



CUZ MILESTONE SETS UP FINALS TILT

Round 11: A-Grade set themselves up for a tilt at the finals with a big win over fellow contenders Adelaide Lutheran. A-Grade travelled into town to face the old enemy Adelaide Lutheran hoping for a win against them for the first time this season. The day didn't start well with Gummy losing another toss, but no surprise there. (When will it end?) Adelaide Lutheran went into bat with MacTavish and Nitschke. *Yes, former speed demon Nitschke opened the batting.*

Luke McLeod and **Ed Napoli** opened the bowling. As usual and both were bowling good line in their first 2 overs each. It was Lukey broke through in third over knocking over the MacTavish castle. Luke again broke through by getting Nitschke play a false shot which provide an easy catch to Gummy.

Eight overs gone with the score 2/31. Time for a change, **Tim Hodson** and **Adam Kirtland** had a crack at number 3 and 4. Both bowlers bowling well but it was Kirtland that broke through first clean bowling their number 3. Score 3/43.

Gummy gave **Tim Wilson**, **Aaron Tim** and **Norm Tonkin** a trundle with Aaron getting a wicket on his second ball in the first over. Hoddo had his safe hands with him this week with a simple catch. Score 4/88. Gummy brought Luke and Eddie back on after some advice from Cuz and Luke bowling on the spot and claiming the big wicket of the opposition captain in his last over making his tally of 3/25 off 8 overs. Score 5/113

The ball was not leaving Eddie's hand to his liking. But as games go, when one Goatherder struggles, others step up. Kirty replace Lukey and picked up another wicket by bowling the number 7. Kirty 2/32 score 6/146. with 7 overs to go Hoddo and Aaron bowled to the close of inning and Hoddo picking up 3 more wickets first one was the number 8 batsman hitting a simple catch to Luke, and second one number 6 batsman skying one to Martini and holding to a good catch out in the deep. Then Hoddo cleaned up the number 10 for his 3rd wicket in 2 overs. Hoddo finished up with 3/33 and Adelaide Lutheran finished for 9/187. Seven of the 11 bowled, emphasising the depth of our attack.

With couple of our bowlers exhausted from fielding the captain change the batting order around. **Marc Cossens** opened as usual but with a new opener in Tim Wilson. Unfortunately for Tim and Para Vista, he was the first one to go in the 3rd over without scoring many. PVLCC 1/18. Hodson next in at three. Together with Cuz, worked on building a partnership. Hoddo took his time but Cuz was not wasting any ball in his hitting zone. The score was on 61 and Cuz brought up his 50. 2017-18 is turning into another extremely solid season for the former captain.

This match saw **Marc pass 7000 runs** and is now the **second highest run scorer for PVLCC**. Congratulations Cuz.

PAST WEEKS

**DIVISION 1
ROUND 11**
Para Vista 2/76
(Hodson 78*, Cossens 54)
Defeated
Adelaide Lutheran 9/187
(L.McLeod 3/25, Hodson 3/33, Kirtland 2/32)

ROUND 12
Para Vista 9/159
(Cossens 83)
Defeated
Never2Late A 121
(Pope 4/30, Tonkin 3/33, L,McLeod 2/14)

**DIVISION 2
ROUND 10**
Para Vista White
Won on Forfeit

ROUND 11
Para Vista White
Defeated Never2Late
on Forfeit

Para Vista Blue 70
(S.Wilson 27, Timm 24)
Defeated by
Magill-Morialta 4/71
(Khatri 2/20)



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His teammates cheer on the sidelines and he was surprised when he realized he was on 50. It was short lived just after that for Cuz as he fell for 54 when he edged one to the keeper. PVLCC 2/66. Luke came in at 4 and nicked one to the keeper for 2. Score 3/72. Martini came in at 5 and is probably the most informed number 5 in the comp. Being shown some faith by the skipper, his batting has come in leaps and bounds in this season. He showed us what sort of form he is in with a quick fire 24 before being caught. The shots he has been playing are nothing but beautiful cricket shots great to watch and just maybe this week he may get the wish to bat further up the order this week. PVLCC 4/133. Eddie came in at 6 and made 25 but more importantly Hoddo brought up another half century and finished with 78 and saw Para Vista pass Adelaide Lutheran 187.

