his 4 step run up, assured me that everything would be OK because he had dreamt that a hat trick was his for the taking. After he had taken a wicket with his first ball everything was going along nicely but the next ball was played defensively and all looked lost. But Doc was not to be denied taking a wicket with his next 4 balls to finish the over with 5/0 including a double hat trick. He finished the match with 7/7 which included 6 LBW's, who said the umpires don't like us??. Overall 7 LBW decisions went our way all from the same umpire. Ron bowled his regulation 10 overs and finished with 1/20. Newcomers Silva and Jack Gillespie showed that they will be very usual additions to the team. Both bowled tight lines often beating the bat and restricting the scoring when needed. Carpy also bowled well but without luck, having 3 catches dropped.



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We started the run chase poorly losing a couple of early wickets. Salts batted well again scoring a very good 29 and together with JJ Cassidy (new to the club) stopped the slide took control of the game. JJ then combined with DA to get us home for the loss of 6 wickets. JJ got 30 and DA finished with 18 no. Another pleasing team effort with everyone contributing to the win.



### Round 3 v Eastlake

Norths met Eastlake in a 2 day fixture at Deakin West. Eastlake won the toss and sent us in. After losing an early wicket, Rob Docker and Craig Salter combined in a 78 run partnership which set the tone for the



remainder of the game. Doc finished with a hard fought 35 but Craig went on the complete a wonderful century. He was dominant throughout his innings and while he had some luck he looked to score at every opportunity and take the game away from the opposition. Neil Dixon benefited from the doc and Craig's efforts with a very good fifty. At the close of play on day 1 we were 5 for 217 and in a very good position. We batted for twenty minutes on day 2 and finished with 248 without further loss. Jeppo plundered during this period to score 35 no including several massive 6s.

Eastlake made no real effort to win the game and appeared quite content to accept a draw but in a nail biting finish we were able to claim a win courtesy of and LBW decision given by their player with about 10 minutes to spare. All the bowlers performed well, with Shiv in particular impressive with 1 for 18 from 10 overs. Andrew Darragh also bowled well taking 2 crucial wickets in his second spell. Doc continued his good form taking 2/22. Yours truly finished with 4/48 including the last wicket.

#### Round 4 v Queanbeyan



Round 4 against Queanbeyan was washed out. This was probably a blessing in disguise given that their team consists of John Bull, Peter Solway, Kent French and various other luminaries, all of whom are several standards higher than 4th grade.



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#### Round 5 v Tuggers

The North's Juggernaut continued on its merry way in round 5 when we took on our cross town rivals Tuggeranong in a 1 dayer at Reid. Injuries, unavailability's and a variety of other half arsed excuses ensured that our team had changed markedly from previous weeks. We also started the game with only ten players until an injured Sam Jubber was good enough to come to the rescue. Tuggers won the toss and battered on an under prepared pitch which looked like deteriorating later in the day. All our bowlers claimed at least one wicket and they all bowled a very good line and length not allowing the opposition to get on top. Ron Axelby took 3/35, new comer Dan





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Ferguson 2/17 and DA 2/27. Shiva and Andrew Darragh again bowled well taking 1/22 and 1/18 respectively from their 10 overs. Tuggers were all out for 137 in the 49 over.

Adam Blencowe with a very fluent 30 runs, before being run out, led the way with the bat. He was supported by Google (15), Jubber (17), Shiva (11) and Dan Ferguson (13) who all made small but very important contributions when needed to ensure a good win for the loss of 9 wickets in a very close contest.

### Round 6 v Wests

Although we had a very good record against Wests at Kaleen this proved to be a danger game for us. We were outplayed by Wests who won the toss and sent us in on a pitch which looked good but did offer some assistance to the bowlers. However it wasn't the conditions that led to our downfall. Most wickets that fell were the result of poor shot selection or lack of concentration. We were dismissed for a disappointing 139 in 45 overs with only Lee Gibson (62) showing any real fight. In contrast Wests were well in command at the end of day one scoring 89 runs for the loss of only 1 wicket. Although the pitch had flattened out to be a road our poor fielding and catching contributed to our position at the close of play. Wests passed us with three wickets down and finished with 8/192. The scoreline does not reflect how well we bowled on day 2. All the bowlers toiled hard in hot dry conditions with DA taking 4/34 and Snouter 2/39 from 17 good overs.

