



# HEAT MATCH REPORTS

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## Rounds 9 & 10 - Osborne and rain stifle the Heat

Frankston Peninsula firsts came away from its first Twenty20 matches of 2010/11 fruitless after encountering the whirlwind of Ringwood's Ben Osborne on Saturday and the rain on Sunday.

Ringwood retained the Eastlink Cup in the firsts, compiling a massive total of 4/175 off 19 overs. In reply the Heat could only manage 8/119. The match was reduced to 19 overs per side following a passing showing that delayed that start of the match by 10 minutes.

Playing in windy but otherwise batting friendly conditions on a fast Butler Oval, Ringwood were held to a moderate total of 3/125 from their first 16 overs.

Ben Osborne then imposed himself on the innings with a match turning effort. He was the main factor in adding 50 runs off the final three overs before being dismissed on the final ball of the innings.

Osborne's innings of 63 came from 25 deliveries with seven fours and three sixes. Remarkably he notched his half century from only 18 balls and 12 minutes. His sixes all came from the bowling of Matt Chasemore, where three length deliveries were sent over long on to the spectators on the hill. The next over, he sent the opening five deliveries from Jack Benbow to the boundary with crafty stroke play and innovation.

Opening the bowling in his 200th match, Darren Groves conceded 0/30 from his three overs. Scott Boland picked up 2/34 and James Miller and Benbow also collected a wicket a piece.

Chasing 9.26 runs per over was always going to be a challenge for the Heat, so the loss of three early wickets did not help the cause.



Groves is welcomed to the field in his 200th match

From 3/19, Ricky Damiano (29 off 20 balls) and Matt Chasemore (33 off 33 balls) combined to take the score to 4/65. In his first senior match of the season, wicket keeper David Nankervis then contributed a brisk 17.

It was a sad result for Groves, who would've loved to celebrate his milestone with a win after leading the team through a guard of honour to commence the match. He has been a wonderful servant to Frankston Peninsula, entering the game with astounding career statistics including 408 first eleven wickets with a career bowling average of 19.81.



Darren Groves

Earlier, Groves was honoured with a presentation at the Heat in the Kitchen Luncheon. At that Luncheon, guests heard from Federal Liberal Member Bruce Billson who discussed interesting topics from the current political climate following the recent state and federal elections.



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Following Lunch, guests then heard from ex AFL premiership footballer and current St Kilda Assistant Coach, Steven King, who discussed his experiences as an AFL player and his current reflections of the St Kilda Football Club.



Steven King interviewed by Mark Dunsford

In other Twenty20 fixtures on Saturday, the seconds recorded at comfortable victory the Russell Lucas Oval in Ringwood. Batting first, Ringwood compiled 7/125 from their 20 overs with Glyn Trueman and Chris McCormick collecting two wickets each.

In reply, the Heat had no troubles in reaching 1/126 with 23 balls to spare. Sam Wiese (63 off 51 balls) and Luke Walker (34 off 29 balls) saw the visitors to victory, with Dale Elmi earlier contributing 24 off 18 balls.



Victorian Under 17 representative Michael Edwards warms up before the 3rd XI match

In the curtain raiser at the Butler Oval, the thirds didn't quite make enough runs in the good conditions. The Heat were sent in to bat and raced to 4/91 off their opening 10 overs. However they could only add another 4/53 from the final 10 overs to finish at 8/144.

Sean Wilson got the innings off to a flying start to notch his first half century for the club (20 balls, seven fours, three sixes). He peppered the straight boundaries, hitting numerous balls towards the hill with the aid of the strong North Westerly wind. He even swung head high full tosses from the Ringwood spinner over long off for six. Brad McDonald occupied the crease to add 32 (36 balls) along with Michael Edwards (12) and Coen Chernishoff (15).

Ringwood (6/147) paced their innings well to record the winning runs with seven balls to spare, following a small scare from the loss of a few late wickets. Rob Fisher and Sean Wilson were the best with the ball, collecting two wickets each from their four overs spells.