PVLCC finished on 4/191. Great win against a team that most likely will be at the pointy end of the finals. We just have to keep playing the way we have been with good line and length when bowling and have pride and protect our wicket when we bat and we will go deep into the finals too.



DIVISION 2 SCRATCHIE

Round 10: This weekend was supposed to be the second derby between the White and Blue sides. Unfortunately due to a lack of numbers, this match did not go ahead. Instead a centre wicket practice was organised for the Saturday with the 10 remaining players, and when Salisbury North had a forfeit in their match, 6 of them joined us for a fun T20 style hit around.

Batting first, it was decided to send out the PV batsmen in pairs for 4 overs in the middle, at which time they would swap with the next batting pair. A couple of PV lads would sub field too, and everyone would get a go. Going out first was **Eggs Ben Gardner** and **Ash Martin**. Ash teased Eggs that the youngster would get out first and so it proved, Eggs losing his stumps first ball. Swapping ends, Ash fared little better, somehow managing to avoid losing his wicket but not really connecting with the ball either. Through their partnership Ash would continue to be frustrated with his inability to hit the ball, and Eggs wafted at a few but also hit a couple of nice shots.

Next partnership was **Roger Wilkins** (who had to leave early) and **Sam Burge**. Roger stayed true to his roots, trying to defend anything on the stumps and playing his favourite pull shot to anything that wasn't. While not always finding the middle of the bat, he managed to get a couple away and had a great time out in the middle. Sam Burge showed off his driving skills with a couple of balls monstered down the ground, even making poor Roger duck and weave out of the way on occasion!

NEXT WEEK
February 3rd 2018

DIVISION 1 – RND 13
Para Vista A
VS
Pashtun
at Victoria Park 1

DIVISION 2 – RND 12
Para Vista Blue
VS
Adelaide Lutheran B
Thomas Turner Reserve

Para Vista White
VS
Salisbury North
Edward Smith Reserve

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DIVISION 2 SCRATCHIE cont.

OB Jnr and **Brodie Lemon-Hall** made a pairing, with Brodie trying to play with a straighter bat. Hit a couple of high and hard balls without full connecting, and the two of them turned the strike over to each other regularly. Young Junior pulled out all the tricks when batting, including an audacious ramp shot which unluckily found 1st slip who was only returning to his position after a chase the previous ball.

Dave Schreiber, coming out for a hit, **Sanjay, Noor**, and **Ash Martin** (again) all had successful stints in the middle. Dave looked to thoroughly enjoy his time at the crease, Sanjay relished some friendly banter with a mate on the opposition, Noor clubbed his first ball to the boundary, and Ash finally found the centre of the blade once or twice.

When it was time to bowl, Salisbury North elected to bat just the 18 overs (3 partnerships of 6 overs) and it was decided that each PV player could bowl 2 overs each. With Eggs opting to have a roll, Ash Martin kept wickets for a change and soon discovered that his fingers would take a pounding while doing so. Sam Burge and Sanjay started things off, and it became apparent why Salisbury North had scored many big totals throughout the year. Sanjay copped a bit of stick, but Sam Burge took a couple of poles which would enter the batsmen's heads when the real meeting happens in a couple of weeks. Brodie ran in hard and hurried the batsmen on a few times, Noor bowled his demon outswingers, and Eggs ben tried to show off his version of the 'Cummins snap', which was promptly dispatched over the midwicket fence. His impression of Nathan Lyon did likewise, but it was all good natured fun and Ben loved the chance to try some things out.

