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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER
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“EYE OF THE TIGER!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Solid Gold!”

Peter Lalor

“It’s the thrill of the fight!”

Nightcliff Cricket Club

“Do yourselves a favour and get a copy today!”

Ian ‘Molly’ Meldrum

“Are we there yet?”

Leon Bayetto

THE PREZ SAYS...

Many Congratulations to our **A-Grade** (fourth), our **C-Grade** (third) and our **D-Grade** (third) for successfully progressing to finals cricket in 2008. *Go you good things!!*

And also congratulations to our **B-Grade** on a fantastic season, capped off with a gutsy win in the last round against **PINTS of Beer**, fast finishing just on the heels of the finalists. Skipper **Sean Kenny** has watched the video tape of the race that was the Season but has decided against lodging a protest against any of the final four, but it has been a season of “*almosts*” for our B-52s with some near misses amidst some terrific individual and team performances that you can all be proud of.

And special mention to our returned servicemen from our **E-Grade**, who have galvanized magnificently together in the face of adversity and represented our Club with great distinction this season. Kudos to skipper **Kerry Gardiner**, as well as occasional skipper **Graham “Quackers” Tribe** when Kezza’s work took him elsewhere and spiritual leader **Alexander the Tate**, who has rendered tremendous logistical, emotional and physical support to our E-Streeters in 2008.

I’d also like to thank the Committee for its hard work in 2008 and also myself for ‘stepping up to the plate’ this season as your President, I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and I am confident the Club is heading in the right direction for 2009 and beyond!

See you all at the Junior Presentation Night (**Sunday, 14 September 2008** from 5pm at the **Darwin Tennis Centre**). Drop by after your games for those of you playing as the Juniors will get a kick out of seeing the Seniors supporting their Gala night of nights.

Remember to floss regularly and look both ways before you cross the road and hey, if you are going to do it at all, do it like a Tiger!

Alex Krepapas
NCC President

“It’s the Finals Countdown!”



TIPPETT PRIMED FOR FINALS IMPACT

Nightcliff pin-up boy Maximilian Tippet is officially ready to rumble in the 2008 NT Cricket Finals! “*Mad Max*” has seen his fair share of cricketing ups and downs over the years playing for his beloved Tigers, but 2008 has certainly seen a more consistent effort and output from the child prodigy, in a season that has seen him evolve into a very important cog in the seriously spinning wheel that is Nightcliff A-Grade cricket.

Skipper **Marky-Mark Hatton** is one of the first people to acknowledge the influential role Tippet has played in the Tiger’s outfit in 2008. “*Yep, he’s been pretty blo*dy good this season and is often a barometer to the side’s performance with the energy he brings to the side with the bat and in the field.*” **Hatton** recently remarked to a packed media gallery after the Tigers’ watershed victory over fellow finalists the Evildoers.

But now, on the Eve of the 2008 Finals series, Tippet has in recent times preferred to let his bat do the talking, as he has refused to engage the Media in interviews, has reportedly refused to return **Mike Munro**’s calls and now has a Restraining Order against most staff of the *NT News*. “*I’m Ready, Brus*” was all he told the *Growl* this week in an exclusive interview at an undisclosed location. And that was all he needed to say really! Best of luck, rubber duck, **Eye of the Tiger!**



Max Tippet – a revelation for the Tigers in 2008 and very determined to have an impact in the 2008 Finals Series – *and don’t the chicks love him!!*

Well, most of them – his **ex-girlfriend (pictured left)** seems to still be carrying a few issues...

Maxy’s **colouring-in skills** seem to have also come along in leaps and bounds in 2008 judging by the lass’s face (left) on his right arm. Mirrors are available in your nearest Donga (or from Maxy’s wallet) if you are too confused over that one.

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JULY/AUGUST 2008

A GRADE:

Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept 2008: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at M1
(SEMI FINAL)

B GRADE:

Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept 2008: **NIGHTCLIFF OR PINTS SPORTS CLUBS**
(And at **Junior Presentation Night** – approach with caution/no sudden movements...)

C GRADE:

Sat 13th and Sun 14th Sept 2008: vs **CHARLES DARWIN** at KAHLIN
(SEMI FINAL)

D GRADE:

Sun 14th Sept 2008: vs **PALMERSTON CHEESES** at
BENNY MITCH OVAL (SEMI FINAL)

E GRADE:

Sat 13th & Sun 14th Sept 2008: **ALL OVER THE SHOP LIKE A FALCON IN A SERVO – TOP EFFORT GUYS!!**
(And also hopefully at **Junior Presentation Night**)



1. **Sunday, 14 September 2008 at 5.00pm to 9.00pm – JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT** to be held at the **DARWIN TENNIS CENTRE** (Old McMillans Road). Come along and join in the fun and support our Juniors, there will be a little something for everyone.
2. **Saturday, 4 October 2008 at 7.30pm** at the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB**. We think \$30.00 per head, includes a buffet dinner, some free drinks, entertainment and free autographed serviette from Tigers' Gladiator in his second-last A-Grade season, **Brad-man Hatton**.

