



Martini Madness in Two Wells

On a hot and dusty day, in the middle of a paddock somewhere out North that some could nearly classify as a vacation, we were greeted with a friendly team with whom a beer and a yarn was more appealing than the rabid sunburn and heatstroke we were headed for.

But alas the toss was had, and Ian had his first win of the day, sending them in to bat in the hope of getting them out cheap and sending in the army for the onslaught of batters that would see them enjoying the cold frothy before the 40 overs end.

Ian opened the bowling with Luke and Jarrad. Jarrad got the opening batsman caught behind with Two Wells steady for a few more overs before Luke's first breakthrough- clean bowling the number 3 batsman.

They bowled 4 overs each before Ian threw the ball to Sam Burge and Sunjay. Sam was unlucky in his first over with 2 dropped catches and 2 almost catches before he got his wicket in the second over with an easy catch to Ian. They put on a small partnership before Sunjay got the batsman caught behind. With Tim Wilson pulling a side strain and the weather warm the captain was getting thirsty and looking for ideas. So he decided that brotherly partnerships were working well and bought on the Martin brothers. On Ian's second ball, the opposition captain walked straight past it and watched it hit the stumps, being clean bowled. Persisting with himself, Ian picked up a caught behind in the second over. Drinks were taken and the score was 6/84. Keen to finish off the tail, Ian bought Luke back into the attack with immediate success in his first over back from his spell, finally getting the wicket of their highest run scorer of the day with an excellent catch by Jarrad out in the deep. Then it was left to Captain Courageous to clean up the young kids in the tail with a catch to Ashley and finally a one-handed catch to a lame Tim Wilson. Leaving Ian with figures of 4/22 and Luke was 3/22 leaving us to chase 114 for the win.

As Ian bowled so well, topped off with that catch, he was probably knackered so put himself down the order. He opened Luke and Cuz in the blistering heat and the two put on a handy 68 run partnership which took us up to drinks. Shortly after drinks Luke was caught behind for 33. Cuz started to put some gas into his shots, hitting 3 4's before loosing his partner Gopi who was bowled. This bought Ben to the crease. He and Cuz continued to chip away at the runs putting on a 34-run partnership, with Cuz passing his 50 very quietly. A review of the score book saw he was passed his 50 so upon his next runs his success was celebrated. Ben, trying to win the game, has played onto the stumps leaving the score at 110. Mick Shephard came to the crease and watched on as Cuz pushed the score past the 114 runs needed, leaving him 67 not out and Mick a well-earned 0 not out.

If we had of known that the promise of a beer on a hot day would get Martini bowling like that, we would have dangled the carrot many seasons ago but really, who would have thought? Anyone read the story of the cold snap in the US at the moment.... including the town of - Hell, located in Michigan- freezing over. Ironic, isn't it??

We have now ensured that we get a home final, with 5 games left before the finals start let keep the fun and good results coming along.

A-Grade (LO 1A)
ROUND 15

Para Vista A 3/114
(28.4)

M Cossens 67no
L McLeod 33

Defeated

Two Wells 114
(27.5)

I Martin 4/22
L McLeod 3/22

B-Grade (LO 2)
ROUND 16

Forfeit.



Brownie at his best

The day started well with Ian winning the toss and deciding to bat Hoddo and Cuz in the opening partnership (read above, must have still been knackered from the week before) We got off to a good start before Cuz was out caught. Luke came in to bat at number 3 and hung around with Hoddo for a bit before Hoddo was hard done by given out lbw by a supplied umpire with a bowler coming around the wicket and hitting him above the knee roll. This started a mini collapse with us loosing 4 for 11 runs, giving us a grand total of 5 for 57 at 20. We kept loosing regular wickets but with some cameos at the end from Jarrad and Sammy Burge they were able to get the tail to wag a little and got some valuable runs on the board to get us to 97.

Looking at the score book from last of central united Ian thought that 100 would be a defendable total, especially with the team he had. He voiced this to the team and especially the bowlers, knowing it's easy to get the head down with a low score. Starting with Jarrad and Luke we were tight and had them not scoring we had the first break through in the third over. There was more excellent bowling further restricting their scoring but our second wicket didn't come until the 12th over. We went into drinks and they were steady with 3 for 38. Hoddo picked up their hitter trying to split the game open. Then Ian unleashed in form Brownie who is the bowler of the competition at the moment and things turned our way rapidly. Scott was on fire bowling with heat and accuracy getting 4 batsman out by cleaning up the stumps and add to that a caught behind. This gave Scott the figures off 5 for 8 as we bowled them out for 66.

