



Newsletter of the United Cricket Club

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CAPTAIN'S MATCH REPORT

3rd Grade Grand Final - United vs Port Douglas

Yet again another season comes to a close and thankfully I had the opportunity to play and captain a United Cricket Team in a Grand Final - our second for the season. We were looking for redemption having lost the One Day Final to Mission Beach by one wicket. Also another chance to remove the Final Monkey from my shoulders. He is starting to get heavy. I should mention to that I have never felt this nervous before anything in my life. My wedding and the birth of Dean were nothing on this feeling I had.

The pitch and field looked immaculate Saturday morning and with some surprise Port sent us in to bat after winning the toss. No surprise really as I have only won one toss this season. After losing a couple of early wickets Nathan Freebody and Mal Brown batted well to get us into a healthy position prior to lunch. However young Nathan got carried away with some of shots and skied a ball the last over before lunch leaving us at 3/80. Shortly after lunch we lost the wickets of myself, Paul Tetley and Mal Brown, who was caught at slip by an awesome catch it was, leaving us at 6/106. Wez Garrard and Darren Thompson combined to get the total building again before the umpire had a brain fade giving Darren out leg before after clearly hitting the ball. Shortly after Wez followed, being caught behind. 1st innings total of 159 at Tea. I would have felt more comfortable with at least another 50 runs.

At the start of Port Douglas's Innings I reminded the team of the old saying "we have them and they need to get them", also one of my favourites "let's just have fun". And so we began. Darren Thompson took a very special catch at his toes standing in second slip off John "Big Red" Oliver. Soon after Mal Brown took the first of four catches to have Port at 2/17. The Port Captain, Josh McConnell then joined Keith Taylor for a 37 run partnership before Luke Fuller took a fantastic 'running looking over his shoulder' catch to dismiss Josh, 3/54. After that dismissal Port looked to block out the rest of the final session of play. Wez Garrard however found a gap between pad and.....well there was no bat as we did not offer a shot to bowl Keith Taylor. 4/63. It was then time for the Migaloo Pie Shop to open and with effect taking a wicket in his first over. 5/64. Wez Garrard then took the final wicket for the day's play caught behind to leave Port at 6/80 at the close.

Sunday morning, the sun was shining, and the United boys could feel something special in the air. Port had 4 wickets in the bank and we had 80 runs. The Port pair made a solid start putting on ten runs before John "Heinz" Oliver struck finding the edge through to Mal. 7/90. Mison joined Varcoe at the crease. Varcoe had looked very solid since arriving at the crease and I was beginning to wonder how we would get this guy out. Was the special thing that was going to happen? 43 tense runs later and countless pleas to Nathan to pitch the ball up, he did. And surprise, surprise it worked finding the edge of Mison's bat again through to Mal. 8/133. 2 wickets left, 27 runs to get. Excitement plus.



Varcoe was joined at the crease by Sam Evans. Again wondering what we have to do to get Varcoe he did it himself hitting a ball off Wez Garrard straight to Shane Wilcox who took a juggling catch. 9/133. With almost a whole session left before lunch John Oliver and Wez Garrard threw everything at the last two batsmen however they held on long enough to get through to lunch. 9/141.

After lunch it was time for some spin. The Frog began beating the bat a number of times in the first over. Migaloo returned to again confound the batsmen with his leg spin biting, turning and jumping at the batsmen. It was not long before it was all over. The Frog found a gap, bowling Evans and giving United a 17 run first innings lead. "Come on now boys the job is not done yet. We need to bat well to put the game beyond doubt." were the instructions for the skipper. Dave Arnell, Port's opening bowler had other ideas. In a spell of fast, aggressive bowling he had United limping at 5/21. An overall lead of just 38 with 3 hours of play left. This had to be that special something. Or was it?



Paul Tetley played a magnificent innings to pull United out of the fire and back onto its feet. Supported by Wez (9) and then Darren (26) Paul scored 54 of the most important runs this season to give United an unattainable lead. This was that something special. Port soldiered on with pride looking to get all 10 wickets before the close. John "I can block a ball" Oliver and Craig Allen rubbed some salt in at the end with a neat 27 10th wicket partnership. United finally all out for 154, with 20 minutes of play left.

In a game played with great sportsmanship both teams shook hands. Finally United had won. I can now kick that monkey off my back and enjoy.

To finish I would like to thank everyone who played with the 3rd grade team this year. It has been a pleasure to captain the side. It is a team that has a great comradery about it. We all support it each over in the middle and if someone makes a mistake it is great to hear everyone help them out. I have tried hard to give everyone a fair go but I also know that all the players are mature enough to know that we cannot always bowl or bat where we want to and we all still get in and have a go. I cannot think of a time all year that I have not wanted to be a part of this team. I hope it can continue next season and also spread throughout the club. Also a special mention to all who have helped off the field as well, especially the scorers. It makes it easier to play and enjoy if you do not have to worry about the score books.



Till next season

Migaloo aka Brent

The 2008/2009 playing season is over but please come and celebrate the successes of your team mates and our club at the **United Presentation Night** and then the **CFN dinner**. Contact Kim to book if you haven't done so already.

March Birthdays:

Matt Tobin was 16 on 5th March

Gonzo was 35 on 8th March

Warren Bartholomew was 34 on 13th March

Grant Carlson will be 31 on 22nd March

**To those
playing in the
winter comp,
enjoy!**

Check us out at www.unitedcricketclub.com.au

Thanks Brent for looking after the website all season



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Player Profile: Tony Smith

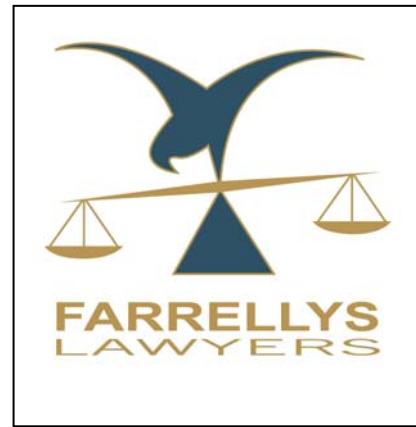


Tony's cricket career failed to progress beyond early high school due to the fact that in those unenlightened days boys were chosen for the various team sports on the basis of ability.

However he was deemed to be occasionally useful in the sense that on the odd occasion that the bowler accidentally bowled into the area vaguely patrolled by Tony's bat it tended to be "slogged" reasonably hard, this combined with the general inaccuracy of his schoolmate's bowling meant that he sometimes remained at the crease a lot longer than he should have. Tony occasionally troubled the scorekeeper to the extent of double figures. To this day he remains silent on the topic of the proportion of wides in his score.

Tony came to University study as a mature age student. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in and a Graduate Degree in Law, both gained at James Cook University in Cairns. He followed this up by completing a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Australian National University, resulting in his admission as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the ACT. His introduction to professional practice was at the Sunshine Coast, possibly the only area in Queensland with a greater pace of development than Cairns, where he worked in a small three person practice.

Returning to Cairns to join Farrellys Lawyers, Tony brings with him his life experience combined with a down-to-earth practical approach and recognition of the need to build long term relationships with his commercial clients.



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