

EK beaten in the EL [posted 31/07/12]

There was Evening League action at Shawholm tonight with East Kilbride the visitors. Visiting skipper John Hunter guessed right, and the *Panthers* were fielding. *NJ* and *Rusty* opened for the *Panthers* and bowled tightly to keep the brakes on the Torrance House top order. A brace of wickets fell with the score having reached 13, in the fifth and sixth overs. Both openers had been dismissed, a wicket a-piece for Nicky and Russ'. It was then 18 for 3 when a mix up between Brian Kampman and Rajmohan Padmanabhan saw the former send the latter back only to see him run out courtesy of the Allcock|Young tag team. [Ed: maybe *Kampers* was just trying to get rid of batting partner whose name he'd struggle with when calling?!?] Anyway, 18 for 3 it was. There was then a partnership of sorts between Kampman Snr. and Amir, 34 being added for the fourth wicket. And the fourth to go was Kampan, adjudged LBW having reached 15. 52 for 4. Then before you could say, "*Youngy* your making this wicket-keeping lark look simple!", it was 55 for 6 as a couple of quick wickets followed Kampan's dismissal. Three more wickets would then fall in the rest of the East Kilbride innings as they pushed on to 81 for 9, Andy Kampan being left not out on 13 at the end. 82 to win then.

Saif and *Stiffy* opened for the *Panthers* and looked in no particular bother, until that is the latter nicked off to Andy Kampman, being caught by Brian Kampman at first slip. Mike then joined Saif and they safely saw the *Panthers* over the finish line, reaching the target inside ten overs. Said finished 40 not out, finishing the innings with a couple of maximums. Well batted. *Mikey* was 25 not out, boosting his *Panthers* average and keeping right up there with Glenton who's only allowed to play Sunday League games.

Back-to-back wins secured [posted 29/07/12]

The *Panthers* emulated the *Holmboys* by recording consecutive wins in the Sunday League with today's victory over Renfrew at King George V Playing Field. On a chilly day that always threatened to bestow a heavy shower on those gathered, the *Panthers* found themselves in the field first. *Coya* was the skipper today and there was a determination to give everyone a bowl,.....yes, even *Muscles*! 😊 And so it turned out - all ten outfielders bowled at least a couple of overs as Renfrew posted 221 for 3. Their total owed much to Aslam's unbeaten 122, a nicely-compiled ton. For the *Panthers* *Jimmy B* returned to the fold returning perfectly respectable figures of 8-1-32-2. Glenton tested his injury by getting through four overs, and Akhil continued to show his progress with a four-over spell that cost just 13. 222 to win then.

Muscles and *genou bleu* opened for the *Panthers* and put on 26 for the first wicket, before their partnership was ended when Aamir was bowled by Black for 13. Euan followed in the same manner for 19 just as 50 had been notched up. 54 for 2. These two dismissals saw *Stiffy* and *Stouty* in together, at three and four, and a chance for these two youngsters to show something of their potential as top-order batters. And this is exactly what the two did, adding 77 for the third wicket. Elliott had made 32 when he was the third batter out, and the third dismissed clean bowled. This time Hussain was the bowler. *Stouty* carried on though, and passed 50, now in partnership with Glenton who was batting at five. 44 runs were added for the second meaningful partnership of the run-chase, Calum eventually getting out, caught, again to Hussain. His 67 included the now traditional switch-hit [Ed: yes, you're right, Coach Young **wasn't** there!] and would be the top score in the innings.

Glenton was racing along too, and he'd eventually all but match Calum with an unbeaten 64, as he and Mikey saw the *Panthers* over the finishing line with over six overs to spare. A win by six wickets, and as importantly some more cricket played, with everyone playing a part. And, again, evidence of the club's younger players' progress and potential. But no laurels should be rested upon; consistency is what we're looking for, and an application to practice and improve. A good win, and another good run-chase.

