

SUB-DISTRICT CRICKET

# Tigers’ best to come

## O'BRIEN HUNGRY FOR FINALS ONSLAUGHT AFTER CLUB'S SOLID SEASON

Luke D'Anello

LIKE his team, Werribee star Tim O'Brien is looking to unleash his devastating best in this season's Sub-District Cricket finals.

O'Brien has not reached the heights of last summer, where he plundered 739 runs and collected 24 wickets.

But he has been a more-than-handly contributor, logging 340 runs at 48.6, including centuries against Altona and Williamstown.

O'Brien's unbeaten 106 against the Seagulls last round – in searing heat – appears to be a notice of warning for opposition bowling attacks.

“As I've said to a few blokes, I'd be happy not to make any runs as long as I can make runs in the finals. Hopefully we can take home some silverware,” he said.

O'Brien does not subscribe to the theory that Werribee's batting has been slightly flaky this season, despite its undefeated status after 11 rounds.

When the Tigers finished runner-up last season, they had four players – David Wolfe, O'Brien and Shaun and Matthew Dean – hammer more than 450 runs.

“In the two-dayers, I think we've put some pretty good scores on the board and we've had four blokes get 100s this year. I think our two-day form has been pretty good,” O'Brien said.

“Werribee probably hasn't been as quick a ground this year, and I think our scores have been a little bit lower because the out-field hasn't been as fast. Anything over 250 these days is a pretty good score at Chirnside.”

Recruit Heath Pritchard has led the way with the ball, claiming five five-wicket hauls – four of them at Chirnside Park.

“He's bowled brilliantly. He loves bowling at Chirnside Park and has really



Werribee's Tim O'Brien is hoping to find his best form in the coming finals series.

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made a difference to our bowling this year,” O'Brien said of the veteran paceman.

The Tigers will have the ideal build-up to the finals, with their clash against Oakleigh concluding this weekend before they tackle Bayswater.

“To be undefeated, we didn't expect that obviously. It's a good position to be in at the moment,” O'Brien said.

“We'll see where we're at playing the second and third side in the comp. We still haven't played the top sides in the comp and it will be

good to see how we'll go in finals when we have to come up against those sides again.

“It's good preparation and will probably be a finals contest because they'll want to set themselves up and be in good form for finals, too. I don't think any side will be

holding back for the last two games.

“I think we've still got some improvement to do. We haven't really dominated too many games this year, but we've just found a way to win ... Each guy is doing their role.”

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## Pritchard's super seven

HEATH Pritchard produced another breathtaking performance for Werribee in Sub-District Cricket on Saturday.

Pritchard collected 7-64 from 24.5 overs, including nine maidens, against Oakleigh at Warrawee Park.

It was the veteran's fifth five-wicket haul this summer and he has collected 39 wickets at a remarkable average of 9.4.

But despite Pritchard's heroics, the Tigers face a difficult run-chase this weekend, with the home side compiling 273 from 78.5 overs.

On a tough day for ladder-leading Werribee, Jonathan Burton was the only other wicket-taker, finishing with 1-88 from 26 overs.

The Oaks were in trouble early, reduced to 2-37, but the powerhouse recovered to post a formidable total against the undefeated Werribee.

TURF CRICKET

## Big chase for Hoppers

HOPPERS Crossing faces a difficult run-chase in Turf Cricket Senior Division this weekend.

Bentleigh compiled 273 from 80 overs against the Cats at home on Saturday to grab the ascendancy.

Elsewhere, the North Division clash between Laverton (250) and Spotswood (0-1) is in the balance after the opening day.

In North A1, Sunshine Druids compiled 6-216 against Werribee Centrals, who were led by Ashley Dorricott (2-19).

Ladder-leader Point Cook finished 8-202 against Seabrook in West B1, David Hicks topscoring with 48 not out and captain-coach Travis Bean making 32.

Elsewhere, Wyndham Vale (5-128dec) has already secured first innings points in its match against Newport-Digman (73 and 1-13).

