



The Ships' Log

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GAMES THIS WEEK/COMING UP

A Grade vs Churchill @ George Cain
B Grade vs CATS @ Traf (bring arvo tea)
C Grade vs Jeeralang-Boolarra @ Boolarra #1
U16 vs Latrobe @ Maryvale #2 (Friday)
U14 - start Wednesday, October 19
U12 - start Monday, October 17

News From Aboard The Ships

BIT of a false start last weekend, with the opening round of matches abandoned due to wet weather.

The LVDCL made the decision to abandon the first round on Friday night, after heavy downpours across the region left the majority of grounds unplayable.

By all reports, some clubs struggled to even get the roller onto the outfield let alone the square without it sinking.

Club administrators are usually the only winners when there is no cricket, as we at least save money on balls and there is no need to chase up scorebooks.

The extra week also gave us some extra time to go over any last minute preparation and make sure absolutely everything is ready to go for when the first ball is actually bowled.

It may not even be this weekend, as a monsoon is predicted for Thursday, but as they say "you just never know with the weather".

A special mention to the ground staff, headed by Wayne Farrell, Ox and Brenna for their work in recent days.

We were able to at least cut the oval once before it rained last Thursday, without which we may well have seen grass on the main oval shoot to over a foot.

Thanks to Trafalgar FNC president Brett Tonkin for his expediency getting the wicket uncovered after the first home game was brought forward a week.

Housekeeping

This season sees a return to cricket as we knew it pre-pandemic. That means:

- Club supplied afternoon tea is back;
- Regular drinks breaks are back, and;
- Two-day games in A Grade are back.

More specifically

- A Grade will play cross conference up until Christmas (11 one-dayers), playing each team in the two divisions once, and then move to play the rest of the season as two-day matches in their designated division.
- B Grade is a 21-round season.
- C Grade 16 rounds.

Sponsors

Many thanks to those businesses and individuals who have committed to supporting us this season.

We encourage all members to shop locally and support our sponsors who support us.

Kid power

Best wishes to our junior teams who begin their season's soon.

Fortunately we will have a full complement of junior teams from 12s to 16s as well as a Blasters program.

As a committee, one of our aims was to field all junior teams after a one-year hiatus with the 12s, so it is even more pleasing to add the Blasters program as well.

Senior players Zack Brown and Billy Pace have done a mountain of work behind the scenes, while returning junior players deserve a pat on the back themselves for essentially being recruiters, spreading the word through school.

It bodes well that a true club effort has gone into getting kids of all ages a chance to play cricket this season.

Star Ship

Well, how good was this. Congratulations to our very own Nicole Faltum, who now has the honour of captaining the Melbourne Stars this Big Bash season. The news was made official last week, and Nicole was in town on Friday to touch base with those back home. From all at the club, congratulations Nicole, and to Anthony and Carol for their efforts working in close support. One would hate to even guess how many hours the two have spent driving down to Melbourne over the years. Nicole played juniors at Trafalgar, mixing in with a team full of boys, playing as a top order bat and wicket keeper. She played in a number of junior flags and was named the league's Young Cricketer of the Year in 2016/17. For the record, she has played eight senior games for the club (two A Grade, six B Grade), and is the only female to play A Grade. Nicole still keeps close tabs with the club, and a Melbourne Stars helmet is on display in the clubrooms. Dad Falts was still playing for Traf just last season, while her brother Brenton and sister Renee have also played for the club in previous years. Some of the bats Falts has brought down to training from Nicole are true works of art. Congratulations again Nicole, and if you do ever want to play a game, I'm sure we can fit you in. Clearances are still open until Christmas...



Above: Our Melbourne Star.
Right: A younger Nicole during her days with TCC.



Social scene

The first function of the season is a Mystery Bus Trip. This will be held on Saturday, October 29. Using the powers of deduction, the bus headed north-west last season, so perhaps a different compass point is on the cards this time around. Or perhaps not, maybe that is what organisers want us to think. Tickets are \$30 and seem to be going like the proverbial hot cakes. At last count there was six seats left on Monday, so get in quick to make sure you don't miss out. See Zack Brown to secure your spot.

Looking tops

Some great new additions to the nets recently. Two TCC cloths have been added to the back of both lanes, giving the nets a very professional look. Passers-by will now be in no doubt as to what club calls them home. A couple of drop down nets have also been added, which means balls should now stay better for longer as they won't be continually slammed against wire or a steel pole. No more need to patch holes together with wire and cable ties either. There was a small gap in the left hand cage right on a top of fourth stump line that the ball could sneak through previously. The anguish when you bowled the perfect delivery only for it to disappear into the drain was real.



Club records in abandoned matches

In keeping with proper cricket statistical practise - game records for the Trafalgar Cricket Club only count if there is a coin toss. Therefore, there was no change to club records last weekend. Washouts do however count as a game for the LVDCL.

