# Wesley CRICKETER St.Kilda Road 1st XI 2009/10

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Captain Courageous - all things to all men



#### **INSIDE THIS EDITION**

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SKR 1st XI Team vs St.Kevins. Played at Glen Waverley 13/3/2010

#### 2009 / 2010

#### That Was The Season That Was

The 2009/10 season brought many smiles to Wesley faces. The team managed to sail through its games undefeated and en route the boys produced some memorable individual efforts, but the most satisfying aspect of the season was their camaraderie and the spirit of enjoyment that permeated all that they did. The responsible, thoughtful leadership of our Captain, Jack Steger, was instrumental in this. His readiness to encourage individual participation without losing sight of the big picture was significant.

Comfortable victories over Caulfield, Brighton, St.Kevins and Glen Waverley were balanced by tight games against Haileybury and Xavier, whilst Titanic struggles with the Wesley 2nds and the Principal's XI added spice to the season.

We were fortunate to secure the services of Walter Hawkins as an opening partner for veteran Karl Robson and together they provided several useful foundations. Although Karl occasionally suffered from a rush of blood early in an innings, Walter maximised his opportunities and compiled 218 runs at 72. The unorthodox but highly effective batting of Lindsay Apted and the consistent, increasingly patient batting of the skipper were vital to the consolidation process, but it was the power hitting of Elliot Cattell and Xander Croft that generally brought the crowd to its feet.

George Farrar gladly accepted top order duties when required, but struggled to build on solid starts whilst Matt Linden struggled to replicate his impressive net form in the middle. On the other hand, Matt's hefty bat with the big sweet spot was a reliable performer in other hands.

Anth "Bullet" James and Tommy Cantwell were our key bowlers. Anth bowled straight and fast but was often too good to find the edge. On his day Canty's height and pace made him an awkward customer and he proved a regular wicket taker.Both players also produced valuable cameos with the bat in tight situations.

Jack Steger's biorhythms could play havoc with his bowling but when on song he was as quick as anybody. Ditto Ell Cattell. Xander and Miles Taylor produced some useful spells whilst Matt, Lindsay, Tommy Longman, and Nick Fanning added variety to our attack. Walter would no doubt have been a contributor if it were not for an unfortunate shoulder injury. Wicket keeping to such a diverse group of bowlers was at times a challenge, but Karl managed the task without fuss. The generally impressive standard of our fielding gave us an edge over most opponents, but we were not spared occasional lapses into comedy caper routines.

Limited opportunities prevented Alex Siddons, Max Griffin, Lee Kosky and Tim Varigos from flourishing this season but each displayed potential with bat and/or ball and were welcome contributors.

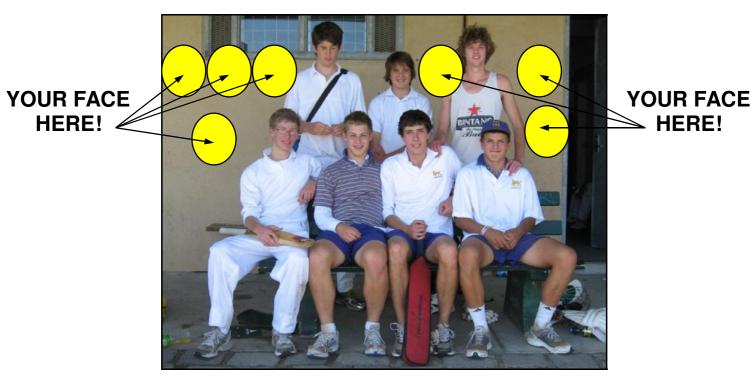
Thanks to those parents who provided match day support, particularly to Andrew Robson for his accurate scoring and photographic contributions.

Richard Stone (Coach)



# Think CRICKET this summer!

## Join the legendary St.Kilda Road First X1



#### Never played cricket before? Not to worry... ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS?

- \* Do you know which end of a bat to hold?
- \* What shape is a cricket ball?
- \* Who is Ricky Ponting?
- \* Just who does Jack Steger think he is?

