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2010/11 St.Kilda Road 1st XI

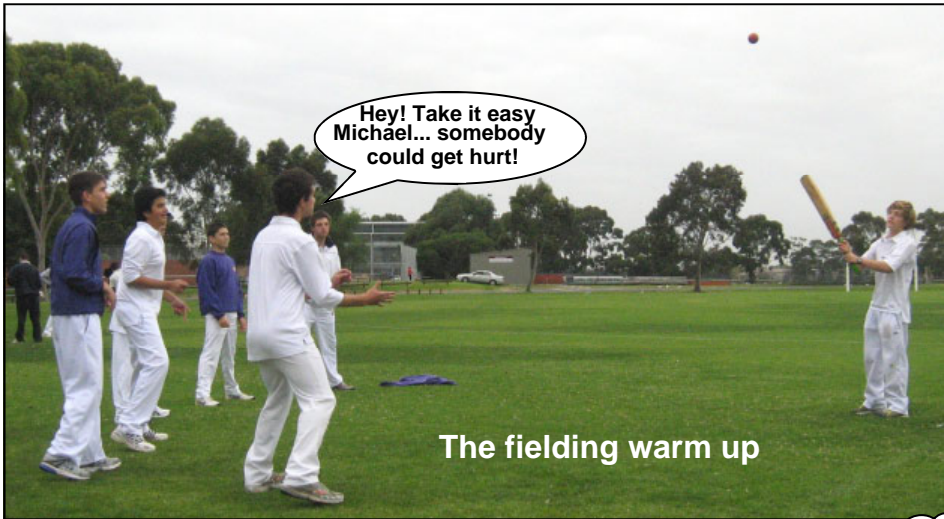


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Hey! Take it easy Michael... somebody could get hurt!

The fielding warm up



...ooh girl... we're rockin' back'n'forth 'neath the disco ball



...but it went straight to him!

I don't think so Jigz... it was clearly yours

It's always somebody else's fault!



Nice work Eddo!

I've seen better hands on a clock



..for he's a jolly good feh-eh-low

I'd like to thank my mum and dad..



Akshay is the Paddle Master



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Enjoy!

I should've
played back



Mamma mia,
here I go again,
my, my



Ribbert!



SKR 1st XI Team vs Haileybury 26/3/2011

2010 / 2011

That Was The Season That Was

Although the 2010/11 season was brief due to calendar anomalies and inclement weather, it was not without its share of notable performances & memorable moments.

The graduation *en masse* of the undefeated 2009/10 squad presented the selectors with the challenge of constructing a team from scratch, but the dilemma was solved early last Spring when budding entrepreneur Fraser Stead offered, for the price of the captaincy, a ready made team of tried and tested players. The offer was gratefully accepted by the coach who was further bemused by the Facebook conference that confirmed batting lineups and bowling strategies prior to the opening round.

This group of new generation cricketers comprised a curious mix of experienced club campaigners, backyard and beach enthusiasts, thespians, and aspiring political commentators. Considered in retrospect, the season's outcome - several convincing victories and several narrow losses - was indicative of the squad's mixed athletic abilities and diverse life plans.

The all round talents of Ben Symon were a crucial factor in the team's success. As an opening batsman, Ben refused to waste a loose ball and consistently reached the individual retirement limit. As a spin bowler and part time wicketkeeper he was equally effective. Fraser was the steadying partner at the top of the order, thoughtfully working the ball around and appearing to be in control. Michael Gregory provided some of the season's most entertaining batting as he demolished any bowler who dared to drop short of a length. Seb Mundy and Lachy Eddington displayed promise as middle order batsmen, but building an innings proved something of a challenge. Likewise, the remaining batsman revealed glimpses of talent but their sojourns at the crease were generally brief. Lachy Price and Scott McGuinness drove the ball firmly, Jacob Gronsbell consistently picked up a few runs but Branford Gruar and Renato Sampson did not trouble the scorers as often as they would have liked. Akshay Khatri struggled to establish a run rate, but proved a master of the backhand paddle.

The new ball was generally shared between Oscar "The King of Swing" Wyatt and our lone Year Tenner, Evan Bayley. Each bowler was capable of achieving genuine pace and the majority of opposition batsmen fell victim to either one or the other. Akshay could mesmerise opponents with the tantalising trajectory of his loopy spinners whilst the runups alone of Shaphieh Esharc and Branford were enough to generate fear in the hearts of batsmen before they unleashed their thunderbolts.

