

CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.
ANNUAL CRICKET REPORT AND SEASON'S RESULTS 2004-2005

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
C&S	14 (16)	13* (11)	1 (3)	-	1 (2)	4 (5)
Masters	11 (10)	5 (7)	4 (3)	1 (0)	1 (0)	1 (1)
Other	14 (12)	8 (6)	6 (6)	-	- (0)	4 (5)
<u>Cairns Tour</u>	<u>2</u> (13)	<u>1</u> (5)	<u>1</u> (7)	-	-	<u>-</u> (1)
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>41</u> (51)	<u>27</u> (29)	<u>11</u> (19)	<u>1</u> (0)	<u>2</u> (2)	<u>9</u> (12)

Nb Figures in brackets relate to previous 2003-2004 season for comparison purposes.

** one match won by forfeit*

OVERVIEW

88 players played for the Club this season, compared with 108 last season, but only 41 games were played compared with 51 last season. 15 players played ten or more games. The number of games cancelled, primarily because of the weather, was 9 compared with 12 last season. The proposed winter tour of South East Asia was cancelled late because of last minute withdrawals, but a more social tour to Cairns proceeded during the Sri Lankan Test match in Cairns in July. The Club expanded its activities beyond the playing field again, especially in relation to re-establishing a golf section and also organised several successful cricket lunches, a Christmas harbour cruise and a bowls afternoon. A tour to England is proceeding this winter with another proposed tour to Samoa next Easter in an advanced planning stage.

City and Suburban

Our C&S side this season enjoyed a very successful season; if a premiership were awarded we would certainly have won it. After a loss in the first game against Yaralla, we recovered to remain undefeated for the remainder of the season, including exacting revenge against Yaralla later on in the season!

We had a total of 26 players turn out for us this season compared to 34 last season. This was made up of a good core of 13 players who played 5 or more games. These core players were:

Steve Taylor, Paul Brandon, Greg Brooks, Dennis Cameron, Greg Currie, Bruce Grigg, Darren Kay, Craig Kitson, Ian Neil, Freddie Owen, Ed Smith, Derek Taylor, and Ben Wood.

This season we performed very well as an all-round team compared to last season where we relied much more on our bowling as our batting was not up to par.

Our batsman dominated most attacks. We had 7 batsmen score over 100 runs in the season:

Darren Kay	334 @ 37.11
Derek Taylor	316 @ 28.73
Fred Owen	298 @ 42.57
Steve Taylor	258 @ 36.68
Craig Kitson	168 @ 33.60
Greg Brooks	143 @ 71.50
Ian Allmey	100, in one game!!!

Our bowling was a similar line up to last season, with 4 mediums in Greg Brooks, Bruce Griggs, Ed Smith and Ben Wood. The opening attack was generally from these four depending who was available. Towards the end of the season, Ben relocated to Cambodia for work, some say it was for diet reasons..... Our quicks were well backed up by Dennis Cameron, Derek Taylor and Craig Kitson with their various spinners. Ed only managed to play 8 games but still managed to take 23 wickets at just 9 runs a piece. Derek and Brooksie as all-rounders were always in the game for us. Griggsie bowled the most overs for us and took 20 wickets at 22, and probably had 10 catches dropped of him, including 4 in one match!!!

Greg Currie played 9 games for us this season and kept on most occasions and did a very fine job. Paul Brandon on return from Toowoomba also kept and picked up where he left off last season.

Some of the season's highlights were centuries by Ian Allmey in the only game he played and a great hundred by Darren Kay in our grudge match with Yaralla.

Derek and Ed (twice) each picked up 5 wickets in an innings which, given that most of our games were only 35 overs p side, is a big achievement.

Our new groundsman at Camperdown, Robert put in a great effort and we generally played on good tracks, certainly the best in my time at CCNSW. This was enhanced by Brooksie's regular Friday night visit to Camperdown to lay the covers, an effort appreciated by all his team mates.

We had young Freddie Owen play for us this season. He is a 19y/o Pom who was in Australia as part of his gap year; he was a pleasure to play with and excelled in opening the batting with Darren Kay, generally always getting us off to a great start.

My old mate JR again this year did more than his share on match day. It is only on the rare occasion that he is not there, that we realise how much he does. Thanks JR; we all appreciate your efforts.