How did you go? Not sure? Haven't the foggiest? No problemo! NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Training on Wednesdays. Back Turf nets (See Mr.Stone if you need convincing!) First Practice match vs GW November 7







5/105

### LIONS MAKE SOLID START TO SEASON

Match played 7/11/2009 at Stewart Oval GW

SKR OPEN 1st XI 5/130

ROBSON 23 HAWKINS 35 \* TAYLOR 13 FARRAR 9 STEGER 9 FANNING 4 LINDEN 1 x CANTWELL 2 x JAMES DNB

JAMES 3/8 CANTWELL 2/9 STEGER 0/1 TAYLOR 0/9 LINDEN 0/4 FANNING 0/21 HAWKINS 0/10 FARRAR 0/14

GW OPEN 1st XI

\* Retired x Not Out

### SEEN & NOTED

Karl Robson's punishing drives Wally Hawkins' impressive batting debut The valuable opening partnership of 44 "Cracker Jacker" Steger's awesome sixer Nick "Fandog" Fanning cutting the ball out of the keeper's gloves George Farrar's enterprising but brief innings Our tidy bowling keeping the pressure on the GW batsmen Anth James on a hat trick Tommy Cantwell producing a couple of rip-snorting deliveries Karl's athletic wicket keeping Fandog's promising bowling performance George setting a PB for the 100 metre dash Miles Taylor's "subtle" changes of pace "Too Eager" Steger's entertaining fielding effort Hawkins' miserly bowling earns him Man of the Match Matt Linden saves the match by not being hit for 31 runs in the final over







### LIONS HOLD THEIR OWN

Match played 14/11/2009 SKR Front Turf

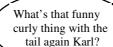
#### SKR OPEN 1st XI 118

ROBSON 0 HAWKINS 62 \* TAYLOR 0 FARRAR 20 APTED 20 CROFT 0 STEGER 5 LINDEN 2 CATTELL 3 JAMES 2 CANTWELL 2 x FANNING 0



#### WESLEY 2nd XI 6/123

JAMES 1/3 CANTWELL 2/16 STEGER 2/20 TAYLOR 0/18 HAWKINS 0/24 CROFT 1/28 CATTELL 0/7



Wally Hawkins chaired off the ground after his unbeaten innings of 62



Gee... I wish I'd listened in Year 8 Maths!!

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

Karl missing his dad's encouragement Wally Hawkins' dominating innings in two chapters Miles Taylor failing to trouble the scorers Lindsay Apted's instant return to batting form after an extended layoff George "Fabulous" Farrar keeping the scoreboard ticking over Zander Croft's big ambitions not being matched by his judgement Matt Linden's innings tragically cut short after setting a PB strike rate "Fandog" Fanning losing his way mid pitch Anth James bowling "the best I've ever seen you bowl" (J.Steger) Tommy Cantwell's persistent podiatric problem proves particularly painful Karl's neat catch centimetres from the turf Stoney stubbornly refusing to give gratuitous LBWs Elliot Cattell's circus act gives "red helmet" yet another life The skipper begins bowling like Mitch Johnson but morphs into "Cracka Jacka" Wally deserving wickets but bowling without luck George saving a certain boundary with quick reflexes and a dodgy sandshoe Jacka's miraculous catch.. "like plucking sparrows from the air" (R.Benaud) The Seconds almost cracking under the pressure







### SKR 1st XI vs CAULFIELD W.H.

Match played at FAWKNER PARK 6/2/2010

#### SKR OPEN 1st XI 4/198

ROBSON 43\* APTED 13 HAWKINS 34\* FARRAR 6 CROFT 44\* STEGER 15\* SIDDONS 0 LINDEN 1 CATTELL 19 x TAYLOR 0 CANTWELL 12 x JAMES (DNB) CAULFIELD WH 62

