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"NEWS FROM THE NEST"

The eagle-eyed amongst us may have noted that the year of formation has changed on the masthead of this newsletter. It has been my intention for a few months now to compile an "accurate-as-possible" record of player and club records from our formation until now and only a few weeks ago, a member of another club requested photocopies of old scorebooks from matches between them and us.

As a result, four dusty old boxes came my way and when I dusted off the cobwebs and inspected the contents of the boxes, I was thrilled. Inside the boxes were the minute books from the club's first 12 years, some old photographs (I cannot even guess as to their vintage) as well as a significant majority of the club's scorebooks.

Looking at the minute books, I discovered that the club was formed in 1973 and not 1974 as some had believed. Unfortunately, we have no records whatsoever from that year so at this stage, we cannot work out what grade they played in, who played in the side and who they played against. All we have is the club's minutes (which made a passing reference in late 1974 to getting pennants made up for last year's premiership team!)

Through the efforts of Geoff Chellew, Rob Sims and Carl 'Faz' Greedy, I am now in the process of scanning scorebooks, minutes and photographs onto a computer and a USB drive (some of the scorebooks haven't aged well but luckily they are still legible enough to be useful), as well as other relevant club and SSCA documentation being filed for future reference.

Statistically, the scorebooks and other sources where possible, will be used to compile a record of every player's playing history at the club, every century, every five-wicket haul, every century partnership, partnership records, each side's record against other clubs, office bearers, team captains and a match by match record of the club.

Also, the detail from minutes from the club and the SSCA/SMCA will be combined with recollections from past players to tell the story of the club. We have done a lot in our 36 years so far and it would be fitting that a club history book be available in time for our 40th anniversary in 2013.

If you happen to have any old scorebooks (we are still missing some), club pennants, club memorabilia, fixture cards, handbooks, yearbooks, photographs, etc. that we can borrow or keep for this project, then it would be much appreciated. You can direct your enquiries to either Derek Mott or Rob Sims.

"Carn' the Crows"



FIRST GRADE

The Willetton Crows will be keen to end their five-match losing run when they host Riverton-Rostrata at Burrendah Reserve after an unsuccessful November in which they suffered two losses.

The Crows fell only 14 runs short of victory when they hosted Kelmscott at Burrendah Reserve. The Cats made 197 with John Gallagher tearing through the middle order to take 5/27 from 15.4 overs and Paul Tunnicliffe took two early scalps to finish with figures of 2/33 from 9 overs.

The Crows lost Richard Soulsby and John Gallagher before Pat Vallence (54) and Richard Oliver (22) added 58 runs for the third wicket to have the home side well-placed at 2/84, before they lost wickets steadily apart from 38 from captain Peter Brown and an unbeaten 29 by Barry Savage and finished with 184 to make it two heart-breaking results in a row.

The match against CBC at Karoonda Reserve was always going to be a challenging affair and the top four side emerged from the encounter with the points.

Peter Brown won the toss and elected to bat first, but the Crows had a day they would rather forget with the bat. They were 4-37 at one stage but through the efforts of Barry Savage (32), Pat Vallence (17) and Ben Wotherspoon (17), they were able to reach a score of 125 from 43 overs.

In reply, the home side held sway in proceedings and made 9/246 with Ben Wotherspoon (3/25), Tim Sewell (3/32) and John Gallagher (3/47) all amongst the wickets.

Batting again, Willetton made 1-104 with Vallence finishing unbeaten on 54 and Richard Oliver making 28.

THIRD GRADE

The Willetton Third Grade side's good form has been wanting in recent weeks with the side having lost their last three matches in a row, and they will be keen to notch up their second win of the season this weekend against Riverton-Rostrata.

Having won the toss and batted, the Crows made 178 from 61 overs with Nic Marshall top scoring with 91 at number three, tailender Omar Bangash made an unbeaten 21 and opener Abi Sharma hitting 13.

In reply, Armadale scored 303 despite the efforts of Omar Bangash who snared 5/90 from 26.1 overs, and Greg Pushkutchen (2/56) and Carlos Dos Santos (1/53) also were amongst the wickets. Pushkutchen also held two catches.

