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“STILL UP TO SCRATCH!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Never flee home without it” **Salman Rushdie**

“Simply the Best!” **T.Turner**

“A tremendous release – a real breath of fresh air” **Glenn Wheatley**

“Like tiny salmon swimming upstream, worth the journey” **B.Hume**

THE PREZ SAYS...

The 2008 Tigerland season is humming right along like **Geordie Ferguson's** moped, but for May and June 2008 most of the focus will be on the **Nightcliff junior scene** with the following happenings:

1. **Milo "Have a Go"** – every **Friday afternoon** at Nightcliff Oval from 5.30pm. Come along to help out, and to also socialize, relax, eat, drink and be merry with Hugh leading a merry cricketing dance for the kids.
2. **Nightcliff Under 11s** days at Nightcliff Oval from 8.00pm Saturday mornings – only two more of these days at Nightcliff for the Season, so check your local guides and get amongst it.
3. The National Boys & Girls Under 13s competition between **Monday, 16 June 2008** and **Sunday 22 June 2008**. There will be 2 or 3 one-day games at Nightcliff Oval and all assistance for the day will be appreciated.

A big welcome to **Matt 'Sergeant' Pepper** who joined our A-Grade from New Zealand on the weekend, already opening his account with a few Southern scalps. We hope you enjoy your stay at the Den and I am sure all will make him feel welcome.

Congratulations to all senior and junior grades for their start to the Season. With one One-Day round to play, Nightcliff A-Grade is still in the running for a place in the **One Day Final** (Sunday, 8 June 2008). Well done lads. And on the **social scene**, do not forget the **Magical Mystery Bus Tour of 2008**, which will be departing on **Saturday, 14 June 2008** – speak to 'Big Red' **Michael Pearson** and his cohorts to book your place in Tigerland social history!

Help each other out around the place fellow Tigers, including Supercoach Jason Bremner when he needs it, including at senior or Under 17s training. Remember, if you are gonna do it at all, do it like a Tiger!

Alex Krepapas - NCC President

CONGRATULATIONS BRADLEY HATTON ON TAKING YOUR 400TH A-GRADE WICKET!!

Hey, how many Bradley Hattons does it take to change a light bulb?
Absolutely none buddy, Bradley Hatton isn't scared of the dark!!



MONKEY MAGIC!



Photo supplied/shopp'd by Kimberley of the Wyles

*Not quite sure what all the fuss was about – it just looks like the temperamental **Turbinator** could simply see that our Andy wasn't just handy, he was quite a magical primate!*

We would recommend however that you don't just drop by 'the office' unannounced to tell him that yourself...



IRON WILLED

*Did you know that Nightcliff legend **Bradley Hatton** is so tough, that he insists that his wife Donna irons **all** his cricket shirts each week...whilst he's wearin' them!*



"Grrrr, pad up punks!"

WHODUNNIT?

In a *Growl* exclusive, we may well have uncovered a possible hidden conspiracy regarding the recent **Stuart Park house fire**, where the defendant **TRACEY PADME ATKINS** reportedly torched the house of her ex-boyfriend and then made full admissions to Police.

Case closed? Perhaps not. Of burning interest but not yet reported in any media outlet, local eyewitnesses reportedly saw a group (*not* a gang, mind you) of young men wearing **NTCA cricket whites** carrying jerry cans running along a nearby road to a stationary but running car shortly before the blaze started. The plot sickens!

Now lets approach this logically...the men in question appear from Police reports to be far too attractive to have hailed from **Nightcliff CC. Palmerston and Districts** were also ruled out for geographical reasons as the flaming inferno erupted late Tuesday afternoon and too close in time to that afternoon's training. Planning was clearly involved and it was a successfully executed team operation, ruling out **Darwin**. Junior cricketers were also sighted within the group, completely clearing **Tah-Tahs**. And no profit motive has been unearthed, which has directed Police inquiries right away from Tambling Terrace. *So who does that leave then?* Who indeed!

And here's another puzzling piece to this fiery jigsaw...if you carefully rearrange the letters of the alleged defendant's name **TRACEY PADME ATKINS**, you will find these words below [*insert dramatic pause here*]:

“DARK ACEY PINTS TEAM”.

Geez, you be the Judge. Investigations are continuing...



