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GET IT WHILST IT'S HOT!

FURTHER TESTIMONIALS

"The Cricketing Magazine we had to have" Paul Keating

"I read it once...but did not inhale" Bill Clinton

"Magnificent effort that, Episode two" Ritchie Benaud

"Never in the field of journalism was so much published for so many by so few" W.Churchill

"Yep, it's in the bag" Schapelle Corby

"Are we there yet?" Sean Kenny

THE PREZ SAYS...

It has been a steady start by the Tigers in the first few rounds, with a few wins notched up across the board and growing enthusiasm on the training track. We now need to build on our start and ensure we maintain large numbers at training to ensure willing competition for places amongst all grades.

The slab is being poured for our new Club Shed next to the nets and it is progressing to be completed quite soon. We will need to arrange a working bee to identify the Club's stock and then move our equipment into the new Shed. Many hands make light work, so I trust all of you will pitch in and help when the time requires it.

The Tigers' U17s won their first game against PINTS in an excellent team effort, which is fantastic for the entire Club as well as the team itself and their super-coach **Jason Bremner**, who is now apparently fielding offers from the Pakistan and India national sides. A very big thank you to **Leslie Collins** and everyone else who has pitched in to help on Monday nights at Junior training, your efforts are much appreciated.

Recruiting has been good this year with not only our Kiwi contingent settling in well but my wife Donna gave birth last Thursday (19/04/2007) to our brand new son **James Campbell Hatton** (Or "**JC Superstar**" as the local media are already calling him), meaning there is another Hatton in line to be wearing his own Tigers' shirt and cap in the next decade or so. Long-term planning at the Club is important, so get amongst it Tigers.

Given the turn seen in the new Nightcliff wicket, I urge every man, woman and child at Nightcliff to learn the art of bowling spin in 2007 – the Nightcliff wicket thus far has taken more turn(s) than a country driver lost in Sydney.

Keep it up Tigers – and remember, if you are going to do it at all, then do it like a Tiger!

Brad Hatton
NCC President

Stuff

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – APRIL/MAY 2007**A GRADE:**

Saturday, 28 April 2007: vs **PALMERSTON** at (I GOT THE) POWER PARK
 Saturday, 5 May 2007: vs **WARATAHS** at NIGHTCLIFF
 Saturday, 12 May 2007: vs **DARWIN** at KAHLIN

B GRADE:

Saturday, 28 April 2007: vs **PALMERSTON** at NIGHTCLIFF
 Saturday, 5 May 2007: vs **WARATAHS** at GARDENS
 Saturday, 12 May 2007: vs **DARWIN** at NIGHTCLIFF

C GRADE:

Saturday, 28 April 2007: vs **STHN DISTS** at HOWARD (THE DUCK) PK
 Saturday, 5 & 12 May 2007: vs **DARWIN** at KORMILDA

D GRADE:

Sunday, 29 April 2007: vs **TRACY VILLAGE CERISE @ N/CLIFF**
 Sunday, 6 May 2007: vs **MAYDAY, MAYDAY! – WEEKEND OFF**
 Sunday, 13 May 2007: vs **PALMERSTON** at (I GOT THE) POWER PARK



1. **Fri 4 May 2007 – MILO CLINIC** from **5.30pm – 6.30pm**. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** (except during School holidays) at the same time at Nightcliff Oval. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **1 May 2007** – Cut off date for paying discounted rate for 2007 fees. See NCC Treasurer **Wayne Partridge** regarding payment.
3. **Sat 19 May 2007** from about **7.00pm** – Social Event – **MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR!!** Speak to Sean Kenny/Mike Pearson to get aboard!

MATCH RESULTS

A-GRADE

PINTS 140 (B.Hatton 4/19, M Hatton 2/17, S.Kenny 2/30)
def **Nightcliff 105** (M.Pearson 25, M.Hatton 23)

“Five little ducks went out one day...”

The Tigers played first up at Nightcliff Oval on the new pitch now known as “Little Mumbai” after showing more spin than a whirling Dervish on a merry-go-round. The Tigers bowled well after PINTS had got on top early, with spinners **Mark Hatton** and **Sean Kenny** producing a mesmerising spell in tandem. The Tigers’ bats then laid a sound foundation in pursuit but could not quite pull off a win after at one stage being 3-100 before the Tiger tail was blown away like fairy floss in a cyclone. More rings than Liberrachi in the bottom half of the Nightcliff scorecard, something for the lads to work on in upcoming weeks.

Round 2 was a **Bye** for the A-Graders, giving them time to mow that lawn and/or catch that football game or horse race before saddling up again against Palmerston next round.

