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2011 / 2012

That Was The Season That Was

Another season not unlike the last as many of the same players competed against familiar opponents and produced similar outcomes. The core of the 2010/11 squad put their hands up for a second voyage with their skipper and mentor Fraser Stead at the helm, but the absence of wicket taking maestros, Evan and Oscar, presented an early challenge. Fortunately, cajolery and bribery paid dividends and likely replacements were soon added to the squad. Leading the new ball charge was the genuinely scary Remy Perin whose extreme height and pace were great assets (except when used against his team mates in the nets!). He was occasionally joined by legendary athlete, Steve Knuckey (when not athleting), Branford Gruar (until digitally deconstructed) and Tom Bryson (onetime Year 8 champion). Shaphieh Esharc and Ben Symon were also capable of generating new ball pace when required, whilst the Lachys Price and Eddington produced some tidy spells. New recruit, Charlie Craig took to bowling like a fish to water but, sadly, his season was curtailed by injury, on the other hand, Brandon Joel's wily spin bowling only emerged from the woodwork mid season. Meanwhile, Akshay Khatri's satellites continued to tempt and deceive unwary batsmen.

The promotion of 2010/11's batting supremo Michael Gregory to the Second XI captaincy left a large whole in our batting lineup that was never really filled this season. Despite the efforts of Renato Samson, Jacob Gronsbell-Luntz, Lachy Price, Remy, Charlie, Shaphieh and newcomer, Ross Eckersley, consistency was not to be a hallmark of the middle order. Most of the runs came courtesy of the Big Four – Symon, Stead, Eddington and Seb Mundy – or from the unexpected bats of "tailenders" Bryson and the hard hitting "Easy Kade" Main. The Big Four each had days in the sun when their characteristic batting strengths were on show, yet each also had darker days when their mojos just would not work.

Seb and Ben again shared the keeping duties and performed creditably in both defensive and offensive roles, but it was the highly charged fielding efforts of Jigz, the casual effectiveness of Renato and the all round Charlieness of Charlie that added lustre to our sessions in the field.

Thanks again to Fraser for his leadership, both on and off the field and to all the boys for the spirit in which they approached both training sessions and Saturday fixtures. The support provided by various parents was also much appreciated.

Richard Stone (Coach)











SKR 1st XI vs Wesley College 2nds

Match played at Kennedy Oval GW 12/11/2011

SKR OPEN 1st XI 9/146

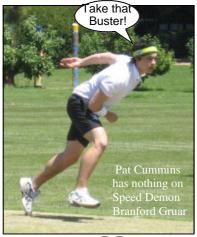
COLLEGE 2nds 187

STEAD 4
SYMON 6
TUCKER 0
MUNDY 30
GREGORY 39
O'SULLIVAN 0
GRONSBELL-L 8
EDDINGTON 10
GRUAR 0
MAIN 6 (Ret)
PERIN 19x
KHATRI 0x

PERIN 0/22 SYMON 1/11 KHATRI 2/20 GRUAR 0/48 EDDINGTON 0/18 ESHARC 0/25 GRONSBELL-L 0/16 GREGORY 2/12 O'SULLIVAN 0/12

SEEN & NOTED

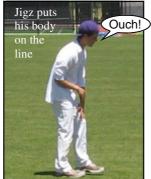
Remy's hard to put away bowling stint Branford's generous bowling to the aerodynamically reshaped Niewand Jigz avoiding bruising by allowing the ball to hit him on the shin and ankle bones Frazer the Amazer's sharp reflex catch at sillyish mid on Renato's earth shattering fielding Jigz delaying the run out moment to ensure optimum crowd reaction Ashtray Khatri's deceptively dangerous pies in the sky The Oriental Express's fancy footwork on the boundary line Gregger's shaping up as a genuine spin bowling prospect Benny (SKRSC elect) Symon and the Amazer both dismissed cheaply Seb and Greggers holding the innings together with a valuable partnership Seb latching on to some impressive on side shots (who needs an offside anyway?) Josh O'Sullivan's brief but eventful innings Branford's even briefer appearance (...and he didn't even offer a shot!) Eddo and Jigz contributing useful middle order runs Cade opening his already broad shoulders to strike a few firm blows Remy helping himself to the fruit on the side board Akshay demonstrating an imaginative approach to the art of batting

