JAMES 1/16 CANTWELL 1/13 STEGER 0/5 TAYLOR 3/9 LINDEN 1/2 CATTELL 3/4 HAWKINS 1/4 FARRAR 0/2 SIDDONS 0/14 CROFT 1/1

\* Retired x Not Out

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

The relocated pitch and deeper boundaries no obstacle to the big hitting Lions Ell Cattell's economic runup paying dividends Anth "Turtle" James hitting the stumps side-on from deep in the outfield for a run out Tommy and Miles setting up multiple hat-trick opportunities Cracker Jack exploring a wide range of bowling styles Siddo's action packed debut - a spill, a spectacular leap and a golden quacker Miles Taylor's slow ball finally paying off Karl Robson's tidy keeping and adventurous "on the prowl" batting George overcoming jetlag and dropping the ball on the spot Tommy Cantwell hitting the ball clean and straight Caulfield's chatty captain almost driving Cracker Jack to distraction A guest appearance by the suspended Pakistani skipper Mohammad El Wally Lindsay hammering loose deliveries without moving his feet The X Man entertaining the crowd with four huge sixers Matt Linden's unfortunate deflected run out at the bowler's end George and Miles both going walkabout and paying the penalty Caulfield's extensive slips cordon











### SKR 1st XI vs BRIGHTON

Match played at HARRY TROTT OVAL 13/2/2010

SKR OPEN 1st XI 4/140

ROBSON 14 HAWKINS 38\* APTED 27x CROFT 34\* STEGER 7 CATTELL 0 (Golden) VARIGOS 2 FANNING 3 x LINDEN (DNB) TAYLOR (DNB) TAYLOR (DNB) CANTWELL (DNB) JAMES (DNB) LONGMAN (DNB) \* Retired x Not Out **BRIGHTON 8/78** 

JAMES 1/0 CANTWELL 1/4 STEGER 1/18 TAYLOR 1/2 LINDEN 1/4 CATTELL 1/11 HAWKINS 0/3 LONGMAN 0/8 FANNING 0/9 CROFT 0/10 VARIGOS 1/6

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

Lions keen to strut their stuff despite a damp pitch and threatening skies Fears of a player shortage allayed by the appearance of Fandog and Tim the Tatt Man Tommy Longman adding an international flavour to the team Anth James proving unplayable on the sticky track - 3 successive maidens Ell the Cattman keeping the batsmen guessing with his variable length Karl's sharp keeping - especially the running pickup on the half volley The opposition skipper's impressive personalised one day outfit Brighton's bemused batsman-struck out for strolling up the pitch Canty's generous coaching advice to Brighton's delicate edgemaster The coach literally falling for the same trick twice (bloody trip wires!) Timmy Varigos showing promise with the ball Miles setting himself high standards in the field Cracker (expletive deleted) Jack's neat throw to execute a late runout Karl and Wally taking advantage of some loose Brighton deliveries The X Man overcomes early nerves to plunder the attack Lindsay setting a PB - hitting more singles than boundaries! The Brighton boys keen to pack up and go home early Cracker Jack desperate to go over the top The Cattman dreaming of a sixer but woken by the rattle of stumps The Fandog's spectacular dive into the crease (Degree of Difficulty 7/10)



The Sledgemasters offer some free advice to Brighton's edgemaster

Nick "Fandog" Fanning



Cracker Jack will pay dearly for this big swing no ding!



