

Walkerville Cats Newsletter

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Coaches Corner

The preseason was a long one and well supported with very health numbers through the indoor training sessions. The theme of the trainings was to be consistent with our own game, to build on what we do well and look to improve our game. The bowlers to bowl a tight line and the batsman to own the crease.

What has impressed me over the preseason and the start of the season is the enthusiasm the players have shown. The vibe and environment is very positive which has rubbed off around the club, trainings have been to a quality standard with players working hard and challenging each other.

The season has started well with some very good performances across the grades. A grade captain Brett Knowles has lead from the front with two centuries and wickets, Aussie Gareth Cox has been very consistent with a century and starts. Tommy Ahern has shown his all-round abilities bowling well and runs as an opening batsman. Quigs with a second innings century for the C grade, Louis Hutchinson has made his mark with wickets and runs showing his class but his brother Ben has also been a performer in the C grade.

These are but some of the great performances by our players over the start of the season. Walkerville welcomes our English player for this year Andrew Westphal, and Lehmann Academy Players Angus Robson and Mickey Malhotra. Hopefully these boys enjoy their time in Australia and enjoy playing for Walkerville.

To those who have read the club game plan in the "Path Way to Success" this will not be new information, if you have not read the document then take a moment to read these excerpts.

If by reading this makes you a 5% better player, then it was worth your time!

Leo Panzarino



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Look a Like



Young gun Angus Robson going toe to toe with Dolph Lundgren in Rocky IV

Upcoming Social Events

Meals at the Club every Selection night and presentation nights.

17th December- Christmas Break Up and everyone is welcome to come down for a meal and all the well behaved children will receive a visit from Santa Claus. More details to come..

4th February-7 for 730pm Poker Night at the Walkerville RSL.

March 11th – Medal Count at the Walkers Arms.

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A Grade Wrap up

Versus Pooraka at Home.

For a change the skipper actually won the toss and the Cats elected to have first use of the absolute road that Gilo had produced down at the field of dreams (Walkerville Oval). With Super Sue (Gilo's mother dearest) down for the weekend the pressure was on the dirty thirty year old to produce the goods. What followed wasn't in the script as his strolled back to the pavilion early doors with the score on just 3. Regular wickets fell and the Cats were more than struggling at only 99/6 as only Coxy and Knowlesy got themselves in from Walkerville's top 6. Coxy fell for 42 as the skipper put on another epic show of batsmanship and mental strength to score 138.

When Stuart 'Antivirus' Norton wandered to the crease like a much younger and paler Vivian Richards in his Walkerville broad brim hat he could be heard saying the now infamous words; 'they haven't got anyone quick enough and it's not bouncing enough to hit me on the head'. In what was an unforgettable innings of 32 he did in fact get hit on the head and managed to pull a hamstring as he and the skipper put on a huge 8th wicket partnership of 133 to run Pooraka into the ground and turn the game upside down.

The Cats were finally dismissed for 264 with only 4 players making double figures. Pooraka then had to bat 7 overs before the close of play and were 14/1 with the Westphal snicking one of their openers off to give him the week off the following Saturday.

Week 2

Some excellent bowling early on from Westy and Diesel restricted Pooraka to 37/3 and the Cats had their tail up. The following period of cricket was a great contest between two good sides as the bowlers bowled well but also the batsman batted well to keep both sides interested and thinking they had a chance of victory. When the Woolshed got a wicket in the first over after tea Pooraka were 114/4 which soon became 137/5 and the game was in the balance. Some sensible batting and indifferent fielding from the Cats allowed Pooraka to build partnerships and maintain an ascendancy through to the end. At 231/8 though Walkerville were on top and in prime position to take out the victory however, a partnership built and it came down to needed 1 to win from the last over with 2 wickets left. Tom Ahern the super sub ran out their number 10 from the first ball the pressure was back

them. A couple of dot balls later and it seriously was mounting until their number 11 smoked a cover drive past an outstretched Diesel for 4 crucial runs as the Cats went down by 1 wicket in a very tight game. Westphal was the pick of the bowlers with 3for from his mammoth 25 overs.

Highlights:

- Chopper getting a first baller, running one short whilst being a runner for an injured Norts and then having a sticker at the quiz night. All in all a great day for the bloke.
- Westphal being run out by the bowler without trying to take a single.
- Norts having one of the most memorable A grade debuts in the clubs history. WE ALL WANT A TEAM OF STUART NORTON'S
- Coxy bringing Mince Pies for afternoon tea. They were delightful
- Tommy Ahern volunteering to sub field for the second week so that he didn't have to speak to Harry Latham all day.

