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RETURN OF THE MARLIN STRIKE!



THE MARLIN STRIKE IS BACK! WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI CRICKET CLUB'S VERY OWN NEWSLETTER SINCE 2008/09. THE NEWSLETTER IS A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S SUCCESSES AND SPREAD INFORMATION ON OUR FIXTURES/RESULTS, SPONSORS AND UPCOMING EVENTS. EACH MONTH'S EDITION WILL PROVIDE A COUPLE OF GOOD ARTICLES, SOME BRAIN TEASERS AND QUIZZES.

WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR STORIES, SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING AND EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL THESE TO MMCC.MANAGEMENT@GMAIL.COM.

THE 2021/22 SEASON WAS A UNIQUE ONE TO SAY THE LEAST. THE PREMIER AND RESERVE SIDES WENT THROUGH TO THE CHRISTMAS BREAK UNDEFEATED, WHILE OUR B GRADE SIDE AND INAGA HELD THEIR OWN IN B GRADE. WE WALKED AWAY WITH TWO TROPHIES FOR THE YEAR- THE PREMIER BAYWIDE CUP AND THE RESERVE GRADE T20 CUP.

THE PREMIERS CONTINUED RIGHT WHERE THEY LEFT OFF FROM THE 2020/21 SEASON, RATTLING OFF A 22 GAME WINNING STREAK THROUGH TO EXACTLY A CALENDAR YEAR SINCE THEY LAST LOST A GAME (29TH JANUARY) A BRILLIANT BAY CUP CAMPAIGN SAW THEM REACH THE GLORY OF 8TH BAY CUP IN THE SPAN OF 16 YEARS. PREMIER SKIPPER MUSGRAVE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE PLEASED. "IT WAS A REALLY GOOD CAMPAIGN FROM THIS SQUAD OF PLAYERS WE HAVE. WE HAD GUYS SUCH AS PETE DRYSDALE AND CRAIG BALDRY STEP UP AND PUT SOME REALLY GOOD NUMBERS ON THE BOARD BUT I THINK IT'S A CREDIT TO THE DEPTH WE HAVE HERE AT THE MOUNT. THERE WERE LOTS OF INJURIES IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND THOSE GUYS COMING INTO THE SIDE REALLY STEPPED UP AND MADE AN IMPACT. IT DEFINITELY MADE MY JOB PRETTY EASY"

MEANWHILE, THE MMCC 2ND XI WERE IN THE MIDST OF THEIR QUEST FOR THE RESERVE GRADE TITLE. THEY PUT TOGETHER A WIN STREAK OF THEIR OWN, WITH 11 CONSECUTIVE WINS, BEFORE THEY FELL TO PAPAMOA IN THE BIG CHALLENGE FOR THE DON WARNER CHALLENGE CUP. THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY ROLLED AROUND AND WITH IT CAME A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPTAIN NICK SMITH AND HIS MEN- THE T20 FINALS DAY. TO ENSURE THEIR QUALIFICATION TO THE FINAL, THEY HAD TO TOP THEIR POOL- WHICH THEY MANAGED WHEN THEY KNOCKED OVER A DANGEROUS PAPAMOA SIDE, ON THE BACK OF A 45 RUN INNINGS FROM THE YOUNG GUN, KADE SMIT.

MOVING TO THE FINAL, THE SANGHA REPRESENTATIVES WON THE TOSS AND ELECTED TO BAT. MOUNT MAUNGANUI QUICKLY HAD THE INDIAN SIDE IN TROUBLE, GRABBING THE FIRST TWO WICKETS WITH JUST 9 RUNS ON THE BOARD. THEY WERE IN GENUINE STRIFE, AT FIVE DOWN FOR 36, WHEN VIKAS TIWARI ARRIVED AT THE CREASE TO STEADY THE SHIP WITH A LIGHTNING 41 OFF JUST 24 BALLS. TIWARI'S DEPARTURE, FROM AN UMPIRES DECISION OF HIT WICKET, SAW THE SANGHA SIDE BOWLED OUT FOR A MODEST 117.



MOUNT MAUNGANUI PREMIERS TAKE BAYWIDE WITH A ROUND TO SPARE

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MOUNT MAUNGANUI QUICK, ANMOLPREET SINGH DEO, PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN ROLLING THE OPPOSITION, WITH FOUR WICKETS FOR JUST 20 RUNS. THE MOUNT PACE MAN WAS BACKED UP BY TOM BRADBURN AND NICK SMITH WHO TOOK TWO WICKETS APIECE. A MOUNT OPENING STAND OF 74, FROM CAPTAIN NICK SMITH AND GAGANDEEP SAMRA LED THE WAY FOR THEIR TEAM'S EIGHT WICKET VICTORY, WITH FIVE OVERS TO SPARE. SAMRA WAS IN DYNAMITE FORM IN BLASTING 40 FROM JUST 26 BALLS, WHILE SMITH SMOTE A MORE MEASURED 44 FROM 36 BALLS. KADE SMIT (17NO) AND MITCHELL DICKSON (9NO) ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN THEIR SIDE'S EMPHATIC TITLE VICTORY.