Timmy Varigos looks every inch the cricketer



Lindsay Apted is a man on a mission as he charges the bowling



Ell Cattell prepares to lose his bails







### SKR 1st XI vs HAILEYBURY

Match played at FISHER OVAL, KEYSBOROUGH 20/2/2010

#### SKR OPEN 1st XI 8/135

ROBSON 6 HAWKINS 17 APTED 21 FARRAR 3 STEGER 4 CROFT 50\* JAMES 9 LINDEN 0 LONGMAN 1 CANTWELL 15x SIDDONS 2x

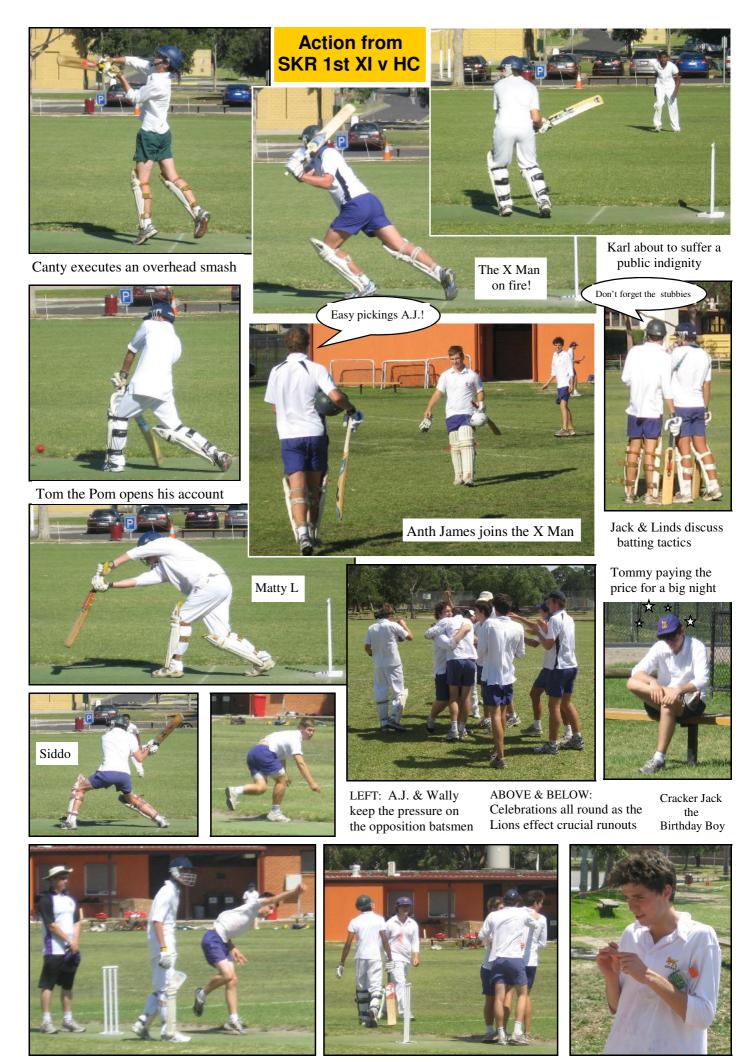
#### HAILEYBURY 8/126

JAMES 0/19 CANTWELL 2/24 STEGER 0/16 LONGMAN 0/30 HAWKINS 1/12 CROFT 2/16

(39 Extras!)

\* Retired x Not Out

#### **SEEN & NOTED** The long trek to the back of beyond Battered and bruised Lions (Wally, Matt, Siddo & Canty) break through the pain barrier Karl paying the penalty for a stroll up the pitch Wally's innings cut short by a through the gap delivery Lindsay playing some "orthodox" cricket shots but spooning up a dolly catch George having trouble locating the line of the ball The X Man dominating Haileybury's bowlers & holding our innings together Anth James finding the same gap two balls in a row Tommy Longman and Siddo troubling the scorers for the first time Canty overcoming the after effects of a big Friday night to pick up valuable runs A.J. bowling fast and straight without luck An inspirational goalie style catch by Cracker Jack lifting the team out of a hole Tom the Pom keeping everybody guessing with his unpredictable bowling The Lion's aggressive fielding costing a few runs but eventually paying dividends Xander and Cracker Jack striking crucial blows with bull's eye throws Karl coping bravely with wayward bowling, throwing and rough bounces Wally's invaluable bowling stint into a challenging headwind (6 overs for 12 runs) George's snappy catch in the slips cordon The skipper keeping the opposition coach on his toes... Xander clinching the Man of the Match Award with critical wickets when it counted The equation gradually tipping our way until Haileybury ran out of balls Victory a fitting birthday present for Cracker Jack