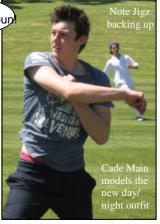








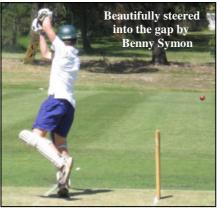










































SKR 1st XI vs Xavier College

Match played at Harry Trott on 11/2/2012

SKR OPEN 1st XI 73

STEAD 13
EDDINGTON 16
MUNDY 5
ECKERSLEY 2
SYMON 17
KNUCKEY 8
ESHARC 0
SAMSON 0
PRICE 1
GRONSBELL-L 7
KHATRI 2x

CRAIG DNB GRUAR DNB

Xavier College 157

GRUAR 0/24 SYMON 0/10 ECKERSLEY 0/12 KNUCKEY 1/23 ESHARC 0/13 KHATRI 1/24 EDDINGTON 0/9 STEAD 0/6 CRAIG 2/4 GRONSBELL-L 0/4

SEEN & NOTED

Baggy purples presented to Ross, Steve and Charlie in a moving pre match ceremony Benny Symon (SC) arriving in the nick of time to take the second over with the new ball Branford offering some generous bowling but cutting his debt with sharp fielding Encouraging debut performance by Ross "Kitchen Wizard" Eckersley Impressive bowling performance by the Knuckster including a wicket maiden first up Akshay lulling the batsman into a false sense of security before tossing up a perfect floater for Benny to pounce on and whip off the bails Eddo showing some form as the team's orthodox spinning option Charlie Craig taking to bowling like a fish to water - 2 wickets in 2 overs Missed catches and vacant outfields allow the Xaverians to collect a tidy 5.5 an over Freshly cut oranges make for an energising afternoon tea A steady opening stand between Eddo and Fraze promises but ultimately fails to deliver the solid platform that we were looking for Fraze's unorthodox batting angles creating some confusion Seb bouncing around at the crease like the proverbial cat on a hot tin roof Benny revealing glimpses of his awesome hitting power in his new role of Number Five Steve Knuckey's quick sprints between wickets

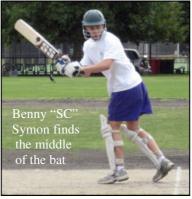
Renato and Shumpah - large of frame but small of score
Chatty little Xaverian proving very annoying
Flight Lieutenant Price failing to take off with the bat
Jiggles surprising everybody with an extraordinary wristy pull shot for four
Akshay left stranded up the creek without even a decent paddle!



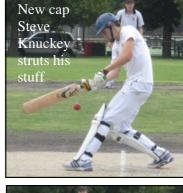












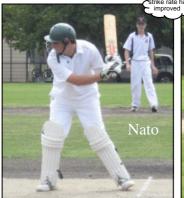








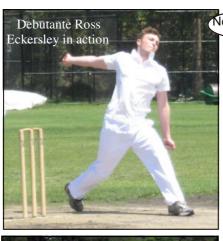




















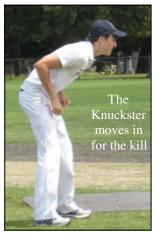




Charlie's

work



















SKR 1st XI vs Melbourne Grammar

Match played at Harry Trott on 18/2/2012

SKR OPEN 1st XI 7/139

Melbourne Grammar 57

SYMON 0
EDDINGTON 9
STEAD 37 RET
CRAIG 0
MUNDY 35 RET
KHATRI 11
PERIN 4
GRUAR 3
PRICE 5x
GRONSBELL-L 0
MAIN 20x
SAMSON DNB
ESHARC DNB

PERIN 2/8 GRUAR 1/8 EDDINGTON 1/6 ESHARC 1/3 KHATRI 2/11 CRAIG 1/20

SEEN & NOTED

Harry Trott's strip surviving Thursday's sudden downpour
Benny's Blues - bat and ball refusing to co-operate with each other
Eddo's elegant driving suggesting a promising top order future
Fraser the Amazer skilfully picking the ripe fruit from the sideboard
Charlie's devil-may-care attitude - confidently charging the medium pacers
Seb cutting loose with some powerful strokeplay—including the on drive of the season
Akshay displaying a full range of shots—but most within a three metre radius...
Remy's GPS in need of recalibration... searching for Harry Trott in Glen Waverley and
misjudging the location of the fence....

Branford scoring runs and edging Ricky Ponting closer to retirement...

Kade entertaining the capacity crowd with some good old fashioned slogging

Renato all padded up with nowhere to go...

Remy's pace and bounce causing problems for the Melburnians—and for Seb in slip!

