



TWO BLUE TRIBUNE

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All you need is love, brup ba bup ba ba!

An awful lot gets invested into winning a premiership: time, energy, a fair bit of your hard-earned for memberships and all the other stuff over a season.

In the heady summer of 2008/2009 for his Fighting Fifts, Morgo has introduced a new ingredient - LOVE.

You almost expected The Beatles to be singing All You Need Is Love as Morgo gave his victorious skipper's speech not on Sunday, oh no, still with overs and minutes to go on Saturday arvo.

"I love youse all!" he triumphed as he told each player, the novitiates to a premiership medal, and the ones who won a few before something they will now all know to be true: You never forget a player with whom you've won a grand final.

Match day one, the one not surplus to requirements, was one of those perfect autumn days we had to have to make up for all the hellish summers ones. The sky was a Cambridge blue, a delightful omen.

Morgo lost the toss though and so Newtown was bowling. Clever people took up their places behind the bowlers arm to see how much Ratters would swing it. Plenty.

One gone in the first over. Another in his second.

Clarkie toiled away in manful support at the other end.

By the time of the first bowling change, Grovie were four-for, including the dangerous Falves, caught behind.

Then the other James started making it talk from the other end. Some bloke was bowled by one he would have been better to have left alone.

Then the great warrior for Grovedale, Wayne Hovey, holed out to mid-off.

Smithie, with the aid of a few snicks, did his best to hold them together but at the other end catches were held, the stumps rattled and only 101 were needed, in 25 overs.

Greenie and Specs began solidly, the former's departure after some clean hitting clearing the way for Newtown's great warrior.

He didn't disappoint. Morgo had no intention of winning on day one. The weather forecast for Sunday was just as good as for Saturday and who wouldn't want to be playing cricket on such a day? There was however, a stinging determination to play each ball on its merits. The fact that so many found the boundary, or cleared it, speaks volumes in that department. Great catch Jackson Davis!

Specs, too, was playing his favourite cover drive with aplomb. He even tried a one-handed pull shot and almost got a writ from the captain. "Hey, I've got that patented!"

Anthony's dismissal was a bit of disappointment, but it did allow Stevie Lewis to hit the winning runs, and Morgo to run down and begin the love stuff with a hug that would have made a grizzly envious.

Then began all the revelations and the other stuff that make it all so special.

This was Greenie's first premiership at 16 attempts. Welcome to the club mate, it's a beautiful, love-filled place. It was Tom Levick's at one go. He didn't seem too embarrassed!

We'd all seen James Ratcliffe's wonderful commitment to the cause of the past few weeks and days as he strove to return to the game after a serious operation - his private net sessions at Carey Oval and so on to make sure he was cherry ripe for the final.

It emerged the other James had gone down to King Lloyd on his own the Friday before, put one stump (off) in the ground and bowled at it. It worked.

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If you asked Ange and BJ what they did in the grand final, they will happily tell you they just grinned, and then loved. And they'd also point out that at least Brett got to put his pads on, but not much more. But try taking the grin of Brett's face ... No way.

Josh Barnes tried his hand at drinking Solo from the cup. Well done young fellow. You were rewarded with the 12th man's job – and your first senior premiership medal - because of what the captain had seen of you earlier in the year.

If you look back over the season's stats, you see a team in which at some stage, everyone made a

contribution. That's something money can't buy, even at the clubs where they do try to buy it. It was un-nerving to hear over the weekend of GCA clubs trading week to week because of the demands created by player payments. Mmmmm!

How devastating it must be to club morale, particularly for the hard working committee people who have to raise it as volunteers, to pay all that money, and still lose a final or grand final.

Happily, we don't do it for the money at Newtown. We do it for the love. And as the human Stonehenge was formed to sing the club song for the first of many times, that was all we needed.

