

## Fourths fly flag against North

A patient half century by Mark Ainsworth was key to the **Fourth XI's** three wicket win — the only one against the Magpies - as the Pearce-Hynes Trophy continued its residency at North Geelong.

Dropping into two-day cricket mode, Ainsy's 59 took 108 balls and was delicately leavened with seven fours.

Just as he does with the club's books, he knows how to get the balance right.

Patience was a key part of Max Inderberg's unbeaten innings too, as with Jack Hastie, he was one of those delightful WhatsApp countdowns crafted by Levi Pritchard-West, who the week before had taken three inexpensive wickets.

It was 11 off 18 when Levi began his commentary, then nine from 12, followed by a couple of dots.

By the start of the last over, it was four from six, three from five, and then the final message, Fourths win.

**The Third XI** went within one wicket of getting the six points at Shaw Oval.

Chasing the Two Blues 9-265, which featured half-centuries to Rod Kiddle and Hunter Norman, back from surgery, North was 9-188 at stumps, with Brendan Twaddle, Levi Irving and Adam Kalz the leading wicket takers.

For the First XI, Jorden Lewis produced the star turn on day one at KFC Oval, taking five-for. Since he was eight and came on for the Sixth XI to take a catch as substitute fielder, the smile on his young face like split melon, Jordie has always been there, on plastic, on turf, to do whatever the club asks of him.

He was helped against North by some brilliant catching from Ronnie McKenna in the field, with Tom Patterson making his debut in the Ones and keeping.

Tom was presented his cap by his Fourth XI premiership captain, Adam O'Connor, and First XI premiership captain from a different time, Rod Kiddle.



"Very proud moment," said Adam O'Connor.

Ian Hastie, another club stalwart said: "Congratulations Tom, a proud moment for us all.

"Having spent so many years watching you grow and mature into the fine young man and cricketer has been a pleasure and one that I have enjoyed immensely."

All as a proud father, club servant and sponsor, Shaun Patterson, captured the moment for posterity with his faithful long lenses.

NCCC dismissed North Geelong for 249 with Nick Burke (pictured above bowling Alistair McCann) chipped in with four wickets, and in the overs before stumps on day one, lost two wickets, Sam Mitchell and Archie Bain.

On day two, only two batters made it into the 20s, the acting skipper Paddy McKenna, and Chay Deary, who was 28 not out while there were four ducks at the other end during his unbeaten tenure, the Two Blues all out for 96.

Doug Bergamin's half century and 42 to Oscar Dowling were the centrepieces of **the Second XI's** 211 on day one out there.

Sam Taylor with four wickets and Lewis Povey with three kept the Twos in the game, but a stout late partnership got North home by two wickets.

The Fifth XI lost to South Barwon.

Chasing 9-251, they were all out for 113.

Things were more propitious the week before against North Geelong, the Two Blues scoring 3-205 with Grant Whiteside and Mihir Patel scoring half-centuries.

Rex Suvoltus and Ben Harmon, both with three wickets, did the damage with the ball as the Magpies were dismissed for 163.

Despite the loss, the Fifth's remain on top of the ladder, with the Seconds, Thirds and Fourths also well within finals contention.

## Two Blue honour roll 2324 Win/Loss

Senio	rs	Played	won	lost	<u>bye</u>	drawn	<u>tied</u>	forfeit	<b>Ladder position</b>	Players used	d - 105
	GCA1 First XI	11	3	7	-	1	-	-	8th of 8	n	18
	GCA1 Second XI	11	5	4	-	2	-	-	4 <sup>th</sup> of 8		24
	GCA1 Third XI	11	5	2	-	4	-	- 1000	3rd of 8		30
	GCA1 Fourth XI	11	6	2	-	3	-		3rd of 8		28
	GCA1 Fifth XI	12	8	2	-	2	-	-	1st of 8		27
	BWCC C grade	11	7	3	_	-	1	-/-	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 10		18
	BWCC E grade	11	7	3	1	-	_	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 8		14
	TOTAL	78	41	23	1	12	1	-	4th in the Club Cha	mpionship	

Won 52.56% Lost 29.49%

Juniors	Played	won	l <u>ost</u>	drawn	tied	bye ®	Ladder position/Section
Under 17 Taylor	8	2	5	1	-	_	7 <sup>th</sup> of 8 in the Just section
Under 15 Crane	8	2	4	2	-		6 <sup>th</sup> of 8 in the Emond section
Under 13 Royce	12	8	2	2	-		1st of 8 in the Norquay section
Under 13 Morgan	11	1	8	1	-	1	7 <sup>th</sup> of 7 in the Agg section (Friday night)
Under 13 Chisholm	11	4	5	1	-	1	6 <sup>th</sup> of 9 in the Jefferies section (Friday night)
Under 13 Barnes	11	7	4	_	_	- \	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 8 in the Hansen section (Friday night)

#### 5 wickets or more in an inning (7)...

Levi Irving	5 for 18 versus Grovedale 2nds on 7/10/2023.
Noah Guida	5 for 46 versus East Belmont 1sts on 14/10/2023.
Lewis Povey	6 for 21 versus East Belmont 4ths on 14/10/2023.
Steve Abram	5 for 15 versus St Josephs 5ths on 21/10/2023.
Archie Bain	6 for 27 versus Grovedale 1sts on 11/11/2023.
<b>Brendan Twaddle</b>	5 for 42 versus Grovedale 3rds on 18/11/2023.
Jorden Lewis	5 for 58 versus North Geelong 1sts on 20/01/2024.

#### Centuries (2)...

Paddy McKenna 115 not out (off 173 balls with 13 fours, one six) versus Grovedale 1sts on 18/11/2023.

Ronnie McKenna 104 (off 169 balls with 13 fours) versus Grovedale 1sts on 18/11/2023.

#### Partnerships over 100 runs (4)...

115 runs unbeaten for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket by Jordan Tegelhuter (82no) & Tim Hosking (21no) versus East Belmont 2nds in round 2 on 14/10/2023.

201 runs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket by Paddy McKenna (115no) & Ronnie McKenna (104) versus Grovedale 1sts in round 6 on 18/11/2023.

A record partnership for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket in the First XI.

