



READY: Compton's Ted Hayes bowls to Johnny Mullagh XI player Len Cooper as Richard Cazarez wicket keeps.

Cultures unite on the cricket pitch

By JUSTINE MCCULLAGH-BEASY

CRICKET and culture combined at Harrow on Monday evening.

Compton Cricket Club, an American club known as the Homies and the POPZ, lost to home side Johnny Mullagh XI.

The two sides shared their cultures during a 15-over game.

Johnny Mullagh XI chased down Compton's 7-69 with three overs to spare.

Compton is a team of Latinos and African Americans who come from varying backgrounds.

It is touring Australia for the first time.

Compton wanted to play the Johnny Mullagh XI, side which commemorates the first Aboriginal side which travelled to England in 1868, on their visit.

Homies and POPZ captain Theo Hayes said the game was memorable for many reasons.

"It was very momentous as we were the first North American team, not only to travel to play cricket in Australia, but the first North American team to play an Aboriginal team," Hayes said.

"Every culture in cricket has routines and heritage is passed on.

"We saw they do a ceremony with spears.

"We do rap music. We like to perform for people and it keeps our heritage involved in the sport."

Hayes said Compton's tour, which included a game against Melbourne University last night, was eye-opening.

"There is a lot of history, even though Australia is a young country it has a lot of history," Hayes said.

"Everyday we're learning something new."

Hayes said Compton brought the bare 11 players to Australia.

He said the team's schedule was full.

"We have two guys hobbling around like they are 94 years old," he said.

Hayes said with numerous sports to choose from in America, Compton Cricket Club was unique.

He said the gentleman's game had taught the players how to behave on and off the pitch.

"Cricket happened to find us. There is great etiquette involved," he said.

● HARROW and Compton hope to become sister cities.

Compton team manager Katy Haber said the team brought a number of certificates on its tour in a bid to become sister cities.

"We brought certificates from the city of Los Angeles," she said.

"We have to go back to Compton and say Harrow wants to be a sister city."

She said the two towns were small and had a lot in common.

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FRIENDSHIP: Ted Hayes, Isaac Hayes, Bryan Robbins and Theo Hayes giving West Wimmera Mayor Darren Rayner a certificate to start the process of Harrow and Compton becoming sister cities.

Pictures: KATE HEALY



HIT: Homies and POPZ player Richard Cazarez wicket keeps as Sean Bell hits runs for Johnny Mullagh XI.



UNIQUE: Compton's Ted Hayes shows his unorthodox bowling style.

Wimmera Sports Calendar

WEDNESDAY February 9

VOLLEYBALL: Come and Try night 7-8pm at St Brigid's College stadium. All ages welcome. Contact David 0407 810 803.

CRICKET: Melbourne Country Week day 3 - Horsham v Grassmere at Oakleigh.

NETBALL: Taylors Lake netball club training for A, B and C grades starting at 6.30pm at the soundshell. Contact Letitia 0400 964 770.

SLAM AND SWEAT TENNIS: tennis fitness program 9.30-10.30am \$6 per session. Contact Sue 0409 257 256 for when this program resumes after the holidays.

WALKING: Kaniva Moovers and Shakers. Departs from Kaniva LINK Neighbourhood House at 9am. If you would like to join this walking group contact Janine Clark at West Wimmera Health Service on 5391 4222.

WALKING: Edenhope Moovers & Shakers. 4:30pm (alternative activity with difficult weather). Meeting at Corner Lake & Mollison Sts Edenhope. Contact Cath 5585 9827.

KEEN-AGERSTABLE TENNIS: Horsham Table Tennis Association and the University of the Third Age (U3A) invite those 50 years young (or older) to come to Maydale Pavilion, Horsham Showgrounds from 9am for social table tennis. Equipment provided. Please wear rubber sole shoes. Players must be members of U3A or take out membership with the Horsham Table Tennis Association. Contact Ethel Sanders 5382 6654

WALKING: Harrow Moovers & Shakers: 7:15pm at North Harrow Reserve (alternative activity in difficult weather). Contact Pauline on 5585 9827.

EXERCISE PROGRAM: Soldiers Memorial Hall Natimuk, 6pm-7pm Strength and Flexibility Class. Contact the YMCA 5382 2576.

WALKING: Hopetoun Moovers & Shakers: 5:30pm and 6:30pm at the Hopetoun and District Neighbourhood House. Contact Sue 5083 3408.

EXERCISES: Movin 2 Music, Warracknabeal Leisure Centre. 2:00pm start. Contact Cheryl 5398 1246

THURSDAY February 10

CRICKET: Melbourne Country Week day 4 - Horsham v Mornington Peninsula at Kingston.

NETBALL: Kalkee netball pre-season starts 7pm at the Soundshell. Seniors, 17 and under and 15 and under and new players welcome.

CROQUET: Horsham Croquet Club opposite the lawn tennis courts 9am start names into clubhouse by 8.45am. Contact 53811941 visitors welcome.

RUNNING CLUB: Horsham Running Club. All levels of fitness catered for in a social and fun environment. Further information Kelvin 0417 504 173.

