



2008 CSBP SENIOR COUNTRY WEEK REVIEW

Bunbury became only the third A Section team in the 101 year history of Country Week cricket to claim a hat-trick of titles after their six-wicket win against neighbours Harvey in the CSBP Senior Country Week A Section Final at the WACA Ground on January 26.

The current crop of Bunbury players now join Tambellup-Cranbrook (1952-54) and Bunbury (1955-57) in the exclusive club.

Harvey batted first and were restricted to a score of 9-217 thanks to effective bowling from Anthony Radunovich (2-14), Riley Miguel (2-16) and Nathaniel Fielding (2-20). Classy Harvey top-order batsman Matthew Oxford batted solidly in his innings of 40 and opener Fabian Italiano made a handy 38.

The classy Bunbury batsmen were able to put their team in a strong position right from the beginning of their innings, and they required only 90 runs from 32 overs at the tea interval. Former Test batsman Murray Goodwin made a sparkling 69 and Country XI veteran Glen Dehring was unconquered on 49 as Bunbury achieved victory with six wickets in hand

Albany (2) bounced back from a first day loss to Geraldton (2) to win the B Section title after a low scoring encounter at Settlers Hills against Eastern Goldfields by 24 runs dominated by the bowlers. Bryce Durack scored 33 and Gavin Morgan 31 for Albany with no other player managed to reach 20. Albany duo Gavin Morgan (4-47) and Tim Edmunds (3-18) and Eastern Goldfields pair Scott Nelson (3-5) and Michael Worthington (3-29) amongst the wickets.

Brendan Anderson tore through the Peel (2) order at McGillivray North with figures of 5-32 and reducing Peel to a perilous 7-57 before some spirited lower order batting from Ritchie Smith and Brendan Ingle helped their side reach a score of 120. Michael Holmes then snared 5-44 as Peel were able to edge out Eastern Goldfields (2) by 32 runs – with Lui Camporeale top-scoring for Eastern Goldfields with 25.

Bunbury (3) posted what proved to be an imposing 8-211 in the D Section final and saw off the challenge of Peel (3) at Des Penman Reserve. Karl Woods scored 61 and David Wells chipped in with 43 and for Peel, Adam Dallman finished with figures of 4-42. In reply, Peel could only manage a score of 99 as the bowlers restricted opportunities for the batsmen – Stuart Clarke scored an unbeaten 31 in the chase.

Bunbury finished with a “three-out-of-three” record in the finals after their E Section team recorded a close-fought three wicket win against Collie (2) on the synthetic at McGillivray Oval. Collie made 132 batting first before Bunbury reached the target with three wickets to spare after an innings of 61 by Ben Sarsfield.

2008 CSBP SENIOR COUNTRY WEEK FINALS

A SECTION (WACA Ground): Bunbury (1) 4-221 (Goodwin 69, Dehring 49no; Marshall 2-46, J Crognale 2-50) b Harvey 9-216 (Oxford 40, F Italiano 38; Radunovich 2-14, Miguel 2-16, Fielding 2-20).

B SECTION (Settlers Hills): Albany (2) 131 (Durack 33, G Morgan 31; Nelson 3-5, Worthington 3-29) b Eastern Goldfields (1) 107 (C Mitchell 19no, Willis 19; G Morgan 4-47, Edmonds 3-18).

C SECTION (McGillivray North): Peel (2) 120 (Smith 41, Ingle 37; Anderson 5-32, Brodala 3-28) b Eastern Goldfields (2) 88 (Camporeale 25, Lawler 15; Holmes 5-44, Jeffery 2-17).

D SECTION (Des Penman Synthetic): Bunbury (3) 8-211 (Woods 61, Wells 43; Dallman 4-42, Moore 2-76) b Peel (4) 99 (S Clarke 31no, Baxter 16; McCarroll 3-13, Burrige 2-16).

E SECTION (McGillivray Synthetic): Bunbury (4) 7-134 (Sarsfield 61; Rush 2-19, Broadbent 2-29, Harris 2-31) b Collie (2) 132 (McGuckin 24, Rush 22; Hayward 3-19, Reid 2-11, Sarsfield 2-22).

The final standings in each section were:

A1 SECTION

Harvey	45.76
Geraldton (1)	44.56
Esperance (1)	38.37
Peel (1)	29.86
Williams	23.67
Busselton-Marg. River (1)	22.89

B1 SECTION

Eastern Goldfields (1)	54.45
Donnybrook-Capel (1)	44.07
Collie (1)	37.53
North Midlands (1)	30.46
WA Indigenous XI	20.18
West Pilbara	15.28

C1 SECTION

Peel (2)	51.82
Lake Grace-Kukerin	35.91
Merredin	35.00
Bunbury (2)	32.10
Busselton-Marg. River (2)	29.05
South Midlands (2)	15.51

D SECTION (match points per game)

Bunbury (3)	8.83
Peel (4)	8.57
Peel (3)	8.36
Fortescue	8.01
Northam (2)	6.24
Nor-West & Murchison	5.50
Albany (3)	5.05
South Midlands (3)	4.15
Meekatharra	2.19

A2 SECTION

Bunbury (1)	44.99
Busselton-Marg. River (1)	44.56
Albany (1)	36.75
South Midlands (1)	30.06
Bruce Rock-Narembeen	23.64
Northam (1)	22.27

B2 SECTION

Albany (2)	45.19
Geraldton (2)	45.05
Kalgoorlie Friendly Society	35.42
Warren Blackwood (1)	31.05
Mt. Barker	23.75
Wyalkatchem	14.24

C2 SECTION

Eastern Goldfields (2)	47.68
Broome	37.50
Port Hedland	36.44
Central Wheatbelt	32.21
Avon	30.04
Esperance (2)	23.42

E SECTION

Bunbury (4)	50.41
Collie (2)	35.28
Donnybrook-Capel (2)	34.44
North Midlands (2)	27.96
Warren Blackwood (3)	26.95
Northam (3)	14.50

CSBP 2008 SENIOR COUNTRY WEEK ALL-STARS

Todd Altus (Eastern Goldfields 1)
Brendan Anderson (Eastern Goldfields 2)
Kendal Ballard (Upper Great Southern)
Michael Carmody (Upper Great Southern)
John Crognale (Harvey)
Angelo Femia (Warren Blackwood 1)
Scott Fowler (Harvey)
Dave Hutchison (Donnybrook-Capel 1)
Paul Kennedy (Geraldton 2)
Ryan Mitchell (Eastern Goldfields 1)
Dave Shallard (Kalgoorlie Friendly Society)
Adam Spinelli (WK) (Bunbury 1)

MEULEMAN'S PLAYER OF THE DAY AWARDS

Sunday – Cody Henderson (Esperance 1) & Gary Walter (Esperance 2)
Monday – Kendal Ballard (Upper Great Southern)
Tuesday – Jermaine Davis (WA Indigenous XI)
Thursday – Blair Malatesta (Collie)
Friday – Brendan Anderson (Eastern Goldfields 2)

CSBP PLAYER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brendan Anderson (Eastern Goldfields 2).

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