The Crows then hosted Cockburn, who batted first and made 7/214 from their 40 overs. Carlos Dos Santos was the pick of the bowlers with 3/38 and Steve Patmore took 2/39, with Omar Bangash and Stuart Miller taking one wicket each. Aiden Sloan and Ali Saeed both took two catches.

The Crows had a less than ideal start being 3/0 early on before slipping further into the mire at 6/25. Steve Patmore seized control of the situation and blasted 41 and Ali Saeed and Stuart Miller both made 11 as the Crows finished with 115.

The Crows' losing run nearly came to an end in the home game against East Fremantle. Batting first, the visitors made 167 after Steve Patmore (3/33) and Andrew Jacobs (2/29) had the batsmen on their toes at 5/86. Ali Saeed (2/19) and Omar Bangash (2/22) were also amongst the wickets.

The Crows made 147 in reply after a batting collapse saw them fall from 4/81 to 8/83 and was a major reason for their 20-run defeat. Once again, Steve Patmore top-scored with an unbeaten 42, opener Elliott MacLachlan hit 30 and Greg Pushkutchen made 11.

SEVENTH GRADE

The Willetton Crows enjoyed a successful month, securing three victories and are well placed in third spot on the Seventh Grade ladder after five rounds.

Willetton were sent into bat by Canning Districts in their two day match at Willetton Reserve and the Crows posted a respectable 209 from 62.1 overs, despite losing their last three wickets for nine runs. Roshan Lokuge made an impressive 85, captain Rob Sims scored a valuable 45 and opener Ali Saeed contributed 21.

Eight bowlers were used during the Canning Districts innings, with seven players taking wickets - Ali Saeed (2/5 from 7 overs) and James Dockery (2/8) being the multiple wicket takers. The fielding was also of a high standard and wicketkeeper Luke Kossenbergh and Derek Mott both held two catches, as the Tigers were dismissed for 130 from 68.3 overs.

With 28 overs left on the second day, the Crows went into bat for a second time, making a brisk 7/125. Ali Saeed made a blazing 56, Charleigh Close added 20, David Trevaskis was unbeaten on 20 and makeshift opener Derek Mott made 17 in three overs before he was forced to retire hurt.

In their return encounter against Kenwick, the Crows exacted revenge on the Royals by 66 runs at Willetton Reserve. After Rob Sims defied convention and won the toss, the Crows batted first and through the hard-hitting batting displays of Keegan Walker (63) and Crows debutant Simon Dimelow (59) and the support provided by Rob Sims (24) and Charleigh Close (20), a score of 8/229 was made from 40 overs.

Kenwick made 163 in reply with Derek Mott taking 3/22, Keegan Walker bowled effectively to finish with 2/14 and Arnav Ajurani bowled well for his 2/21.

The winning run continued with a solid win against Maddington. Batting first, the visitors were restricted to 6/117 with Derek Mott (3/24) amongst the wickets again and Arnav Ajurani, Tom Bray and Rob Sims all taking one wicket each.

The Crows started well with the bat as Ajurani made 40 before being dismissed with the score on 58 and then Dan Davey (63) and Rob Sims (31) attacked the bowling to add 77 for the third wicket and allow the Crows (who were down to eight men present by the end of the innings) to finish with 171.

WILLETTON CROWS GOLF DAY

December 13, 2009 at the Glen Iris Country Club, Jandakot.

Tee-off time is 10.30am

\$75 per head for you round, golf cart, prizes and money over the bar after the round.

24 places available.

Money and names to Paul Tunncliffe or Rob Sims by Tuesday December 8.

ONE DAY A GRADE

The Willetton Crows were involved in the SMCA's first tie of the season when honours were even against Kelmscott in the Round 5 away match. Kelmscott decided to bat first and were dismissed for 182, with Simon Acomb leading the way with 3/27, Maxwell Maesepp had figures of 2/18, spinner Praveen Umrani took 2/20 and Adam Wilson, Brendan May and Ben Hills all took one wicket each.

Brendan May starred with the bat in Willetton's innings, scoring 65 and he had support from captain Dhruv Makkad (24), Praveen Umrani (20 not out), Glenn Dobson (11) and wicketkeeper Evan Pappas (10). The last pair of Umrani and Adam Wilson (0) added 23 runs before Wilson was bowled with scores level.