## SCOREBOARD

### CRICKET

#### PREMIER

##### (Round 16 - Feb 15, 22)

**First XI:** Geelong 3-264(dec) (AJ Finch 100, JL Crosthwaite 87, HW Butterworth 31\*, TS McQuinn 2-44) def Hawthorn-Monash University 149 (R Ninan 42, J Reed 6-32) and 89 (AJ Finch 3-16, LT Muller 3-28), Ringwood 246 (DA King 117, TD Stray 39, AR Keath 4-39, N Quinn 3-34, C Thompson 2-41) def Melbourne 75 (A Midliff 36\*, JG Holland 3-13, MD Topp 3-14, BD Allan 2-15) and 2-95 (A Kent 44\*), Fitzroy Doncaster 196 (TV Sheehan 40, CA Moore 34, SK Duckworth 25\*, E Alavi 25, TJ Smyth 3-29, TH Welsford 3-50, R Sidebottom 2-43) def by Carlton 5-197 (LJ McKenna 50, TJ Smyth 43\*, JC Hancock 39, NS Pilon 29, T Baker 2-31, SK Duckworth 2-43), Richmond 6-314(dec) (AH Delmont 94\*, CL White 70, DJ Matarazzo 38, SJ Taylor 35\*, M Twentyman 3-39) def Greenvale Kangaroos 140 (E Ghasperidis 35, J Damjanovic 30\*, M Twentyman 28, SE Griffin 2-11, AB Wise 2-19, DT Christian 2-53) and 5-122 (D Salpietro 51\*, M Twentyman 25), Casey-South Melbourne 199 (MS Wade 73, LJ Sperling 35, CJ Hall 28, JM Holland 3-32, JG Wood 3-45, JM Herrick 3-57) def by Frankston Peninsula 8-201 (DT Elmi 61\*, MA Gapes 56, JA Benbow 25, N Freitag 3-48, S Mullaney 2-43), Essendon 132 (A Ayre 32, B McMin 28, SS Singh 5-58, BE McGain 3-28) and 5-99 (A Shellie 25, BE McGain 5-32) def Prahran 121 (NM McNally 38, M Doric 6-37) and 3-132(dec) (NM McNally 57, SM De Boffo 41\*, N Perera 2-34), St Kilda 7-387(dec) (P Handscorn 212, G Rummans 65, D Rowan 44\*, NW Elsmore 4-50) def Melbourne Uni 106 (MG Simpson 40\*, MF Chasemore 4-24, B Baxter 3-15, D Mueller 2-39) and 8-173 (B Fletcher 87, JG Martignago 33, B Baxter

3-49, J Muirhead 2-48), Camberwell Magpies 209 (AF Eldridge 57, JC Lampard 38, JP McNamara 36, TB Rickarby 33, L Dredge 5-31, H Winter-Irving 2-40) def by Footscray Edgewater 9-261(dec) (T Dean 95, D Russ 49, S Gautam 30, MJ Whittaker 3-34, BG Drew 3-56, WG Walker 2-51), Northcote 120 (M Stoinis 61, JM Butterfield 3-30, DJ Doran 2-22, J Nanopoulos 2-23, JD Wilcock 2-31) and 151 (B Peake 40, C Keogh 30, J Nanopoulos 4-41, JD Wilcock 3-30, DJ Doran 2-19) def by Dandenong 297 (M Sweeney 100, T Donnell 46, JD Wilcock 43, DJ Doran 33, L Scammell 4-49, S Taylor 3-54, M Stoinis 2-59).

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#### (Round 12- Feb 22, March 1)

**East-West First XI (after day 1):** Oakleigh 273 (BJ McGuinness 68, LJ Hodgson 61, SA Jones 41, CG Williamson 31, H Pritchard 7-64) v Werribee, Williamstown 5-232(dec) (BL Hodges 64\*, G Sanders 61, C Sheedy 29) v Sunshine 2-20 (MW Inness 2-6), Melton 236 (NN Geisler 76, A Gale 75, MJ Fernando 4-39, J Vorster 3-41) v Noble Park, Yarraville 70 (AJ Yates 32, H Paterson 5-20, C Brown 3-24) v Croydon 8-180 (A Tillcock 79, C Brown 26\*, A Hewet 3-30, N Parish 2-11), Bayswater 3-100 (T Sugumar 41\*, S Flynn 40\*, A Deuchar 2-24) v Mt Waverley 140 (D Beddingfield 58\*, R Paterson 27, T Sugumar 3-25, B Galvin 3-33, D Carr 2-40), Box Hill 115 (P Gloury 48, J Morsello 25, RA Saniga 5-22, C Pereira 3-51) v Endeavour Hills 3-46 (Z Allen 26, S Blake 2-20), Altona 180 (L Elmore 44, SM Jones 30, AP Maynard 26) v Roxburgh Park-Broadmeadows 0-1.

### TURF

#### (Round 11 - Feb 22, March 1)

**Senior Division (after day 1):** Strathmore 4-102 (N Bergin 28\*, SA Sanders 27, R Sherlock 2-11, A Contessa

2-23) v Yarraville Club 132 (A Contessa 39, SA Sanders 3-28, J Bassi 2-24), Greenvale 170 (C Jayasinghe 59, J Brown 26, C Osborne 3-10, T Kassiss 3-31, D O'Connell 2-29) v St. Bernard's OC 1-22, Old Mentonians 0-10 v South Caulfield 233, Brighton District 187 v Beaumaris 5-43, Bentleigh 273 v Hoppers Crossing, Keilor 71 (TM Saker 5-14, D Sinnott 4-29) and 3-37 v Airport West St Christophers 127 (K Talwar 53, R Rutley 26).

### WDCA

#### (Round 13 - Feb 22, March 1)

**A Turf (after day 1):** Grand United 3/27 v Williamstown Imperials 8/205(dec), Williamstown Colts 203 v Melton Centrals Cricket Club Inc 2/13, Melton South PSSC 88 v Bellbridge 7/105.

