

THE RAMPAGE

Trivia Night 2012

Thank you to everyone who came down to try their luck at the Trivia Night a few weekends ago. We had a great turnout and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. 10 teams in total tested out their



knowledge of Movies, TV Shows and Music to see who were the trivia champs for 2012. The scores were pretty close but in the end it was "The Salty Nuts" (Adrian Berka, Krystal Berka, Scott Carr, Rhys Otter, Sean Pascoe & Cameron Wood) that took out the night. The winners and many others won lots of prizes throughout the night and a big thank you to Sharnie who worked hard organising a lot of prizes. Also thank you too everyone who helped on the

night, Steph & Julian and also Daryn who did a great job as MC.

Ambrose Golf Day 2012

Blow the dust off your clubs as it's that time again for the Ambrose Golf Day. We're booked in for Sunday the 12th August at Morack Golf Course. Meet at 10am at the course. Groups of 4 for Ambrose or teams can be arranged for odd numbers. Team lists are up in the clubrooms so please fill out ASAP with names. As always there are prizes for overall winners, closest to pins and longest drive with a BBQ supplied following the game. \$40 each player includes 18 holes and BBQ, drinks available on the day.

Past and Present Players Day Sponsors Day and Heritage Round Today

Stick around after today's games for dinner and a few drinks as we catch up with some familiar faces for the Past and Present Players Day. It's also good some Croydon faithful come back to the club so make them feel welcome again as we take a day to remember the people who helped make the club what it continues to be today.



RamFunpage

On This Date 21st July



1963 - Dodger manager Walter Alston is thrown out of both games of a double header when the Braves sweep a twin bill from Los Angeles for the first and only time in Milwaukee, 7-2 and 13-7. To make matters worse, the manager has beer thrown in his face by a hometown fan as he leaves the second game.



1975 - Mets' infielder Joe Torre becomes the first player in National League history to hit into four straight double plays in one game. Felix Millan singles in four consecutive at bats against the Astros making the dubious mark possible.



1980 - Al Cowens is suspended for seven games by American League president Lee McPhail, following yesterday's attack on Ed Farmer at Comiskey Park. The Royals' outfielder, seeking revenge for missing 21 games last season after having his jaw broken by a pitch thrown by the White Sox pitcher, ran to mound after hitting an infield ground ball and attacked the right-hander from behind instead of running to first base.

2003 - At Dodger Stadium, Vladimir Guerrero hit his 226th home run breaking Andre Dawson's club record. The Expos' right fielder hits his milestone round-tripper off Odalis Perez, a 454-foot blast over left field wall.



2004 - Thanks to an unusual play in the outfield, David Newhan hits a rare inside-the-park homer at Fenway. Inexplicably, outfielder Manny Ramirez, from left field, cuts off the relay throw from center fielder Johnny Damon allowing two Orioles to score in Baltimore's 10-5 victory.


2005 - Hideki Matsui plays in his 395th consecutive game to start his career breaking Al Simmons's 1926 American League record. The Japanese outfielder will also surpass Ernie Banks' NL mark of 424 en route to establishing the new major league record of 518 consecutive contests.



2008 - Jose Reyes' fourth-inning three-bagger in the Mets' 7-5 victory over the Reds at Great American Ballpark makes him the franchise leader in triples. The speedy shortstop's 11th three-base hit this season, his sixty-third of his career, all as a Met, puts the 25-year old infielder one ahead Mookie Wilson.

2008 - Randy Johnson becomes the first major leaguer to collect 2,000 strikeouts for two different teams. The southpaw, who fanned 2,162 batters pitching for the Mariners from 1989-98, whiffs Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez to earn the distinction.





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Famous Quotes



When asked how he throws his slider...
"You hold it like this (show slider grip) and throw the shit out of it" – Steve Carlton

"As long as I have fun playing, the stats will take care of themselves." – Ken Griffey Jr



"You forget about it whether it was 15-2 or 3-2. It's still a loss. It doesn't matter what the score was if we win tomorrow." – Derek Jeter

Rampage Trivia

The MLB All Star Game was on recently so I thought it was appropriate for this week's trivia questions to be about the All Star Game.