In summary our batting was poor- with the exception of Hoddo we all threw away our wickets. This is something we need to work on in the next game. On the flip side though, our fielding was great with no easy runs being made. But it was all about the bowlers who responded after Ian asked them to. They bowled tight and on the stumps. With 11 maidens and a number of overs with only 1 run scored, this was the best bowling so far this year.

A big thank you to Darryl McLeod for playing with us it was great to see you play with the boys and Wilson for playing even though you were injured.

Also a thank you to Cuz for your write up on the game however the 2 words didn't quite cut it!

A-Grade (LO 1A) ROUND 16

Para Vista A 97

T Hodson 21
J McLeod 19

Defeated

Central United 66

S Brown 5/8
T Hodson 2/14
L McLeod 2/21

B-Grade (LO 2) ROUND 17

Para Vista B 121

P Atkins 27
D Hancock 25

Defeated

Craigmore 117

P Atkins 3/24
B Starke 2/11
R Wilkins 2/22



Back with the winning feeling

After a disappointing forfeit the previous week, the Para Vista B-grade side assembled at the confines of Edward Smith Reserve for a match against Craigmore. Having split their previous two meetings this season at a win apiece, the Goatherders were eager to play well and post their first win since Christmas against a similar matched side. When the Craigmore captain called incorrectly, and with a couple of his players running late, captain Brenton Starke chose to bat. The experienced David Schreiber was tasked with opening the innings, and seeking to change the order a touch, Pierrot Peov was promoted to join him. David found the bowling to his liking and was unusually aggressive early, stroking a couple of nice off side shots off his preferred back foot, before misjudging the bounce when attempting a pull shot to top edge a catch when he was on five. After arriving after his son's basketball game and rushing to pad up, Phil 'Gumnut' Atkins entered at number three determined to put a high price on his wicket. Against tight and accurate bowling, Gummy and Pierrot played defensively and watchfully but were unable to pierce the field for many runs. When Pierrot (5) was caught on the crease by a full ball in front of the stumps, he was adjudged lbw and Para Vista had lost their second wicket with not many on the board in the 15th over. Gopi Bhujbal joined his mate at the crease and the two negotiated the bowling to drinks, Para Vista 2/30 after 20 overs.

Needing to start picking the gaps and ticking over the scoreboard, Gopi and Gummy set about their work. Unfortunately for Gopi, a ball he tried to work leg side stayed a touch low and he lost his pegs, out for 6, and Para Vista were teetering at 3/36. Enter the ever reliable Dan Hancock at number five. Already having a solid partnership between them only a few rounds ago, the two looked at ease batting with each other and once again started to build another total together. The scoreboard started to turn over with singles and two with the occasional boundary, and they had taken the score to 64 when Gumnut was out to a very good low return catch to the bowler for a patient 27. Sanjay Khatri, pushed down to B's to get some bowling overs under his belt, found himself batting earlier than he had been expecting at number six, but he snicked one to slips on 2, and when Jacko was out lbw first ball, the Goatherders had crashed to 6/67 after 30 overs.

Jarrac 'Yadda' Zachoryj had been promoted up the order in recent weeks to develop his (potentially talented) batting and he was again asked to bat up, but he was also tasked with supporting a comfortable Dan for the final 10 overs. Despite some early jitters, he soon found his rhythm with a cracking four, and he proved more than capable of turning the strike over to his senior batting partner, the two adding valuable runs together. Yadda moved himself to 18 before playing one big shot too many, but an important 33 runs had been added by the pair, the Goatherders 7/100 with 3 overs to go. Captain Starke (17 not out) was next in, but for the addition of just a few more runs, Dan (25) edged a ball to slip trying to push the scoring along but not before he had helped rescue his side. Roger, with Para Vista still being a player short and complete with nearly every protector there is available on the market today, entered as the last batsman with one ball left in the over. Defending it well, it was now down to the skipper to add what he could off the final two overs. Being mindful not to expose his partner, he took just a few runs off the penultimate over, again leaving Roger one ball to survive, and survive he did with a last minute jam down of his bat. The final over finished in a flurry of runs, 14 to be exact including the last 3 balls to the boundary, and Para Vista had reached 8/121 off their allotted overs. It was a defensible total but the Goatherders would need to be at their best in the field.

