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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

9th edition – 2 AUGUST 2007

SPECIAL GEORDIE FERGUSON KFC EDITION



“FINGER LICKIN’ GOOD!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“The Good Oil” George Dubelya Bush

“Simply the Best” Tina Turner

“Wouldn’t miss it” William Tell

“A real scream” Maria Sharapova

“Don’t look at me, I didn’t do it!” Sean Kenny

THE PREZ SAYS...

Congratulations to NCC club man **Geordie Ferguson** on (somehow) acquiring his own edition of the *Growl*, he is a proud and respected Tiger (and KFC share holder) and although he's a bit nutty we just love him to bits.

Remember our fund raising event the NCC **Quiz Night** on **Saturday, 11 August 2007** at about 7.00pm for 7.30pm, tables of six (6) can enter and there are truckloads of prizes. Form groups and tables together and with family and friends and get amongst it, get involved.

On the field all our Senior sides are presently sniffing around the Four – but work together guys, make sure that is *all* you are sniffing, encourage each other to attend and participate in training and playing as a Club, as there is an outside possibility we could have all senior sides playing Finals cricket in 2007.

As Europe screamed in the 80s, we are nearing the “*Final(s) Countdown*” so let's make it happen aye?

Brad Hatton
NCC President

JASON BREMNER SUPERCOACH TIPS OF THE WEEK



1. Train as you intend to play to train to play.
2. It's not whether you win or lose (though that does help sometimes) but it is how you play the game. If you forget this or just wish to ignore it, I will personally assist in arranging for your transfer to another club (no clubs mentioned - they know who they are...one of them possibly already knows who *you* are).
3. Try wearing underpants when you bat (also known as *Brion's Law* of physics).

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – AUG/SEPT 2007

A GRADE:

Saturday 4 & 11 August 2007: vs **DARWIN AIRPORT** at NIGHTCLIFF
Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **TV DINNERS** at TEE VEE LAND

B GRADE:

Saturday 4 & 11 August 2007: vs **(CHARLES) DARWIN** at KAHLIN
Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **TV DINNERS** at NIGHTCLIFF

C GRADE:

Saturday 4 & 11 August 2007: **BYE BYE BLACKBIRD(S)**
Saturday 18 & 25 Aug 2007: vs **PALMOLIVES** at BENNY MITCH OVAL

D GRADE:

Sunday, 5 August 2007 vs **DARWIN SHOW** at NIGHTCLIFF
Sunday, 12 August 2007 vs **TAH-TAH LIZARDS** at GARDENS



1. **Friday 3 August 2007 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval for about a further 4 weeks. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 11 August 2007** from about 7.00pm – Social Event – **NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**. Lets Get Quizzical Tigers and get a team of 6 together before then. Truckloads of prizes on offer.

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

Nightcliff 172 (P.Donogue 39, Extras 39) & 5/233 (T.Scollay 114, M.Birrell 77) def by Tah-Tahs 174 (M.Hatton 6/45, B.Hatton 3/39)

The Curator had prepared a belter of a wicket which he had estimated was a “400-run track”. However the Tigers’ bowlers had a major stroke of luck early in the form of the considerable moisture deposited onto the track by a few **Tah-Tahs** players crying all over it – rumours of one bat actually wetting himself on the wicket remain unsubstantiated.

Haydos “Dry” Martin(i) continued his good form in a handy spell with skipper **Bradman Hatton** as the Tigers eked out some early wickets on-field, whilst walking voice box **Alex Krepapas** took care of business off-field, keeping Tah-Tahs well in check with his special commentary as they hid from him like Bin Laden. However to their credit and despite every endeavor to convince themselves of defeat and that the wicket was riddled with goblins, dragons, trolls, land mines and federal politicians, Tahs eventually found a way to win and at least got over the line metaphorically if not quite managing to *actually* cross it a few times. **Mark Hatton** did his best Boston Strangler impersonation with 6/45 off 29.2 overs but Tahs, led by the Mark Twain character (Sawyer) stole the chocolates.

The Tiger bats then served up much more for the **Tah-Tah** lizards as **Tom** of the **Scollays & Mad Matt Birrell** got stuck into them like homeless guys into a pizza and bludgeoned them all over the suburb of Nightcliff, holding up a game of lawn bowls at one stage with their cherry-red meteor shower. In the end the Tigers were stiffer than **Walt Disney** and a Tah-Tahs player with integrity umpiring at square leg may have seen a different result but it is also fair to say that more Tiger *first* innings runs wouldn’t have given such a creature a chance to display his true colours.