Junior O'Brien bowled downbreeze and helped himself to a couple of poles with the batsman swinging wildly, and Dave Schreiber got in on the fun and rolled his arm over too, his lack of pace and steep drop causing a few problems and was unlucky not to snag a couple of catches in the outfield. Arriving to have a bit of a gander, the legend himself, **Ron "The Run Machine" Rathjen** was coerced into entering the field of play and was told to bowl. Ron has made over 4500 runs for Para Vista. Being retired for multiple years, his first couple of balls landed on the wrong green stuff and he was starting to feel a little embarrassed, but with plenty of encouragement he quickly righted the ship and hit good areas. It was almost like the Ron of old with the 'oohs' and 'ahhs' involuntarily escaping his lips, Try as he might, no wicket was found for him from 3 overs, although a couple shaved just past the stumps. It was great to see his lads, Liam and Paul, watching the old man, doing something he has loved over the years. At least they didn't have to carry him home.

All in all it was a fun day. The players and returning legend all had a great time and were able to work on what they needed to out in the middle. This hopefully sets them up for a successful last month of the season where a few more wins may see the White side make finals with a bit of luck.



EVENTS

Presentation Night
Venue and Date TBC

End of Season Fishing Trip
Destination and Date TBC



Every season the *SA Churches and Community Cricket Association* hosts a dinner and presents Awards and Premiership Shields to the successful individuals and clubs.

This year's Guest Speaker is former Crow Player, Norwood Premiership Coach and current Port Adelaide Assistant Coach **Nathan Bassett**.

It is a great night to round out the season, have a few laughs and hopefully take home the Premiership Shield. **Support Cuz and let Brownie know who is coming.**

\$40 per head, payable on the night.

When: Thursday 29th March from 7pm

Where: B-Social Restaurant,
246 Fosters Road, Oakden.

Menu:

Entrée:

- Schiacciata or Pasta Fusilli

Main: Choice of

- Chicken or Beef Schnitzel
- Salt and Peller Calamari
- Pollo Avocado
- Vegetarian Options Available





BLUE DO IT TOUGH

Round 11: On an overcast day out at Norwood Morialta High, Para Vista Blue were missing a few regular players including their captain. On an oval that looked like the grass hadn't been cut since the last time we played there in early January. The school has closed and is being knocked down, so ground keeping has gone the way of the dodo. Norwood-Morialta High School has been the site of many great matches and tough battles between our stalwart clubs. This would be our last match at this venue.

Para Vista were set to put the pads on, **Simon Wilson** and **Tim Brown** had the honours. The first over started well with Sarge middling a pull shot to the boundary for 4, next over Tim Brown was unlucky to nick one to the keeper that swung late. The early wicket brought the Wilson Brothers together for the first time in a while. Sarge didn't let the wicket slow him down, hitting a couple more lofted drives straight down the ground for boundaries. **Tim Wilson** played around a straight one without scoring. **Kiran Kumar** was next out to bat, he and Sarge put on the best partnership for the day of 20. Both looking comfortable and controlled, until Sarge skied one that was safely held. Stand-in Skipper **Aaron Timm** walked in as Sarge (27) walked out. The score was nearly at 40 and things weren't looking too bad, everything went downhill from then on. The experienced and cagey Magill attack got the better of the middle order. Kiran (10) and Timm (24), the last to reach double figures. The scoring slowed down with the constant flow of wickets, enter **Roger Wilkins**. With some creative running between the wickets (and not running), the score slowly got to 70 when Timmsy hit one to straight to point. Shortly after the innings was over, Roger was pretty happy with his contribution (according to Facebook) of 1 run.

All in all stand-in skipper Aaron was happy with the way everyone stuck it out and faced out 33 of the 40 overs, against a very good bowling side and a terrible outfield.

Knowing that we needed quick wickets to have any chance of slowing them down, throwing the ball to **Sam Burge** paid off immediately with the first ball going at a catchable height through gully. **Sanjay Khatri** throwing the ball in straight over the bails from deep, Tim Wilson finally entered the game. 1 ball, 1 for 1. Good start, with some clean hitting and some playing and missing too Magill then managed to get to 51 before losing another wicket. Good tight bowling from Sanjay drew a false stroke and a skied ball that only Tim would be able to reach with gloves on. Shortly after **Noor Ali** also ripped one in over the bails from deep and caught the in-form Magill batsmen well short of his ground.