DA

### 5th Grade Match Reports:

After a shaky start to the year with a couple of resounding losses, dirty 5's have pulled together for some sneaky wins and overall a much better performance. We've had a couple of captains this year with "I'm off at the coast writing haiku about the sunset" Crooksy starting us off and then "just try to get me out you young whippersnapper" Pete Nelson taking the helm. As per previous seasons, batting seems to be our weak point (across the club it seems at the moment). We've got no problem bowling sides out regularly for



80-150 runs or so, but we just haven't pulled in any big runs. One stand out game was vs dirty tuggers down at Chisholm 2 which ended up with the Carp smashing several towering sixes off the last couple of overs to win us the game. He took their opening bowler from 6/9 to 6/40 in 2 overs... good stuff!



Pete Nelson has found some unreal form with the bat and doesn't look like getting out. Pete has backed up in the last 3 games with 2 60's and 30 odd, all with red ink against his name. Brad Exton has also been a northies superstar smashing runs left right and centre... expect to see more of him up the grades soon. With the ball we've had consistently good performances from everyone. Pokey poke has managed to get his usual bagful each time he bowls, I've had a few sneakies and It's handy to have a side of 10 capable bowlers (sorry grimmet, you're a keeper now..)



So overall, we need to start firing a little more with the bat and we will be unbeatable! Start putting your cash down on 5th grade while the odds are still good - because the finals are looking in the bag!

Lots of sweaty love,  
Snout



### Norths Women 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:



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The Northies women have enjoyed a solid but somewhat frustrating start to the season with an early win and several narrow losses encountered when playing well below their best. Despite moments of triumph with both bat and ball the women have struggled to put together a full 80 overs of quality cricket so far this season. If the outcomes so far this season are any guide, when they do manage to put it all together just rewards will await.



### Vs Wests/ UC @ Majura 8.10.06

The women's season opened at Majura with a crushing victory over new competitors Wests/ UC on October 18. Norths took to the field first, their bowling attack bolstered by the inclusion of new recruits Jess Bill and



skipper Adelaide Jones and the return of Bec Goddard. Success was tasted early with Wests falling to 5/87 from 40 overs. Megan Forth was the best with the ball taking 2/7 from 4.

Adelaide and Jodie did the honours with a solid opening partnership for Norths. Adi made 33 not out as the Northies overhauled the wests total in 26 overs for the loss of 2 wickets.

### **Vs ANU @ Majura 22.10.06**

This could well be the game so far this season that the women would prefer to forget. Having had the week off after punishing wests in the opening game it took us along time to get going in round 2. Perhaps it would be fair to say that we never got past the warm up against ANU.

We northies batted first and rapidly came to wish we hadn't. Despite some relatively lengthy stays in the middle no one ever looked settled. A distinct lack of respect for some quite decent bowling was at the heart of the problem as the Northies women fell for an embarrassing 49.

Perhaps more surprising than the incredibly poor batting performance was the quality effort with the ball that followed. In a great display of fight the Northies girls threw everything at ANU, coming perilously close to defending their undefendable total.

Adi (3/16 off 8) and Cindy (2/10 off 6) were the stars with the ball while the entire team took up the challenge in the field. The spirited and focussed fielding effort yielded two run outs and a catch but wasn't quite enough to prevent ANU staggering over the line at 7/50.

### **Vs Tuggeranong @ Chisholm 12.11.06**

Norths started strongly with the bat against Tuggers. Billy (Jess Bill) batted brilliantly for 39 teaming up with Jodie Davis and Suz van Strien (27) for partnerships of 30 and 73 for the 4th and 5th wicket on the way to a



total of 10/147 (40 overs).