G.W. Cox



Norton with his classic Broad brim Hat.

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B Grade Wrap Up

The B Grade travelled down the road to Kilburn to try and keep their unbeaten start to the season going. No surprise Skipper Nance lost the toss and Kilburn went into bat on a good looking batting wicket and quick outfield. Miller and Papa Morena opened up and bowled tight lines and weren't helped with a few chances going down early on. Just as Kilburn seemed to have got through the new ball unscathed Morena struck twice in an over to put the pressure back on their batsman. Not long after Millsy struck before Harry Sytnyk grabbed two polls in quick succession. Cooper and Hutch grabbed one each before the tea break to leave Kilburn in a vulnerable position at 7/132. After a better than expected afternoon tea the Kilburn batsman came out with an attacking mindset and seemed to be hitting boundaries with ease as the pitch flattened out before Miller was able to break the partnership at 8/182. The Kilburn tail wagged and with a few lucky shots got themselves to a competitive score of 217 with Cooper and Morena grabbing the last two wickets.

Morena 3, Miller 2, Cooper 2, Sytnyk 2, L Hutch 1

This left us with 20 overs to bat before the conclusion of day 1.

Tommy and Harry Sytnyk opened up and got off to a reasonable start before both being dismissed in consecutive overs leaving us 2/34. Jules and Latham played some good shots and were hardly troubled by the bowlers seeing us through until stumps leaving us 2/75 and in a winning position heading in to day 2.

Second week

Coming back at 2/75 Jules and Harry started off well, with the small boundaries and quick out field, getting the score to 114 quickly before Harry was given out LBW for 57. Quick wickets followed, losing 4/18 before Louis Hutchinson and Gavi came to the crease to have a match winning partnership of 80 with Gavi smashing a quick fire 56. Before long we had past them 7 down with Hutchy finishing with a very important 31 as we were bowled out for 243. We had 40 overs to bowl at Kilburn with Millsy and Angus 'Mr World Wide' Robson opening the bowling. Both bowled extremely well constantly just missing the

edge. Millsy picked up 3 quick wickets before Kilburn dug in and made even more difficult when Captain Nance fell on his hand and had to leave the field leaving the team with 10 fielders.

Wickets fell steadily with the end score of 8/240

Miller 3 , Latham 2, L Hutch 1 Cooper 1 and Morena 1

The win keeps us unbeaten and in 2nd spot as we move on to Unley at home next week

Tommy



Tom trying out his new cool image (sunglasses inside), it didn't work



Louis study the Walkerville Game plan.....good work



The Colonel talking the boys through his cordial formula



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C Grade

Versus International Cricketers Team

WEEK 1:

We arrived at the bottom Glenunga oval and after inspecting the pitch and wondering if we were in fact at the right ground as the other team was nowhere to be seen.

We welcomed two new additions to the team, Cam 'warner' Halsall and Luke 'Yatsy' Yates. Also making their captain debuts were Malone and Quigs. Which didn't help in winning the toss, something the C grade captains need to start to practice. So we were sent in to bat and happy to do so as the pitch looked an absolute road. We were right about the pitch being a road however we did not bat on it anything like we should, rash shots, brain fades, poor decisions seemed to be the story of the day except for Yatsy who got a peach. It went 1/8, 2/25, 3/43, 4/47, 6/54, 7/95, 8/121, 9/125, 10/140. The only highlights batting was Harriss and Hutchinson making 20 and 43no. So a very disappointing day with the bat and we still had to bowl 16 overs that day. Evo and Declan opened and things were tight, few runs but no wickets but the pressure was building on the batsman. Hutchie replaced Declan and took the first wicket of the day in this second over. Evo continued to create problems from his end only having 4 scoring shots in his first 7 overs, really was building pressure from one end while at the other Hutchie snared his second thanks to a good catch by new lad Cam at cover. Sitting from the sideline no one called catch as it went well over his head but cam showed how quick he is across the grass and in the end took a very smart catch while running backwards. We finished on day 1 having them 2/23.

WEEK 2:

We arrived and we knew what had to be done. The same as last week, tight bowling, building pressure, ideally boring cricket and we will win. There was a camera set up filming the game and I think Evo and Hutchie wanted to make a highlight reel as they both took wickets in their second overs of the day leaving them 4/26. A small 20 run partnership formed but Evo ended that clean bowling the batsman. We didn't wait long for the next fall of wicket as it was the next ball! Evo on a Hat trick which unfortunately didn't end up happening, always next time. Cam came in but was met with a absolute slogger and was taken off, replaced with Darcy who knew it was his job was get this guy out after dropping him when he was on 5. Eventually Darcy had his man caught and long on by Dunne.

