

# MARLIN STRIKE



## RING A BELL?

learn about the new tradition coming to the club this summer

## WALKING IN A WALKER WONDERLAND

Find out about the new reserve grade captain and what makes him tick

## INTRODUCING 'WHERE'S RUPERT?'

Open to page 5 to have a go at finding the man who has scored 15 century's for the MMCC!





# THIS MONTH

AT THE MMCC

September

## SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

- PRE SEASON TRAINING
- RUSS WILLIAMS' LEAVING PARTY @ BLAKE PARK CLUB ROOMS

## SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

- CLUBWIDE PRESEASON TRAINING @ BLAKE PARK

## SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

- PREMIERS VS MARIST SUBURBS 1ST XI @ BLAKE PARK
- RESERVES VS MARIST SUBURBS 2ND XI @ BLAKE PARK
- GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MMCC PAVILLION

## SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

- CLUBWIDE PRESEASON TRAINING @ BLAKE PARK

### MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE TERM

#### 4 FIXTURES



- 10th September vs Aquinas College
- 3rd October vs ST Patricks Town
- 4th October vs Takapuna Grammar
- 5th October vs Tauranga Boys College
- 8th October vs Lindisfarne College
- 9th October vs Lindisfarne College
- 18th October vs St Pauls Collegiate





# WALKING INTO THE CHALLENGE

On August 12th, the Mount Maunganui Cricket Club committee were proud to confirm the appointment of Nathan Walker as the club's 2nd XI captain. The 25 year old is poised to take over the captaincy after being a playing member of the side since his first season in 2015/16. Newly elected Club Captain, Kyle Dovey, is very pleased with the appointment of Walker. "Nathan has been a leader in the Reserve Grade side for a number of years now, and has already shown himself to be an extremely capable captain."

"He's respected by his peers and the wider cricket club for his passionate approach both on and off the field, and his drive to see the team succeed and his passion for the game are what you look for in a leader. He's ready for the role and will only continue to grow."

Walker, who has played over 120 games in the green and gold, says he is ready for the challenge and will use his previous experiences to help him put his best foot forward.

"I previously captained back in 2014 for Mount College 1st XI. I was captain for one and a half seasons. It has always been my goal to be a captain of the MMCC but I didn't think I would accomplish this as young as I did."

"I am excited to pass on my years of experience and knowledge to youth and new players and show what you can achieve if you set your mind to it. I also want to give back some time to the club as I have appreciated the time and effort other players have put into helping improve."

The club is projected to see an injection of even more youth this season, with a 5th XI (being made up with primarily college students) being added to play in the B Grade competition. Walker will have his hands full with selection conundrums, with some exciting talent coming up through the ranks. Nathan's experience at the club began as a junior cricketer, so he understands the challenges of being a young playing member looking to fit into a big club. MMCC Life Member Billy Carr recalls his time coaching Nathan as a college player in the Junior Club.



**NATHAN WALKER, APART OF THE 2018/19 MCNAUGHTON TROPHY WINNING SIDE.**

"Nathan captained the Mount College team for a few seasons and had great game sense along with the ability to help mentor and manage younger players to be fully involved." "A highlight was his different haircuts/mullets. Great to have a junior Mountie come through and captain the Mighty MMCC Ressies."

Nathan will have a great ability to be able to relate to members in the playing side, both older and younger. His experience of over 120 matches for the Club and also still being only in his mid 20s gives him a good point of relatability for all of his players. "As captain, I plan to be fun, easy going and supportive of each player's goals for the season but I also want us to come together as a team and be successful for the club."

Nathan has taken 121 wickets for the Marlins, while scoring 2 centuries, making him one of the best rounders in Reserve Grade. Walker will lead the side in their first preseason match on the 17th of September against Marist Suburbs.

## CAPTAINCY APPOINTMENTS 2022/23

Premier: Matt Golding

2nd XI: Nathan Walker

3rd XI: Bradley Fox

4th XI: Bevan Warnsbrough

5th XI: Matt Tustin

# THE STORY OF THE PORT BURNIE BELL



**'PORT BURNIE' IN ALL HER GLORY**

In 1968 the Mount Maunganui Cricket Club gained a left arm fast bowler from Cornwall Cricket Club, named David Andersen. His 5 games of first class cricket had hardered him to become one of the best club bowlers in the country, and little did people know, he was about to go on and add 13 honors board performances for the Marlins. The reason for his move to the sunny Mount was to work as manager of Mount Maunganui Customs Agency, Which was part of the Owens Group- founded by Mount Maunganui Batsman, RPO Drysdale's Grandfather, Sir Bob Owens. In 2019 David kindly donated a gold bell which was used on the vessel 'The Port Burnie. The Port Burnie was owned by Port Line Ltd in England and was one of several vessels chartered by Montreal Australia New Zealand lines (MANZ) which carried refrigerated cargo from Tasmania, New Zealand and Canada.

David Recalls how he come in possession of the bell- "The master of the ship became a good friend [to me] when the Port Burnie called into Mount Maunganui. He was an avid cricket fan, and with the Ashes tour going on in Australia, we had many drinking bets during that summer. It was quite the dynamic with my Australian background, and him being English. I had just moved into a new house in the Mount, and he gave me the Port Burnie's gangway bell for the front door of our house."

Since then David has had a change of plans for the Port Burnies bell.

"With the attaining of our new clubhouse at MMCC, I thought it would be appropriate to give it to the club to use, the way it's used at Lords, to signal the start of play.

It's a valuable piece of memorabilia, and I hope that the club will treasure it as much as I have."