### SKR 1st XI vs XAVIER COLLEGE

Match played at HARRY TROTT OVAL 27/2/2010

#### SKR OPEN 1st XI 8/105

ROBSON 1 FARRAR 6 HAWKINS 5 APTED 34 STEGER 18 CATTELL 12 CANTWELL 2 KOSKY 7x JAMES 5 LINDEN 5x FANNING DNB GRIFFIN DNB

#### **XAVIER COLLEGE 95**

JAMES 3/13 CANTWELL 2/18 STEGER 2/7 CATTELL 2/5 FANNING 1/11 KOSKY 0/10 GRIFFIN 0/20 APTED 0/4

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

Where's Wally? Initial player shortage gradually alleviated Anth "Bullet" James too quick for the Xavvy bats Cracker Jack's fiery opening bowling stint Fandog's well judged outfield catch and spectacular caught & bowled Karl's neat glove work & running catch Canty striking twice after a generous warm up over Ell Cattell too quick for Xavier's middle order "Crusher" Cantwell and "Killer" Karl colliding with earth shattering force Fandog's attempted chest mark & fielding party tricks entertaining the crowd Wally doing the right thing by the school and by his mates Lee Kosky mistaken for a student teacher by the Xavvys Max Griffin's promising debut as an off spinner? Matt Lindens' determined fielding despite lingering leg injuries "Bullet" James splitting the middle skittle with a thunderbolt Top order collapse leaving the Lions struggling at 3/13Cracker Jack digging in while Lindsay keeps the scoreboard ticking Lindsay unleashing a monster "clean-as-a-whistle" sixer (with the Linden bat) Ell and Cantyo playing their natural game of swing, ding or no-ding Cracker Jack's equation updates and coaching tips from the boundary line Spectator anxiety finally allayed by Lee's creative runmaking Matt Linden finally getting to hold his bat while it hits a boundary



Cracker Jack's fiery opening burst



George's bails are about to go to New South Wales





Anth "Bullet" James displays the the splintered middle skittle

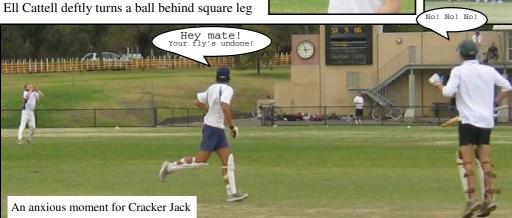


KOMEDY KAPERS. The zany Lions entertain the crowd with their whacky, madcap antics in the field





Lindsay Apted keeps the scoreboard ticking with a trademark wristy drive. His sixer was AWESOME!





A nervous lineup of Lions watch as newcomer Lee Kosky searches for the winning run.



Canty holes out (again)









### SKR 1st XI vs St.Kevins

Match played at Williams oval, GW 13/32010

#### SKR OPEN 1st XI 5/119

ROBSON 0 (quack!) HAWKINS 14 \* APTED 0 (golden) STEGER 37 \* CATTELL 25 GRIFFIN 0 (controversial) LINDEN 2 SIDDONS 3 x JAMES 9 x CANTWELL DNB FANNING DNB TAYLOR DNB St.KEVINS 59