Again for the second time we struck the next ball and Darcy was on a hat trick which if I'm not mistaken is the 4th hat trick ball Walkerville C1's have bowled in 3 games. Leaving us 0/4 from hat trick deliveries. It was again a close game with 2 run outs during the game bowling them out 116, winning by 24 runs.

Sam Hutchinson 3/21 from his 11

Mark Evans 3/54 from his 18
Darcy Wright 3/9 from his 4

A run out to Harriss. (Again exceptional in the field even after his poor fielding warm up, dropping everything and anything)

And a run out/stumping to Yates I'm not too sure on this one as he was the wicket keeper fielded and push of the ball with a direct hit underarm throw.

We went in to bat for 47 overs Quigs and Halsall opened. Cam having to leave just after tea put the foot down, literally as he charged the opening bowlers putting them to the ropes. It was a good time not a long time as came was caught for 18. Harriss came in at 3 worked the singles and the odd boundary with Quigs before being bowled after getting a start to 12. Little Ben came in at 4 and you would of thought they would learn after he top scored the week before but they didn't as they brought the field in Benny just hit over the top to the rather long boundaries. Before he tried to work a straight one to the leg side being trapped in front, remember mate play straight. Malone came in and saw Quigs playing in a fast pace and tried to match it, unfortunately Quigs had been in for 39 overs at this stage and seeing beach balls and Malone had been in 2 overs, He left for 1. A BIG congratulations to Quigs on making his first 100, was a great effort, gave them nothing with his straight drives and smart running with 52 of his runs in running singles, twos and threes. He ended the day 108 not out. Dunne came in with a few overs left and finished not out with Quigs on 25.

Boys a lot to take in about this game. We need to bat better and smarter, Ben at 15 showed us this in the first innings and if I weren't for his runs we would have lost this game. And with our second innings it was the ideal chance for us to work on some game batting practise with Quigs the only one taking advantage of this. We know we can bat, the scores show that we are all getting starts into the teens and early 20's, we have

C Grade Continued

to work hard and keep focused if we are going to turn these starts into runs you want to tell your mates about. Another positive was our bowling, defending such a low score is not easy and we did everything we had to do and more, bowled tight, built pressure not just by the bowlers but mainly by the fielding this is shown by 2 run outs in the game, making the other team desperate for runs.

Man of the match, Ben Hutchinson for his 3/21 and 43no.

Will



Tongs of Fury!!



Good numbers at selection night!



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One Day Wrap Up

On a great day for cricket on a beautiful ground the Cats lost the toss and the opposition choose to bat.

The Pembroke side had a shaky start with Iggy striking early with an LBW to have the home side 1 for not many.

Ryan Rhino Weilechowski bowled superbly in his first spell with good pace and control testing the Pembroke top order.

The home side nailed down with a good partnership and began to grind away finding gaps and taking advantage of opportunities they were provided.

Barry 'Baz' Bennet bowled superbly with flight and line to put pressure on the Pembroke batsman gaining the break through via beating the batsman and bowling him.

As the innings progressed and the opposition upped the tempo the Cats began to claw back through some tight bowling and fielding.

The wickets began to fall as the opposition players began to play shots.

In the end we completed our first innings having Pembroke 6/164, probably 20 runs more that we had hoped.

Our batting innings started well with Hutchie and Foxy taking toll of the opening bowlers to have the run rate racing, but a steady flow of wickets made it difficult for the Cats to gain control.

Foxy hit the ball hard to make 31 before being bowled and Hooper batted well for his 46 to keep the us in the game but there was too little support from the other batsman. We finished 9/142 short of the final target.

Much to take from this game but also some areas the side needs to address to improve.

Fielding was not to our best with many misfields and runs let through.

We dropped catches and didn't match anything of half chances.

Too many batsmen were bowled on a good wicket.

A positive team who were keen all game and believed in each other.

Batting – Hooper 46, Fox 31

Bowling – Panzarino 3/37, Mareolas 2/39

Leo P.

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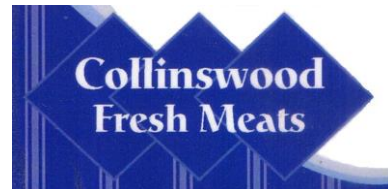


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