The Crows were sent into bat by Forrestdale in their match at William Skeet Reserve and were well held to a score of 9/124 by the home side. Simon Acomb top-scored with 24, opener Dhruv Makkad hit 20 and Tom Tripp scored 20 on debut.

The home side, a perennial powerhouse side in One Day A ranks, racked up 8/290 from their 40 overs with Simon Acomb (2/20) and Maxwell Maesepp (2/27) both amongst the wickets. Maesepp rounded off his all-round performance with two catches.

In the sides's second clash against Riverton-Rostrata, the home side were sent into bat by Willetton and they made 7/147. Praveen Umrani took 2/31 from his eight overs and Brendan May finished with 2/37.

Willetton were reduced to 7/43 in reply, with only Maxwell Maesepp's innings of 16 being notable. Ben Hills knocked up 30 to add some meat to the bare bones of the innings and the Crows finished with a score of 77 from 33.1 overs.

Willetton's most recent match provided an end to a six-match winless streak which stretched back to October 3. Batting first after being inserted by Phoenix, the Crows reached an imposing score of 7/209. Evan McMurtrie pounded 72, Ben Hills continued his run-making efforts with an unbeaten 64 and the reliable Brendan May contributed 29.

The wickets were shared around by the bowlers as Phoenix were kept to 4/186 in their reply. Maxwell Maesepp, Ben Hills, James Dockery and Praveen Umrani all took one wicket each.



SLATER - GARTRELL SPORTS

ONE DAY E GRADE

The Willetton Crows are second on the ladder after seven rounds of the One Day E season, with a record of five wins and two losses.

The Crows sent Armadale into bat and dismissed the Demons for 89 in 27 overs. Peter Clarke was the destroyer, snaring 5/36 from his eight overs and Palwinder Singh took 2/9 from five overs.

In reply, Willetton made 8/184 with Geoff Chellew's good form continuing as he made an unbeaten 52 and John McMurtrie hit up 45 runs. The victory was secured with five wickets in hand.

The Crows then made light work of neighbours Riverton-Rostrata. The Crows were asked to field first by the Rats, but the stint in the field lasted 23.3 overs as Riverton-Rostrata were all out for 49. Ameet Randkia tore through the batsmen to finish with 5/20 from 8 overs and Apratim Ghosh Dastidar had figures of 2/15.

Willetton replied with 5/232 as Geoff Chellew was unconquered again, this time making 87 runs in the process. Opener John McMurtrie made 57, captain James Della Bona added 30 and Evan McMurtrie made 20.

The good form continued in the Crows' match against the top of the ladder Kardinya Lakes. Kardinya won the toss and batted and were restricted to a score of 8/105. Adam Wilson bowled effectively to finish with 3/32, Apratim Ghosh Dastidar took 2/14 and Peter Clarke ended with 2/21.

The Crows replied with 7/172 as James Della Bona made an unbeaten 66 and opener Talha Khan hit 46 in another good team performance with the bat.

In their most recent encounter, Willetton hosted Phoenix at Willetton Reserve and the hosts sent Phoenix into bat, who made 6/140 from their 40 overs against a Crows side who unfortunately only had nine players. Praveen Vasantharao took 2/14 and Geoff Chellew ended with 2/24.

In reply, the Crows were in dire straits at 7/59 with only Adam Wilson (12) making double figures out of those players dismissed. Jackson Joseph joined Palwinder Singh and the pair added 75 runs in around 13 overs to bring the Crows close to victory. Joseph was bowled for 40 and Singh finished on 25 not out and the Crows were dismissed for 134, seven runs short of victory with 32 balls remaining. One can safely assume that a loss would have become a win with a full side.

