



Pharmacy Cricket

Bradman Oval Bowral

Saturday 18th April 2015

An Extraordinary Cricket match



President's XI v Invitation XI

This being the last match of the season, we were determined it should be played, especially as Bradman Oval was the place.

The possibility of rain caused some doubt, however all was well and the rain held off.

On arriving early at the ground, we were impressed to see the ground staff at work preparing the wicket and the ground in such a way as to consider it was the equivalent to what we would have expected to see at the Sydney Cricket Ground before a Test match.

It was disappointing that many of our members were not available due to the day being a Saturday with work, weddings, family commitments, injury etc. We were fortunate to be able to have some of the local lads to ensure we had two full teams.

Under cloud cover and a light breeze the match came to a conclusion that we have never before experienced.

The last two batsmen for the President's team needed to score 50 runs to win the match. This seemed an impossible task. Pharmacists Chris Georges and Binh Luu were to achieve the impossible. With patience and good cricket they scored the required runs. A win to the President's team or so we thought. The players put the covers back over the wicket for a game the next day, the umpires removed the stumps and the teams started to return to the pavilion. Suddenly the scorer called out **WAIT ! Why we thought. Again WAIT! Wait for what we said. The answer 'The total is four runs short' ! Shock horror.**

A quick conference decided that a result should be determined as there was just over an over left. The covers were removed the stumps placed back and the game resumed. The Invitation team hoping, no doubt, they could still win the match. Georges and Luu had to face their moment of truth. In the best spirit of true cricketers and pharmacists they achieved the runs required.

The President's Team claimed they had won the match twice!

We have had several very close results since we restarted Pharmacy Cricket at Bradman

Oval in April 2000, never had we played a match with such a unique conclusion.

The match saw an opening partnership for the Invitation team of 72 by Will Clayton 24

and NicDevitt, who had to retire on 40 resuming his innings later. Wickets then fell

regularly for the Invitation team to be 6 for 117. Of the remaining batsmen Brenton Hart

scored 26 and Devitt returned to finish with 41 not out for the Invitation team to conclude

their innings to be 9 for 159. Oliver Cheatle had the best figures of the bowlers with 3 for

35.

The President's team had a poor start and were 2 for 23. Hayden Kerr with 32 and David

Jogia with 39 moved the score along to be 5 for 84. Two ducks and good bowling by

Brenton Hart held the President's team to 9 for 106. Victory to the Invitation XI seemed

assured, but the partnership by Georges not out 27 and Luu not out 21 saved the day.

Brenton Hart had the best bowling figures of 4 for 21 off his 8 overs

and was unlucky not to be named 'Man of the Match' when added to his 26 runs.

The 'Man of the Match' was awarded to Nic Devitt who having opened the innings

remained 41 not out.

It was pleasing to have the General Manager Justin Rolls and representative Nicky

Benning of Amneal, the most recent sponsor of Pharmacy Cricket, attend the match

with their families.

'Long live Pharmacy Cricket'



'Man of the Match'
Nic Devitt



President's Team captain
Anthony BouAntoun with the
Match Trophy



'Player of the Season' Medal
Presented to Anthony
BouAntoun

