



Melbourne Cricket Club

XXIX Club

Fiftieth Annual Report

2005-06

MCC XXIX Club Committee

PRESIDENT: Stuart Stockdale

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Ted Lynch
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LIFE MEMBERS: Tom Leather

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President's Report

My second year as president was again highlighted by guest speakers, with Damien Fleming outstanding at the 2005 Annual Dinner and Michael Slater brilliant at our Boxing Day luncheon – both great cricketers and now polished media stars. We will remember both for their wonderful ability to "take us on tour and into the dressing room" and we are sure to watch or listen with great interest as their new careers prosper.

With the re-development of the MCG, eight games were listed at the Albert Ground and how fortunate we were to have such accommodating staff within the MCC offices and at the ground – thanks to all concerned. We fielded teams for 18 fixtures and with one washout, 7 wins, 8 losses, 2 wash outs and a match abandoned due to local bushfires giving us a win-loss ratio just below the expected 50–50.

Some of the lasting memories of 2005/06 have been: -

- 1. The continuing and strengthening fellowship of the 2005 UK Tour Group.
- 2. Another Twenty20 Competition at Trinity Grammar School, supported by Australian Cricket Society, Lords Taverners and the Primary Club of Australia. The XXIX Club lost both of its games by 1 run!
- 3. Brad Hodge representing Australia and recording a Test match double century.
- **4.** Wonderful form reversals against Rupertswood and Bendigo contrasting our inabilities against the Media and Vigneron XI's.
- **5.** Two luncheons during the Boxing Day Test (Days 1 and 3) both grand events and over 200 happy members and guests. Well done to Michael Sholly who assisted with the flow on both days.
- 6. The drought breaking win over the ever-powerful MCC President's XI.
- **7.** After 15 years in the making, we finally ventured to Queensland over the June long weekend returning undefeated in a triangular series involving the Queensland Cricketers Club and the Cricketers Club of New South Wales.

During the year, the committee recorded overwhelming thanks to Graham Brown upon retiring from committee after some 25 years service – a memorable innings highlighted by his presidency, tour leadership of the 2001 UK Tour and many stirring speeches in the old Ponsford Dining Room.

David Broad & Steven McCooke assisted in signing up many new members. To those new to the club, I extend a very warm welcome and offer words from my own experience – it is a great club offering wonderful opportunity but sometimes you have to work at it. Essentially, as written in the annual report 49 years ago, we are a social cricket club but obviously try to do a bit more than just play.

I thank lan Aitken, our umpire convenor, in particular and his band of umpires who officiated in our matches and play a big role in making the days run smoothly and "incident free".

I hesitate to praise particular committee members, however the support of William Stahmer and Geoff Fidler helped get me through the post-UK blues and enabled another season to pass without too much controversy.



I wish you all a fantastic Ashes season during 2006/07 and pledge that we will do our best to promote social cricket to the great cast of visitors we are expecting during the summer.

Stuart D Stockdale President



List of Founding Members of the MCC XXIX Club – 1956

Crawford N C Crompton Dowsley J Daniel CL Fairbairn С Gardiner Green J G W Harrison M R Haysom JG Hunt Μ Kenny D Kerr н м Kerr J D Kinnear L Kline T W Leather G Longney C S McCutcheon McDonald ΙН Α McKay J G Miles LΡ O'Brien Peters D W NPonsford W S Rickards ΚE Rigg С Smith R Speechley RBStevens JHMSymons RΗ Teasdale G **Thoms** ΕK **Tolhurst** I Warne-Smith

Finance Report for Season 2005 / 2006

Gentlemen,

The financial result for the year ended 30th June 2006 shows a profit of \$14,204 against last years loss of \$2.639.

The main reasons for the significant profit improvement:

- 1. A brilliant job of chasing subscription arrears by Steven McCooke resulted in the collection of \$4550 in arrears and a total of \$11,150 collected for current subs compared to \$6015 collected last year.
- 2. A positive surplus at the Annual Dinner.
- 3. Sale of merchandise that was expensed last year.

Our cash position remains strong with a balance of \$42,351 after all committed expenditure is taken into account with \$25,000 on term deposit at an average of 5% per annum.

Barry Matters Hon. Treasurer





XXIX Club Statement of Income and Expenditure As at 30 June 2006

30/6/05		30/6/06
	INCOME	
6015	Subscriptions (including Extrance Fees)	15,880
878	Interest Received	1,178
-48	Surplus (Deficit) from Dinner	2,595
900	Boxing Day Lunch	1,510
590	Primary Club Day Funds Received	
320	Sale of Merchandise (T-shirts, caps, ties)	1,884
490	New member dinner	·
	UK tour	574
9,145	TOTAL INCOME	23,621
	EXPENDITURE	
3620	Catering for Home Matches (after MCC subsidy)	3,220
893	Catering for Committee Functions / Pie Night	1,050
590	Expected Donation to Primary Club of Australia	
3061	Printing of Annual Reports, Postage, Stationery & Sundries	3,967
920	Trophies & Touring Team Expenses	1,180
2700	Club Ties, T-shirts, Badges & Caps, Polo & Jr squad shirts	
	Donation of Gym Equipment to Cricket Section	
11,784	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,417
-2,639	NET PROFIT (LOSS)	14,204

Introduction to the XXIX Club

The Club owes its very existence to a very small band of cricket enthusiasts who took the very first steps towards its formation just prior to the 1956/57 season. The prime movers were Jack Daniel, Jack Green, Max Haysom, Ian McDonald and Keith Rigg, and those of us who now enjoy membership are in the debt of those five men. To refresh the memories, there is in this year's annual report a fascinating account by Ian McDonald of the Club's formation.

All members of the Melbourne Cricket Club and those playing members on the waiting list are eligible for XXIX membership, subject to acceptance by the Committee of a nomination form supported by a proposer and a seconder, each of whom is required to be a financial member of the XXIX Club of at least twelve month's standing.

There is an entrance fee of \$40 and the annual subscription is \$35 which is payable on October 1 each year and should be sent to our Hon. Treasurer Barry Matters, P O Box 148, Mt Eliza, Vic., 3930. Cheques should be made payable to the MCC XXIX Club.

The function of the Club is to foster the enjoyment of cricket largely by arranging matches and other social events.

New Silk Club ties (\$40.00) are available from the Hon. Secretary John McCormick, whose telephone number is 9830 2440 (after hours).

Members are urged to encourage others to join. We are particularly keen to swell the ranks of those whose interest in cricket is not confined to spectatorship.

Significant Club Dates

August 1956 Initial correspondence with M.C.C.

September 1956 Letter from M.C.C. expressing agreement in principle

October 1956 Initial Meeting

1st November 1956 Inaugural Meeting at Albert Ground

Election of first committee

4th November 1956 1st Match versus Southern Command at Broadmeadows

27th July 1957 First Annual Dinner at Fontainbleu

Presided over by E.K. Tolhurst Guest Speaker: A.L. Hassett

December 1969 Overseas Tour – South East Asia

June 1977 Overseas Tour – U.K.
August 1977 Twenty-first Annual Dinner

April 1980 Overseas Tour – South East Asia

June 1981 Overseas Tour – U.K.
September 1981 Silver Anniversary Dinner

April 1982 Overseas Tour – South East Asia

August 1985 International Masters Games - Toronto, Canada

September 1985 XXIXers 29th Annual Dinner

August 1989 International Masters Games - Denmark/U.K.
October 1990 Central Australian Masters Games-Alice Springs

July 1993 Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 1997 Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 2001 Overseas Tour – U.K.
April 2003 Overseas Tour – Thailand

June/July 2005 Overseas Tour – U.K. (via Singapore & Holland)



A Note on the Formation of the MCC XXIX Club

It does no harm to delve into history, if only for the nostalgic memories of the past.

It has been suggested that in 1956 "Dasher" Daniel, Keith Rigg, Max Haysom, "Groper" Green and I happened to get together and form the XXIX Club. It wasn't quite like that. Rather than being a case of "spontaneous generation", the Club rather "rose like a Phoenix from the ashes".

