

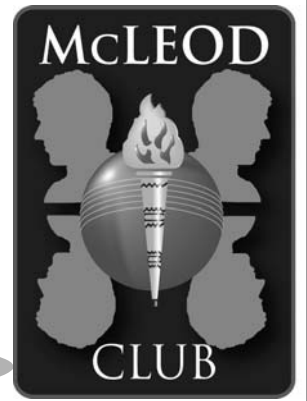
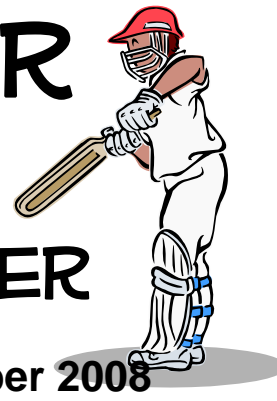


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Set to go for Round One!

After a series of practice matches and weeks of pre-season training the first official round of the 2008-09 APS season is upon us. The first XI have, up until last weeks hiccup against Geelong Grammar, been in solid form and feel well prepared for the season that lies ahead. Under the guidance of John Murphy and John Prior the squad has worked hard and is now eagerly anticipating the significant challenge that will surely be provided by Melbourne Grammar this Saturday. The match will be played on Scotch's Main oval which has been magnificently prepared and looks an absolute picture. Both teams can expect perfect ground conditions, the only variable may be Melbourne's weather with showers forecast. We hope to see a large and enthusiastic crowd in attendance from 10:00am onwards to support the boys as they seek to get their season off to the best possible start. **GO SCOTCH!!**

Coach Lines up for Eighth APS Season

Senior coach of the First XI again this season is John Murphy. John has very capably nurtured the best cricketers in the school over the last seven seasons and enjoyed significant success. He was a very talented cricketer in his younger days opening with both bat and ball! At one stage he earned selection in a state youth squad indicating the ability he possessed. He has an impressive coaching resume having served as an assistant with district side Fitzroy/Doncaster and more recently filled a significant coaching role with sub district side Monash. John encourages boys in his care to work hard to develop their talents and places great emphasis on the importance of team spirit. He enjoys imparting the benefit of his considerable experience and preparing a team that will represent the school in the best possible way.



'08-9 Leadership Group

Captain of the First XI this season will be Jamie Macmillan (centre) ably supported by Ayrton Eldridge (left) and Sam Muttdon. All three boys have leadership experience either with teams in lower levels during previous seasons or in Ayrton's case during an overseas tour. Jamie was Vice Captain of the first XI last season. The three boys enjoy a close and supportive friendship and together they will play an instrumental role in the season ahead. Perhaps more than in most sports the captain and his deputies in a cricket team are responsible for important onfield decisions and for maintaining the focus of the entire team. We wish the confident trio well for the new season.

Talented youngster makes impressive debut!

After arriving at Scotch from Brisbane earlier this year Tom Kerr of year nine was keen for the cricket season to commence to demonstrate his skill. Tom has been an avid cricketer for many years and when the first match came along last Saturday he made the most of his opportunity. Playing for the 10As Tom contributed 100 n.o. in a dominant display of confident batting helping his team to the commanding total of 3/203. As if that wasn't enough he then took the ball in the field and proceeded to claim 3 wickets for a mere 8 runs! Tom helped his team to record a crushing 79 run win over St. Kevins and in the process stamped himself as a player to watch in the future. It may be difficult for Tom to repeat the feats of this opening game during the rest of the season, setting such a high standard early on can lead to huge expectations. However, he seems very level-headed and there is no indication that his early success will become a burden. His coach Mr. Collins was genuinely impressed and remains confident that there are more runs and wickets ahead!



Match Reports—Saturday 8th November

First XI

In the Scotch 1st XI final practice match against Geelong Grammar, Scotch won the toss and elected to bat. Scotch's top order struggled, falling to 5/37, but some good batting by Gene van den Broek, scoring 34 put some respectability back into the score line, and the final two batsmen, Sam Muttton and Max van den Broek put on Scotch's highest partnership to get the score to 117 all out in the 48th over. In the field, Scotch was unable to stop Geelong winning, but Ayston Eldridge's 2 for 20 off 8 overs, and other good performances holds them in good stead for their first game on Saturday against Melbourne Grammar on the Main Oval.

