

My Dear Friends,

A beautiful day and great ground conditions were appropriate for the new Skipper's first outing after the felicitous birth of his beautiful daughter last weekend. We met the might of Pascoe Vale Central our traditional rivals from our many iterations in the NWCA. The Skip won the toss and inserted them. KG relished being given the first overs and bowled with accuracy and guile and deserved every one of his 4 wickets. The Tong, having arrived without a minute to spare shared the opening overs and was back to bowling a better line and length this week. He produced amazing balls to dislodge the two seven year olds he dismissed. We all thought that the chainsaw celebration after knocking over all three stumps was a little over the top. Juka also chimed in with a wicket. The catching was a vast improvement on the previous game with all chances taken. Honnsie was very impressive given that he pulled a Pigeon (the original) and stepped on a ball during the warm up. Pascoe Vale Central all out for 52.

We chased down the massive ask in 6.5 overs. The Possum opened with Sam and VP O'Kane came in at 3. Sam was his usual well organised unflustered self while the others batted with brutal effect. It takes a lot of power to smash under 12s for boundaries.

The end of the game was quick and enabled a reacquaintance with the Pelican and Clarissa who had just flown in from the States. It was great to see him and he is likely to play his 50th game for the Valley in the month he is back. Even the Pigeon and Ian Wenlock came down for a viewing and to provide advice.

Cheers
Brett

Brett Curran | Skipper Emeritus
Mighty Fighting Sixths Omnipotens Pugnaces Sexti

On 29 Sep 2014, at 10:41 am, Curran, Brett <> wrote:

My Dear Friends,

We have a new Skipper welcome Mark Gauci. We need to get along to training on Tuesday evening as the first game is on Saturday.

Here is an excerpt from an article on the MFF Website.

Skipper Axed as Committee Acts

The old saying in football is that there are only two kinds of coaches. "Those who have been sacked and those who are going to be sacked."

The same maxim clearly applies to cricket. The failure of the MFE, MFS & MFF to take the chocolates and win a Grand Final required drastic action. Club President and MFF Patron, Graeme Charlie Chas the Patron Walker confirmed the news. "We can confirm that Brett has been moved on. He has had a good innings but repeated failure is not on. Making finals is not enough" A long time MFF player

who did not want to be named commented. "He bowled himself too much and didn't bowl me enough. I can bowl more than 15 overs on the trot and he knows it." Another anonymous player said "He was always going on about not hitting the ball in the air. Doesn't he realise there's more room up there than on the ground." Another who also asked not to be named added "He had this weird idea that you need a player behind square leg when I'm bowling. He's got no idea."

It is believed that Curran was under significant pressure after Sean O'Kane won the batting, bowling and feilding award but was not voted the side's Most Valuable Player.

Walker also confirmed that the club has moved swiftly to announce Premiership Captain and club stalwart, Mark Gauci as Captain. "Gauci is a successful Skipper and we believe that he will bring that missing ingredient to get us a flag before all of the MFF players get too old to play, which could be as soon as one year."

Curran was phlegmatic and sanguine when asked for his response "The Patron has made the call and I respect it. I could say we don't need another bloke in slips but that's not the point. Mark Gauci has my full support. He will need it. It's not easy captaining a side in which at least 7 other players think they are the captain. I accept responsibility for our failure to win a flag. That is what leaders do. As Robert E Lee told his troops after the rout at Gettysburg 'It is all my fault.'" Indeed it is.

Cheers
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