100 runs for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket by Tom Levick (68no) & Max Inderberg (48) versus Grovedale 4<sup>th</sup> in round 6 on 18/11/2023. 116 runs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket by Jarad Battenally (78) & Tom Patterson (81) versus Highton 2<sup>nd</sup> in round 9 on 16/12/2023.

#### Milestones...

Andrew Knott	50 club matches
Sam Mitchell	100 club matches
Harry Christie	100 club matches
Jordan Tegelhuter	100 club matches
	50 club wickets
<b>Jordie Lewis</b>	200 club wickets
<b>Grant Whiteside</b>	450 catches
Isaac Hogan	1000 club runs
Sam Taylor	50 club wickets
Adam O'Connor	6000 club runs
Matt Suvoltos	300 club wickets
<b>Brendan Twaddle</b>	250 club wickets

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Ronnie McKenna	1000 club runs
Adam Patching	250 club matches
Jordie Lewis	200 club matches
James Purcell	200 club matches
Noah Guida	50 club matches
Nick Burke	50 club wickets
Arch Fleet	50 club wickets
Andrew Sadowy	1000 club runs
Jack Hastie	50 club wickets
Matt Scott	50 club matches
Noah Guida	50 club wickets

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## 2023/24 Top 10 after round 11 sponsored by







Batting	runs				
Paddy McKENNA	305 @ 33.89				
Ronnie McKENNA	294 @ 32.67				
Andrew SADOWY	278 @ 30.89				
Bianca DUFF	266 @ 66.5				
Douglas BERGAMIN	266 @ 44.33				
Adam O'CONNOR	264 @ 44				
Lauren MARINO	259 @ 64.75				
Darren FLEET	247 @ 35.29				
Jarad BATTENALLY	238 @ 26.44				
Mihir PATEL	219 @ 24.33				

Bowling	wickets
Jordie LEWIS	21 @ 19.67
Sam TAYLOR	18 @ 15.50
Brendan TWADDLE	16 @ 14.13
Levi IRVING	14 @ 11.93
Archie FLEET	14 @ 21.29
Jordan WHITE	13 @ 18.08
Rex SUVOLTOS	13 @ 19.69
Tom LEVICK	13 @ 19.92
Nick BURKE	13 @ 30.15
Steve ABRAM	12 @ 16.92
Lewis POVEY	12 @ 17.58
Grant MEANEY	12 @ 18.92
Henry MEANEY	12 @ 20.83
Tom AGAR	12 @ 24.67
Noah GUIDA	12 @ 30.25

#### Player of the Season

Jordie LEWIS	597
Paddy McKENNA	480
Ronnie McKENNA	464
Bianca DUFF	451
Tom LEVICK	418
Jacob HARMON	418
Sam TAYLOR	395
Jordan WHITE	385
Brendan TWADDLE	387
Levi IRVING	383
Noah GUIDA	374
Mihir PATEL	369
Susan MEANEY	354
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#### Catches - fielders

Jacob HARMON	8
Archie BAIN	6
Tom LEVICK	6
Bailey YOUNG	6
Mark AINSWORTH	6
Jordan WHITE	6
Darren FLEET	5
Aiden GRACE	5
Andrew KNOTT	5
Sam MEANEY	5
Madden SADOWY	5
Henry MEANEY	5

#### Dismissals 'keepers

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Ronnie McKENNA	13	(9c, 4st)
Mike CHAPMAN	11	(7c, 4st)
Grant WHITESIDE	11	(5c, 6st)
Rebecca WRIGHT	10	(9c, 1st)
Charlie WINDT	7	(5c, 2st)
James PURCELL	7	(7c)
Tom PATTERSON	6	(6c)
Michelle GAVIN	5	(4c, 1st)
Florianne TWADDLE	5	(5ct)
Adam PATCHING	4	(4c)
Tim HOSKING	2	(2c)
Max INDERBERG	2	(1c, 1st)

<u>(C</u>	Club Championship		<b>(C)</b>
	after round 11 unofficial	TOTALS	
1	North Geelong	76.5	(0)
2	<b>East Belmont</b>	70	-
3	South Barwon	67.5	<u>§</u>
4	Newtown & Chilwell	53.5	
5	Lara	47	***
6	Highton	43	U
7	St Josephs	41.5	SE
8	Grovedale	41	

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# Two Blue scoreboard 2023/24 round 11 FIRST XI lost to North Geelong on KFC Oval



## CHARLIE DEARCE~DENIS HYNES

Umpires: Andre Conradie & Justin Brown Scorer: Mark Turnley Paddy McKenna won toss and sent North Geelong in.



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North Geel	ong 1ST inning 249	Runs	BF	4s	6s	SR
Ned Cooper	c: N Guida b: J Lewis	20	37	2	1	54.05
Layton McCann	c: S Mitchell b: J Lewis	4	10	1	0	40.00
Curtly Balshaw	c: R McKenna b: J Lewis	67	103	11	1	65.04
Philip Visser	c: T Patterson b: N Burke	74	133	9	1	55.63
Liam Biddiscombe	e c: A Bain b: P McKenna	4	37	0	0	10.81
Mitchell Troy	c: C Deary b: J Lewis	8	11	1	0	72.72
Alistair McCann	b: N Burke	8	22	0	0	36.36
Connor Hangan	not out	19	30	2	0	63.33
Dale Kerr	c: N Guida b: N Burke	11	22	1	0	50.00
Tom Mathieson (c	c: T Patterson b: N Burke	15	13	1	0	115.38
Bradley Apps	c: R McKenna b: J Lewis	0	7	0	0	
Extras	0WD, 3NB, 5LB, 6B, 5P	19				
Total	(70.2 overs)	249				

Fall of Wickets: 1-7 Layton McCann, 2-48 Ned Cooper, 3-128 Curtly Balshaw, 4-157 Liam Biddiscombe, 5-182 Mitchell Troy, 6-201 Philip Visser, 7-202 Alistair McCann, 8-222 Dale Kerr, 9-248 Tom Mathieson, 10-249 Bradley Apps

BOWLERS	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Archie Bain	12	2	42	0	3.50	0 3
Jorden Lewis	21.2	5	58	5	2.71	0 0
Nick Burke	16	4	42	4	2.62	0 0
Chay Deary	5	2	11	0	2.20	0 0
Sam Allen	10	0	59	0	5.90	0 0
Noah Guida	3	0	15	0	5.00	0 0
Patrick McKenna	(c) 3	1	7	1	2.67	0 0



Debutante Tom Patterson receives his 1st XI cap no. 554 from Rod Kiddle and Adam O'Connor.