B-GRADE

PINTS 245 d **Nightcliff 170** (W.Partridge 42, T.Foley 37)

A solid batting effort by the Tiger boys after PINTS of beer held their own happy-hour in the last 10 overs and got away from the Tigers a bit on the car park that was the Marrara No.2 ground in round one.

New skipper **Wayne Partridge** liked what he saw in the Nightcliff batting, saying there looked to be a solid foundation to build on for 2007, with Mad **Max Tippett** and **Tom “Axel” Foley** faring well at the top of the order and the skipper himself bludgeoning a quick-fire 42 to ignite the Tigers’ mid-innings.

Nightcliff d University (on forfeit).

Fearful of copping a caning of Biblical proportions in front of their home crowd University failed to even field a B-Grade side in Round 2 leaving a hungry Nightcliff outfit to take the chocolates. See the D-Grade report for further news on Uni’s B’s.

C-GRADE

Palmerston 3/90 d **Nightcliff 88** (J.Towell 14, D.Mathieson 12)

After the first round bye, the lads had their first game at home on "Little Mumbai". The deck played well but the Tigers failed to capitalise on good starts by a number of the lads and posted a wheelchair basketball score when more was on offer. Father of the Year aspirant **Johnny Towell** bowled manfully and the opening bowlers wreaked some early damage (including to one Palmerston bat who still cannot sit down) but in the end the Tigers did not post enough on the board.

D-GRADE

Nightcliff 4-56 (Robbie Williams 22) d Jabiru 53 (Talents 5/24, Snell 3/13)

The Tigers managed to give a spirited Jabiru the bird in the first round to open up their account for 2007. **Matt "Hidden" Talents** was the chief destroyer with five wickets. The lads were as scratchy as a 20-foot cat but were still able to put the baby to bed in good time in the end, giving Tiger **Adam Hollaway** the send-off he deserves as he now ventures off to Harvey Bay in Queensland for his foreseeable future, whilst also considering a number of lucrative offers from Bollywood producers.

Uni 7/133 (GFerguson 2/20, Snell 2/25) d **N'cliff 132** (Hill 33, Krepapas 31)

In Round 2 the lads ventured off to University to play their new B & D grade side. The Tigers fell about 10-15 runs short of what they would have hoped to register but fought the game out manfully with the game only decided in the last few overs. Krepapas and Hill put together a well-constructed partnership for the 7th wicket, with Krepapas soldiering on with a runner after cramping up four and a half minutes into his innings.

20-20 MATCH – ROUND 1:

Nightcliff 120 (20 overs) v Southern Districts 1/121 (18th over)

A young and inexperienced Tigers' outfit turned out its own tribute to the Anzacs' on 25 April 2007 manning the windswept plains of Marrara against the odds against Southern (& Coke) Districts. The Tigers compiled 120 with **Sean Kenny** top scoring with a ball-busting 38 including one 6 hit into another post code however the Tigers couldn't make the vital breakthroughs required to trouble the strong Districts team in pursuit.

U 17s

Under 17's won well first up against PINTS, reeling in PINT's 90 with supercoach **Jason Bremner** describing their efforts as a pleasing team effort by all Tigers involved. *"I can really feel the love in this team, there is definitely something going down in Funkytown. Great effort, proud of the boys."* Bremner was heard to say shortly after the game.

PLAYER PROFILE

HAYDEN MARTIN

*Like many a Kiwi before him such as Messrs. Rutherford, Sinclair and McCullum, **Hayden Martin** or “Haydos” has crossed the Tasman Sea for a bit of northern exposure during the NZ off-season. He’s a laid-back lad with a love for the outdoors and the mate ship and social life a cricket club brings, but most of all he just wants to take wickets and plenty of them and then kick back and relax. Sounds like Darwin is a pretty spiffy fit for him at the minute.*

Date of birth?	14 May 1987
First cricketing memory?	Playing “Kiwi Cricket” (similar to Milo) as a little Kiwi and taking 4 wickets in 4 balls. Was pretty happy with that.
First Game for Nightcliff?	Against PINTS of beer in Round 1. Had only arrived a day or two before so dusted off the cobwebs by bowling a few overs and was dismissed for a golden duck (LBW but I hit it – yeah yeah I know they all say that!). I did score in the 20-20 game against Districts until Sean Kenny ran me out - I am thinking of forming a self-help counseling group for players run out by Kenny in 2007.
Favorite food?	Chinese banquet or just shoving my face into a big old plate of Aussie chips & home-made gravy.
Favorite drink?	Malibu Rum
Megan Gale or Jennifer Hawkins?	Jennifer Hawkins. If she were a pizza, she’d be one with the lot.
Most admired sportsperson?	Michael Jordan, he has achieved so much and is a dead-set superstar, whilst saving a packet on barber’s costs.
Other hobbies & interests?	The outdoors life, mucking around with mates kicking a ball or going out or relaxing after a hard day’s cricket.
So when you were looking at your World Atlas, with your bags packed and cricket bat strapped on your back, did you come to choose Darwin?	My coach recommended Darwin as a place to come and NZ ex-pats like McCullum had come here and wreaked so much havoc. I have played in a Canterbury U21’s development side and was looking to broaden my horizons and have always wanted to play cricket overseas. I might look to go to England one day.