Our side enjoyed a tremendous team spirit and always enjoyed a beer together after the games; the way we played the game generally, always ensured that the opposition joined us at the Bowling club, which is the way cricket should be.

I have joined the Steering committee of the C&S competition not only to ensure its survival but to lift its standard and overall structure. This will help ensure that we don't end up in the Bowling Club too soon!!!

Finally thanks to all my players for a great effort this season, it was a pleasure to again captain C.C.N.S.W.

Steve Taylor.

Masters

25 people played for the Masters in eleven games this season compared with 26 in ten games last season and a core of 8 players played 5 or more games. We came 10th out of 18 teams, compared with sixth last year which had been our highest placing for some years.

As the muscles were loosened and a few new bats made it into the kit, the sense of anticipation for the new season was just like that of a five year old on Christmas eve. At full strength the team on paper could match anyone. On the field it was another story and reality hit like a scud missile in the first game against Hornsby, a team that should have been accounted for. In this first outing Craig Somers and Greg Curry batted well but the lower order gave them as much support as the “Abbott for PM’ campaign and the Hornsby team easily accounted for the score of 137. This was not the start the team was looking for.

Things improved after the first game with the upper order batting generally performing well. Craig Somers compiled 247 runs, again averaging over 100 this season following his 196 average last year, pathetically falling short of the magic 200. Mick McCormick had one of his more consistent seasons with the bat accumulating 267 runs (ave 46.6) though the mindset of what to do when returning to the crease after retiring at 40* will be investigated with the club psychologist in the off season. Simon Nelson made a couple of nice 40s this year and we are looking for plenty more next season.

Jim Hadley had the scouts call him back to grade cricket and so was less available to the Masters side to inflict his Gilchrist style of batting on the opposition sides. Some oppositions still suffered though, including Stirling Hamman from Lindfield whose aggressive captaincy saw him place two men at the long off and long on boundaries in the first few overs of the innings whereupon Jim immediately hit it thirty metres over their heads and into the bush for six.

Greg Curry (91 runs) and Brian Breakspear both batted well when given the chance and Brian’s innings as opener against Epping was a highlight when he smashed quick runs including one superb shot for 6 over deep mid off. John McDonald played many a stodgy innings against the better bowlers, keeping them out and allowing the later order to be more aggressive with the looser bowlers. Against Warringah he showed all his old skills as fluency returned and his feet started moving.

Once Dean Galvin assumed the status of “The Galvinator” after his match winning performance at Telstra stadium, there was much anticipation of the next swash buckling innings. He was even pursued to play for the Epping team against us, such had the word of his Telstra feats spread. Dean was in form but is waiting until next year for the encore on Telstra.

Grant Bonner played some fine shots in many of his innings and contributed to his aggregate 72. His effort of attending the Blacktown game from his sickbed when we were short was not what the doctor ordered but appreciated by the team.

Keith Elloy batted well each time he picked up the willow and his wicket keeping in the first game (first time in 7 years) was welcomed on the day by the team and for the next seven days by his physiotherapist.

Angus Martin looked the goods and scored a nice 39 against Epping when batting at number 3. He clearly thrives on responsibility. Sandy Grant batted well in spite of getting a disproportionate amount of dubious decisions. Phil Schaeffer showed he could be very valuable coming in late and Ian MacDonald and Brian Fallon were always put in looking for fast runs. The tail never really wagged, but looking for quick runs at the end of an innings is never easy and Jay Patel hit some fine shots when in this position.

The move to North Epping Oval had its disappointments particularly with the pitch. On that note Angus Martin has been successful in having the ball that dismissed him against Epping nominated for "the worst 10 balls ever received by a batsmen."

Coming in at number 11 in those nominations was Simon Nelson's bowled v Warringah following a shocking worm burner. As Simon (who comes from Perth) said: "Why would anyone ever venture to the east coast to be subjected to such vagaries in the bounce?" There was some concern at the time that that one ball alone could have caused Simon to return to the west in the relentless search for consistent bounce.

That lack of consistent bounce meanwhile often assisted Mick McCormick in picking up quite a few wickets with the skiddy LBW or bowled. With Chris Lenard only playing the one game this year there were occasions when the bowling attack was almost anorexic, nevertheless those who stepped up to the crease generally performed beyond expectations.