Those of you who still have the original report 1956/57 may care to read (for few will remember) of the teams taken away to the country before and immediately after the Second World War by Su Aitken, Hec Donahoo, and Stan Rogerson. With the tearing up of the MCG for the 1956 Olympic Games, social cricket was, for a time, abandoned.

Quite fortuitously, I was in Oxford for two years about that time. I had been introduced to the pleasures of English Cricket, and in particular was greatly impressed and delighted by the art form known as the annual dinner; a play in which the actors dressed in black and white, were regaled by after dinner speakers of extraordinary wit and enthusiasm.

Upon my return home, being unwilling to forgo these pleasures, but unable to do anything effectively on my own, I was fortunate to find enthusiastic support from several players of my vintage and two general committeemen in Keith Tolhurst and Keith Rigg, who were willing and able to avoid the hidden rocks of the anti-Sunday cricket establishment and still deliver a child legitimised by the M.C.C.

This child soon to become the XXIX Club (the name "the M.C.C. Bulls" having been pronounced too wayout for the M.C.C. Committee), fell easily into the gap left by the earlier social teams, but had the added virtue of being a formal sub-section of the M.C.C. with its own Committee, cap, tie and annual dinner, and, in due course, its Permanent Back Stop.

I think that I, more than anyone, was delighted by the success (due mostly to the indefatigable Tom Leather) of the first season's games.

The climax of it all was the first annual dinner at Fontainbleu in 1957 for in its annual dinner I believe is sublimated all the social pleasure of a cricket club. Graced by Lindsay Hassett, the dinner, almost course for course and speaker for speaker, was quite intentionally moulded on the 21st annual dinner of the South Oxfordshire Amateurs CC that had so enthused me in 1954. It is for this reason that I have always believed S.O.A. to be the unwitting father of the XXIX Club (there was so much free champers that night that the father would have been none the wiser), and accordingly, made strenuous efforts to be at its 50th annual dinner when I was able to make a presentation representing both congratulations and thanks from the XXIX Club.

But no child can be fathered without a mother, and it was the M.C.C. through the enthusiasm of a number of senior players and committeemen of 1956, who saw the foetus through its gestation and delivery, later to name it XXIX in recognition of the fact the cricketers never grow old.

Several of the original and early members have become general committeemen in the course of time. It is my hope that such close association of the XXIX Club with the higher echelon of the mother club will continue to the mutual benefit of both.

lan McDonald



Previous Guest Speakers

Our 50th Annual Report would not be complete without the inclusion of a list of those "Guest Speakers" who so graciously gave reminiscences and anecdotes from the past experiences on and off the playing fields here and overseas.

Year	Guest Speaker	Proposer of Toast to Guest	Proposer of Toast to Club
1957	Lindsay Hassett	R B Stevens	L P O'Brien
1958	Ernie McCormick	J G Green	K E Rigg
1959	Sir R Menzies	M R Haysom	D H Reid
1960	Jack Fingleton	C C McDonald	Sir A Chadwick
1961	Arthur Calwell	E L Moran	E L McCormick
1962	Richie Benaud	Dr G R Thoms	Hon A A Street
1963	Bill O'Reilly	A L Hassett	R C Steele
1964	Rohan Rivett	Sir N O'Bryan	V Y Richardson
1965	Alan McGillvray	L N Ley	Dr D P Cordner
1966	lan Johnson	W L Jacobs	A L Hassett
1967	Bill Lawry	Hon A A Street	H J Kroger
1968	Arthur Morris	Dr I McDonald	G C Eggleston
1969	Sir Eugene Gorman	A L Hassett	A A Calwell
1970	Les Favell	Hon Mr Just. Gray	R D Barassi
1971	Colin Egar	R C. Steele	G D Cordner
1972	Alan Davidson	Hon Mr Just Coldham	J C Lill
1973	Lou Rowan	Hon Mr Just. Gray	Sir R Menzies
1974	Ray Lindwall	S J E Loxton	B A Barnett
1975	Frank Tyson	Dr G R Thoms	Dr I McDonald
1976	Max Walker	I J Ridley	Dr D P Cordner
1977	lan Meckiff	L F Kline	G D Cordner
1978	Bob Simpson	B V Tobin	D P Jones
1979	David Richards	R C Steele	L P O'Brien
1980	Tony Greig	A P Sheahan	E J Lynch
1981	Bob Merriman	K E Rigg, MBE	R G Lloyd
1982	John Edwards	Hon Mr Just. Southwell	G C Brown
1983	John Lill	C C McDonald	J H Mackinnon
1984	Sir James Killen	Hon A A Street	Hon Mr Just. Gray
1985	Keith Dunstan	I H McDonald	D H Reid
1986	Sam Loxton	R J Parish	D G McQueen
		J Edwards	
1987	Doug Walters Neil Hawke	J C Lill	A J Ryan R H Teasdale
1988		D J Broad	
1989	Barry Richards		I C Hennig P D French
1990	Dean Jones	J G Anderson	Hon V F Wilcox
1991	David Hookes	J G Anderson	Dr D P Cordner
1992	Rod Marsh	G J Cosier	
1993	Geoff Lawson	J K Moss	Dr W S Rickards
1994	Terry Jenner	M H N Walker	M R Haysom
1995	Jim Higgs	W M Lawry	Dr J C Lill
1996	Greg Chappell	R G Lloyd	M L Phillips
1997	Mark Taylor	A I C Dodemaide	R B Church
1998	Tony Crafter	G Dawson	M W D Sholly
1999	Adam Gilchrist	M S Anderson	J McCarthy
2000	lan Healy	M L Phillips	Hon Just E.W. Gillard
2001	Paul Sheahan	B J Matters	W Carroll
2002	Bob Massie	S D Stockdale	Dr I Mc Donald
2003	Steve Bernard	M S Anderson	Dr D P Cordner
2004	Darren Berry	M W D Sholly	J C Oliver
2005	Damien Fleming	S M McCooke	M G Butler
2006	Bradley Hodge	A B McDonald	P D French



2005/06 Results at a Glance

Date	Opponent	Venue	Manager	Result
2005 NOV				
13	Rupertswood CC	Albert Ground	W Stahmer	Won
20	Lord's Taverners (Twenty20)	Trinity Grammar	D Broad	Lost
20	Primary Club (Twenty20)	Trinity Grammar	D Broad	Lost
30	Vignerons XI	Albert Ground	P Burn	Lost
DEC				
12	Media XI	Albert Ground	M Anderson	Lost
19	Spotless Catering	Albert Ground	J McCormick	Won
2006 JAN				
15	Crusaders	Bulleen	P Halbish	Lost
18	Sandhurst CC	Albert Ground	W Stahmer	Won
22	Western Plains	Derrinalum	B Anderson	Abandoned
29	Club XI Combined	Albert Ground	M Scholten	Washed Out
29	Bendigo CC	Bendigo (QEO)	T Jones	Won
FEB				
8	Mornington Peninsula CC	Mt Martha, Ferraro Res	M Butler	Lost
13	Cricketers Club of NSW	Village Green	J Anderson	Lost
19	HMAS Cerberus	Albert Ground	D Strudwick	Won
7	President's XI	Albert Ground	S Stockdale	Won
MAR				
6	Primary Club of Australia	Xavier College	G Fidler	Lost
JUNE				
10	Queensland Cricketers Club	Caloundra CC	S Stockdale	Draw
11	Cricketers Club of NSW	Caloundra CC	S Stockdale	Won

MCC XXIX CLUB v RUPERTSWOOD C. C.