Seb shared the keeping duties and maintained a tight leash on his team mates as field placement manager whilst Branford's good arm, Oscar's diving and excellent fielding from Jigs and Renato enhanced our performances. Humorous asides, witty one-liners, bad puns, non-intimidatory sledging, Branford's dancing and Oscar's outrageous clothing adjustments added extra value to what was always going to be an enjoyable season.

Thanks to the players for their whole hearted involvement and to the supportive parents.

Richard Stone (Coach)_





SKR 1st XI vs Glen Waverley

Match played at Williams Oval GW on 12/2/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 77

STEAD 7
 SYMON 35 *
 MUNDY 0 (Golden)
 GREGORY 0
 PRICE 4
 GRONSBELL-LUNTZ 3
 GRUAR 4
 SAMSON 3
 McGUINNESS 1
 EDDINGTON 5 x
 BAYLEY 4

GLEN WAVERLEY 45

BAYLEY 4/8
 KHATRI 3/5
 WYATT 2/0
 EDDINGTON 0/5
 GRUAR 0/5
 McGUINNESS 0/8
 GREGORY 0/10

SEEN & NOTED

Evan Bayley's devastating opening spell - 3 wickets for 2 runs!
 Seb's stern on field captaincy keeping the pressure on the opposition
 Oscar picking up 3 maidens one after the other (What a guy!)
 GW reeling at 5 for 2
 Akshay spinning a web & biting with his deadly wrong 'un
 Branford's Shaun Tait impersonation (including the wides)
 Fraser's Mitchell Johnson impersonation... (the jury's still out on that one)
 Benny Symon holding our innings together with sensible batting
 Top order batsmen (YKWYA) generously allowing GW back into the game..
 ...throwing away three wickets in one over! Quack, quack!!
 Benny's flat sixer over the square leg boundary
 Lachy Price steadying the ship with his controlled batting
 Jacob G-L (aka Jigs) hitting the winning run
 Scotty (Birthday Boy) McGuinness scoring a birthday run
 Renato almost middling a cover drive
 Eddo showing promise with the bat to remain unconquered
 Greggers displaying desperation behind the stumps during the bonus innings
 Oscar providing the onfield entertainment
 Sledges of the day: "He's had more misses than Hugh Hefner!"
 "This is a Leggo innings—full of blocks!" (Thanks to Branford for these gems)

* YKWYA = You Know Who You Are!



Bowling surprise packet Evan Bayley rocks one down

Branford emulating his hero, Shaun Tait (in slow motion)



Oscar Wyatt takes an early catch from Evan's bowling and the celebrations begin



Akshay Khatri spinning a wicket taking web



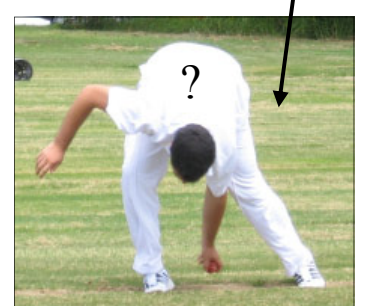
SKR 1st XI successfully negotiate Round 1 vs GW 1st XI



Lions keep GW batsmen honest with their skilful fielding ... sort of...



Ben Symon eagerly awaits a thick edge





Ben Symon is in fine form as he drives the ball with precision & power



Scotty



Jigs



Oscar revealing the look for 2011



Lachy Price



NATO



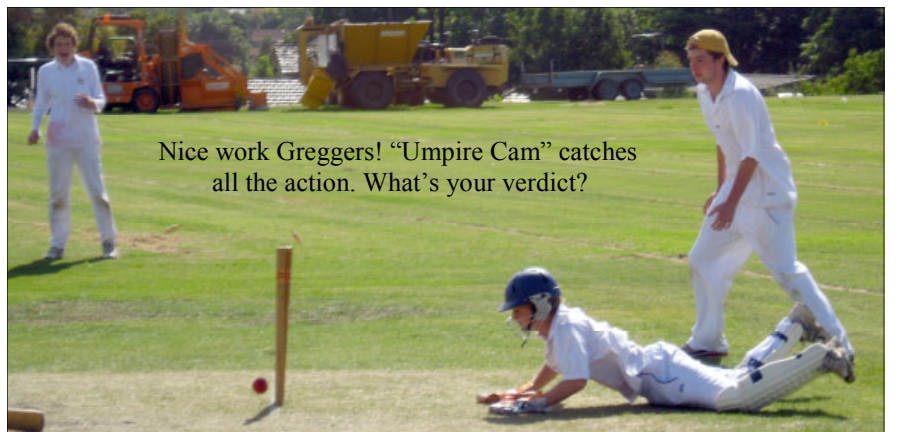
Branford demonstrates his foolproof catching method



Greggers about to lob the ball to the bowler's end for a gimme runout



Ben Symon delivers a ball with hat-trick potential



Nice work Greggers! "Umpire Cam" catches all the action. What's your verdict?



