



## Fantasy League ~ Gameweek Eight

### The Postman starts the New Year with a bang but topped by Fast Eddie in Metro Cup surprise

A Round filled with T20 matches is always a promise of low scoring for Managers, so Team selections are always crucial.

In **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**, Greg Mail led from the front with a welcome return to the century list supported by 2 wickets, aided in the demolition of Campbelltown. Figuring in an opening partnership of 150+ with Moran, who also captured wickets in the Campbelltown innings, more than just one Manager breathed a sigh of relief.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** took the points in back to back T20 wins, again coming tantalisingly close to a Bonus Point. The star at Uni 1 was Tom Kierath who, in a true Captain's display, with an unbeaten 48, then showed why he was the winner of the Eric McElhone Fielding Trophy a few years ago with a wicket, a catch and a run-out to strangle the life out of the Ghosts. It was also pleasing to see Nigel Cowell firing again with a 3 wicket haul.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** all suffered disappointing losses. There weren't many highlights here, but of note was the fact that in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade the old and young came together. Simon Cowan, the oldest member of the team, scored 53 points, while Alex Toomey, the youngest member of the team returned 56 points. Ben Peacock, returning to the Club, donned the gloves to record a clean sheet and return 75 points for Managers.

You had to go in the opposite direction to Balmoral if you wanted to score points. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** saw the return from injury of Tim Croft. Steve Green, captaining the side elects to give the gloves to "Fast Eddy" Lewis. What is it with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade wicket-keepers? In the past weeks Michael "Whisper" Barwick has been keeping and scoring centuries with the bat. This week it was Fast Eddy's turn. 81 not out, slightly stained sheet, 4 catches and 2 stumpings to return 181 points to Managers. And he is valued at the bargain basement figure of 5. There are quite a few players valued at twice that who haven't delivered this season. No doubt his value will be going up!

On Sunday, the PG side had a disappointing loss to St. George. The best performer was Brendan Pryke with 82 points, but there was scant return from the batsmen.

So, after all that, this week saw a newcomer to the Winners Circle. **Puma Pants** (787) have outscored the heavyweights **Milfy's Men** (769) and **The Defending Premiers** (766) while **Foxy's Freeloaders** were only a handful of points away on 759.

Overall, **Milfy's Men** have found their legs and starting to pull away. There are only 100 points or so between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Dream Team @ Gameweek 8 is headed by The Postman who has cracked the 1,000 point barrier. Close behind him are fellow All Rounders Liam Robertson (984) and Rob Edwards (820).

The best of the Batsmen are Dave Miller (705), Brendan Pryke (549), Michael Barwick (541), Scott Henry (527), Henry Clark (507), and Alex Barwick (506). No real surprises here when you consider that most of them also bowl and capture wickets.

Of the designated Bowlers, the best performer to date is Kerrod McPherson (549), Jim Kazaglis (491), Tim Ley (490), Charlie Cull (477), and the "Old Stager" Greg Metcalfe (392).

The Battle of the Glovemen is really getting hot. The Biscuit is in front with 738 points, but closing fast is Willy the Kid (726). In their wake are the Chick Magnet (673), the Ball Breaker (424), Fast Eddy (398) and The Kebab King (392).

A quick glance at the points and one might be left wondering how damn the Batsmen be scoring more when we have low-scoring games. The truth is that the Batsmen bowl and take wickets and the All-Rounders take wickets, which leaves only crumbs for the Bowlers.

Further justifies the decision to change the format of Fantasy teams to include only 3 mandatory bowlers.

### Player Values

I am in the process of reviewing point targets, ready to make the necessary changes, which I hope to have to you before Wednesday. I will send your updated Team Value along with the new Player Roster. Remember that you can make changes to your team selection at any time now. Any changes you make have to be within your Total Points Value and take effect from Saturday morning prior to the first ball bowled.

## Gameweek 9 Preview

50 over games against Penrith across the 5 Grades

1<sup>st</sup> Grade play at Howell Oval. A happy hunting ground for the Club in recent years, this should be a points feast.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade play host at Uni 1. With Chris Withers back in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and looking good after his hitout against Campbelltown, expect some fireworks when he takes on his old mates. In tandem with Nigel and Josh and backed by the spin twins TK and the wily Keshar, big things are expected here.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade travel up the M4 to Cook Park. They have not had an enjoyable return in recent years, especially in 50 over games, so let's hope for a turnaround on Saturday.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade are sitting on top of the Table, and with Pete Murray back at the helm, there is the possibility of Bonus Points.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade also travel up the M4 to Rance, so here's hoping for not too much jet lag.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade play 50 over game v Western Suburbs at St. Paul's. It doesn't seem to matter whether Croft or Green lead. They have enjoyed an amazing first half of the season. 9 games with 8 wins (they had a washout in Rd.1). And 4 maybe 6 Bonus Points as well. At any other Club these guys would be a strong 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Other teams play them hoping to minimise the loss.

## Head-to-Head

### Gameweek 9

	Team	V	Team
Division A	4		The Battlers
	Defending Premiers' XI		Outswing XI
	Robbo's Rebels		Puma Pants
	Pete Murray and the Exhibits		Average
Division B	Shazzams		TK's XI
	5		The Joyriders
	McLovin		Milfy's Men
	2		6
Division C	The Bulldogs		Kermit's XII
	Gravy XI		Foxy's Freeloaders
	The Jeffy's		Sauce's Stars
	Ray Caparis' Glovework		Muddy's Pie Choppers

This week is the final week to impress before the Play-offs begin in Gameweek 10. Each Division is still open for the taking.

