



Eagle Eye

Newsletter of the North Canberra Gungahlin Cricket Club

THE SEASON ENDING BLOCKBUSTER EDITION





A Message from El Presidente

As another season draws to a close, we should look back with some pride. The club has again improved on the previous season's performances, with the top four grades all in the mix for finals heading into the final round. We didn't have a good weekend, but we still have second grade flying the Eagles flag this season, so I hope to see a few of us out and about supporting the boys over the next two weeks.

We should also congratulate our two premierships teams so far this season. Thommo's third grade proved that last year's win was no fluke by backing up with the one day premiership at KT Park while our women's first grade side (known as the Great Impressions) also were triumphant in their GF a few weeks back. Well done to all.

I'll take this opportunity to give a quick update on the work being done at the committee. We have been working hard as the season closes, with a focus on junior development, recruitment and social events. Thanks must go to the first grade squad, Google and Roons on the work they have done in these areas recently. Over the coming weeks I'll be canvassing your thoughts on the move to Harrison, our training and other issues you think are important to the club, so I look forward to talking to you all soon.

I'll see you over the next couple of weeks supporting the second graders and at Presentation Night.

Cheers,

Albert "Closer" Eichholzer

NCGCC President





1st Grade/ Club Captains Report

Season 2009/2010 has been another successful stepping stone for the mighty Northies Eagles towards a better club. 3rd grade picked up another premiership and 2's are in the finals awaiting further glory. The club as a whole has seen big improvements and the results are there to see. 1st grade went into Christmas in top spot however then unfortunately took their foot off the gas. 3 draws, which were expected wins, and 2 very poor losses saw 1st grade slide to 5th by the season's end. This probably reflects how far we've come as a team however it's still disappointing considering the fantastic start we had. We had a number of good performances, however there's little doubt that we're yet to play consistently to our potential. Our bowling has been of a high quality throughout the season on flat decks, and our batting has demonstrated outstanding results at times. Consistency has been our problem with both bat and ball, especially in the big games. A more focused approach to training and preparation next season will see the top grade achieve its potential of a finals birth.

Good luck to 2nd grade, make sure you are prepared with solid training sessions this week.

Pete "Radders" Radford

2nd Grade

vs Creek

Good game this. Batted first. Tom Rowe 64, G 40, Fitzzy 37. Halvo, took some on the body for the team and made 27. Totalled 266. I've never seen as many catches put down as we did on day 2. Although we bowled them out for 230, with Halvo taking 5-40, we dropped 11 catches. We should have won outright. Good game, good result and 6 points to us.

Vs Qbn

The comp was getting pretty congested. A win would mean we were 1st-3rd, a draw would see us in 4th and a loss would see us out. First day was washed out, but fortunately another game got on, so we still had the chance of 2 points. Day 2 saw us win the toss and bowl. Early movement kept Qbn under 2 an over for 37 overs a for the loss of 5 wickets. Then, in came Simon Fahey who proceeded to smash 10 6s in his 110 not out. Game was called off at tea. With 2 points in the bag, it was off to the semis for use to face...Qbn....at Freebody. Still, better to be in it than not. Go 2s!

Gordon "Naaaaaaaaaaaaark" McGurk





3rd Grade



Third grade this year saw a number of new players to the club coming together with some experienced heads and young up and comers, creating an exciting mix of players with a lot of potential. With such a new set of players, some finding their feet at a new club and some just finding their feet in the senior environment this year's Third Grade side was rather inconsistent.

We had some solid wins throughout, with some big highlights coming at the back end of the one-day competition, where the boys bowled and fielded out of their skins and the batting was solid and got the job done. Our last two regular season one-day matches saw the Magees at their brutal best, pulling off two double bonus point wins over Wests and Ginninderra to come from mid table and finish as minor premiers. A middling score around 150 in the semi-final against Wests tested our nerves, but once again the boys dominated with the ball and in the field, in the end cleaning up Wests for around 120. In the final the boys came up against a Queanbeyan side that had finished on equal points for the season and who had handed us an almighty spanking when we met at the start of the season. But no one was going to stop our momentum, once again we shone with the ball and in the field, taking our chances and stifling their batting to have them all out for 130 odd with plenty of overs left. Dangers and Harders came out to bat and straight away Harders looked solid as a rock, showing no fear, getting in behind the good balls and punishing the bad ones. When Dangers fell, J-Mac strode to the crease and he and Harders proceeded to take the game right away from Queanbeyan. Harders eventually fell just short of his half century, but by then the damage was done. J-mac finished with 60 odd not out and the Northies boys cruised to a crushing 8 wicket win.