SKR 1st XI vs Geelong Grammar

Match played on FRONT TURF 26/2/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 6/163

GEELONG GRAMMAR 103

STEAD 26
 SYMON 36
 EDDINGTON 2
 PRICE 14
 MUNDY 15
 GREGORY 42
 WYATT 0
 GRONSBELL-LUNTZ 5 x
 KHATRI 4 x
 SAMSON DNB
 GRUAR DNB
 BAYLEY DNB
 ESHARC DNB

BAYLEY 3/18
 WYATT 2/24
 ESHARC 3/6
 KHATRI 0/20
 GRUAR 1/8
 EDDINGTON 1/5
 GREGORY 0/16

SEEN & NOTED

A steadfast opening knock from Frase including some delicate deflections
 An enterprising Symon innings including another flat sixer past square leg
 Seb's threatening form provoking desperate delivery methods (i.e. a chuck)
 Ceaseless, mindless banter from the big bloke at silly point
 Seb tempting fate at the bowler's end - Mankadded two balls in a row!
 Pricey's unique hybrid batting style merging straight & cross bat techniques
 Greggers on fire - plundering 19 runs from one over!
 Spot fires behind the doggy box
 Geelong's extraordinary array of creative bowling styles
 Renato padding up with confidence
 Lions sensible decision to let the scoreboard do the talking
 Evan and Oscar cutting a swathe through Geelong's top order
 Geelong's best batsman generously allowed to register a half century
 Shaphieh's sharp bowling but less than sharp dressing... moon boots?
 The Geelong batsman sliding for home
 Akshay almost sending the Red King into orbit
 The bowler (BG) & the keeper (BS) using different editions of the cricket code book
 Eddo deceiving batsmen with a subtle blend of height, depth & lack of pace
 Jiggles juggles but holds the match winning catch
 Certain opposition players' curious after match antics
 The long bus journey back to Corio....

That was fun!



Fraser attempts a tricky leg glance between 1st and 2nd slip

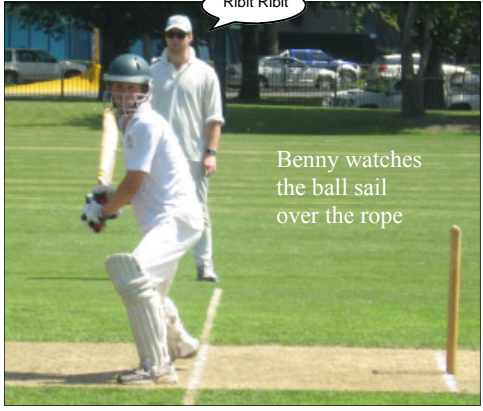


Fraser Stead flicks one away

Rhubarb



Benny Symon dispatches a loose delivery



Ribbit Ribbit

Benny watches the ball sail over the rope

SKR 1st XI v Geelong



Seb goes up and under



Codswallop

A BIG SWING from Oscar as he races towards a quick time quacker



Chit Chat

Seb Mundy in punishing form

Now that felt good!



Grrrrhhh



Ugh Ugh



Strewh!



The Greggers Show



Oh Oh!



Yoiks!



#@!!/**%?



SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS. Branford signals that his mystery ball is on the way but Ben and Seb are bemused, befuddled & bewildered



Eddo & NATO lead the victory march as Inspector Gadget gives a salute



SKR 1st XI vs Scotch College

Match played at Harry Trott on 5/3/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 115

STEAD 13
SYMON 37x
MUNDY 4
GRUAR 0
SAMSON 0
ESHARC 4
GRONSBELL-L 1
BAYLEY 2
EDDINGTON 11
McGUINNESS 8
WYATT 12
KHATRI DNB

Scotch College 121

BAYLEY 3/14
WYATT 3/29
SYMON 2/20
KHATRI 0/11
GRUAR 2/5
EDDINGTON 0/24
ESHARC 0/9
GRONSBELL-L 0/12

SEEN & NOTED

Pitch inspection prompting a change of tossing tactics
Penny "Oscar Wyatt" Wong blitzing with the shiny Red King -
on a hat trick after just two balls!

Scotchies recover from 4/15 to 5/96 with sensible batting

Multiple fielding captains creating confusion

Akshay's extended run up and vigorous bowling action playing havoc with his body

Renato's controversial "catch?" at ground level

Branford's acrobatic fielding? displays on the Members' Wing
"More blocks than a game of TETRIS"

Eddo catching a skier despite pressure from team mates

Scotch's extraordinary all singing all dancing entertainment machine

Evan "Bails" Bayley and Branford "Tinga" Gruar mopping up the tail

A solid Stead start undone by a rush of blood

Benny Symon the batting mainstay earns another retirement

Generous Wesley batsmen feeding hungry Scotch fieldsmen YKWYA!