JAMES 1/11 CANTWELL 3/6 STEGER 0/5 CATTELL 2/13 FANNING 0/7 TAYLOR 1/9 APTED 0/6

\* Retired x Not Out

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

A perfect Autumn day for cricket - complete with pre-match entertainment An off colour Karl bravely rising from his sick bed to join his team mates Wally taking the gloves at short notice and proving a worthy backstop to the backstop Cantyo producing an absolute pearler of a ball first up to give Wally a sharp catch Elliott "Hell Cat" Cattell ripping them in Skevvy's batsman putting Cracker Jack back in his box with a quick comeback The Fandog confidently catching a skier from the Skevvy's opener Cantyo responding to the coach's ribbing by whipping in a perfect yorker Vishnu Apted ascending heavenward in a desperate catching attempt AJ trying to outdo him is stymied by the earth's gravitational pull Milo Taylor's tidy bowling spell Cracker Jack's hakky sak approach to catching (off the chest) Skevvy's batsman giving Linda plenty of catching practice ...oops & oops again Siddo producing some anxious moments as he juggled his way to a catch Skevvy's "guest" opening bowler sending a shiver through the Lions' camp with 2 in 2 A rapid reshuffling of the batting order saves the situation Skevvy's slips fielder accusing the Lions of arrogance!! Wally battling his way through a form crisis Cracker Jack and Hell Cat entertaining with some characteristic power hitting Skevvy's umpire surprising everybody by giving Max out LBW without an appeal Siddo's mighty forearms & bulging biceps provide for some serious ball pummelling AJ thrilling the crowd with his audacious reverse sweep for four from the final ball



A.J. "Bullet" James in action



Almost the catch of the century...



Griffo caught up in a controversy



Siddo scatters the field





Brains trust or mother's club?



Wally hits through a form crisis



Hell Catt lays into a loose ball





"On yer bike son!" Another Skevvy skittled



One for the coaching manual from Matt Linden



"What's that red mark on your chest Jack?"



AJ positions himself for the reverse sweep



#### **SEEN & NOTED:**

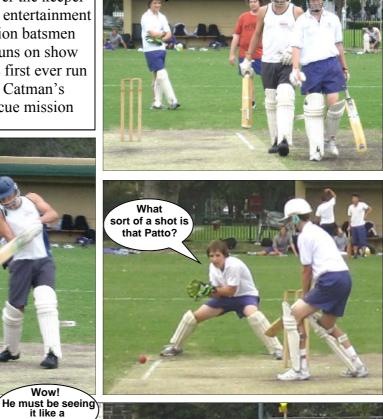
\* Jezza's extraordinary reverse up & under over the keeper \* Mase's dismal strike rate \* The free aerial entertainment \* George's gentle encouragement of opposition batsmen \* Gandhi getting hammered \* Siddo's big guns on show \* Geger putting Mase over the top \* Griffo's first ever run \* Will Hayes' spectacular reflex catch \* The Catman's dominating innings \* Matt & Wally's rescue mission I give up! What can you do with him?

You

that I'm good

for a laugh

have to admit



This should lift the runrate NOT!



OMYGOD What do I do now??



Wow!

beachball!



You were lucky this time.. It's all Mason's

fault!





### ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

SKR 1stXI 20	09/1	0	BATTING				BOWLING / FIELDING				
	М	INN	RUNS	AVE	RET	NO	RUNS	WK	AVE	С	RO
ROBSON, K	8	8	92	13	1	-	-	-	-	5	1/1
HAWKINS, W	8	8	218	72	5	-	53	2	9.4	1	-
STEGER, J	8	8	117	19.5	2	-	72	5	14.4	5	2
JAMES, A	8	5	29	7	-	1	70	10	7.0	2	2
CATTELL, E	6	6	90	22.5	-	2	40	8	5.0	2	-
CANTWELL, T	8	5	33	33	-	4	90	13	6.9	1	-
FARRAR, G	6	6	44	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
LINDEN, M	8	6	11	3	-	2	10	2	5.0	-	-
CROFT, A	4	4	128	128	3	-	55	4	13.7	2	1
APTED, L	7	7	115	19	-	1	10	-	-	3	-
TAYLOR, M	6	4	14	3.5	-	-	47	5	9.4	1	-
FANNING, N	5	3	7	3.5	-	-	48	1	48.0	3	-
SIDDONS, A	4	3	5	5.0	-	2	14	-	-	2	-
LONGMAN, T	2	1	1	1	-	-	38	-	-	-	-
KOSKY, L	1	1	7	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN, M	3	2	8	8	-	1	20	-	-	-	-
VARIGOS, T	1	1	2	2	-	-	6	1	1	-	-







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### **BONUS SECTION**



George finetuning his batting







Season

2008/09

highlights

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### LIONS TAKE OUT THE POINTS