WALKING: Horsham Walking Group 7:00pm start leaving from Sawyer Park. All abilities welcome. Contact Alex 5382 4599

WALKING: Natimuk Movers and Shakers departing from the Natimuk Courthouse at 9.00am. Further information contact Michelle Barber 5391 4229 or Email mbarber@wwhs.net.au

FRIDAY February 11

GOLF: Horsham Golf Club 9 holes twilight 4-6pm tee off. Contact 53821652.

STRENGTH TRAINING: Over 50's Natimuk Strength Training, Soldiers Memorial Hall. 9am and 10am sessions. \$2 per session. New participants must obtain medical clearance and attend a pre-exercise assessment. Contact the YMCA 5382 2576.

SATURDAY February 12

GOLF CROQUET: Horsham Croquet Club opposite the lawn tennis courts 9am start names into clubhouse by 8.45am. Contact 53811941 visitors welcome.

MONDAY February 14

SPORTS STAR DINNER: Monday February 14 6.30pm at the Horsham Sports and Community Club. Tickets \$30 a head for a three course meal now available. Olympic gold medalist shooter Russell Mark special guest speaker. Contact the WRSA on 53824599 to book your seat.

WIMMERA RACING: Ararat weekday meeting. Contact Penny 53585288.

GOLF: Horsham Golf Club - social golf 8.30am. Contact 53821652.

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TUESDAY February 15

FOOTY: Pimpino u17 and u14 pre-season training commences at 5.15pm Dudley Cornell Park. Past, present and new players all welcome. Contact Danny 0488 692 232 or Brendon 0438 100 074.

SLAM AND SWEAT TENNIS: tennis fitness program 9.30-10.30am \$6 per session. Contact Sue 0409 257 256.

SOCIAL GOLF CROQUET: Horsham Croquet Club opposite the lawn tennis courts play under lights. 7.00pm start names into clubhouse by 6.45pm. Contact 53811941 new players and visitors welcome.

RUNNING CLUB: Horsham Running Club. All levels of fitness catered for in a social and fun environment. Further information Kelvin 0417 504 173.

WALKING: Horsham Walking Group 7:00pm start leaving from Sawyer Park Soundshell. All abilities welcome. Contact Sam 5382 459

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WALKING: Beulah Moovers and Shakers: 10:30am at Beulah Campus of Rural Northwest Health enquiries Sue Forsyth 5396 8224

WALKING: Nhili Moovers & Shakers 9am Nhili Neighbourhood house

WALKING: Warracknabeal Moovers & Shakers 9am at Lions Park. Contact Betty on 5396 1265

EXERCISES: Fitball 6:00pm start. Warracknabeal Leisure Centre. Contact Cheryl 5398 1246.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

FLOOD ASSISTANCE GRANTS: Commonwealth Bank flood assistance grants now open for applications. Up to \$20,000 to sporting clubs affected by the recent floods. Log onto www.commbank.com.au/floods or contact Dave Campey at the CBA Business Banking Centre in Hamilton Street or the WRSA at 5382 4599.

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS: Applications now being taken for athletes in the 12-18 age bracket who travel at minimum 250kms return for state or national championships. Grants of \$500 for Individuals and \$3000 for eligible teams available. Log onto www.ausport.gov.au/champions.

ACTIVE CLUB GRANTS - Active Club grants applications now being taken. Funding available for sports safety equipment, essential sporting items, portable shade and club training. Log onto www.vichealth.org.au/activeclubs for application forms. Applications from flood affected clubs now prioritised, and if clubs fall into this category and have received a grant in the last three years, your club can now make an application. Applications now close February 28.

SQUASH: Wednesday February 16 - Horsham Squash Club junior competition Come and Try Night. 6-7pm at the Horsham Squash courts in McPherson Street. Contact Launa 0439 799 817.

BUILDING YOUR CLUB: Wednesday February 16 "fundraising and money management" online training. 7pm register with david@gippsport.com.au. Each session is limited to 40 participants.

BOWLS: Thursday February 17 - Rural North West Health Ladies Auxiliary Charity Bowls Night. Warracknabeal Bowling Club 3 games of 6 ends names in by 7pm. Contact Graeme 53941246.

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball Horsham summer season starts February 21 for "A" and "C" grades February 23 for "B", Women and junior grades. Team and individual entries now being taken. Contact David 0407 810 803 for details on how you can participate in one of the region's most popular sports.

RACING: Saturday February 26 Warracknabeal Cup day at Warracknabeal.

TRIATHLON: Saturday 26th February and is now called: "Horsham Aquatic Centre Triathlon". The Horsham Aquatic Centre /YMCA is the major sponsor of the event for the next 2 years. We are seeking volunteer support for the day. If you are participating in the event, or know of anyone wishing to participate in any of the range of events on offer, please let them know, and get them to enter online at www.triathorsham.com.au

SPORTSTRAINERS COURSES - April 2/3 level 1 sports trainer and re-accreditation. May 1 Advanced Sports Taping, Introductory sports massage and CPR update. Contact the WRSA on 53824599 for more details.

SPORTS STAR: Nominate your club/association's high achievers in the Sports Star of the Year award. Nomination forms available on the web at www.wrsa.org.au. Contact the Assembly 53824599 for more details.

CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS: If you want to advertise your club's upcoming events in this weekly calendar contact the Sports Assembly on 53824599 or email ceo@wrsa.org.au at least a week in advance.

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