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Round 13 - "Day of searing heat!"

Frankston Peninsula achieved a fantastic "day of searing heat" in Round 13, with all four grades recording victory against Hawthorn Monash University.

These matches were reduced to one-day fixtures on 22 January, following the amazing amount of rain that Premier Cricket venues received in the week leading up to Day 1 (Saturday 15 January).

The firsts won the toss and batted in the split innings match at Butler Oval, and from that moment on, it was hard to find a fault in their effort for the remainder of the day. The Heat posted an imposing 5/272 off their 45 overs before restricting the Hawks to 6/173 to notch a comprehensive 99 run victory.

Heat coach, Nick Jewell, reflected after the game to suggest the Heat played "almost a perfect game". "All the targets were just about met," he said.

This victory was the third in a row for the Heat, with all form lines looking good leading towards the longer form of the game – typically a strength for Frankston Peninsula. Jewell confirmed this saying "we're tracking nicely, we've got good momentum."

Openers Ricky Damiano and Ben Clements got the Heat off to a flying start, adding 46 runs for the opening partnership before Damiano spooned up a catch to the bowler in the seventh over. Damiano added an entertaining 31 off 24 balls, striking three boundaries into the leg side and four into the off side to display his ability to strike the ball to all parts of the ground.



Nick Jewell in total control of the innings

Clements (45 off 59 balls, 7 fours) and James Miller (40 off 38 balls) combined for a handy 59 run partnership with aggressive play to take the score to 2/110 at the 20 over change of innings mark.

Hawthorn Monash University started their innings cautiously, and soon found themselves in trouble at 2/15 following two quick wickets to James Miller. Dale Tormey and Craig Entwistle patiently went about rebuilding the innings as the Hawks finished their opening 20 over stint at 2/77, trailing by 33 runs at the lunch break.

The Heat resumed their innings after lunch from where they left off. The second stint of their innings was dominated by a controlling 120 run partnership for the fifth wicket between the experienced duo of Matt Chasemore and Nick Jewell. The partnership was easily the highest for any wicket so far this season.

With the third and fourth wickets falling at 139, both players came to the crease during the 26th over. However Jewell took the leading hand, notching his half century in the 37th over from only 39 balls, with Chasemore only 12* at that stage after feeding the strike to his partner.



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Jewell combined classic strokeplay to the boundary with deft touch, carefully nudging 22 singles into the gaps in the field. He was bowled in the penultimate over for a well made 70 (63 balls, 6 fours, 1 six) looking for more quick runs. Chasemore paced his innings well, adding 31 runs from his final 14 balls to build the imposing target score. He finished on 51 not out from 52 balls with 7 fours.

Requiring a further 196 runs at a required rate of 7.84 runs per over, the Hawks never really threatened in the run chase. Appearing content to just bat out the remaining 25 overs, the Hawks added 4/96 from their second stint.

Tormey anchored the innings with 78 off 124 balls, and was accompanied by Entwistle (35 off 62 balls) and Inglis (25 not out off 28 balls).

Miller was the best with the ball for the Heat, collecting an economical 3/18 off 9 overs. Victorian representative Jon Holland collected 2/47 off 11 overs and was complimented well by fellow left arm spinner Jack Benbow who took 1/22.

The seconds completed a total whitewash in their fixture at Monash University, Clayton. Batting first, Dale Elmi (34) and Chris Dew powered the side to 1/105 at the 20 over mark. The Hawks then struggled to 4/65 off their first 20 overs, conceding a lead of 45 runs to the Heat. Mitch Drummond and Tom Baron both struck twice with wickets in the opening period.

Dew and Leigh Lowry resumed the Heat innings and added 107 for the second wicket before Dew was dismissed LBW so close to his century (98 off 107 balls, 9 fours, 1 six). Lowry departed next for a well made 62 (67 balls, 7 fours), before Luke Walker (21 not out) and Glyn Trueman (16 not out) saw the innings to a close of 4/267 off 45 overs.



Chris Dew fell just short of his century, dismissed LBW for 98

Resuming at 4/65 requiring a further 203 runs at 8.12 runs per over, the Hawks could only last 14 overs into their second stint, as they lost 5/7 to be dismissed for only 86 in the 34th over to lose by 181 runs.

Baron excelled with the ball, collecting 5/30 off his 12 overs. Chris McCormick took a very economical 3/16 off 10 overs, while Drummond took 2/28. Arron Crawford delivered 0/10 off 4 overs in his return to the Heat for this season. Nathan Martin had a great day with the gloves, taking home five catches.

The thirds had a much closer fought match on the large ground of Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. This match was transferred from the Jubilee Park East Oval due to the ground renovation works that have now commenced.

Batting first, the Heat were dismissed in the 45th over for 10/182. Batting at number three, Brad McDonald took control of the innings to make 51 (4 fours). Useful batting from Sam Glenn (25) and Matt Ryan (21 not out) provided a partnership of 39 for the ninth wicket, which proved to be vital in the outcome of the match.



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The Hawks appeared on track in their run chase, sitting at 4/121. However a double breakthrough from Ryan and a wicket to Ben Coleman saw the Hawks suddenly fall to 7/125. Jaiswar (18) and Trytell (21) fought back to add 40 runs for the eighth wicket before the Hawks lost 3/1 to be dismissed 16 runs short at 10/166 in the 44th over.

The Heat had even contributions with the ball in the hard fought win, with Tom Collett (2/36), Matt Ryan (2/34), Ben Coleman (1/21), Rob Fisher (1/23) and Peter Sofra (1/27) all claiming useful wickets.

The fourths recorded a comfortable victory at the second oval at Monash University, Clayton. Batting first, the Heat notched a commanding total of 6/272 from 45 overs. Nathan Harford struck four boundaries opening the batting, before being caught for 62, continuing his recent good form.



Joel Wylie struck 9 fours and 3 sixes in his innings of 94

Joel Wylie and Robbie Salerni then added a valuable 96 runs for the fifth wicket when Salerni was caught for 33. Joel Wylie went on to smack a total of 9 fours and 3 sixes before finally being run out for 94.

Wylie received some luck during his innings, being dropped on the boundary on multiple occasions. Brett Hudgson (37 not out) and Pat Damen (15) wrapped up the innings, adding a quick unbroken 49 runs for the seventh wicket.

The Hawks proved difficult to dismiss, however they still fell 80 runs short at 5/192 after 45 overs. Junior Development Coach, David McClean made a comeback to the crease and collected the third wicket to fall. In an even bowling contribution, Matt Christy, Andrew Cowen, Nathan Cassano and Pat Damen also took a wicket each.

Assuming the wet weather doesn't reappear for the remainder of the season, the final four fixtures will be two day matches, returning to the red ball and white clothing. Round 14 will be played on Saturday 29 January and Sunday 30 January. The Heat will take on St Kilda, continuing a strong rivalry that has been built over prior seasons.

The firsts will play at Harry Trott Oval, South Melbourne, the seconds will play at Butler Oval, the thirds will be at Ross Gregory Oval, St Kilda, and the fourths will take on the Saints at Central Reserve # 2, Glen Waverley.

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---Glenn Davey