It was the bowling that was found wanting on this occasion, in defence of what should have been a reasonable score. Di Stewart was best with the ball taking 2/31 off 8. Despite a relatively subdued bowling performance the northies women again came close...Tuggeranong passed the norths total with only 3 overs to spare.



### **Vs Queanbeyan @ Freebody 2 (minefield) 26.11.06**



The one that got away.



On the cratered surface that was a second day freebody wicket (unswept and unrolled following Saturday matches) Norths took the ball first and looked the goods in the field early taking a good catch for the first wicket with the score on 13. The second wicket was a long time coming as the heat took care of the next member of the opposition- making way at the crease for Queanbeyan's hardest hitting batsman. The inability to dislodge the very same cost Norths dearly- she was eventually caught at mid off by Megan off Billy.



Norths were left the unenviable task of chasing 174 off 35 overs (penalised for slow bowling). Jodie again looked composed up the order weathering the opening bowling before Billy (31) joined Vanessa (43 not out) in a partnership of 62 for the 3rd wicket. Despite facing only 35 overs the northies women again got close; making 6/130 from 35.



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## 60 Seconds with... Andy Blackman

**1.Name:** Andrew "Haurrie" Blackman

**2.Role** at Norths: Rookie to the club - left hand batsman and left arm off-spin bowler.



**3.Occupation:** Public servant with the Australian Treasury



**4.Best on field performance you've seen this year?:** Truckin' Gus getting 'intense' and taking a bag of wickets



**5.Best off-field performance you've seen this year?:** Spruce Moose holding hands with his g/f one night out with the boys... and then getting punished for it!

**6.What is your Pirate Name?:** Captain Blackbeard

**7.Who's your tip for Club Championship?:** ?

**8.What's your smoothest line to the ladies?:** Your dad must have been a farmer, cos he sure knows how to raise a <Edited by Hall. Lets just say it rhymes with "shock">...



**9.Monty the Irish Sausage Dog: Is he still cool?:** Monty's always cool



**10.How do you rate yourself for Pipe Night 2007?** A raging success!

## Northies Quiz

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Here's one for all you Northies statisticians:



Of the 10 highest individual innings scores in Northies history (1989 to present), 5 of the players had surnames beginning with S. Who were they?

Bonus question: Which Northies player has scored the most runs in an innings in a women's match?

And here's one for those of you who aren't statisticians:



How many toes does Truckin' Gus have?

- a) 10?
- b) 9 and a half?
- c) None. He is made of 100% ticker.

### Code of Conduct



North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club has a commitment to promote cricket in a dignified manner, maintaining a competitive spirit within the bounds of sportsmanship and always with respect for teammates, opponents and officials.



The following is to make all Club Members aware of their responsibilities in relation to behaviour and conduct.



All members of the Club should be aware of Law 42.1 as it relates to the Captain being responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game, and Law 42.10 as it relates to players' conduct.

The ACTCA Competition Rules (in the handbook given to all players) include rules on conduct. All Members should make themselves aware of the Competition Rules, but ignorance of the Rules will not, of itself be a defence if charges are laid.



### Improper Conduct

Disorderly or improper conduct, or conduct which could bring the game into disrepute includes but is not restricted to -



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- Intimidating, assaulting or abusing, or attempting to intimidate, assault or abuse, an umpire, player, official or spectator;
- Not accepting an umpire's decision;
- Disputing an umpire's decision, showing dissent or acting in a provocative manner towards an umpire;
- Using crude or abusive language or making offensive gestures or signals;
- Prolonged appeals, and/or rushing towards an umpire when making an appeal;
- Making frivolous or ridiculous appeals in the hope



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of pressuring umpires;

- Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side;
- Engaging in any conduct towards any other player or official in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other player or official on the basis of that player's or official's race, religion, creed, descent, nationality, ethnic origin or gender
- A fielder directing a dismissed batter off the field;
- A batter disputing an umpire's decision by remaining at the crease after being given out, or by taking an inordinate amount of time to leave the field.
- A dismissed batter banging the bat on the ground, hitting or kicking the stumps, swearing or throwing the bat or other equipment, whether on or off the field.
- Any player uttering a profanity or obscenity that is clearly audible off the field of play.
- Blatant timewasting.

