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“NEWS FROM THE NEST”

At the end of the 2007-08 season, the Willetton Crows Cricket Club was at the crossroads. A combination of poor on-field performances and limited success financially meant that the club was in danger of going the same way as many other community clubs have in the past - either having to merge with another club or else fold.

The decision was made to fight our way back into a stronger position and a hard winter of work started for the new committee. The recruitment of new players became a priority but the big question was how to recruit players to a club that wasn't that successful the previous year and what could the club offer them?

The club met with more than twenty prospective players and coaches and told them of our vision for a stronger club able to compete at a first grade level. Some could not see the merit in our efforts, whilst others could and they came on board. Those guys now form the nucleus of our first grade side, as well our second, third, fourth and fifth sides.

For the first time since 1988-89, Willetton has a team competing in First Grade competition. This competition included a number of teams that have since left our competition, merged with other clubs or disbanded teams. These include Byford, Gosnells, Riverton and Roleystone.

The club is also fielding a Fifth XI for the first time since the South Suburban days in 1982-83, a competition which included teams like Brentwood, Centrals, Ferndale, Karnet Prison and Langford.

To listen to the talk after a game and at training, there are lots of positives with our coaching panel of Peter Brown, John Gallagher and Barry Savage. They are engaging the playing group in some great training drills and making training interesting and fun, as well as hard work.

Our two "English gentlemen" ... or "New Pom" and "Old Pom" as we know them ... have been tremendous assets to the club and are great contributors both on and off the field.

The club members who have been around for a while have seen a sense of pride and purpose back at the club, and we have a great bunch of guys who are prepared to do the necessary things to make the club successful.

Be proud of where you come from and be proud to be a Crows player or club man.

"Go the Crows"



FIRST GRADE

The Willetton Crows hosted Armadale at Burrendah Reserve in their first match in First Grade since the 1988-89 season and were put into the field after losing the toss. The Demons posted a score of 273, with a third-wicket partnership of 82 and a 50-run last wicket stand being the key to their solid total. Richard Oliver (4/66) and Paul Tunnicliffe (3/23) made inroads in the middle order as the visitors lost four wickets for 25 runs before the late flurry of runs. There were also wickets for the economical Barry Savage (1/6 from 5), Omar Bangash and Peter Brown.

In the Willetton reply, a 78-run fourth wicket partnership between debutant Richard Soulsby (102) and Stuart Miller (38) was the highlight in the Crows' innings, with the lowlight being the loss of the last five wickets for three runs after being well-placed at 3/167 at one stage to be dismissed for 207. Richard Oliver (15), opener John Gallagher (13) and Barry Savage (13) also managed double figure tallies.

Batting again, Armadale were 1/42 at stumps with Brendan Hornby taking the wicket to fall.

The Crows then took on Hilton Palmyra in an important early-season clash at Melville Reserve. Having been put into the field, Willetton started well as they had the home side 2-13 early on and then three middle order wicket in the space of nine runs had the score evenly poised at 5/90. Some steady late innings batting allowed Hilton to post a score of 199. Opener Tim Sewell took 3/33, stand-in skipper Richard Oliver had figures of 2/16 and Barry Savage ended with 2/51. Richard Oliver and Paul Tunnicliffe both held two catches in the field for the Crows.

Richard Soulsby and Elliot MacLachlan started the reply off in solid fashion, as the pair added 56 for the first wicket. Unfortunately, the weather conspired to work against us (as well as some slow play) and the visitors were left tantalisingly close to victory at 5/160 from 58.2 overs when bad light eventually called an end to proceedings. Pat Vallence top scored with 43, Richard Soulsby made 38 in another impressive effort with the bat and Richard Oliver scored 29 as both sides shared the points.

THIRD GRADE

Willetton were able to salvage a draw after conceding 360 against Cockburn thanks to wet weather. Cockburn won the toss and batted under sunny skies and were in positions of strength at 1-130 and 3-234 before a Dan Davey-inspired fightback allowed the Crows to dismiss the Cavaliers for 360 in the 74th over.