Played at: the Albert Ground on 13 November 2005

DEFEATED

7/18	7/183 (30 OVERS)			171 (40 OVERS)				
	BATTING	ВО	WLING		BATTING		BOWLING	
W Stahmer	4			G Pretty	29		1/24	(3)
M Scalzo	6			W Hall	11			
J Anderson	38		1/4 (5)	B Mitchell	2			
M Pinniger	77		2/27 (5)	C Ryan	11		2/19	(3)
K Jones	9			M Sammut	22		1/12	(2)
L Russell	16	n.o.		K Anderson	54			
R Ashton	12		0/19 (4)	R Jaeger	5		0/13	(6)
L Buchanan	10		3/35 (7)	K Barker	0		1/16	(6)
S Gilmour	5	n.o.	1/24	J Lane	19		1/27	(4)
A Kent			2/20 (5)	S Jameson	4		0/38	(3)
S Stockdale			1/31 (6)	M Ryan	1	n.o.	0/17	(2)
				B Carbanara			0/13	(1)

Umpires: Johnston & McCauley Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

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Sundries

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Rupertswood were inserted into bat first with the XXIX Club containing 8 senior members of the MCC Premier Cricket 1st XI. 'Happy' Gilmour got the initial breakthrough in the 9th over before the introduction of new committee member Andrew Kent and ex-President John Anderson put Rupertswood back on their haunches. A flurry by No.6 Kujal Anderson gave the score respectability. The spin of Liam Buchanan and twin, Matt Pinniger, kept the opposition to a respectable score backed up by good fielding and keeper Luke Russell (4 catches).

The XXIXers started slowly losing Michael Scalzo LBW to an audacious pull shot off a full pitched delivery while Stahmer took 13 overs to scratch 4. It was a match winning move to get out as Pinniger (six 6's, six 4's) and Anderson (four 4's) hammered the young attack in a 97 run extravaganza.

Kevin Jones, Russell, Rob Ashton and Buchanan all got out 'hitting out', leaving Gilmour to collect the winning boundary. It was mooted to Pinniger that he keep today's sobriety level to succeed at 1st XI level.

Many thanks to umpires Johnston & McCauley and our no.1 scorer Barrie Hopkins.

Bill Stahmer Manager



A well earnt refreshment for the manager



RUPERTSWOOD C.C.

Matt Pinniger had a fine all round game



MCC XXIX CLUB v LORD'S TAVERNERS (Twenty20)

Played at: Trinity Grammar Oval on 20 November 2005

LORD'S TAVERNERS

5 n.o.

2/19 (4)

1/33 (4)

6/127	6/127 CC (20 OVERS)				1/128 cc (20 OVERS)			
	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING	E	BOWLING	
M Scolten	4			T Penwill	33	Ret		
D Graffen	35			G Thomson	34	Ret		
A Wallis	30	Ret	0/14 (2)	P O'Rourke	14			
M McCarthy	20	n.o.	1/8 (4)	P Paxton-White	28	n.o.		
D Broad	33	Ret		H Fox	11	n.o.	0/21	(4)
M Rattenbury	3		0/26 (4)	Marks	34		0/24	(4)
P Bunting	10		0/25 (4)	D Fox	1		0/22	(4)

K Richards

T Winter

2/19 (2)

0/28 (4)

LOST TO

Umpires: Ian Aitken, Mike Slattery

5 n.o.

DNB

DNB

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MCC XXIX CLUB

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

R Batrouney

P MacIsaac

S Stockdale

T Hickie

Sundries

This was the second time this day had been organised by the Club (special thanks to our President for organising a great venue again) and was played by having four teams (XXIX Club, Lord's Taverners, Australian Cricket Society and the Primary Club) play four matches.

As was the case for last year's fixture we took on the Taverners first while the ACS played the Primary Club on the other oval.

We bowled first and all of the top order for the Taverners batted well and were pretty much untroubled to reach 128. The pick of our bowlers was Mick McCarthy who had the very economical figures of 1/8 off his four overs including two maidens.

We were quietly confident of reaching the target and Andrew Wallis, Mick and David Broad chipped in with good scores. The Taverners bowled and fielded well at the end of our innings and we lost by one run.

This meant that our match after lunch against the Primary Club, who lost their fixture to the ACS, was for the bronze medal.

David Broad Manager



Mick McCarthy – the pick of the bowlers

MCC XXIX CLUB v PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (Twenty20)

Played at: Trinity Grammar Oval on 20 November 2005

MCC XXIX CLUB 94 (18.1 OVERS)			LOST TO		PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA 6/96 CC (20 OVERS)			
R Shugg	11			T Cowell	0			
T Hickie	3			R Burt	4		1/11	(2)
M Scholten	23			R Martin	14			
D Broad	1		0/14 (4)	L Doyle	7		4/19	(3)
M McCarthy	28		2/22 (4)	T Nielsen	8			
D Graffen	0			C Nunan	31	Ret		
M Rattenbury	1		1/9 (4)	A Quinn	11	n.o.	1/20	(2)
P Bunting	15		0/14 (4)	H Walker	10	n.o.	1/16	(3)
R Batrouney	2		0/15 (2)	H Bannett	1			
P MacIsaac	0		0/14 (2)	K Nunan			1/9	3.1
S Stockdale	4	n.o.		M Cowell			0/7	(2)
				A Bannett			1/6	(3)
Sundries	6				10			

Umpires: John Ryan, John Robinson

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

In this game we batted first and UK tourist Ronnie Shugg, who looked resplendent in his cricket attire, started well with fellow opener Tom Hickie before both played over a couple of good balls which disturbed their bails. Matthew Scholten, Mick McCarthy and Paul Bunting all contributed useful scores but the remainder of the batsmen must have suffered from too much refreshment during the lunch break and failed to significantly add to the team total. With only 94 on the board we knew we would have to bowl tightly and field well.



Ron (right) on tour with the Pres again!

We started well in the field with Mike Rattenbury being very miserly with 1/9 off four overs. All of the other bowlers used were also very effective but we could not contain the opposition to a score below ours. Therefore, in the four team charity day we came last. Despite our disappointment a great day was had by all and special thanks to Trinity Grammar, the umpires and scorer and for the ladies (Barb, Mrs Hopkins, etc.) in helping to organise the excellent refreshments during the day.

I think the Twenty 20 fixture is here to stay on our calendar. It was a lot of fun and a lot of cricket played in a short space of time.

David Broad Manager



'Sammy' Broad (left) in deep discussion with Bryan Harper and Peter French (right)



MCC XXIX CLUB v VIGNERONS XI

Played at: Albert Ground on 30 November 2005

MCC XXIX CLUB			LOST TO		VIGNERON'S XI		(1	
173	173 (38 OVERS)				6/175 (36.1 OVERS)			
	BATTING	BOV	VLING		BATTING		BOWLING	
M Langley	17		0/19 (2)	G Thomson	36			
T Norton	32		0/8 (2)	G Baldwin	12			
P Khan	11		0/9 (4)	G Stirling	53	Ret.		
M Scholten	24			C Bolden	3		1/15	(3)
P Burn	2		0/16 (2)	D Cowburn	40		0/10	(5)
T Hargreaves	0		2/15(4.1)	E McKay	8	n.o.	1/18	(3)
J Morgan	0			M Stopp	8		2/24	(7)
M Sholly	12			M Arney	1	n.o.	5/22	(9)
G Fidler	4		0/22 (4)	J Oliver			0/22	(6)
A Pritchard	10	n.o.	1/23 (7)	N Zema			0/29	(4)
M Butler	10		2/35 (6)	Grey-Smith			1/14	(3)
S Gilmour			0/25 (6)					
Sundries	45				14			

Scorer: Stuart Stockdale

The Vignerons, led by Jeremy Oliver, won the toss as they always seem to do and, because of the conditions of play, bowled first. The side batting first are at long odds to prevail as the day is as much about wine, wine tasting, wine drinking as it is about cricket. Of course much of this non cricket is conducted during the long lunch between innings.

The innings of the XXIX Club began with a lot of promise with the openers putting on 29, followed by a 55 run 2nd wicket partnership. At 2/84, we were in a good position to achieve a winning score. The main contributor to this point was Tim Norton who compiled a good 32. A pattern then set in which, despite some useful partnerships, were offset by four other partnerships that yielded nothing from each.

The main reason behind these collapses was Max Arney, an accurate leg spinner from the Coonawarra region who we are told looked after Jeremy Oliver in Jeremy's first job after leaving University. He certainly looked after him again this day as Max bowled with great accuracy and guile to achieve the outstanding figures of 5/22 off 9 overs.