Favorite Spice Girl?	Posh. She's just a cut above the rest.
Favorite Hatton?	Jason – he seems to be a nice kid and I reckon Mark or Brad would think I would have picked one of them!
Five people I'd invite to a dinner or cocktail party?	Shane Warne (strapped up like Hannibal Lector, his SMS-ing hand included), Salma Hayek , Michael Jordan , Billy Idol (yes, I'll be using Tupperware at this gig) and Jessica Alba .
Complete this sentence..."I couldn't live without..."	...cash money!! The best things in life are free, but you can give them to the birds & bees, I want money. That's what I want.

2007 FEES

A further reminder that all Nightcliff cricket senior fees paid **before 1 May 2007** attract a discount of 12.5%. Fees are **\$210 if paid before this date** and fees are \$240 if paid after this date. Prompt payment of fees by the players is crucial to maintain and develop the Nightcliff Cricket Club and its facilities. Paying early is about equivalent to a free slab of beer. The **EFTPOS** facilities are **now available** at training to pay fees, including by credit (\$2 fee for credit transactions), so there are no excuses not to pay your dues. Part-Payments arrangements may be able to be made, but it is up to you to approach the Club, via the Treasurer Wayne Partridge or any Committee member to make arrangements.

"THEY SAID IT" - QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There is another...Hatton"

Yoda, sitting outside the Nightcliff Sports Club, talking with a few life Members staggering into the car park discussing the future of Nightcliff cricket.

*"We're on a road to nowhere,
Come on inside.
Taking that ride to nowhere,
We'll take that ride."*

Mystery Bus Tour Master(s) of Ceremonies **Sean Kenny** and **Michael "Thorpedo" Pearson** talking up the pending **19 May 2007 Magical Mystery Bus Tour** around the training track. Book early to avoid disappointment.

*"It is a riddle wrapped up in a mystery,
inside an enigma."*

Spin King **Mark Hatton** wearing a smile like Luna Park after inspecting the Nightcliff Oval deck on the morning of play before round one.

*"Yep, I'm as edgy as an echidna in a
tumble dryer."*

Returning D-Grade warrior **Anthony Snell** on his long-awaited return to Nightcliff Oval as a player for only the second time since 1999.

ON THE REX HUNT

Essendon Bombers to make the Eight = up to \$2.20

Well those Bombers have tinkered with their line-up in the off season and are showing more endeavor than Captain Cook early in the 2007 season. They're a speedy lot now down at Windy Hill with some new blokes going faster than last week's pay. Lloyd is cutting an imposing figure in the goal square and (George) Lucas is continuing on from his great 2006 form. Whilst they have settled down a bit now after two rounds partying like it was 1999, they look much better than a number of other struggling sides. Sure they slipped up against the Mince Pies on the massive Anzac Day stage, but they've beaten 3 of 2006's finalists and will give you a good sight for your Nathan Buckleys (bucks).

Essendon to finish higher than Hawthorn after R22 = \$2.00 (even money)

This Paspaley pearler of a wager may still be available to you but you will have to approach **Alex Krepapas** or any other Hawks' tragic around NCC to discuss business. The Hawks are on the improve but many of them still are hanging out at Blue Light Discos and need notes from their parents to play night and interstate games.

Please do not rush Alex all at once and remember to form orderly queues at training or around the Club so as to not interfere with training or block local Nightcliff traffic. Krepapas may bolt like **OJ Simpson** if you stampede him all at once although the mail is he is looking into a personal EFTPOS facility to take on multiple bets. All aboard this Gravy Train - you cannot afford *not* to take this wager if offered! I would ask however that players & supporters respect the Krepapas' privacy and refrain from emailing him on Alex.Krepapas@team.telstra.com or calling him on **0427 640 983** to get on board.

ODD SOCKS

THE ALL FINANCIAL SERVICES FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Saving money is habit-forming – try putting at least a little away each week to get yourself into the habit. Prepare a Budget.

THE NIGHTCLIFF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Do not spend up big during times of war.

THE NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE WORD OF THE WEEK:

Risible: causing or capable of causing laughter; laughable; ludicrous.

An example of its use might be, “*John Howard’s new industrial relations laws are simply risible and were not the creation of a sagacious man.*”

TRIVIA.

