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That Was The Season That Was

The 2014 season may have been brief, but it was jam packed full of incident and exciting performances. Several thrilling victories, lusty hitting, destructive bowling and a long list of PBs made for a memorable few months.

Christian Middleton continued to provide valuable leadership and acquitted himself well with the bat and the keeping gloves. Ryan Barnaby began the season promisingly as an opening batsman, but it was Nihal Nagra who became our batting "rock" at second drop with a succession of solid knocks. He was well supported by James Ali-Akil whose "baton-ball" philosophy kept the scoreboard ticking. Tony Kennedy was our "Big Show" this year and Lion fans were delighted by his powerful lofted drives. The most significant batting partnership developed at Haileybury, as Bede McCartney-Kemp and Ging Yeatman steered us to victory from a most precarious position. Small contributions from other batsmen were always welcomed, but most seemed to save their best batting for the nets!

This year's stand-out bowler was Bede, whose devastatingly accurate bowling against Melbourne Grammar netted him a bag of five including a hattrick. Hugh Johnson put the fear of god into opposition batsmen, but his GPS sometimes let him down. Dylan Simadri and Josh Olver produced tidy spells and captured useful wickets, whilst Ali-Akil, Nagra, Barnaby and Paul Kardis each had days when the ball served them well.

Will Egan-Griffiths was, as always, a lively contributor in all departments of the game, whilst Mike Pradolin demonstrated an extraordinary talent for ball preservation. Alex Reeves proved himself a great asset as a negotiator and outfield sweeper but Lew Kalpokas was forced into early retirement by "pressure of work". Matt Coombs provided much on-field entertainment and was rewarded with wickets in the final round, even if a match day catch continued to elude him.

Credit is due to the boys for working their way through a rough patch mid season and successfully refocusing. Thanks go to each of them for maintaining the appropriate level of enthusiasm and team spirit. Support from parents and friends — moral, practical and edible - was also appreciated.

Richard Stone (Coach)

Awards:

Batting Award: Nihal Nagra

Bowling Award: Bede McCartney-Kemp

Most Improved: Tony Kennedy













WC 3rd XI (SKR) vs WC 3rd XI (GW)

Match played at Williams Oval, GW on 15/2/2014

SKR OPEN 3rd XI 104

BARNO 27 ALEX 13

SIMADRI 4

NAGRA 5

MIDDLETON 15

EGAN-G 14

KENNEDY 5

KALPOKAS 5

COOMBS 1

McCARTNEY-K 4

PRADOLIN 0x

EXTRAS 11

ALI-AKIL DNB

KARDIS DNB

GW OPEN 3rd XI 103

EGAN-G 0/13

McCARTNEY-K 2/16

BARNABY 1/16

SIMADRI 2/12

ALI-AKIL 1/7

COOMBS 2/9

ALEX 1/0

KARDIS 1/0

KENNEDY 0/11

EXTRAS 19

(Bowling figures are approximate due to the unorthodox, random book keeping methods adopted

by our scorers)

SEEN & NOTED

The excursion to the farm made uncomfortable by the pesky flies

The skipper sensibly choosing the batting option first up

The openers laying a solid foundation

Barno repeatedly slathering the ball through the cover region

Wegan suffering from the after effects of too much beach cricket Middo striking the ball sweetly over the ropes

Kenno charging the bowler prior to delivery

Coombsy distracting the GW fieldsmen with his alluring wet T-shirt look

The GW spinner capturing a swarm of SKR flies in his web

A disappointing capitulation leaves us with the bare three figures to defend The skipper bravely taking the gloves in the absence of the Gingsta

The gasps of horror as a first ball skier slips through Barno's grasp

Bede's impressive opening spell netting two early wickets

Barno bouncing back with some tidy slow mediums

The big Dim Sim finding the edge and Middo doing the rest - very sharp!
GW batsman losing sight of an Akil satellite as it re-entered the atmosphere

Paul "Tardis" Kardis emerging from another dimension to slay an alien A game that was slowly slipping away edges back within our reach

Pressure mounts, Prads takes a catch and the GW tail fizzles out Ouiches and watermelon all round! Yay team!