Match played 21/2/2009 at HARRY TROTT OVAL

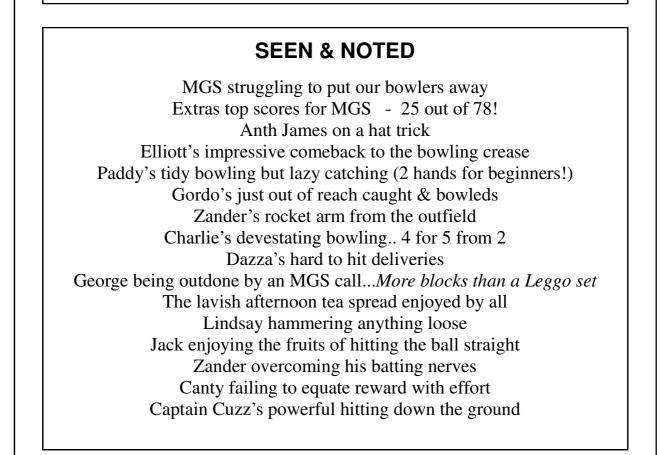
Wesley 4th XI 9/117

ROBSON 4 FARRAR 11 APTED 21 STEGER 22 CROFT 13 CANTWELL 2 CURRIE 19x TERRIER 1 GORDON 0 JAMES 0 (Golden) CATTELL 3x MARTINKUS DNB LINDEN DNB Melbourne Grammar 9/78

JAMES 2/11 CATTELL 0/13 CANTWELL 0/8 MARTINKUS 0/6 AUGUSTIN 0/1 CURRIE 2/13 GORDON 0/9 TERRIER 4/5 CROFT 0/2 LINDEN 0/10

CROFT - HOT SHOT RUN OUT JAMES - 2 CATCHES

\* Retired x Not Out







Just what is





### 4th XI vs MGS









### **RUNFEST ENDS IN CONTROVERSY**

Match played 28/2/2009 at GW Wells Oval

Wesley 4ths 9/233 (21 overs)

ROBSON 13 Jack STEGER 25 Lindsay APTED 12 CURRIE 64 GORDON 0 (Golden) CATTELL 0 (Golden) JAMES 10 CANTWELL 0 GREGORCZYK 29x "E.D." STEGER 43 Mahatma APTED 20x

\* Retired x Not Out "E.D." = Expletive Deleted StKevins 4ths 8/235 (26 overs)

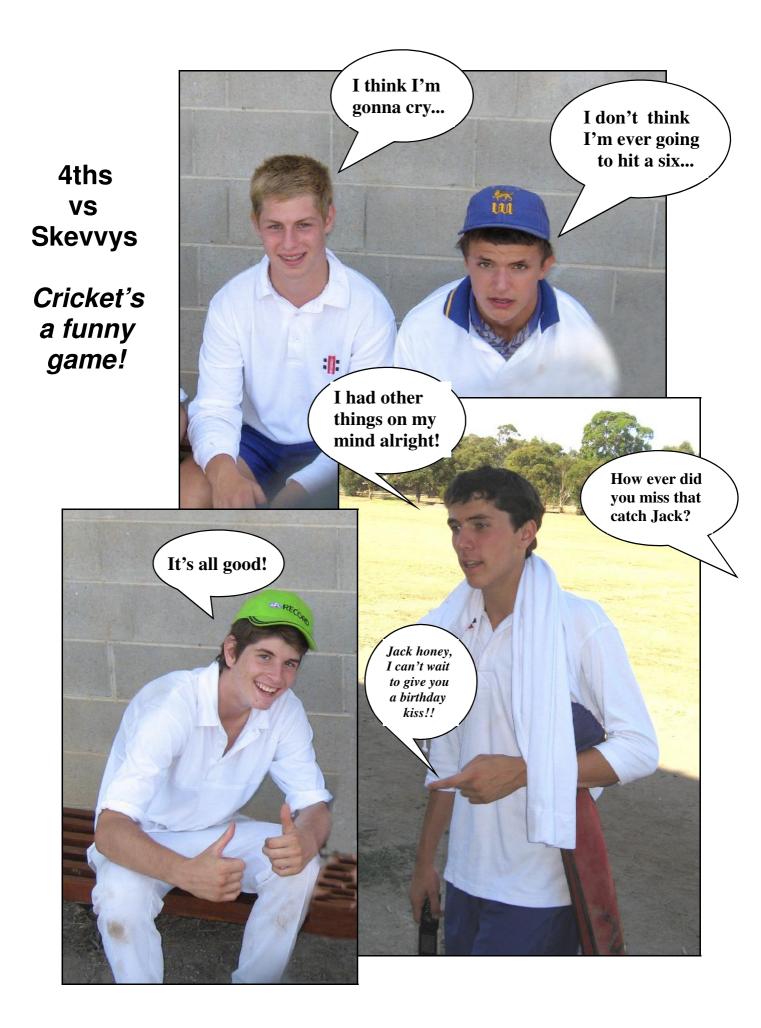
(7/182 after 21 overs)