The logo for John Hughes ParkFord, featuring the name in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

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	4	4	0	0	67.16
* CBC	3	3	0	0	43.95
ARMADALE	4	2	0	2	38.15
EAST FREMANTLE	4	2	0	2	35.15
Kelmscott	4	2	0	2	35.14
Kardinya Lakes	4	1	1	2	29.43
Hilton Palmyra	4	1	1	2	29.40
* Phoenix	3	1	1	1	25.66
* Riverton-Rostrata	3	1	0	2	22.70
* Cockburn	3	1	0	2	21.44
WILLETTON CROWS	4	0	1	3	20.80
* Bye					

SECOND XI - THIRD GRADE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>1-Day Pts</u>	<u>Points</u>
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	5	4	0	1	19.82	53.60
COCKBURN	5	3	1	1	20.02	47.18
EAST FREMANTLE	5	3	0	2	12.58	45.79
ARMADALE	5	3	0	2	20.69	43.25
Kardinya Lakes	5	2	0	3	5.06	38.13
Leeming Spartans	5	2	0	3	12.60	35.57
WILLETTON CROWS	5	1	1	3	6.02	31.60
Kelmscott	5	1	0	4	6.85	31.41

THIRD XI - SEVENTH GRADE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>1-Day Pts</u>	<u>Points</u>
ARMADALE	5	4	0	1	28.96	53.86
KENWICK	5	4	0	1	23.42	52.81
WILLETTON CROWS	5	3	0	2	22.28	41.89
MADDINGTON	5	2	0	3	15.91	32.62
Kelmscott	5	1	0	4	14.63	27.43
Canning Districts	5	1	0	4	8.02	23.78

FOURTH XI - ONE DAY A

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
THORNLIE	8	6	0	3	69.09
LEEMING SPARTANS	8	6	1	1	67.22
FORRESTDAL	8	6	0	2	64.64
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	8	5	0	3	58.13
Armada	8	2	0	6	38.66
WILLETTON CROWS	8	2	1	5	37.51
Phoenix	8	2	0	6	35.76
Kelmscott	6	1	2	3	28.78
Bicton-Attadale	2	0	0	2	5.95

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 197 b **WCCC 184**

November

14/21 CBC 9-246 b **WCCC 125 & 1-104**
 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 303 b **WCCC 178**

November

14 Cockburn 7-214 b **WCCC 115**
 21 East Fremantle 167 b **WCCC 147**
 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 **WCCC 209 & 7-125** b Canning Dist 130

November

14 **WCCC 8-229** b Kenwick 163
 21 **WCCC 171** b Maddington 6-117
 28 Canning Districts Willetton

December

5 Kelmscott Rushton
 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 182 tied **WCCC 182**

November

7 Forrestdale 8-290 b **WCCC 9-124**
 14 Riverton-Rostrata 7-147 b **WCCC 77**
 21 **WCCC 7-209** b Phoenix 4-186
 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 Bicton-Attadale Willetton

February

6 Forrestdale Willetton
 13 Thornlie Cassidy Street
 20 Bicton-Attadale TBA
 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	WCCC 8-184 b Armadale 89

November

7	WCCC 5-232 b Riverton-Rostrata 49
14	WCCC 7-172 b Kardinya Lakes 8-105
21	Phoenix 6-140 b WCCC 134
28	BYE

December

5	Kelmscott	Willetton
12	Armadale	Willetton
19	Riverton-Rostrata	Willetton

January

16	Leeming Spartans	Willetton
23	Kardinya Lakes	Willetton
30	Phoenix	Goodchild

February

6	BYE	
13	Armadale	Gwynne
20	Kelmscott	Willetton
27	Leeming Spartans	Mills West (Home)

March

6	Riverton-Rostrata	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>
KARDINYA LAKES	7	5	0	2	54.90
WILLETTON CROWS	7	4	0	3	46.97
LEEMING SPARTANS	7	4	0	3	43.76
RIVERTON-ROSTRATA	7	3	0	4	39.49
Kelmscott	2	1	0	1	34.84
Phoenix	6	2	0	4	30.71
Armadale	6	2	0	4	29.33

CHANGES TO ONE DAY A & ONE DAY E

The formation of the Bicton-Attadale Cricket Club after their breakaway from the East Fremantle Cricket Club has resulted in some changes to the One Day A and One Day E grades.

Kelmscott (the bottom side on the ladder when Bicton-Attadale applied to enter the SMCA) have been moved from One Day A to One Day E as the grade's seventh side. They have been given a points total as determined by the SMCA based on their performances so far this season.

Bicton-Attadale Cricket Club have been placed into the One Day A competition, and start with no points.

The Willetton Crows' fifth side will now have two byes - on November 28 and February 6.

Please refer to the updated One Day A and One Day E grade fixtures, as there are changes to both our team's matches in these grades. The current ladders can be found in this newsletter.



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