



## No Victory at Vimmers

**On a hot day in the middle of the park at Vickers Vimmy parade, the day started well when we won the toss and elected to bat.**

This was about where the good luck ended, with losing 2 quick wickets. After Cuz made 29 the ball found the stumps and we found ourselves 3 for 40 odd. Batting up the order this week, this brought Wilson to the crease with Luke and they steadied the ship taking us to drinks 3 for 66. They decided to move the run rate up after drinks. This got us some extra runs under the belt before Tim lost his wicket. Gopi came in and made a few before he got bowled with one coming off his foot and dribbling into the stumps.

Sanjay came to the crease and joined Luke for a nice partnership of 20 before Luke was dismissed. Piero was in next and faced two before the ball only just clipped the top of leg stump. That brought Jarrad to the crease with 8 overs left and after looking at a couple he teed off making 52 N.O. off the rest of the overs. Sanjay at the other end did his job rotating the strike to get Jarrad back on strike picking up a handy 15 runs himself. We made 172 off our 40 overs.

Trying something different we opened with Sanjay and Jacko who both started a little scratchy before Jacko hurt his knee and couldn't bowl. Ian took his last ball for him. Sanjay then bowled, doing well but as the game of cricket goes, was unlucky a couple of times. Ian brought on Luke who was tight with no reward. Yadda replaced Sanjay and looked a little nervous before he took the first wicket with a caught behind. After that the batsman started to hit out and got hold of Wilson in his 1 over and Hoddo in his 2 overs. Ian decided to bowl himself for something different just before drinks going for just 5 off his first 2 overs. Keeping the strategy of trying to keep things tight for Jarrad to come on and take a couple of wickets going to drinks. We went in to the drinks break with only taking the 1 wicket and they were on 120.

As they were so far on Ian decided to keep bowling. His next over perhaps show cased why he doesn't get a bowl often going for 15 while also having a caught behind which was not given. It wasn't a good sign, but he decided to get things done quickly and go back and have a drink. So, he stayed on and you wouldn't believe it, he bowled the guy who was making the runs- middle stump. A shock for all watching including the batsman! Meanwhile up the other end Jarrad was bowling well without any luck at all. They made the runs in the 24th over.

Although it was a convincing win for them, we tried some new things that worked but a lot didn't go as hoped. But we have learnt from them and has given way to other thoughts and ideas for future reference. We can take a lot out of our batting performance and we also learnt a few positive things in the field.

So while it was a loss on the books there was still a lot of little wins for us to build on in the coming weeks.

### A-Grade (LO 1A) ROUND 12

**Adelaide Warriors 2/174**

J Jackowiak 1/22  
I Martin 1/33

**Defeated**

**Para Vista A 8/172**

J McLeod 52\*  
L McLeod 38  
M Cossen 29

### B-Grade (LO 2) ROUND 9

**Para Vista B 8/122**

A Timm 37  
P Atkins 28

**Defeated by**

**Angle Vale 4/285**  
A Timm 2/56



## Tough Day For Vistas

The first real hot day of the season greeted the B-grade side in a critical match against a top 4 team in Angle Vale. Last time the two sides met, Angle Vale were easy victors and it was hoped that in this encounter, the result would be reversed. The Goatherders were bolstered by the return of Sam Burge and Eggs Ben Gardner – the latter promoted to B's after an excellent A-grade performance the previous week – offset by the loss of regular number four Pierrot and both bowlers Yadda and Jacko, all on A-grade duty. With the opposition captain calling correctly, Vistas were banished to the field first on a dryish, fast oval. Taking the new ball was Sam Burge and, because Zac 'baby giraffe' Edwards had just arrived in time and needed to warm up, Aaron Timm with his skidders from the other end. A breakthrough came in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over of the day, an aware Jason Oregan (who was 'keeping') throwing down the stumps after taking a regulation delivery from Timmsy and finding an unlucky opener with his bat stuck on the crease, AV 1/6. After having warmed up, Zac was introduced into the attack and in typical Zac style, his first delivery was a wide. He took a little while to move into his work, but was soon producing some unplayable balls mixed in with some boundary rubbish that had the batsmen guessing what was coming. Sam bowled a tidy first five over spell for only ten runs before being replaced by the straight break legspin of Phil 'Gumnut' Atkins, who was rewarded in his second over with a LBW going his way, and Angle Vale were 2/63 in the thirteenth over. With the number three starting to be set, spin from both ends with Roger (0/21 from 2) bowling was hoped at tempting the batsmen to make a mistake, but no further success was found with the score looking ominous at 2/115 at the drinks break.