Under normal match conditions our score of 173 off 40 overs would be a chance to succeed but with the interval which prevails on these days, the bowling and fielding that follows is not a match for the batting side that becomes released from prohibitions that only good wine can deliver. Again this is what occurred with Glen Thompson, Greg Stirling and David Cowburn of the Vignerons hitting with gay abandon despite some wily bowling from our 2 slow left hand orthodox spinners, Max Butler and Tony Hargreaves, and our veteran opening bowler, Arthur Pritchard.

We certainly toiled hard but the Vignerons won with 3 overs to spare. There was an unusual occurrence in that no umpires were provided by their organizer apparently due to a misreading of the fixture. However, some good came of this as a number of players were able to head home with 3 bottles each of the best wines due to the absence of Brian Robertson.



Congratulations to the Vignerons, Jeremy Oliver and Max Arney on another good win

Phil Burn Manager

MCC XXIX CLUB v MEDIA XI

Played at: Albert Ground on 12 December 2005

MEDIA XI

LOST TO

	5 (36 OVERS)	2031	110	5/118 (33.4 OVERS)		
	BATTING	BOWLING		BATTING	BOWLING	
M Sholly	26		J Tate	12		
M Anderson	6	3/18 (8)	R Waters	20	0/7	(3)
S Brown	16		D Berry	27	2/8	(5)
M Stein	4	1/10 (7)	A White	39*	3/37	(9)
W Stahmer	31		J Ralph	3	2/24	(11)
M Abblitt	0	0/17 (6)	G Whateley	0		
J McCormick	6		P Hanlon	9*		
P Burn	0		M Blake		0/10	(2)
S McCooke	12	1/39 (9)	M Fuller		0/17	(4)
C Walker	5*	0/10(0.4)	C Happell		1/6	(2)
M Butler	0*	0/16 (2)	L Johnson			
Sundries	9					

Umpires: Brian Robertson, Adrian Crawley

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Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

Memories of the halcyon days for the St Kilda Footy Club down at the Linton Street oval came flooding back when players arrived for the annual XXIX Club v Media XI match at the Albert Ground on a pleasant Monday summers afternoon. Despite fine conditions prevailing in the lead-up to the match, "local showers" seemed to hit the Albert Ground and the pitch area resembled the famous centre square at Moorabbin when the Burns' and Cunninghams' strut their stuff and cut down many a quicker and more skilful opposition midfield!

The XXIX Club were, perhaps rightfully, asked to bat on the wicket that had dished up for our guests and not surprisingly were soon dismissed for 115 with only Bill Stahmer's unorthodox style and Michael Sholly's wet wicket experience offering any sort of resistance. Chief destroyer for the journos was Fox Footy's Adam White who took 3/37 from his nine overs. Former Victorian captain and wicketkeeper turned leg-spinner also proved a handful on the gripping pitch and finished with 2/8 from his five overs.

The Media XI's chase was very clinical in the improving conditions and victory looked assured at 1/63 at the 19 over mark before a little bit of panic set in and saw them lose 4/12, collapsing to 5/75. A steadying partnership between Man of the Match White and Age scribe Peter Hanlon saw the visitors home without further loss and plenty of overs in reserve.

This victory continued the Media XI's dominance over the XXIX Club in recent years and they should be congratulated on their victory. The usual convivial after-match BBQ was well received by members of both teams and, as always, our appreciation is extended to our volunteer match officials Barrie Hopkins (Scorer) and Adrian Crawley and Brian Robinson (Umpires).



Mark Anderson Manager



MCC XXIX CLUB v SPOTLESS CATERING

Played at: Albert Ground on 19 December 2005

	MCC XXIX CLUB 8/177 (35 OVERS)		DEFEATED		SPOTLESS CATERING 156 (31.5 OVERS)		
	BATTING	BOWL	ING		BATTING	В	OWLING
M Oaten	0			M Din	14		2/35
T Norton	4	;	3/20 (5)	N Edwards	63		2/26
T Jones	32			B Alford	5		0/14
A Chisholm	48		1/2(0.5)	M Owens	4		0/22
A Pritchard	15		2/12 (4)	A Jacobs	8		2/10
A Wallis	3	(0/20 (4)	A Lamb	0		0/4
S McCooke	36		1/34 (5)	I Campbell	28		
W Stahmer	15			B Aggelis	19		2/15
J McCormick	13	Ret		O Bennett	0		1/6
M Dunstan	0	n.o.	0/33 (7)	I Delmenico	1		0/25
P Khan		(0/25 (6)	R Rutter	4	n.o.	0/14
Sundries	11				10		

Umpires: Ian Aitken, John Robinson

Scorer: Bruce Hexter

The annual clash with the Spotless XI was greeted with beautiful weather and the Albert Reserve being at its immaculate best for the day. Electing to bat first the XXIX Club were quickly in trouble with the early loss of openers Tim Norton, spectacularly caught by the athletic and diving Bill Aggelis at backward point, and Michael Oaten, but a steady partnership between Tim Jones (32) and Andrew Chisholm (47) got the XXIXers back into the game. Obviously inspired by the power hitting of Freddy Flintoff in the recent Ashes series, Chisholm's innings was highlighted by 2 towering sixes to the tennis courts, punctuated by some lightning running between the wickets. The loss of Chisholm and Jones saw wickets fall at regular intervals, but buoyed by a quick fire 31 from former MCC and Victorian champion Steven McCooke the XXIX Club finished their allotted 35 overs with a respectable 8/177, despite some very tight bowling from Niraj Edwards (2/26), Bill Aggelis (2/15), Maliq Din (2/35) and Hayden Jacobs (2/10).



A beautiful afternoon tea, complete with scones and cream, was presented by our Spotless friends before the run chase began. Niraj Edwards and Maliq Deane began the innings with some fine stroke play and quickly had the XXIX Club on the ropes and thinking that 177 was not enough, before a number of run outs and some tight bowling from Arthur Pritchard brought the XXIXers back into the game. Edwards innings came to an unfortunate end when he was run out for a fine 63, and then some late wickets to Tim Norton, and some fine fielding from the youthful substitutes of

Alistair McCooke and Matthew Oaten, saw the Spotless innings brought to an end with 4 overs to spare. The efforts of Niraj Edwards in nearly steering the Spotless XI to victory saw him duly awarded the Man of the Match award. The club then enjoyed a wonderful dinner and the fine hospitality of the Spotless Group, and the club is greatly indebted to the Spotless management team of Mark Owens and Ian Delmenico for putting on such a wonderful day, and for its continued support of the club. Adding further to the day was the efforts of our umpires Ian Aitken and John Robinson, and debut scorer Bruce Hexter, and the club once again looks forward to our fixture with the Spotless XI in the forthcoming season.

John McCormick Manager

MCC XXIX CLUB v CRUSADERS

Played at: Bulleen Cricket Ground on 15 January 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB	LOST TO	CRUSADERS
192 (38.4 OVERS)		193 (40 OVERS)

	BATTING	BOWLING		BATTING	BOWLING	
A Kent	50	0/17 (2)	G Travaglia	11		
J Kent	17	1/15 (7)	K Baddeley	20		
P O'Donnell	20		C Dalkin	53	0/7	(1)
M Stein	3	1/43 (8)	N Puccio	50	2/32	(5)
P Petricola	19	1/17 (4)	M Sheehan	16		
T Lamb	8		P Bedford	11		
R Cassell	27		G Hart	7	n.o.	
A Johnston	2	0/22 (4)	B Dalkin	2	0/19	(5)
C Stockdale	5	0/18 (5)	J Costello	6	n.o. 2/45	(7)
P Halbish	23	1/17 (5)	J Segar	DNB	2/33	(6.4)
T Ryan	13	n.o. 1/37 (8)	M Rattenbury	DNB	0/27	(6)
			G Shipp	DNB	1/27	(8)
Sundries	5		Sundries	17		

Umpires: John Robinson & John Mallet

In excellent conditions at Bulleen Cricket Club the XXIXers and Crusaders played out an exciting finish resulting in the Crusaders being victorious by 3 wickets on the last ball of the day.