The two day comp is where our inconsistency really hurt us. Our failure to post big totals when batting first and our reliance on J-Mac to do most of our scoring was our downfall. Too many of our batsmen showed potential but simply weren't putting runs on the board. In the end a washed out game we should have won and a draw against Ginninderra (after Reid wasn't up to scratch the first week) meant that we entered the final round against Queanbeyan at the Freebody 2 road needing to win to play finals. The boys were great in the field, restricting a strong start from Struggletown to have them all out for 210. We seemed to be doing it comfortably with the bat, but ended up collapsing into a heap at the end to be all out for 174 with our finals hopes dashed. We had plenty of highlights though, none more so than J-Mac's unbeaten ton against Wests to help us comfortably chase down a large total.

All in all it was a very solid season for the Magees, with the clear standout being J-Mac with his mountain of runs. There were also plenty of wickets shared amongst our bowlers, with a very even spread from our pace brigade of Chook, Jack Gillespie and Tommy Mailing and some crafty spinners from the ever reliable Thommo and Tristan the





Frenchman. There were plenty of players rotating through the side as you'd expect from the middle grade, but there's plenty to look forward to next season and in the future as players mature, find consistency and start delivering on their potential.

Giles "the vocalist" Tranter

4th Grade

4th Grade in summary 2009/10:

Awesome
Lovely
Google
Omnipotent
Raunchy
Exciting
Sensual

5th Grade

The Barely Alive's end of season report.

OK – about the nick name. This year saw the fossilised remains of Steve "Porn Star – yeah right" Grimmett dusted off, injected with monkey glands, and sent off in search of young souls to feed from over the course of the summer of 2009/2010. Aply assisting him in this Dorian Gray endeavour were, from time to time, Pete "the Rev" Nelson, Rob "has anyone seen my soul" Docker, Joe "I thought he was dead" Gunning, Dennis "can you bowl that ball any slower" Axelby, and Salvatore "if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck then yeah I probably did score a duck" Delorenzo.

This group of intrepids brought about a million years of experience to the side – great if only they could still see the ball to hit, or the end of the pitch to aim at. (I exclude the Rev from that last crack – I still maintain you can't play cricket with that man without becoming a better cricketer yourself – the rest of you old farts know I only kid because I care).

Obviously the selectors recognised that for fives to survive as a force into the future we needed new blood, so the rest of the 39 players who took the field for us this season were drawn from this year's Wiggles Concert Ticket holders.

Typically with a club such as Northies, as soon as one of these toddlers scored some runs or took some wickets, or managed to get through a whole game without needing a feed





and a nap time, they were whisked up the grades in an attempt to make the other Captains look good. Unfortunately for me, and probably a testament to the selectors' genius I hardly ever saw these young guns again as they were busy making a name for themselves and cementing their futures up the grades – well done you guys.

Meanwhile back at the Lazy Acres Retirement Village, Grandpa Steve, Uncle Brett, and Cousin Dinesh (while he wasn't swashbuckling his way through the 3's and 4's) spent their time trying to put the young colts through their paces. At times this could prove a little challenging, but in these times the pithy advice from Dinesh, the great and wise, would ring out in our ears, "Don't do shit!" Words to live your life by.

To the season in more specifics, we probably held our own compared to last season with a 21% win percentage, even though our ladder position slid a touch.

Runs scored this season: 2260 (26 ducks, 3 Fifties) vs 1998 (23 ducks and 2 Fifties) last season

Wickets taken this season: 122 (1 Five for) vs 108 (1 Five for) last season

Individually we did a lot better this season. I'm basing my assessment on the "Club Champion" points (based on the MyCricket scoring method) in the two seasons. Last season the highest point tally was 33 whereas this season that number went into the 50s and a lot more players would have scored higher had February and March been a lot drier than they were. C'est la vie.

I would have to say that this year had higher highs and lower lows than last season. Who can forget, try as they might that game against Weston Creek. Creek batting first at Dickson limping in with 140 runs (D. Axelby 4/15 off 8 overs, J. Gunning 2/10 off 7 overs). At the 19 over mark Northies 4/102 (D. Chovatiya 32, S. Beban 28). At the 24 over mark Northies 6/134. 7 runs required, 4 wickets in hand, 21 overs remaining. All out for 139 in the 26th. HEARTBREAK.

