

Bitterman interview Captain Declaration

As the first match of the season concludes many panther supporters are asking the big question. Has M Gurney AKA the arrogant one (A1) hit the cross roads with his bowling career now that the BIG H (Henry) has arrived? Did Captain D Beattie get ahead of himself by declaring? Antonio Bitterman talks exclusive with the 1stX1 captain David Beattie and gets a good insight into the tension between Matthew and Henry and provides his thoughts on the declaration debacle.

AB: David good morning to you. I hope meeting for a chai Latte on Ackland street at 8am wasn't too inconvenient for you.
DB: No worries at all Antonio. I'm a regular chai drinker so I was very pleased to hear you had ordered me one. I do prefer four leaf clover tea but this is still divine.

AB: David how did you rate the teams preparation for rnd 1 and week 1s attitude on game day?
DB: I thought our training was solid and by sending out 2 million inspirational text messages each week I was of the belief it would lift up the teams spirits to tackle round 1 with passion and a positive attitude.

AB: Now David I've looked at the stats from rnd 1 and it appears that the team batted exceptionally well and were on target to make about 320 runs. Now talk us through your thought processes in the lead up to the declaration?
DB: Well I was full of excitement like a fat child in a candy store until my fellow 6 count competitor Mr Schaeppman was starting to find some batting form. There was no way I was going to allow him to gain a solid lead on me and I had no choice but to stop our innings after his first six and to prevent his century. To this day I believe the correct decision was made and I wouldn't hesitate to make it again.

AB: Some would consider your declaration to be selfish and extremely arrogant. Especially since you have never seen the opposition bat before. What are your thoughts?
DB: It's not arrogant to think I'm above the competition Antonio and to win but win by making a statement of dominance is a sign of power. Not arrogant to be the best and make that clear to everyone.

AB: Well Unfortunately we know what the end result was and at the completion of the match you were seen to have your head buried deep in the sand. This must have been tough for you considering your bold move the week prior.
DB: I'm a club champion, Captains award winner, 1s best and fairest, T20 best player and now I'm in the team of the decade. Don't patronize me Antonio Bitterman

AB: Ok moving on from your massive blunder in rnd 1. Has there been much tension between your 2 quick bowlers?
DB: I'm assuming you're talking about me again.

AB: I said quick bowlers David not mediocre pace. I was referring to Matthew and Henry. Is it true that Matthew has left a few hate notes in Henrys locker and that the police are investigating the issue?

DB: Yes this is true and it's something we are trying to resolve. Henry is much better looking, taller, has an ascent and bowls much faster so you can understand Matthews frustration. We have sent Matthew to Perth for the week to attend a love don't hate seminar run by the Dalai Lama.

AB: Now before we finish up I just wanted to ask for an explanation as to why you seem to miss the pitch on a regular basis even though Greythorn Park is almost impossible to miss the pitch?

DB: I've spoken to the ECA and the Boroondara council as the pitches plain and simply aren't wide enough. I believe M Hyde also had difficulty on the weekend and I am getting a patition in place to increase the width by 3mtrs.

AB: That might not be enough David. Anyway thank you for your honesty today and thanks for speaking with me on this fine morning. Do you mind getting the bill for the chai lattes as it seems I have accidentally left my wallet at home? I also ordered breakfast and ate it before you arrived.

DB: Anything for a celebrity



10 quick singles which require an immediate response to what I say:

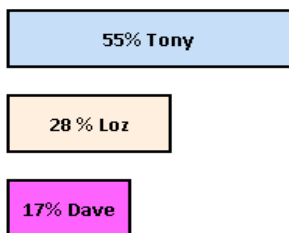
1. AB: Best blokes at the club
DB: team of the decade selection panel
2. AB: Best Bowler
DB: Every 3rd delivery I land on the pitch deserves best bowler status
3. AB: Best Batsmen
DB: We have none
4. AB: Most Arrogant bloke at the club
DB: M Gurney as he advised me to declare on Saturday
5. AB: Most disliked Panther
DB: Datto for not making me captain years ago
6. AB: Women
DB: Irish
7. AB: Chai Lattes
DB: delicious
8. AB: James Grady
DB: he's hump
9. AB: Craig miles
DB: Not a club champion or in the team of the decade like me
10. AB: Scented Candles
DB: Sunday nights alone with the notebook and KY jelly



Tool of the Week Nomination

- Tony Miles** - Runs out to the pitch with only one pad on only to be laughed off
- Lawrance Lathouras** - Wearing a one day shirt under his Jumper
- Dave Beattie** - For failing to hit the Greythorn pitch 3 times & also declaring

SMS Poll Results



Memorable Debuts

- Martin Beattie** - Made 30* smashing 6ers and ramping blokes. Hit the winning runs from the last ball of the day and put on 50 from the last 5 overs
- James Grady** - Knew one person at the club and was given the new pill, took 3/18 opening the bowling including giving 3 unnecessary send offs
- Terry Myers** - Notched up a tonne on debut in the 18th over!
- Owen Hull** - Hit a 50 and 7 sixers
- Steve Godden** - Played in the 20/20 dropped 4 catches and made a golden duck
- Dave Beattie** - 0 runs 0 wicks 1 steam roller stolen

Biggest 6 Hit off a Panthers Bowling

Marcus Hyde @ Mazenod

"The day is Saturday, it is a still day in the outer eastern suburbs, the venue is Mazenod Collegewhere one Marcus Hyde was bowling, this thing didn't go for six, this ball cleared the fence, 2 houses and a freeway. And today M.Hyde is still in shock about how far the ball went" *Michael Spetsiotis*