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

The A-Team beat PINTS and are now in the finals, WOO-HOO!! A fantastic rearguard assault and battery led by **Marky-Mark Hatton** (49) and the English Patient **James Needham** (49) saw the Tigers post 220, before they rubbished PINTS like Bondi Beach on New Year's Eve, destroying them for very little (the **Manhattan Project** in **Marky-Mark & Brad-Man** again inflicting maximum damage), before posting another 9-190 odd as some of the PINTS prima donnas worked on their tans.

Nightcliff Powerhouse **Michael Pearson** bludgeoned 51 in a good sporting weekend for him (he also helped PINTS baseball side make the Granny, whilst inflicting pain on their cricket side...) whilst Kiwi Fruit **James de Terte** registered his second half-century of the year with a handy and welcome 71. Lovely. "Groundhog Day" this weekend hopefully!

B-GRADE

Unfortunately the B-52s did not make the finals, but they finished the Season with more bang than Paris Hilton on School camp, with a memorable win against PINTS of Beer. **Benny Mitch**, tremendous athlete really coming of age as a batsman and as a leader set the tone of the first day with a majestic 90 and the **Partridge** family checked in with 43, everyone chipped in like Tiger Woods the next week to win by a sprinkling of runs, with **Sean "Peppi Le Pew" Kenny** pocketing himself a nice **Michelle Pfeiffer**. Happy days, B-52s, bad luck but great way to cap off a promising year that did not quite see you over the line and into those Finals.

C-GRADE

The C-Siders beat PINTS and are now in the finals, WOO-HOO!! Yeah-baby, destroyed them. What, you care what the scores were? Well **Nathan "Hung" Jury** took an eight-for, yeah baby, cop that! **Alexander the Tate** cobbled together a three-for in the first innings, some kids made runs (**Robin of the Corrigans** 65 and the "Smooth Operator" **Neave** 47) and then there was great rejoicing. Well done team, best of luck against the **Charles Darwins** at Nightcliff's Spiritual home-away-from-home at Kahlin Oval.



One week a Rooster...Alexander the Tate's men certainly won't be going the early crow despite displaying some solid form leading into the finals.

D-GRADE

The **D-ciples** lost to the Palmerston Cheeses beat PINTS and are now in the finals, WOO-HOO!! “*What a gripping contest, the **Red King** ball the Tigers used was probably the difference between these two awesome outfits in the end*” a leading **ABC Radio Commentator** reportedly commented.

Unfortunately the game was played in a snake pit of a ground so the radio coverage did not actually reach anyone, but the game went down to the second last ball with the Cheeses slicing through the field to score the winning runs, aided by the fact nobody could actually *see* the return of the ball from the outfield. **Brion Foley** (65) batted like a star to almost bat out the innings, **Johnny Fryar** (44) played a great captain’s knock to get the innings moving and **Stewie Rudd** has apparently been put into urgent therapy this week after King Conc(rete) **Gary “Glitter” Stevens** smashed his bowling into outer space repeatedly for a 22-run over! The **Gaz-Man** also bowled very well to snare 2-18 and in the process the D-Grade Bowling Award was sewn up like **Frankenstein**.

E-GRADE

Love these guys, they lost again but in the last game, posted a good score of **8-155** with the Cheiftain (Mulholland) clocking them like Big Ben to post 34 and one of the revelations of the Season, **Sukhander Singh** striking a fine 32. Well done to **Kerry “The Constant” Gardiner** and his charges on a fantastic re-introduction of a Nightclif E-Grade to the known Universe, and this side should be strengthened for 2009!



“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<i>"It was travelling so fast, I just dived at the sound!"</i>	The Cougar is back – and not before time! Matty Tallents talking anyone and everyone through his handy gully snare against TV Red Roosters where he fell over and then got back up with the red rock firmly within his grasp.
<i>"Too easy mate! I actually didn't even have to flex"</i>	D-Grade Gladiator contender Brion Foley bus-trippin' with the lads on the recent trip to Jabiru, commenting on the consummate ease with which take-away beer was able to be acquired in the wild west, this time at the Bark Hut .
<i>"To me Michael Phelps is a huge inspiration and someone I really look up to."</i>	Australia's most golden of girls Olympic champion Stephanie "Why don't you go eat some" Rice not doing a tremendous lot to dispel recent rumors regarding a romantic attachment with the Septic Tank's Prince of the Pool –imagine how fast their kiddies will be swimming!
<i>"Fark, it's a boy!?"</i>	Port Moresby Maternity Ward staff upon the arrival of Vani Morea's brand new son last Friday – previous medical advice on available scans had been that he was actually going to be a she! Many congratulations to you Vani and happy days!!



ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Always bet on Black (and Gold)!!

THE GROWL WORD OF THE MONTH

Countdown	A 70s Australian music show hosted by then-famous disc (and sausage)jockey Ian "Molly" Meldrum , also a forum for a great number of Australian bands, such as Australian Crawl and Sherbet . "Howzat!"
<i>Cow-nt-dou-n</i>	
Also any counting down of a numerical sequence though towards a deadline. Like " <i>The Finals Countdown</i> ". Yeah, yeah. Eye of the Tiger!	

RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT BBQ”

Ingredients	B-Grade and E-Grade cricketers, bless their little hearts, bad luck on not making the Finals, BBQ meats, salads, mushrooms and onion (mmmmm, <i>mush-rooms and onion!</i>).
Method	Turn up at 5.00pm at the Darwin Tennis Centre . \$10 a head, the more you eat the more you save. Help out perhaps then bask in the Black and Gold glory that is our Junior cricketers, the future of the Nightcliff Cricket Club. James Tate will be signing autographs by the bar at about 7.00pm!

ON THE REX HUNT

“I Punt therefore I Am”

The *Growl* profit-meter after bringing home the **Kevin Bacon** with last Edition’s AFL wager now stands at + **\$117.00 profit** in 2008 thus far.

At the moment we would just like to take the entire \$117.00 and plonk it on a **Hawthorn – Geelong Grand Final Quinella**, which at **\$1.40** at present would turn that sum into a tidy **\$163.80**. Like a man covered in his own poo however, nothing else will come close. All aboard the Gravy Train!!



Geelong vs Hawthorn AFL GF – Punting has never been easier kids, better than bank interest!

If punting on the GGs on Saturday in Melbourne’s first Group 1 Race for the Spring, it is a very tricky feature so proceed with some caution – but in the Group 1 **Manikato Stakes** at Monee Valley (Melbourne), take a good look at an **each-way bet** on the mare **Absolut Glam** who is racing first-up on Saturday and should run a bit of a bottler!

Keep left and until next time, **happy punting!**

JABIRU OR BUST



OR



Or perhaps more appropriately “*Busted in Jabiru*”. Well the D-Generates did “bust” like a home brand watch in a Monsoonal shower when they took a perfectly acceptable 2-99 at Drinks and turned it into a pretty risible 130 all out.

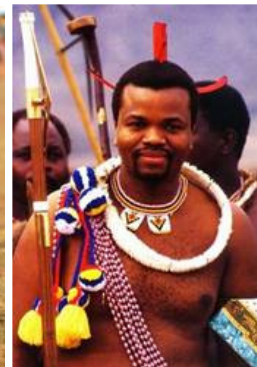
However our heroes did have a thoroughly enjoyable road trip there and back again (just like “the Hobbit”) and here are some of the pics to prove it – courtesy of our official photographer for the day, one-man Paparazzi **Marcus Pownall!**





IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING!

It is called the **Annual Reed Dance**. No, it has nothing to do with private dancer and former Territory Politician Mike “*C’mon baby light my Fire*” Reed, but it is all about Swaziland’s **King Mswati III**, who each year has thousands of local virgins nude up and dance for him so he can choose a new wife – to go with the dozen he’s already got, plus a fiancée! Yep. Nice one! This year’s event took place on **Saturday, 30 August 2008** with the Good King selecting another fine lass to join his stable of beauties.



Tens of thousands of virgin maidens, the “flowers” of the Swazi people, danced today for Mswati the III in the traditional reed dance at **Ludzidzini Palace** outside the capital Mbabane. The final day of the annual dance attracted a record 70,000 girls, some of them as young as six years of age. Last year, the 37-year-old monarch chose 16-year-old Miss Teen Swaziland, **Nothando Dube**.

And talk about “*Trial by Video*”, the king will study a video of the festivities before finally choosing a fiancée. She will become a fully fledged queen when impregnated.

Y-U-CLUBBING

(AN ODE TO ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO AGE GRACEFULLY)

To the tune of Village People's "YMCA"

'Old Man', you're no longer eighteen,
I said 'Old Man', your kids are well in their teens,
I said 'Old Man', you're now twice voting age,
You can't maintain that rage, ba-by!

Old man, there's other things you can do,
I said Old Man, there's girls over twenty-two,
I say Old Man, there's so much else you can do,
That won't get your-self arr-ested!...

So you must ask the question now...
Y-U-Clubb-ing?
Look in that mirror, ask,
Y-U-Clubb-ing?
You could hang with the boys,
Not in bad clubs with toys,
And play po-ker or just hang out (watch porn)...!

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

Picture courtesy of part time (cricketing) lover **Kim Wyles**

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).