- 1) Which player has collected the most hits in All Star Game competition?
- 2) Which player hit the most home runs in All Star Game competition?



a) Hank Aaron



b) Ken Griffey Jr



c) Willie Mays



d) Cal Ripken Jr



e) Stan Musial



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Game Results Round 9 – 23/06/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Heathmont 9 - 4

We've had plenty of tough games against Heathmont in recent years and today was no exception. They utilised the long ball to tally up 9 runs to our 4. To our credit, we kept several of their player's hitless who usually do most of the damage when they play us. Unfortunately, we just could provide as much offense as them and went down by 5. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Heathmont	9
Croydon	4

Greensborough	14
North Balwyn	1

Knox	0
Watsonia	0

GMBC	23
Melbourne Uni	3

Research	6
Ringwood	7

Croydon 2nd's lost to Heathmont 11 - 10

One of the most disappointing games of baseball I have ever played in. To give away a 6 run lead in the last inning and lose. We played really well until that point. Julian hit a home run in his comeback to the 2s and Michael Dale had a couple of hits. We were up by plenty but made a few errors in the last inning along with them hitting it pretty well also. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Heathmont	11
Croydon	10

Greensborough	4
North Balwyn	0

Knox	0
Watsonia	0

GMBC	15
Melbourne Uni	2

Research	6
Ringwood	1

1) c. Willie Mays - had the most hits with 23
2) e. Stan (the man) Musial - had the most home runs with 6

Croydon 3rd's lost to Doncaster 7 - 4

It was a cold wet and miserable afternoon, and Doncaster sure made it like that with a protest in the 4's for a wet ground, and again decided to winge again saying the ground was still too wet for ours. But we played anyway. This week we were graced with the company of one Sean Pascoe, injured, but needing to fill a gap. We were confident, but giving up 5 runs in the first, we were on the back foot. In steps one Sean Pascoe. Pitching a very good game considering he was injured. It took us a long time to get some runs on the board. The 4th in fact. And only another 3 the next. Once again a lot of runners LOB, and we couldn't convert. Rowan had 2 hits for the day, Phu with 1 and Adam Friend with 3. Could have been a game to win, but didn't have enough pressure on Doncaster to do so.

Adam Friend

Other Games

Westgarth	12
Bundoora	14

Knox	14
Mitchell Majors	18

Forest Hill	0
Upwey FTG	17

Doncaster	7
Croydon	4

Monash Uni	3
Research	13

Croydon 4th's lost to Doncaster 7 - 6

A few days of heavy rain during the week made the second diamond looking a bit water logged but with the help of some dedicated club members we soon had the ground ready to play on, thanks to those involved. As usual Andy took to the mound and pitched a superb game. Unfortunately we went down by one run to the unbeaten ladder leaders Doncaster. After 9 games played we have won 3 lost 5 drawn 1. So we are sort of in the middle of it all. Who knows what lies ahead for us as we are half way through the season? Mick Ward

Other Games

Westgarth	13
Bundoora	2

Knox	22
Mitchell Majors	4

Forest Hill	6
Upwey	7

Doncaster	7
Croydon	6

Glen Iris	4
Research	10

Junior Game Results 23rd June 2012**Croydon U15's Washed Out vs Forest Hill**

NO GAMES-WASHED OUT

Croydon U13's Washed Out vs North Balwyn Hornets

NO GAMES-WASHED OUT

Game Results Round 10 – 30/06/12

Croydon 1st's lost to Knox 8 - 2

The game was ours for the taking we were much better at bat approach and Defence was solid, the big inning fairy crept in but seems to be getting smaller and smaller. Not bad over all rams were getting there!!!!

Let's not forget the umpires are not your concerns the coach or manager will Talk on your behalf we don't need any more missing players for a forced break or for the rest of the season!!!!!!!!!!

Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Knox	8
Croydon	2

Research	3
North Balwyn	1

Watsonia	5
Melbourne Uni	1

Greensborough	9
GMBC	9

Heathmont	8
Ringwood	8

Croydon 2nd's lost to Knox 16 - 5

We got hammered by both Knox and the umpire. We were never in it, a really disappointing effort from us. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Knox	16
Croydon	5

Watsonia	0
Melbourne Uni	2

Heathmont	4
Ringwood	8

Greensborough	6
GMBC	4

Research	15
North Balwyn	3

Croydon 3rd's defeated Knox 17 - 6

Well, with only minutes to start the game, we were a man short. Surprise, surprise. This meant we had to play with a blank, already hurting our chances of a win, and I really wanted to win... I hate Knox. But a helping hand from James Stark in the 4's meant we at least had a fielder. But all was not lost. A strong start by our batters and we had 3 quick runs on the board. Knox, who seemed to have a good batting line up, could only convert 1. Then putting on another 3 runs in the second, our boys were beginning to feel confident. With Rowan having a day out on the mound, he seemed to keep Knox (I Hate Knox) at bay, and was pitching really well, but also being well supported in the field. We were getting to them. It was a shame for the blank as every time it came up with 2 out so we could have done more damage. It was a late starting game and as it went on the darkness crept in, and also in Knox's playing. We seemed to have an answer to everything and it felt good to be on top for once. Everyone got a hit and a lot with 2. Troy also sticking one out. At the end of the day, Knox threw in the towel and when they did, Croydon won the Game 17-6. It was a great display by all the players and as I said it was nice to have that winning feeling back again.

Adam Friend

Other Games

Forest Hill	2
Bundoora	4

Croydon	17
Knox	6

Monash Uni	14
Westgarth	16

Upwey FTG	11
Doncaster	4

Mitchell Majors	4
Research	12

Croydon 4th's lost to Knox 4 - 3

On a miserable day we went to miserable Knox and played a miserable rain interrupted game and lost by one miserable run. As you can tell it was one of those miserable games you would rather forget. On a happier note certain members of our team had a good day out. The hub of our team Andy pitched another great game striking out some big hitting knox batters much to their disbelief. James (line up knuckles) Stark did well with the bat hitting anything thrown at him and getting on base. Our number one and only catcher Stephan again worked well with Andy. Hopefully we will improve our game for the second half of the season. Mick Ward

Other Games

Forest Hill	21
Bundoora	4

Croydon	3
Knox	4

Glen Iris	16
Westgarth	2

Upwey	6
Doncaster	7

Mitchell Majors	5
Research	18

Junior Game Results 30th June 2012**Croydon U15's - bye**

NO GAME
U15's had a bye

Other Games

(bye)	0
Croydon	0

Knox	3
Forest Hill	8

Ringwood	3
North Balwyn	11

Croydon U13's Major lost to North Balwyn 12 - 4**NO GAME REPORT****Other Games**

North Balwyn Wasps	12
Croydon	4

Ringwood	8
North Balwyn Hornets	6

Game Results Round 11 – 07/07/12

Croydon 1st's drew with Watsonia 2 - 2

Well the result didn't come close to the real deal for the Rams, a draw is not a loss but when your starting pitcher throws his guts out and strikes out 17 batters we should walk away with a better result. Don't get complacent guys if 9 guys give 60% that's better than 3 guys giving 95%. Well done Adrian!!!!

Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Melbourne Uni	10
Greensborough	6

Ringwood	8
Knox	2

Croydon	2
Watsonia	2

North Balwyn	2
Heathmont	3

GMBC	4
Research	6

Croydon 2nd's defeated Watsonia 12 - 4

Really good effort from the guys here. Everybody hit the ball, we defended well and they didn't. Nice to turn around our form of the last 2 weeks and get back that winning feeling. Wardy pitched really well holding them to only 4 runs for the day, while we managed 12 with a lot of hitting especially good at Watsonia as it seems to be a hard to see the ball with shadows between the plate and the mound. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Melbourne Universi	3
Greensborough	0

Ringwood	1
Knox	7

Croydon	12
Watsonia	4

North Balwyn	3
Heathmont	5

GMBC	11
Research	6

Game Results Round 12 – 14/07/12

Croydon 1st's defeated Melbourne Uni 4 - 1

Coming off a offensive lull the rams came out guns blazing, the presence and attitude was definitely different and when Sammy got on base then stole 2nd in the first inning we looked in good stead, Adrian scored him and from there we chipped away manufacturing a run here a run there to take it 4 - 1. Benny had a great day spotting up and berks closed the door. Bring that mentality next week as we have the old skool unis and Ringwood at home, keep improving guys we are still in the running!!!

