



AT THE CREASE

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They've got Double Trouble

This season, Carnegie South poses a double threat for the flag, — because we've got two chances. Our newly formed second team is firing on all cylinders and should stand a great chance of reaching the finals in their first season, which would be a great achievement. Our first team has improved even further from last season and will keep improving because of added pressure on each player to hold his place. Unfortunately, the seconds were forced to give a walkover in the first round due to the absence of ten players. However, their first game last round gave a sound warning to the opposition, as our boys went down by only 23 runs in a close tussle which could have gone either way. The firsts, weakened by the unavailability of many experienced players, went down to Thompson & White in the opening round but returned to the winning list last week with a great first-innings win over Myers. Our club has been given a new look by the appearance of many new players. Joining us this season are Dave Bott, Dave Mills, Peter Jewell, Tim Dunbar, Paul Gardner, 'Dangerous' Dave Oakley, Jack Plunkett, Jimmy Walsh, John Ford, Tom Kelly, Les 'Spider' McDowell, Dougie Hale, Ian Head, Bob Morton and Rob Parker from South Camberwell. We welcome all new players and hope they enjoy a great season.

FEES.

The club committee would like all members to pay their subscription fee of \$4.00 by the end of this third round. We need the finances to purchase some more equipment. So if you can fellas, you'll get immediate benefits.

We will all be working for a premiership (or two), so let's start off a long winning run for both teams today.

CAR'N THE NEGLES !!

Don't forget fellas, you must be attired in the correct uniform of all-white. Boots can be worn with coloured stripes etc., but must be basically white. While most captains won't "dob you in", an umpire can report you and a fine of \$5 could follow. If you are in need of any items of cricket gear, one of your teammates will most likely be able to help you.

PUNCHLINE

By Daryl Pitman

Let's be patient

Well, we have finally made history at Carnegie South by fielding two teams. For nearly fifty years, we have been strictly a one-team club, so it was not expected by anybody that we would suddenly produce two strong teams with an abundance of experienced players. However, I think we have done remarkably well, considering that we have had only six months in which to raise funds, recruit players and make necessary arrangements for another team.

Teething problems must be expected and must be overcome. Our numbers in the second round were very encouraging and indicated that we would be in a much better situation than most of our 'two-team' opponents. I have no doubt that before too long, we will have at least 23 or 24 players available for selection every match. However, until we reach that point, the club as a whole and the second team in particular, must be patient and continue to work for a strong club and the success that comes with it.

We've worked damned hard to get this far. Let's keep it going.

One of our players has suggested that players should pay 10 cents for every catch they drop to go toward the end-of-season function.

FOUND

If anyone lost a white cricket jumper at East Caulfield during the semi-final against Tooronga last season, please see Daryl Pitman.

FOR THE RECORD

Noel Dettman's 96 not out against South Camberwell last season is NOT the highest score by a Carnegie Sth. player on record. On delving into past records, it was discovered that T. Dixon scored 104 not out against Glenhantly Socials in 1959-60. However, Noel's score still stands as the best since then and there is no chance of that being taken off him as all records since 1959 are now complete.

GRAPEVINE

By Marg McSwain

Well, the cricket season is underway for 1973-74 and I'd like to welcome our new members, wishing them an enjoyable season. We have started the season on the right foot with two successful social functions so far, thanks to our newly-formed social committee, who will no doubt be planning more social events throughout the season.

Our Little Tatts is underway and the winners to date are:

Week 1	- Mrs. Jewell	No.42
Week 2	- Brian Lyons	No.30
Week 3	- Les Pitman	No.11
Week 4	- Jim Rankin	No.61

The tickets for "Trip To Flemington" were drawn on the 29th and result slips should be circulating today.

New Mown Grass

By Tim Dunbar

Flannelled fools

Not all of us can say why we've joined the 'flannelled fools'. While our mates go off to the beach on a hot summers day, bikinied birds in tow, we swelter on the field.

When it pours with rain or is freezing cold, everyone goes off to the pub while we shiver. Perhaps it's the aggressive 'killer' instinct in all of us. The compulsion to knock hell out of that piece of shiny red leather. Or to throw or bowl down your opponent's castle. The cricket field is the ideal place to shed your inhibitions. You can abuse the umpire to his face or even behind his back. You can throw yourself into the game of cricket lock, stock and barrel.

For a Walter Mitty or someone who has unfulfilled dreams of becoming a Hollywood stuntman, the cricket field is an ideal proving ground. You can be waiting patiently in the outfield when a simple high catch comes your way. The accepted procedure is to take two steps forward and then two backwards. By this time its too late to take the catch comfortably. So you dive forward frantically and emerge from the green turf triumphantly clutching the ball. As your teammates congratulate you and the bowler threatens to buy you a beer, nobody will mention that the catch was really a straightforward one.