Branford working up some serious pace

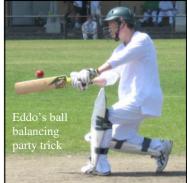
The Oriental Express keeping to the tracks but surprising the umpire's knee with a wayward ball
The Lions' confident catching of the high ball - Eddo, NATO, Frase & Benny
Another packet of licorice allsorts from Fish - wides, no balls, boundaries and a wicket!
Akshay continuing to confound the pundits with a first ball wicket
Eddo, not to be outdone, also pinning a batsman first delivery
Jiggles taking a dive at mid off to effect a sharp catch
Benny (SC) regaining credibility with tidy keeping and near thing stumping attempts

Benny (SC) regaining credibility with tidy keeping and near thing stumping attempts The Lions generous offer of bonus overs to the defeated opposition backfires.... Akshay headbutting a pull shot and Brandon relocating his little finger joint

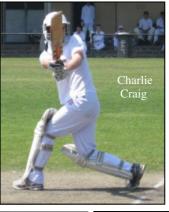




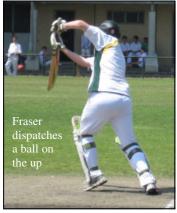




































































SKR 1st XI vs GW 1st XI

Match played on the Front Turf 25/2/2012

SKR OPEN 1st XI 9/180

GW OPEN 1st XI 7/151

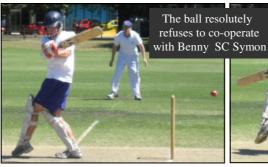
EDDINGTON 47x
SYMON 13
STEAD 17
MUNDY 16
ESHARC 2
GREGORY 42 ret
SAMSON 1
PERIN 7
CRAIG 4
MAIN 10
GRONSBELL-L 0
O'SULLIVAN DNB
PRICE DNB

PERIN 2/5
ESHARC 0/15
SYMON 0/25
O'SULLIVAN 1/7
MAIN 1/7
EDDINGTON 0/11
GREGORY 1/7
PRICE 0/13
CRAIG 0/20
MUNDY 0/6

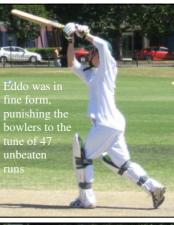
SEEN & NOTED

Global warming extends to the Front Turf Charlie "Indy" Craig's desert crossing survival kit turning heads Eddo in fine form punishing the GW attack with well placed drives and pulls Benny's mojo still only working intermittently... chug...splutter...snick Fraser setting a Captain's example with his busy batting Seb suffering the ultimate embarrassment - dismissed by Ross Catchsomebananas The Continental Express (aka Akshay) derailed again Gregger's welcome return to the crease—thrilling the crowd with three big sixers Poor old NATO caught short of his ground by a freakish side on under armer Charlie suffering the indignity of being trapped PBW (Proverbials Before Wicket) Kade making the most of anything pitching within the arc of his hockey swipe REM "Speedway" Perin collecting two wickets with a combination of pace & bounce Josh O'Sullivan's appearance catching everybody by surprise—even the batsmen Charlie the Charger attacking an edged delivery and snatching a head high slips catch! Wing Commander Price maintaining a steady flight path with his slow/mediums Suicidal GWians foolishly taking on the lethal arms of the SKRian fieldsmen Jigz makes up for his innocuous batting with another meaningful catch Kade put under the pump by contradictory & random advice—"Bowler! Batsman! Bowler! Extras top scoring for GW (This is not something to be proud of!) Entertainment provided by the Belgian Beer Garden Band, distractions by the Free Israel protest march and light relief by Charlie and a couple of tipsy streakers... SKR regaining the Inter-Campus trophy













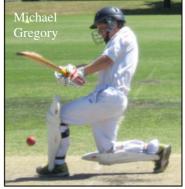






























SKR 1st XI vs Xavier College

Match almost played at Xavier on 3/3/2012

SKR OPEN 1st XI DNB

XAVIER COLLEGE 0/11

B. SYMON, L. EDDINGTON, F. STEAD S. MUNDY, R. SAMSON, S. ESHARC R. PERIN, J. GRONSBELL' K. MAIN A. KHATRI, C. CRAIG, L. PRICE R. ECKERSLEY PERIN 0/4 ESHARC 0/7

SEEN & NOTED

Jiggz the meteorologist keeping us up-to-date with the latest news from the weather front
The aggressive fielding warmup damaging a few hands
The camouflaged pitch blending imperceptibly with the outfield
REM extracting some dangerous movement from the greentop
EASY KADE!!!

