

EDITORIAL:The Cricket Season:

Once again the football season is drawing to a close and soon preparations for the cricket season will be under way. Cricket in Australia this year will be all the more interesting because of the visit of the English cricketers who are coming out to visit all States, and to play the usual five tests.

It has been said that Palm Islanders are not very interested in cricket, but surely that is not true!, because cricket is a game that the aborigine has always been able to play well.

Most of you will have heard of Eddie Gilbert the Famous Queensland and Australian fast bowler who once clean bowled Bradman for a duck. If my memory is good, Gilbert was a Settlement lad, but some of you older folk will know more about him than I do.

But it would be nice to see Palm Islanders take an interest in cricket this year. You have a pitch that could easily be put back into playing order.

The Welfare Association has all the gear necessary for the game; and we have the numbers here to get several teams. Sunday afternoon fixtures could be arranged, and perhaps the school boys could have Sunday morning or Saturday afternoon fixtures.

Sport provides enjoyment for more than those who play, because the not so young like to see a game well-played. But, if you do play, play the game properly, nothing looks worse than a lot of "giggling Gerties" pretending they are playing cricket.

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