These teams had the following results for the 2021/22 Season:

	Competition 1	Competition 2	T-20 Competition
Premier	Winners	3rd	Semi-Finalists
Reserve Grade	n/a	3rd	Winners
B Grade	4th	7th	8th
Inanga	5th	5th	N/a

Twilight Competition	Winners
Twilight - Div 1	Portside
Twilight - Div 2	Sticky Wickets

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS REPRESENTED THE MMCC WITH PRIDE AT HIGHER LEVELS:

PLAYER	LEVEL
CHRIS ATKINSON	BOP SENIOR MEN'S
BEN MUSGRAVE	BOP SENIOR MEN'S
CRAIG BALDRY	BOP SENIOR MEN'S
HENRY CONWAY	BOP SENIOR MEN'S
DOMINIC CROMBIE	BOP SENIOR MEN'S
NIVEN DOVEY	BOP SENIOR MEN'S, ND U19, ND "A"
PETE DRYSDALE	BOP SENIOR MEN'S, MEN'S, ND "A", ND DEBUT
DAVID HANCOCK	BOP SENIOR MEN'S, NZ DEVELOPMENT
BEN POMARE	BOP SENIOR MEN'S, NZ DEVELOPMENT, ND "A", ND DEBUT
OLI WHITE	BOP SENIOR MEN'S, NZ DEVELOPMENT
BRETT RANDELL	NORTHLAND SENIOR MENS, NORTHERN DISTRICTS

POMARE AND DRYSDALE MAKE THEIR FIRST CLASS DEBUT



AFTER SCORING 14 HUNDREDS FOR THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI CRICKET CLUB, PETE DRYSDALE MADE HIS LONG AWAITED FIRST CLASS DEBUT. TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER, HE HAD YOUNG GUN AND FELLOW MOUNTIE, BEN POMARE THERE WITH HIM.

DRYSDALE AND POMARE WERE TWO OF SEVEN DEBUTANTS IN THEIR FOUR-DAY GAME AGAINST WELLINGTON IN WHANGAREI ON THE 6TH OF APRIL 2022, WITH THE ND SIDE HAVING AN ASTONISHING 19 PLAYERS UNAVAILABLE.

WITH 13 MEMBERS OF THAT SQUAD IN ISOLATION, BLACK CAPS ALLROUNDER COLIN DE GRANDHOMME UNAVAILABLE DUE TO PERSONAL REASONS AND KANE WILLIAMSON, TRENT BOULT, TIM SOUTHEE, MITCHELL SANTNER AND TIM SEIFERT PLAYING IN THE INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE, DRYSDALE WAS BEEN GIVEN A SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY PLAY FIRST-CLASS CRICKET.

"IT WAS A LONG TIME COMING ... I GOT PRETTY CLOSE TWO YEARS AGO," HE SAID .

THE LEFT-HAND BAT AND OFF SPIN BOWLER WAS SET TO PLAY FOR ND VERSUS AUCKLAND AT THE SAME COBHAM OVAL VENUE TWO YEARS AGO.

THE BLACK CAPS WERE RETURNING FROM AUSTRALIA AFTER THEIR SCHEDULED THREE-GAME ODI SERIES HAD BEEN CANCELED AFTER GAME ONE AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BROKE IN THIS REGION FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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THERE WAS A BIT OF CONJECTURE AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PLUNKET SHIELD ROUND," DRYSDALE SAID.

"I WAS EVEN TOLD I WAS IN THE XI, BUT IT WASN'T TO BE AS IT GOT CALLED OFF TWO DAYS BEFORE THE GAME. IT WAS THE SECOND-TO-LAST ROUND, AND THAT AND THE FINAL ROUND WERE CANCELED."