Persistent drizzle forces a frustrating premature abandonment





"ACTION" from this week's big washout at Xavier











SKR 1st XI vs Brighton Grammar

Match played on Front Turf 17/3/2012

SKR OPEN 1st XI 78

Brighton Grammar 3/80

SYMON 43x
EDDINGTON 0
STEAD 0
MUNDY 2
GRONSBELL-L 0
PERIN 3
PRICE 0
SAMSON 1
ESHARC 11
ECKERSLEY 0

PERIN 2/8 BRYSON 0/22 SYMON 1/35 ESHARC 0/11 ECKERSLEY 0/5 JOEL 0/6

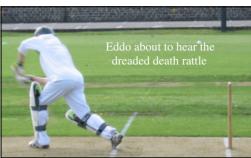
Quack, quack, quackety quack quack

BRYSON 7
JOEL DNB

SEEN & NOTED

Kade falling victim to the curse of the crooked quidditch Charlie struck down by the curse of the slippery towel Akshay paying the price for charging REM at training A Friday afternoon downpour puts the game at risk, but by Saturday all is good... New recruits Brandon and Tom initiated into the mysterious secrets of the SKR4 Cult Benny races to an enterprising retirement as his MOJO kicks back into gear Eddo and Fraser waddling back to the Doggys with their tail feathers between their legs Seb suffering a suicidal brain spasm...Aaaaarrggghhh! NATO's refined leg side deflection delighting the connoisseurs Jiggz unable to resist flexing his lower forearms Wing Commander Price momentarily distracted by a passing F/A-18 The Oriental Express blocking the tracks for longer than usual Ross and Renato suffering as a consequence of inter-wicket communication confusion Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane... no...it's Shumpah trying to reach the crease Tom Bryson's encouraging double debut with bat and ball The REM Speedway as slick as the Albert Park circuit—but more tuneful Ross's tidy but short spell keeps the pressure on Tom struck down by a random ball return from a random passerby Benny distracting an opponent by stealing his bat Catches falling frustratingly wide of eager Lion fieldsmen Brandon Joel's entertaining on-field chat and useful unorthodox tweakers The close finish despite our ordinary score...















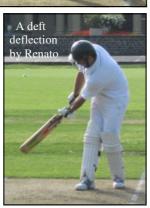








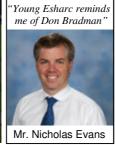




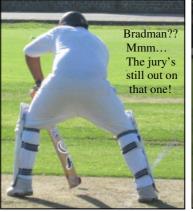


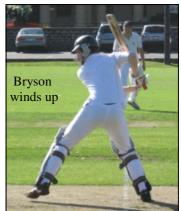






Quote of the Week









































SKR 1st XI vs Brighton Grammar

Match played on Brighton's Plastic Pitch 24/3/12

SKR OPEN 1st XI 82

Brighton Grammar 5/87

EDDINGTON 12
STEAD 19
MUNDY 0
PERIN 17
JOEL 2
PRICE 4
SAMSON 0
ESHARC 1
GRONSBELL-L 4x
BRYSON 9x
Mr X DNB

PERIN 0/13 BRYSON 1/14 JOEL 3/16 STEAD 1/15 EDDINGTON 0/15 Mr X 0/6

SEEN & NOTED

The School Captain abducted by the Head of the River Cheer Squad Brighton's quasi cricket ground disguised as a synthetic soccer box Fraser "Steady" Stead collecting 12 singles in succession! Eddo showing glimpses of pre season hockey form Seb suffering another random electricity jolt to the cerebral cortex REM picking off some valuable runs but not quite reaching top gear NATO producing another paltry (poultry) dividend (quack) Squadron Leader Price struggling to hit enemy targets in the heat of battle Lt. Joel tragically shot down as a consequence of a scrambled mid wicket directive Shumpah unable to inject our innings with much needed momentum Jigz inventing new and amazing ways of striking and evading little red projectiles Tommy Bryson pushing our score past last week's ordinary effort—but only just! A much improved effort in the field raising hopes of a final round victory Seb maintaining the pressure with sharp glove work behind the stumps Learning the local rules... is it one hand one bounce off the fence? Can you catch through the soccer net? Do the welded bails have to come off? Tommy producing a tight, aggressive bowling stint from the less than grand Stand end but REM is unable to recapture his recent wicket taking form Frase finding the plastic oval unresponsive to the slide Shumpah losing a high ball in the cloud sun Controlled and creative tweaking by Brandon spinning us back into the game Banquo returning from Inverness for one last iambic pentameter A disappointing conclusion to an entertaining season... Three cheers for all of us!











