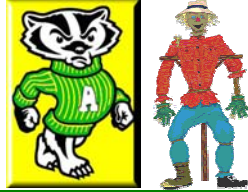


# BADGER & SCARECROW

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A Soggy Round 1 Report

## The Scarecrow (Badgerless)

Whilst my esteemed colleague is swanning through the US of A he has left me all alone to write round 1's review. It was runs galore in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of our round 1 game versus Epping with every grade posting a 290+. Unfortunately week 2 was almost a complete write off with no cricket being played at Epping Swamp or North Epping Marsh. At George and Dave some cricket was played but was not enough to get us across the line. Read below for a summary of all matches. One thing I will say is that the Scarecrow was on the money with his players to watch. With all of his choices top scoring for their respective teams and taking a bag full of wickets.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

We won the toss and had Keeno had no hesitation in having a bat. Rossi, who has been seen making early morning trips to North Sydney recently and not for work, continued where he left last season smashing his way to 72 off 59 out of the total 101 before he was bowled. Once Rossi fell it was new boys Anjum on Taylor that continued to pile on the runs scoring at nearly a run a ball for their 53 and 47 respectively. DJ Chipped in with a little cameo of 23 as the tail started to collapse. A good 52 run partnership between Keeno and Kiwi saw us post 292.

In the bowling department it was Kiwi and Keeno who did all the damage taking 3 each, rounding out good all-round matches for both. DJ picked up the other wicket.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

It was new boy Mark Ryan who stole the show in 2s smashing 91. JNo started the season on a good note with a well compiled 74 and Rana, 42, showed the depth of batting in this side. 340 was the total and that was more than defendable with this bowling attack. Unfortunately they never got a chance with torrential rain in Epping the previous couple of days no play was got in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Well, well, well. 1<sup>st</sup> round came and went without a Burton burgled hundred. Rich Hawker got us off to a flyer belting 45, Suresh made a composed 33, both Starkey brothers made starts, PA bashed his way to 55, but undoubtedly the highlight was Moose and Sneaky breaking the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with 33\* and 40 respectively getting the total to 320. A run out on the 1<sup>st</sup> day saw Epping with a huge task of chasing 320 with only 9 wickets in hand.

Day 2 and one could be forgiven for think the West Indies circa 1980 were playing on Dave Tribolet oval. The amount of short balls bowled would've definitely been upwards of the 50% mark. All Moose's hard work in the preseason to stop bowling No-balls was wasted as he took a wicket over stepping. Epping were cruising at 3-160 at tea when rain stopped play. With Moose and Burto the 2 wicket takers.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

CNo won his 1<sup>st</sup> toss as skipper and had no hesitation in having a bat. Byron was out stumped early off their opening bowler and no he wasn't at the stumps and yes it's not the 1<sup>st</sup> time this has happened to Byron. Gitte then came out and smashed the bowling to all parts of the claim

making a great 91. Bray at the other end was solid and never looked like getting out and brought up is 1<sup>st</sup> ton. A few little cameos at the end saw us push the score to 8-290. No play second day.

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade**

An easy day at the office with JA's men doing it easy. Wayne Moore picked up 4 wickets with 2 to Boods and one each to Christou, Hedayat, Maqbool and Alvarez. Eddie, 34\*, Rouillo, 24 and Moore, 24\* knocked off the runs easily to record a bonus point win.

Unfortunately I haven't had any time for anything witty or humorous this week. If there is something funny that happens during a game feel free to email me or the badger and we will be sure to include it.

With the reports they will be after every game as opposed to weekly.

This week see's us taking on the might of Burwood. They will be stinging after not winning Dave the last 2 years. In team news, Murphy is a straight swap for Kirwan in ones. Max Labrooy comes into 2's which see's Emmy unluckily back to 3s. This should give third grade a bit more balanced attack. Raffee is out of 3s and in comes Parcel after missing round 1. Young Starkey goes back to 4s and is a straight replacement with Byron who is out this round. 5's sees the return of 2 club legends Tony Ross and Greg Ryan.

Would like to just send a quick Cheerio out to Dave Tribolet who is hospital this week undergoing a hip operation. Good luck Dave and everyone wishes you all the best.

Scarecrow