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES –MAY/JUNE 2008

A GRADE:

Saturday, 24 May 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at MARRARA #1
 Saturday, 31 May & 7 June 2008: BYE BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE.
 Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **PARMAGIANAS** at POWERADE PARK.
Sunday, 15 June 2008: 2.30pm - T20 Game vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** – FRED'S PASS

B GRADE:

Saturday, 24 May 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Saturday, 31 May & 7 June 2008: BYE BYE BLACKBIRD.
 Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **PARMIGIANAS** at LITTLE MUMBAI

C GRADE:

Saturday, 24 May 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at MARRARA #1
 Saturday, 31 May & 7 June 2008: vs **UNICYCLES** at the VELODROME (UNI)
 Saturday, 14 & 21 June 2008: vs **BALMY PALMYS** at PALMERSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

D GRADE:

Sunday, 25 May 2008: vs **EVILDOERS (RED BARONS)** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 1 June 2008: vs **EVILDOERS (GOLDEN ROUGHS)** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 8 June 2008: WEEK OFF – **QUEEN** – “*WE WILL ROCK YOU!*”
 Sunday, 15 June 2008: vs **JABIRU** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 22 June 2008: vs **PALM READERS** at AUSTIN POWERS PARK

(WOOHOO WE HAVE AN) E GRADE:

Sunday, 25 May 2008: vs **EVILDOERS** at WANGURI AUTOBAHN
 Sunday, 1 June 2008: vs **PINTS DEMONS** at MARARRA #2
 Sunday, 8 June 2008: WEEK OFF – **QUEEN** – “*WE WILL ROCK YOU!*”
 Sunday, 15 June 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER (NORMAL PINTS)** at MARARRA #2
 Sunday, 22 June 2008: vs **PALM PILOTS** at LITTLE MUMBAI

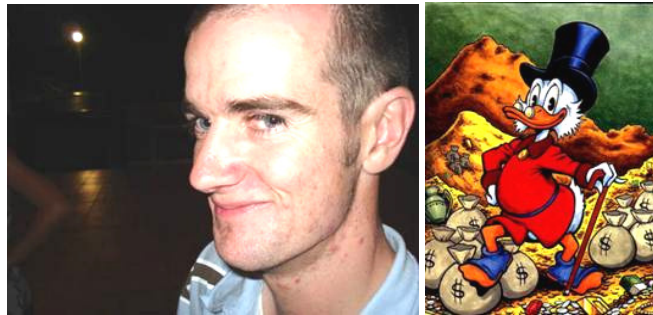


1. **Friday 23 May 2008 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until it breaks for the June/July School holidays. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 14 June 2008** from about 7.00pm – Social Event - **NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB** **MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR**. Speak to ‘Big Red’ **Michael Pearson** + team about it!

MATCH REPORTS

So here we are almost at the end of the One Day games for Saturday cricket and the cream has indeed risen to the top in the NCC Player of the Year (POY) stakes, with expected major players **Sean Kenny, Mark Hatton, & Robbie Wheatley** finding their good selves right in the thick of things. **Robbie 'the Entertainer' Wheatley** notched up the **Tigers' first century** on the weekend in the Ds with a glorious **128 not out** batting through the entire 40 overs against the Unicyles. Congratulations Robbie!

On our sums 'the Entertainer' is currently leading the POY with something like 9 scalps and over 180 runs and a catch here or there...and his Player Auction backer **Mark 'Tara' Reid** is apparently test-driving cars and trying on new threads around this grand city in anticipation of his possible windfall !



At the other end of the market, raging favorite for the Duck Award **Alexander the Tate** has effortlessly cruised up to 2 ducks to lead the contest with a real bunch of other duckers.

A-GRADE

The A-Team are traveling along reasonably well with a narrow loss against the **TV Dinners** and a solid win over the **Southern Comforts** at Little Mumbai last weekend. **Maximilian Tippett** cupped up at the Death Star with a whirlwind 60 runs to help pilot the Tigers to 197, before a **Dan 'Peter Russell' Clark**-led bowling line-up almost stole the chocolates, only to be denied when the Empire struck back with a 100-run 6th wicket partnership, which carried that day. Stand-in skipper big Michael Pearson then ably led the Tigers to a smashing T-20 game the following day, to cap off an enterprising weekend for the freckled one in his debut captaining trek.

Last week the Tigers enslaved the South, confining **Districts** to another grisly defeat, as **Sammy 'Mel' Gibson** lit up the thunderdome with a smashing unbeaten 70-odd, before the **Hatton Show** capitalized on some good early bowling by '**the Sergeant' Pepper** on debut to clean up the scene like a crack FBI Unit.

