



HEAT MATCH REPORTS



Extracted from:
frankpen.cricketvictoria.com.au
facebook.com/frankpenncc

Round 16 - Finals in reach for the Heat

Frankston Peninsula sit just three points out of the final eight with one regular season game remaining following a completely dominant performance over cellar dwellers North Melbourne.

Playing the first two day fixture since early December due to the frequency of rain and washouts in the past three months, this Saturday-Sunday match also didn't escape the wet weather. The firsts were forced to delay the start of play on Saturday by an hour due to heavy overnight rains, and morning drizzle removed the opening 50 minutes of play on Sunday.

Asked to bat first in damp conditions, Frankston Peninsula struggled to generate strong momentum through their innings. The damp conditions required application from batsmen to get themselves set, and launch from established platforms. However the Heat regularly gave away their wickets to halt partnerships just as they were ready to launch.



Ricky Damiano (18), Chris Dew (11) and James Miller (6) all departed early to leave the Heat positioned at 3/39. Dale Elmi came out swinging in the attempt to redirect the direction of the innings. After a quick 21, he too was on his way to leave the score at 4/68.

Matt Chasemore (62 off 150 balls) and Nick Jewell (27 off 62 balls) showed the required concentration and patience for the conditions to add 64 runs for the fifth wicket. When Chasemore was then caught with the score at 6/164, North Melbourne were raising their hopes of dismissing the Heat for less than 200.



The tail then combined to add a total of 95 runs from the final four partnerships, to put the total most likely out of reach of the struggling Kangaroos at 10/259 off 94 overs. The Heat were led by crucial late order innings from David Nankervis (64* off 127 balls), Darren Groves (17 off 54 balls) and Scott Boland (17 off 41 balls).

In reply, North Melbourne were never in the hunt after losing two wickets in the first two overs. By the 24th over, they had slumped to 7/48 (a similar to the effort to that of Prahran in Round 15) and an outright result was on the cards for the Heat.

Accurate, disciplined and patient bowling was displayed by the Heat attack, as Miller, Groves and Boland all wreaked havoc on the top order with useful swing and seam movement.

Former Frankston Peninsula bowler Romain Grenville (35 off 98 balls) and North Melbourne captain Chris Marantelli (13 off 91 balls) then went about a patient rescue mission where they looked to occupy the



financial services partners





HEAT MATCH REPORTS



Extracted from:
frankpen.cricketvictoria.com.au
facebook.com/frankpenncc

crease for as long as possible to halt the flow of wickets.

After numerous deliveries that were flashed at without finding an edge during the partnership, Grenville was finally removed by a direct hit run out following a sharp piece of fielding by Jack Benbow at square leg. After adding 52 for the eighth wicket, the score was now 8/100.

Miller quickly wrapped up the tail as North Melbourne were bowled out for 10/118 off 55.5 overs to provide the Heat with a spacious margin of 141 runs which allowed the Heat to enforce the follow on.



Miller finished up with amazing bowling figures of 5/17 off 13.5 overs. He was ably supported by Groves (2/19 off 11 overs) and Boland (2/34 off 14 overs).

In their follow on, the Kangaroos didn't get off too such a bad start. Opener Tim Robertson completed a pair of ducks for the match though, but it took 31 balls and 36 minutes until he was finally caught behind with the score on 1/14.

Shane McNamara (24 off 75 balls) and Josh Dearing (22) fought out a partnership of 28 for the second wicket, looking to fight off the threat of an outright result.

However Chris McCormick (4/5 off 7 overs) then stepped up with an amazing spell of bowling that saw North Melbourne loose 5/9

to all of a sudden be 6/51 with just over five overs remaining. All of McCormick's wickets were caught, as he found ways to entice the batsmen into loose shots.

North Melbourne were able to see out the remaining overs through Richard Stokes and Grenville to finish at 6/64 off 31 to prevent an outright result that would've been very useful in propelling the Heat into the top eight.