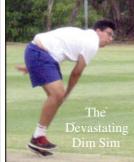












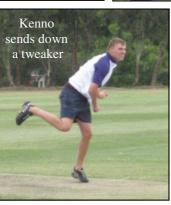






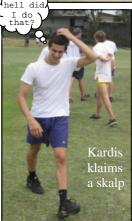




















WC 3rd XI (SKR) vs CAREY GRAMMAR

Match played at Fawkner Park on 22/2/2014

SKR OPEN 3rd XI 129

BARNO 28 JOHNSON 12 KARDIS 1 NAGRA 20 EGAN-G 19 MIDDLETON 28 Ret KENNEDY 19 Ret SIMADRI 0 McCARTNEY-K 0x PRADOLIN 4 COOMBS 1 EXTRAS 1 ALI-AKIL DNB

OLVER DNB

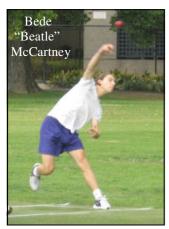
CAREY 7/94

EGAN-G 0/4
McCARTNEY-K 0/18
JOHNSON 0/8
SIMADRI 2/13
ALI-AKIL 1/16
REEVES 0/3
OLVER 1/4
KARDIS 1/3
NAGRA 1/13
EXTRAS 12

SEEN & NOTED

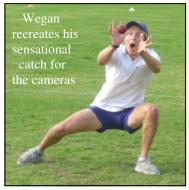
An early shower dampening the ground but not our enthusiasm

Wegan tossing the coin in the absence of the sleep-deprived skipper Carey openers needing a "new cherry" picker to reach Johnno's lifters Bede the Beatle charging down the hill to gather momentum and impetus Wegan taking a spekky in the gully trap from a King Tutankardis edge Reevesy rounding up stray poodles and free range sheep in the outfield Dylan "Scimitar" Simadri striking a couple of killer blows Kenno using his inbuilt radar device to track the flight of a Carey skier Josh Olver impressing with a tidy wicket taking spell on debut The Arkilator's high flying spinners endangering the Alfred's chopper Barno overcoming early nerves to construct another valuable innings Johnno striking the ball with ferocity before falling to a catch by sub Olver Nihal spicing up our innings with some hot hitting Wegan mixing some text book batting with some audacious swipes "Twinkle Toes" Middleton distracting the bowlers with a soft shoe shuffle The deceptively heavy outfield not always providing value for money Tony "In the V" Kennedy's controlled batting reaping rewards The communication breakdown that led to Sim falling on his scimitar Prads protecting his delicate body from the invisible ultra violet rays Coombsy rearranging the woodwork...tsk...tsk A comfortable victory with overs to spare...









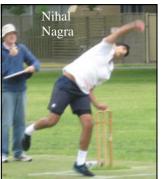
















































only one shot, but a good 'un













EMBARRASSING MOMENTS IN SPORT NO. 337:

Coach turns up for cricket match.

Opposition team turns up.

Coach's team fails to appear.

Coach tries to explain situation to opposition coach and opposition team.

Coach is VERY EMBARRASSED and VERY ANGRY.

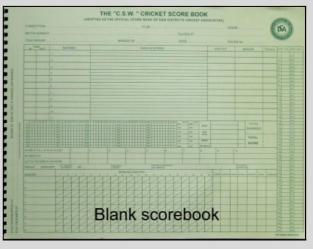
He asks himself... Why do I bother?

(He hopes his team will also ask themselves some questions...)

















WC 3rd XI (SKR) vs MELBOURNE GMR

Match played at Grimwade House on 15/3/2014

SKR OPEN 3rd XI 100

CAREY 139

BARNO 4
JOHNSON 0
OLVER 0
NAGRA 39
McCARTNEY-K 11
MIDDLETON 6
SIMADRI 0
ALI-AKIL 15
KENNEDY 14
REEVES 3x
COOMBS 1
EXTRAS 7

McCARTNEY-K 5/22 (including a Hat Trick) JOHNSON 2/21 SIMADRI 0/3 ALI-AKIL 2/6 REEVES 0/20 OLVER 1/24 MIDDLETON 0/10