B-GRADE

The B-52s are flying at the minute after their bowling Top Guns shot yet another fancied side down in the form of **Southern & Cokes** to win by 10 wickets to entrench themselves in the top four. In-form **Robin (Banks) Corrigan** and 'the Island' **Geoff Fraser** erased the required 84 runs like Arnie after the real Nightcliff boys Messrs **Hawkins, Mitchell** (the good one that stayed behind) and **Wyles** stalked and mugged the Districts line-up.

But enough of that game, the week before these guys mauled the TV **Dinners** like Geordie Ferguson locked in a KFC stoned to send a fiery message in a Molotov bottle to the competition. Smashed ‘em like china in a bull ring!

Tommy Foley whipped up an extremely handy ‘clickety-clicks’ (66) after the Tigers were a bit shaky at 4 for 50-odd and the **Schmutter** from Calcutta bludgeoned an unconquered 46 to really put the cat amongst the **Glenn McGraths**. Great work, the Evildoers were busted like a home brand watch for 123, with **Hawkeye** (3), **Whitworth** (2) and the **Kenny** (2) filling their bags nicely. And there was great rejoicing!

C-GRADE

“Missed it by *that* much!” A frustrating fortnight for the C-Minors with two ‘*narra shaves*’ and two *narra losses* against the Southerners and the Villagers. **David ‘Da Vinci’ Coady** had a day out against the Village bicycles with a 25 and 3 wickets, ably supported by ‘Plum’ **Warner** with the ball and against the Southern Crosses, the **Jury** (3/43) and the **Byrne** (2/20) led the bowling charge, whilst the (Graham) **Bum Ford** (33), **Byrne baby Byrne** again (30) and the ageless **Aaron Griffen** (30) had some batting success, as the gallant Tigers ultimately fell about 20 runs short.



D-GRADE

The D-Majors lost one against Darwin at the Home of Darwinian cricket after forgetting how to bat, with the exception of **Krepapas** (41) and **Kenny Kardirgamar**, but then won a high-scoring encounter against the **Unicycles** at Little Mumbai, with the undisputed highlight being a blazing unbeaten century to **Rob (Roy) Wheatley**, who mitch-slapped the Uniformity outfit all over the park to notch up **128 not out** and the first Tiger century in 2008. Unforgettable. Immortal (once we get those Honour boards back up where they belong). And the Tigers won, despite leaking a tsunami of runs at times in a mixed bowling and fielding performance. Good old Robbie has now really got his 2008 campaign scooting along and is now accumulating more Player of the Year points than an Echidna family in his quest for glory.

E-GRADE

The E-Streets have put together some workmanlike performances of late to show the cricketing world they are about the place, with honorable losses to Unicycles and Darwin in the last fortnight. Skipper **Kerry ‘Wayne’ Gardiner** has been particularly chuffed with the performances of young star **Kyle McKenzie**, who has been all over this grade like a cheap suit, with **2/20 and 34 runs** and **3/18 and another 34 runs** in the last fortnight. The lads are starting to gel together and are looking forward to the injection of some more talent to help them on to register their first win. But they can smell it!

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<i>“Get to training!?”</i>	Club legend Joshua ‘the Tree’ Smith when asked by his Player Auction E-Bay purchase Gary ‘Glitter’ Stevens what more the Gazz-man could do to increase his output.
<i>“You’re so hot. I’m gonna be thinking about you all week!”</i>	The indefatigable Brad-man Hatton showing his appreciation for another attendee at the recent Willow-Fest held in Parap.
<i>“My bad, next time I’ll know!”</i>	A youth in the Magistrates’ Court this week who made two unfortunate decisions – firstly to answer his phone after grumpy Magistrate Daynor Trigg(er happy) had just warned the Court about ringing phones and secondly when addressed by HH, using language HH might not have readily understood. End result? Three hours in a prison cell!
<i>“A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.”</i>	Nightcliff skipper and part-time philosopher Mark ‘Twain’ Hatton talking to promising Tigers junior Greg ‘Cheap Wine’ Mosel moments before his A-Grade debut against the Parmigianas.

JOKES

A man walks in to a bar with a piece of tarmac under his arm and says, “**A pint please**”. The barman turns to him and asks, “**And one for the road?**”

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 Why did the referees stop the leper hockey game?
There was a face-off in the corner!

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 What has four legs, is green and fuzzy, and if it drops out of a tree, it will kill you?
A pool table!

.....
 There was this one magician on a cruise ship, and he was *really* good. He was performing the highlight of his show when a parrot walked onstage and squawked, “**It’s in his sleeve!**” The magician chased the bird away.