Inactivity ends with Active Life beaten! [posted 22/07/12]

The Sunday League manifestation of the *Panthers* took to a slightly damp Shawholm today, treading the boards - if not water - in the Sunday League after a number of weeks of inactivity. Their opponents were Active Life Club. The *Panthers* side, as yesterday's Shawholm XI had done, featured a combination of more experienced senior players and a healthy sprinkling of juniors. In addition to Under 15s, Akhil, Lewis and Calum, Matt Stout was making an appearance, and his Sunday League debut.

Skippering the *Panthers* was the *Foreman* who, after Wajid Mohammed had guessed correctly, told his charges they were fielding. The bowling was opened by Glenton and *Mushy*, but the former would only bowl three overs before cutting short his spell with a slight side strain. The first wicket, and the breakthrough, came in the seventh over when Jawad was dismissed courtesy of a smart over-his-head catch in the outfield by Mikey off Akhil's bowling. Akhil had replaced Glenton at the River Cart end. And Akhil would bowl well, in two spells. His figures of 7-1-44-2 were worsened a little at the death when Azeem - who'd score an unbeaten ton - went after the bowling a bit. But, nevertheless, Akhil bowled well. Also bowling well was fellow Under 15 Lewis. *Beast* as he's known bowled his off-spin with good control and took 1 for 28 in his seven-over spell. And it could've been so much better had Mikey, who'd already taken two good grabs, held on to a regulation mid-wicket boundary catch to get rid of century-maker Azeem when he was on not that many. *And*, if Lewis hadn't over-stepped on the delivery that saw the batter chip him straight to mid-on where the catch *was* held, his wicket haul would've also been enhanced. Throw in another no ball and four wides and it just shows how 1 for 28 in seven could've been more like 3 for 20 in the same number of overs. But, nonetheless, a good spell. In fact none of the bowlers really took much tap. Matt Stout was unlucky to have to bowl when Azeem was in full flow late on, but his figures aside, all the figures returned were passable.

Azeem's 103 not out dominated the Active Life Club scorecard, with only two other batters getting into double figures. Mehmood, who'd opened with Jawad, got to 27 before he was one of Akhil's two wickets, and skipper Mohammed made 22 batting at three. There were also a brace of wickets for *Blue knee*, one for *Mushy* and a run out. 207 for 8 was the first innings scoreboard visual when time was called and tea was taken.

The run-chase started well, with an all-run 5! It was 38 for 0 after ten continuing the steady start that *Muscles* and Euan were making, and 101 at the halfway point, still without a wicket having fallen, and the two openers having accelerated the run-rate nicely. In fact the first wicket wouldn't fall until both batters had notched up half centuries and the total had moved to just 4 runs shy of 150. 146 for 1, Aamir the player dismissed, caught off Mohammed's bowling. Euan kept going though, and after Calum came-and-went quickly - for 1 - he added 19 with *Mushy* before he lost his third partner of the innings with the score on 166, Hamid run out for 10. Euan then, having reached 86, was fourth out, run out coming back for a second - unluckily thrown out by a direct hit from the boundary! Ouch! This brought the skipper and Glenton together and these two - now batting in heavier and persistent rain - saw their side home with ten balls to spare to complete a well-time run-chase. The *Foreman* finished with his second sheriff of the week for the *Panthers* - 15 not out - with Glenton unbeaten on 24.

So a win, and a decent game given the conditions and played in good spirit. Now back to rain watching.....

***Panthers* play again,.....and win!** [posted 19/07/12]

Gourock Park was the venue for tonight's Evening League encounter between the *Panthers* and the Inverclyde *Comets*. And it was a first for all the *Panthers* on parade, none having ever played at Gourock Park before. The boys arrived to find that the ground had been rained on for most of the day, but the wicket was absolutely immaculate,.....if they'd been

there for crown green bowls! A beautiful carpet of lush green, closely-cropped greenery. Shame to bowl on it in fact! But bowl on it the *Panthers* did after *Youngy* won the toss. With the intention being to get as many guys a bowl as possible, Cammy opened with *NJ*. 20 for 1 after the first four saw those two done-and-dusted, the opening wicket of Boswell coming courtesy of a *Youngy|NJ* combo' to run the Inverclyde opener out at the bowler's end.