Newtown & Chilwell 96 R	uns	BF	4s	6s	SR
Samuel Mitchell c: C Balshaw b: D Kerr	10	13	2	0	76.92
Patrick McKenna lbw: B Apps	26	58	3	0	44.82
Archie Bain b: D Kerr	2	13	0	0	15.38
Ronnie McKenna c: D Kerr b: B Apps	7	16	1	0	43.75
Tom Patterson c: & b: A McCann	2	17	0	0	11.76
Chay Deary not out	28	84	4	0	33.33
Tom Kiddle c: L McCann b: B Apps	0	4	0	0	
Noah Guida run out (B Apps)	14	46	1	0	30.43
Jorden Lewis b: A McCann	0	9	0	0	
Sam Allen c: T Mathieson b: L Biddiscombe	0	25	0	0	
Nick Burke c: T Mathieson b: L Biddiscombe	0	14	0	0	
Extras 0WD, 5NB, 2LB, 0B, 0P	7				
<b>Total</b> (49 overs)	96				

**Fall of Wickets:** 1-14 Samuel Mitchell, 2-22 Archie Bain, 3-36 Ronnie McKenna, 4-41 Tom Patterson, 5-57 Patrick McKenna, 6-58 Tom Kiddle, 7-85 Noah Guida, 8-89 Jorden Lewis, 9-92 Sam Allen, 10-96 Nick Burke

<b>BOWLERS</b>	O	$\mathbf{M}$	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Dale Kerr	10	0	34	2	3.40	0 1
Bradley Apps	11	3	27	3	2.45	0 2
Tom Mathieson (c)	9	4	15	0	1.66	0 0
Connor Hangan	4	1	8	0	2.00	0 2
Alistair McCann	10	8	4	2	0.40	0 0
Liam Biddiscombe	5	2	4	2	0.80	0 0

<b>North Geelo</b>	ng 2 <sup>nd</sup> inning <b>7/169</b> F	Runs	BF	4s	6s	SR
Ned Cooper	c: A Bain b: N Guida	27	42	4	1	64.28
Layton McCann	b: N Burke	32	47	6	0	68.08
Curtly Balshaw	b: N Guida	9	10	2	0	90.00
Philip Visser	c: A Bain b: N Guida	28	25	3	1	112.00
Liam Biddiscombe	c: S Mitchell b: S Aller	18 1	21	2	0	85.71
Mitchell Troy	b: T Kiddle	0	5	0	0	
Alistair McCann	not out	31	24	4	1	129.16
Connor Hangan	c: T Kiddle b: S Allen	12	10	1	0	120.00
Extras 0WD	), 7NB, 5LB, 0B, 0P	12				
<b>Total</b> (29.3	overs) 7	/169				

**Fall of Wickets:** 1-63 Layton McCann, 2-67 Ned Cooper, 3-96 Curtly Balshaw, 4-109 Philip Visser, 5-115 Mitchell Troy, 6-145 Liam Biddiscombe, 7-169 Connor Hangan

<b>BOWLERS</b>	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD N	В
Archie Bain	6	1	22	0	3.66	0	3
Jorden Lewis	4	2	15	0	3.75	0	0
Nick Burke	7	0	46	1	6.57	0	2
Noah Guida	4	1	21	3	5.25	0	2
Sam Allen	3.3	0	20	2	5.71	0	0
Tom Kiddle	4	0	35	1	8.75	0	0
Ronnie McKer	na 1	0	5	0	5.00	0	0



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## North takes the points in easy win by Wes Cusworth

#### Day 1...

A season-high equalling 79 from import Phil Visser headlined North Geelong's impressive 249 against Newtown and Chilwell, although the South African concedes he never really felt comfortable against a Two Blues attack that superbly exploited a responsive track at KFC Oval.

"It was a pretty tricky wicket, I never truly felt in," a circumspect Visser said postgame.

"I don't think any of the boys felt that comfortable apart from Curtly Balshaw who was able to make it look pretty easy today."

Visser struck nine boundaries and a six in his 133-ball contribution while Balshaw struck at a rate of 65 in his 67 from 103 balls; his innings punctuated by 11 fours and a maximum.

Seamer Jorden Lewis made the Magpies earn every run with an outstanding 5-58 in just his second first XI game of the season, while emerging paceman Nick Burke was another to impress with 4-42 from 16 overs.

"He (Lewis) was just putting it on a good spot the whole day and it was pretty difficult to score from him," Visser said.

Entering the game without impact opener Sam Hall, crack all-rounder Andrew Fergusson and wicketkeeper Adam Costello, the Magpies would have been disappointed to be bowled out in just over 70 overs were it not for a crucial counterattack that saw the Two Blues lose 2-22, thanks to an electrifying spell from paceman Dale Kerr (2-13).

"We were actually thinking about declaring with 10 overs to go, so it actually worked out pretty well that we were bowled out and had a crack at them for that 30-minute period," Visser said.

"The fact that we were able to make 249 without a number of our important players shows that we have really good depth at our club.

#### Day 2...

North Geelong has showcased its incredible bowling depth on the way to inflicting a heavy first innings defeat of Newtown and Chilwell at KFC Oval.

Resuming at 2-22 in pursuit of the Magpies' 249, the Two Blues upper order succumbed to the visitors seam attack of Dale Kerr (2-34) and Brad Apps (3-27) before spinners Alistair McCann and Liam Biddiscombe chimed in to sweep the back half of the innings with 2-4 apiece.

"The fast bowlers have been doing the job for us all season and haven't left many wickets for the spinners to chip in with," McCann mused post-game. "Brad Apps may not be as quick as Dale (Kerr), but he stands the seam up pretty much every ball and it's hard to face as he's got that ability to nip it either way.

"Dale has that extra length and then has a pretty quick bouncer, so as a batsman you can't just hop onto the front foot every ball because that possibility of a bouncer is lurking in the back of your head."

Apart from Pat McKenna (26), all-rounder Chay Deary demonstrated the greatest resistance with a hard-fought 84-ball, undefeated 28.

The Magpies returned to the crease later in the day, striking a quickfire 7-169 from just 29.3 overs.