By the same token who can ever forget the game against top of the ladder Eastlake the following week?! Eastlake batting first on Dickson all out in the 41st for 262 (D. Chovatiya 5/35). How were we ever going to save face in this game and return to Tradies that night with any sense of honour intact? Time to see what these kids and some of the fossils present could do in the face of such overwhelming odds. Well, by the 35th over we were 3/211 after an opening stand of 126 (Chovatiya 97 and S. Grimmett 40, with M. Donaldson cameo 40). At the end of the 44th over it was 7/258. Last over to be bowled – 6 balls and 5 runs required – does it get any more exciting?! Who was batting that last over? Ben Godwin and some infant called Josh Hogan (would be in the shade standing next to Ronnie Corbett). I mention this only to mention the disdain he showed for the opening bowler brought on to stem the tide of runs these two had unleashed in the previous over. A swerving, venomous full toss straight at the head of the temeritous teen was sent with contempt to the mid wicket boundary, and it was only because his arms haven't grown sufficiently to reach his wrists that he didn't get the 4 he so richly





deserved. That was left to Ben Godwin the next ball who sent it away into the storm drain never to be seen again.

So there you have it, our season summed up in two consecutive weeks in January. Some wins we will bore our grandchildren with, and some losses that will haunt our dreams until age and dementia works its merciful magic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those players I have shared the turf with this season. We all came a long way this season, you all had games to be proud of and games I was proud to be a part of your team. In the end, its how you enjoyed your season that counts, and what brings you back next season.

I still expect to beat Ginninderra and Weston Creek more often than they beat us, and I am really keen to knock off a few of the higher placed sides, especially Queanbeyan, Tuggers, and Wests next season. These are things we can do. Have a safe and productive off season and I will leave you with a season summary to be sung to the tune of “My Way” with apologies to the Chairman of the Board.

Thanks and see you at Harrison.

Steve

And now the end has come
Its time to face the final over
In season oh nine ten
Its nice to know
Our scores weren't lower

We faced some mighty foes
And lost some games not in a small way
And in some, (like Weston Creek)
We lost it our way

When all is said and done
Our team was mixed throughout the season
Kids, we had our share
And their improvement was real pleasing

The aged fossils too
Came out to share the fun and bi-play
But when it came to scores
We lost it our way

<this is the big crescendo bit>





Yes there were times when we all knew
That most of us had played like pooh
But through it all in times of doubt
There were those who toughed it out

And through their blood,
their sweat,
and play
Still lost it our way

Guns at the Ready: The Northies Pipe Night Report

With the season coming to close for most of our Super Northies teams last weekend (except the Mighty Magoo's...NARK!), the great Pipe Night tradition once more came to prominence.

After some hasty last minute planning due to the closure of Filthy's, our trusty sponsor the NICC lent a helping hand and agreed to host a night of testosterone fuelled arm-wrenching. With a scheduled 9pm start slightly pushed back due to Bluey's Cafe being busier than Sinner's during Summernats, the Northies boys wandered in and handed over their dosh to Heath "I'm not wrestling cos I don't want to lose" Axelby.

The defending Pipemaster Carpy was there of course, ready to give a spray to all those would be challengers. There were the entrants who just wanted to have their arses handed to them and then there were the serious Contenders. Steve "Magic Tones" Murphy, Bruce "the Spruce Moose" Mikkelson, Sam "just call me Derek" Rooney, Mark "Strongy" Strong and the BFG, Tristan "Frenchy" Du Toit.

The Northies boys, being a generous lot, thought they'd throw open the opportunity to the stragglers who were also occupying the bar, giving them the chance to lose their coin in a wrestle. Little did we know that the only taker, the well sozzled Ring-In Rick, would cause a stir.

The beer was flowing and the contest finally rolled into action, there were the elimination bouts to get into the final 16* and then we were off. There weren't too many surprises early, with all our favourites going through, though our resident model did it tough against a determined Sammy G. The Ring-In also surprised many, knocking off Trants with ease.





The second round got more interesting, with an early big match between Magic Tones and the Spruce Moose. This was a see-sawing contest, with both wrestlers putting it on the line in a struggle for supremacy, neither one wanting to be seen as the weaker man. Eventually Tones prevailed, taking out the title of strongest First Grade Quick and continuing on his much talked up quest to dethrone the Carpinator. The usual suspects made it through again, with Carpy, Tones, Strongy, Tristan and Rick all progressing. Due to the vagaries of the draw, you're eyes don't deceive you; there were indeed 5 men in the final 4.