N&LCCC 2008/09 MAJOR AWARDS

Jim Perry – Andrew Green
Syd Johnston – Devon Royce
James Fairnie – Under 13 Royce
Ted Hood – Jordan Lewis
Vic Profitt – Steve Skinner

Merriman Medallist (Cricketer of the Year) – Alex Stanley

Vin Hassett Medallist – Alex Stanley

Greg Wells Medallist – Devon Royce

Top 10 batting – Paul Sheahan

Top 10 bowling – Zac Stokes

Top 10 Player of the Season – Paul Sheahan

Average Winners 2008/09

Vin Hassett Medallist	First XI	batting	Alex Stanley	596 runs	@ 45.85
		bowling	Devon Royce	23 wickets	@ 27.57
Greg Wells Medallist	Second XI	batting	Captain's Award	Yves Roussety	
		bowling	Rhys Bennett	211 runs	@ 30.14
Third XI	batting	bowling	Ian Hastie	15 wickets	@ 13.07
			Captain's Award	Andrew Garrigan	
Fourth XI	batting	bowling	Colin Cunliffe	210 runs	@ 23.33
			Mark Ainsworth	15 wickets	@ 17.20
Fifth XI	batting	bowling	Captain's Award	Jacob Simonsen	
			Paul Sheahan	768 runs	@ 54.86
Sixth XI	batting	bowling	Zac Stokes	32 wickets	@ 12.97
			Captain's Award	Adam Patching	
6th XI	batting	bowling	Phillip Morgan	602 runs	@ 50.17
			James Ratcliffe	29 wickets	@ 7.38
6th XI	batting	bowling	Captain's Award	Angelo Fatone	
			Neville Crane	291 runs	@ 36.38
6th XI	batting	bowling	Mitchell Davis	20 wickets	@ 23.05
			Captain's Award	Toby Sudweeks	

Note 2008/09 average qualifications:

1st - 5th XI

7 Games, 7 Innings, 200 runs
 7 Games, 70 Overs, 15 Wickets

6th XI

9 Games, 9 Innings, 200 Runs
 9 Games, 70 Overs, 15 Wickets



Two Blue Scoreboard 809

grand final

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FIFTH XI

Premiers 2008/09

defeated Grovedale at
Elderslie Reserve

RESULT – won by 8 wickets

Grovedale 100

J Robinson	b Ratcliffe	0
N Bottrell	lbw b Ratcliffe	1
B Gouin	c Lewis b Ratcliffe	2
J Falvey	c Lewis b Ratcliffe	11
A Smith	not out	59
D French	b Hadfield	4
W Hovey	c Devlin b Hadfield	5
G Howard	b Hadfield	0
M Blain	c Lewis b Hadfield	0
P Clarke	lbw b Ratcliffe	7
C Ball	b Ratcliffe	2
Extras	(2nb,1w,4b,2lb)	9
Total		100
Overs		40.2

FOW: 1(J Robinson) 5(N Bottrell)
12(B Gouin) 27(J Falvey) 44(D French)
54(W Hovey) 64(G Howard) 64(M Blain)
93(P Clarke) 100(C Ball)

Bowling:	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd
J Ratcliffe	16.2	5	6	31	1	
N Clark	6	1	0	16	1	
J Hadfield	14	3	4	34		
T Levick	4	0	0	13		

Newtown & Chilwell 2/104

AP Green	lbw b P Clarke	12
A Devlin	lbw b M Blain	27
P Morgan	not out	47
S Lewis	not out	14
A Fatone	dnb	
B Jackson	dnb	
T Levick	dnb	
J Ratcliffe	dnb	
J Hadfield	dnb	
B Bentley	dnb	
N Clark	dnb	
Extras	(1nb,0w,3b,1lb)	5
Total		2/104
Overs		20.2

FOW: 20 (A Green), 85 (A Devlin).

