



# *Pharmacy Cricket*

## **Blues v Golds**

**Shore School Grounds Northbridge**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

*The Blues win in a dramatic finish.*



*The Blues & Golds*

The opening match of the Pharmacy Cricket season produced a game only scripted in heaven. Bright sunshine and the best ground, all was set to produce a game that was won on the second last ball of the day.

The Golds batting first scored a total of 174 in their 40 overs. Chris Georges retired not out 41 and Danny Huynh retired at the obligatory 40. Mark Sheppard with 34 and David Jogia with 16 helped to produce a competitive total.

The Blues despite having two fast opening bowlers Will Clayton & Graeme Cameron who each took only one wicket, the bowling honours for the Blues went to Nick Bennie 2 for 29 and Andrew McLachlan 2 for 33.

A great BBQ lunch under the trees provided by chefs Binh & Jason Luu ensured the players were well fed and enjoyed by all.

The Blues had a good start losing their first wicket at 44 with opener Nathan Blackmore batting on to retire on 43. Adrian Sobol 12, Nick Bennie 17 and Brenton Hart with 18 helped to move the score to take the Blues to 4 for 101. Wickets then fell with the Blues

losing four wickets with the addition of only 10 runs, including two ducks, one being a 'Golden Duck'. Taking the score to 7 for 113, victory to the Golds was well in sight. Not so. Captain Anthony BouAntoun coming in at number 10 set about a determined innings of 33, testing the players on the boundary to stop his hitting four 4's and was supported by Andrew McLachlan who remained not out with 17. Golds captain Christian Hernandez with regular field settings did his best to stop the flow of runs.

However with BouAntoun's dismissal the Blues were not yet home. At 9 for 164 and the last batsman out, Nathan Blackmore having retired, was able to resume his innings. Supported by Andrew McLachlan, Blackmore held out opening bowlers Chris Georges and Michael Holt to tie the scores. Two balls left for the innings, with Blackmore facing, he let fire with a lofted drive over midwicket for a four.

**A win to the Blues!**

For the Golds, the two fast opening bowlers Chris Georges and Michael Holt despite a strong effort off their 8 overs each, could only take one wicket. Christian Hernandez with 3 for 33, Jason Luu with 2 for 25 and Andrew Hakeem with 2 for 40 were the best of the Gold's bowlers. Of the 15 games played since 2000, the Blues captained by Anthony BouAntoun have won the last seven. A unique performance.

Professor Andrew McLachlan, well known media personality and renowned academic, was awarded 'Man of the Match'. His two sons Tim and Nick joined their Dad, one playing in each team.

A wonderful way to start the season with all involved saying it was a great day, with wonderful fellowship and an outstanding match.

*'Pharmacy Cricket is indeed alive and well'*



**The Toss**



**Man of the Match**



**The Trophy is won again**