Next to roll their arms over were Mikey and Josh Crawley. Josh had success in his fourth over as he bowled Campbell for 7. 31 for 2. This then became 32 for 3 as Akhil took a wicket with his first ball having replaced Mikey. A full toss was drained to "cow" by left-hander Cooke, where *NJ* took a smart low catch running in. Fielding was a tad tricky with long outfield grass, but Nicky made good ground to the ball and was secure in his handling. If only the same could be said about the *Foreman* who was having a rare outfielders experience. Miss-fields and missed catching chances! Shambles. And as for his attempted run-out on the turn,..... 😞 Meanwhile *Youngy* - bar a couple of shocking decisions on byes (one a clear no ball, the other an inside edge!!) - was putting in an immaculate performance with the gloves. [Ed: guess who scripted this report!] The third wicket was the last to go down, but the bowling remained tight enough to restrict the home batters to just 68 in their innings. Lewis and Saqib finished off the bowling, getting through six overs for just 22 runs.

69 to win. *Flanners* and Davie Armour opened for the *Panthers*, and bar the former's first ball (!) there were no hiccups. 70 for 0 as the last ball of the tenth over was bowled. That over went for 23, include three 6s and a 4. Mercifully only one of the maximums was struck by the *Foreman*! So a good win, and over-and-done with quickly enough that the midges likely went home hungry. And, boy, there were lots of them!

Good fun, and good to get some cricket in after so long. And thanks, too, to the hosts for a game played in genuinely good spirit with some great banter! Reminds us that such games can happen! 😊

Defeat snatched from the jaws of victory [posted 19/06/12]

The first half of this match was pretty good from a Panthers' perspective. The boys had done reasonably well to restrict the normally free-scoring Langside College side to just 103, bowling them out in the nineteenth over. There had been a "4-for" for *Sanchez* as he bowled with good control and no little swing to entice the visitors' batters into false shots. *Rusty* had a couple of scalps too, as most of the bowlers used bowled tidily. The innings ended with a sharp run out from *Doogie*. 103 all out. Actually for 9 with Langside being a man short. But even though 103 was okay, it still included a whopping 22 in extras as *the 'Loc* disease of bowling wides - 19 runs this time! - continued. What is it with Poloc bowlers and wides??

😞 There had also been a couple of grassed catching chances, another affliction that so often costs dear in close games. But six grabs were completed, no fewer than three from *Youngy* who was wearing the gloves after being drafted in when Saif and Josh called off. All regulation nicks behind before *Flanners* starts to get twitchy!

To the batting. It was horrible. 27 for 5 after ten overs kind of tells it own story. What was that about? Batters two through six mustered 4 runs between them as the boys seemed both unable to score, and stay in. A deadly double-act. Only *Muscles* was still in, having opened with *Mushy*. Though 9 from his first 29 balls faced added to the pressure he and the side had heaped on themselves as they went in to the second half of the innings. Luckily things *did* improve. Dots became fewer and boundaries were struck. But still the brains weren't fully engaged. And with the visitors appealing like unfairly convicted criminals on death row the pressure on the ump's was building. Runs started to flow though. Overs eleven through fifteen, after the shambles of the first ten, saw 54 runs scored and only one wicket fall. But the wicket that did fall summed up the brainless batting perfectly. The Langside skipper had tossed the ball to his part-time leggie whose first five balls had yielded 13 runs. Ideal. No need for anything silly. Wrong! Ball six is bunted straight to *cow* by *Maddy* where it's well held by Ameer running in. Why oh why??? Then more fun and games:

Aamir, who'd reached 41 from 55 deliveries then followed *Maddy* back to the pavilion, cleaned up by Fiaz. Hidayath then pulled the next ball, his first obviously, through square leg for 4 but stood on his stumps at the same time! *Youngy* was then in with *Rusty* and 10 runs were added in just nine balls leaving the equation 4 needed from the last two overs. But then yet another speculative appeal by the Langside 'keeper for a catch behind was inexplicably given by *the 'Loc's* own player:umpire and it was nine down. And when *Sanchez* was bowled by the last ball of over nineteen the boys had somehow thrown the game away. Astonishing. Hey-ho we guess.