"Hydey v Mazenod, poor bloke was injured cooking a BBQ for his family 3 houses back" *Matthew Knott*

"Hydey at Mazenod 5 years ago in the 2nds, he got hit straight down the ground for 6. The ground wasn't huge but the houses were a fair way from the boundary, Nudge and Dicko were pissing themselves and still talk about it to this day" *Daryl Gove*

"It was about four seasons ago on a hot Saturday arvo at Mazenod, we were seriously under the pump and in desperate need of a wicket. The batsman was really starting to fire and had already dispatched Dicko to the boundary several times. So Boosh, as he had done many times before brought on Marcus Hyde to bowl. From my vantage point at fine leg, its not the shot I remember, but having to lean back to see the ball as it went went up. The next thing I remember was the sound of Dicko laughing, the way only he can and then the impact of the ball when hit hit the roof tiles. I'm not 100% sure but Im pretty sure it he the second storey of that house" - *Dave Eva*

I remember we gave the Panthers a bit of a 'hyding' that day, with many of us racking up runs at will. We set ourselves a few fun aims with the bat. One was pasting Dicko all over the park and sledging him unceremoniously throughout. That was easy enough to do... The other was a challenge to see who could hit a six over the famous palm tree that sat in the middle of a backyard over mid wicket. It was a big, mature palm that had been hit before, and some had sailed past it, but "over" it....? I was hoping Dicko would get another bowl because his dibly dobbles seemed the most likely to be dispatched. But he was busy running from fine leg to fine leg and avoiding everyone's gaze because he had gone none for about a million from his allotment of three overs. Welcome back to the crease M.Hyde. Fair to say he replaced Dicko as the most likely after I saw his straight length balls. You know a big one as soon as you make contact, and swinging through the line of the straight ball on middle and leg I was pretty confident this one would go close to going over.... Close? It cleared it by about 15 metres and cleared the next house as well, right on to the street about a block away - that ball never came back. Seriously hurt my neck craning to watch it's trajectory, but apart from that I pulled up OK. Our team had a laugh about the monster hit, but not as much as the Panthers on the field who seemed to genuinely delight in telling the bowler how big a hit it was.... over and over and over and over again!" - *Paul Scully*

"Most Likely to buy you a beer"

Greythorn High

- 1) Daryl Gove - This would shock most of you, despite being the type of person that bends over to pick a 5c coin off the ground. Despite this Govey is very generous shouting a beer post game
- 2) Simon Kann - Arguably best shout at the club. Unfortunately he rarely attends Panther events and is more inclined to buy a skittle bomb rather than a beer
- 3) Geoff Allen - Is generous, however generally owes you a slab from ill fated Kanga bets so he is just techically shouting he already owes you
- 4) Dennis Diapola - Is OK, however he generally arrives at the club when it's "Rockets Bar", does have a famous "One More" catch cry and will likely shout you then.
- 5) Dale Rogers - Never bought me one.... But I'm not a ones player
- 6) Marcus Hyde - Absolute Shocker, spends all of his beer money at subway and just expects beers.
- 7) Paul Campain - Might shout a raspberry lemonade, never a beer
- 8) Ashish Guatam - Takes a very literal view on the expression "Shout"....

"Has to be M Hyde, when he got hit out of the ground and over a house. I was next to C.Dickson in gully and Dicko started to laugh when the ball was hit, and I started to laugh because Dicko said it's the biggest six he's ever seen. M.Hyde was not happy with me and Dicko on the day, but we always bring it up with him" *Geoff Allen*

Red Carpet Interviews Team of the Decade Night

Grades: Cameron Dickson, do you have a moment?

Dicko: Always have time for you Grades

Grades: So who are you dressed by tonight?

Dicko: I'm dressed by the wonderful people down at Rebel Sports in Forrest Hill

Grades: I see cricket whites..... But you didn't play today.....

Grades: Speedy, I love your Hawaiian shirt. What was the motivation

Speedy: G-Train, you know me I always love a party

Grades: Yep, I think everyone in Asia Pacific knows that. Ummm what is that stain in the middle of your shirt?

Speedy:

Grades: **Dougy, do you have a moment.**

Dougy: #^&@ Grades you \$^&*ing #\$\$^*

Grades: So Dougy, last week you told me you have a picture of the bloke from twilight on your wall. Now I hear a rumour you've changed?

Dougy: Your mail is spot on, I've now got a pic of Harry from One Direct.....ahhh he's so dreamy

Grades: Thanks for your time Douglas.

Grades on Phone: Seano where are you?

You never miss these big occasions

Seano on Phone: Yeah sorry buddy, was waiting for Dave to ask me to come

Grades on Phone: Fair enough.... anyway it appears Brendan has a new favourite in Pommy Henry

Seano on Phone: Really? That hurts. Now I guess he's just somebody that I used to know

Grades: Marcus, how are you? Congrats on being in the team

Marcus: Cheeers mate, massive honour

Grades: Yeah I know, sadly your partner is running late.

Marcus: Yeah I know he's a flight back from Rio

Grades: I meant Marti....

Grades: Matthew, how are you? Bit stiff to miss out

Gurney: Yep, extremely. I'd have thought BOG in two GFs and 4 captains awards would be enough

Grades: Tissue?

Gurney: Anyway I'm currently in this decades team

Grades: We've played one game.....

Grades: Doolz how are you mate?

Doolz: Not bad G-Train, just hear for the free feed

Grades: What do you mean, it's \$30

Doolz: But I'm the Club Champion

Grades: Not tonight pal