THANKS CAPPY

Mr. Harold 'Cappy' Ward is a name probably not all that familiar with the new members of our club this season. So, to enlighten those who are not sure, 'Cappy' is probably one of the main reasons that we are still going strong after nearly fifty years. 'Cappy' has been with Carnegie South since Don Bradman was a baby and has been President since 1938. He has been running his weekly raffle for nearly as long. Without his regular fundraising efforts, our club would be a lot poorer. For many years we have taken his regular donations for granted, so it is high time we showed our appreciation and said "Thanks a Million, Cappy".

EQUIPMENT

Players joining the club this season have no doubt noticed that our equipment situation is not as healthy as we would like it. However, the committee is doing everything in its power to raise funds for more equipment. We have spent more than \$130 in the past month on new gear and there will be more purchases made gradually as funds improve. Changing from a one-team club to a two-team club isn't easy and it requires understanding and a bit of sacrifice from everyone concerned. Just to allow members to appreciate the high cost of equipment, we have listed here the retail prices of cricket gear, with the club discounted prices in brackets: -

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Around the Wicket

By Bomber McSwain

Congratulations to the firsts on their win, and also to Daryl for his 86 n.o. - the ton for sure this year.

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Two sides of eleven was a great start.

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'Demon' Holt, with 4 wickets, is right after my record. And I'd better not forget Peter Jewell, who 'knocked em down'. Well done Pete.

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You wouldn't believe it. 'Haley' whacked a sixer and would have kept running with Dave until six o'clock if someone hadn't told him. Still, it's better than chasing umpires' cars, Doug!

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Silver's got a bad back. Wonder how he got that? I heard a story about him on the trip away. Could be . . .

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Kingie should get plenty of runs this season if the umpires look after him as well as they do during the footy season.

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Eighty-six not out. You would not believe it was the same fellow I saw at practice on the Sunday morning after our get-together, with his feet hanging out his car window.

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We've got some good players in the seconds. Robert Parker (will make the firsts no worries), Tom Kelly (bats very well), John Ford (a great 'keeper), Stevie Steet (better than ever), 'Spider' (a real find) and a few others. As captain I was rapt in everyone of my players. Well done, fellas. Wins on the way.

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Finally, thanks to the girls for the job they did on the barbecue - terrific. (Except for a certain captain's wife, and it wasn't mine. Boy, can she sell raffle tickets!:) Also, many thanks to Bernie and Doug for their work and to Frank and Jean for the loan of their home.

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Bats - \$38.80 (29.00)
Pads - 16.35 (12.55)
Batting gloves -
11.05 (8.55)
W/Keeping gloves -
22.15 (17.00)
Inners - 5.25 (4.00)
Balls - 5.10 (4.10)
Protectors - 3.15
Matting - 64.00
Stumps and Bails -
10.85 (8.65)

DAVE'S 50th

Paceman David Holt today plays his 50th game for Carnegie South, when he takes the field against South Camberwell.

Dave, who has only played six games in the last three seasons owing to his work, has taken 116 wickets since joining the club in 1986. Dave was a key member in our Grand Final sides in 1967-68 and in 1968-69. He is one of only two bowlers to take a hat-trick for Carnegie South. Dave captured his 'treble' against South Camberwell in the 1967-68 semi-final. (Alan Johanson did it in the 1968-69 semi-final) With David back playing regularly, our flag hopes have been given an extra boost. We all look forward to Dave's next 50 games.

ON THE MAT

This month, "At The Crease" seeks the views of Carmel Liddicoat, who is active on the social committee.

ATC: What main improvements would you like to see at our club?

Carmel: I would like to see more wives and girlfriends at the games. This would give the players more incentive.

Do you think that the formation of our second side has made any difference to our club socially?

It has made a big difference as it has brought more people into our club and enabled us to have bigger and brighter functions. People who usually have nothing to do on a Saturday afternoon are involved in a sport which is enjoyable and relaxing.

What do you dislike most when attending our matches?

Watching players drinking while the match is in progress. This is very degrading to our club and could give us a bad name.

Do you think the players should take the game seriously or just treat it as a social outing?

I think the players should take it seriously. It is a competition, not a social outing. There are many rewards in cricket, as there is in football, probably more as more people are involved. You can always have a social outing after the game.

What do you consider to be the ultimate success of a club such as ours?

To produce friendship, co-operation and team spirit.

Would you like your sons (Mark and Carey) to play cricket when they are older?

I would love my boys to play cricket because it is a good, clean, healthy sport.

Do you think it is worthwhile having a magazine like At The Crease, and if so, why?

Yes, I think it's worthwhile because it's informative and keeps everybody involved in the club. It can keep in touch with those who can't be as active as they would like to be in the club.

Quacker's Quote

By Brian Lyons

Our Year

This is it folks - our year. With two teams we're going to give the premier-ship a real shake.

We can't help but improve on last season with the inclusion of the new players and the keenness and enthusiasm shown by all at practice. Looking at the first game in the seniors, I felt that we were too slow to get going and threw away any chance we had in the first innings. We did come back well on the second day however, due to a fighting 55 by Bomber. Anyway, there's no reason why we can't make that our only loss for the season and make a certainty of the premiership.