Davey was the standout performer with the ball, taking 4/25 from 5 overs, whilst Elliot MacLachlan, Andrew Jacobs, Arnav Ajurani, Steve Patmore and Carlos dos Santos all taking one wicket each.

The Crows maintained their unbeaten run and notched up their first win of the season with a 105 run win on the first innings against Riverton-Rostrata at Burrendah Reserve. Having decided to bat first, the home side looked anything but impressive after being 5/8, but Aiden Sloan (70), Carlos Dos Santos (36) and Brendan Hornby (30) were the catalyst for a revival and the Crows were able to post a challenging score of 220 for the Rats to chase.

Brendan Hornby and Steve Patmore were men inspired and between them took control of the match. Hornby nabbed 5/45 from 20 overs which included seven maidens and Patmore was economic as usual as he took 4/29 from 17 overs. Riverton-Rostrata's opening batsmen made 53 of their eventual score of 110, which included 12 runs from their last six batsmen. Aiden Sloan turned in another serviceable effort behind the stumps with two catches.

Batting again, Willetton finished the day on 2/60, with Abi Sharma top-scoring with 31 and the other batsman to be dismissed was captain Ashbeel Sikander for 10.

SEVENTH GRADE

The Seventh Grade side had an extra week to wait to start their season, but unfortunately it wasn't a winning start as Armadale prevailed by 37 runs at Willetton Reserve. Having decided to bat first in gloomy conditions, the Crows made early inroads to have the Demons on 6/71 as Derek Mott snared 5/32 from his eight overs and Glenn Dobson (1/38) kept the batsmen in check. David Trevaskis (1/16), Roshan Lokuge (1/29) and Evan McMurtrie (1/13) also bowled well with a greasy ball as Armadale finished their rain-interrupted innings on 9-165.

Willetton's batsmen had a less than ideal start with three wickets being lost by the time the score reached 15, but Kristian Judge (25) and the hard-hitting Charleigh Close (23) added 45 for the fourth wicket to put the home side back in the contest. Greg Pushkutchin chipped in with 15 and Derek Mott added 11, but the batting didn't realise its potential and the Crows were all out for 128 in the 28th over.

The Crows head into November keen to open their account after falling just 18 runs short of victory against Kenwick at Mills Park East in a match that had totally contrasting weather over the two days. Having lost the toss, the Crows were sent out into the field on a stifling 37 degree day against a side playing their first two day match in six years, a fact made obvious in the way they batted. They were 2-2 in the second over before the 'Wickers middle order added 'meat to the bones' and posted a score of 144 before being dismissed in the 44th over. David Trevaskis (3/23), Ali Saeed (3/31) and Derek Mott (2/37) were all multiple wicket takers in an impressive bowling display.

The Crows reached 4/56 at stumps through a combination of excellent ground strokes and slogs which gave way to easy catches. Dhruv Makkad made 27 before he was the second man out with the score on 31 and Rob Sims and David Trevaskis saw the side through to stumps. Needing 89 runs in 75 overs with six wickets in hand, the Crows were well led by Rob Sims who made 42, but the only assistance he received for the cause came from David Trevaskis (16) and Derek Mott (11) as the Crows were dismissed on the verge of tea for 127 from 53.3 overs.

Kenwick reached 5/136 in their second innings, with all bowlers used taking wickets. Andrew Stear finished with 2/33 and Tom Bray, Evan McMurtrie and Charleigh Close all taking one wicket as well.

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ONE DAY A GRADE

The Willetton Crows started their 2009-10 campaign with a victory against last season's finalists Armadale at Willetton Reserve. Stand-in captain Derek Mott lost the toss and the Crows were sent into bat and the home side were dismissed for 114 in the 39th over. Opener Evan Pappas top-scored with 28, debutant Andrew Stear made 18 in the middle order and David Trevaskis looked promising before being dismissed for 13. The loss of four wickets for 14 runs in the middle order prevented the Crows from making a more challenging score for the Demons.