Bowling:	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd
J Robinson	2	0	0	10		
A Smith	7	1	0	40		
P Clarke	5	2	1	15		
N Bottrell	3	0	0	17		
M Blain	3	0	1	12		
C Ball	0.2	0	0	6		

Under 13 Royce

PREMIERS

2008/09

drew with Geelong City
at South Barwon no 3
and won the Royce Shield

**RESULT – match drawn,
premiership to Newtown & Chilwell**

Geelong City 7/136

Bowling:	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd
Z Sheahan	6	0	2	18	2	
N McGuane	3	0	0	11	2	
DMcMahon	6	1	2	15	2	
M Gardner	3	0	0	12		
JMaishman	4	0	1	17	2	
T Hosking	3	0	0	17	2	
W Paxton	1	0	0	6		
H Gow	3	0	0	16	1	
S Hosking	2	0	0	8		
J McGrath	2	0	0	12		

Fielding:	c
D McMahon	2
J McGrath	1
N McGuane	1

Newtown & Chilwell 5/91

J McGrath	not out	6	
T Hosking	not out	18	1
J Hickey	run out	25	2
Z Sheahan	b	16	1
H Gow	b	10	1
J Maishman	b	1	
S Hosking	c	0	
N McGuane	not out	1	
W Paxton	not out	2	
D McMahon		dnb	
M Gardner		dnb	
Extras	(8nb,1w,3b,0lb)	12	
Total		5/91	
Overs		37	

FOW: 68(J Hickey) 84(Z Sheahan) 85(J Maishman) 87(S Hosking) 88(H Gow)



Honour roll 809 Win/Loss ratio

		Played	won	lost	drawn	Ladder position
Senior	First XI	13	3	9	1	11th
Ladders	Second XI	13	3	10	-	11th
	Third XI	13	5	7	1	8th
	Fourth XI	15	10	4	1	3rd
	Fifth XI	15	12	2	1	PREMIERS
	Sixth XI	17	5	11	1	8th of 10
	TOTAL		86	38	43	5
			44.18%	50%		

Junior	Under 17 Just	10	5	4	1	3 rd of 10
Ladders	Under 15 Chisholm	9	2	5	2	6 th of 10
	Under 15 Barnes	9	4	4	1	6 th of 10
	Under 13 Royce	11	9	2	-	Premiers
	Under 13 Taylor	10	4	1	5	5 th of 10
	Under 13 Clark	7	1	4	2	7 th of 10



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Partnerships

127 for the First wicket by Paul Sheahan (87) & Adam Patching (37) versus East Belmont 5ths on 8/11/08
 130 for the First wicket by Alex Stanley (66) & Yves Roussety (63) versus St Josephs 1sts on 22/11/08.
 111 for the First wicket by Andy Garrigan (51) & Damien O'Loughlin (48) versus Grovedale 2nds on 10/12/08
 206 for the First wicket by Paul Sheahan (159) & Adam Patching (69) versus Geelong West 4ths on 20/12/08.- **4th XI record**
 106 for the First wicket by Alex Stanley (51) & Tim Clark (45) versus Geelong City 1sts on 10/01/09.
 125 for the 7th wicket by Jordie Lewis (82) & Ian Hastie (43) versus Geelong City 2nds on 10/01/09.- **3rd XI record**
 129 for the First wicket by Paul Sheahan (83) & Adam Patching (56) versus North Geelong 4ths on 17/01/09
 142 for the First wicket by Paul Sheahan (90) & Adam Patching (62) versus Newcomb & Dist 4ths on 24/01/09
 110 for the 3rd wicket by Steve Lewis (95) & A Fatone (31*) versus South Barwon 5ths on 24/01/09
 138 for the 2nd wicket by Matt Dolby (85) & Matt Suvoltos (65) versus Lara 3rds on 21/02/09
 118 for the 2nd wicket by Phil Morgan (76) & Anthony Devlin (36) versus East Belmont Blue on 7/03/09.

Outstanding performances

Paul Sheahan and Adam Patching formed a remarkable and formidable opening team during the 2008/09 season. Combining on 10 occasions they recorded 4 half century stands, 3 century and a Fourth XI record opening partnership of 206 against Geelong West in round 7. For the season they totalled 846 runs as an opening pair averaging 84.6 runs per innings.