Evan and Scotty showing determination and patience

Shapieh slow out of the blocks and short of his ground

Scotty Mac nudging the scoreboard along

Oscar and Ben keep the flag flying but fate is ultimately against us....



Please God... make this one swing



A cheesy grin from the King of Swing



Come on Oscar! Pull yourself together!

Wah wah wah

...but my inswinger just swung out Renato!



Wot you say pal?

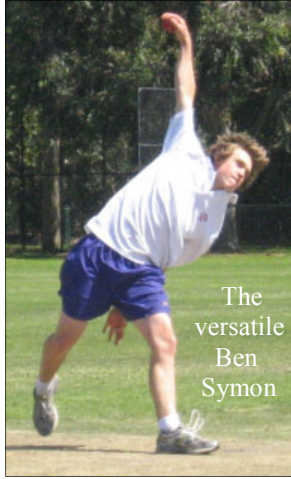
Branford is misunderstood as he offers his sincere condolences to another victim of the Minister for Finance and deregulation.



SCARS OF BATTLE! Seb displays the effects of an unscheduled change of pace by Benno



Jigs in fine fettle with the ball



The versatile Ben Symon



Bugger!



How did you miss that one?

MARGIN FOR ERROR



I reckon you should have left it for Akshay

You cannot be serious!

Curses! foiled again



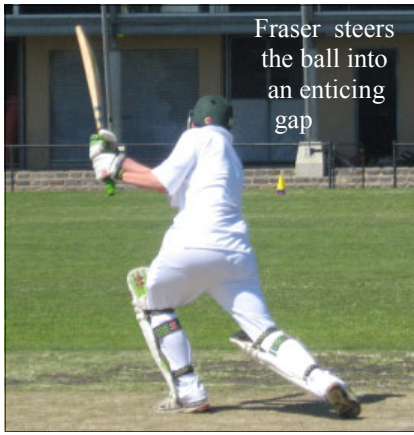
Well left mate!

Another disbelieving victim of Ben Symon's over spinning floosy

Hey!
That's my
line!



I've seen
better batter in a
fish shop



Fraser steers
the ball into
an enticing
gap



Ben **randomly slogs**
skilfully places
the ball over the infield



Whew!
That was
lucky!



Oh my god!
Why does it
have to be me

Branford
holes out



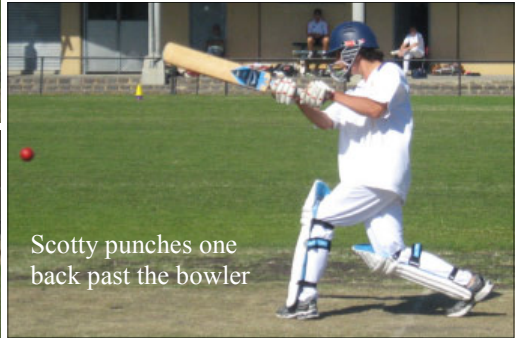
Ben rolls his wrists
to good effect



Evan
hangs
in there



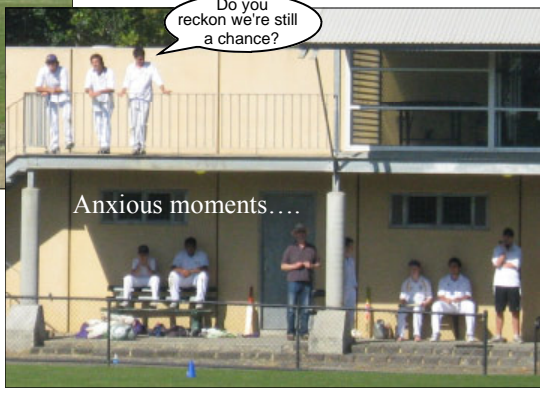
Jiggs is looking
good but sadly
he won't last
long!



Scotty punches one
back past the bowler



Eddo drives
imperiously



Do you
reckon we're still
a chance?

Anxious moments....



**WARNING
CHILDREN!**
Do not try
this at home

ALL OVER RED ROVER!!

We
can do it
Benny!



Oscar improves
the equation...



A sad moment
for cricket!

...but tragedy
looms...

...just six
runs shy!