Good to get a game in, and a match played in good spirit on a pleasant summer evening [Ed: how often can we say *that!*] Just why of why the bonkers appealing?!? Next up it's a Glasgow Cup tie on Thursday, weather-permitting, against Hughenden.

Panthers lose in the Greenwood Trophy [posted 29/05/12]



The Panthers lost out to Neptune this evening in the Greenwood Trophy. In a high-scoring T20 affair the visitors from Helensburgh racked up 161 batting first, a total the Panthers couldn't surpass as they ended the second innings 133 for 7. There was a half-century for Josh Crawley who carried his bat for an unbeaten 63, whilst *Rusty's* 2 for 16 in his four overs was the best of the bowling figures. The Panthers are in cup action again on Thursday when they travel to Motherwell in the Glasgow Cup. Tonight's [scorecard](#)'s online, as are updated [stat's](#).

Panthers secure first win in this season's Sunday League [posted 27/05/12]

After both senior Saturday sides secured league wins it was the Panthers turn in the Sunday League today. Could they, in their second Sunday League outing, make it a winning weekend for the club? The answer: yes they could! How very - *very* - pleasing. Almost as pleasing as the ridiculously-good weather that once again bathed the old ground in beautifully hot summer sunshine.

Maddy was in charge of the Panthers who, after a couple of late call offs, had *Muscles* and Glenton in their line up. And in the field first, it was the latter who made the breakthrough. Glenton, opening the bowling in tandem with *Sanchez*, dismissed two of opposition Renfrew's top three batters, whilst *Sanchez's* neat "caught and bowled" saw to David Graham, the young Renfrew 'keeper. Ryan Murray - another Renfrew junior in the visitor's line-up - then built a partnership with Hussain, before he became Muhammad Shahid's first wicket of the day, departing courtesy of a catch by Rehan Khan, for 17. Hussain would then see a few partners come and go at the other end as Gul, Ali and Khasiya mustered just 5 between them. Actually in saying this we're being polite: all 5 runs were accrued by Rizwan Gul, the other two recording ducks. It happens sometimes! Mohsin Majeed then got in to double figures batting at nine, before *Mikey* - who'd swapped the 'keeping gloves with Glenton [Ed: "village" boys!] - saw to him and Renfrew's ten and *Jack*. 115 all out, with Muhammad and Mike getting "3-fors".

After tea - the usual "build-a-roll" affair! - it was over to the batters. But as had happened to the Renfrew top order, the Panthers top three - *Muscles*, Muhammad and *Stiffy* - mis-fired and managed only 9 between them. *Muscles* chopped one on to Khasiya, the same bowler cleaned up Muhammad, and Roy trapped Elliott leg before. Amar and Rehan then rebuilt the innings, adding 20 for the fourth wicket. And it was Amar who was that wicket, being the third batter to have their stumps re-arranged, Mohsin Majeed finding just enough time between sledges to roll his arm over and see to him. Rehan, followed with only another single having been added, the fourth to be bowled, this time by Murray. 49 for 5 wasn't really what the guys had had in mind when chasing just 116 to win, but Mike and Glenton

settled in and steadied the ship. As they accumulated runs, so the bowling became more ragged. Poor deliveries were despatched with flourishes, five maximums being recorded as the boys got their eyes in. Throw in four 4s and the end, when it came, came quickly. 118 for 5 in the 26th over. A good win for the side and the first haul of 6 winning points this season.

