

the BREAKING NEWS

Eagles under the hammer

Welcome to the first edition of *The Belvoir Bulletin*, your weekly club newsletter.

Contributions and suggestions are most welcome, as are criticisms and complaints as long as you understand that *The Bulletin* will ignore them completely.

Our aim is to keep you to date with all that's happening at your club.

Along the way, we may poke fun at you but will do our best not to offend anyone.

Anyone who feels they have been unfairly made a fool of can see the president, who will make it up to you by letting you roll the wicket for the rest of the season.

It promises to be one of the biggest social functions in the history of the Belvoir Cricket Club: our inaugural goods and services auction at our Kelly Park clubrooms on Saturday November 27.

Over the coming weeks, *The Bulletin* will give you a sneak preview of some of the lots which will be going under hammer but already the organisers have assembled an excellent collection, including electrical and entertainment equipment, sporting goods and memorabilia and accommodation packages.

The auction will be our major fundraiser for the year, with the money raised going towards upgrading the club's equipment and facilities.

President Brett Howells said it was a vital function for Belvoir.

"The organising committee has been working hard since we settled on this concept three months ago," he said.

"The success of the occasion now depends on all our members -



seniors and juniors - contributing goods and services to the auction and coming along on the night and making a bid."

All members are encouraged to go out and find something to contribute to the auction, whether it be a donation from their workplace, a friend's workplace or in the case of our juniors, mum or

dad's workplace.

All donations will be recognised on the evening and donors are invited to come along on the night.

No donation is considered too big or small and if in doubt, ask your coach or a committee member for their advice.

The attendance of players - juniors and seniors - will be crucial to the evening's success as a social function and a fundraiser and is considered compulsory.

We cannot stress highly enough that this is not just a function for senior players.

Just as our junior players are vital to our future on the field, their involvement in the social side of the club is crucial to our well-being off the field.

We look forward to our juniors and their families joining us.

Likewise, we encourage all our senior players to bring their partners, families and friends along to ensure some spirited and entertaining bidding.

the MATCH REPORTS

Phew! Berga's boy are off the mark

A GRADE

Convincing? Hello no but after the disaster of the first week, we'll take it.

Pitted against an Eskdale side missing some experienced names, Belvoir bounced back from a poor first-up performance to sneak home by six runs.

For one of the few times in his captaincy career, Berga won the toss and in we went on a very green track.

At 3/8 in the fourth over, we were in all sorts before Matty Richter strode out and began to dismantle the opposition in trademark fashion, hitting three sixes on his way to 46.

In his A Grade debut, Mick Mahon joined the fight back before Bruce Lee's "Yes, No, Wait, Sorry" saw him run out for 48.

Only two other batsmen made double figures in another disappointing batting display as we crumbled to be all out for 164 with still five overs remaining. Still it looked enough until



DROPPED: Dave McMillan

Eskdale blazed to 1/77 and then 3/119.

Slippery McMillan came to the rescue though, his 4/13 off six overs seeing Eskdale all out for 158.

VERDICT: Plenty to do

B GRADE

With Belvoir Blue getting the day off thanks to Bethanga's forfeit, the spotlight fell on Belvoir Gold, freshly promoted from C Grade the previous week.

Not only were most of us stepping up a grade, they were facing what was virtually Yackandandah's A Grade side, given it had the bye.

Joe Lonergan (5/32) gave us a great start and at 4/44 we were in business but a century stand from two of Yack's A graders helped them to an imposing 234.

We were never really in the hunt in the chase but Nozza's 26 and Springer Leak's 18 on debut for the club made Yack work for the points.

VERDICT: Better for the run

C GRADE

After a controversial selection night which saw Belvoir legend Dangerous Dave McMillan inexplicably dropped after his heroics the previous week, the players shelved plans for a protest strike to take the field against Kiewa Brown at Emerald Oval.

Aaron Giles, one of those who

walked out on the club after the axing only to return after a heart-to-heart with McMillan on Friday night, took out his anger on the scorers, who had to try to squeeze in his four first-over wides into that little half square in the scorebook.

Then the batsman suffered as he clean bowled two in two overs.

O'Brien proved a class above, picking up 4/14 and the club may have unearthed a couple of rough gems in Brett Howells (1/18) and Wombat who picked up 2/4 off five overs including three successive maidens.

Stuey Davidson must have known he was in for a big day when those responsible for McMillan's axing threw the ball his way. He was duly dispatched for four as Kiewa reached 104.

But with his confidence soaring, Stu proceeded to thrash the attack to all parts to become Belvoir's first centurion of the season with an unbeaten 101 as we put the controversy of the week behind us to chalk up a comfortable 60-run win.

VERDICT: Stu beauty

the STATE OF PLAY

ROUND TWO

A GRADE

BELVOIR 164

Mick Mahon 48, Matt Richter 46

ESKDALE 158

Dick McMillan 4/13 off 6,
Mark Purtell 2/13 off 7

B GRADE

YACKANDANDAH 234

Joe Lonergan 5/32 off 7,
Leon Kowski 2/18 off 3

BELVOIR GOLD 114

Andrew Nowak 26, Jeff Leak 18

BELVOIR BLUE

Defeated Bethanga on forfeit

C GRADE

KIEWA BROWN 104

M. O'Brien 4/14, Aaron Giles 2/29, Gareth Dennis 2/4, Brett Howells 1/18

BELVOIR 164

Stuey Davidson 101 not out

UNDER 16s

BELVOIR 72

Beau Kennedy 26

ESKDALE 56

Matt Rogers 3/6, Tim Lucas 2/8,
Josh Mallichan 2/17

UNDER 14s

BELVOIR BLUE 114

Nat Sariman 25, Steve Weir 20

BARNAWARTHA-CHILTERN 39

BELVOIR GOLD 53

Ashley Rosevear 16, Craig Bowden 11

KIEWA 7/70

Matt Turnbull 3/13, Julian Butters 1/2

THIS WEEK

A GRADE v Mt Beauty at Kelly Park

B GRADE BLUE v Mt Beauty at Mt Beauty

B GRADE GOLD v (unavailable at time of publication)

C GRADE v (unavailable at time of publication)

2004: THE HONOUR ROLL

100 CLUB

Stuey Davidson
right, 101 not out



FIVE FOR CLUB

Joey Lonergan 5/32

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the
DUCK
CLUB

Heath Harrison
David Bergowicz
Andrew Mallichan
Mark Purtell
Brett McConvill

Nick Colombera
Matt Rogers
Aaron Taravillo
Dean Howard
Josh Mallichan

