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## Blues E-News

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### **Senior Xmas Break-Up**

**19th December 7.00 pm**

**Free Entry**

**Bring the kids along to get a present from Santa**

**Two Course Meal available/ Drinks at bar prices**

As we head into the middle of the season it now becomes vitally important for all teams to string a few wins together to give themselves an honest chance of participating in the finals. This is the period that shapes our season and may provide us with an opportunity to participate in a Grand Final and win a Premiership. It's the time when we need to be committed to our team-mates and our club and make every chance a winner. This is something that the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club 1sts have been so good at for such a long period of time and it is something that we are slowly but surely developing in the lower grades of the club. When we have an opportunity to be successful on (and off) the field, let's make sure that we grab it with both hands and don't let it go. Let's play for our team-mates and give it our best and eventually, if our best is good enough we will have the success that we dreamed of when we started our pre-season training.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> XI-**

This game was going to provide us with a real challenge as Rowville had recruited well and would've been extremely confident of a win on their home ground. Bowling first, FTG tied up the classy Rowville batting line up before tea, ensuring that to get a competitive score they would have to take risks after tea. A herculean bowling effort from Dave 'Twinkles' Anstey saw the home team dismissed late in the day for 183. Anstey finished the day with 39 overs, 6/63 and was ably backed by Luke Bowyer with 3/78. Confident of getting the runs and securing their fifth straight win the FTG bats went about their business but at 5/63 suddenly found the going very tough. Shane Richardson (53) and Luke Bowyer (122no) then put together a match winning partnership of 125 to both win the game for The Blues and to equal the long held record in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket. Adrian Millard chimed in with 28 and at the end FTG (9/283) had finished with what looked an easy win but only thanks to a great batting display by Shane and Luke.

*Man of the Match: Dave Anstey/ Luke Bowyer TBC*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI-**

After their first win for the season in the previous round, this game against Rowville provided the 2nds with a chance for another win. Playing down at Dobson Park, FTG took to the crease first with Mario Catalano showing the sort of form that notched a double ton in the firsts many years ago. When Mario was dismissed for 73 the score was 3/92 and the match had been set up. Clint Brewster (59) and Al McKenna (28) then provided a good partnership and with other contributions from Cuthell (22) the score pushed up to 237. The second day's play required early wickets and the bowlers delivered well. Sam Sheedy (2/29), Dean Glare (4/43) and Trent Cuthell (2/15) bowled tight to ensure the Rowville bats never got a look in, knocking them over for 146 and securing their second win on the trot.

*Man of the Match: Mario Catalano*

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI-**

Playing away against Lysterfield the 3rds were keen to push for back to back wins and establish a position in the top four. Winning the toss and batting first we quickly found ourselves in trouble at 6/52 before a strong 100 run partnership between Ponga (Brendan Spicer) (72) and Reedy (41) took us out of trouble. Unfortunately the tail failed to fire and we were all out for 163, a score well below what we were expecting. A big effort was going to be required with the ball and when Lysterfield were 4/22 we were looking like we could pull off a good win.

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The next wicket though did not fall for another 110 runs and the Beavers than battled their way past our score to finish all out for 189. The pick of the bowlers was again Beaky who continues to stamp his authority with both the ball and the bat, this time picking up 6/64. Daniel Jones also bowled well to finish with 3/34. A disappointing loss for the 3rds who are playing some great cricket at times, but at other times it's not so good.

*Man of the Match: TBC*

### 4<sup>th</sup> XI-

The Fourths were playing against Eildon Park away and needed to win this game to stay in touch with the four. The Blues picked up wickets gradually all day restricting the opposition to only 136 which was a great result for us. 'Captain Araldite', Rob Seviour led the way with an inspiring spell of bowling to pick up 5/19 off 18 overs. Our batting got off to a good start being 0/35 before Seviour was dismissed for a well compiled 25. After that only P.Saini (20) and Hugh Robertson (10) made double figures as we were held to be all out for 95. A disappointing result in the end but with the prospect of some great talent coming through from our junior players we must accept that there will be some good days mixed in with some not so good. Stick it at fella's and the rewards will come.

*Man of the Match: Rob Seviour*

### 5<sup>th</sup> XI

*Round 8:* A rare game for the 5ths, playing at the FTG No 1 oval against Lysterfield 'Beavers' on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Some good batting from the Blues boys allowed us to compile a healthy score of 6/161 with Jason Rohde (44), Andrew Lee (46) and Paul Dinnage (38) all batting well. With a strong bowling line up boasting past president and veterans player Norm Butters, international players Paul and Tom Bolam and Andy Lee, Fluffy Dinnage and Nick Sheedy, the Blues boys seemed to have the fire-power to defend their score. However, none of the bowlers fired a shot and Lysterfield snuck home with 2 overs to spare. Another good effort though from a team that changes dramatically every week. Well done guys.

*Man of the Match: TBC*

*Round 9:* We were up against The Basin, away this round and batted first. We were off to a great start with club Life Member Greg Masterton (21) and Greg Wilkinson (52) putting on 62 for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket. Paul Stockton contributed 21 but the tail fell away in the pursuit of quick runs at the end of the innings. FTG finishing with a credible 8/145 off its 40 overs. The Basin bats then proceeded to get on top of the bowling early and chased down the score in only 28 overs for the loss of just two wickets with Jason Rohde 1/27 of 6 overs bowling well.

*Man of the Match: G. Wilkinson*

### 6ths

*Round 7:* Playing Bayswater again this time at FTG No 2 ground we won the toss and batted first. Rod Salan (37), Brown Owl (42) and Ben Donovan (27) set up a competitive score of 8/166 with Trevor Hion also chipping in with a well made 17. With the weather quickly closing in and FTG in search of the points, Bayswater continued to hold the bowling at bay until R.Hocking chimed in with 3/9 and put the match firmly in FTG's grasp. Bayswater eventually all out for 134. *Man of the Match: TBC*

*Round 8:* FTG batted first and struggled from the outset to get any momentum going. Only Ben Donovan (26), John Bradbury (22) and Travis Hermann (10) made double figures with the final scoreline being a miserly 78. This was always going to be hard to defend and with Rod Salan (2/32) the only bowler to take more than two wickets, St Johns passed our score to finish 3/91 off 15 overs. *Man of the Match: TBC*

### Other Awards:

Presidents Pot – N/A

FTG Bowling Club Bistro Award- N/A

### Junior News

Don't forget to get down nice and early Saturday mornings to support our kids. Results from Round 4:

**U17's** - Ferntree Gully 7/170 def Eildon Park 118

**U15's 1** - Ferntree Gully 9/78 def by Mountain Gate 8/85

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**U15's 2** - Ferntree Gully 108 def by FTG Footballers 338  
**U13's** - Ferntree Gully 100 def by Lysterfield 9/252  
**U'12's** - Ferntree Gully 6/247 def Knoxfield 120

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Vets 1 Lost Vets 2 Won

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