Now by this stage the boys were getting a touch worried, Rick had knocked of Zoolander comfortably in the second round, despite his seeming inability to walk straight or understand any word other than his name. So the boys banded together. As a few filler contests between eliminated contestants went on, the Ring-In was subjected to a number of rigorous workovers by the crowd. At least that's what we thought would happen, but no matter how many times the crowd hollered "RICK", the Ring-In wouldn't fall. He dispatched all and sundry with impunity....barely a contest lasting more than 5 seconds. Eventually we simply had to continue with the main show.

With 5 not going into 4, the reigning Pipemaster got a leave pass to the final, while Tones and Tristan squared off and Strongy took on Rick. In a see-sawing battle, the BFG just didn't have the heart and passion and his indifference cost him, with Tones prevailing. Meanwhile, in what had turned into a grudge match, the whole of Northies got behind the Strongman as he attempted to send the interloper packing. It was an epic duel, Rick seemingly on top early before the Northies spirit shone and the boy from Newcastle steeled himself and showed the Ring-In the door. The cheers went up from the crowd and you could see the relief on more than a few worried faces.

This left us with Tones and the Strongman playing off for their chance to face the champion. There was a bit of a lull in the atmosphere after the previous bout, but it was a great contest nonetheless. Strongy was on a roll though and the sweet sounds of Murph's Magic Tones were drowned out by the sheer power of Strongy's steel hammer.

That left us with the final AND WHAT A FINAL ladies and gentlemen. It was a best of three contests, in the traditional right-left-right format. Carpy had had the easy run, Strongy had had to go the hard route to earn the privilege, but the stage was set. The first duel began and the champion was on top straight away, his experience showing through as he got the early jump and tilted the contest slightly in his favour. These boys were very evenly matched and the first round was an epic....there were restarts, protests from the crowd about the lifting of hands and elbows and plenty of grunts from the two gladiators. Carpy managed to find some time for his traditional in your face antics and simply never gave the challenger a look in, eventually grinding him out in a marathon and taking a 1-nil lead.





After a very quick break, the boys took to their left arms and here we saw the brute strength of Strongy have an edge over the technique and lean power of the champion. The challenger notched up a win and the most epic of epics was into the decider. The whole crowd was on edge, it was the best final Northies had seen in a long time, if not ever.

The final round was off and the Pipemaster once again made the early move and got himself an inch in front. The battle was tense, there was plenty of to and fro and the desire was evident on both faces along with the strain. Such was the intensity that even Carpy had gone silent, focussed on the task at hand. Strongy made some surges, probing for a weakness, but eventually the Carpinator wore him down again, never letting up until he had finished the contest. After a few breaths, Carpy recovered and gave an almighty blast to the challenger, mocking him for ever attempting to best him, though you could sense the respect, somewhere.

The night may have finished with the favourite coming out on top yet again, but no one had foreseen just how hard it would be and just how many twists and turns the night would take. It was a great night, everyone had an awesome time and we raised a good bit of coin for next season too. Congratulations to all the Northies boys and to the Northies **PIPEMASTER: CARPY!!!!**

***Note**, “the final 16” is not a defined number and may vary substantially

Juniors Report

The normal rounds have finished for the Juniors. In teams that play finals (u12 and above) NCGCC have six teams make the finals and four won through to Grand final this weekend. They are in the under 12, and u13s age groups.

The tough luck story went to the u16-18s colts who after being undefeated all season went out to a strong Grammar outfit bolstered by a few grade players. Juniors' presentation night is to be held on 7 April at the Tradies Club

Miles Boak





Keith Tournier Day 2010

The day started off with Lamo's Lads taking on Rowey's rock stars (thanks Stix), the result of this game doesn't matter because all the juniors had a great day. The main event was to be staged next despite a threat of rain play started at the scheduled time. The KT XI was up against it early with Sammy G reaching his 50 off 17 balls. That was the only highlight from an innings that saw plenty of dirty slogging. An important fact to remember is that Albert Eichholzer is still recovering from his dismissal. The KT XI had to chase roughly 200. Early on this was not looking promising. Brooksy rallied with the middle order to get the home side within 10 runs. A classic T20 game and a great day had by all.

Womens Report

From the players... (cricket according to Jill)

After kicking off the post-season 40-over games in great form with a big win over the western districts under the rule of Princess Anne, the Northies women crashed back to earth spectacularly with a resounding loss to Tuggers at Chisholm. Paying the price for fielding a side of only 8 on the ever-fast Chisholm outfield the Northies girls were never in it managing only 59 with the stick.

