



# HEAT MATCH REPORTS

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## Round 11 - Heat defeat Panthers in a thriller!

Frankston Peninsula took fantastic momentum into the two week Christmas break, with the firsts, thirds and fourths all securing victory against Dandenong on Saturday at Jubilee Park.

The action on the Butler Oval in the firsts was nail biting for both sides, with the Heat able to defend their modest total of 6/144 by restricting the Panthers to 7/143 off their 20 overs to win by one run.

Dandenong went into the last over requiring 12 runs to win with big hitters James Pattinson and Brent Fairbanks at the crease. But when Pattinson was deceived by a rising slower ball from James Miller, wicket keeper David Nankervis quickly removed the bails to swing the equation back in favour of the Heat.

Requiring nine off the final three balls, Fairbanks struck a two through long on and then a three to deep backward square leg. Number nine batsman Lucas Light was then left to score four off the last ball to win, but could only manage a two from Miller's full delivery to long off.

This triggered jubilant scenes for the Heat, with players racing from their fielding positions to join Miller in celebration on the pitch. Finally the Heat had buried the demons of multiple close losses in the limited forms of the game in recent seasons, closing out this last ball thriller in a positive note.

The bowling group fought back well after encountering the initial onslaught of English import Alex Hales. Opening the batting, he powerfully struck 41 off 16 balls with five fours and two sixes. He scored from every ball of Scott Boland's over to commence the innings, to sit at 23\* off the first six balls.



The 1st XI is jubilant after the 1 run victory

Hales then struck debutant Tom Baron for 13 runs off the second over, to be 36 off 12 balls. Baron soon struck back in the fourth over, where quick and composed fielding in his follow through provided the run out to halt Hales' innings at 41, with the score at 1/44.

After conceding 2/85 off the opening 10 overs of the run chase, Dandenong were limited to 5/58 off the final 10 overs. Jack Benbow finished with amazing figures of 4/27 off four overs, bearing in mind he conceded 0/15 from his first over. Baron finished with an economic 1/25 off four overs including the crucial scalp of captain Darren Dempsey, while Miller showed class and composure in the final over to secure 1/27. Opener Tom Donnell top scored for the Panthers with 42 off 40 balls.

Earlier the Heat got away to a quick start after winning the toss, sending the big hitters in the side to the top of the order. Ricky Damiano (32 off 18 balls with six fours) and Chris Dew (24 off 16 balls) quickly moved the total to 1/29 when Dew was run out in the fourth over following a poor mix up.

Damiano used innovative stroke play to push the score with Miller, promoted to number three, to 2/67 in the seventh over before he chipped a delivery angled down the leg side to deep backward square leg for a simple catch.



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The Heat were then bogged down through the middle overs following the introduction of medium pace and spin bowling on a pitch that was slightly tacky following heavy overnight and morning rain. Dempsey and Donnell combined for 3/37 off their joint eight overs, helping to restrict the Heat to score only 4/47 from the ten overs up to over 16 where the total had moved to 5/110.

Sam Wiese, promoted back into the firsts following some strong Twenty20 performances in the seconds, then saw the Heat to the competitive but modest total of 6/144. Wiese finished at 31 not out off 26 balls, crucially striking three boundaries within the final eight balls of the innings to boost the total.

In the curtain raiser on Butler Oval, the seconds were unable to secure victory in a 12 over per side match that commenced an hour late due to morning rain. Sent in to bat first in damp conditions, Kierran Voelkl smashed the Heat to a great start with 26 off 13 balls. Voelkl departed with the score at 1/28, and from there the Heat lost regular wickets in pursuit of quick runs.

Luke Walker added 15 and Dale Elmi 11, however no other batsmen could produce a double figure total in the final score of 9/91 in the 12 available overs.

Dandenong (5/92) paced their innings well, however they still required 11 runs off the last over to be bowled by off spinner Glyn Trueman. A straight six from Rees Thomas lofted over the boundary from the second ball of the over reduced the equation to three runs off four balls. Opener Dylan Quirk then notched the winning runs off the second last ball, finishing 34 not out off 29 balls.

Voelkl added to his strong batting effort with an economical spell of leg spin with 2/14 off his three overs. Mitch Drummond, Chris McCormick and Dale Elmi also collected wickets for the Heat.

Playing the afternoon match on the Jubilee Park East Oval, the thirds comfortably recorded victory, winning by five wickets with three balls to spare. Dandenong won the toss and batted first, compiling 6/124 off 20 overs. Left arm spinner Ben Coleman obtained 1/9 from his three overs for the Heat, with Ben Ashkenazi, Rob Fisher and Matt Ryan also collecting wickets.

The run chase from the Heat (5/125 off 19.3 overs) was steered by the strong contribution of Victorian Under 17 player Michael Edwards (53), along with Coen Chernishoff (30) and Riley Shaw (23 not out).



The 3rd XI celebrate their victory

The fourths played the early match on the East Oval, where wet conditions limited the game to nine overs per side. The Heat won the toss and batted, scoring 6/70 from their nine over allocation. Captain Bart Hudgson opened the batting and smacked his way to a quick 43 off 25 balls with eight fours, dismissed with the score at 2/49. Luke Reid (9) and Pat Damen (8) then combined to take the total to 70.

In reply, Dandenong fourths could only manage 3/65 off their nine overs, providing a five run victory to the Heat. Brendan Jovic took 1/13 off two overs and Joel Reid captured 1/15 off two overs.



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Going into the Christmas Break after 11 rounds, Frankston Peninsula firsts sit 12<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, seven points away from the top eight. The seconds also sit 12<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, only four points from the top eight. The thirds sit in 8<sup>th</sup> position on 18 points, equal with Northcote in 5<sup>th</sup> position. The fourths are placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 22 points, equal with Fitzroy Doncaster in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

The final Twenty20 Round is scheduled for Saturday January 8 against Fitzroy Doncaster. The firsts will travel to Gippsland to take on the second placed Lions at Churchill in the annual country round. The match will commence at 2:30pm with a local A-Grade Twenty 20 match scheduled as a curtain raiser, with a local B-Grade match scheduled at 5pm as a twilight spectacle. The seconds and fourths will play on the main oval at Schramms Reserve in Doncaster, and the thirds will play at Butler Oval, Frankston.

With the Jubilee Park East Oval due for ground resurfacing in January, Frankston Peninsula will play remaining home third and fourth eleven fixtures from Round 13 onwards at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley.

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