SKR 1st XI vs GW

Match played at GW Kennedy Oval on 19/3/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 9/158

STEAD 28
 SYMON 19
 MUNDY 26
 GREGORY 62x
 PRICE 1
 SAMSON 0
 GRONSBELL-L 7
 BAYLEY 3
 GRUAR 0
 KHATRI 5x
 WYATT 0

GW 7/162

BAYLEY 0/29
 WYATT 2/18
 SYMON 1/13
 KHATRI 1/29
 GRUAR 0/24
 GREGORY 1/21
 GRONSBELL-L 0/9
 STEAD 1/11

SEEN & NOTED

Seb almost taking Ms Delahunty out with a cardboard box
 The Pelican

Eddo forced to withdraw due to a late fixture change

Our brave tactical move of bowling and fielding in less than dry conditions

Our bowlers letting GW batsmen off the hook with generous overpitching

“If you can’t get ‘em out, knock ‘em out” - Benny the Bogan’s underhand tactics

Fraser the Amazer reeling them back with a tidy spell of wristy spinners

Oscar injecting a diving catch with the maximum dosage of spekkiness

Flanny Benny picking up wickets behind the stumps, in the outfield and with the ball

Renato’s casual but effective no fuss fielding

Jigs taking a battering with his body behind the ball at all costs fielding method

Branford’s good arrrrrrm

GW’s bevy of lefties challenging our bowlers and our batsmen

Our top three providing a solid start but not going on with it...

Greggers coming to the rescue again punishing anything short or overpitched

Another middle order collapse causing pain and distress

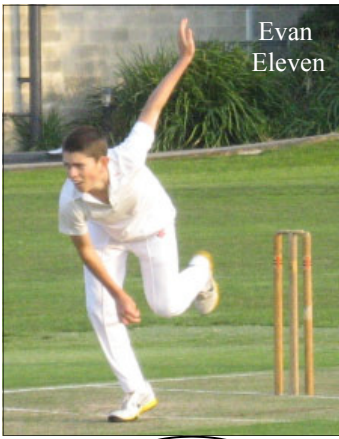
Seb, Pricey & Renato offering up a hat trick on a silver platter to Ross Catchsomebananas

Branford responding to the Abba challenge but failing to bother the scorers

Greggers returning to the crease and steering us oh so close to victory

Akshay’s extreme batting - NO RISK or HIGH RISK but nothing in between

The game sadly slipping away during the final over as the dots outnumbered the digits



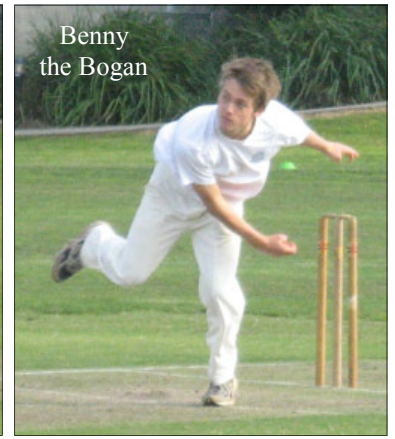
Evan Eleven



Ashtray



Greggers



Benny the Bogan



Honest.. I didn't mean to hit him!

OUCH!

First Blood

SKR 1st XI vs Glen Waverley

Fraser the Amazer strides confidently towards the bowling crease



Cometh the hour, cometh the man..



Benny takes a rare outfield catch - without gloves

Money, money, money..



You can dance you can jive..



No need for the 3rd Umpire here!



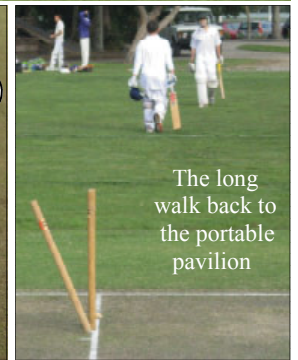
I'm not one to make excuses but the ground is a tad damp



RAAF Wing Commander Price releases another rocket in the general direction of Tripoli



Give me FIVE Stoney!



The long walk back to the portable pavilion



Bayley on a bail hunt



There was something in the air that night..



Come on.. go for it...make my day!



Oscar celebrates a specky



Are you really a DJ Oscar?

Oooh Ahhh I just need some body to love



Benny Symon savages the GW attack



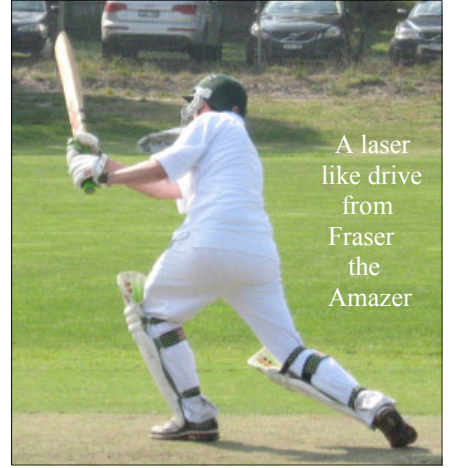
They're playing my song

Coz I'm leaving on a jet plane..