The next day the magician was performing his highlight again (in front of a smaller audience) when the parrot walked onstage and declared, “**It’s in his pocket!**”

The next day, as he was performing the highlight, he saw the parrot in the crowd. “*You’re killin’ me!*” he thought. But before the parrot could ruin the magic trick, the boat crashed into a rock and sank. The magician was lucky enough to find a board to hang on to. On the other end of the board was the parrot.

They stared at each other for three full days, neither of them saying anything, when suddenly the parrot said, “**I give up buddy, what’d you do with the ship?**”



CROUCHING TIGERS...



A BIG WELCOME to Nightcliff's new PNG cricketers, **Vani Vagi Morea** and **Jacob Mado**.

VANI has already set himself a goal in 2008 - to score more runs than number of times the *NT News* misspells his name... whilst he has made a promising start, he will need to keep up with the *NT News*, who are rivaling the **Nightcliff Boyz** for inability to spell or evolve.

JACOB is enjoying the facilities and fun-loving atmosphere at Tigerland and has found a very good rhythm at the bowling crease as well, where he has troubled all sides he has bowled against. Once the **Aardvark of Luck** starts to waddle more in stride with him, he will look to cause more damage than a jilted Stuart Park ex-girlfriend, particularly in the upcoming two-day games, where he can bowl longer spells and really look to get stuck into both local and TV Dinners' batsmen.

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

If preparing your own last Will and Testament, avoid using pencil or chalk.

RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “BACON & EGG SANDWICH”

Ingredients	Bacon, egg, sauce, a BBQ, a Nightcliff CC Committee Member.
Method	<p>These beauties have been going down like George Michael at Choir practice at various cricketing events and with the trusty BBQ cooking them just right, these are a great way to start off a Saturday morning when the U'11s are playing.</p> <p>But just because you are not a Committee member, this does not mean you cannot kick in and help out – these Saturday mornings are a lot of good fun and your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Club.</p>

ON THE REX HUNT

AFL Grand Final Quinella – Geelong + Hawthorn = \$2.90

Footy Treble – Manly (St George) – Geelong (Mince Pies) – Adelaide (Weagles) = \$2.15

Alrighty, after a first-up third for our AJC Derby horse on an abortion of a race meet at Randwick, which saw one patron actually starting to build an Ark, we are going to re-think our strategy for a while. My grandfather once told me, “never bet on anything with a brain”. So taking this advice firmly in hand, we’re off to the footy!

Firstly, compare any bank or six-month term-deposit interest with the odds available for the **Grand Final Quinella** of **Geelong** (unstoppable, undisputable stars) and **Hawthorn** (rising like a sponge cake in a nuclear oven) and then start to put aside any money you will not be needing until September 2008 as part of this new savings plan. You may even want to start selling stuff from around the house that the wife or your housemates will not really miss.

But to get the bank rolling a little before then, we have picked out a fairly conservative **treble** to kick you off for the weekend. Firstly the **Manly Sea Eagles** should be the ones breathing fire against St George on Friday night, the Cattery (**Geelong**) should account for a slightly undermanned **Collingwood** on Friday night in a hard-fought clash and the Froot Loops (**Adelaide**) should dispose of those hospital cases the **West Coast Coolers**. Not sexy people, but should really salute and set you up with some play money for the weekend!



“Why the Long face eh?”

St Kilda’s **Fraser Gehrig** looking like a bit of a misery guts after being told by his body he is no longer an AFL footballer.

COME IN SPANNER!

Nightcliff boys,

Biological toys,

Do you actually possess any skills?

Why roam ‘round like cowards,

Kids thrown overboard by Howard,

Come pad up and face some red pills!

Footnote: The E’s we have can’t be bought on no street corner!







WHO AM I's?

Below are a number of Nightcliff CC cricket players with their names revealed pictorially. Sometimes you will have to think a little laterally, but sometimes the answer will be very logical and/or obvious if you do not miss the forest for the trees. To use an example below:

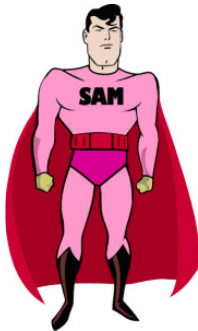


“soapy” + “monk” = **Sophie Monk**. Okay, easy - here we go! Where were we? Yep.

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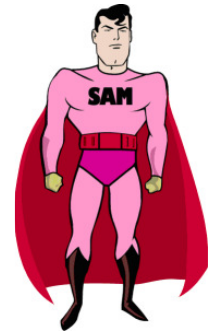
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Super Sam Says...