"Over the past few weeks anywhere below number six has been starved of a hit," McCann said of North's decision to bat a second time.

"The best sort of training is what you can get in the middle.

"Also, we didn't want to run the risk the likes of Dale (Kerr) or 'Matho' (Tom Mathieson) hurting themselves if we were going for an outright."

Ned Cooper (27), Layton McCann (32) and Phil Visser (28) all got starts, while Alistair McCann belted an unbeaten 31 from 24 balls.

Noah Guida claimed 3-21 for the Two Blues



Debutante Tom Patterson takes his first catch in the Ones dismissing Phil Visser off the bowling of Nick Burke.



Jordie Lewis claims his first Michelle in the Ones, brilliantly caught by Ronnie McKenna at cover.

#### **SECOND XI**

lost to North Geelong on Keith Barclay Oval

Newtown &	Chilwell 211 R	uns	BF	<b>4s</b>	6s	SR
Jordan Tegelhuter	c: H Marles b: L Hayes	13	19	2	0	68.42
Darren Fleet	b: C Ferguson	25	51	3	0	49.01
Jarad Battenally	c: H Marles b: C Meehan	4	12	0	0	33.33
Douglas Bergamin	c: H Marles b: C Meehan	65	165	4	0	39.39
Lachlan Norton	c: L Hayes b: C Ferguson	9	12	1	0	75.00
Oscar Dowling	c: H Marles b: A Beecrof	t 42	91	5	0	46.15
Lewis Povey	b: C Ferguson	0	2	0	0	
Sam Taylor	c: L Szponar b: B Demasi	20	35	3	0	57.14
Bailey Young	c: L Szponar b: C Meehan	ı 12	25	0	0	48.00
Arch Fleet	b: A Beecroft	3	26	0	0	11.53
Joshua Norman	not out	4	9	0	0	44.44
Extras	1WD, 2NB, 6LB, 5B, 0P	14				
Total	(74.2 overs)	211				

<b>BOWLERS</b>	O	M	R	W	Econ	WD	NB
Lachlan Hayes	10	2	22	1	2.20	0	1
Aaron Beecroft	12.2	1	47	2	3.81	1	0
Casey Meehan	15	5	25	3	1.66	0	0
Cal Ferguson	15	5	35	3	2.33	0	0
Tom Bagg	7	0	38	0	5.42	0	0
Benjamin Dema	si 15	3	33	1	2.20	0	1

#### North Geelong 8/215

		Runs	В	<b>4s</b>	<b>6s</b>	SR
Xavier Norman	lbw: S Taylor	50	131	5	0	38.16
Casey Meehan	c: B Young b: L Povey	33	54	3	0	61.11
Lachy Szponar	b: L Povey	7	25	0	0	28.00
Cal Ferguson (c)	c: D Bergamin b: L Por	vey 0	2	0	0	
Tom Emery	c: ? b: S Taylor	30	62	4	0	48.38
Jonny Kelly	b: S Taylor	7	26	0	0	26.92
Lachlan Hayes	c: L Povey b: S Taylor	16	24	3	0	66.66
Harvey Marles	b: Arch Fleet	11	19	0	0	57.89
Benjamin Demasi	not out	29	42	4	0	69.04
Tom Bagg	not out	10	33	1	0	30.30
Extras 1WD	O, 1NB, 10LB, 10B, 0P	22				
<b>Total</b> (69.4	overs)	8/215				

<b>BOWLERS</b>	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD	NB
Sam Taylor	19	6	53	4	2.78	0	0
Arch Fleet	13	3	27	1	2.07	0	0
Lachlan Norton	8	0	27	0	3.37	1	0
Lewis Povey	10.4	5	23	3	2.15	0	0
Joshua Norman	9	0	32	0	3.55	0	1
Jordan Tegelhute	er 5	2	13	0	2.60	0	0
Bailey Young	5	0	20	0	4.00	0	0





Team prizes Longest Drive NTP X3 Putting Contest Raffles 8:00am - 8:30am Golf Registration & Lite Breakfast 9.00am - 2.00pm Shotgun Start - 18 Holes 2.00pm - 3.00pm Lunch, Drinks & Presentation 4pm onwards Diggers Arms Hotel Post match

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### BWCC 1sts C grade

round 11 defeated East Belmont Razz at Winter Reserve #2

Newtown & C	Chilwell 1/135	cc Runs	BF	<b>4s</b>	6s	SR
Bianca Duff	run out	30	41	0	0	73.17
Lauren Marino	retired not out	50	47	0	0	106.38
Susan Meaney (c)	not out	33	22	0	0	150.00
Kate Seiffert	not out	4	4	0	0	100
Belinda Milverton	dnb					
Michelle Gavin (vc)	dnb					
Annabelle Johanson	dnb					
Florianne Twaddle	dnb					
Allison Wedding	dnb					
Hannah Carson	dnb					
Erin White	dnb					
Extras 4WD	9NB. 3LB. 2B. 0F	P 18				

**Total** (20 overs) **1cc/135** 

Fall of Wickets: 1-100 Bianca Duff

<b>BOWLERS</b>	$\mathbf{o}$	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Naomi Board	4	-	13	0	3.25	
Brodie Humphrey	4	-	21	0	5.25	
Scarlett Kennedy	1	-	15	0	15.00	
Macy Lee	4	-	19	0	4.75	
Aurora O'Brien	4	-	32	0	8.00	
Belinda O'Brien	1	-	11	0	11.00	

East Belmo	nt 59	Runs	BF	<b>4s</b>	SR
Jessica Learey	c: K Seiffert b: B Milverton	15	0	0	20.00
Naomi Board	c: S Meaney b: B Milverton	0	1	0	
Brodie Humphrey	run out: E White	11	10	0	110.00
Scarlett Kennedy	run out: E White	8	24	0	33.33
Sandy Neale	c: L Marino b: B Milverton	1	3	0	33.33
Aurora O'Brien	not out	4	16	0	25.00
Belinda O'Brien	c: F Twaddle b: B Milverton	3	13	0	23.07
Felicity Timberlake	run out: A Wedding	8	17	0	47.05
Macy Lee	dnb				
Kristen Long	dnb				
Alice Edwards (c)	dnb				
Extras	14WD, 9NB, 0LB, 0B, 0P	23			
Total	(16.3 overs)	59			

BOWLERS	0	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Hannah Carson	2	-	7	0	3.50	
Bianca Duff	2	-	5	0	2.50	
Michelle Gavin (vc)	2	-	7	0	3.50	
Annabelle Johanson	2	-	8	0	4.00	
Susan Meaney (c)	2	-	9	0	4.50	
Belinda Milverton	3	-	10	4	3.33	
Allison Wedding	2.3	-	10	1	4.00	
Erin White	1	1	0	0	0.00	



## **The finest Marino**

All-round athlete Lauren Marino is not a batter to be kept down for long.