### BADMINTON

#### Western Suburbs Badminton Association.

##### Autumn Pennant (Round 3)

**A Singles Grade:** Keilor East Rebels 16 d. Keilor East Thunder 1, Keilor East Beasts 14 d. Laverton Gold 5, Laverton Storm Raiders, Bye.  
**A Doubles Grade:** Keilor East Killer Bees 15 d. Keilor East Bounce 4, Keilor East Titans 12 d. PBC LOL 8, PBC Valiant 18 d. Laverton Climbers 3.  
**B Singles:** Keilor East Young Guns 11 d. Mason St Turtles 10, Keilor East Xtreme 10 d. Keilor East Stars 7, Mason St Newbies 11 d. Laverton Dream Team 8.  
**B1 Doubles Grade:** Westminton Killer tofu 14 d. PBC Suave 7, Mason St Assassins 10 d. Keilor East Knights 9, Westminton the 6 Racquetters 16 d. Mason St What The 4, Mason St Challenger 17 d. Laverton Red 2.  
**B2 Doubles Grade:** Mason St Aces 10 drew with Keilor

East Vikings 10, Laverton Racquetters 11 d. Mason St One Hit Wonders 9, Keilor East Shuttlebusters 13 d. Westminton Scared Hitless 6.

**C Singles Grade:** Mason St So So 15 d. Keilor East Dynamix 3, Keilor East Flame 13 d. Keilor East The Rock 6, Keilor East Cookie Monsters, Bye.

**C2 Doubles Grade:** Westminton Fighting Unicorns 14 d. Laverton Stingrays 7, Westminton Windstorm 18 d. Keilor East Fried Wontons 2, Westminton Up To You 15 d. Keilor East Samurais 6, Keilor East Unbalanced 12 d. Mason St Dingoes 10.

**C3 Doubles Grade:** Mason St Turtles 16 d. Laverton Broncos 5, Westminton Phoenix 12 d. Westminton Eagles 10, Laverton Mustangs 14 d. Keilor East Spark 5.

### Junior Pennant Autumn (Round 1)

**A Grade:** The Pinnacles 5 drew with The Grampians 5, Cradle Mountain 6 d. Kakadu 4, Uluru 7 d. Daintree 3.  
**B Grade:** Ningaloo Reef 6 d. You Yangs 4, Shark Bay 3 drew with Bungle Bungles 3, Nullarbor 5 drew with Blue Mountains 5.

### LAWN BOWLS

#### SATURDAY METRO PENNANT

##### (Round 19 - Feb 22)

**Premier Division:** Altona 18-101 def Mentone 0-62 (D Zitterslager 26 def D Rushton 15 B Foley 26 def C Green 13 B Peck 26 def D Jones 22 M Rennex 23 def B McCullum 12), Essendon 0-71 lost to Melbourne 18-85 (A Flapper 13 lost to S Mortimer 20 N Wilson 17 lost to D Fisher 22 A Tompkins 20 lost to M Wilkes 21 P Lowe 21 lost to B Leighton 22), Clayton 14-79 def Moonee Ponds 4-65 (G Archer 17 lost to S Fordham 20 D Benwell 20 def A Galloway 11 L Adams 25 def B Spurr 16 D Holt 17 lost to M Jacobsen 18), Bundoora Rsl 18-89 def

Brighton 0-55 (L Aiello 27 def T Shannan 15 N McIntyre 18 def A Wilson 16 D Diflorio 21 def G Maskell 14 J Corless 23 def C Twentymen 10), Yarra-Footscray 15-90 def Burwood District 3-70 (M Reilly 27 def J Coles 13 N Black 19 D L Iaccarino 19 J Pearce 18 lost to W Ogden 19 R Caulter 26 def M Wilson 19).

### TENPIN BOWLING

**Western Suburbs Tenpin League (Feb 19):** Strike Hunters (Best Paul Karas) 20 d. It Doesn't Matter (Geoff Davies) 9

WNGTI (Steve Prokopec 261, 205, 656; Josie Sekulovski 257, 224, 637) 21 d. Bankai (Van Lu 244, 612; Andy Le 229, 585) 8, Ownage (Giao Nguyen 230, 220, 201, 651; Duy Tran 234, 204, 636; Khoa Le 217, 202, 598) 20 d. Bowled Ones (Joan Rule 235, 594; John Provic 202, 554) 9, Sandmar Transport (Jane Finch 210, 569; Lenny Lazic 222, 563) 21 d. What A Joke (Ash Jenkins, Moufid Elkhoury) 8, Rack 'Em Up (Ralph Harford 268, 221, 680; Troy Fielder 212, 212, 595; Drew Russell 221, 595) 22 d. O'Neill's Couriers (Paul White 257, 221, 212, 690; Ondrej Hedi 254, 202, 635) 7, Wreck 'n' Balls (Chris Allen 246, 232, 654) 20 d. O'Halloran's (Steve Volkov) 8, Power4all (David Nguyen 237, 226, 201, 664; Mickie Vo 221, 562; Peter Vo 246, 559) 23 d. Frozen Eggs (Rebecca Browne 237, 601; Daniel Browne 213, 578) 6, Mega Auto Parts (Mick May 245, 227, 667; Chris Benson 225, 213, 630; Jason May 215, 553) 17 d. Vacant Lot (Dylan Beljon 233, 201, 584; Deb Roether 209, 557) 11.