EXTRAS 7

PRADOLIN DNB

SEEN & NOTED

An uninterrupted afternoon of see-sawing cricket despite threatening clouds Wegan busy auditioning for "Bathroom Blitz", the latest Reality TV show Bede and Hughie effecting early breakthroughs with dangerous bowling Bede following up with a sensational **HAT TRICK!!!** The leg stump at the Southern end taking a serious beating Prads and Kenno almost snaffling sharp one handed catches Alex copping some stick when the pitch refused to respond to his efforts Tidy keeping by the Skipper and part time gloveman Nihal Coombsy nervously waiting under an outfield skier - Why me??? Arks netting wickets with some good length indippers Lions failing to push home their early psychological advantage Melbourne's batsmen taking maximum advantage of the short boundaries Tight, fastish bowling by Dicko and Co breaking our top order apart Barno unlucky to be awarded the only LB of the afternoon Nihal digging in for a solid, well constructed innings Middo failing to adapt to the gently paced pitch and the constant banter Sim once again finding himself short of the crease attempting a quick single Arks revealing hidden batting talent - playing each ball on its merits Kenno surprising everybody (including himself) with successive sixers! Interesting inter school discussions on a diverse range of topics... Unwise advice from the boundary prompting some reckless batting























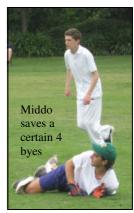


















WC 3rd XI (SKR) vs SCOTCH COLLEGE

Match played at Harry Trott on 22/3/2014

SKR OPEN 3rd XI 9/104

BARNO 0 JOHNSON 1 OLVER 4 NAGRA 27x McCARTNEY-K 4 YEATMAN 5 PRADOLIN 0 EGAN-G 0 ALI-AKIL 12 KENNEDY 29 MIDDLETON 6X

EXTRAS 16 SIMADRI DNB

COOMBS DNB

SCOTCH 7/90

McCartney-K 1/10 JOHNSON 0/2 MIDDLETON 1/11 SIMADRI 0/4 ALI-AKIL 0/16 OLVER 0/10 BARNABY 2/8 EGAN-G 0/11 KARDIS 0/8 EXTRAS 10

KENNEDY—Direct hit RUNOUT

(Bowling figures approximate due to haphazard book keeping)

SEEN & NOTED

Excitement returns to Albert Park after a boring weekend of lap after lap... Middo's arrival delayed by morning after domestic duties Barno caught napping (yawn) by a straight fullish delivery Hughie J paying the price for impatience... Jolver failing to tell his batting partner about his run making intentions Nihal the Rock providing a core of batting integrity - again Ging struggling to get bat on ball in his comeback match Prads and Wegan disappointing with blink and you miss it batting The Arkilator inventing new ways of scoring runs on the off side Glen Maxwell is a pretender! Tony Kennedy is "The Real Big Show" Middo saving himself for a pinch hit Arks swoops low to snatch a catch in the gully off the Bedester's bowling An over-excited Ging demolishing the stumps before acceptances Barno's deceptively gentle bowling claiming a pair of victims Coombsy and the Kiwi rotating off the interchange bench Wegan and Middo generating genuine **HEAT** from the Fitzroy Street end King Tutankardis disappearing mysteriously into the Egyptian desert Kenno's direct hit and the Arkilator's sharp return drawing Scotch blood The Red King treated with TLC by Prads, the King of Spit'n'Polish Dim delivering consistently to the corridor of uncertainty Line and Length bowling provided by Middo and Bede at the death





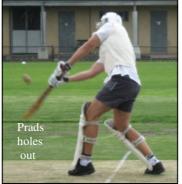






















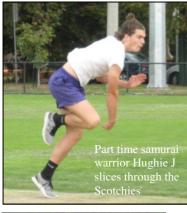






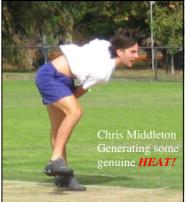








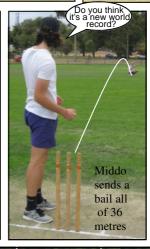






































WC 3rd XI (SKR) vs HAILEYBURY COLL

Match played at Haileybury on 29/3/2014

SKR OPEN 3rd XI 6/99

BARNO 1

ALI-AKIL 5

NAGRA 2

MIDDLETON 1

EGAN-G 4

YEATMAN 32x

KENNEDY 0

McCARTNEY-K 35x

EXTRAS 19

PRADOLIN DNB

SIMADRI DNB

OLVER DNB

JOHNSON DNB

COOMBS DNB

KARDIS DNB

HAILEYBURY 95

McCARTNEY-K 1/11

JOHNSON 0/11

MIDDLETON 1/13

SIMADRI 0/1

ALI-AKIL 0/3

OLVER 1/3

BARNABY 1/1

EGAN-G 1/9

KARDIS 0/8

NAGRA 3/7

KENNEDY 0/4

COOMBS 2/6

EXTRAS 18

SEEN & NOTED

Our sleek, slick look setting a new benchmark in APS fashion Middo's limo running late

Overnight rain softening the Red King and challenging our bowlers
The home team's not-so-subtle Neanderthal like vocal outbursts
2 out of 3'aint bad -Akil swallows a couple of skyers but the third escapes
Coombsy's gallant juggling attempt to hold onto an elevated drive
Hughies safe hands

Barno throwing down the stumps - Twice!