The bowlers came to the fore during Armadale's innings as the opening combination of Derek Mott (0/7 from 5 overs) and Ben Hills (0/13 from 5 overs) kept things tight early before David Trevaskis (4/23), Andrew Stear (2/5) and Maxwell Maesepp (2/32) ensured a steady flow of wickets fell and the visitors were dismissed for 88 in the 32nd over.

Facing a Thornlie side that had racked up a score of over 400 the previous week, the task for the Crows looked ominous. Playing with ten players, the Crows restricted the home side to a score of 7/255 with Maxwell Maesepp taking 2/38 and Andrew Stear, Talha Khan, Apratim Ghosh Dastidar, Praveen Umrani and wicketkeeper Luke Kossenbergl all taking one wicket each as well.

The Crows' opening pair of Luke Kossenbergl (19) and Kevin Savige (10), but in the end the only other significant contribution came from Praveen Umrani, who top-scored with 26 in a score of 96.

The Crows batted first in their home match against Leeming Spartans and made a competitive score of 169, with opener Evan Pappas hitting 52, John McMurtrie contributed 37, Brendan May scored 15 and opener Kevin Savige made 14. Despite stuttering from 0/49 to 3/60, the visitors were able to reel in the total and finish on 8/189 with Brendan May the pick of the bowlers with 3/15, Apratim Ghosh Dastidar with 2/27 and Maxwell Maesepp with 2/31. Captain Glenn Dobson held two catches in the field.

In the local derby against Riverton-Rostrata, the visitors proved to be too good for Willetton at Willetton Reserve. Having won the toss and batted, the Crows started well with openers Kevin Savige (27) and Praveen Umrani (10) making runs but the runs dried up and the wickets fell with Maxwell Maesepp's innings of 10 being the only other double-figure total. The home side lost their last five wickets for 18 to be all out for 80. In reply, the Rats made light work of the target and finished with a score of 6/166. Tim Spears (2/24) and Talha Khan (2/36) both were multiple wicket takers as the Crows look to end their three game losing streak next week against Kelmscott.



SLATER - GARTRELL SPORTS

ONE DAY E GRADE

The Willetton Crows fielded its first Fifth XI team in 26 years when a hastily-formed side met Kardinya Lakes at Willetton Reserve as part of a six-team One Day E Grade which had been compiled in a matter of hours in the week leading up to the game.

The visitors batted first and made 6-226 from their 40 overs with opening bowlers Peter Clarke (3/29) and Geoff Chellew (2/52) amongst the wickets, as was first game player Zahid Rizvi (1/26). In reply, the Crows, who unfortunately only had nine players due to the club having 16 unavailable players for the day, worked hard and made 102 from 31.3 overs. Captain James Della Bona top-scored with 25, Wes Milburn contributed 23, Daniel Jackson hit 14 and opener Zahid Rizvi scored 12.

It was disappointing that only eight players were able to represent the club against Phoenix at Goodchild Reserve, but this was tempered somewhat by the fact that the Crows were able to beat a side with three more players by 16 runs. Batting first, Geoff Chellew batted brilliantly to score 109 and Daniel Jackson made 16 and the Crows' score of 186 was further bolstered by 37 sundries which included 16 wides and 13 no-balls. In reply, Simon Acomb starred with the ball as he took 4/27 from his 8 overs, Adam Wilson took 2/24 and Wes Milburn ended up with figures of 2/43. Daniel Jackson and Alex White also were amongst the wickets as the Crows notched up their first win of the season when they dismissed Phoenix for 170.