SCOREBOARD

FIRSTS

Round One

Thompson and White v Carnegie South

A brilliant 55 by 'Bomber' McSwain saved us from outright defeat against a persistent home side. Good bowling by Bomber and Max Liddicoat kept the score down, but a poor first innings score enabled the opposition to take the six points. Dave Bott, Dave Mills, Jack Plunkett, Jimmy Walsh and Tim Dunbar all played thier first game for Carnegie South, Tim taking a wicket with his first ball.

Carnegie South 1st Inns

J.O'Mara, b. Hogan	3
B.Lyons, c, b.Hogan	4
D.Pitman, c, b. Mitchell	25
M.Liddicoat, c, b. Mitchell	7
G.McSwain, b. Mitchell	1
T.Dunbar, not out	6
D.Mills, b. Simons	1
J.Plunkett, b. Simons	7
J.Walsh, b. Simons	0
D.Bott, c, b. Mitchell	3
N.Dettman, Unavailable	-
Extras	7
Total	64

2nd Inns.

J.O'Mara, c, b.Hogan	25
B.Lyons, b. Mitchell	5
D.Pitman, b. Simons	11
N.Dettman, c, b. Mitchell	1
D.Bott, b. Simons	3
G.McSwain, c, b. Hogan	55
T.Dunbar, b. Van Harten	7
M.Liddicoat, b. Simons	3
D.Mills, not out	6
J.Walsh, not out	0
Extras	1
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Bowling: 1st Inns

M.Liddicoat	9-2-24-2
G.McSwain	10-2-27-6
D.Pitman	4-1-16-0
T.Dunbar	3-0-15-1

2nd Inns

N.Dettman	6-1-20-1
M.Liddicoat	6-0-16-3
T.Dunbar	1-0-8-0
D.Bott	1-0-4-0
D.Mills	1-0-13-0

Thompson & White scored 94 and 4-66 to win by 30 runs on 1st Inns

Round 2

Myers v Carnegie South

Shocking weather conditions on both days made it very difficult for both sides at Princes Park. However, we scored one of our highest totals for a long time to defeat Myers by 60 runs on the first innings. Peter Jewell and Paul Gardner made their debut in great style, both capturing valuable wickets.

1st Inns

D.Pitman, not out	86
B.Lyons, lbw Moodie	9
R.King, c, b. Moorhouse	23
N.Dettman, lbw Grovenor	35
J.O'Mara, b. Munick	16
P.Jewell, not out	6
Extras	8
Total	4-183 (c.c.)

Bowling:

D.Holt	11-0-26-4
P.Jewell	7-1-23-1
R.King	6-0-34-2
N.Dettman	3-0-17-0
P.Gardner	3-0-14-1

Myers scored 122 to lose by 61 runs on the 1st Inns.

SECONDS

Round One — Walkover.

Round 2

Carnegie South v Bill's Bookshop

In their first-ever game, the seconds were extremely unlucky not to gain points in what was a closely fought match. Most of the side were playing their first game for a long time and showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with. Good batting right down the list and a great 'keeping performance by John Ford were highlights of the game. Steve Steet and 'Bomber' McSwain bowled extremely well and were ably supported by Max Liddicoat and Les 'Spider' McDowell.

1st Inns.

S.Steet, b. Dean	14
M.Liddicoat, run out	0
R.Parker, c, b. Sanderson	16
G.McSwain, c, b. Heaven	12
D.Hale, c, b. Dean	13
D.Oakley, c, b. Dean	7
T.Kelly, b. Norris	11
J.Plunkett, c, b. Thorpe	1
J.Ford, c, b. Thorpe	0
J.Walsh, c, b. Norris	0
L.McDowell, not out	12
Extras	7
Total	93

Bowling:

G.McSwain	11-0-43-5
L.McDowell	6-0-25-1
S.Steet	5-0-27-2
M.Liddicoat	3-0-17-1

Bill's Bookshop scored 122 to win by 29 runs on the 1st Inns.

WHAT'S DOING

AT CARNEGIE SOUTH

By Maggie

Well boys, here we are again at the start of another good cricket season, we hope. Many thanks to all those players and supporters who came to the barbecue and also bought their friends. But still more support is needed for the club to benefit. Saturday night was a fair success and started off the social calander well. During the year, there will be more social events, and for the equipment that is badly needed, we are looking for more support from each and everyone of you, including those who couldn't attend Saturday night. From now until Christmas, there will be raffle tickets sold at each match for a huge Christmas hamper and Christmas cake.

Members of the social committee will be on hand to sell these tickets. There will also be a Lady's or Gent's watch to be raffled and these tickets will be sold during the season, the winning ticket to be drawn at the end-of-season dinner dance.

ATTENTION ALL DRINKERS. Keep those empty beer bottles for a bottle drive during the season. They can make money for your club. Anybody with ideas for social functions, contact Doug Hale, Ron King, Max Liddicoat or Daryl Pitman (or their wives). Keep an eye on this column for social committee news of further functions as your club needs your support.