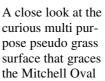


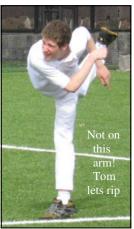
























ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

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SKR 1stXI 2011/12			BATTING				BOWLING / FIELDING				
	М	INN	RUNS	AVE	RET	NO	RUNS	WK	AVE	С	R/S
SYMON, B	6	5	76	19.0	-	1	81	2	40.5	2	1
STEAD, F	7	6	90	18.0	1	-	21	1	21.0	3	-
MUNDY, S	7	6	85	17.0	1	-	6	-	-	1	1/2
EDDINGTON, L	6	5	84	21.0	-	1	59	1	59.0	1	-
PRICE, L	7	4	10	2.5	-	1	21	1	21.0	-	-
GRUAR, B	3	2	3	1.5	-	-	86	1	86.0	-	-
KHATRI, A	4	3	13	13.0	-	2	55	5	11.0	-	-
PERIN, R	6	5	50	10.0	-	-	60	6	10.0	2	-
GRONSBELL, J	7	6	19	3.8	-	1	20	-	-	2	-
ESHARC, S	7	5	20	5.0	-	1	71	-	-	-	-
CRAIG, C	4	2	4	2.0	-	-	44	3	14.6	2	-
SAMSON, R	6	4	2	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
GREGORY, M	2	2	83	83.0	1	-	19	3	6.3	-	-
MAIN, K	4	3	49	49.0	-	2	7	1	7.0	-	-
BRYSON, T	2	2	16	16.0	-	1	36	1	36.0	-	-
JOEL, B	2	1	2	2.0	-	-	22	3	7.3	-	-
ECKERSLEY, R	4	2	2	2.0	-	-	17	-	-	-	-
KNUCKEY, S	1	1	8	8.0	-	-	23	1	23.0	-	-
O'SULLIVAN, J	2	1	0	0.0	-	-	19	1	19.0	-	-



The Afternoon Tea Break is brought to you by...



































SKR 1st XI VS HM's XI























That's it...





































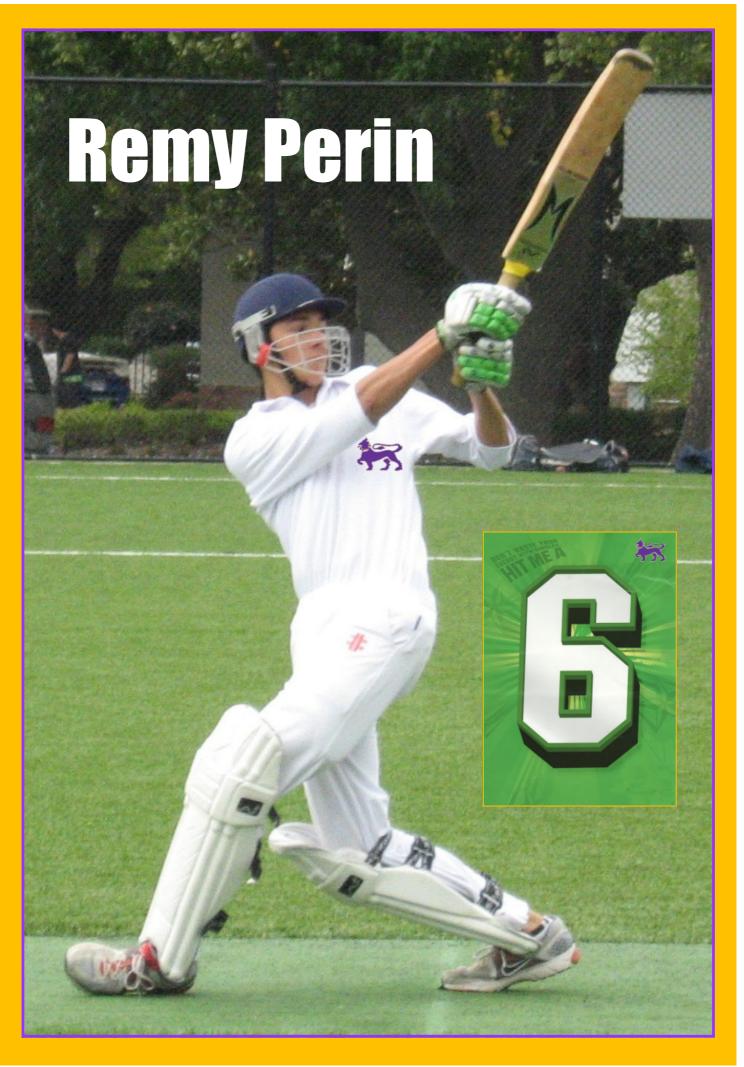
Stage Struck

Not content with performing on the cricket field, a growing number of Lions have joined the thespian throng and are treading the boards with the Adamson Theatre Company. If the MCG and Lords remain beyond their reach, Broadway, La Scala and the West End may provide appropriate arenas for future success! Break a leg!

He is the best of all the cutthroats!

Double, double, toil & trouble









































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