

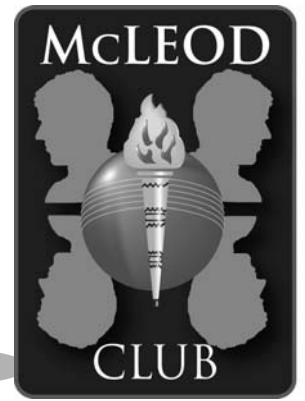
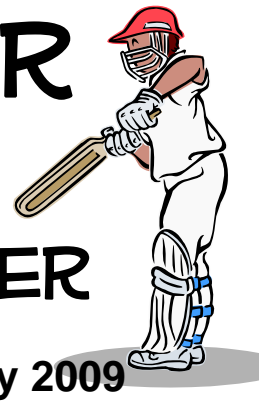


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Looking to get back on the Winners List!

After a narrow loss to Xavier last Friday the first XI is looking towards its encounter with Geelong College this week with a determination to record another win in the APS season. Back on home turf should be an advantage as the boys from GC will have the challenge of the road trip on both Friday and Saturday to contend with. Geelong College's record this season is not great but Scotch can ill afford a complacent attitude going into the game. A number of players have been struggling for consistency this season and need a solid performance in this fixture to consolidate their own place and more importantly to give the team a general boost in confidence as the season nears the half way point. All followers of Scotch cricket are encouraged to come out to support the team this weekend as they take to the renewed Main Oval through Friday afternoon and then into Saturday.

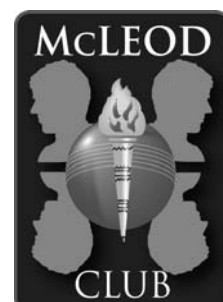
Last weekend's round of matches were abandoned apart from the first XI who played out a one day game on the Friday. As it turned out this proved to be a wise decision given the oppressive conditions that prevailed on the Saturday. No doubt Scotch teams will be eager to get out on the paddock this weekend to put the skills they have been working on in practice for the past two weeks into effect under match conditions. We wish all teams and coaches well!

Match report: Scotch vs Xavier

After a full schedule over the last couple of weeks, the Scotch 1st XI had an important limited overs game last Friday against Xavier. After being sent in, Xavier started very well reaching 1/52 off 13 overs. But Scotch's bowling through the middle order was fantastic, Tom Sinclair was yet again busy with the ball, taking 3 wickets, and a fantastic spell of 6 overs including 3 maidens by Max van den Broek saw him finish with figures of 1/25 off 10. The final wicket partnership of 30 steered Xavier to what seemed like a score just under par, at 9/183. Needing a little more than 3.5 runs per over, Scotch's openers made starts but failed to capitalise once again. We lost 2/14 in 11 overs, which increased the run rate required significantly. Four more players made between 15 and 30, which has been a figure that will need to be converted into big score for the rest of the season. Max van den Broek gave Scotch every opportunity to win with 28 off 35, but the lower order again had too much work to do, Scotch being bowled out for 158, still with 4 overs to make 26. It was a case of close, but not close enough for Scotch, although they will have a chance to redeem themselves in what should be their first 2-day game at home this week.

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Introducing the Second XI

The Second XI are coached by veteran Leigh McGregor and Mark Rivett. Leigh has been a stalwart of Scotch cricket for more years than he might care to remember. His astute knowledge of the game and rapport with the boys make a significant contribution to the team's development. Mark has joined Leigh this season and made an instant impact, he too enjoys a positive relationship with the boys and possesses a keen determination to impart to the boys in the team his own brand of enthusiasm and will to win. Mark and Leigh are evolving into a solid combination each complementing the other and together helping to shape and develop the skills of the boys in the second XI squad.

The team has enjoyed mixed success thus far this season with a 50% win/loss ratio. Consistency is a key to more improved performances and this Saturday against Caulfield they are hoping for solid return from each member of the team. Sam Shearer has been the stand out performer this season with both bat and ball and is surely putting increasing pressure on those in the first XI. Another strong performance this week will make him hard to ignore, particularly if the firsts stumble again. Others to make an impression include opening batt Matt Foskey and Ed Barbour who has also displayed solid all round skill. There are many other contributors in a squad that plays with great spirit and is sure to record more good results as the season progresses.



With this bowling action it is just as well Matt Foskey is a batsman!



Sam Shearer in action at the nets, the leading wicket taker for the Second XI this season.



Ed Barbour, solid in defence, has been a good contributor with bat and ball this season.