'Lively' was once again amongst the runs the next week against Leeming Spartans at Clifton Reserve, but unfortunately the Crows struggled with the bat and made 87. Chellew made 32 and Adam Wilson made 13, before Leeming ensured victory by making 142 in reply. Adam Wilson bowled tightly to finish with 2/7 from 5 overs and Chellew took 2/14 from 5 overs. Nigel Pereira, Wes Milburn, Simon Acomb, Ameet Randika and Apratim Ghosh Dastidar all took one wicket each.

John Hughes ParkFord

S.M.C.A. LADDERS - 2009-10

FIRST XI - FIRST GRADE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
LEEMING SPARTANS	2	2	0	0	37.79
ARMADALE	2	1	0	1	18.80
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	2	1	0	1	18.79
EAST FREMANTLE	2	1	0	1	17.94
Kelmscott	2	1	0	1	17.59
* CBC	1	1	0	0	15.53
* Cockburn	1	1	0	0	14.86
WILLETTON CROWS	2	0	1	1	12.87
Hilton Palmyra	2	0	1	1	11.47
Kardinya Lakes	2	0	1	1	11.05
Phoenix	2	0	1	1	11.04

* Bye

SECOND XI - THIRD GRADE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
COCKBURN	2	1	1	0	22.56
WILLETTON CROWS	2	1	1	0	21.80
KELMSCOTT	2	1	0	1	19.11
EAST FREMANTLE	2	1	0	1	19.02
Riverton-Rostrata	2	1	0	1	18.86
Leeming Spartans	2	1	0	1	18.68
Kardinya Lakes	2	1	0	1	16.76
Armadale	2	0	0	2	7.53

THIRD XI - SEVENTH GRADE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
ARMADALE	2	2	0	0	30.41
KENWICK	2	2	0	0	24.72
CANNING DISTRICTS	2	1	0	1	17.53
MADDINGTON	2	1	0	1	13.14
WILLETTON CROWS	2	0	0	2	7.35
Kelmscott	2	0	0	2	5.99

FOURTH XI - ONE DAY A

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
THORNIE	4	3	0	1	35.54
LEEMING SPARTANS	4	3	1	0	34.29
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	4	3	0	1	32.49
FORRESDALE	4	2	0	2	25.62
Phoenix	4	2	0	2	25.19
Kelmscott	4	1	1	2	19.21
WILLETTON CROWS	4	1	0	3	16.79
Armadale	4	0	0	4	12.73

W.C.C.C. FIXTURES - 2009-10

FIRST XI

(First Grade)

October

3/10 Armadale 273 & 1-42 b **WCCC 207**
 17/24 Hilton Palmyra 199 drew **WCCC 5-160**
 31/7 Kelmscott Burrendah

November

14/21 CBC Karoonda North
 28/5 Riverton-Rostrata Burrendah

December

12/19 Bye

January

9/10 Leeming Spartans John Connell
 16/23 Kardinya Lakes Burrendah
 30/6 Cockburn Davilak

February

13/20 Phoenix Tempest
 27/6 East Fremantle Burrendah

March

13/14 Qualifying Finals
 20/21 Semi-Finals
 27/28 Final

SECOND XI

(Third Grade)

October

3/10 Cockburn 360 drew **WCCC**
 17/24 **WCCC 220 & 2-60** b Riverton-Rostrata 115
 31/7 Armadale Gwynne

November

14 Cockburn Burrendah
 21 East Fremantle Burrendah
 28 Riverton-Rostrata Riverton

December

5 Kelmscott Rushton
 12 Armadale Burrendah
 19 Kardinya Lakes Buzzacott

January

9 Leeming Spartans Burrendah
 16/23 Leeming Spartans Trevor Gribble
 30/6 Kelmscott Burrendah

February

13/20 Kardinya Lakes Burrendah
 27/6 East Fremantle Preston Point

March

13/14 Semi-Finals
 20/21 Final

THIRD XI

(Seventh Grade)

