

The champions cup is just around the corner, and I thought I'd preview some of the hottly anticipated potential match ups.

Marcus Hyde v Willie McKenzie

Will the bromance be put on hold for the day? Despite what happens on the field, we know that win, lose or draw they will be meeting at 6.30pm @ mid off for some alone time.

Anthony Scheapman v Tony Miles

Still not happy about being compared with a witches hat Tony is looking to dispatch Shapes.... What Tony forgets is that Shapes is a much better cricketer on a Thursday to a Saturday

David Speed v Mark McNamara

With the demise of Rahul "The Wall" Dravid india are looking are looking for a new wall

NOTE: THESE ARE POTENTIAL MATCH UPS AS FINAL FIELDS ARE YET TO BE DECIDED

PANTHER OSCARS



Dust off the suits and roll out the carpet it's award season again



Best individual Performance with the Bat Nominees

David Wood - Taking credit for a Ton he didn't make
The Strahan Brothers - First ball faced for the club and they Hatrick and Double Hatrick victims
David Speed - Blocking out the last over in a 2020 match when they had wickets in hand
Winner: Speedy putting his averages before the pride of the under 30s wins this

Best Fielding Performance Nominees

Dave Beattie - Attempted to catch the ball with his eye
The 20/20 Team v BUC - Dropped 13 catches in 20 overs
James Grady - Filling in as captain for the 3s and dropping a guy on 0 who went on the make 120
Winner 20/20 Team v BUC.... OH DEAR

Best individual Performance with the ball Nominees

Matthew Knott - Bowling a bloke on the second bounce
Willie McKenzie - Proving anyone can be bought by taking his first wicket
David Wood - Being an express pace bowler un luckily broke down after one ball
Winners
Winner: Updated his resume to say he's a wicket taker

Spirit of the Game Nominees

Cameron Dickson - Running out an opposition player when bending over to pick up a bail
Anthony Schaeapman - See above quote, it's a team sport buddy
Steve Knott - For stealing my first win of the magic team as captain
Winner: Dicko by a mile!



NUMBER 3 - STEVEN KNOTT

Ladies let me introduce you to Sknotty, he is a young but fast maturing gentleman. It is hard to define Sknotty in a word, however Refined, Cultured, Academic & SNAG all come to mind.

Some of Sknottys past times include rebuilding "classic" cars & weekend political debates with his close friends Doug Potts & Stuart Hair. Their current debate about de-forestation in Brazil has been described as "epic" where they weigh up of economic growth in the 3rd World v its impact on the environment

When Sknotty isn't trying to better himself as a human he loves playing cricket and is a once in a generation cricket brain with strong leadership skills. He has never lost a game as skipper and there is a strong faction within the panther community to install him as the captain permanently.



Much to the disappointment of 13 Brabs, Sknotty won the panther best hair do comp in 2011. He takes great pride in maintaining his buffont.

AUSTRALIA DAY CHAMPIONS CUP - PREVIEW

with Matthew Gurney

A strong performance here wont hurt either dower batsmans chances in getting the big call up.

Andrew Wolfmeyer v Simon Datson

Wolfy still reminds me of the pre-season where he made Datto look ribs look like a boxing bag with short stuff, has Datto learnt to play a short ball? Because Wolfy is quicker then ever!

Nick Brown v Dave Beattie

Club Champion, Club Captain and self proclaimed ECA T20 best player v Who you might ask? Nick Brown rates the NBCCC as the Bangladesh of Local Cricket and quote "Wouldn't plss on the club as I don't want to be the only one making tons" This Gazette reporter knows who he's backing.

Scotty P v Brenton

An enthralling matchup purely for the contrasts. One is a brutish

boundary hitter the other a grafting technician using more angles then pythagoras. One is like an ant and can lift 50x his body weight the other can lift an ant. One doesn't wear gloves when he bats, one keeps the local chemist in business by purchasing copious amounts of bandages. Only time will tell with this clash

CAPTAIN KILLERS

Here are some observations and frustrations as being the captain of an elite cricket team

The Harbour Bridge - Yes Craig Miles I know

you're in career best form but get your body behind the ball! Sick of seeing you running too far and then putting in a redundant dive!

The Lost Shepherd - This is mainly directed at you John Miles, if we put you into a fielding spot please stay there and don't go looking for your lost sheep

The No Arvo Tea - Mark Gallichio, you've played over 50 games for the club. You do know that you should bring some arvo tea (even if you don't want to eat any yourself)

The I didn't know one day games start at 12.30 - You are kidding yourself right? Cheeseey, Wolfy, Miles (Again) just get there in time.

The I can't field there because I have heyfever - Benny, toughen up princess you're a Blackman

The my pants dont have a draw string - I wont name names, but a certain president likes to give fine leg a little to much information

The I can't play today because I've got to study for my drama exam - Never use this excuse. Even if true please make something up next time Stuart Hair

The Vedict - with Bitterman

Exclusive with former club champion Kevin Baker The following interview was conducted at the Baker residence only days after his vanishing act following training last Thursday. The interview took place in Kevins personal hyperbaric chamber as it's where he felt more comfortable.

Bitterman: Firstly thank you for allowing me to conduct this interview tonight and especially in your master bedroom.

Kevin: No problems Antonio it's my pleasure to have you over, as I'm a big fan of the Gazette and what it stands for.

Bitterman: Now Kevin you are very well known to the NBCCC and you have many cricket awards to your name including several club bowling awards, club champion awards and ECA awards. Do you feel you can still play at the highest level?

Kevin: I have 2 club champions and 3 canary yellow ECA shirts that you may have seen. Based on my history of being an elite sportsman I believe I can achieve anything and playing in McGibbon again is my birth right. It's what I was born to do Bitterman

Bitterman: Just to clear up speculation of what occurred last week when you disappeared after training can you tell us what actually happened during the moments just before selection?

Kevin: Well Antonio I was in a mad rush to get home as one of the moving trucks from Brisbane had arrived with all my cricket awards and my wives 1000 year old antiques so I wanted to supervise them step by step with the awards.

Bitterman: Now what's your opinion on chai lattes compared to blue heaven milkshakes Kevin?

Kevin: To be perfectly honest I prefer to have a milo in the mornings, a blue heaven at night and I dabble in the Chai scene on the weekends with S Datson and M gurney.

Bitterman: Do you have faith in Marcus Hyde to take home the ECA bowling award?

Kevin: No

Bitterman: Well Kevin I hope to see you out on the barnyard with Prowse snr soon and thank you for allowing me to conduct this interview.

Kevin: It has been my pleasure and I will see you at Greythorn