AAAGGH!!

Seb Mundy on the warpath



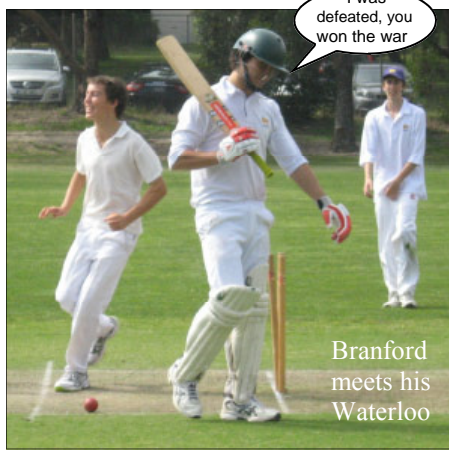
A laser like drive from Fraser the Amazer



Thanks Renato!



Now that's more like it!



I was defeated, you won the war

Branford meets his Waterloo



Another sweetly timed sweep from Greggers



No way!

Akshay keeps the fieldsmen on their toes!



Jiggles



%!!*#!



Simon says hands on heads

Whew! That was close!



I should have kept the strike





SKR 1st XI vs Haileybury

Match played at Fisher Oval, Keysborough on 26/3/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 62

STEAD 13
 EDDINGTON 5
 MUNDY 0
 GREGORY 13
 WYATT 0
 PRICE 7
 GRONSBELL 3
 SAMSON 5
 GRUAR 0
 KHATRI 0 (14 balls)
 BAYLEY 0x
 ESHARC DNB

(and is therefore not to be blamed)

Haileybury 82

BAYLEY 2/13
 WYATT DNB
 GREGORY 1/23
 KHATRI 2/2
 GRUAR 1/16
 ESHARC 3/5
 PRICE 0/10
 EDDINGTON 0/1

(Jiggs - 3 catches)

SEEN & NOTED

The long journey to the back of beyond
 Evan Eleven maintaining his steady new ball form
 Jiggs running hot in the field with 3 hot catches
 Branford living up to his Shaun Tait image with a packet of licorice allsorts
 The Oriental Express sending 3 Haileyburians on return journeys
 Oscar eventually arriving via a circuitous route—but alas too late to bowl
 Seb moving well behind the stumps but not so convincingly around the batting crease
 Benny “Sticks” Symon sorely missed at the top of the order
 13 proving unlucky for Fraser the Amazer two weeks in a row
 Greggers having his manhood challenged on several occasions
 Eddo ducking under low flying ground to ground missiles
 Renato finding the middle of the bat on multiple occasions
 Branford achieving a rare hat trick of quackers - a feat shared with
 the great Greg Chappell and his coach...
 Greggers unlucky to fall to a dodgy LBW – Where was Hawkeye?
 Oscar’s tragic run out creating anguish and disappointment all round
 Pricey’s awesome straight hit breaking the sound barrier
 Haileybury’s fieldsman struggling to locate the boundary
 Akshay finding himself batting in the hot seat again as the equation widens
 A season of highs, lows and in between bits comes to an end



Branford Tait



You wouldn't want to get an itchy nose..



Were you talkin' to me buddy?



Such courage!
Amazing reflexes!
It's all in a day's work



The Man with the Golden hands



Not subtle... but effective!

Seb proudly surveys the after effects of a tsunami style run out



Next stop... the pavilion!



Awesome throw dude!

SKR 1st XI v Haileybury



Branford celebrates an outfield catch



Yummo!

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS
Sri Lankan Spit 'n' Polish

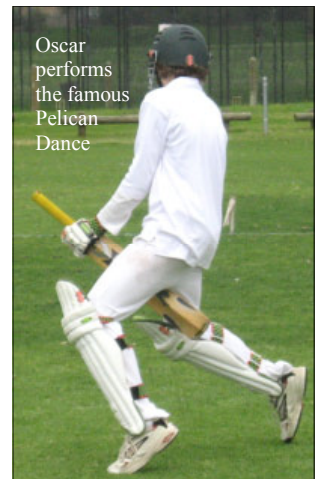


Come & get it!



I'm up for it...

Please miss it...
Please miss it...
Please miss it...



It was a sad day for cricket as Oscar "Penelope" Wyatt said farewell to the Old School.