POMARE HAS BEEN IN THE MIX FOR A COUPLE OF SEASONS NOW, HAVING PLAYED A GREAT DEAL OF FIXTURES FOR NORTHERN DISTRICTS A. HIS PROMISING KEEPING ABILITY DATES BACK TO HIS YOUNGER YEARS AT COLLEGE, BUT PERHAPS WAS MADE MOST APPARENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE. POMARE WAS ONE OF TWO KEEPERS SELECTED FOR THE NEW ZEALAND UNDER 19 SIDE TO PLAY THE 2019 WORLD CUP IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE FOUR DAY MATCH BETWEEN THE NORTHERN SIDE AND WELLINGTON ITSELF ENDED IN A SLIGHTLY DISAPPOINTING RESULT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS SIDE. WELLINGTON, WHO WERE AT FULL STRENGTH CRUISED TO A 9 WICKET VICTORY ON THE BACK OF A CLASSY BOWLING DISPLAY BY IAN MCPEAKE AND NATHAN SMITH ALIKE. A 50 RUN PARTNERSHIP IN THE 2ND INNINGS BETWEEN THE PAIR FROM POMARE AND DRSYDALE PROVIDED A SMALL CONSOLATION, AND DRYSDALE WENT ON TO MAKE 62 RUNS AT THE COST OF 89 BALLS. POMARE TAKING 4 DISMISSALS WITH THE GLOVES IN THE 1ST INNINGS IMPRESSED ON TOP OF HIS CONTRIBUTION OF 23 IN THE 2ND NORTHERN INNINGS.



DRYSDALE SCORES HIS 13TH CENTURY FOR HIS BELOVED MOUNT MAUNGANUI CC

NEW CLUBHOUSE KICKS OFF A NEW ERA

FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI CRICKET CLUB HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES BOUNCING AROUND BLAKE PARK WITHOUT AN IDENTITY IN THE FORM OF A CRICKET PAVILION TO CALL HOME. THROUGH MANY DELIBERATIONS, SUBMISSIONS TO COUNCIL AND HARD PLANNING BY CLUB ADMINISTRATORS, THE CLUB HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT BY THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL TO BUILD A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE TO BECOME THE NEW CLUBROOMS OF THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI CRICKET CLUB. THIS IS AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE CLUB WITH A MUCH-NEEDED BUILDING LOCATED IN THE HEART OF BLAKE PARK THAT WILL SEE JUNIOR AND SENIOR MEMBERS ALIKE BEING ABLE TO HAVE SHELTER, VERY BASIC KITCHEN FACILITIES AND A PLACE TO WATCH THE GAME WE ALL LOVE.

THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURE WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL HAVE FINALIZED THEIR MASTER PLAN OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BLAKE PARK IN THE COMING MONTHS, IN WHICH TIME A MORE LONG TERM PLAN FOR A PAVILION CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

AS THE FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING COMPLETED NOW, IT IS ALL COMING TOGETHER FOR THE START OF SUMMER.



ONE OF THE KEY DRIVERS IN THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS PHASE HAS BEEN LIFE MEMBER OF THE CLUB, JASON DOVEY.

“WE ARE OVER THE MOON TO BE ABLE TO ONCE AGAIN HAVE A HOME ON BLAKE PARK. WE HOPE THAT THIS BUILDING CAN HELP US NOT ONLY WITH DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS BUT ALSO HELP BRING BACK SOME OF SOCIALS ASPECTS TO OUR CLUB WE HAVE MISSED AT TIMES WITHOUT HAVING CLUBROOMS TO SHARE EACH OTHER'S COMPANY IN.”

“I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VERY KIND SPONSORS AND DONORS WHO HAVE COME ON BOARD SO FAR. WITHOUT THE GENEROSITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES, THIS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.”

THERE IS A GRAND OPENING FOR THE NEW PAVILLION ON THE 17TH SEPTEMBER, WHERE WE ALSO PLAY HOST TO HAMILTON MARIST-SUBURBS IN THE ANNUAL PRE SEASON “KAIMAIS CUP” GAMES.

MMCC PAVILION

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TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL

RUSS WILLIAMS STEPS DOWN AFTER A MASSIVELY SUCCESSFUL PERIOD AS CLUB COACH

AFTER 5 SUMMERS AND 18 TROPHIES, MOUNT MAUNGANUI CLUB COACH RUSS WILLIAMS HAS PULLED STUMPS.

"OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS I HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO STEP AWAY FROM BEING A CRICKET COACH AND GOING BACK TO THE BUILDING TRADE"

RUSS PLANS TO STEP DOWN FROM COACHING AS A WAY OF MAKING MORE TIME FOR HIS YOUNG FAMILY. SINCE RUSS TOOK OVER AS THE CLUB HEAD COACH, THE CLUB HAS WON 10 OF THE CLUB WIDE COMPETITIONS AND WON 4 HART FAMILY TROPHIES.

"THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI CRICKET CLUB HAS BEEN A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE AND COACHING CAREER FOR A LONG TIME. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY LOVED MY MY TIME PLAYING AND COACHING WITH THE MOUNT OVER THE LAST DECADE. AS A COACH I HAVE ALWAYS WORKED HARD TO LEAVE TEAMS/PLAYERS IN A BETTER PLACE THAN WHEN I STARTED AND I FEEL LIKE I HAVE DONE THIS WITH THE MOUNT. THE TROPHIES ARE A GREAT REFLECTION ON THE GROWTH WE HAVE HAD AS A TEAM AND AS CLUB."