### Milestone update

- **Tim Croft's** next wicket will be his 400<sup>th</sup> for the Club and the wicket after that will put him at 7<sup>th</sup> on the All-time List alongside John Grimble;
- **Michael Culkoff** needs 2 wickets for his 350<sup>th</sup>. And 8 wickets to break into the top 10 All-Time;
- **Ian Moran's** innings on Saturday took him past the 8000 run target. He now has 8019. And he has also taken his 300<sup>th</sup> wicket, sitting now on 307;
- **Greg Mail** is just 112 runs shy of 7000 and 5 wickets shy of 150;
- **Adam Theobald** needs only 29 to go past 6000;
- **Ash Cowan** needs 32 runs to score his 4000; and
- **Mark Faraday** is 160 runs off 4000.

### Advanced Notice

Australia Day will see SUCC host Eastern Suburbs in the T20 Final. Easts have import Monty Panesar, who has been bowling exceptionally in the lead-up games. That game will be included in the Gameweek 11 scoring. There will be a chance for Managers to gain some insight in Gameweek 10 when 1<sup>st</sup> Grade play Easts at Uni 1 on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> in a 50 over game.

Good Luck!

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## Gameweek 8 Score Update

Manager	Team	8	Total	Jan progress
Brown, Kyle	<i>Shazzams</i>	553	5553	553
<b>Crowley, James</b>	<i>Gravy XI</i>	670	7358	670
Toyer, Josh	<i>Pete Murray and the Exhibits</i>	609	6181	609
Moran, Ian	<i>Battlers</i>	652	6844	652
<b>Miller, Dave</b>	<i>Milfy's Men</i>	769	7515	769
<b>Culkoff, Michael</b>	<i>Outswing XI</i>	453	7047	453
<b>Mudie, Faon</b>	<i>Muddy's Pie Choppers</i>	648	7385	648
Jeffery, Danielle	<i>The Jeffy's</i>	537	6035	537
<b>Joy, Ben</b>	<i>The Joyriders</i>	713	7091	713
Lewis, Ed	<i>Sauce's Stars</i>	540	5227	540
Murray, Pete	<i>Ray Caparis' Glovework</i>	585	6136	585
Somerville, Will	<i>Puma Pants</i>	787	6585	787
Foxall_Michael	<i>Foxy's Freeloaders</i>	757	6467	757
<b>Crowley, Denis</b>	<i>Bulldogs</i>	597	6092	597
<b>Theobald, Adam</b>	2	589	6178	589
Kierath, Tom	3	724	6562	724
Cowan, Ash	4	676	6379	676
Edwards, Rob	5	470	6113	470
Trevett, Will	6	457	6162	457
<b>Robertson, Liam</b>	<i>Robbo's Rebels</i>	654	6973	654
Ley, Tim	<i>McLovin</i>	628	6088	628
Larkin, Nick	<i>Defending Premier's XI</i>	766	7272	766
<b>Green, Steve</b>	<i>Kermit's XII</i>	700	6765	700
	Average	632	6522	
Leaders	Weekly	Somerville		
	Overall	Miller		

## Head-to-Head Competition.

### Gameweek 8 Results

	Team	Pts	Res	Team	Pts
Division A	4	676	def by	Defending Premiers' XI	766
	Outswing XI	453	def by	The Battlers	652
	Robbo's Rebels	654	def	Pete Murray and the Exhibits	609
	Average	632	def by	Puma Pants	787
Division B	Shazzams	553	def by	The Joyriders	713
	5	470	def by	TK's XI	724
	McLovin	628	def	2	589
	Milfy's Men	769	def	6	457
Division C	The Bulldogs	597	def by	Foxy's Freeloaders	757
	Gravy XI	670	def by	Kermit's XII	700
	The Jeffy's	537	def by	Muddy's Pie Choppers	648
	Ray Caparis' Glovework	585	def	Sauce's Stars	540

Progress points are:

	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Pts
Division A	The Battlers	6	3		3	6
	Defending Premiers' XI	6	3		3	6
	Outswing XI	6	4		2	8
	Pete Murray and the Exhibits	6	3		3	6
	Puma Pants	6	2		4	4
	Robbo's Rebels	6	5		1	10
	Unknowns 4	6	2		4	4
	Average	6	2		4	4
Division B	The Joyriders	6	4		2	8
	McLovin	6	4		2	8
	Milfy's Men	6	5		1	10
	Shazzams	6	1		5	2
	TK's XI	6	3		3	6
	Unknowns 2	6	1		5	2
	Unknowns 5	6	4		5	8
	Unknowns 6	6	2		4	4
Division C	The Bulldogs	6	1		5	2
	Foxy's Freeloaders	6	3		3	6
	Gravy XI	6	4		2	8
	Kermit's XII	6	4		2	8
	Ray Caparis' Glovework	6	2		4	4
	Muddy's Pie Choppers	6	5		1	10
	Sauce's Stars	6	2		4	4
	The Jeffy's	6	3		3	6