Daryn Cassidy

Other Games

Heathmont	12
GMBC	6

Croydon	4
Melbourne Uni	1

Watsonia	4
Ringwood	2

Research	12
Greensborough	3

Knox	4
North Balwyn	1

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Research	12	9	2	1	19	80	44	645
2	Heathmont	12	8	2	2	18	81	51	614
3	Knox	12	5	3	4	14	42	40	512
4	Ringwood	12	6	4	2	14	57	59	491
5	Watsonia	12	4	4	4	12	36	45	444
6	GMBC	12	4	5	3	11	71	44	617
7	Greensborough	12	4	6	2	10	74	71	510
8	Croydon	12	4	6	2	10	45	55	450
9	Melbourne University	12	3	8	1	7	43	87	331
10	North Balwyn	12	2	9	1	5	29	62	319

Croydon 2nd's lost to Melbourne Uni 10 - 9

A very interesting game of baseball that we lost 10-9. After being up early and then giving it away in a 5 run innings for them, then down by 4 with only minutes left we put people on, scored a few runs, then suicide bunted in the tying run and had the go ahead run at 2nd but didn't score him and had to try to hold them off for a draw. Unfortunately it didn't happen and they scored the winning run with 1 out. Disappointing especially since we are so close to the top four but these losses make it very hard for us. Tony Hickey

Other Games

Heathmont	5
GMBC	6

Croydon	9
Melbourne Uni	10

Watsonia	7
Ringwood	10

Research	3
Greensborough	20

Knox	2
North Balwyn	3

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Knox	12	9	2	1	19	105	43	710
2	GMBC	12	7	4	1	15	95	78	549
3	Ringwood	12	7	4	1	15	75	68	525
4	Watsonia	12	6	4	2	14	72	57	558
5	Heathmont	12	7	5	0	14	97	93	511
6	Croydon	12	5	5	2	12	87	77	531
7	Greensborough	12	5	6	1	11	68	62	523
8	Melbourne University	12	4	8	0	8	55	100	355
9	Research	12	3	9	0	6	58	95	379
10	North Balwyn	12	3	9	0	6	50	89	360

Upcoming Games For the 1st's and 2nd's

TODAY – Croydon vs Ringwood (HOME)

28/07/12 – Croydon vs North Balwyn (AWAY)

04/08/12 – Croydon vs GMBC (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Greensborough (AWAY)

Croydon 3rd's lost to Research 7 - 6

Unfortunately the 4's had to forfeit this week as the club struggled with injuries, unavailables, I'm on holidays, and maybe a few CBF's. But we wrangled a team together which could really pose a threat to Research, who we have beaten previously. Research had some good hitting and scored quite freely, but our mixed team was feeling confident and some good hitting started to emerge. Andy Balkin ended up on the mound and pitched a very good game keeping Research at bay. Standouts for the day were Troy Harding with 4 from 5 and Stephan Curtis with a perfect record 4 from 4. These two really helped out. But also Ryan Daniel had a good day with some strong hitting and James Stark taking over centre field taking two great catches to keep us in it. It was a tied game as we came into the last dig. Research got over a sneaky run and our bats just couldn't come up with the goods. But for a team of mixed players that day, it was a great show of baseball and sometimes that's all that matters. Adam Friend

Other Games

Knox	0
Bundoora	5

Croydon	6
Research	7

Forest Hill	5
Westgarth	22

Doncaster	23
Monash University	0

Mitchell Majors	0
Upwey FTG	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Upwey FTG	11	8	1	2	18	81.8	133	38
2	Doncaster	10	7	3	0	14	70	122	45
3	Westgarth	11	6	3	2	14	63.6	112	84
4	Bundoora	11	6	3	2	14	63.6	76	61
5	Forest Hill	11	7	4	0	14	63.6	81	96
6	Research	11	6	4	1	13	59.1	109	84
7	Mitchell Majors	11	3	6	2	8	36.4	83	90
8	Knox	10	2	7	1	5	25	48	113
9	Croydon	11	2	9	0	4	18.2	71	120
10	Monash University	11	2	9	0	4	18.2	79	183