That duck next to her name in the game against Lethbridge in early January would have irked.

Such that the following week, in the First XI's comprehensive win over the East Belmont Razz, there she was again, 50 not out.

Susan Meaney continued her rich run of form with 33 not out and Bianca Duff also made it into the 30s in the Two Blues 1-135.

Three runouts involving Alison Wedding and Erin White knocked over the Razz's top order before Belinda Milverton cleaned up with 4-10.

Going into last weekend's bye, the First XI is sitting in third as it attempts to emulate its inaugural performance last summer, making the final, then going one better.

The Second XI, travelling out to Lara, just couldn't muster enough runs against the home side, with only Carly White reaching double figures.

Despite that loss, the Two Blues Seconds remain in third spot and again look to go deep once finals come around.



## Heritage Meats

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#### **BWCC 2nds E grade** round 11 lost to Lara at Lara #2

#### Lara 6/87cc

Joanne Heap	run out	2
Kirsty Euesden	c: S Hanneysee b: C White	9
Carmel Hewitt	b: S Hanneysee	1
Julie Simunitsch	c: S Hanneysee b: J Holt	7
Karina Richmond	std R Wright: b: M Tegelhuter	4
Renae Degoldi	b: S Hanneysee	1
Helen Arundell	not out	4
Kathryn O'Neill	run out	0
Lisa Beardsmore	dnb	
Miriam Hickey-Hu	ımble dnb	
Extras 9WD, 2	1NB, 0LB, 2B, 0P	32
Total (20 ove	rs) 6cc/	87

Fall of Wickets: 1-28 Kirsty Euesden, 2-34 Carmel Hewitt, 3-55 Julie Simunitsch, 4-79 Karina Richmond, 5-81 Joanne Heap, 6-86 Renae Degoldi, 7-87 Kathryn O'Neill

BOWLERS	O	M	R	W	Econ V	WD	NB
Jules Holt (c)	4	1	12	1	3.00	-	3
Steph Wynd	4	-	31	0	7.75	-	5
Maddison Tegelhuter	4	-	20	1	5.00	4	6
Carly White (vc)	4	-	13	1	3.25	3	3
Scarlett Hanneysee	4	-	8	2	2.00	2	4

#### Newtown & Chilwell 6/69cc

Rebecca Wright	run out: J Simunitsch 2
Keely Franklin	c: L Beardsmore b: K Richmond 4
Steph Wynd	b: J Simunitsch 8
Scarlett Hanneysee	run out: M Hickey-Humble 4
Zoe Hunter	not out 3
Carly White (vc)	run out: H Arundell 13
Mary Malone	c: L Beardsmore b: J Heap 0
Jules Holt (c)	not out 3
Leah Irving	dnb
Kirsty Mellross	dnb
Maddison Tegelhuter	dnb
Extras	5WD, 26NB, 0LB, 2B, 0P 33
Total	(20 overs) <b>6cc/69</b>

Fall of Wickets: 1-7 Rebecca Wright, 2-17 Keely Franklin, 3-30 Steph Wynd, 4-46 Scarlett Hanneysee, 5-69 Carly White, 6-69 Mary Malone

BOWLERS	$\mathbf{o}$	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD	NB
Joanne Heap	4	-	8	1	2.00	-	2
Kirsty Euesden	3	-	20	0	6.66	-	11
Karina Richmond (c)	4	-	11	1	2.75	1	1
Julie Simunitsch	3	-	12	1	4.00	3	4
Miriam Hickey-Humbl	e 3	1	11	0	3.66	1	4
Carmel Hewitt	3	-	6	0	2.00	-	4

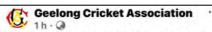






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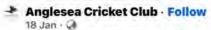
The countdown is on to the GCA Men's T20 semi-finals.

Please note the revised date.

The grand final is scheduled for Tuesday 27 February, although that will be confirmed.







Tonight at training the club gathered for a very special presentation, the unveiling of the lan Poulton Scoreboard.

Mark Stoneham and lan's son Ash spoke of Mr P's great influence on the club, from coaching, captaining, presidency and much much more.

You'll now find Ian helping out on Tuesdays and Thursdays at trainings, as well as faithfully scoring the A Grade match every Saturday % %

As a club we are glad to recognise lan in this small way, and thank him for all he has done over the years



Ian Robert William Poulton played 177 matches with the N&CCC from the mid 1960s into the 80s. In his 89 1sts XI and 80 2<sup>nd</sup> XI he amassed 3873 runs as an opening bat and was vice captain of the 1979/80 2<sup>nd</sup> XI premiership. Congrats this on acknowledgement 'LC'.



#### THIRD XI

drew with North Geelong on Shaw Oval

#### Newtown & Chilwell 9d/265

Brendan Twaddle c: J Rhodes b: W Hall	0
Rodney Kiddle c: W Hall b: S Mellington	54
Sam Meaney c: T Birch b: G Armistead	16
Andrew Knott (c) c: T Birch b: G Armistead	1
Matthew Scott c: F Lucas b: S Mellington	43
Hunter Norman b: S McGrath	61
Levi Irving c: F Lucas b: S McGrath	22
Zac Stokes b: S McGrath	1
Mike Chapman b: S McGrath	29
Adam Kalz not out	2
Jack Gordon dnb	
Extras 6WD, 4NB, 3LB, 7B, 0P	20
<b>Total</b> (75.3 overs) <b>9d</b> /2	265

Fall of Wickets: 1-0 Brendan Twaddle, 2-47 Sam Meaney, 3-49 Andrew Knott, 4-79 Rodney Kiddle, 5-166 Matthew Scott, 6-214 Hunter Norman, 7-215 Levi Irving, 8-260 Zac Stokes, 9-265 Mike Chapman

