

**CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES –
ANNUAL REPORT AND SEASON'S RESULTS 2002-2003**

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
C&S	16	12*	4	-	1	1
Masters	11	4	6	1	-	-
Other	17	10	6		1	2
Sub -total	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Kenya	8	3	4		1	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

**one match won by forfeit*

OVERVIEW

Eighty one players played for the Club this season. The winter tour to Kenya proved enjoyable and reasonably successful although too few of the players were in their twenties and thirties- a situation reflected throughout the Club during the season. Nevertheless results were as good as previous years; a winter tour of Sri Lanka has been arranged and the Club is likely to incorporate soon , and try to expand its activities beyond the playing field again.

City and Suburban

Twenty five people played for the C&S team this season. The start of the season was rendered difficult as our home ground of Camperdown needed substantial repairs after the rugby season and as a result, was not available till November, with a consequent need to cancel or rearrange fixtures.

Steve Taylor took over the captaincy this season , although selection as before was managed by a triumvirate of senior players, Greg Brooks, Scott McCallum and Dennis Cameron, the latter forsaking all Sunday cricket to play exclusively for the Saturday side. Steve managed to bring with him from the Castle Hill side several very talented players in his brother, Derek , Darren Kay and Ian Allmey. While not available every game, their presence reduced the extent to which the side struggled for an eleventh player on the Friday night. Wayne Walters and David Pyne from Dapto also played some games but did not play regularly.

Of the regular batsmen, both Paul Brandon , fully recovered from his head injury last season, and Scott Perry stood out with their consistency and technique to respectively top the averages and score the most runs. Derek Taylor and Ian Allmey could dominate an attack and score quickly but were not as consistent, nor was Darren Kay. Of the other batsmen, Trent Hill only played four games; Steve Taylor was hindered by a chronic shoulder injury which finally required an operation while Joff Johnson played less than usual with his troublesome knees. Greg Brooks also suffered from a

nagging calf injury and could not recover his batting form of last year. Matt Gale kept wicket efficiently but had very little opportunity to show his batting skills

Of the bowlers, Dennis Cameron in his fiftieth year, stood out with his control of length and direction, late inswing and leg cutters combined with change of pace accounting for many a young batsman. Our opening attack of Greg Brooks and Scott McCallum also relied on experience and immaculate control rather than pace to reap rewards from a responsive Camperdown pitch. Stuart Ridge bowled with rhythm, control and late inswing to subdue most batsmen. The combined age of these three “pacemen” exceeded 120 years. They were backed up by our “youngster”, Bruce Grigg who occasionally achieved remarkable swing, especially against A.M.P., but who also occasionally suffered severe punishment.

These were our regular quintet of bowlers but the side had many other talents with the medium paced leg breaks of Derek Taylor, the slow left arm of Ian Allmey and, when available, the medium pace of Wayne Walters, David Pyne and Darren Kay.

With such an experienced and talented side, there were hopes of going through the season undefeated, but this did not prove possible. The first loss occurred just before Christmas to Old Aloysians when the batting collapsed; the second to I. Zingari in February for a similar reason, and then the season petered out in March with only two games played in the last five weeks of the season and both lost. Perhaps Steve Taylor’s captaincy was missed.

That is not to say that the season was not both successful and enjoyable as eleven wins on the pitch would attest. At its best the side dominated what were mainly younger sides with ease.

Thanks are due to Steve Taylor, not only for his skills on the field but also his captaincy and organisational ability off the field and the construction of a trolley for the covers. Everyone hopes for his full recovery by next season.

Above all thanks are due to John Russell whose organisation made Steve Taylor’s task as Captain so much easier. John organised the fixtures, the tea, the ground facilities as well, as undertaking the scoring and writing regular match reports for Scott Perry to distribute to all the Club.

Masters

Eighteen people played in the Masters team this season and we came equal tenth out of 18 teams, our highest placing for some years. The Masters’ squad had relocated their home ground to Camperdown this year, thanks primarily to the invaluable assistance of John Russell. Although the runs did not come as freely as at David Phillips Field last season, most of our games resulted in nail biting finishes. A total of 160 proved to be sufficient to win games.

We enjoyed our most successful season for some years- winning four, tying one and losing one off the final ball of the game, and unearthing some new “young “ talent along the way! Sandgroper Simon Nelson was recruited from Perth, proving to be

quite a find by topping the batting aggregates and chiming in with some handy wickets with his medium pacers. Regular net practice sessions were a feature throughout the season, with Simon always in attendance. Mick McCormick was recruited for our last three games and proved a valuable batting talent, a useful medium pace bowler, and in the final match unveiling some useful leg spin. Martin Dando and Bernard Hill were also new boys, with Martin proving quite useful behind the stumps, and Bernard always available at a moment's notice.