TEAM	PLAY	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	MATCH POINTS	BONUS POINTS	POINTS TOTAL
Southern & Coke	10	8	0	2	42.00	22.53	64.53
TV Dinners	9	8	0	1	43.00	17.50	60.50
PINTS of Lager	10	6	0	4	29.00	22.49	51.49
NIGHTCLIFF	9	5	0	4	27.00	19.76	46.76
Tah Tahs	10	4	0	6	22.00	21.61	43.61
Palmerston Cheese	9	2	0	7	9.00	15.95	24.95
(Charles) Darwin	9	0	0	9	4.00	14.73	18.73





B-GRADE

Nightcliff 222 (B.Mitchell 102no, S.Kenny 33) def
Tah-Tahs 126 (K.Wyles 4/53, S.Kenny 3/5) & 2/55

After having the opposition **Tah'd and feathered** the week before, this week was the **Ben Mitchell After-Party**, as he celebrated scoring his first Fifty by basically belting a second one on top of it to ton up. A much loved and respected Tiger club man it was great to see **Benny Mitch** etch his name into Nightcliff history and folklore with from reports was a 'chanceless' century and there will be songs and stories told about this innings and this day many down Nightcliff way many decades from now.

Despite a very remote chance of an outright success Tiger skipper **Wayne Partridge** was so emotionally touched by Benny's innings that he agreed to call the match off a few hours early to allow the side to properly celebrate this momentous occasion. Well not quite. **Geordie Ferguson** bowled well without luck and **Kim Wyles** and **Sean Kenny** threw everything at the Tah-Tahs before the Tea interval (including a few chairs and a drink container). Despite this the Tigers whilst not in the Four just yet, they can certainly see it from where they are!

B GRADE LADDER

	PLAY	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	MATCH PTS	BONUS PTS	TOTAL PTS
PINTS of Bourbon	10	8	0	2	44.00	27.29	71.29
Village Idiots	9	9	0	0	41.50	16.20	57.70
Parmagianas	9	6	0	3	27.00	16.99	43.99
Darwin Show	9	4	0	5	16.00	12.92	28.92
THE TIGERS PROWL....	9	3	0	6	14.00	13.84	27.84
Southern cooking	10	2	0	8	10.00	17.27	27.27
Ta Ta Lizards	10	1	0	9	6.00	14.58	20.58

C-GRADE

Nightcliff 122 (A.Griffin 34) def by
TV Dinners (Red Rooster) 214 (N.Byrne 3/24, J.Towell 2/33) & 3/131 (O.Padilla 2/14)

The Tigers traded in their gumboots (from fielding last weekend in the paddocks of Wulagi) for the cross-trainers as they set out in pursuit of the Dinner's 214. Unfortunately like a jockey in a slam dunk competition they came up a bit short this time, with the highlights in the innings being evergreen Tiger star (Elvis) **Aaron (Presley) Griffen** compiling a sound 34, **Damien Warner (Bros)** eking out 14 runs at #9 (after previously starting off his own personal duck farm with four on the trot) and then a stirring last wicket partnership between **Graham (Dia)Tribe** and (Beam me up) **Scotty Sekulich** which kept the ever-dangerous Ferret of the Follow-On deep underground.

Tigers' newcomer **Oniel Padilla** then turned it on for the Tigers and Wulagi faithful with a dazzling bowling display showing more spin than a V8 in the Karama Shopping Centre car park after midnight with a highly entertaining 2/14 to heat up the Dinner's seconds dig as the match otherwise meandered towards its unnatural conclusion. We don't really know how **Kurt "Russell" Edwards** went this week but some folk present attest that his nine runs was one of the finer single-digit innings of the post-Bradman era, he tried his guts out in the field covering more ground than **Queen Latifah** lying on her back and he reportedly couriered an exquisite gourmet lunch to the ground for the Tiger masses.