Asking his players to try and stay disciplined and energized in the field, Brenton Starke introduced himself from one end after the break, and with Atkins bowling the remaining overs he had left, some quick wickets were needed to stem the run rate with any balls passing the fielder going for at least 2 runs, generally more. Unfortunately neither Starke (0/33 from 6) nor Gumnut (1/54 from 8) could make any breakthrough, and with the unrelenting sun and stifling conditions baking the Goatherders and sapping their energy, runs started to flow easier from the Angle Vale batsmen. Eggs Ben (0/27 from 2) was tried, as was Timmsy, but it wasn't until Zac (1/38 from 8) managed to find an edge in the 34<sup>th</sup> over before another wicket fell, the number four out for 80, and Angle Vale cruising at 3/220. Timmsy (2/56 from 6) and Sam (0/51 from 8) bowled out the remaining overs with Timmsy taking a late wicket lbw, and at the end of the innings Angle Vale has amassed an imposing 4/285, their number three batting his way to an unbeaten 118 of those.

Knowing the enormous task at hand, it was decided that Vistas would aim to bat the 40 overs out and see what happened. A re-shuffled batting order meant Tim Brown padded up to open, with volunteer opener Zac Edwards joining him, and the two started off solidly before the baby giraffe was bowled for 5, bringing Eggs Ben to the crease. Sadly for Eggs and Vistas, he was soon walking off for two having edged to slip, and when Tim Brown (9) and Sam Burge (2) both joined him shortly after, the innings was in disarray at 4/29 after 12 overs. Timmsy, batting at number four, had provided some solid drives and was joined at the crease by the experienced David Schreiber, and the two managed to steady the ship before David fell for six just before drinks, bringing Gumnut to the crease at number seven, PV 5/60 at the break.

After drinks, Timmsy produced a few more boundaries to move to 37 before he was caught with the overall score at 75 (after 24 overs), and in strode regular top order player Dan Hancock with the task of holding out until the end. Gumnut and Dan played extremely well to deaden the Angle Vale attack for many overs, scoring off loose balls and keeping out the good ones, and it looked like they would steer the Goatherders to the end of the innings when Phil played a very tired cut shot in the penultimate over to be caught behind for a well made 28, having batted for 21 overs in the heat to do so. Roger Wilkins (0), who was promoted ahead of Jason and Starke, went in for a bat with 7 balls remaining and was very unlucky to be out last ball of the day, caught from one of the best shots he has ever played, leaving Para Vista at 8/122 at the close, Dan Hancock stoic in his 12 not out.

It was a tough day out for Para Vista's B-grade, the loss putting them almost 3 games out of a finals spot with seven rounds left to play. Looking to get another win on the board, they next travel to the small confines of Karrendi Primary School to take on fellow bottom three team Parafield Gardens in the hopes to keep the finals flame alive.

### Next Round

#### A Grade

Salisbury North- Edward Smith Reserve

#### B Grade

Parafield Gardens- Karrendi Primary School (Main School Oval)

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(Noticeboard for the Goatherders to share news, events and stories! Got something to add- send it through- bonus points for pictures!)

*Don't forget to send through any funny or feel good stories to make the news!*

Our next social event and biggest fundraiser is coming up Feb 23. More details to come in the following weeks but save the date and get a table together!

If you know of any one or any companies that are able to donate for prizes, please advise the exec committee.

### EVENTS

Feb 23- Quiz Night

March 27- PDCA presentation night

**End of Season Fishing Trip**  
Destination and Date  
TBC

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## Don't forget your raffle book!!!

## Fundraising

We are fundraising this year with the Toyota "Good for Cricket" raffle. We have 20 books to sell so please grab one off Scott Brown.

It's fundraising like this that helps keep the club running and sub fees down so please get behind the club.



## Dad jokes of the Week

Q. What's the difference between Martini and Cinderella?

A. Cinderella knew when to leave the ball