Rottnest Island. Rottenest Island is the largest island off the coast of Perth. It is located in the Indian Ocean. Rottenest is about 18 km from Fremantle. The island has a Mediterranean climate with hot dry summer days and mild winter days. On Rottenest Island there are several small animals called **Quokkas**, (a sort of small wallaby.). The place got its name from Dutch explorer **Samuel Volkerson**, who named it Rottenest or “Rat’s Nest” upon discovering the place in 1658 not realizing the local inhabitants were actually Quokkas. Yeah good one Volko, you clown. Nearly 350 years later and relations between Quokkas and the Dutch are still quite icy.

**MEASURING UP.**

Although he was slightly troubled by a imperial to metric conversion, a big thanks to Nightcliff A-Grade spinner/athlete **Sean Kenny** for his efforts in taking on some pitch preparation duties in the opening home game at “little Mumbai”. My only advice to you Sean is, do **not** look to open up a bunjy-jumping business anytime soon!

GOLDEN GOOSE

When the Committee first heard there was a NZ cricketer **Hayden Martin** interested in playing Territory cricket, the expectation was that with a name like that, he would be a world-beating batsman. Not to be it seems, as clearly shown when he started off his days as a Tiger with a golden duck, out first ball against PINTS. In his defence Hayden does profess to be a much better bowler than a batsman and the Club is extremely pleased to have both Hayden and fellow Kiwi **Nick Teylon** along for the ride in 2007.

JOKES

Richmond Tigers. If these guys were a Pakistani national side there would already be a Royal Commission into their performance well under way.

They are cardboard cut-outs of men and pose only a slightly stiffer opposition than witches' hats at training on a windy night. Rumour has it Richmond is already engaging in merger talks with several national touch footy and netball sides. There is also an unconfirmed report that the Board is negotiating a multi-million dollar deal with **Allens confectionery**, which is looking to shortly embark on a marketing campaign for a brand new soft-centred jube that explodes in your mouth as soon as any pressure is applied to it.

Here's another one...

A petty thief, a teacher and a lawyer die and go to heaven.

When they get there they are stopped by **St. Peter**, who then says, "Sorry, heaven's crowding up, so you need to answer a question correctly, or else you can't get in."

He looks at the **teacher**, and asks her: "What was the name of the famous ocean-liner that sank after hitting an iceberg?" "Oh, that's easy," the teacher replied, "the Titanic." So St. Peter let her into heaven.

Next he turned to the **petty thief**. "How many people died on that ship?" St. Peter asked. "Oooh, that's tough, but I saw the movie, and it was 1, 500." St. Peter stepped away and the thief walked into heaven.

Finally, St. Peter turned to the **lawyer**. He simply said to him: "Name them."



“Join me at Tracy Village, Luke and together we can rule the Universe!”



“Get bent Dad, I’m staying at Tigerland - they still play for love!!”

RECIPE FOR THE TIGER ON THE GO – “CHIPS AND GRAVY”

Ingredients \$4.00 chips from your local fish & chips shop & gravy – see below.

Method Send your kid sister or brother down to the shops for the chips. Get them to grab a few beers whilst they’re out. You can then whip up the gravy at home.

Gravy is best made starting with the juices and leftover bits of a cooked roast or meat as your base. If you have fat stored in the freezer (as any true gravy connoisseur should), start off melting some of that in your pan/tray. If none, melt a few tablespoons of butter in a metal tray or pan on the hotplate and get cracking with the following pre-prepared stuff:

- Sprinkle sifted plain flour onto the butter and some beef stock (and bacon and/or a tiny bit of vegetable stock if you have it) and “cook” it in the pan on a medium temperature, immediately mixing it into a paste with a wooden spoon, so there is no liquid left. Have some leftover flour mixed in with a bit of water on the side, so it is an easily useable liquid for later.
- Add some water to the paste and stir it (use a whisk or like weapon if stainless steel pan, or use a Carlton-edition wooden spoon). Add a tablespoon of Worcestershire or soy sauce (use some of both if you like) & some pepper and stir in whilst on the heat.

CHIPS & GRAVY – CONT.

- This will thicken as it heats and you can adjust the texture to suit by adding some of your “flour paste” or just water, depending on what you are looking for. Other things you can whack in as variants include a pinch of lemon pepper, chicken salt or lemon juice. Go easy on the amount of stock and spice you put in though, sometimes less is best. You can also add a tiny bit of beer for that old-fashioned Aussie touch. If you want to get really funky with it, sear + add some diced onion and/or mushies on the Barbie.
- **Make more than you need as there is quite a rigorous tasting process!**

A DITTY

**Little Shane Warne-r
Bowled leggies round the corner,
On a diet of pizzas and pies.
Bowled Zooters with his thumb
And took pills from his Mum,
And said, “*What a great spinner am I!*”**

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. NO MORE. ALL GONE.