It was a different story when, sent in to bat by ANU in the final game of 09/10, Northies set an admirable total of 149 off the back of Adi Jones' innings-steadying 75 not out. Other wickets fell cheaply to a stolid, consistent bowling attack, perhaps hinting at the fact that many of us were feeling the effects of a long season and somewhat lacking in concentration.

The innings in the field was the most spirited and focussed all season. Teenagers Shannon Byrne and Neha Chopra (Eastlakes) opened with a quick but variable attack, doing everything that was asked of them but, unluckily at times, to no reward. First-grade sharks Liz Quinn and Jill Sheppard had success with their slower and even more variable bowling, thanks in part to an amazing catch by Em Waters at cover and Mel Parker's characteristically outstanding fielding. After whipping through the ANU middle order Northies regained the chance to steal the match, but couldn't quite penetrate the determined last wicket partnership of Curnow and White. Congratulations to ANU on a hard-fought win and a typically good-spirited match.

Despite the frustrating end to the season, the Northies girls have come together remarkably this season. Adelaide Jones' return to the side has added significant stability and maturity. Her leadership and cricketing wisdom have proven invaluable as, with each game, she has contributed more of her knowledge and confidence with the side full of





relative new-comers. Vanessa Jackson continues to hold the team together by taking on all the administrative work, captaining, looking after new players and occasionally sneaking some slow and solid runs at the top of the order. Liz Quinn has worked hard on her game during the season, adopting a senior role with the bat and picking up handy wickets with her tricky medium pace. Kally Gross has really evolved as a cricketer this season looking more comfortable with the bat and taking on the bulk of the wicket-keeping and growing in confidence to become a really accomplished keeper (especially considering our often erratic bowling).

Shannon Byrne, at 16, continues to get stronger and more accurate and is easily among the quickest bowlers in second grade. She is really maturing with bat and ball and - despite what we all say to her face - is more than just the team mascot. The consistently good mood of the team owes much to Shannon. Em Waters consolidated her position this season as the most committed and certainly bravest (at times to her peril) fielder in the side, working on her consistent medium pace and even beginning to enjoy batting. Starting the season late due to injury, E-tax slotted back in like she'd never been away. Jill Sheppard, meanwhile, continues to give Shannon shit and bowl alleged offies. In an exciting and unexpected development, at least five have turned this season. AND did you see that cover drive against ANU? AND Quinny's catch in the first grade grand final? In 09/10 our new recruits have continued the Northies' tradition of playing good cricket in good spirits. Laura Bush and Trish Donoghue have made their marks in the field, fitting into the side easily and working really hard. Laura has become a dependable middle order batsman, coming in all too often to stop the rot of quick wickets, as well as being a whippet in the field. Mel Parker returned from overseas in 2010 to resume trash talking and showing off her rocket arm, while always supporting the girls to the hilt and generally being great to have around.

Thanks to John for once again taking on the thankless and unrewarding task of coaching a bunch of inconsistent and at times indifferent girls. We would never say it to his face, but he is good to have around. And he no longer needs to even instruct us, just screw his face up and shake his head in disgust. Thanks also to Albert for pitching in with advice and a rev up whenever we've needed it. They are a father and son dream team. To all the girls - enjoy the winter break, don't get injured at footy, and let's build on all our good work in 10/11.

From the skipper:

I would like to congratulate all the girls for their persistence and enthusiasm in what has been a highly experimental and, at times frustrating season across the competition. The introduction of the two-tier competition this season has brought with it many challenges and in spite of the ultimate success of the format overall momentum was gained and lost all too often during the season.





In particular I would like to join Jill in thanking John for yet another season of endurance! We do learn a lot from you John (as scary and unapparent as that may be at times given our performances in the middle). Your support and encouragement has been critical to our enjoyment of the season, if not yielding great success this time around. Can we say it again: “Next year”?

To the girls who stepped up this season and embraced the two-tier format playing both first and second grade (Jill, and Quinny) committing both days of several consecutive weekends to cricket: congratulations on your success in first grade, for your representation of the club with great distinction at that higher level, and for the experience and composure you have gained there and brought back to share with your team mates in second grade. To Marzie who made a successful return to cricket slotting right back in at first grade level late in the season after an extended absence, piling up the runs and performing her usual magic behind the stumps. To Caito, the unluckiest player of the season who enjoyed such a great start to the season being named in the ACTCA Meteors side for the Women’s National League and fell early to injury- best of luck with the recovery Squirt, sorry not to see more of you in action this season.

I would also like to thank Kris Britt, captain of the combined first grade Great Impressions side for her leadership of that unit this season and the support, encouragement and opportunity she has offered the players stepping up from second grade to represent the club in this side. To take the silverware in the first season was an amazing achievement and one of which she and the first grade girls should be extremely proud.