BOWLERS	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD	NB
Will Hall	19	4	63	1	3.31	-	-
Tim Birch	9	0	29	0	3.22	-	-
Grant Armistead	6.4	1	20	2	3.00	1	2
Saurabh Saini	9	1	24	0	2.66	-	1
Sam Mellington	8.2	2	45	2	5.40	5	-
Joshua Rhodes	5	1	25	0	5.00	-	1
Sean McGrath	18.3	3	49	4	2.64	-	-

#### North Geelong 9/188

Josh Smith	lbw: B Twaddle	0
Fred Lucas	c: J Gordon b: L Irving	34
Patrick Visentin	c: A Kalz b: L Irving	12
Anthony Armistead	lb: S Meaney	44
Sam Mellington	not out	34
Will Hall	b: L Irving	12
Grant Armistead	c: H Norman b: Z Stokes	16
Joshua Rhodes	c: B Twaddle b: A Kalz	8
Stephen Jacimovic	c: B Twaddle b: A Kalz	0
Sean McGrath	lbw: B Twaddle	6
Tim Birch	not out	0
Extras	9WD, 2NB, 3LB, 8B, 0P	22
Total	(61 overs)	9/188

Fall of Wickets: 1-20 Josh Smith, 2-35 Patrick Visentin, 3-46 Fred Lucas, 4-116 Anthony Armistead, 5-131 Will Hall, 6-156 Grant Armistead, 7-165 Joshua Rhodes, 8-171 Stephen Jacimovic, 9-177 Sean McGrath

BOWLERS	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	<b>Econ V</b>	VD	NB
Brendan Twaddle	12	5	20	2	1.66	-	-
Levi Irving	10	0	58	3	5.80	-	1
Jack Gordon	8	1	28	0	3.50	2	1
Adam Kalz	19	7	42	2	2.21	-	-
Sam Meaney	6	1	18	1	3.00	-	-
Zac Stokes	6	2	11	1	1.83	7	-



#### **FOURTH XI**

defeated North Geelong at Osborne Park #2

#### **North Geelong 198**

Luke Price	c&b: Tom Levick	
David Murphy	c: M Ainsworth b: J Harmon	24
Jeff Czajkowski	c&b: L West	43
Aarav Jain	c: M Ainsworth b: T Agar	2
Luke Malcolm	b: T Agar	1′
Simon Cole	c: J White b: T Agar	28
Darcy O'Brien	c: J White b: L West	11
Colin Millard	c: J White b: L West	2
Edward Sherwin	run out: J Harmon, T Agar	
Riley Ward	run out: T Agar	
Darren Fernando	not out	(
Extras	12WD, 10NB, 0LB, 1B0, P	23
Total	(69.3 overs)	198

BOWLERS	O	M	R	W	Econ'	WD	NB
Jack Hastie	9	-	33	0	3.66	-	-
Tom Levick	12	2	45	1	3.75	-	-
Jordan White (c)	10	2	22	0	2.20	-	-
Levi West	15	4	27	3	1.80	-	-
Jacob Harmon	11	3	20	1	1.81	-	-
Tom Agar	12.3	4	50	3	4.00	-	-

#### Newtown & Chilwell 7/200

Newtown	& Chilwen 1/2	UU
Andrew Sadowy	c: D Fernando b: A Jain	6
Jacob Harmon	b: D Murphy	39
Mark Ainsworth	lbw: A Jain	59
Madden Sadowy	c: R Ward b: C Millard	30
Jordan White (c)	c: S Cole b: D Fernando	8
Max Inderberg	not out	20
Tom Levick	c: L Price b: C Millard	0
Barnaby Williams	c: D Murphy b: C Millard	14
Jack Hastie	not out	4
Tom Agar	dnb	
Levi West	dnb	
Extras	6WD, 5NB, 8LB, 1B0, P	20
Total	(70 overs)	7/200

Fall of Wickets: 1-11 Andrew Sadowy, 2-100 Jacob Harmon, 3-128 Mark Ainsworth, 4-150 Jordan White, 5-157 Madden Sadowy, 6-157 Tom Levick, 7-190 Barnaby Williams

<b>BOWLERS</b>	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD	NB
Aarav Jain	16	1	40	2	2.50	-	-
Luke Malcolm	5	1	11	0	2.20	-	-
Colin Millard	18	5	39	3	2.16	-	-
Darren Fernando	18	4	54	1	3.00	-	-
Riley Ward	3	-	10	0	3.33	-	-
Edward Sherwin	2	-	17	0	8.50	-	-
David Murphy	8	-	20	1	2.50	-	-



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### FIFTH XI round 11

defeated North Geelong at Eastern Park #3

#### Newtown & Chilwell 3/205cc

1	Adam O'Connor (c	e) b: Gavin Bullock-Foran	16
4	Grant Whiteside	retired not out	50
3	Mihir Patel	retired not out	50
1	Charlie Suvoltos	c: ? b: Mitch Elliott	34
7	Ben Harmon	c: ? b: Jason Kingsbury	13
8	Rohan Wardle	not out	10
1	Banjo Savage	not out	15
1	Steven Abram	dnb	
8	Grant Meaney	dnb	
1	Rex Suvoltos	dnb	
0	Henry Meaney	dnb	
3	Extras 3WD,	8NB, 1LB, 5B, 0P	17
8	Total (40 ov	vers) 3cc/	205

Fall of Wickets: 1-38 Adam O'Connor, 2-173 Ben Harmon, 3-180 Charlie Suvoltos

BOWLERS	ON	1 R	WEcon	WD	NB
Gavin Bullock-Foran	82	25	13.12	1	2
Jude Lane	8-	38	04.75	2	3
Angus Woods	3-	21	07.00	-	1
Mitch Elliott	71	29	14.14	-	1
Jordan Bews	4-	22	05.50	-	-
Jason Kingsbury	61	31	15.16	-	1
Jay Reardon	4-	33	08.25	-	-

