

## Western Suburbs District Cricket Club Presidents Report October 2023



Blaster Cricket kicked off Friday and a crowd of about 350 attended with 168 kids registered. Wow what a night. Jon Allcock and his coaches did an outstanding job organising and training the biggest response we have ever had to Blaster Cricket. Queensland Cricket were very impressed. The ambience was superb on a warm night, the Graceville ovals were a picture with GMP3 hosting a junior girls match, the nets in full operation and of course Jack Mc Laughlin Oval flooded with kids and parents as well as music. A guest appearance the Drafts had the crowds singing along to a variety of tunes making for a fun night. Thank you to our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade boys led by Luke Donaldson in the canteen and Nick Purser on the BBQ. The assistance was greatly appreciated for our other volunteers. Steve LeFlay and Wendy Varidel worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all work. Thanks guys.

The feedback from participants, parents and QC was outstanding. So much so QC will be in attendance this week to further promote our program. Apparently, we have a larger number of participants this week so let's keep the energy up.

A great weekend for the club and a couple of notable performances that cannot go by without mention.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Men

Firstly, to our 1<sup>st</sup> grade Men who battled out a very exciting first innings tie at Norths. After going down in the one day semi-final despite 100's to Harry Mc Neilly and captain Steve McGiffin, the previous weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> grade were looking to redeem themselves against Norths in the 2 day fixture. Pranav Susarla with 116 and contributions from Tom Campbell an (48) and Jared Sippel (94) allowed Wests to post a solid total of 329. West's bowlers then toiled against a solid Norths batting line up on a friendly wicket with Blake Edwards outstanding taking 5/83 supported well by young gun Tom Whitney 2/55. But it was the Tom Campbell's run out of the dangerous Sam Neale when scores were tied that resulted in confusion and excitement. Some 2<sup>nd</sup> innings hitting ensured Wests picked up some more bonus points. Great effort boys

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Men

An outstanding performance by our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders against the very strong Norths team. Dismissing the fancied Norths line up for 240 on the Jack McLaughlin Oval with an amazing haul from Davinder Singh of 6/62. Backed up by Aiden Tolhurst (2/43) and evergreen Andrew "Munsie" Henderson (2/66). After being 3/170, the comeback was excellent keeping Norths to 240. Wests finishing 2/47 at stumps meant the game evenly poised for the 2nd day. Captain Tom Pappalardo stepped up day 2 and was locked into anchoring the innings finishing 71 no off 209 balls. The dynamic Rex Tooley began dominating bowlers with a whirlwind 102 securing a great victory. Supported by Aiden Tolhurst (46), this was a fine batting display and a well-managed innings by this team.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Men

A “backs to the wall” display chasing a large total posted by Toombul of 8/311. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys resumed day 2 with Toombul batting on to bat Wests out of the game. When finally asked to bat our 3<sup>rd</sup>s looked to show some defiance. And they did. Looking solid but still losing wickets regularly it was going to be a hard task. Danny Young (36) continued to defy the Toombul attack, then young Jack Sonter who put on a masterful display of aggression and defiance holding the innings together with a magnificent 100. The team hung on with some rear-guard defiant batting to deny Toombul that first innings win. Great stuff

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Men

This team is led so well by Lachie Brennan and again showed some class. Toombul won the toss and elected to bat. Soham Sane produced a magnificent bowling effort taking 6/32 of just 14 overs. This reduced Toombul to 132. On a tricky wicket Zac Camilleri (24) and Nick Scott (21) got the team off to a solid start before a bit of a wobble. Soham again stepped up with a very calm 47 of 95 helping Wests pass Toombul’s total and register a great 1<sup>st</sup> inning win.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Men

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys dominated this match. Wests batted first and established a good total of 7 declared for 244. Ollie James (77) and Sam Vaughey (59) supported by a solid 44 from Ryan Atley. Sam’s innings was pretty destructive clubbing 59 off 39 with seven 4’s and two 6’s to allow the declaration. Josh Lossberg (3/32) and Callum Pamerter (1/14) started the collapse of Toombul but Wests stalwart Steve Gramenz chimed in with an important 4/20 off 14 overs. First innings in the bag they asked Toombul to follow on and the devastation continued with Cal Pamerter picking up 4 more wickets and Tyler Heness taking 2/13 leaving Toombul in real trouble of outright defeat. But a solid partnership allowed Toombul to limp off at 7/76 at the end of play. A great performance.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Men

A narrow defeat with Toombul making 194, Luke Donaldson 4/32 and club legend Nick Purser 2/63 had 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the hunt. Consistent batting throughout had the boys ready to take first inning points. Robbie Youngs run out was pivotal on 35 and though Jaylen Pailthorpe toiled away finishing on 40 not out, the tail just couldn’t stick with him. Luke Donaldson showing the grit that makes him a Doggies favourite completing a stellar 9 off 44 to assist the challenge but unfortunately finishing just 14 short.

### U17’s Lord Taverners

The boys are back. After a slow start to the season they returned with a bang against Wynnum. Ollie Peck (50), continues to show great form with the bat. Jacob Chilbuka 47, Ryan Atley 53no and a superb 93no from Rushi Kakkad all contributed to total. Tavs boys finishing at 4 – 283 off their 50 overs. Despite a blazing century by Harley Malpass, the wickets fell steadily around him with Josh Lossberg and Callum Pamerter picking up 3 each allowing the boys to get home in a close one.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Women

T20 action again, two games. First game verses Sandgate. Sandgate won the toss and sent Wests in to bat . Ryleigh Wotherspoon showed some class with an outstanding 71 from 57 balls an 9 fours. Supported by Ruby Strange 47 off 43 balls. Grace Parson (20) in a little cameo at the innings end. 4-150 was a formidable total. Sandgate got off to a good start but former Qld Fire player Tess Cooper was dismissed by Fillipa SueSee, then Georgia Voll stumped off a Naiya Varidel turner left Sandgate reeling. Lily Hamilton dismissed the dangerous Meagan Dixon and then Courtney Sippel settled into a good line and length finishing with 4/16 off her 4 overs. The other wickets were shared around and Sandgate were never in it. After their 20 overs they reached only 8/98. A good revenge win for our T20 Max loss.

2<sup>nd</sup> game saw Wests winning the toss and electing to bat posting 7 -133, Ryleigh Wotherspoon (30) and Courtney Sippel (32) led an early onslaught with Ruby Strange (27) and Lilly Bassingthwaitghte (17) contributing. Wests finishing at 7/133. Ruby Strange got the ball rolling with an early run out and picking up the key wicket of Ellie Johnston. A solid effort in the field by the team and a strong performance from Filippa SueSee completing her 4 overs with a return of 2/21. Wests holding Wynnum to 7-124 in reply. Well done ladies.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Women

Well, this team is humming along. A strong win, keeping Norths to a below par 5/84. Ayaka Stafford standing out with 2/24 off 4 overs. Wests chased down the total in 14 overs. Chelsea Sonter not out 25 and Olivia Totten a strong 41 off 38 balls. Great win girls.



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