It's a busy week for the Panthers with two cup ties - Tuesday versus Neptune and Thursday away to Motherwell. Lots of cric' to be played, and the weather to play it in!!

Prestwick see off the Panthers at the HTO [posted 22/05/12]

The Panthers were on the road tonight in the Evening League, with Prestwick their destination. It seems the Ayrshire boys are pretty keen to win this league too as they fielded the same eleven - bar pro' out, Willie Rowan in, and McDowell out, Ross Patterson in - that had played *the 'Loc* on Saturday past in the CSL. Did they forget this was an Evening League match? Who knows. What we *do* know however is that teamsheets obviously weren't high on anyone "To do" list as one wasn't to be had. Sigh.... To the game: batting first the Panthers lost their first wicket with the total on 15, *Rosco* trapped LBW by Calum Rodger. Muhammed Shahid then came-and-went for a blob bringing the skipper in to bat with *Muscles*. And it was Aamir who would top-score on the night, his 15 - before being bowled by young Mitchell Rao - was as good as it got in the batters' right-hand column. In fact bar Cammy, at eight, with 14, none of the other Panthers batters got in to double figures. Just as well the home side bowlers were as generous with their extras as their skipper had been forgetful in dealing with the pre-match admin', resulting in the first innings total creeping up to 68. Nine down.

Prestwick then made short work of their run-chase - that is after "pinch hitter" Pettigrew (2) and opening partner, Fraser Rodger (0), had both gone cheaply. [Ed: we assume "pinch" as in had to *pinch himself* he was being asked to open! 🤔] The other wicket to be taken was Singh, who *Sanchez* cleaned up. This left Ross Patterson (24*) and David Carlyle (17*) to see their side home in the eleventh over.

First southside derby of '12 brings a win [posted 01/05/12]

In the first of likely - and literally - dozens of clashes between the *Rebel Alliance* and *Evil Empire* over the next four months, it was the forces of good that triumphed. The first derby of a new season featured an Evening League clash at Shawholm, with the Cavaliers from *Toytown* making the less than inter-galactic trip from Crossmyloof to "Europe's Favourite Park, 2008". On what looked like, and turned out to be, a slow, low - but perfectly good - deck, *Rusty* elected to bat first. *Rosco* and *Stiffy* opened for the Panthers and had put on 11 before the latter was pretty unlucky to see Chris McCrossan quite literally snatch out of the sky a flat-batted screamer that was likely going to result in the ump' stretching both arms vertically had it not been miraculously pouched. What a grab! Unlucky *Stiffy*. *Rosco* was then joined by *Muscles* but this partnership didn't last as Aamir missed a Rahail Gilani off break and his stumps were rearranged. 30 for 2. Hari' then came and went pretty smartly too, another batter to be bowled - this time by Mark Williams. A bit of rebuilding was needed at this juncture, particularly as *Rosco* also decided he'd had enough and had holed out to John McCrossan. Amar and Abdul added a few runs in the middle order before the former - having gotten into double figures - had to retire with a thigh strain. Abdul then attempted one big shot too many and was the third batter cleaned up. In at seven was the skipper and he batted nicely in accumulating 16 before - somewhat bizarrely - he was run out by Waqas Mahmood off the same player's bowling. Mahmood bowled a no ball that, hearing the call, *Mikey* smacked back at him. Half-protecting himself, half trying to stop the ball, Waqas somehow deflected the ball onto the stumps, with Russell - unfortunately - out of his ground. Bizarre indeed. Mike then went through a couple of new partners, in Haider and Ashar, quite quickly, before *Youngy* and him added 7 from the last over. 96 for 8 was the side's final score, giving the Cavaliers a target of 97 for the win.