After being fed and watered, Vistas took to the field still missing their last player. Fortunately, young 13yo Hayley Matthews from Craigmore decided that she would sub field, and the side took up their places with Sanjay and Jacko to share the new ball. Sanjay had been tasked by A-grade captain Ian Martin to work on bowling fuller, and he did this with aplomb. His initial four over spell did not reap any rewards, but it was full of fire and pace and set the tone for the rest to follow. Even keeper Dan took to wearing more padded inners to protect his hands. Jacko was his usual probing self at the other end until he was swung around to follow Sanjay for a couple more overs, replaced by Yadda. With the perfect breeze for his outswing, he proved hard to face and was soon rewarded with a wicket. Jacko was rewarded with a wicket of his own too soon after, and when Gumnut came on to bowl his straight leg breaks, snaring two wickets in his second over, the Goatherders were on top, Craigmore 4/29. Throwing the ball to Roger the over before drinks, Vista were pushing for another wicket but it wasn't to come, the score 4/43 after 20 overs.

With the two main batsmen at the crease and the game there for the taking, Sanjay came back for a short two over spell. Once again he bowled with venom but again the batsmen barely survived and Sanjay still had nothing to show from his excellent efforts. Thinking he might snare a wicket, Roger continued after the break from the other end. The game was in the balance and in danger of slipping away from the Goatherders until the Craigmore captain tried to smash him over the rope but was found a metre or two short into the wind, Sanjay sitting under a high ball for ever to cleanly and calmly take a brilliant catch. A couple of overs later and Roger had snared another victim, bowling another batsman who was trying to hit him to the ropes. He took his best bowling figures of the year, 2/22 from 4 overs.....



Turning back to Yadda for his last two overs, it was hoped that he could break through and swing the match fully in Vistas favour. Try as he might, Yadda (1/14 from 8) could not get another breakthrough, but his pressure resulted in a wicket at the other end to Gumnut (3/24 from 7), and Craigmores were 7/90 after 30 overs. With a main batsman still in and only 3 runs an over required, the game was evenly poised. Brenton Starke came on from one end, and took a return catch off the number 9 from his bowling straight away, 8/90, but the stubborn number 10 proved more than a handy support. With 2 overs left from Sanjay (0/18 off 8), he was brought back for one last effort and despite beating the bat and some false shots, he couldn't take the crucial wicket. Sanjay was borderline unplayable at times during his spells, but the cricket gods were not on his side this day for that ounce of luck that every bowler needs. Jacko (1/23 off 8) replaced him with Starke (2/11 off 5) still going at the other end, and Craigmores needed 15 runs. Then 10 off three overs, and finally it was 5 to win (4 to tie) off the last over still with 2 wickets in hand, but the number 10 batsman on strike. It was important that the main batter be kept off strike, and fortunately he hit the first ball straight to a fielder before playing and missing the next two. Succumbing to the pressure, he tried a big shot over cover and lost his stumps, and the unfortunate number 11 couldn't lay bat on either of the final two balls to finish the innings, Craigmores 9/117, and Para Vista had won by 4 runs.

It had been a heartstopping win, a game that could've easily gone either way. The win was a long time coming, and thoroughly deserved for all the efforts that the B-grade side have been putting in over the last few rounds. The voice, energy, and enthusiasm never wavered, and was the best it had been all year. Everyone played their roles and contributed in some way, and the team effort proved that with each others support and hard work that the results will come. With just four more games left in the season, there is still room to develop and grow and go into the off-season with something to build on, hopefully with some more wins along the way.

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Our next social event and biggest fundraiser is coming up

Feb 23- the annual quiz night.

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.

Please advise of your attendance to one of the committee members or on the Facebook Event.

Don't forget your raffle book!!!

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17th Feb 2019

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VHP – Salisbury North

B Grade

Craigmores - Edward Smith Reserve

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End of Season Presentation night.

**March 23rd at 19:30
Being held at the shed**

Please indicate your attendance preference via the event on Facebook or advise a member of the committee.



Past Players Day

We may no longer be in the churches association and there are changes on the horizon but we will never neglect our history. This season marks the 40th Anniversary of the Para Vista Cricket Club. 40 years is no mean feat and we've had (and still have) some stalwarts amongst us over the years. Some may no longer play but remember the club with fond memories and still watch from afar while some still come out from time to time. So on the 16th March all are welcome to come and support the A Grade in their home Semi final and join players past and present in celebrating our clubs history and future.

40TH. ANNIVERSARY
1979/80 - 2018/19

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PAST PLAYERS DAY
SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019

EVENTS

Feb 23- Quiz Night

March 16- Past Players Day

March 23- PVLCC Presentation night

March 27- PDCA presentation night

End of Season Fishing Trip
Destination and Date TBC

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Dad jokes of the Week

Q. What do you call a cricketer who can hold a catch?

A. A Fisherman