C GRADE LADDER

	PLAY	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	MATCH PTS	BONUS PTS	TOTAL PTS
Danny Southern	9	8	0	1	46.00	35.45	81.45
PINTS of Milk	9	6	0	3	30.00	32.39	62.39
NIGHTCLIFF (LIKE A) TIGERS	9	4	0	5	26.00	30.60	56.60
Mrs Palmers	8	5	0	3	26.00	25.04	51.04
TV's Gold Logies	8	4	0	4	22.00	25.85	47.85
(Charles) Darwin	8	4	0	4	22.00	21.27	43.27
TV Dinners (Red Rooster)	8	4	0	4	20.00	20.57	40.57
University Blues	8	2	0	6	14.00	24.34	38.34
Ta Ta Lizards (ta ta finals)	8	2	0	6	10.00	25.27	35.27

D-GRADE

Nightcliff 1-110 (R.Wheatley 50, B.Foley 34no) v
 PINTS of Lager 104 (B.Foley 4/20, G.Stevens 2/5, M.Tallents 2/20)

The D-Generates continued their recent **Jeckyl & Hyde** routine as they ruined PINTS of Lager like a tuxedo in a mud wrestling bout. However this mass destruction has all but ensured the Tigers will be playing finals cricket in 2007 as they are now two games plus a Chinese Census percentage ahead of the rest of the flailing pack.

The lads felt like they were in a New York shopping mall out on **M2** as shots constantly rang out nearby, but it was home-boy **Matty 'surely I must have some' Tallents** who fired the first shots with the new ball before D-Mob spin twins **Brion 'Axel' Foley** and **Gary Glitter** wreaked their havoc, generating more bounce than **Christopher Skase's** cheque books and leaving the PINTS of beer accounts in debit in the process.

Seventy two balls later this Manhattan chaser was all over as **Roberto 'Carlos' Wheatley** regularly beat the keeper (and every other fielder) as he hijacked the innings with his trusty new side kick **Nathan Foley** to give the lads an early mark for the day, with some closing assistance from run dispenser **Alex 'Lloyd' Krepapas**, who notched up 24 unbeaten runs off about 3 balls.

D GRADE LADDER	PLAY	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	MATCH PTS	%
Veal Parmigianas	12	9	1	2	38.00	156.04
Tah Tahs	12	8	1	3	34.00	159.38
Darwin Cup	12	8	1	3	34.00	134.81
THE MIGHTY TIGERS	12	6	1	5	26.00	139.96
Unicycles	12	4	1	7	18.00	73.32
Jabiru (before it jabs you)	12	4	0	8	16.00	81.13
Death Star XI	12	4	0	8	16.00	67.91
PINTS of Beer	12	2	1	9	10.00	62.80

UNDER 17s

The Tiger Cubs had a spirited encounter with **Tiny Tahs**, which saw an outstanding individual performance from the Cheap Wine (still awaiting the three day growth?) **Gregory Mosel**, who ripped through the Tah-tahs snaring a devastating 7/29 (with **Louis the V** also grabbing 3/22), whilst Dale Thomas look-alike **F. Williams** batted well for his 38 not out in the Tigers' second dig. Unfortunately the Tiny Tiggers made an absolute family banquet with extra fries out of their first innings with the bat and like last night's left overs, this match went to the dogs.

Supercoach **Jason Bremner** said afterwards, *"The road ahead is long and winding but I think we have the right map."* The Supercoach was unconcerned by rumored recent sightings of **Denis Pagan** skulking around Nightcliff Oval and peering over the fence from the Bowls green during an under 17s training session, nor is he yet to make any public comment as to why he turned down the first option to take the **Pakistan** national team coaching contract, save to say that he was slightly disturbed by the fact it was written in pencil.



"THEY SAID IT" - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>"Where the bl*ody hell are you?"</i></p>	<p>Do we even need to type the words here?</p>
<p><i>"Do your lawns need mowing, sir?"</i></p>	<p>That man Geordie Ferguson calling upon B52s skipper Wayne "the Family" Partridge during the week in his efforts to get himself a bowl.</p>
<p><i>"It was a sh*t ball, but that was absolutely plumb!"</i></p>	<p>Nightcliff's other left arm orthodox spinner Brion Foley celebrating a rare D-Grade LBW amidst the carnage he continued at M2 against a shattered PINTS of beer.</p>
<p><i>"Are your eyes painted on?"</i></p>	<p>An anonymous but concerned optometrist from the sidelines at the recent Tigers v Tah-Tah Lizards A-Grade game, after an apparently optically-challenged square leg decision.</p>
<p><i>"Tah tah"</i></p>	<p>That man Krepapas waving to the Tah Tah lizards who to their last man retreated inside the opposition change rooms after copping a tsunami of a spray after one of them had taken him to task over their perceived state of the Nightcliff pitch. Geez imagine if the track was half decent, Tom Scollay might have posted 300 on it instead of merely 114 off 100 balls.</p>