Upcoming Games For the 3rd's

TODAY – Croydon vs Upwey FTG (HOME)

28/07/12 – Croydon vs Bundoora (AWAY)

04/08/12 – Croydon vs Monash Uni (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Westgarth (AWAY)

Croydon 4th's forfeit vs Research

NO GAME

4th's HAD TO FORFEIT

Other Games

Knox	6
Bundoora	0

Croydon	0
Research	9

Forest Hill	3
Westgarth	9

Doncaster	11
Glen Iris	10

Mitchell Majors	0
Upwey	0

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	Doncaster	10	9	0	1	19	118	61	659
2	Research	11	8	2	1	17	139	75	650
3	Upwey	11	6	1	4	16	115	74	609
4	Knox	10	7	3	0	14	112	56	667
5	Glen Iris	10	5	4	1	11	112	68	622
6	Westgarth	11	4	5	2	10	86	96	473
7	Croydon	11	3	7	1	7	49	78	386
8	Forest Hill	11	3	8	0	6	99	137	420
9	Bundoora	11	3	8	0	6	65	153	298
10	Mitchell Majors	11	0	9	2	2	58	157	270

Upcoming Games For the 4th's

TODAY – Croydon vs Upwey FTG (HOME)

28/07/12 – Croydon vs Bundoora (AWAY)

04/08/12 – Croydon vs Glen Iris (HOME)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs Westgarth (AWAY)

Junior Game Results 14th July 2012

Croydon U15's lost to Ringwood 18 - 12

3 weeks off seemed to have an impact on our guys as we came out determined against a tough Ringwood side last weekend. We came out swinging right from the start and our aggression paid off as we put 12 runs on the board. We were also patient and didn't swing at bad pitches all day and when you can combine the two (aggression and patience) that usually results in a good day with the bat. With Cooper on the DL Keegan stepped and took the mound. He did a great job of throwing a ton of strikes and making Ringwood swing the bat. The gave us a plenty of chances to get them out and we took a few of our chances but in the end we let a few too many get by us and they outscored us 18 to 12. We had a much better attitude today and it showed on the scoreboard so lets keep it up and finish the year strong. Dennis Ward

Other Games

Knox	0
(bye)	0

Ringwood	18
Croydon	12

Forest Hill	8
North Balwyn	7

	Team	P	W	L	D	Bye	PTS	FOR	AG	%
1	North Balwyn	10	6	3	1	1	13	87	82	515
2	Forest Hill	9	5	2	2	2	12	86	44	662
3	Ringwood	9	5	4	0	2	10	99	84	541
4	Knox	9	4	5	0	2	8	51	60	460
5	Heathmont	2	2	0	0	0	4	38	2	950
6	Croydon	9	0	8	1	2	1	46	135	254

Upcoming Games For the U15's

TODAY – Croydon vs Knox (AWAY)

28/07/12 – Croydon vs North Balwyn (HOME)

04/08/12 – Croydon vs Forest Hill (AWAY)

11/08/2012 – Croydon - bye

Croydon U13's Major lost to Ringwood 8 - 4**NO GAME REPORT****Other Games**

North Balwyn Wasps	9
North Balwyn Hornets	11

Croydon	4
Ringwood	8

	Team	P	W	L	D	PTS	FOR	AG	%	Win
1	Ringwood	10	9	1	0	18	120	51	702	90
2	Croydon	10	5	5	0	10	77	72	517	50
3	North Balwyn Wasps	9	3	5	1	7	76	91	455	38.9
4	North Balwyn Hornets	10	2	7	1	5	73	125	369	25
5	Heathmont	1	0	1	0	0	9	16	360	0

Upcoming Games For the U13's

TODAY – Croydon vs North Balwyn Hornets (HOME)

28/07/12 – Croydon vs North Balwyn Wasps (AWAY)

04/08/12 – Croydon vs Ringwood (AWAY)

11/08/2012 – Croydon vs North Balwyn Hornets (AWAY)