"I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU ALL FOR SO MANY GREAT YEARS AND GREAT MEMORIES I WILL CHERISH FOR EVER. I WILL STILL BE AROUND SUPPORTING THE CLUB I LOVE SO MUCH."

"RUSTY" AS HE AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, WILL LEAVE NOTICEABLE GAP IN THE RANKS AT THE CLUB. HIS ON THE PARK RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES BUT HIS OFF THE PARK IMPORTANCE AS A KEY DRIVER IN CLUB CULTURE AND COMRADESHIP WILL MAKE HIM SORELY MISSED."

"RUSS BROUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF CONTINUITY TO THE CLUB" SAYS THE RECENTLY APPOINTED MMCC CLUB CAPTAIN, KYLE DOVEY. HE HAS HELPED OUR CLUB SHAPE AND FORM A CULTURE THAT WE WILL LOOK TO KEEP IMPLEMENTING GOING FORWARD."

"SINCE HIS INVOLVEMENT AS A COACH, WE HAVE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL FROM A WINNING STANDPOINT, BUT PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY HE HAS ALSO HELPED US FORM A CRICKET PROGRAM TO MOLD YOUNG CRICKETERS INTO PLAYERS WHO COMPETE HARD AND ENJOY THE GAME, WHILE GIVING THEM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GO ON AND PLAY HIGHER HONORS ONE DAY."



"RUSS HAS INFLUENCED MANY CRICKETERS IN THE BAY OF PLENTY REGION IN THE MOST POSITIVE WAYS AND HIS WORK FROM CRICKET IN THE BAY WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I WISH RUSS ALL THE BEST AND I KNOW HE WILL STILL BE AROUND TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB."

PRE SEASON 2022/23

Sunday, August 21st

TRAINING BLAKE #1 (1:00-3:00PM)

Sunday, August 28th

TRAINING BLAKE #1 (1:00-3:00PM)

Saturday, September 3rd

TRAINING BLAKE #1 (1:00-3:00PM)

Sunday, September 11th

TRAINING BLAKE #1 (1:00-3:00PM)

Saturday, September 17th

Hamilton Marist Suburbs (HOME)

Sunday, September 25th

TRAINING BLAKE #1 (1:00-3:00PM)

Saturday, October 1st

Pukekohe Metro/Tuakau (HOME)



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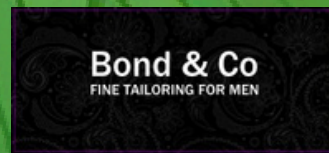
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

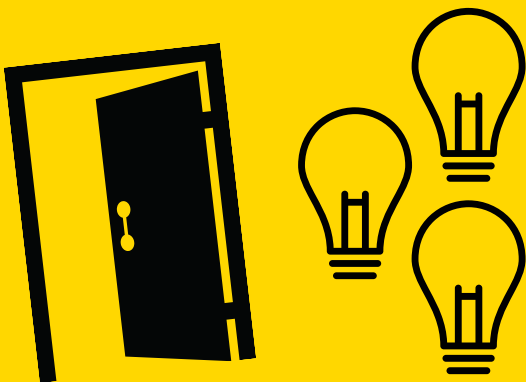
**A LOVING WIFE IS BETTER THAN
 MAKING 50 IN CRICKET, OR EVEN 99,
 BEYOND THAT I WILL NOT GO.**

- J M BARRIE

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BRAINTEASER



YOU ARE IN A ROOM THAT HAS THREE SWITCHES AND A CLOSED DOOR. THE SWITCHES CONTROL THREE LIGHT BULBS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR. ONCE YOU OPEN THE DOOR, YOU MAY NEVER TOUCH THE SWITCHES AGAIN. HOW CAN YOU DEFINITELY TELL WHICH SWITCH IS CONNECTED TO EACH OF THE LIGHT BULBS?

ANSWER

TURN ON THE FIRST TWO SWITCHES. LEAVE THEM ON FOR FIVE MINUTES. ONCE FIVE MINUTES HAS PASSED, TURN OFF THE SECOND SWITCH, LEAVING ONE SWITCH ON. NOW GO THROUGH THE DOOR. THE LIGHT THAT IS STILL ON IS CONNECTED TO THE FIRST SWITCH, WHICHEVER OF THE OTHER TWO IS WARM TO THE TOUCH IS CONNECTED TO THE SECOND SWITCH. THE BULB THAT IS COLD IS CONNECTED TO THE SWITCH THAT WAS NEVER TURNED ON.