To the second grade girls- what a season! We were the best side never to win a game in the Twenty-20 competition and just couldn’t put it all together on any given day. I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I did in spite of the absence of the elusive victories and will all be back to make amends next season. To the more senior players in the side- especially Adi, Quinny, Jill and Kal- thanks for your support and advice this season. Your leadership has been much appreciated both by me and the other girls. It has been a pleasure playing alongside you all in 09/10 and I look forward to next season.

Vanessa Jackson





Northies 2nd Grade Trivia



1. After what game was this photo taken?
2. What was the result of the game?
3. Where was it held at?
4. Why did Victor shrink a foot that day?
5. Name all the people in the photo.
6. Why is Biss drinking soft drink?
7. Which club stalwart left after this game?
8. Who is missing from the photo that actually played in the game?
9. Who is not in the photo but is scheduled to play the semi-final at Freebody this weekend?
10. There are four people not wearing the current club shirt who are they?
11. Did Victor pay for that beer?
12. The most common beverage being drunk is?
13. How many people are wearing the current club hat?
14. At what time was there no more play?
15. Who scored fifties in the game?
16. What was the score at the fall of the third wicket?
17. Who is now work interstate?
18. Which other Northies stalwart scored a hundred on this day?
19. What was the result of the 1st Grade game played on this day?
20. Which grades sung Eagle Rock that day?





Eagle Rock (Club Song)

For those of you that are new to the club this is the song that is sung after every game that we win regardless of Grade. It is steeped in tradition and has been sung loud and proudly after Northies wins for some time. So as new members of the North Canberra Gungahlin Eagle Family it is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the song as I can guarantee that you will be singing it on numerous occasions this season.

Ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooh!!!!!!!

The Northies boys fly high,
Like an eagle 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,
That we are Northies!
And proud of our name.

Ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooh!!!!!!!

Northies oh Northies you beauty,
The honour the glory the bliss,
By day-time we go out and dominate,
By night-time we suck on the p*ss!





Studzies

Ever wanted to be a studzy? Ever wondered what a studzy was? Ever wondered who the random blokes watching you at the cricket are?

The Northies Studzy tradition was conceived when a group of ex-Northies Superstars began coordinating their visits to Keith Tournier Oval in order to critique the sides in action, the pitch, the outfield, and each other.

The Studzy group has always been an unofficial group with no affiliation to the actual cricket club... Until now!

As a way of thanking our ex-players, supporters, and randoms, the NCGCC committee is working to officially recognize our Studzies. The cost (to be finalized) to join the Studzies will be a one-off joining fee of approximately \$20, and Studzy benefits include:

- * Your own NCGCC Studzy shirt;
- * Emails relating to NCGCC matches social events and news;
- * Free tea and coffee at Keith Tournier Oval;
- * Text message match updates from Allan "Not Small" Hall*;
- * Other great benefits not yet thought of.

To register your interest, contact Matt Jeppesen at matt.mb.jeppesen@centrelink.gov.au.

Northies Super Crossword

The last crossword's answers are over the page. I have been told that I misspelled someone's name in the previous crossword and for that I am sorry. On second thought I am not because fAraz you brought your girlfriend into the change rooms, hopefully this will teach you never to do it again. Northies Super Crossword #2 is below for your leisure and has one spelling error, sorry Clarrie and Stix. This one should be a hard one with lots of Northies trivia as well as some typical cryptic type clues. Good Luck.





Northies Super Crossword #1

S	C	O	T	T	M	Y	E	R	S		H			A	
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ACROSS

- Northies Former English Import
- The Only Family to have 3 life members
- Northies Famous Kebab Connoisseur
- The Leader of the 3rd Grade Grand Final Support Crew
- Grand Final Winning 3rd Grade Captain
- The Only Northies Player (except 1st Grade) to Bring His Girlfriend into the Change Rooms
- Most Catches for Northies
- Highest Run Scorer for Northies
- Number of Centuries that Brock Winkler made last season
- Winner of the 2nd Grade Player of the Year 08/09
- The World's Greatest Hot Dog Café
- Winner of 2nd Grade Batting Award 08/09