The MCC batted first on a good wicket and contributions from Andrew Kent, John Kent, Rob Cassell, Peter O'Donnell and Phil Halbish took the score to 192 off 38.4 overs, with the highlight being Andrew Kent's flowing half century.

The Crusaders then started steadily with the help of some missed opportunities by the MCC in the field. Some excellent middle order batting from Chris Dalkin and Nick Puccio, both with half centuries, left it at 5 runs an over required of the last 10 overs. It came down to 2 runs being required off the last ball of the day and a skied catch was missed with the 2 runs for victory being completed.



Andrew Kent in action



Philip Halbish Manager



MCC XXIX CLUB v SANDHURST C.C.

Played at: the Albert Ground on 18 January 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB		DEFEATED		SANDHUF				
5/20	08 (40 OVERS)				9/197 (39.2	2 OVE	RS)	
	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING		BOWLING	
W Stahmer	30			D Larke	19		1/47	(6)
M Scholten	5			M Giri	75	Ret	0/12	(2)
J Graham	90		2/20 (7)	N Scullie	1		0/7	(2)
M Dunstan	4		0/8(2.2)	J Schneider	15		0/17	(2)
P O'Donnell	20		1/12 (2)	M Holland	12		0/6	(1)
G Anderson	26	Ret		P Brophy	26	Ret		
S Stockdale	11	n.o.	0/30 (3)	L Kinniburgh	25			
S Gilmour	6	n.o.	1/28 (8)	T Mitchell	0		0/35	(6)
M Butler			1/16 (3)	B Fawcett	0		2/14	(3)
G Fiddler			0/43(70)	A Trump	1		1/34	(7)
B Milliken			2/27 (8)	T Russell	2	n.o.	1/16	(6)
				T Scullie	4	n.o.	1/24	(5)
Extras	19				16			

Umpires: Ian Aitken, Mike Slattery

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

The MCC XXIX Club entered the field with a new look side to play the visitors after the regular group of players had either gone into retirement or were unavailable. The opening attack of Milliken & Gilmour, the MCC 1st XI figureheads, kept the visitors on their toes whilst change bowlers Dustan, Fiddler, Stockdale & the spin of wine maker Max Butler was steady. The innings drew to a slow death with the advent of Justin Graham's off spin backed up by Gilmour & Milliken finishing off their over allotment. Matthew Giri with a retired 75, Pat Brophy (26) & Leigh Kinniburgh (25) stood out with the bat. Boasting 4 senior MCC XI players, the XXIX Club fielding left nothing to be desired.

Chasing 191, we were quickly 1/18 with the departure of Scholten for 5. However, a 70 run partnership between the deputizing skipper Stahmer and a rampaging Graham set up the target. It was followed by a partnership of 43 between Dunstan (4) & Graham who tore the attack to shreds. After that, a win was a formality. 'Arms' Anderson (26 n.o.) and new boy Peter O'Donnell steered us home.

The game highlight was Justin Graham's all round performance including his fielding, not to mention the participation of the senior XI players; something that the club has been striving to reintroduce since the 'El Presidente' Stuart Stockdale took the helm. Thanks to the umpires for the day.

Bill Stahmer Manager



Our victorious Manager recently receiving his MCC Lacrosse Life Member Certificate

MCC XXIX CLUB v WESTERN PLAINS

Scheduled to be played at:

Derrinallum on 22 January 2006 - Match Cancelled

This year's report will seem more like 'Club Social Notes' and a travel article rather than a match report.

With the announcement of the selected side a number of members elected to travel to Derrinallum on the Saturday to allow for a leisurely preparation for the match and to ensure that they would be well rested after the 200 kilometre journey.

Sitting down to a sumptuous meal of local produce at the Derrinallum Hotel the Manager was called to the phone to be informed that because of the high fire danger conditions prevailing at the time the game would not go ahead. This decision was understandable given the forecast temperature for Sunday was in the high forties with extreme strength north winds and the area is high risk for bushfires. Major fires were being fought at the time at the nearby Grampians and Portland. The other team members were contacted and advised of the decision and our advance party though disappointed decided to continue with the social aspects of the fixture. This involved a fairly late night discussing with the locals past XXIX Club/Western Plains games.

In the morning the party travelled to Camperdown for a delightful breakfast, taking in a tour of the scenic volcanic crater lakes and returning to Melbourne via a Geelong lunch. The Manager meantime headed north, into the wind to Bendigo.

Thanks to Michael Rattenbury, Ken Baddeley, Colin Walker, Ron Shugg, Geoff Fidler Barrie and Gwen Hopkins for their commitment in making the trip. The record in this long standing fixture now stands at Western Plains 29 wins, XXIX Club 19 wins

We look forward to hosting the Western Plains in Melbourne in 2007.



Barry Anderson Manager



The victorious XXIX Club team who finally turned the tables on the MCC President's XI.



MCC XXIX CLUB v BENDIGO CC

Played at: Queen Elizabeth Oval (QEO), Bendigo on 29 January 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB		DEFE	DEFEATED		CC	
4/138 (28.3 OVERS)				114 (39.3 0\	/ERS)	
	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING	BOWLING
M Pinniger	8		3/26(13.3)	P Munro	14	1/12 (4)
N Hicks	9			G Franzi	4	
M Grose	24			T Ryan	13	
P Sharkey	14	Ret	0/7 (7)	S Brewin	9	0/53 (4)
P Halbish	55	Ret	4/25(10)	D Trickey	40	1/0 (0.3)
T Jones	10	n.o.		J Naunton	2	1/21 (5)
H Jones	8	n.o.		T Hamilton	25	
J McCormack	DNB		1/14 (3)	A Sheehan	0	0/10 (4)
R Strongman	DNB		1/20 (6)	J Gordon	3	1/6 (2)
				S Graham	6	
				L Wust	1	1/26 (5)
				N Cook	DNB	0/8 (3)

Umpires: Joe Sarterchi, Gary Piggott

On a very hot day in Bendigo (with the mercury hitting the 40 deg. + mark) a strong XXIX Club sent the host side into bat on the flat wicket and lush outfield of the famous QEO. The evergreen XXIX Club member, Randall Strongman and Melbourne 1st XI player Phil Halbish opened the bowling with Phil bowling quickly with the Bendigo batsmen showing him due respect. Randall with advancing years and declining pace bowled his wily away swingers and cutters taking 1/20 of six. Unlike other years, Randall was glad to see the early demise of his batting nemesis, Paul Munro, depart early to a beautiful ball from Phil.

Matthew Pinniger was bought on and bowled extremely well, controlling the scoring rate and securing a well deserved 3/26 of a marathon 13 overs straight. Another newcomer to the team, medium pacer Paul Sharkey bowled a very tight spell with an unlucky 0/7 off 7 overs. John McCormick, bowling his leg breaks, also shared in the wickets with a cameo 1/14 off 3 overs. The bowling was tight all day and this restricted the Bendigo side to their lowest total against the XXIXers of all out for 114 at the compulsory closure.

After a magnificent lunch, in the relative coolness of the clubrooms with the hosts offering a dozen VB's to the Melbourne players (just to re-hydrate us!).

The XXIXers innings opened up with Matthew Pinniger and Neil Hicks (a new MCC and former Young England player). After a bright start both Neil and Matthew were out on 22. Marcus Grose came in and batted really well for a well compiled 24. Then enter Phil Halbish and Paul Sharkey. After a few sighters, Phil unleased a spate of big hitting not seen at the famous ΩEO for quite a while. With five 6's in a row and a total of six 6's three 4's, the remaining 52 runs for victory were achieved in very short time. Paul and Phil retired on 14 and 55 respectively thus allowing father and son combination, Tim (10 n.o.) and Huw Jones (8 n.o.) to finish off the innings.

A final score of 4/138, saw the XXIXers then relax at an after match BBQ with plenty of food, (cooked by the former MCC legend, lan 'The Bear' Coates) and refreshments (the ones offered at lunch).