Matt "Shuffler" Coombs collecting a pair of scalps in his first over

Nihal's pacial variations deceiving Haileybury's tail

King Tut's well over his head almost past him catch

A sensational morning tea courtesy of Ali-Akil's catering service

Haileybury's eccentric all singing all dancing centre wicket ritual

Our top order crumpling - 1/5, 2/8, 3/9, 4/12, 5/17, 6/24... as

Haileybury's left handed opening bowler finds a killer line and length

Sensible batting by Ging and Bede steadying the ship & steering us home

Haileybury's fieldsman providing interactive entertainment

Matt's megaphone providing a true T-20 atmosphere

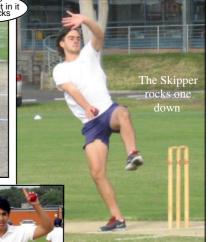
Old man Prads preparing to bat with a runner

Countdown to victory... thanks to a Bedester/Gingster 75 run partnership

Cool dudes and smooth moves at the Shoobra Club



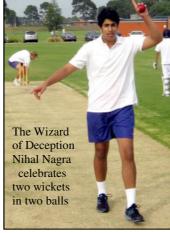
















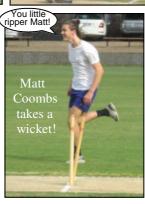














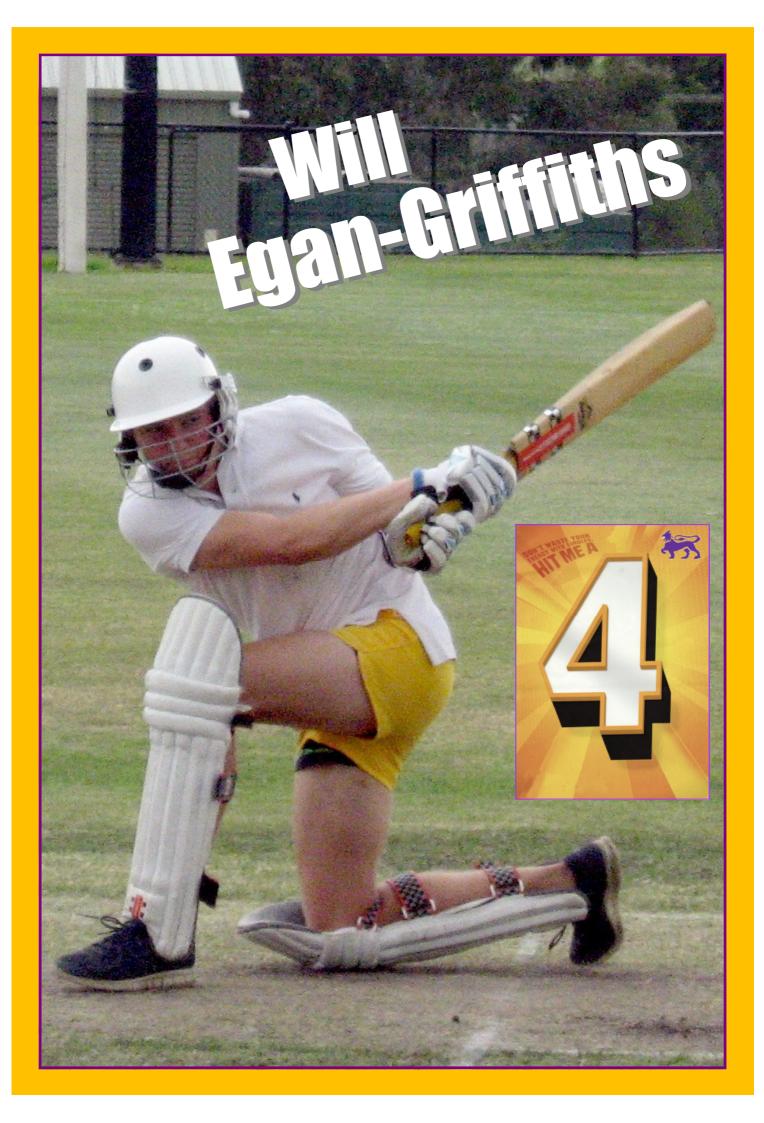












ALL THE STATS THAT MATTER

.= .= .= .	SKR 1stXI 2013/14				BATTING				BOWLING / FIELDING				
	М	INN	RUNS	AVE	RET	NO	RUNS		AVE	С	R/S		
MIDDLETON, C	5	5	56	14.0	1	1	34	2	17.0	6	-		
BARNABY, R	5	5	60	37.0	-	-	25	3	8.3	-	_		
NAGRA, N	5	5	93	23.2	-	1	20	4	5.0	-	-		
EGAN-GRIFF, W	4	4	37	9.2	-	-	37	3	12.3	1	1		
KENNEDY, A	5	5	67	16.7	1	-	15	-	-	1	1		
SIMADRI, D	5	3	4	1.3	-	-	33	4	8.2	-	_		
McCARTNEY-K, B	5	5	54	18.0	-	2	77	9	8.5	3	_		
JOHNSON, H	4	3	13	4.3	-	-	42	2	21.0	4	-		
OLVER, J	4	2	4	2.0	-	-	41	3	13.6	-	-		
ALI-AKIL, J	5	3	32	10.6	-	-	45	4	11.2	3	1		