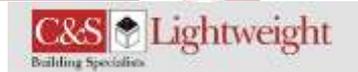
The fourths came away with a close fought victory at Ringwood. Batting first, the Heat scored what looked to be a commanding total of 4/154 on the large ground. Nathan Harford (55 off 45 balls) and Robbie Salerni (50\* off 49 balls) got the Heat off to a great start, adding 81 for the first wicket.

Ringwood pushed hard for the win, but fell three runs short at 5/151 from their 20 overs. Wickets were shared amongst the bowlers with Leroy Haines, Joel Reid, Tanner Stanton and Pat Damen all collecting a wicket.

On Sunday, it was a similar story to the Saturday results, with the firsts and thirds going down to Melbourne at the Albert Ground and the seconds and fourths getting over the line at Frankston.



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In a rain effected match against reigning premiers Melbourne, the Heat firsts were set a challenging target of 84 runs to win off 10 overs. The Heat came up just short, compiling 4/73 in reply.

In the 12 over a side match, Melbourne were reduced to 7/91 off their 12 overs. James Miller secured 3/23 and Jack Benbow 2/16.



James Miller captured 3/23

Showers during the change of innings then saw two overs removed from the Heat's entitlement with the target score only reduced by eight runs using a deciding score method that basically removes the runs from the two lowest scoring overs of the team batting first.

Openers Chris Dew (23) and Ben Clements (17) combined for an opening partnership of 28, before Clements was caught in the deep in the fifth over. The Heat always seemed slightly behind the required run rate during the innings, with the middle order falling cheaply looking for quick runs.

Matt Chasemore (16\*) and Matt Gapes (5\*) added 19 runs in the last couple of overs, but the revised target proved to be too much for the Heat.

In other matches on Sunday, the seconds got over the line by one run in a thriller at Butler Oval. Batting first the Heat compiled 9/107 from their 20 over entitlement. Luke Walker added 28, with other contributions coming from Dale Elmi (14), Kierran Voelkl (14), and Nathan Martin (13).



Nick Jewell swings hard at the Albert Ground

Melbourne lost regular wickets in reply to be reduced to 8/87, before a late order partnership of 19 runs could only take the score to 8/106, leaving the Heat victorious by one run. Kierran Voelkl starred with the ball, capturing 4/29 from his four overs of leg-spin.

The thirds, playing a curtain raiser at the Albert Ground, were also affected by showers during their match. The match was initially reduced to 19 overs per side, with Melbourne compiling a solid 5/141 from their 19 overs, assisted by useful middle order partnerships of 44 for the fourth wicket and 68 for the fifth wicket. Wickets were shared between Ben Coleman, Rob Fisher and Sean Wilson.



Rob Fisher gets airborne in the 3rd XI



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In reply, the Heat has worked to a total of 3/49 off 8.4 overs when heavy rain arrived. They too fell victim to the deciding score method, with a difficult target of 109 to win off 13 overs imposed. This equated to 60 further runs to win from the remaining 26 deliveries to be bowled.

Focus now turns to the last round before the Christmas Break this Saturday where Frankston Peninsula will host Dandenong in four Twenty20 fixtures at the Jubilee Park Complex. The seconds will play a curtain raiser on the Butler Oval at 11am before the firsts take the field at 2:30pm. The fourths will play the opening match on the East Oval before the thirds face off.



Coen Chernishoff cuts through point chasing a rain effected target

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---Glenn Davey

This target was always going to be tough, with the Heat finishing up at 7/74 from the 13 overs available. Sean Wilson opened the batting with flair just like on Saturday, dispatching any pitched up deliveries over mid on or mid off to the boundary. He made 31 off 25 balls with 5 boundaries before being caught off the spinner.

In the fourths, Frankston Peninsula scored 6/148 from their allocated 19 overs. Nathan Harford opened the batting well again to score 37 off 28 deliveries (six fours), before Brett Hudgson added some middle order hitting to the total with 49 not out (43 balls, four fours).

Melbourne's run chase was then cut to nine overs due to rain, and the Demons could only manage 6/68, falling short of the decided target score. Brendan Jovic (3/13) did well with the ball, capturing the top three batsmen in his two overs.



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