Greg Currie managed to achieve the highest batting average which is no mean feat for an opener as well as keeping wicket admirably when available in the earlier part of the season. Chris Lenard was again our bowling spearhead, taking the most wickets while Adrian Hawkes had the best average Garry Hayres was our workhorse medium pacer, sometimes bowling when not fully fit, often into the wind. Unfortunately, his figures do not adequately reflect his immense contribution, especially off the field, including custody of the kit and clothing, assisting with the covers and providing the BBQ for some social games. Jay Patel was our ever-reliable finishing act, managing to tie up the opposition at the end of the innings with his accurate slow-medium off-breaks. Ian McClenaughan, and Brian Breakspear also proved quite economical when asked to take the new ball and both were unlucky not to take more wickets. Garry Winney and Sandy Grant also offered valuable bowling contributions with limited opportunities.

Our top order was reasonably consistent, with Currie, Nelson and John McDonald scoring the bulk of the runs. Ian McClenaughan's punishing cover drives were often forgotten by (in his opinion at least) dubious lbw decisions. Currie, Winney and McCormick chimed in with valuable knocks in their limited appearances, while Chris Lenard refused to be dismissed till mid February to finish with a very healthy average. Unfortunately our middle order was frequently our weakness with regular collapses against three teams we could have beaten. We need to unearth one or two pinch hitters at nos six or seven Our tail quite often wagged with occasional valuable contributions from Lenard, Galvin, Hayres, Hawkes, Dando and Patel a feature.

Probably our best game was against a strong Lane Cove side with their opening bowler arguably the best we faced all season. Unfortunately his on-field demeanour did not match his ability and almost led to a formal complaint to the Lane Cove Club. Apart from this incident, win or lose, our opposition were a pleasure to play against, sociable off the field and sportsmanlike on the field. It is this attitude which has led to the great popularity of the Competition with all participant teams

All in all a very enjoyable season which culminated in a fabulous BBQ/games night at Garry Hayres' home in mid-April.

A big thanks to all 18 Masters players this season, who played with enthusiasm, humour, skill and commitment. A special thank you to the two Brians, Garry Hayres and Simon Nelson who helped with the covers, BBQs and attending practice. Also thanks to JR and John Williams for their occasional excellent scoring and umpiring duties which was much appreciated by the players A huge thank you to Adrian for his hundreds of E-mails, never ending support and organisational ability which made my job so enjoyable.

Bring on 03-04- only 5 months to go!

Other games

Seventy two persons played for the Club in social games this season although only a core of 13 played 5 games or more. As in previous years, these games allowed a large number of people of different ability, and from different playing backgrounds—from Grade to Moor Park—to play social but competitive cricket against a wide range of opponents on attractive grounds.

The season commenced with games that primarily gave our older players an opportunity v. Phoenix, the Primary Club and the Worcestershire over 50s, all of which were easily won. The Primary Club game had been intended as a reunion for the Kenya tour party but unfortunately the early season difficulties for our C@S side in getting grounds on which to play, led to a clash of fixtures and all the C@S tourists withdrew from the game. We were still far too strong for the Primary Club side which intends to raise a much younger side next year. A similar situation arose v Canberra Cavaliers where the late withdrawal of Brian Breakspear as match manager left us importing the day before the game 4 strong Dapto players, courtesy of Ross Hawksworth, who annihilated the Cavaliers. Ross has agreed to run the game next season.

We then had the pleasure of playing two “Gullivers” XIs from the UK, captained respectively by Mike Gatting and Clive Radley. Former Test players, Trevor Chappell played for us and Norman Cowans for them in the first game. Unfortunately, rain prevented Mike Gatting from batting but in the second game, Clive Radley showed what an ex-Test player still in practice, can do. This year’s Wisden has commented on Clive’s performances last year for the Cross Arrows at Lords. The organisation of these games and the social arrangements afterwards was due to the help of a large number of persons, and particular mention should be made of Steve Taylor, Brian Breakspear, Garry Hayres and Simon Nelson.

We then suffered our only bad loss of the season in Lindfield Cricket week- a game which in recent years has been poorly supported by our younger regular players. This year, the wicket was excellent and the weather mild and we had no excuses. Nick Youngman has offered to help raise a competitive side in future years.

Steve Taylor, aided by John McDonald, then selected a side for the first of our prestigious games in Melbourne. We were hosted in the members pavilion by the MCC for a one day international v. Sri Lanka at the M.C.G. and narrowly lost the next day to the XXIX club at Albert Park, possibly to a slightly younger side with more grade players. Once again, there was talk of a tripartite series in Brisbane next year.