DOWN

- Greatest Porn Star Name in the History of Norths
- Outgoing President's Son
- Has Taken 235 Wickets in Northies Colours
- Scored 2 Centuries Last Season
- Winner of the 91/92 Lindsay Clews Trophy
- Winner of the 92/93 Bill Bryceland Trophy
- Creator of Stephen Moore's nickname
- Blair, Joel and Kel are from what family
- Last Women's Player in the History of Norths Alphabetically
- Best swimmer at Northies
- 2nd Greatest Porn Star Name in the History of Norths
- Played 10 Games in 5s, 2 in 4s and 1 in 3s last season





Northies Super Crossword #2

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ACROSS

- Current 5th Grade Skipper
- Ex 4th Grade Skipper
- Overseas Northies 3rd Grader
- New Assistant Treasurer
- Classic Northies Player ___ Dutt
- Seb Blazyck has number 123 on his Northies 1st Grade ___
- The Dirty Frenchman
- A man who quite fond of the number 69
- What you call yourself
- Will, Heath, Ron and Dennis
- Google puts blue _____ on his face for every game
- All other ACTCA clubs s ___ k
- Chris Tournier but backwards
- The Fly
- Famous Limestone Avenue prowler

DOWN

- Current 2nd Grade Skipper
- J, A, B, C, D
- Who is nicknamed Quags
- Great Northies Name
- CEO of the Tradies Rob ___ cker
- Combine Tom Howes and a cat, aka his future occupation
- Winner Pipe Night 2010
- Old Raiders sponsor Video ___
- Northies answer to Ray Martin
- G Tranter's nickname
- Current 6th Grade Skipper
- Eagles make a home in a _____
- Current 2nd Grade Batsman Cameron ___ es
- Northies Studzy famous for his humour





What would happen if...

What would happen if Leigh Gibson (a Northies studzy) were to captain an eleven of his choice against an eleven of temporary studzy Paul Stephens' choice and the teams were as follows:

Leigh's Larrikins

Leigh Gibson
Seb Blazczyk
Victor Gnanadurai
Myron Meates
Steve Moore
Jordan Dang
Brendan Eichholzer
Andrew Grimmett
Tristan Du Toit
Luke Schlizo
Daniel Stephens
Cody Stephens

Stepho's Soldiers

Paul Stephens
Rowan Thompson
Gordon McGurk
Brock Winkler
Kyle Piper
Gavin McDonald
Liam Greenwood
Steve Grimmett
Ryan Bissell
Bruce Mikkelson
Simon Fitzsimmons
Allan Hall

The story would go a little something like this...

The two captains met on the Thursday evening prior to match to decide on the terms and conditions for what promised to be a once in a life time experience. Stepho argued that it should be a 2 day game so both sides could be tested against each properly whereas Gibbo wanted a T20 game so that he could still drive down the coast get in a good 3-4 hours fishing. Stepho, being the diplomat that he is, eventually caved into Gibbo's stubbornness. Everything was set for Saturday's encounter but there were two late changes. Tim Halvarsen had to go play golf at a weight lifting convention so Gibbo called in Luke Schlizo as his replacement and on the side Dennis Axelby had to withdraw due to the fact that he was the key note speaker at the Munchkin Land (from the wizard of oz) convention. In his place Stepho brought in Simon Fitzsimmons for the simple fact that if they got hungry they could throw the walrus on BBQ for some good eating.

It was a beautiful day and KT Park was looking a treat. The scheduled starting time was 10:30am so both captains were expected to ready for the toss at 10:00am. Gibbo was inspecting some rocks in a nearby construction site at 10:00am and so he forfeited the toss and Stepho elected to bowl first. Enter the two confident openers Myron Meates and Jordan Dang. The first over was to be bowled by Mikko and there was an eerie feel around KT Park as all the spectators were silent in excitement and expectation of what they were about to witness.





Part of Gibbo's orders for Dangers were to not wear a helmet as perfect hair such as his should always be on display for all to see. Sure enough Mikko bounced Dangers first ball and struck him on the gloves where an easy catch was taken by Steve Grimmitt at gully. Clarrie, so distraught with the misspelling of his last name in the most recent Eagle Eye marched over to the scorer's table where he wrote in the scorebook "Caught GRIMMETT, bowled Mikkelson". Clarrie then received a warning from the umpires for slow play. Sebbie Blaz walked nervously to crease because he knew that Mikko was bowling wheels. He calmed his nerves for his first delivery and played a text book cover drive all the way along the ground for four runs. Mikko thought to himself "well that was a fluke he can't do that again". Mikko had to eat his own words as Blaz banged him for four more fours that over.