The Cavaliers' openers were Jay Duncan and Rohail Gilani. And for the Panthers, *Rusty* entrusted the new ball to Haider's off-breaks and Hari's seamers. Both bowled well enough, and the first wicket fell as a result of decent pressure being applied. Gilani was feeling a tad twitchy as Hari tied him down, resulting in him deciding there was a second run to be had to *Youngy's* arm. Mistake. Direct hit: out! Off you pop young man! Then, when Ashar came on at the Cart End another breakthrough was made. He dismissed Duncan and Forsyth, the first courtesy of a decent grab at mid-off by Haider. Pirzada - carrying an injury - then came and went, Abdul taking the catch this time, as did Riaz, who was stumped by *Rosco*. The skipper had turned to *Mikey* and *Youngy* at this juncture hoping for some tight overs. Luckily (!) *Rusty's* plan worked as Mike wheeled away to return figures of 4-0-9-3, whilst *Youngy's* two overs were both maidens and saw him trap Mark Williams LBW. Williams was another carrying an injury on a night that - notwithstanding the jibes about *the Alliance* taking on *the Empire* - produced enough walking wounded for a proper war-zone. Amar had retired as noted, Pirzada and Williams were crocked during the game, *Rosco* took a nasty one on the hand whilst 'keeping and *Rusty* wasn't 100%.

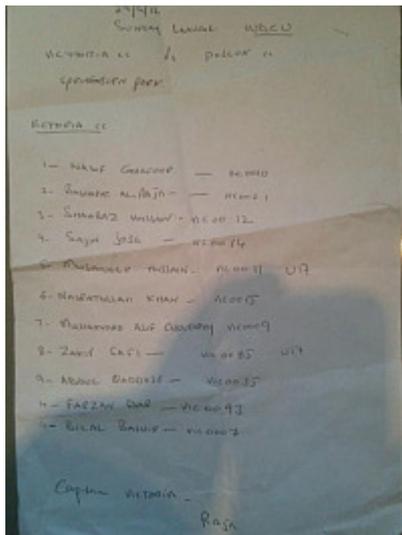
Back to the game: after Brown had been dismissed for a top-score-equalling 13 - one of Mike's victims - the tail failed to wag. John McCrossan, the Cavaliers' skipper, was last out in the gathering gloom, caught by Elliott off *Rusty's* bowling. 60 all out in under nineteen overs and a 36-run win had resulted in a winning start to the club's Evening League participation.

All-in-all, a good game, albeit in chilly conditions, and played in good spirits between the two near-neighbours. [Ed: wonder which are the "noisy" ones?]

Panthers lose heavily in season opener [posted 29/04/12]

As regular readers will know - both of you! - this scribe loves a rant. And so Victoria on a fixture schedule brings a strange sort of masochistic pleasure. And today's Sunday League opener, in which the newly-named Poloc Panthers made their bow, fell into this category. The cricket itself can be passed over pretty quickly: the Panthers won the toss, proceeded to get skittled for just 63 on the Springburn flying carpet, and then nicked out just the one Victoria batter as they slumped to a nine-wicket defeat. On the plus side the game was over so quickly that the chances of hypothermia were much reduced! It *was* cold! Very!!

But, of course, the "entertainment" on such days is not really much to do with the cricket. It usually surrounds the,.....well, the surrounds! And, of course, everything else that attaches to a clash with VCC. Let's start at the start shall we. Well to start with things looked promising. An entire eleven was assembled at Shawholm on time. Tick. All *Youngy* had to do was print the teamsheet on the club's fancy new colour printer. Naively, however, the skipper had assumed that the printer would've been used by now and so would work instantly. Eh, no. 30 minutes later and the requisite *HP* printer driver had just been downloaded and printing was actually then possible! But, of course, the side couldn't travel without a teamsheet printed from the *PlayerReg* system. Why? Cos that's them rules. So, with the big hand at eight and the little hand nearing one, the convey eventually set off on their trans-Glasgow trek to the badlands. But, rushed and harrassed as they were, they were safe in the knowledge that their paperwork was tickety-boo. Arriving at five to one wasn't ideal, but was still in time. *Youngy* promptly strode out to meet his VCC counterpart for the toss, pristine colour-printed teamsheet in hand. What he returned with, courtesy of Victoria's skipper did not, however, amuse him.....