The cup was handed over to the XXIXers for the first time in 4 years, a much-welcomed result. This match has a great history of 18 years of hard fort cricket and great fellowship. It was great to see the XXIXers get one back, the stats now stand at Bendigo CC - 10 wins, MCC - 7 wins with one draw.

Special thanks go the umpires Garry Piggott and Joe Sartechi for their efforts in the extreme conditions and Brett Whittle and Paul Phillipson for acting as subs. Thanks also go to all members and supporters of the Bendigo CC that made this day so special for the visiting team, their families and supporters.

PS Our opening bowler Randall Strongman did not make it back on the return bus to Melbourne that night, he was last seen disappearing, can in hand with XXIX Club stalwart and Bendigo resident, Barry Anderson.

PPS Randall arrived safely, via train, in Melbourne the following day around 1.00pm looking a little green around the gills! A few beers were consumed I believe, in the relief of Randall not being flogged by the Bendigo batters this year and discussions of former glories and conquests of these two international touring friends.

Tim Jones Manager

MCC XXIX CLUB v MORNINGTON PENINSULA CRICKETERS' CLUB

Played at: Mt Martha, Ferraro Reserve on 8 February 2006

	MCC XXIX CLUB 80 (28 OVERS)		LOST TO	MORNINGTON PENINSULA C.C. 4/145 (28 OVERS)			
	BATTING	BOWLING		BATTING	ı	BOWLING	
M Scholten	22		G Burch	0			
L Darbyshire	0		C Burch	31	Ret	3/8	(4)
S Stockdale	9		L Pimm	16			
G Fidler	1	1/33 (5)	J Lane	30	Ret	1/9	(4)
P Butler	8	0/15 (2)	C Munday	10	n.o.		
R Shugg	10	1//13 (2)	M Brittair	n 30	Ret	1/12	(4)
J Oliver	13	n.o.	M Dobson	0			
C Gore	4	0/10 (2)	l Tradgath	13		1/14	(4)
C Walker	0	1/17 (3)	J Petrie	DNB		2/7	(2)
P MacIsaac	1	1/27 (4)	P Lane	DNB		1/2	(1)
M Butler	6	1/32 (8)	T Brittain	DNB		1/10	(4)
S Walker		0/9 (2)	M Dibben	DNB		0/14	(4)
Sundries	6			15			

Umpires: Len Mill Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

Beautiful sunshine, beautiful beaches and fine wine. What more could a bunch of gentlemen ask for on a mid week trip to the Mornington Peninsula. But unfortunately, as manager, I had difficulty in getting the message across that cricket was the order of the day!

Sent in on a synthetic wicket, many of our guns obviously had difficulty with the predictable bounce of the 'true turf' and with our minds on other things, were perhaps seduced by the wonderful surrounds.

These distractions aside, Matt Scholten (22), Jeremy Oliver (13 retired hurt) and Ron Shugg (10) were the only batsmen to move into double figures, with four others losing concentration after hitting boundaries.

This is not to take anything away from the Peninsula bowlers, among whom were ex Country Week representatives who bowled a disciplined line and length. Our cause was not helped when Jeremy Oliver was forced to retire due to injury just as we were mounting a valuable 5th wicket partnership. This meant we were also down a 'demon' bowler!

Apart from a magnificent Ron Shugg catch early in the MPCC innings, our bowlers toiled hard but with only 4 individual wicket takers, we were up against restricting the MPCC from easily over-hauling our modest 80 runs. In the end, it was the MPCC who enjoyed the sunshine, as we did their post-match hospitality.

Our thanks go to the following team members who made the journey, and also umpire Len Mill and our scorer Barrie Hopkins (Lord's accredited). Their contribution was appreciated by all participants.



Max Butler Manager



MCC XXIX CLUB v CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NSW

Played at: University of NSW, Village Green on 13 February 2006

	MCC XXIX CLUB 9/178 CC (40 OVERS)			ST TO	CRICKETERS CLUB OF NSW 5/182 (38 OVERS)			
	BATTING	BOWLING			BATTING		BOWLING	
W Stahmer	9			D Kay	4		2/18	(4)
G Burke	0	1/40	(8)	F Crowe	16			
G Anderson	12			C Kitson	81		0/38	(5)
J Roberts	3			B Earle	15		1/37	(6)
N Maxwell	83	2/41	(8)	P Emery	53	n.o.	1/26	(3)
D Johnstone	2	0/15	(2)	D Taylor	5		2/20	(8)
J Anderson	7	0/27	(5)	C Haigh	1	n.o.		
M Anderson	19	1/25	(7)	E Smith	DNB		1/13	(8)
S Stockdale	25	n.o.		S Taylor	DNB			
B Moir	1			P Moorhouse	e DNB		2/23	(6)
S Cook	6	n.o. 1/32	(8)					
Sundries	15							

Umpires: John Williams, Nick Fowler Scorer: Adrian Butler, John Russell

This year the game took place on the "Village Green", the home of the University of NSW, which was a fair substitute for the SCG that was required for an international game the previous day. The visitors were a little tardy and rusty after a stint in the Manly pubs the previous day.

The XXIX Club were invited to bat as the squad struggled in at various intervals. The target was to bat for the full 40 overs. Stahmer and Burke opened. Burke did not trouble the scorers, but was well court by former NSW keeper Emery. Stahmer played his usual innings – a mix of "stay there's" and swings and misses. It was an entertaining 9. The only batsman to master the moderate CC of NSW attack was former MCC man, and manager of Brett Lee, Neil Maxwell. Maxy hit 83 including 4 mighty 6's. The only other player to exceed 20 was Club President Stockdale who got the XXIX Club to a final total of 182, which we all knew was 20 or so short.

The XXIX Club's attack was headed by former Test player Simon Cook, now based in Sydney. He bowled like someone who had been out of the game for a little while, but he did manage to rattle the woodwork of opener Kay. Maxwell completed a good double with a couple of wickets and young Anderson was tidy. However Kitson and Emery struck the ball well for the home side and they were able to pass the XXIX Club's total with 2 overs to spare .It was a competitive game played in perfect conditions.

It was also good to catch up with many of our Sydney based former MCC players. John Thompson kept for a while, but was preoccupied with a multi million dollar purchase of a property in Manly. Dooley Roberts still looks like a greyhound and Burkey is still trying to look like Hulk Hogan.



As always the CC of NSW post match hospitality was first class with a delicious Barbie and refreshments, accompanied by presentations and speeches, which dragged on well into the night.

John Anderson Manager

MCC XXIX Club V HMAS Cerberus

Played at: the Albert Ground 19 February 2006

HMAS CERBERUS

DEFEATED

5 /222 (40 OVERS)		_	116 (19.1 OVERS)					
	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING	ı	BOWLING	
M Scholten	14			P Singer	4			
D Talalla	32	Ret	2/5 (2)	D Egan	15		1/21	(5)
T Jones	33	Ret		J Parsons	18			
R Sitlington	10		2/17 (3)	M Bryan	18			
C Penman	32	Ret	1/12 (2)	D McKenzie	39	n.o.	0/43	(5)
Daryl Strudwic	:k 21	Ret		D Johnson	4		1/18	(5)
S Stockdale	13			C Stoll	0		1/29	(5)
G Fidler	7		0/31 (5)	A Silverhorne	0			
M Langley	24	n.o.	1/0(0.1)) B Sinclair	0			
D Raeside	4		0/19 (3)	P Locke	1		0/30	(5)
P O'Donnell	18	n.o.		M De Zilva	5		0/22	(5)
				L Malberzs	DNB		0/28	(5)
				D Broderick	DNB		2/16	(5)
Sundries	14				12			

Umpires: Darrell Holt, John Mellett

MCC XXIX CLUB

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

The XXIX Club innings started soundly until Matthew Scholten was out to a very good one handed catch by the bowler, Darren Johnson. David Talalla (32 Ret) and tim Jones (33 Ret) then gradually took control and scored freely. Chris Penman (32 Ret) played some terrific shots with his forty year old bat and was well supported by Daryl Strudwick (21 Ret).