The seconds were sent in to bat at Central Reserve #1, and were soon in trouble in the challenging conditions. Unable to handle deliveries popping up from the damp pitch, the Heat lost 5/3 to be reeling at 5/11.

The innings didn't improve from there as the Heat lost 3/5 in the middle order to be 8/25. Tom Baron was the last man out just after lunch with the innings stuck at 10/40 off 29.5 overs. No batsmen took their innings into double figures with Kierran Voelkl and Ben Ashkenazi sharing the top score of 8. Opening bowler Trent Waring was the main destroyer for North Melbourne, taking 6/24 in an unchanged spell.

North Melbourne passed the first innings target with the loss of only two wickets. Their innings was not outstanding but did enough for the victory, as the Kangaroos were bowled out for 10/128 early on Day Two. Spin bowlers Luke Walker (4/25 off 21 overs) and Voelkl (4/42 off 14.4 overs) got the job done for the Heat.

Following a lengthy rain delay, Frankston Peninsula worked to 4/99 off 56 overs in their second innings before early stumps were taken. Leigh Lowry (25) and Luke Walker (23*) were the top scorers. Still on 19 points, the Heat remain in 15th position and out of finals contention.



financial services partners





HEAT MATCH REPORTS



Extracted from:
frankpen.cricketvictoria.com.au
facebook.com/frankpenncc

Frankston Peninsula thirds got away to an awkward start after being sent into bat at Central Reserve # 2. Despite top order contributions from Coen Chernishoff (26) and Ben Coleman (14), the Heat were struggling at 7/64.

Jason Wylie (38) combined with Rob Fisher (36) to add a useful 26 runs for the ninth wicket. Fisher then combined with Leroy Haines (24*) to add a crucial 55 runs for the last partnership, which proved the difference in the match. It was a very entertaining and innovative partnership to watch, as the score reached 10/167 off 81 overs.

North Melbourne got away to the worst possible start to their run chase, losing both opening batsmen without a score on the board. The middle order recovered to take the total to 6/72. However a 70 run victory was secured for the Heat when the Kangaroos lost their last three wickets for one run to be bowled out for 10/97 off 58 overs.



Guest speaker at the Heat in the Kitchen Luncheon - Andrew Rule, the author of the Underbelly series

Tom Collett was the dominant strike bowler for the Heat, taking 4/31 off 17 overs, including 8 no balls. Fisher added to his batting effort by also capturing 2/20 off 13 overs. Haines and Matt Christy also secured wickets.

This victory moves the Heat to 32 points and to eighth position on the ladder, three points clear of Ringwood in ninth spot. They play sixth placed Northcote at Watsonia in Round 17, in a crucial match that could decide the finals aspirations of the Heat.

Playing at Kensington, the fourths had to turn around and return home on Day One after arriving to find a very water logged pitch table and outfield. Winning the toss and bowling on Day Two, Frankston Peninsula secured early breakthroughs to have North Melbourne unsettled at 3/5.

The innings soon fell away to 7/27, before some lower order stroke-play pushed the total to 10/65 off 27.5 overs. Matt Ryan (5/10 off 6.5 overs) did the damage with the ball, collecting five middle order wickets. Juvaunie Gayle added to the opening bowling combination, taking 3/26 off 11 overs.

The Heat were much less troubled by the conditions, passing the victory target after the loss of three wickets. The innings finished at 4/84 off 31 overs when early stumps were called. Andrew Cowen top scored with 37, with other contributions coming from Josh Waldron (15), Mitch Wilson (15*) and Nathan Cassano (12).

The ability to get on the field and secure the points was crucial for the Frankston Peninsula fourths, as they moved to 42 points and to third position on the ladder with one match remaining. A victory against second placed Northcote in Round 17 at Central Reserve #2 would guarantee the Heat a crucial home final.

For more information, photos and live score updates from the Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club, make sure you also check www.facebook.com/frankpenncc

---Glenn Davey



financial services partners