#### **North Geelong 163**

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c: A O'Connor b: R Suvolt	os17
c: B Savage b: R Suvoltos	2
c: H Meaney b: G Meaney	3
c: S Abram b: R Suvoltos	4
c: G Whiteside b: B Harmo	n64
c: R Suvoltos b: S Abram	16
c: R Suvoltos b: S Abram	17
c: C Suvoltos b: H Meaney	0
not out	24
c: G Meaney b: B Harmon	4
c: R Suvoltos b: B Harmon	0
3WD, 4NB, 1LB, 4B, 0P	12
(35.1 overs)	163
	c: A O'Connor b: R Suvolt c: B Savage b: R Suvoltos c: H Meaney b: G Meaney c: S Abram b: R Suvoltos c: G Whiteside b: B Harmo c: R Suvoltos b: S Abram c: R Suvoltos b: S Abram c: C Suvoltos b: H Meaney not out c: G Meaney b: B Harmon c: R Suvoltos b: B Harmon d: R Suvoltos b: B Harmon

Fall of Wickets: 1-16 Jay Reardon, 2-23 Ashley Kingsbury, 3-23 Angus Woods, 4-27 Simon Reeves, 5-91 Jude Lane, 6-115 Ethan Cook, 7-125 Gavin Bullock-Foran, 8-149 Jordan Bews, 9-149 Warren Holland, 10-163 Mitch Elliott

BOWLERS	O	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	<b>Econ V</b>	VD	NB
Rex Suvoltos	6	1	23	3	3.83	-	-
Grant Meaney	8	2	16	1	2.00	1	2
Charlie Suvoltos	2	-	26	0	13.00	-	-
Steven Abram	8	-	38	2	4.75	2	2
Henry Meaney	8	-	35	1	4.37	-	-
Mihir Patel	2	-	20	0	10.00	-	-
Ben Harmon	1.1	1	0	3	0	-	-



#### FIFTH XI round 12

lost to South Barwon at Belmont Common #3

South Bar	won 9cc/251	Runs	BF	<b>4s</b>	6s	SR
Sam Farnsworth	c: R Wardle b: R Suvoltos	20	15	2	1	133.33
Isaac Saunders	b: G Meaney	15	16	1	1	93.75
Ryan Tench	c: S Abram b: C Green	47	62	3	3	75.80
Lachie Read	not out	50	77	5	0	64.93
Scott Walters	st: G Whiteside b: S Abran	n 1	6	0	0	16.66
Daniel Johnson	not out	60	37	3	4	162.16
Mathew Dickens	b: G Meaney	11	7	2	0	157.14
Joshua West	b: C Green	25	18	1	1	138.88
Andrew Monk	c: G Whiteside b: G Means	ey 0	2	0	0	
Alexander Anticev	c: H Meaney b: G Meaney	2	4	0	0	50.00
Jye Walters	c: A Patching b: R Suvolto	s 1	3	0	0	33.33
Extras 2WD	o, 7NB, 4LB, 6B, 0P	19				
Total (40 o	overs) 9cc	/251				

**Fall of Wickets:** 1-35 Sam Farnsworth, 2-35 Isaac Saunders, 3-120 Ryan Tench, 4-122 Scott Walters, 5-213 Mathew Dickens, 6-213 Andrew Monk, 7-226 Alexander Anticev, 8-237 Jye Walters, 9-241 Joshua West

BOWLERS	0	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Rex Suvoltos	8	0	64	2	8.00	0 0
Grant Meaney	8	0	36	4	4.50	0 2
Steven Abram	8	0	28	1	3.50	2 1
Najeebullah Soomro	5	0	27	0	5.40	0 3
Craig Green	7	0	52	2	7.42	0 0
Henry Meaney	4	0	34	0	8.50	0 1

Newtown &	c Chilwell 113		Runs	BF	<b>4s</b>	6s
Craig Green	c: S Walters b: A Anticev	23	16	4	0	143.75
Adam Patching	b: S Farnsworth	0	2	0	0	
Banjo Savage	b: D Johnson	24	26	6	0	92.30
Grant Whiteside	b: D Johnson	12	45	0	0	26.66
Charlie Suvoltos	c: M Dickens b: A Monk	27	51	3	0	52.94
Rohan Wardle	c: J West b: A Monk	4	18	1	0	22.22
Najeebullah Soomro	oc&b: A Monk	9	19	0	0	47.36
Steven Abram	c: D Johnson b: A Monk	0	1	0	0	
Henry Meaney	c: S Farnsworth b: A Mon	k 0	8	0	0	
Rex Suvoltos	not out	0	5	0	0	
Grant Meaney	c: M Dickens b: J West	3	11	0	0	27.27
Extras	0WD, 3NB, 2LB, 6B, 0P	11				
Total	(33 overs)	113				

**Fall of Wickets:** 1-19 Adam Patching, 2-23 Craig Green, 3-61 Banjo Savage, 4-75 Grant Whiteside, 5-92 Rohan Wardle, 6-107 Charlie Suvoltos, 7-107 Steven Abram, 8-109 Henry Meaney, 9-110 Najeebullah Soomro, 10-113 Grant Meaney

<b>BOWLERS</b>	$\mathbf{o}$	M	R	$\mathbf{W}$	Econ	WD NB
Sam Farnsworth	8	1	15	1	1.87	0 0
Alexander Anticev	4	0	37	1	9.25	0 2
Jye Walters	6	1	23	0	3.83	0 0
Daniel Johnson	4	1	12	2	3.00	0 1
Lachie Read	4	1	12	0	3.00	0 0
Andrew Monk (c)	6	0	10	5	1.66	0 0
Joshua West	1	0	2	1	2.00	0 0



#### Dan Lawrence called up to replace Harry Brook for India Tests



Former Two Blue Daniel Lawrence has been called into the English squad for the five-Test series in India.

England's preparations for the series were rocked by the news that Harry Brook will miss at least a section of the series.

An initial ECB statement specified that Brook would miss the entire series but that detail was later removed from the ECB website.

There remains a chance that Brook, who is returning home for personal reasons, will fly back out to India for the later stages of the tour.

The ECB statement also asked for the media and public to respect the Brook family's request for privacy at this time.

Lawrence, a Merriman Medallist with the Two Blues before returning to England to make his Test debut, has been called up in Brook's place.

He was most recently seen during the Big Bash opening the batting for the Melbourne Stars.

The 26-year-old hasn't represented England since Joe Root's final Test in charge as captain back in March 2022 against West Indies in Grenada.

That said, Lawrence was a regular presence in squads across the 2023 summer without getting a game.

There was great disappointment among Two Blue supporters of Dan who went to England hoping to see him play in one of the Ashes Tests.