Unbelievable! Why had the guys bothered getting *that* printer up-and-running if - apparently - you can just scribble a few names down on a piece of paper?!? And, apparently, the side's new name isn't "Panthers", it's "Pollok"! 🤔

Never mind, at least it'd be easy to ID the players from the sheet! 🤔 And here we were assuming it was in the playing conditions that *PlayerReg* teamsheets had to be used.

Anyway proceedings got underway. The Panthers were batting and Victoria's nine men were fielding. Nine you say? Yup, nine: one other was in a taxi on their way, another was - for some unknown reason - sitting in the changing room? Anyway, eventually the changing room sitter appeared,.....and turned out to be the wicket-keeper, and so there was a quick transfer of pads and gloves from temp' 'keeper to perm' 'keeper before play could continue.

And, within a few overs of the start, player eleven made his appearance and the home side were up to full strength. By then, too, the wickets had started to tumble. Glenton - experiencing the joys of the Springburn *Oval* for the first time, and seeing in a weekend the full range of Scottish cricket grounds - was first to go, cleaned up by Safi, and the first of three wickets that the second of Victoria's opening bowlers would take. At the other end, youngster Khan was also quickly amongst the wickets, and he, too, would go on - like Safi - to fill his pockets with Panthers, his haul numbering four. In fact, as had happened 24 hours previously in the Shawholm match, the vast majority of wickets to fall saw batters' stumps rearranged. Seven of the ten dismissals saw players bowled, maybe saying something about shot selection? Only Mike - on his *Loc* debut - got into double figures, his 26 just pipping Extras for the top score prize. The second highest scorer was *Rusty*, with 7! Oops. 63 all out. The carnage had also seen a run out, and a near *timed* out as *Rusty* nearly didn't get the chance to make his second-top score when a clatter of wickets saw the boys in the middle waiting for a new batter, Russell being gloriously unaware in the changing room casually putting on the required kit. Luckily Ashar, due in after *Rusty*, was suited and booted, and jumped in ahead of him. As it was, *Rusty* would be last out, bowled by Quadduse, leaving *Youngy* with his usual sheriff. 63 all out as noted.

Tea was passed on as the Panthers' innings had only lasted into the 21st over. So it was straight back out. Glenton opened the bowling for the Panthers with Ashar and if there was to be any chance of an unlikely win for the guys then early wickets would have to fall. But, bar Dar [Ed: trying saying *that* twenty times really quicky!], the Victoria batters stood firm. Dar was bowled by Glenton, but he was the only VCC wicket to fall. There were a few chances created. Glenton had a delivery edged just over *Mikey* in the gully, and another saw a big appeal for a caught behind by *Youngy* only for Victoria's Khan to say that the noise had been the ball hitting his cigarette packet in his pocket! Khan was also at the centre of another entertaining moment in the second innings. Facing Rehan, he decided to switch hit a ball that was passing over off stump. Switching to a left-handed stance and trying to, in effect, pull the ball as it went past his now leg side, he nearly took *Youngy's* head off as he swung off balance at the ball as it went over the stumps! *Youngy*, standing up, got - it can be said - a tad of a surprise, ducking away from the flailing bat, before then getting abuse from his Panther teammates for conceding the only bye of the innings! Tough school. *Flanners* doesn't have to put up with that kind of nonsense!

Victory for Victoria came in the twelfth over and it was a comfortable nine-wicket win. So a disappointing result on another very cold day for cricket. Positives? Few, though surviving any away-day to Springburn can never be under-estimated. 😊 Akhil and *Beast* also made their senior debuts which was good, joining *Mikey*, as said, in the role of debutant. There was also, pleasingly, a relatively low outfield dog excrement count, and there were the aforementioned "entertaining" moments in proceedings. Roll on the home games though.....

Next up for the Panthers is their Evening League debut, at home, on Tuesday, against *the Dark Side*.