Noor came on to bowl and with some good movement got some good reward with an easy catch popped up to mid on. Before much else happened Magill had the 71 runs required with the loss of 4 wickets. Without much chance to give many guys a bowl, a spirited fielding attempt had everyone still smiling while walking off. As in battles past between our great clubs, the game was played in good spirits the way cricket should be played.

Aaron Timm

DIVISION 2 STANDINGS:

Para Vista Blue are unfortunately out of the race for this year's Finals Series. Para Vista White are sitting outside the four, a few wins behind. To displace Desi Avengers B, Para Vista White will need to secure wins in all three remaining matches; Salisbury North, Desi Avengers and Adelaide Lutheran.

This season was always going to be a season of change. Seventeen new players and a third team providing access to more cricket. Unfortunately, due to injury and illness, employment and home priorities, we have struggled to name 33 players each week. In Division 2, we will continue to field a team for the White team matches first. As previously outlined, financial players will be selected ahead of those who have not communicated. Good luck for the remainder of the season. Please continue to support your club.

Brownie



SOLID TEAM PERFORMANCE SECURES EIGHTH WIN

Round 12: With the weather overcast, the unthinkable happened, Phillip finally got to choose what he wanted to do. For the record, the Goatherder skipper didn't win the toss, the Never2Late skipper lost, we choose to bat.

After weeks of hounding Gummy to open he decided to open with myself (**Ian Martin**) and the usual suspect **Marc Cossens**. We got out to the middle and looked around, but we couldn't see the boundary cones with the grass green and lush. It was going to take some hitting to get a decent score. We started well, and I went for one outside off and got caught by one of the better fielders for just 7. Gummy then came in and steady the ship before he was bowled by an absolute pearler. **Luke McLeod** joined Marc at the crease and they plotted along nicely. We had a short rain delay and at drink we were 2 for 73. Due to the short rain delay, the match was reduced to 37 overs. After the break Cuz decided he needed to lift the run rate. Luke was trying to rotate the strike before he got a leading edge which went straight up and was caught. We then lost Jacob Burr for a duck, Cuz followed shortly after for a well-earned 83. Then the rest of the guys had a hit **Adam Kirtland** made a quick fire 16 and **Norm Tonkin** looked good for his 10 runs. Good to see Norm getting his eye in after some time away from the game. We ended up making 156 which was a good score on a slow ground.

As expected Luke opened the bowling with immediate results, with a wicket in his first over. **Harry Pope** came on the other end. Last week, bowling into a strong head wind provided Harry with valued lessons. This week, Harry bowled well and picked up 2 wickets in his first 5 over spell. Never2Late were not looking like scoring at all so **Phil Atkins** brought **Brodie Lemon-Hall** and himself on. Brodie bowled well and ended up with 1 for 14 off 3 overs. Gummy was unlucky creating chances ending up with 0 for 14 off 4 overs. He then turned to Norm who could use the conditions to extract maximum swing. Norm bowled the only batter that was looking dangerous with one that straightened up nicely to take out middle and leg stump. After Ashley dropped a sitter, he made up for it by taken the next one that came to him from Norms bowling. Never2Late were in trouble and never looked like getting the runs. After a short cameo by their number 11 and an injured batsman that stuffed us around we bowled them out for 121.

Ian Martin

DIVISION 1 STANDINGS:

Para Vista A entrenched in the top 2. 8 wins and 3 losses, with three matches to go; Pashtun, Desi Avengers and VHP Cricket Clubs. The First XI have made more runs and taken more wickets than any Div 1 team. Let's keep the eye on the prize, stick to our plan and have the discipline to execute.

Our club is in a great position to have the chance to add to it's 23 Premierships. All players must be prepared to step up, should you be called upon to do a job in the First XI. Starting this week.

Brownie

QUIZ NIGHT WRAP

Thank you to all of the 50 people that attended this year's JAILHOUSE QUIZ NIGHT.

A bigger thank you again to those who donated prizes for the raffle and Norm Tonkin (Hampstead Quality Meats) for the meat.

An even bigger thank you to O.B. and Ash, who spent the whole night in the canteen, ensuring everyone was well fed and watered.

It was a successful night for the club that goes a long way to keeping our fees as low as we can.