The Canberra weekend, well organised by Steve Taylor who then dropped out with injury, was successful in terms of results, weather and enjoyment. Perhaps hindered by bush fires, the Canberra Cavaliers struggled to raise a side on the Saturday but entertained us to an enjoyable dinner afterwards at the Canberra Club. On the Sunday, the Molonglo game was highlighted by an excellent century from Nick Youngman – 121* out of 200.

We then played an English touring side at Camperdown where Tom Robertson in one of all too few appearances hit a dominating 75. John Russell laid the covers, funded

lunch, umpired, scored, and organised an excellent dinner at the Graphic Arts Club afterwards to win the m.v.p. for the match..

So bad had the drought become that the Kookaburras had to shift their game to an excellent grass wicket in a mental hospital in Goulburn. Once again we lost although a spirited middle order revival got us within ten runs of victory. Next we had the privilege, courtesy of Cricket NSW and John McGruther, of being the first Club side to play at the Olympic (Telstra) stadium- a privilege we hope to be able to repeat next season if invited.

There then followed a close loss by one wicket in the final over v The Lords Taverners, and an equally exciting win v the QCC, where the hours spent by John McDonald and Steve Taylor in selecting a side to reflect both the ability within the Club and also reward some lesser players for their contributions on and off the field, led to a side with great team spirit and a magnificent win with possibly the weakest side we have fielded for some years in this particular fixture.

We played the Bradman Foundation in Sydney for the first time, where the old covers we had donated to Yaralla proved useful (although still in need of repair). A magnificent century by Richard Marsh, the current first grade Dapto opener, aided by Nick Youngman on one leg, saw us at one stage at 0-222; this was followed by possibly the best bowling spell of the season, a fast hostile spell of late inswing from Rowan Buls to guide us to an easy win.

Finally we went to Mudgee where on a superb Autumn day, we narrowly lost a game where fortunes swung, and rounded off the season with a superb dinner in the Craigmoor Winery restaurant. Already, people are asking to play next year!

The system of match managers is working well and the number of social games played now exceeds those played in the C@S competition, and appear to be well patronised and much enjoyed. The only down-note to the season was the late cancellation of our April fixtures v I.Zingari (Australia) and Hong Kong (Australia) because of pitch unavailability but this should not reoccur next season

While invidious to single out individuals (and dangerous if one should forget anyone), especial thanks are due to Steve Taylor, John McDonald, Garry Hayres, Brian Breakspear and Simon Nelson for all their contributions without which some of these games would not have happened.

City and Suburban
Played 16 won 12 lost 4 drawn 1 cancelled 1

1	13 Oct	A.M.P.	W	A.M.P. 10-46	CCNSW 3-47
2	19 Oct	Paddington	W	CCNSW 8-153	Paddington 10-118
3	3 Nov	Scots O.B.	W *	Forfeit	
4	10 Nov	Syd Uni Vets	W	Syd Uni Vets 10-117	CCNSW 4-118
5	16 Nov	A.M.P.	W	CCNSW 7-126	A.M.P. 10-52
6	23 Nov	Beavers	W	CCNSW 5-167	Beavers 10-131
7	30 Nov	Colleagues	D	Colleagues 9-121	Rain
8	7 Dec	Wyvern	W	CCNSW 8-217	Wyvern 10-203
9	14 Dec	Nondescripts	W	CCNSW 5-203	Nondescripts 9-142
10	21 Dec	Old Aloysians	L	CCNSW 10-77	Old Aloysians 5-78
11	11 Jan	Illawong	W	Illawong 7-177	CCNSW 8-179
12	18 Jan	Barker O.B.	W	CCNSW 5-215	Barker O.B. 10-78
13	25 Jan	Knox O.B.	W	CCNSW 10-154	Knox O.B. 10-122
14	8 Feb	I.Zingari	L	CCNSW 10-123	I.Zingari 5-125
15	15 Feb	Yaralla	W	Yaralla 6-163	CCNSW 9-165
16	22 Feb	St.George Vets	C	Rain	
17	8 Mar	O.Sydneians	L	CCNSW 6-189	O.Sydneians 6-194
18	22 Mar	Paddington	L	CCNSW10-138	Paddington 6-139