PRADOLIN, M	5	3	4	2.0	-	1	-	-	-	1	-		
KARDIS, P	4	1	1	1.0	-	-	19	2	9.5	1	-		
REEVES, A	4	1	3	-	-	1	23	0	-	-	-		
COOMBS, M	5	3	3	1.0	-	-	15	4	3.7	-	-		
YEATMAN, G	2	2	37	37.0	-	1	-	-	-	1	-		
KALPOKAS, L	1	1	5	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WADDINGTON, A	1	1	13	13.0	-	-	0	1	0.0	-	-		





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





Queen

Tonking with



Absolutely the best thing about cricket is going the tonk. I've watched Luther and his buddies blocking and poking and it's so send-you -to-sleep boring! Loosen up boys... enjoy yourselves! Take the game up to the bowler! Life's too short to wait for the bad ball. Most of my team mates agree... although a few of them do their best tonking in the nets... eh Hughy?

The day before the official opening of the new Music building, Hughy let loose with a real cracker of a drive that could have

produced shattering results! He reckons that he was aiming at the third brick to the right of the window... but I'm not sure I believe him!



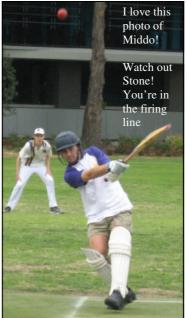




Here I am at GW attacking the bowling. CHARGE!!





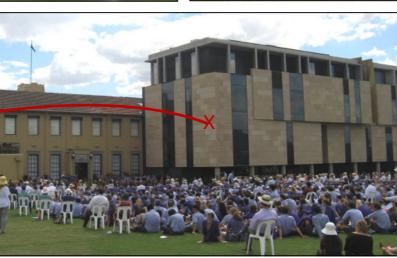


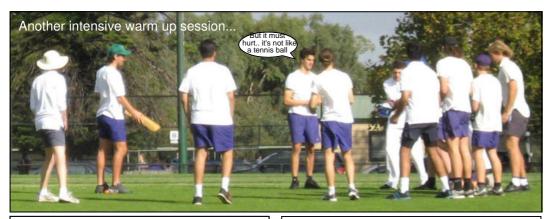


















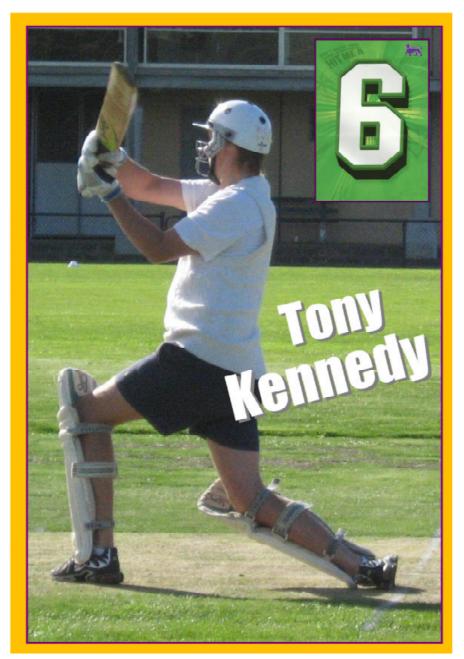


















SKR Firsts v Haileybury - setting new standards in sartorial elegance





CRICKET



WESLEY 4th XI (SKR) (aka SKR 1st XI)

v HAILEYBURY COLL

NB: "Players are responsible for conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules" (APS Code of Conduct)

Please remember If it's not cricket, it's not on!

> UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK:

L.Kalpokas D.Swann?

If you are not available please inform Mr.Stone or the Sports Directorate before Saturday by email, by telephone or in person

DATE 29/3/2014

* BYO Brekky

TIME 9.00am START

* Be there by 8.30am

C.Middleton (c) R.Barnaby A.Kennedy D.Simadri W.Egan-Griffiths H.Johnson B.McCartney-Kemp J.Olver

A.Reeves J.Ali-Akil N.Nagra M.Pradolin

M.Coombs G. Yeatman P.Kardis

Please wear correct cricket outfit







HAILEYBURY COLLEGE **SPRINGVALE ROAD ORANGE OVAL 88 J10**

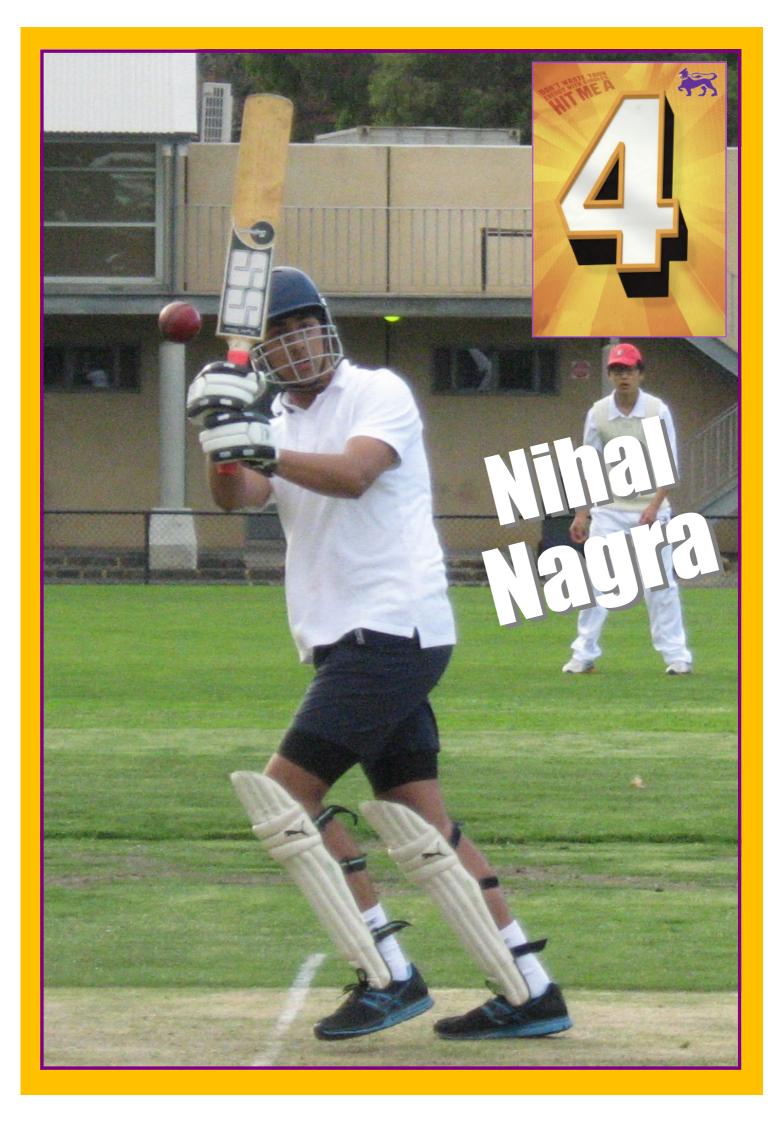
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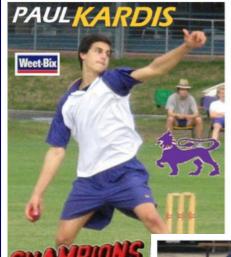
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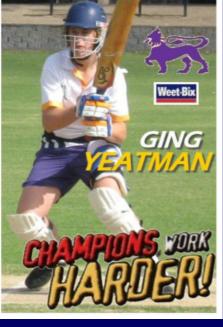
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