He was also strangely, giving his performances for the English Lions, left out of the senior XI when England toured Australia.

He wasn't included in the England XI for the first Test, with Jonny Bairstow preferred as a specialist batsman.

Perhaps Dan's luck will change with his signing for Surrey after a decade of service to Essex, which included him being awarded the Gooch/Insole Scholarship that brought him to Newtown.



Congrats as debutante Tom Patterson takes his first catch



## Two Blue Junior scoreboard

COMPLETED | South Barwon U17 Boys Gold leads by 8

South Barwon U17 Boys Gold 9 6-149

Two Blues Boys U17 Taylor

141

South Barwon Reserve 5

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Royce won by 6 wickets

Grovedale Junior Boys U13 Da... 5-105

Two Blues Boys U13 Royce

♥ 4-145

Grovedale Recreation Reserve

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Royce won by 4 wickets

Two Blues Boys U13 Royce

**Φ** 138

Queenscliff

137

Belmont Common North 3

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Royce won by 6 wickets

Grovedale Junior Boys U13 Da... 5-105

Two Blues Boys U13 Royce

Grovedale Recreation Reserve

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Morgan trails by 46

QCC U13 Boys (Friday night)

Ф 6-153

Two Blues Boys U13 Morgan

5-107

Queenscliff Recreation Reserve

COMPLETED Bannockburn Cricket Club U13 Howling won by...

Bannockburn Cricket Club...

**Ф** 3-172

Two Blues Boys U13 Chisholm

2-105

Bannockburn no 1

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Chisholm won by 51 runs

Two Blues Boys U13 Chish...

Ψ 3-131

Lara Cricket Club U13 Boys Sp.,. 9-80

Queens Park 2 Shaw Oval

COMPLETED Two Blues Boys U13 Barnes leads by 18

Alexander Thomson U13 Verde... 5-99

Two Blues Boys U13 Barnes

Ψ 1-117

South Barwon Reserve 3

COMPLETED Torquay U13 Boys Coleman won by 22 runs

Torquay U13 Boys Coleman

Φ 6-127

Two Blues Boys U13 Barnes

4-105

Quay Reserve

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#### Victora and Victas revisisted

Following the publication of a couple of pages from an ancient scorebook on Facebook in January to help Chisa celebrate his 72<sup>nd</sup>birthday, people asked for the story behind those pages.

For the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sixth XI's fabled one wicket win over Grovedale a few years back, Chisa's co-captain wrote a memorable work called Victors and Victas. (Chisa declined because he doesn't like talking about himself, no sniggering.)



#### **Victors and Victas**

by Phillip Morgan, co-captain, NCCC 1999/200 Sixth XI Premiers

It was probably Neville Cardus who first said a good five-day Test is like a great symphony; replete with an overture, serene movements and stirring crescendos.

A Sixth XI grand final, like the one played between NCCC and Grovedale over two days in March, 2000, at Oberon High, was more your rock opera — whether slow or fast, and it had both, it was raw.

Grovedale entered the contest with more baggage than a Qantas carousel. They were known as the lawn movers, not because they had been victors in the past, despite their infamous skills with the Victa.

Additionally, Chisa had singlehandedly reigned, or was that rained, over them once?

And these two days at Oberon High, he was seeking one more win, complete with new hips, and the lawn mowers were back for revenge – hot, cold, anyway they could serve it up.

Always great tossers, Grovedale won the flip of the coin, and as you do, batted first.

They reached 30 before Ando got a couple either side of a run out to reduce them to 3-35

Thereafter there was the proverbial steady procession of wickets, interrupted by Macca, who after being dropped, belted his way to 70 before the great man Chisholm uprooted all three stumps with his 700th wicket.

Hip, hip hooray, and hip, hip hooroo. For a side that featured three century makers that season, 194 shouldn't have been all that insurmountable, but after a couple of dubious lbws another of these proverbial steady procession things was underway.

Enter Hoodie to do a Macca, sending the ball in the general direction of the Surf Coast Highway on his way to a 63 that oh so should have been a century – one that would have saved the finger-nails of eight of his teammates.

There was another Macca, too, a real one: our Meggsie, whose 24 is too often overlooked when wise and not so wise men gather to talk about their past deeds.

By now it was tense, it was raw. And we're just talking about the infighting amongst the lawn mowers, in contrast to the measured calmness among the batters, which might have been unmeasured a little bit when first Meggsie, then Trevor departed: 9- 174.

As folk came from all around as word of the contest had spread, this was the moment for Chisa, entering not entirely gracefully down the old hill at Oberon they replaced with terraced seating so that blokes didn't roll into bat anymore.

His NCCC cap sat proudly if slightly askew on his head, his tone was unruffled as he met the not out batsman halfway, as is the appropriate practice, with this cri de couer: "Well let's do it."

It deserves to be writ as large in cricket folklore as Spofforth's "this thing can be done" - and will be at least for the next few paragraphs.

Because the thing was done, mostly through Chisa's gentle caresses and occasional swipes, mostly with the willow, but occasionally he might have used lawn mower-speak to make a point.

Those hips, still settling into their sockets, turned twos into singles, and threes into twos, before a relieving four, and the precious byes after Grovie's first choice Aunt Sally hurled the gloves at his teammates, who had been sledging him even more than they sledged Chisa and his

partner and said: "Well find someone who can do a better job!"

They couldn't and discreet leaves became as good a scoring chance as hooks off the eyebrowns as the lawn mowers turned to their young quick after their old one ran out of petrol, which clearly wasn't Caltex.

Soon enough, it was bye byes. The winning runs though, came off the bat, Chisa's.



Then Grovie, their desperation writ so large it was a stand-up comedy routine, tried to claim a dubious run-out after the score was passed and both batters did what batters out there do when the winning runs are hit – embraced in the middle.

One of those batters, who had been declared a coward despite standing firm for two hours against all that Grovedale could hurl at him, vocally and otherwise, decided that the time for quietly ignoring it all had now passed.

It was rock and roll, it was raw, but it was ultimately drowned out by a mightier roar as the lawn mowers headed for their various ride-ons for the long journey home and the victors, as distinct from Victas, assembled to have their photos taken.

And cheer, and laugh, the always potent, last laugh - and sing, too.

This was rock opera and then some - Pete Townsend could not have said it better if he had included Brum ba rump ba ra



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