Second XI

Scotch won the toss and batted. A loss of 2 early wickets saw us struggling, but Foskey (36) held the innings together, despite 2 costly run outs. We were 2 for 77 at the half way mark. A fighting match-winning knock from Wittle of 69 pulled the innings together and Palazzo with a hard hitting 41 saw us finish the 50 overs with a respectable 202. St Kevins started badly with Captain, Sinclair breaking through with 2 early wickets. He again led from the front and broke a threatening partnerships with a direct hit run out and a great catch to complement his bowling of 3 for 34 from 9 overs. All players bowled after it became apparent that the game was in hand and they finally were all out for 169.

10As

After Harry Phillip chased one outside off stump and was taken with a sharp diving catch at second slip. A great partnership followed between Tom Kerr and Rupert Wills (136 runs partnership) set up Scotch for a very good total. Both batsmen built their innings sensibly placing the ball and running quick ones and twos. Tom Kerr put on a great display of cutting square of the wicket and Rupert played some good attacking strokes. Rupert was bowled on 49 trying to force runs. Tom brought up his 100 well supported by Levi and was retired. Tim Bate pushed the ball around and ran smartly between the wickets. Levi missed a ball that hit his front pad and hit the stumps. Harry Short only had a short time to bat and smashed a long six to bring up Scotch's 200. A great start was made with Sam Starkins bowling the St. Kevin's opening bat with a full late moving delivery. Harry Short followed up with a ball that trapped the left hander in front with the score 2/5. A partnership of 50 runs was broken by Lachlan Smyth who got the opener LBW for 36. Then Tom Kerr took hold of the ball and bowled with venom and was on a hat trick! The score 5/67, Tom's figure is 3/8. Rupert Wills bowled well completing a great double (like his batting partner) of 2/17. Everyone got to bowl at least 4 overs. Ed Furey kept and captained well (3 catches and a run out assist from a Levi King's throw). Sam Starkins took a good catch.

9As

The 9A s commenced the 2008-9 season with a close match against St Kevins. Winning the toss we elected to bat on a slightly rain affected wicket. A strong opening by Will McCraw and Peter Massarrany saw us get to 25 before Peter was dismissed for 7. A number of small, but significant, partnerships saw us reach 8/185 off our allotted 50 overs. It was very pleasing that we reached our main goal of batting out the 50 overs and that all partnerships lasted 5 overs as a minimum. There is no doubt that the batting highlight was Will McCraw's 80. Will batted very sensibly, keeping out the good ones and hitting the not so good ones hard. One area that we need to work on is consolidating our starts. Many batsmen got themselves in but got out when they were reasonably settled. Our bowling and fielding was also positive. The load was shared, but Seb Armstrong's early control (1/10 off 6.3 overs) was instrumental in putting us in a winning position. Nick Wood's run out of their leading batsman was also a highlight. We need to keep working hard, as it was clear that our bowling and fielding dropped off as the afternoon progressed. We had a number of opportunities to 'seal the deal' but weren't able to land the final blow on a number of occasions. Overall, it was a promising start. St. Kevins were bowled out for 167.

8As

The first match of the season started with an interesting angle to it. We were playing the Brighton Grammar 9A's! Losing the toss and being sent in to bat on a rather soggy synthetic wicket on the Rugby Oval, the innings began slowly. George McMahon held the innings together with a fine 37 before being retired. Jack Billings with 16 and Will Hays with an important 25 brought the final total to 7/114 from 30 overs. The Scotch bowlers began well and with Ed Von Moger and Will Hays applying plenty of pressure, had the Brighton batsmen well contained at 0/18 from 12 overs. In the end, Brighton had some big hitters who brought them to victory with 6 overs to spare. The boys should be commended for a strong showing against a team from the age group above. Well Done!