St.Kilda Road 1st XI
VS
Headmaster's XI

FRONT TURF
Friday 1 April 2011
3.30 pm

Enthusiastic cricketers are invited to submit their names for selection in the Headmaster's XI. Please inform Andrew Lipson / Fraser Stead or Mr.Stone of your interest, or insert your name in the space below

Your name here:

A:LIPSON(C)
michael clark

Brett Lee
Jimmbo
Frosty
Zeb
Ringer

~~Simon Katich~~

Billy Bruckner

Ricky Ponting
WARNEY





Pre match protocol



What's that pumping in your chest?

Pre-match psych session



Greggers back-paddles



Billy Brukner you genius!

First blood to the Headmaster's XI

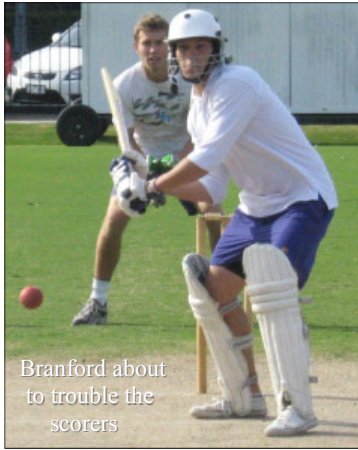


Oscar on the rampage



Shumpah hails his fan club

Action from the 2011 SKR 1st XI vs Headmaster's XI 20/20



Branford about to trouble the scorers



Greggers on the drive



Evan Eleven

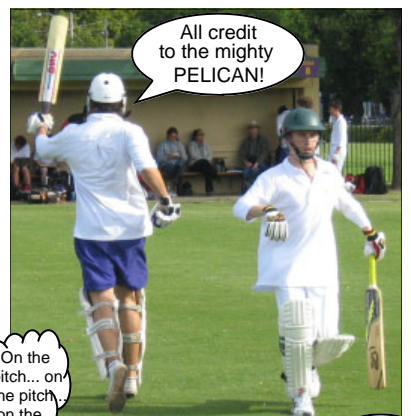


Eddo patiently awaits re-entry

This guy's worse than Akshay!



I think I luv you

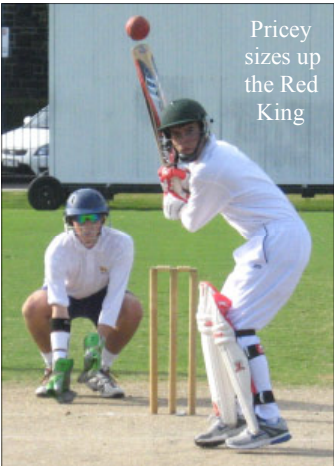


All credit to the mighty PELICAN!

On the pitch... on the pitch... on the pitch...



Benny



Pricy sizes up the Red King



This one's for you Doctor Drey!



This really is goodbye!



Benny the Bogan opens up



Give me a W...



Penny Wong bites the dust



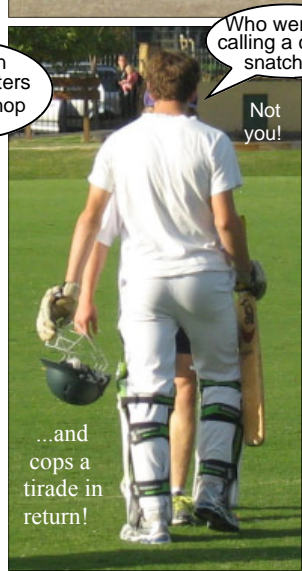
Skipper Andrew Lipson waves the bat



Andrew "The Lip" Lipson lashing out



Greggers gives a bit of cheek...



Who were you calling a cradle snatcher?

Not you!

I've seen better batters in a fish shop



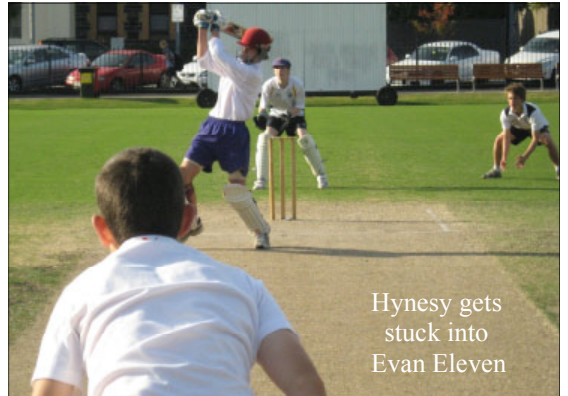
Would I say something like that?