GEORDIE FERGUSON

*He is Colonel Sanders' right hand man, the consummate club man and one of the only blokes around town who could pull off scooting around the streets of Darwin in a hairdryer-powered moped. Usually willing to lend a hand, some timely advice and the odd piece chicken popcorn to passing black & gold seagulls, big **Geordie** just loves his cricket and his Club. Well we can just say big fellah that the feeling is mutual.*

Date of birth?	9 November 1979
First ever cricketing memory?	Playing cricket at a BBQ – my cousin lost his grip on the bat and it knocked me over and out. Guess that's why they call it silly mid off!
First Game for Nightcliff?	In under 17s, with a blaze (minor spot-fire) of glory – I top scored with 14 not out off 11 balls and tapped a handy u-17s cricketer Ross Stainger around the park a bit.
Favourite drink?	Gravy (hold the chips) – straight from the jug. And bourbon – straight up and preferably unspiked.
Favourite food?	Spaghetti bolognaise – I love to get stuck into the stuff and make a real mess. Mum never used to worry about tablecloths at home, she would just throw a tarp down over the ground & stick newspaper up on some of the walls.
Tracy Village – entrepreneurial cricketing superpower or out-and-out mercenary?	Nah good luck to them, they are a very successful club now and they deserve credit for their initiative and drive. Not! Evil has a new home ground. They remind me of that pokies-driven lawn bowls club out of <i>Crackerjack</i> .
Most admired sportsperson?	Brett Lee – a need-for-speed pace man, locks and loads it and gives it all he has got and nothing less!
Other hobbies & interests?	KFC, R&R, B&D, TV, DVDs, TLC, R&B.
Jessica Alba or Jennifer Hawkins?	Talk about finger lickin' good. I'll say Jessica Alba , I'd trade all the chicken popcorn in the world for a night out with her. Well most of it anyway.

Favorite Spice Girl?	Baby Spice , she is one hot & spicy piece.
Favorite Hatton?	I want to adopt them all (except Alex) – I’ll go for Brad , good fellah and he is usually nice to me.
Five people I’d invite to a dinner or cocktail party?	My best mate Bully (an action man with a grand plan), Jessica Alba (if she was any hotter she’d have planets revolving around her), Alex Krepatt (shackled and heavily sedated, would still be the life of the party), Baby Spice and Snelly (might need a lawyer by this time!).
Complete this sentence...”I couldn’t live without...”those 11 secret herbs & spices...and my Scooter!

“AUSSIE O’NEILL TO HELP KIWI BATSMEN”

Well not only has the Media officially embraced newest C-Grade all-rounder **Oniel Padella** as our very own (ala **Phar Lap** and **Russell Crowe** – well until his telephone manners declined) and even misspelt his name, but if this **Age Newspaper** headline of 24 July, 2007 is any indication, it looks like the Kiwi national cricket side is really taking him seriously by already offering an Assistant Coach role to help National coach **John Bracewell**. Fellow Kiwi and Tigers bowling star **Hayden Martin** has flat-out refused to comment on the controversial appointment – save to say that it is “*rubbish*”, he feels absolutely “*gutted*” and “*snubbed*” by his Mother country, he is never going back there and he hopes they do not even make the next World Cup!



Martin (left) – such a fine Kiwi athlete u just can’t help but check him out!

ODD SOCKS

THE NIGHTCLIFF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Check *all* your pockets before you go skydiving.

THE NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE WORD OF THE WEEK:

Muppet

Apparently the neo-sledge for Nightcliff trendoids, many of whom were not even a glint in daddy's eye when these little guys came into being, a **Muppet** is a puppet created (and trademarked) by **Jim Henson** in the mid 1970s. The word '*Muppet*' was first coined by Henson himself and is a combination of "**marionette**" (dolls/puppets operated with strings from above) and "**puppet**".

Muh- (nuh muh-nu, doo-doo-doo-doo-do) -pet

Example of (recent) use – "*Good umpiring, ya Muppet*".