Mark Ainsworth returned the remarkable bowling figures of 9 overs, 9 maidens, 2 wickets for no run in the 3rds versus Geelong City on 10/01/09.

Nathan Clark won the District 5ths bowling average with 15 wickets at 15.57.

The Pair

Yves Roussety versus Grovedale 1sts in round 6, 29/11/08.

Yves Roussety versus East Belmont 1sts in round 13, 28/02 & 7/03/09

Centuries (4)

Luke Sharry 104 not out in the 3rds versus Lara round 1
Paul Sheahan 101 in the 4ths versus BPHill round 3
Anthony Devlin 102 in the 5ths versus St Josephs rd 6
Paul Sheahan 159 in the 4ths versus Geelong West rd 7

Milestones

Anthony Devlin	6000 runs	(6112 @ 22.89)
Ian Hastie	6000 runs	(6054 @ 28.29)
Steve Lewis	5000 runs	(5198 @ 33.97)
Devon Royce	4000 runs	(4204 @ 24.02)
Paul Sheahan	3000 runs	(3059 @ 31.86)
Andrew Green	3000 runs	(3031 @ 23.31)
Mark Turnley	2000 runs	(2164 @ 16.78)
Col Cunliffe	2000 runs	(2060 @ 29.85)
Damien O'Loughlin	1000 runs	(1168 @ 25.96)
Ange Fatone	1000 runs	(1099 @ 30.52)
Frank Tuskes	150 wickets	(151 @ 21.04)
Nathan Clark	100 wickets	(102 @ 17.36)
James Ratcliffe	50 wickets	(72 @ 13.06)

5 or more wickets in an inning (9)

Zac Stokes	6/21 in the 4ths versus Lara round 1
Zac Stokes	5/48 in the 4ths versus South Barwon round 4
Jacob Simonsen	5/67 in the 3rds versus Grovedale round 6
Scott Mullen	5/56 in the 1sts versus Leopold round 11
Dave Boyanton	5/51 in the 3rds versus Leopold round 11
James Ratcliffe	6/42 in the 5ths versus Grovedale round 11
James Ratcliffe	8/28 in the 5ths versus East Belmont round 12
Nathan Clark	5/44 in the 5ths versus South Barwon round 13
James Ratcliffe	6/31 in the 5ths versus Grovedale grand final

Milestones

Andy Bishop	50 wickets	(66 @ 20.06)
Cam Russell	50 wickets	(54 @ 20.76)
Jackson Davis	50 wickets	(51 @ 22.19)
Grant Whiteside	300 games	(311)
Phil Morgan	250 games	(254)
Andrew Green	150 games	(153)
Brett Bentley	100 games	(102)
Nathan Clark	50 games	(58)
Jamie Pescott	50 games	(56)
Andy Bishop	50 games	(54)
Andrew Green	50 catches	(53)

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Batting

Paul SHEAHAN	855 @	57.00
Phillip MORGAN	602 @	50.17
Alex STANLEY	596 @	45.85
Anthony DEVLIN	468 @	33.43
Steven LEWIS	423 @	35.25
Adam PATCHING	397 @	30.54
Jamie PESCOTT	371 @	30.92
Frank TUSKES	358 @	29.83
Michael COMBER	347 @	26.69
Andrew GREEN	315 @	21.00
Tom BATES	303 @	30.30
Andrew BISHOP	297 @	33.00
Neville CRANE	291 @	36.38
Rhys BENNETT	291 @	26.45
Damien O'LOUGHLIN	287 @	26.09
Mark TURNLEY	285 @	17.81
Andrew GARRIGAN	280 @	20.00
Matthew DOLBY	269 @	33.63
Jorden LEWIS	263 @	21.92
Patrick EASTMAN	260 @	28.89
Jeffrey SMITH	256 @	21.33