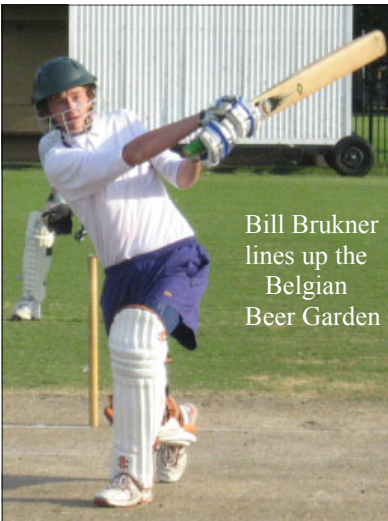
Evan's our man!



Last laugh to Evan!



Hynesy gets stuck into Evan Eleven



Bill Brukner lines up the Belgian Beer Garden



Frosty



The Rockin Moroccan



Hunter Poole turns back the clock



Awesome!

Hurry it up I wanna bat



Frosty is sent packing

Cheeky little brats!



Ringa cuts



Branford Tait



Benny



Jimmy lashes out



Oscar tries to intimidate the incoming batsman



The wong bowler



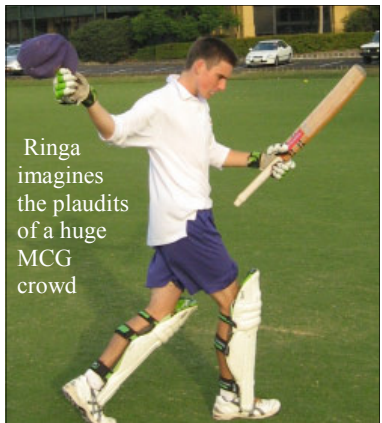
Seb



Zeb's eyes light up



The Rockin Moroccan powers his way to a half century



Ringa imagines the plaudits of a huge MCG crowd



WINNERS are GRINNERS!

ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

SKR 1stXI 2010/11	BATTING						BOWLING / FIELDING				
	M	INN	RUNS	AVE	RET	NO	RUNS	WK	AVE	C	RO
SYMON, B	5	5	136	45.3	1	1	62	3	20.6	2	1/1
STEAD, F	6	6	91	15.1	-	-	11	1	11.0	-	-
MUNDY, S	6	6	45	7.5	-	-	11	-	-	1	-
GREGORY, M	5	5	128	32.0	-	1	70	2	35.0	-	-
EDDINGTON, L	5	5	41	10.2	-	1	40	1	40.0	1	-
WYATT, O	5.5	5	16	3.2	-	-	100	10	10.0	3	-
PRICE, L	5	5	32	6.4	-	-	10	-	-	-	1
GRUAR, B	6	5	7	1.4	-	-	64	4	16.0	2	-
BAYLEY, E	6	5	15	3.7	-	1	117	15	7.8	1	1
KHATRI, A	6	4	12	6.0	-	2	74	6	12.3	1	-
GRONSBELL, J	5	5	19	4.7	-	1	21	-	-	4	-
ESHARC, S	2	2	7	3.5	-	-	23	6	3.8	-	-
SAMSON, R	5	4	8	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McGUINNESS, S	3	3	9	4.5	-	-	8	-	-	2	-

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In the Spotlight

Not content with performing on the cricket field, several of the more extrovert Lions trod the boards or otherwise hogged the spotlight this year...



To be...
...or not to be..



Pitched Battles



Yabba Dabba Do!



What a sucker!

He did give you a warning pal.. It was legit...

#%!!@*!?!
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There's gotta be an easier way

It's a bit nippy... I should've worn my flanny



Schweet!



This one's for Penny boys! We're gonna miss the old Wongster!



Damn you Ben Symon!



Oh Oh! The batteries are cactus!

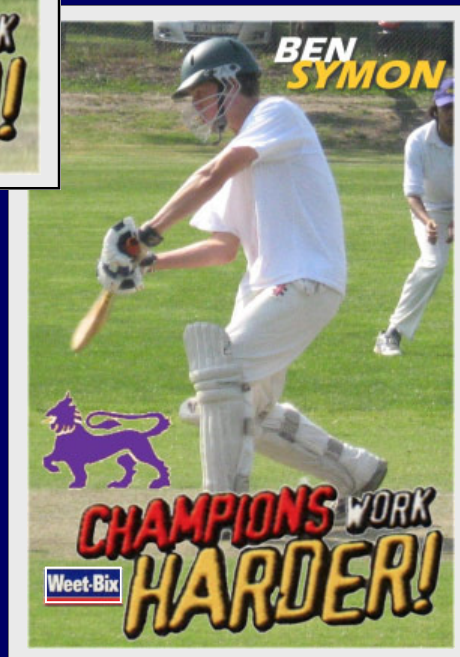
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Grandstanding



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