Kyle Piper was set to bowl the next over as Myron Meates was awaiting the first ball. As Pipes began to run in he stepped on a sharpened steak knife which caused every bone in his body to shatter. Kyle's mother had come down to watch her boy bowl and she was not surprised at what happened because Pipes is not very good with sharpened steak knives at home. The ball was then thrown to Biss, who took off his white welding goggles and gave Myron a stern stare. Myron was so intimidated that he left every ball in the over for a maiden. Then a collapse Blaz bowled, Victor caught on the boundary, but he didn't want to be given out caught so he smashed the stumps with his bat. Enter Google to face the hat-trick ball. Googs was not phased or nervous about facing this particular delivery because he remembered the advice that he gave Matt Hayden when they were playing club cricket together. Google was mesmerised by this happy thought and got clean bowled. So much for his theory I suppose.

Tristan came in next and slogged them around for a couple overs then ran himself out because he was craving a croissant so badly. Brendan Eichholzer was the newest of Gibbo's men to join Myron at the crease. He welded the willow quite well for five overs before he remembered that he had left some hot-dogs in boiling water at Bluey's and it was a fire risk so he retired to ensure that he didn't burn down the Tradies. Stix was the next to come and go as he got struck on the body and the umpire gave him out bowled because he could tell the difference between Andrew and the stumps. After all this had happened Myron was still at the other end on zero.

Rowan Thompson was now bowling to the young and vulnerable batsman Luke Schlizo. It got to the stage where Luke was fed with Thommo's bowling and let loose, he advanced down the wicket and slapped Thommo through silly point. The ball that Schleazy had just hit went further than any ball that he had hit before. It just rolled off the square! Unfortunately though there was no run and Luke was so frustrated that he just walked off. Enter Leigh Gibson with one over to go. Myron was to face the first ball and he managed to noodle one to fine leg so he was off the mark. Gibbo hit a six first ball off Thommo, then he went for it again but they knew Gibbo's track record so they put a man





out there so he was caught on the boundary. Thommo remarked in the team huddle while they were awaiting the 11th batsman “Well Uh, I am very @#\$\$%ing happy”. The method of dismissal for the 10th wicket was timed out as Cody and Dan Stephens could not decide who was going to go into bat because they each thought that the other one deserved it more. So there it was Leigh’s Larrikins all out 69.

Stepho knew in the back of his mind that with Hally in the team this would be a difficult number to chase. He decided to bat Hally at 12 so he could do no damage to the team, he could however do damage to other things like Stepho’s car. By the end of Hally’s tantrum the car was spray painted with 69 all over it, to which he said “Haha eat it Stepho”. This left the morale in Stepho’s camp at very low levels. Despite all the shenanigans Brock and Gav came to the crease with a confident feel about the task that lay ahead. Brock was dropped six times in the first over and all of them by Victor.

The two openers managed to grind it out for the first five before both running in exactly opposite directions. Gav ran into to change rooms and decided to run back to his house in Queanbeyan still with his full kit on because wanted to see if he could beat his time of four and half hours that he achieved after the Christmas party. Brock headed north towards the Tradies to pick his daily winnings cheque for \$5,000. McGurk and LK were out in the middle facing the heat from Dan Stephens and spin from Cody Stephens and they were doing it pretty easily. This is when Gibbo came up with a cunning plan to get rid of Gordie. He put Victor under a lid at short leg, part of his plan was to get Vic to ask G questions like “How is Dublin’s weather this time of year” “Are you a protestant or a catholic” “Do you like potatoes”. All Victor needed was one ball and G tried to pull one into Vic to shut him up but he ending up bottom edging it onto his box so unfortunately G was retired hurt. Stepho and LK combined very well for about 10 overs to take the teams total to 59 after 19 overs.

LK faced the last ball bowled by Gibbo and he missed it completely, the same thing happened with the second ball. The third ball saw Liam get bowled and the umpire gave him out to which he replied “You can not be serious, no part of Gibbo’s foot was behind the line!” This brought in Thommo, he hit a four and a six in consecutive balls to have the scores tied with one ball to go. Myron Meates was in charge of field placements and he forgot to move the field in for the last ball. Thommo decided “well uh, that boundary is short straight so I will go over there again.” The ball was bowled, it was hit in the air, Victor was running around to get it he couldn’t get his hands down to it so he decided to kick it the ball was floating in the air for so long that time stood still. He managed to kick it up to his good friend Myron Meates who took the catch! The match was tied much to the disgust of Stepho, but when you look at the two different sides nothing can separate them therefore a tie was an appropriate result.

Man of the Match: Myron Meates, for his solid batting and outstanding fielding tactics.





Northies Look-a-Likes

This issue's theme..... Lord of the Rings