The scoring rate slowed down between the 25th and 35th over and a total of under 200 seemed likely. Mark Langley (24 n.o.) and big hitting Peter O'Donnell (18 n.o.) had other ideas and a whirlwind partnership boosted the total to a healthy 222. For Cerberus the only multiple wicket taker was last used bowler Derek Broderick (2/16).

The Cerberus innings started at a furious rate with 49 runs from the first 7 overs and it looked as though a real challenge would be made. Unfortunately all of the early batsmen who looked dangerous were out to over ambitious shots and none reached the 30 retired target with a chance to bat again later. The innings suddenly collapsed and they were all out for 116 at the start of the 20th over.

Our regular opening bowler Rod Sitlington (2/17) again performed well with two clean bowled and David Talalla took 2/5/ Father and son combination Mark and Tim Langley had a great day. After a nervous start, 16 year old Tim won the bowling honours with 3/32 and then held a catch at square leg off the first and only ball bowled by father Mark.

An after match BBQ was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Barrie Hopkins, David Raeside and a number of ladies for their assistance.



Several speeches were made with the Perpetual Ball Trophy retained by the XXIXers.

David Strudwick Manager



MCC XXIX CLUB v PRESIDENT'S XI

Played at: the Albert Ground, 22 February 2006

PRESIDENT'S XI

1/44 (5)

DEFEATED

5/195 CC (40 OVERS)				183 (38.3	OVERS)		
	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING	BOWLING	
W Stahmer	4			S Berak	12		
A Middlin	16			R O'Neill	0	0/16	(2)
M Sholly	5			D Talalla	9		
M Anderson	8		1/25 (8)	R Templeton	26	0/12	(5)
J Anderson	40		2/42 (6)	B Harper	53	n.o.	
P Halbish	53	Ret	2/27 (8)	K Jones	16	0/35	(5)
S Gilmour	32	n.o.	2/31 (8)	B Milliken	22	1/20	(7)
S McCooke	28	n.o.	0/50 (7)	R Winter	28	2/27	(8)
D Broad	DNB		2/3(1.3)	A Dalby	3	1/33	(8)
G Fidler	DNB			T Jones	7		

Umpires: Ian Aitken, John Robinson

DNB

MCC XXIX CLUB

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

S Stockdale

Sundries

Winless in this fixture since the Peter French team of 1993, the XXIX Club took up the challenge of a change of venue from the usual MCG to adopt a fresh approach upon which to plan an unexpected victory. As usual, the afternoon started with the expected light luncheon in the change-rooms followed by a very deliberate toss of the coin. John Fitzgibbon, given the Captaincy by THE PRES, put the XXIX Club into bat on what looked like a typically flat Albert deck.

J Fitzgibbon

Sundries

How misread were we all (or maybe just the XXIX Club)! The pitch provided demon opportunities for the star-studed President's Combine and many thought the match over with our score at 4/45. A recovery was lead by gritty work of John Anderson (40) and a marvellous show-stopper in the form of Phil Halbish. Has the Albert ever scene a better social "50" than Phil's total command of a rather distinguished opposition attack? Phil retired on 53 to allow a late flurry by Steve Gilmour (32no) & Steven McCooke (28 no).

The declaration at 5/195 was a fantastic recovery but we reckoned a lot of hard work was ahead of the group. A touched run-out from the opening ball was a wonderful start to a 10 wicket campaign but despite solid bowling by Halbish, Gilmour and the Anderson brothers, the Committee-room Eleven seemed to have the game under control at 5/150 after 30 overs. With another defeat glaring at the XXIX Club, the double bowling change of the decade saw David Broad come into the attack snatching 3 wickets in 9 balls and Gilmour joined Halbish and J.Anderson with 2 wickets. The game was over before the beer was properly chilled. What an amazing turnaround and a fitting finish to end an historic run of outs in this fixture.

The day's play finished with fine dining in the Clive Fairburn Pavilion amidst some very emotional speeches. President David Jones, somewhat reluctantly, handed over the Brian Watson Memorial Trophy.

The all-round performance of Phil Halbish was acknowledged with the Man of Match Award.

Thank you MCC and President David Jones.

Stuart Stockdale Manager



MCC XXIX CLUB v PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Played at: Xavier College on 5 March 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB	LOST TO	PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA
6/164 CC (37 OVERS)		7/168 (31 OVERS)

	BATTING	BOV	VLING		BATTING		BOWLING	
M Scholten	40	Ret		P Robertson	41	Ret	0/21	(5)
P Barker	20			C Toet	41	Ret		
L Darbyshire	40	Ret		T Clinnick	32		0/33	(6)
J Chapman	31			T Cowell	4			
T Norton	4		0/38 (6)	T Bandanis	0			
T Radford	0		3/39 (6)	C Penman	16			
G Fidler	15	n.o.	0/23 (6)	K Penaluna	16	n.o.		
S Stockdale	7	n.o.		C Nunan	8		1/15	(6)
R Shugg				A Bandanis	4	n.o.	0/12	(4)
C Walker			0/19 (3)	L Pimm			1/24	(6)
P MacIsaac			0/33 (4)	D McNamara			0/18	(4)
M Butler			2/11 (6)	R Elvins			1/35	(6)
Sundries	7				6			

Umpires: Ian Aitken, Len Mills Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

The last fixture of the season saw our team resembling the 2005 UK tour party, with nine of the twelve players experiencing a tour game. Unfortunately the result on this day mirrored that trip with the XXIX Club coming second.

Batting first the XXIX Club was given a cautious start with Scholten (40 ret), Barker (20), Darbyshire (40 ret) and Jeff Chapman (31) all contributing. Tony Radford, playing his first XXIX Club game for the season, was obviously confused who he was playing for and quickly joined the ranks of the Primary Club. With 25 runs coming from the final two overs we reached a total of 164 for 6 (37 overs).

With our original opening bowlers failing late fitness tests, we were like the boy with the barrow. Another UK tourist Chris Toet (41) and his opening batting partner Peter Robertson (41) took little pity on our depleted bowling stocks and, although Max Butler (2 for 11) and Tony Radford (3 for 39) ignited a late revival, the Primary Club were eventual victors - 7 for 168 (31 overs).

Thanks to umpires Ian Aitken and Len Mills, the doyen of team managers, Jack Huxtable, and our ever accurate scorer Barrie Hopkins.



Also thank-you to Tim Norton for providing the venue for the important team debrief and match review.

Geoff Fidler Manager



MCC XXIX Club - Queen's Birthday Weekend - June, 2006

The concept of a triangular series involving the mainland Eastern States had been discussed over past decades but more seriously since the early 1990's.

After so many years, concept became reality when the 2006 Queen's Birthday weekend joined our Hosts, the Queensland Cricketers' Club, with the Cricketers Club of New South Wales and the XXIX Club.



On 9 June, a group of 51

assembled in Caloundra for a Sunshine Coast festival of cricket. Despite drought-breaking rain, three turf games were played over the week-end with QCC (a Club with a strong presence at the 'Gabba') and MCC sharing the points – although point-sharing was irrelevant to the weekend with cricket and camaraderie the two main successors.



Four long unfolding Dinners brought the three Clubs into a closer fraternity with the final night highlighted by the discussion of the Demons big win over Collingwood later caped off with the Socceroos thrilling 3-1 win over Japan.

The MCC contingent of 21 were highly commended by the event organisers for the standard of presentation with most of the group still displaying 2005 UK travelling apparel.

Our Saturday contest with QCC saw Dennis Lillee and Stuart Stockdale resolve to play 2 brackets of 25 overs each – half a game before lunch and the balance after the break. Unfortunately, a storm hit at lunch when the game was at a very interesting situation.

Miraculously, the ground dried out sufficiently for the Sunday game with CC NSW and Colin Walker, debuting as a XXIX Club Captain, was successful as he marshalled his troops whilst up to his ankles in water near the mid-wicket boundary.

Such was the enjoyment of the week-end, there was strong resolve to repeat the event annually, although that may prove somewhat difficult in a UK Tour year.

