



Ferntree Gully C.C.
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Blues E-News

Edition 3

The season is already two rounds old after the completion of a one day game in the first round and a two dayer in the second. It's been a topsy-turvy start with some great wins and some not so great losses for the six senior sides. The First XI has won both games convincingly but the Second XI has struggled against opposing clubs first's teams for two losses. The Third XI has also had two losses but with some wonderful individual performances and the Fourth XI have one win and a loss. The two One Day grades have both played two games with the Fifts one win and one loss and the Sixths a very strange one win and one loss. The loss being by a forfeit by us and the win a forfeit against us!

What this does show us so early in the season is that we have really struggled to get numbers on the ground. A lot of players seem to have commitments for a lot of things other than cricket at this time of the year but the selection group is confident that from now on, we can field more players and therefore stronger teams. We should have three first XI players returning this week and also a number of lower grade players back to make us a more competitive club overall. The feeling around the club is extremely positive and the boys will be out to make sure that we can get some more runs on the board than we have done in the first two rounds.

Our recent involvement in the 'Sandown Super Sixes' finished last Sunday when we were beaten on the last ball by Johnson Park, thus leaving Ferntree Gully as Runners Up. In what was a thriller of a game, Johnson Park amassed a reasonable total of 159 off 20 overs. With eight runs to win off the last over of the game, we had lost two wickets and needed two off the last ball. Unfortunately the ball was caught, leaving us one run behind. A great effort by all those that played the three games in what was a great bonding time for the 'younguns' and the 'oldies'. Hopefully we can get our own back when we play them in the home and away game.

It's great to see our batsmen (well at least a few of them) hitting some early season form. Standout performances in the opening rounds have been Shane Richardson with 100 not out last week in the firsts and Michael Reed 113 not out and Darren Stephenson 89 in the thirds. Michael and Darren broke a 22 year old batting partnership record for the club in amassing 195. This is the highest ever partnership for the fifth wicket in the third XI. Bowling wise, only Rob Sevier (alias 'Captain Araldite') has been able to run through the opposition taking 6/64 last week in the 4ths.

Round 1

1sts - FTG 7/161 (Teofilo 46, Bowyer 38) def St Johns 103 (Salan 3/24, Handley 3/30, Chamberlain 3/11)

2nds – AuraVale 4/266 def FTG 83

3rds – Upwey 5/97 def FTG 93

4ths – UFTG def FTG 103

Round 2

1sts – FTG 4/259 (Richardson 100*, Teofilo 45, Millard 45) Def UFTG 150

2nds – Knox Gardens 6/174 Def FTG 61 (Calvert 30) and 66

3rds – Knoxfield 171 Def FTG 45 and 5/215 (Reed 113*, Stephenson 89)

4ths – FTG 169 Def Knoxfield 151 (Sevier 6/64, D.Lee 4/24)

5ths – Week 1 -FTG 3/240 (Hibbins 51, Godfrey 50) Def Footballers 98 (Irvine 3/17)

5ths – Week 2 -St Johns 4/140 Def FTG 137 (Lovell 33)

6ths – Week 1 -Lost on Forfeit

6ths – Week 2 -Won on Forfeit

Junior News

The junior club has started off the season in great style with five of the six teams that play on Saturdays winning in the first week. This is a great reward for all those who have put in the time and effort to get these kids up and

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running and congratulations must go to the coaches, the committee and the players. Unfortunately we only had three teams win in the second round but all teams were again competitive and giving their best at all times.

Some standout performances from the first two rounds:

U17's – Henry 50, Topp 50

U15's - Sharpe 21, Barrington 18*, Masterton 19, Hodgson 26*

U13's - Cole 23*, Brearly 5/5, Bullock 23*, Lindsay 2/3

U12's - Adams 22*, Salan 23*, McGeogh 23*,

Around the Club

(Upcoming Social Events)

Trivia Night (Senior/Junior/Veterans)

Saturday 15th November @ 7.00pm FTGCC Clubrooms

Drinks at bar prices

Tickets: \$12 Adult / \$5 Children

Sporting Memorabilia 'Silent Auction'

BYO 'Supper' for your table

See DEAN GLARE to book your table

Last year we had a magnificent turn out to our Trivia Night and we will again be looking to everyone to make it happen. This is the night the brought the Junior and Senior club so much closer together so let's make sure we book our tickets early and pack it out!

Christmas Break Up

Saturday 20th December, 2008

More information to come!

\$1,000 Draw

Sunday 1st February @ FTGCC Clubrooms

\$10 per Ticket

Free Beer/ Wine/ Soft drink (for limited time)

Breast Cancer Foundation Day

Saturday 7th February, 2008

More information to come

Time to Celebrate a Flag or Two or Three

Jason Goldsmith, although currently living in Canberra, has put up his hand to arrange an annual re-union of Premiership teams. The first night will be towards the end of this season and will be a re-union for all players of the club who have played in a senior or junior premiership. Jason will be organising this from Canberra and will be using updated databases from Graham Toogood and historical information from Steve Fleming to contact people and inform them. Jason hopes to be back in Melbourne within the next two years and we look forward to him both coming back as well as assisting the club in this manner. Thanks Jason.