CANTWELL 3/26 JAMES 2/39 CATTELL 0/34 CURRIE 0/39 ROBSON 0/52 GORDON 1/32 APTED 0/13

RUNOUTS: CURRIE/STEGER CATTELL/STEGER CATCHES: GORDON & CURRIE DROPPED CATCHES: STEGER STUMPING: STEGER

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

A critical shortage of players placing the Lions at a disadvantage Capacity crowd entertained to the tune of 10 runs an over Lively batting from Karl & "Birthday Boy" Steger Cuzz's powerplay sixer into the tennis court Elliott generously offering a hat trick to a Skevvy bowler Anth James surviving the double-hattrick ball Jack & Lindsay enjoying a second dig in lieu of absent team mates Lions' early breakthroughs have Skevvy's on the ropes at 5/12! Tom Cantwell's tidy mix of pace and spin Elliott struggling to find a line (and a length...and even the pitch) Skevvy's middle order capitalising on loose bowling & extra gaps Cuzz and Gordo tightening things up The great APS LBW controversy Steges losing track of a skier in the stratosphere Lindsay and Karl serving up a few tasty pies on a platter Skevvy's needing an extra 5 overs to pass the Lions' total Lions claim victory on superior run rate - 11.09 to 9.03 What if we'd had a full team? What if we'd bowled better? What if...?









### LIONS CAUGHT SHORT

Match played 21/3/2009 at Harry Trott

Wesley 4th XI 9/107

ROBSON 13 FARRAR 1 APTED 6 GORDON 1 TAYLOR 22x STEGER 10 CATTELL 33 JAMES 5 CANTWELL 1

x Not Out

Caulfield Grammar 7/117

JAMES 0/12 CATTELL 1/21 CANTWELL 0/13 TAYLOR 0/18 GORDON 1/16 APTED 2/18 ROBSON 0/9 FARRAR 1/10

ROBSONDirect hit run outJAMESPlay on run out

MAN OF THE MATCH Elliott Cattell

#### **SEEN & NOTED**

Another frustrating player shortage - YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! The coach getting lost on the way to the ground Anth James bowling fast and straight Tommy Cantwell throwing in some generous offies Miles Taylor beating the bat with monotonous regularity Elliott Cattell producing the bowling spell of the day Karl surprising the batsman with a direct hit from deep mid off Jack's imaginary friend Whitey Lindsay's spectacular opening over— 3 wickets in 4 balls! Anth's diving attempt at a catch George cleverly taking a catch by absorbing the ball into his body Gordo's straight ball claiming an LB George committing run out suicide Jack's cheeky reverse paddle off the opening bowler Miles playing the sheet anchor role Elliott's entertaining and productive batting Tommy mentally OUT before he was physically IN Will Currie not being there to score the winning runs...









Lions 4th XI? X? IX? VIII? 2009

Absorption point ... i.e. approximate location of cricket ball's disappearance