Stuart Stockdale

Manager

MCC XXIX CLUB v QUEENSLAND CRICKETERS' CLUB

Played at: Caloundra CC on 10 June 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB	*DREW WITH	QUEENSLAND CRICKETERS' CLUB
3/96 (25 OVERS)		3/116 (25 OVERS)

	BATTING	ВО	WLING		BATTING	В	OWLING	
S Stockdale	20	Ret		G Baker	20			
W Sander	23	Ret	0/8 (1)	R Turner	16			
P Khan	10		0/9 (4)	M Lucas	20		0/6	(2)
R Jacobi	20	Ret	2/11 (4)	R Ard	18			
D Riley	9	n.o.		R Chapman	16	n.o.		
C Walker	1		0/26 (4)	A Billsborough	10		0/25	(4)
J Walker	6		0/25 (4)	M White	9	n.o.	0/15	(4)
M Berry	0	n.o.	0/19 (4)	N Taylor			0/9	(4)
G Blackley				D Lillie			1/6	(4)
R Shugg				C Wills			1/16	(4)
M Butler			0/15 (4)	M Seery			0/14	(3)
Sundries	7				7			

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins

*MATCH WAS TO BE 50 OVERS PER TEAM – EACH SIDE BATTED FOR 25 OVERS BEFORE RAIN FORCED THE MATCH TO BE ABANDONED BEFORE EACH TEAM FACED THEIR 'SECOND LOT' OF 25 OVERS







MCC XXIX CLUB v CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NSW

Played at: Caloundra CC on 11 June 2006

MCC XXIX CLUB	DEFEATED	CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NSW
8/132 CC (31 OVERS)		8/123 cc (31 OVERS)

	BATTING	В	OWLING		BATTING	BOV	VLING	
C Wills	35		2/4 (2)	N McNamara	28		1/14	(5)
P Khan	0		1/9 (6)	K Godfrey	5		0/3	(2)
G Blackley	10		0/25 (6)	F Crowe	19		1/5	(1)
R Shugg	22	Ret	0/34 (5)	I McLenaughan	9		1/16	(4)
R Jakobi	18			0 Murray	3		0/24	(5)
D Riley	20	Ret		J Jones	20	Ret		
J Walker	7		2/4 (2)	B Fallon	2			
C Walker	8			S Cross	15	n.o.	0/13	(3)
M Butler	2		2/20 (6)	G McGrath	2		0/16	(4)
M Burchall	0			M Berry	2		3/19	(3)
S Stockdale	1	n.o.	0/15 (4)	A Hawkes	0		0/14	(4)
Sundries	9				18			

Scorer: Barrie Hopkins



List of Members

Α	
Abblitt	Murray
Aitken	David
Aitken	lan
Alder	Timothy
Allison	Kenneth
Anderson	Barry
Anderson	Gloria
Anderson	Graeme
Anderson	John
Anderson	Mark
Anderson	Peter
Appleby	David
Arms	Christopher
Ashton	Peter
Ashwell	lan
Atherton	William
Austin	Robert

В Baddeley Kenneth Baker Kimbal Barclay David Barnes Colin Batrouney Robert Stephen Batty Beacham Andrew Beacham Edward Beacham Edward Bedford Peter Bell John Bennison John Birrell Lindsay Blackbell Leslie Blackley Gene **Bollard** Keith Booth Robert Bowen Stephan Boyd Graham Brentnall Ronald Broad David Brown Graeme Brown Graham Brown Gregory Bulgin Graeme **Bunting** Paul Burke Gary Burn Philip

C Canavan Anthony Carlyon Norman Carroll William Cass Bruce Cate John Chancellor Geoffrey Chaplin Brian Chapman Jeffrey Chesterman Michael Chisholm Andrew Church Bruce Church Stephen Coates lan

Cockerell Geoffrey Coker Andrew Collett lan Collins Peter Cormack Geoffrey Cox Daryl Stephen Cramp Crawford Ronald Crewdson David Croft Darren Croft Dean Croft Robert Crow David Crozier-Durham Andrew

D Dalrymple Neil William Dalrymple Darbyshire Leslie Dart Charles Dart Simon **Davies** Robert Dellow Frank Delves Michael Dillon John Dillon Kathleen Dodd Frederick Donaldson Barry Donohue Timothy Dooley Jason Douglas Donald Dove Barry Downward Anthony Dudderidge Peter Dunstan Jeffrey Dwyer Anthony

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Edmends Robert
Edwards Mark
Elvins Richard
Errington Richard
Evans Evan
Ewison Ross

F Fairbairn Clive Farr Wayne Faulkner Peter Feben Gregory Feltham Colin Fenton John Ross Fenton Fidler Geoffrey Fildes Charles Charles Fildes Fogarty Dennis Fogarty Luke Forsyth Richard Foster Mark Boyd Fox Neale Fraser

Freer	John
French	Peter
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Galbraith	Colin
Geary	Reginald
Gillard	Bill
Gillard	Anthony
Gore	Charles
Gothe Graf	John Shaun
Graham	John
Grange	John
Gregory	John
Gretton-Watson	Michael
Gunn	John
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Hammet	lan
Harrod	Richard
Hart	Geoffrey
Hays	Peter
Head	Cameron
Hennig Hexter	Ross Bruce
Hickie	Justin
Hickie	Kieran
Hickie	Thomas
Hollings	Peter
Hoogendoorn	Jacob
Hopkins	Barrie
Horskins	Bryan
Howarth Huntington	Graeme Ian
Hutchinson	Alan
Huxtable	Jack
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Jaensch Jain	Francis Chand
Jakobi Jakobi	Robert
James	Phillip
Jenkin	Frank
Johnston	Andrew
Johnston	Christian
Johnston	David
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Jones	David
Jones	William
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Kennedy	Rowan
Kent	Andrew
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Khan	Salim
Kilby	Noel
King	Peter
Kingston	Philip
Kirby	David
Knox	Michael
Knuppel	Peter
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Lamb	Troy
Lamont	Andrew
Langley	Mark

Laver		Harold
Laver		Lloyd
Lay		Graeme
Lill		John
Linsten		Joram
Lloyd		Robert
Longne	ey .	Stephen
Lynch		Edward
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MacAu	lay	John
MacDo	nald	Barrie
MacDo	nald	Robert
MacGil	,	Alasdair
MacIsa		Philip
MacKir		John
MacWl		John
Maguir	e	lan
Main		Fraser
Marr	-	Gary
Master Mather		Kelly Geoffrey
Matter		Barry
Matter	-	Russell
Matthi		Keith
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Mc Car	,	Donald
Mc Car		John
Mc Cod	oke	Steven
Mc Cor	rmick	Anthony
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Mc Doi	nald	lan
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Mill		Leonard
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Miscan		Charles
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Masters	Kelly	
Mathers	Geoffrey	
Matters	Barry	
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Mc Donald	lan _	
Mc Donald	Trevor	
Mc Lean	Allan	
Mc Queen	Donald	
Mill	Leonard	
Miller	Quentin	
Miscamble	Charles	
Mitchell	Robert	
Moir	Bruce	
Morgan	Jeffrey	
Morris	David	
Moss	Jeffrey	
Moss	Peter	
Moyes	Donald	
Murch	Nigel	
Murphy	Colin	
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Penman	Christopher	
Penwill	Anthony	
Perdriau	Charles	
Peters	Michael	
Phillips	Frederick	



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V Vine	Graeme
W Wagstaff Waite Walker Walker Wallis Walpole Walton Warner Warner Warren Welch Whelan White White White Whiteman Williams Willia	Geoffrey John Colin Edward Andrew Hugh Peter Maxwell Steven Andrew John Clark Gavin Phillip Michael Eivion Neil William Robert Timothy Taylor Kenneth Daryl Christian lan

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First Names:	(Work)
Surname:	(Mobile)
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Suburb:	
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Are you a current regular player? Yes No (tic	ck box)
If Yes, What Club & Grade? Club	Grade
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP • I hereby make application to join the MCC XXIX Club and en	nclose my payment of \$75.00, which includes the entrance fee of \$40.00 and the
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