Bowling

Zac STOKES	32 @	13.91
James RATCLIFFE	29 @	7.38
Devon ROYCE	23 @	27.57
Brett LOATS	21 @	21.14
Mitchell DAVIS	20 @	23.05
Nathan CLARK	18 @	17.44
Mark AINSWORTH	17 @	16.53
Andrew BISHOP	17 @	23.06
Tom JEFFERIES	16 @	15.31
Ian HASTIE	16 @	18.88
Tom BATES	16 @	19.81
Cam RUSSELL	16 @	24.25
Jacob SIMONSEN	16 @	25.63
James HADFIELD	15 @	24.07
Brett BENTLEY	14 @	17.93
Ben JACKSON	14 @	18.14
Anthony WILSON	14 @	25.64
Michael COMBER	14 @	26.43
Scott MULLEN	14 @	33.29

Player of the Season

Paul SHEAHAN	908
Alex STANLEY	766
Michael COMBER	672
Devon ROYCE	635
Andrew BISHOP	598
Jamie PESCOTT	563
Anthony DEVLIN	547
Zac STOKES	533
Phillip MORGAN	528
Tom BATES	524

Stumpings

Grant WHITESIDE	3
Alex STANLEY	2
Yves ROUSSEY	1
James BLIGHT	1

Catches

Grant WHITESIDE	17
James BLIGHT	12
Steven LEWIS	11
Mark TURNLEY	11
James PURCELL	11
Phillip MORGAN	9
Colin CUNLIFFE	9
Alex STANLEY	9
Jamie PESCOTT	8
Tim CLARK	7
Frank TUSKES	7
Damien O'LOUGHLIN	7
Michael COMBER	7
Jorden LEWIS	6
George CHISHOLM	6
Jack THACKERAY	6

Dismissals

wicketkeepers

Grant WHITESIDE	20
James BLIGHT	13
Steven LEWIS	11
Mark TURNLEY	11
James PURCELL	11
Alex STANLEY	11
Colin CUNLIFFE	9
George CHISHOLM	6
George CAMERON	5
Rhys BENNETT	4
Tony MARINELLI	4
Josh BARNES	4



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Comber: this could be my year or What "the Pom" said about us when he got back home

12:27pm Thursday 26th March 2009

By Matt Plummer

Michael Comber believes this could be the year he makes his name in county cricket.

The Clacton all-rounder is about to sign a one-year professional deal with Essex, having spent the last six years graduating through their academy.

He has already been offered a contract and should put pen to paper next week, when the county squad return from their pre-season tour of Dubai.

Comber, 19, has just got back from a winter spent playing in Melbourne, Australia.

And he feels his experiences Down Under could help him forge his way into the first-team set-up at the Ford County Ground.

"It was a brilliant experience and I had a fantastic time," said Comber, who spent five-and-a-half months playing for Newtown and Chillwell, in the GCA Premier Division.

"The standard was excellent and, in terms of club cricket, it's the best I've played at.

"I learnt so much and everything is run and organised so smoothly over there.

"In the end I was looking forward to coming home, because I was a bit home-sick and was looking forward to seeing all my family and friends.

"But I'm already dreaming of going back over there again, hopefully next winter."

Comber, who lives in Vista Road, had been sent to Australia by Essex.

And now, having benefited from the experience, he is desperate to break into their first team.

"I'm really looking forward to the summer and want to prove to everyone that I've stepped my game up to the next level," said the former Holland Park and Clacton County High School pupil.

"I want people to see how hard I've been working and hopefully I'll get a chance with the first team this year, particularly in the one-day format because that's one of my strengths.

"I played pretty much the whole of last season for the second team but I feel I'm ready to make the step up and it would be nice to be given a chance."

Comber, a right-handed batsman and right-arm fast-medium bowler, could also make occasional appearances for Clacton, in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League.

"Essex are still quite keen for us to go out and play for our clubs and the Premier League is a very high level," he said.

"Clacton have been my club for years and it would certainly be good to get out there with the boys as and when I can."



The Fifth XI celebrates their grand final victory

Chis's holiday Pics



.....and this one



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