Note: 'Umpire' includes a person acting as an umpire. This Code is not restricted to the conduct of matches. All Club Members have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times. Any allegation that arises out of an incident where a person could reasonably be considered to be identified as a Club Member, can be addressed under this Code. That includes social functions, interaction with the ACTCA or members of other clubs, or public comment.

Members should also be conscious of their behaviour and image when wearing Club apparel in public. Club members are also expected to show consideration, respect, responsibility and courtesy in their preparation for matches. That includes –

- Being on time for their match, at the time instructed by the captain, and remaining with the team for the duration of the day's play and any



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tasks that should be performed once play has concluded.

- A player should not leave the ground – including during breaks – without the permission of the captain.
- Ensuring that extraneous pursuits such as physical or social activities do not detract from their ability to perform in a match eg. being affected by alcohol when playing.
- Advising the selectors and their captain of their availability and unavailability between matches.
- Attending training sessions at every opportunity.
- Taking proper care of Club equipment and facilities.

### Dress of Players on the field of Play

All players must wear correct cricket attire, consisting of

- 
- long white or cream trousers;
- white or cream cricket shirt with collar;
- predominantly white spiked cricket shoes or boots (rubber soles are acceptable in circumstances where specific approval is given by the ACTCA Cricket Committee);
- white or cream sweaters with or without a coloured band on the collar, cuffs or basque (waistband);
- white or cream socks - dark coloured socks are not acceptable.

Trousers should not be tucked into socks (except for the wicketkeeper and batters).

Thigh pads and other protective equipment (other than pads, gloves and helmets) are to be worn under clothing.

Acceptable headwear is limited to the authorised official club cap or white hats, unemblazoned except for a club badge. This does not include helmets emblazoned with the ACTCA logo. Other logos should be obliterated with tape.



- Sun visors, baseball caps, representative caps and caps from another club are not acceptable.



### **Alleged Breaches of Competition Rules**

If a Club Member is reported for alleged breach of the Competition Rules relating to conduct, he/she will be required to appear before the ACTCA Discipline Committee. In such a case, the Club will offer to have a Committee Member accompany the Member.

In the event that the player is found to have breached the Competition Rules, he/she can expect to have some sanction applied - eg warning, reprimand, suspension.



### **Mentions**

The Competition Rules provide for umpires to mention incidents that may be considered unacceptable but do not warrant a report. A player who attracts three mentions may be called before the ACTCA Grade Cricket Committee to explain their behaviour and demonstrate why charges should not be made.



### **NGCC Constitution**

The Club Constitution provides for the appointment of a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to inquire into any allegations of misconduct, regardless of any simultaneous action taken by the ACTCA. The Sub-Committee can impose penalties such as reprimand, fine and/or suspension. Such penalty may be in addition to any imposed by the ACTCA.



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### **Club Song**



For those new to the club, you should know that learning the club song is even more important than paying your fees. As McGurk says, "No sing, no play."

The Northies Boys [and girls] fly high like the Eagles in the Sky  
Full of courage and will to win the game  
WE WILL WIN



And wherever we will go  
We'll let everybody know  
We are Northies are Proud of our Name



If I had the wings of an Eagle  
An asshole+ as black as a crow  
I'll fly over [insert opposition's ground] tomorrow  
And sh\*t+ on those bastards+ [or opposition] below



Oh Northies, oh Northies you beauty  
The glory, the honour, the bliss  
By daytime we go out and stuff 'em all  
By night-time we suck on the p\*ss+.

+These words are currently under review by an independent sub-committee, and may be replaced by non-offensive words in the future. Until this occurs, it is advised that the naughty words only be used when singing the song.



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