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On-field fashions and the Modern cricketer



Hi there glamour pusses, welcome back from where you've been! Well let's cut to the Skase chase and see what the e-cat has dragged in lately!

Hi Super Sam,

Love your work, that Aloe Vera is almost as soothing as cold beer!

Look, I'm a young reasonably fashion-conscious fellow playing cricket in Darwin from overseas but I've got quite a limited budget for the season. Apart from cutting my own hair at house-warming parties and maybe wearing my clothes inside out to get double the wear out of them, do you have any other helpful tips for a young thrifty trendsetter like myself?

Jacob

Jacob – is that the Biblical or viticulture version?

Fashions on safari can often be limited by funds and the size of your backpack. Proof is that when old mate **Elton John** was in town, he was obviously struggling for options as he didn't change once during his 150 minute performance! Any who knows Elton (like I do) knows this is not standard fare. Who's to blame? Baggage handlers! Those slackers are refusing to deal with anything over 20kgs these days; 20kgs won't get a girl through a wet weekend let-alone a season of cricket; I feel your pain.

Your options are limited, but here are a few. First off, **underwear** can, and should, be worn four times; forwards, backwards, inside-out forwards, inside-out backwards – be sure to steer clear of curries while on this routine. Don't be afraid to borrow from your fellow Tigers either - they're a ridiculously generous bunch. For trendy threads I'd recommend you hit-up Pepsi **Max Tippett**, or just wait till he's passed out and just take what you need. For something a little more "After-five" I would approach Not-so-wild **Kim Wyles** or for the latest in eBay bargains I'd speak to **The Big Red Pearson** - he should oblige as none of his clothes really fit him anymore.

Don't forget your **whites!** Worn after sundown they become *Night Whites* and are acceptable (even encouraged) in most Darwin establishments, grass stains and all. That blue mesh top you've been sporting isn't the greatest look going around. Leave it in the change rooms after the next home game and I'll make sure it goes to a good home. I have a 'friend' it would look great on!

Dear Super Sam,

I love the nightlife. I love to boogie. I *love* that disco high. Actually I'm pretty partial to most kinds of high. Unless it involves a school, a court or an act of treason.

But when is too much not enough love (to satisfy me) and can too much love really kill you? What can I do if I suffer from 'white line fever' before I even get to the ground?

In this material world, when can you tell when to hold 'em, when to fold em, when to walk away and when to just get the cotton-pickin' f*ck out of there?

One Crazy Canine

There ain't nothing so sad as a young stud with nothing but a pole to hump. That's the type you chain your bicycle to, not the eastern European repressed body-building sex-fiend in Australia to discover himself and/or sew his wild oats....sorry where was I??

That's right. Too much love has been the downfall of many good cricketers - **Boonie's** love of beer almost killed him on that flight to London, **Warne's** love of ciggies, sex and SMS' almost flipped him on numerous occasions and without **Tony Grieg** to watch over him, **Bill Lawry** would have ended up sodomising a pigeon long ago.

Just remember we're no strangers to love, but you know the rules and so do I. A full commitment's what I'm thinking of, you wouldn't get this from any other man. I just wanna tell you how I'm feeling, gotta make you understand. I'm never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down, never gonna run around and desert you, never gonna make you cry, never gonna say goodbye, never gonna tell a lie and hurt you...

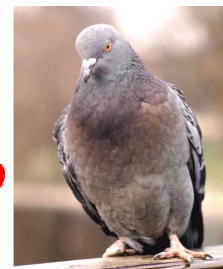
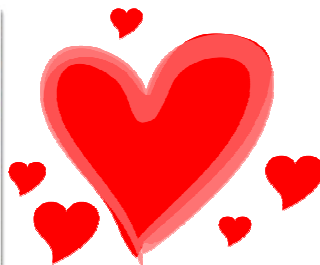
Hope that helps a little...I feel much better anyway!

Don't forget to send all your questions, hopes, dreams, fears, pains, porn and pleasures to:

SuperSamSays@gmail.com

This is Super Sam saying ciao bella!

Ciao Bella!



WHO AM Is: 1 – Sean Kenny, 2 – Mark Hatton, 3 – Mike Pearson, 4 - Rob Wheatley, 5 – Wade 'Doug' Hawkins, 6 – Max Tippett, 7 – Mark Reid, 8 – Graham Bumford, 9- John Fryar, 10 – James Needham, 11 – Matt 'Sergeant' Pepper, 12 – 'Mad Dog', 13 – Mick Best, 14 – Brion (Brie-on) Foley, 15 – Colin Ralph.

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).