Masters
Played 11 won 4 tied 1 lost 6

1	6 Oct	I.Zingari	W	I.Zingari 10-122	CCNSW 3-124
2	20 Oct	Hornsby	W	Hornsby 10-117	CCNSW 3-121
3	3 Nov	Castle Hill	L	Castle Hill 10-125	CCNSW 10-59
4	17 Nov	Legends	L	Legends 8-161	CCNSW 9-139
5	15 Dec	Lawyers	T	Lawyers 10-148	CCNSW 7-148
6	19 Jan	Mosman	W	CCNSW 6-158	Mosman 10-132
7	2 Feb	Lane Cove	W	Lane Cove 8-135	CCNSW 9-139
8	16 Feb	Manly	L	Manly 6-197	CCNSW 10-116
9	2 Mar	Parramatta	L	Parramatta 9-160	CCNSW 9-146
10	16 Mar	Macq. Uni.	L	CCNSW 6-140	Macq.Uni. 5-142
11	23 Mar	Warringah	L	CCNSW 10-105	Warringah 3-106

Social Games
Played 17 won 11 lost 5 drawn 1 cancelled 2

1	27 Oct	Phoenix	W	Phoenix 8-164	CCNSW 4-164
2	10 Nov	PrimaryClub	W	Primary Club 8-138	CCNSW 4-139
3	18 Nov	Worcs O 50s	W	CCNSW 6-157	Worcs o'50s10-83
4	24Nov	Canberra Cavaliers	W	Canberra Cavaliers 10-81	CCNSW 0-88
5	1 Jan	Gullivers XI	D	CCNSW 5-165	Rain
6	7 Jan	Gullivers XI	W	CCNSW 5-245	Gullivers XI 8-184
7	13 Jan	Lindfield	L	CCNSW 9-151	Lindfield 1-153
8	22 Jan	XXIX Club Melbourne	L	CCNSW 8-203	XXIX Club 6-207
9	1 Feb	Cavaliers	W	CCNSW 7-292	Cavaliers 5-186
10	2 Feb	Molonglo	W	CCNSW 6-200	Molonglo 8-144
11	5 Feb	Selsdon	W	CCNSW 10-238	Selsdon 10-201
12	9 Feb	Kookaburras	L	Kookaburras 10-244	CCNSW 10-233
13	17 Feb	C&SInvitationXI	W	CCNSW 7-205	C&S Invitation XI 10-176
14	9 Mar	Lords' Taverners	L	CCNSW 8-151	Lords Taverners' 9-155
15	10Mar	Q.C.C.	W	CCNSW 12-139	Q.C.C. 12-122
16	30Mar	Bradman Foundation XI	W	CCNSW 7-246	Bradman Foundation XI 10-178
17	13 May	H.K.Australia	C	Ground unavailable	
18	27May	I.Z.Australia	C	Ground unavailable	
19	3 May	Mudgee	L	Craigmoor Portwiners 10-165	CCNSW 8-154

CCNSW notable performances 2002-2003

Most Appearances: 24 A Hawkes [10 Masters; 14 Social]

Most Runs: S Perry 470@ 39.17 in 13 innings

Most wickets: S McCallum 34 in 19 matches @ 13.33

Best Batting average (min 5 innings):Nick Youngman 269.00 in 5 innings

Best Bowling average (min 10 wickets): R Buls 7.56 (11 wickets)

Highest score: 121* by Nick Youngman

Best bowling: 6 for 17 by A Hawkes

Most catches (fielder): 9 by Sandy Grant (11 games)

Most catches (Keeper): 12 by Greg Currie (9 games)

Most Stumpings: 1 by several- Brandon, Currie, Dando, Easterbrook, Green and Stevens

Centuries: N. Youngman 121* v Molonglo
D Taylor 110* v Wyvern
R Marsh 101 ret v Bradman Foundation XI

Fifties:

4	Scott Perry-	95 v Barker O.B. 82 v Illawong 63* v Syd. Uni. Vets 55 v Nondescripts
3	David Byrnes-	53* v Primary Club 52* v XXIX Club 51 v Selsdon
2	Paul Brandon	55 v I Zingari (Australia) 53* v Beavers
2	Nick Youngman-	54* v Bradman Foundation 51* v XXIX Club
1	Paul Allen	51* v Gullivers XI
	Ian Allmey	71* v Canberra Cavaliers
	Francis Crowe	50* v Gullivers XI
	Trent Hill	51* v Canberra Cavaliers
	Darren Kay	54 v Barker Old Boys
	Richard Marsh	51* v Canberra Cavaliers
	Simon Nelson	50* v Phoenix
	Steve Taylor	56 v Beavers
	Tom Robertson	75 v Selsdon
	Paul Stevens	58* v Canberra Cavaliers

5 wickets in innings:

Adrian Hawkes	6-17 v Mosman
Bruce Grigg	6-18 v AMP
Dennis Cameron	5-13 v Parramatta
Rowan Buls	5-28 v Lords Taverners