If you have any photo's or contact information for past players, please let me know so as it can be passed onto Jason.

Do you have one? Cheap!

The club is on the look out for a lockable filing cabinet/ locker to store all our club clothing in. If you have one or know of someone who has one, please let me know.

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Afternoon Teas please

Just in case you're not aware, every week we need to have three lots of afternoon tea's made up for the each team that has a home game. At this time, Dione Salan does this pretty much by herself every Saturday morning and now that young Daniel is playing in the Under 12's on Saturday morning she has to leave his game early to get back to make the tea's up. If you could possibly give any assistance to Dione in making the afternoon tea's, whether it be for one week or the rest of the season, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our District Duo

Youngsters, Michael Topp and Josh Henry have been busy getting their District careers up and running. Both boys are playing Under 17's at Ferntree Gully in the morning and then disappear quickly down the line to play with their respective clubs. Josh (Hawthorn-Monash CC) made 89 last week in the thirds and will be looking to push up into the two's while Michael (Ringwood CC) has been bowling really well also in the thirds. Both boys helped us out in the 20/20 games and it was a pleasure to have them still participate with us in the senior ranks.

Our Thanks to the Council

Thanks to the efforts of club stalwart Norm Butters, our application to the Knox Council for a 'Development Grant' was approved and a cheque for \$2,000 has been handed to us. The application was to assist the club to pay for our new bowling machine which is now in action every Tuesday in the nets. Although we do have our criticisms of the council they are a willing ally in any community based program. They will happily listen to our requests and discuss with us the options for ground and pavillion maintenance and upgrades. Sometimes things do take a bit longer to get done than we'd like them to but more than often not they will get there in the end.

It's a GIRL –

Congratulations go out to Rodney and Kylie Salan on the birth of their second daughter Matilda Anne Salan, a little sister to Molly. Rodney is captain of Sixth's and has had plenty of practice looking after the 'kids' in that team so he should have no problems with his two little girls compared with those that he captains on the weekend!

Around the 'Comp'

A quick look around the comp in Knox Tavern Cup and we can already see that there's a few sides that will be fairly formidable opponents throughout the season. Johnson Park have shown their colours very early and have an extremely strong batting line up. Having been finalists now for a number of years they'll be extremely keen to go all the way this season. Eildon Park will again be a contender with both a consistent batting and bowling line up.

Last year's Premiers Monbulk, have lost quite a few top grade players and will rely heavily upon a few well seasoned players to keep them up and winning. Rowville will also be another strong combination having shown that they have great batting depth. They seem to consistently bat all day and amass large scores and then have the bowling depth to win games. Belgrave have regained a couple of players from recent years and should trouble quite a few teams.

UFTG have recruited well (from Monbulk) and if they can play at the top of their game all year will definitely be in the mix. Mountain Gate appear to be the same old Mountain Gate that we know but if the Sri Lankan boys get going they'll always be hard to beat. Upwey have lost a few and will be looking for some youth to blend in with their quality but ageing stars and will still be a handful.

The Basin have a good consistent team on paper and if they can 'click' together as a team will prove a handful but are prone to dropping the easy games which could be their downfall come finals time. St Johns have lost a couple of their more recent champions and although they have some good kids coming through look as though they will struggle this year. Lysterfield, last years DeCoite Shield premiers again have a very good team on paper and will feature heavily come the crunch in March. All in all it appears as though it will be a very even year with batsmen looking to dominate. There does appear to be a lack of good 'quick' bowlers in the comp this year. This, with the fact that the grounds will be dry and quick again, should see a lot of runs across the board. Hopefully a lot of them will be when Ferntree Gully is batting!

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Round 4	FTG Vs Belgrave	at FTG	Two day game

DeCoite Shield

Round 3	FTG Vs The Basin	at FTG	Two day game
Round 4	FTG Vs South Belgrave	Away	Two day game

Thirds

Round 3	FTG Vs The Basin	at Home	Two day game
Round 4	FTG Vs Mt Gate	Away	Two day game

Fourths

Round 3	FTG Vs The Basin	at FTG	Two day game
Round 4	FTG Vs Monbulk	Away	Two day game

Fifths

Round 3	FTG Vs Upwey	at FTG	One day game
Round 4	FTG Vs Belgrave	Away	One day game

Sixths

Round 3	FTG Vs St Johns	Away	One day game
Round 4	FTG Vs BYE		

Committee

The committee for the season 2008/09 is:

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If you have some news or items of interest that you would like to place in the Blues News, please send it to me via email on grahamdione@bigpond.com

Regards

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