NEWS GRAB

The Nightcliff D-Generates team got a bit of a fright a week ago when they read the news headline – **WHEATLEY JAILED FOR TAX EVASION**. Bookies all over the land also immediately reacted to the news by suspending all premiership betting for the D-Grade Flag, until they realised it was music man **Glenn** and not the in-form opener & fiery quick **Rob "Roy" Wheatley** heading off to reside at Her Majesty's pleasure. The normally laid-back **Wheatley** initially took the news pretty hard...



RECIPE FOR THE TIGER ON THE GO – “HOME MADE KFC”

The recipe you have all been waiting for...well Geordie anyway!

3 cups flour
1 tablespoon paprika
2 env. Lipton Tomato Soup Powder
2 pkgs. Good Italian dressing (dry – the main source of the 11 herbs & spices!)
1 tsp. seasoned salt
6 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
Pieces of dead chicken (removed skin for less fat content)
two eggs, beaten like Richmond

Preheat oven to 220C degrees. Mix the above ingredients (not the chicken or egg).

Line the cooking tray with aluminum foil. Dip chicken pieces in the beaten egg, coat with the flour mixture. Place on cooking tray. Do not overlap pieces. Press butter on each piece of chicken. Sprinkle with flour mixture on top of chicken pieces. Pat down. Bake for 1 hour. Every 15 minutes add 1 teaspoon water and 1 teaspoon oil on each piece.

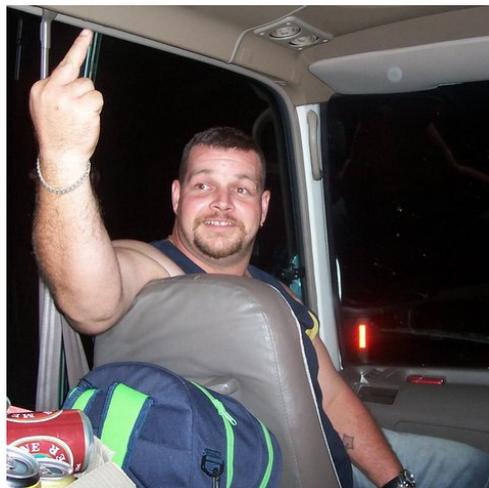
Turn oven up to 250C for last 10 minutes to make crispy.

2007 TWENTY-20 GRAND FINAL – PINTS OF BEER BEATS TV DINNERS IN A THRILLER

"SO HOW MANY OVERS WERE YOU GUYS SHORT, JACK??"

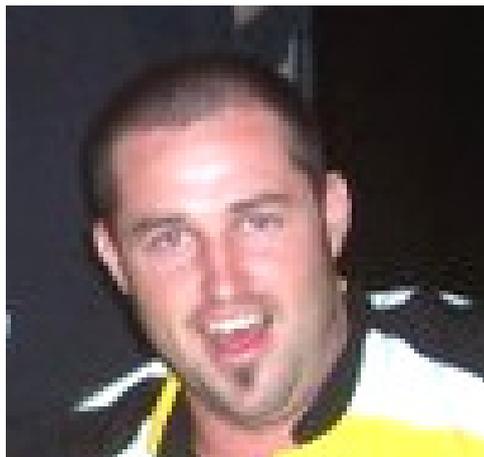
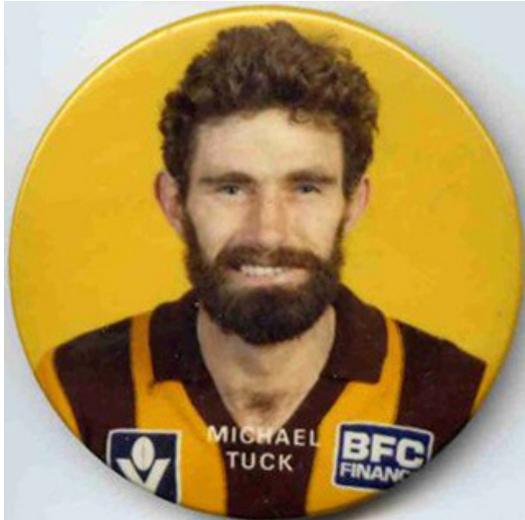
JABIRU EQUATION

We've have had our sharpest mathematicians working around the clock on this one for a few months in a first-time quest to gain some insight into the Ferguson mind...



LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. NO MORE. ALL GONE.