The Ringing of the five-minute bell at Lords has become a fairly recent tradition for the 'home of Cricket'. Introduced in 2007, the invite to ring the bell at Lords has quickly become an honor. The list of respected figures to have rang the bell reads like a who's who of the cricketing world with many former international captains and greats having rung the bell to signal five minutes until the beginning of play.

With the generosity and great thinking of David, the MMCC looks forward to implementing a similar tradition at Blake park. We can't wait to hear the gorgeous chime of the Port Burnie bell for the first time when we take on Marist Suburbs in the annual pre-season 'Kaimais cup' fixture. It would only be appropriate that we ask David himself to come and ring the bell for the first time, so on that note, David has agreed to come along to Blake Park, on the 17th September, and give the Port Burnie bell a ring 5 minutes before the start of play, which is also the moment we will consider our pavillion officially open.



**DALE SWAN, DAVID ANDERSEN AND CHRIS ATKINSON  
(NEARLY 1000 WICKETS FOR THE MMCC,  
BOLWING LEFT ARMERS!)**

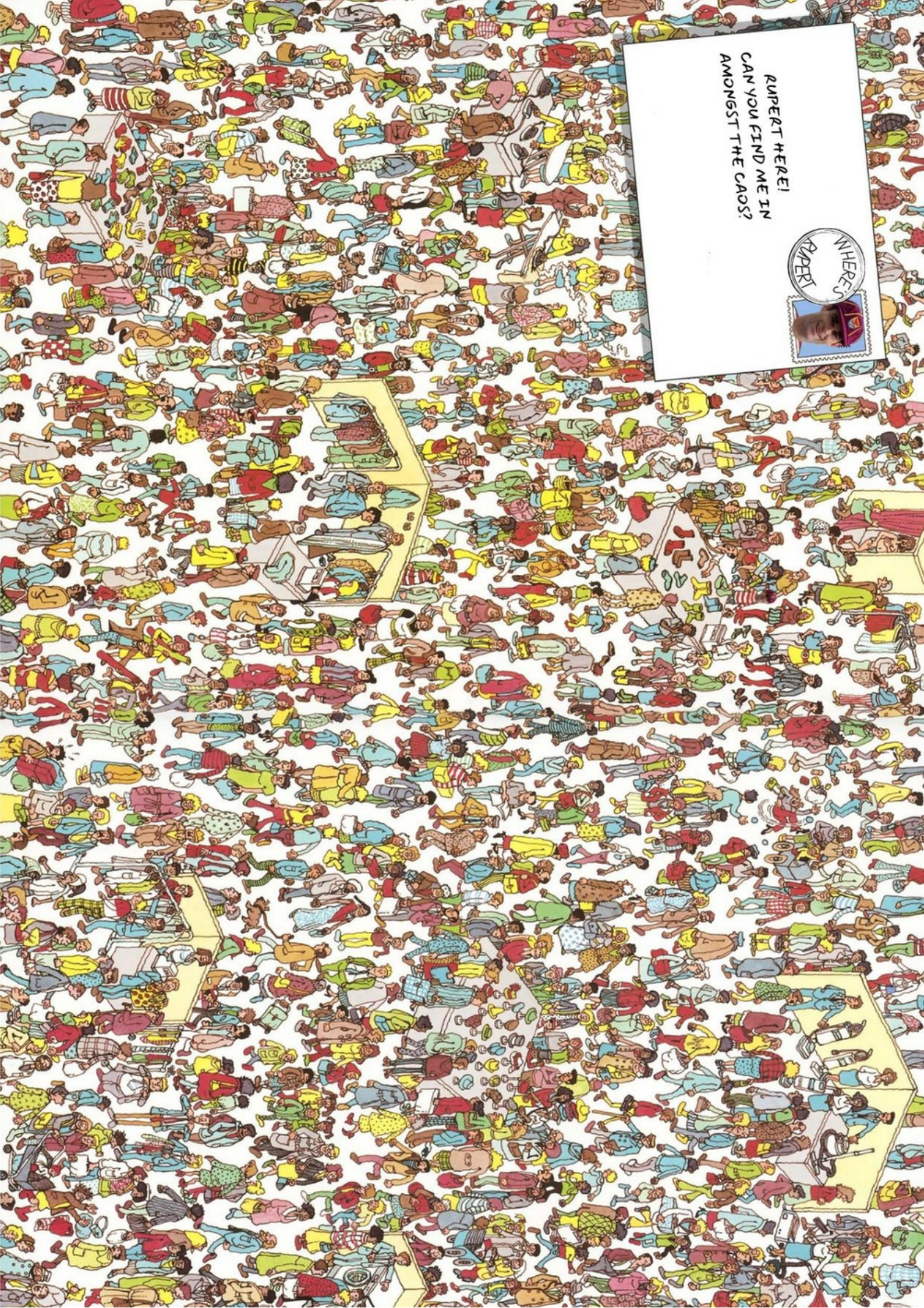


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AMONGST THE CAOS?





# STRIKE ZONE

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## BRAINTEASER



FORREST LEFT HOME RUNNING. HE RAN A WAYS AND THEN TURNED LEFT, RAN THE SAME DISTANCE AND TURNED LEFT AGAIN, RAN THE SAME DISTANCE AND TURNED LEFT AGAIN. WHEN HE GOT HOME, THERE WERE TWO MASKED MEN. WHO WERE THEY?

ANSWER

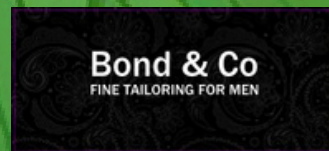
THE CATCHER AND THE UMPIRE.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I DON'T ASK KATHY TO FACE MICHAEL HOLDING. SO I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD BE CHANGING NAPPIES."

- IAN BOTHAM ON FAMILY LIFE

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