October

10 Armadale 9-165 b **WCCC 128**
 17/24 Kenwick 144 & 5-136 b **WCCC 127**
 31/7 Canning Districts Willetton

November

14 Kenwick Willetton
 21 Maddington Willetton
 28 Canning Districts Willetton

December

5 Kelmscott Lumen Christie Coll.
 12 Maddington Willetton
 19 Kenwick Mills East

January

9 Kelmscott Willetton
 16 Canning Districts Coker
 23 Armadale Gwynne
 30/6 Maddington Harmony Fields Nth

February

13/20 Armadale Willetton
 27/6 Kelmscott Rushton

March

13/14 Semi-Finals
 20/21 Final

FOURTH XI

(One Day A)

October

3 **WCCC 114** b Armadale 88
 10 Thornlie 7-255 b **WCCC 96**
 17 Leeming Spartans 8-189 b **WCCC 169**
 24 Riverton-Rostrata 6-166 b **WCCC 80**
 31 Kelmscott Rushton

November

7 Forrestdale William Skeet
 14 Riverton-Rostrata Riverton
 21 Phoenix Goodchild
 28 Leeming Spartans Peter Ellis

December

5 Forrestdale Willetton
 12 Phoenix Goodchild
 19 Armadale Burrendah

January

9 Leeming Spartans Peter Ellis
 16 Armadale Gwynne
 23 Phoenix Willetton
 30 Kelmscott Willetton

February

6 Forrestdale Willetton
 13 Thornlie Cassidy Street
 20 Kelmscott Rushton
 27 Thornlie Willetton

March

6 Riverton-Rostrata Willetton
 13 Semi-Finals
 20 Final

W.C.C.C. FIXTURES - 2009-10

FIFTH XI

(One Day E)

October

10	Kardinya Lakes 6-226 b WCCC 102
17	WCCC 186 b Phoenix 170
24	Leeming Spartans 142 b WCCC 87
31	Armadale Willetton

November

7	Riverton-Rostrata	Mills East
14	Kardinya Lakes	Fremantle Pk Sth
21	Phoenix	Willetton
28	Riverton-Rostrata	Mills West

December

5	Leeming Spartans	Willetton
12	Armadale	Willetton
19	Kardinya Lakes	Willetton

January

9	Leeming Spartans	Willetton
16	Phoenix	Willetton
23	Kardinya Lakes	Willetton
30	Riverton-Rostrata	Willetton

February

6	Armadale	Willetton
13	Phoenix	Goodchild
20	Leeming Spartans	Willetton
27	Riverton-Rostrata	Mills West

March

6	Armadale	Willetton
13	Semi-Finals	
20	Final	

FIFTH XI - ONE DAY E

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
LEEMING SPARTANS	3	3	0	0	28.92
KARDINYA LAKES	3	2	0	1	22.74
PHOENIX	3	1	0	2	16.03
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	3	1	0	2	14.96
WILLETTON CROWS	3	1	0	2	14.75
Armadale	3	1	0	2	14.10

STATEWIDE TWENTY20 - 2009-10

The Willetton Crows fell narrowly short of reaching the First Round of this season's Statewide Twenty20 competition as the SMCA's second representative. The Crows were one of four sides taking part in a playoff at Coker Park to join Leeming Spartans in the 32-team competition.

In their first knockout match, the Crows saw off the challenge of Armadale in a tight encounter whilst in the other match Riverton-Rostrata beat Cockburn.

In the final match of the day, Willetton posted a competitive total of 150 against Riverton-Rostrata, but they were able to chase down the target with three wickets in hand.

The Rats will host the WA Indigenous XI in the first round of the competition on November 15.

This season's competition includes six association teams from the country (Albany, Bunbury, Donnybrook-Blackwood, Eastern Goldfields, Esperance and Geraldton), nine clubs from Cricket West affiliated associations (Bedford-Morley, Bentley, Forrestdale, Joondalup-Kinross, Leederville, Leeming Spartans, Riverton-Rostrata, Scarborough (PCA) and Sorrento-Dun Craig), the WA Indigenous XI and the sixteen District clubs.



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