It was a pity that Phil Schaeffer did not have more games, as when he did play his outswingers were unplayable and he would have got many more edges against better batsmen than some of the excuses he bowled to. Gus Martin added some sting to the attack when he played. Brian Breakspere bowled some great tight spells and was rewarded with 10 wickets at an average of 16.8. Craig Somers had the boomerang going on occasions and is working on the inswinger in the off season.

Ian MacDonald popped it on the spot every time he bowled and may miss the North Epping track as it did a few tricks. Jim Hadley often bowled up to 30 overs the day before in his grade game however bowled some sensational spells in Masters and we hope to see him satisfied with a meagre 10 overs a weekend next season. Dennis Cameron bowled tightly on the couple of times he played.

Jay Patel worked hard on the banter this year and was still visibly upset whenever a run was scored off his bowling. He was rewarded with 9 wickets and often had the difficult task of bowling the last few overs. Owen Murray flighted and coerced the batsmen to hit and with more mobile outfielders would have snaffled many more victims.

Adrian Hawkes was rewarded with 8 wickets and bowled well. He often took wickets at crucial times. Mike Birchall threw in some nice off breaks. Simon Nelson is looking to move into that space next year. Sandy Grant after keeping for much of the year opened the bowling against Manly and bowled a great line and length.

The wicket keeping was shared between Greg Currie, Sandy Grant and Keith Elloy. Greg is not comfortable unless he's bruised or receiving bruising (He also assisted the Saturday side in another 9 games and displayed a remarkable level of fitness for a man over 50). His skill and commitment was inspirational, particularly his keeping down the leg side. Sandy also had a good year. I'm sure Keith won't want to keep for another 7 years!

The less said about this year's fielding the better, though there were some diamonds in the rough. In the most exciting game of the year which ended in a tie, we saw a couple of catches not normally taken by the less youth endowed. Mick McCormick took a low right hander in slips which proves that occasionally, electrical impulses still travel from eye to brain to hand in time to catch a snick even when over 40. Grant Bonner's catch with three balls to spare in the tied game has to go down as the catch of the season. Grant was in the onside deep when an agricultural swipe appeared to be heading over his head and well to his right when he moved with uncharacteristic agility, extend his right hand aloft, gymnast style, to see the ball magically remain in that hand. The catch turned a probable defeat into an exciting tie.

Brian Fallon took a catch Aussie rules style above his head at Warringah with the ball travelling faster than a zirtec. John McDonald took 4 catches in the deep and was one of few who took most of his chances. Overall however the club coach would not be happy with the fielding with the report card showing 'can do better'.

All in all an enjoyable season. We always had 11 players. Nearly always they all either batted or bowled, and team spirit was happy and relaxed. A great deal of this was due to John McDonald, who even after his first operation, would still be involved in selection and come along to score.

Ultimately, as much as the season was enjoyable for most, the season will be remembered with sadness as the one in which John McDonald played his last game at the end of January v Lindfield C.C. Many things about John will be missed by his team mates, his knowledge and fondness for the game, his endless hours spent looking for players at the last minute, his preparedness to organise and attend practice sessions, his fairness and welcoming to all new players, his captaincy and sporting attitude to all and his dry way of saying "fellas we're batting" even when he lost the toss.

May he rest in peace.

Mick McCormick

Other games

71 people played for the Club in 16 social and tour games this season compared with 85 last season in 25 games; only a core of 6 played 5 games or more, compared with 22 last year. These games were generally but not always played on Sundays, and as with last year allowed a wide range of players to participate beyond the relatively narrow confines of the Club's C&S

and Masters players. Apart from a match winning 95 from Greg Brooks at Camden v I Zingari (Australia) and a truly extraordinary innings by Dean Galvin at Telstra v the Queensland Cricketers' Club there were few standout performances and no-one took 5 wickets in an innings.

Prior to the start of the season, there was a short tour to Cairns in July to coincide with the Cairns Test Match v Sri Lanka. We played two games v the local Lords Taverners teams, losing the first and winning the second. Before Christmas we only played one more social game versus the Army at Victoria Barracks where we commissioned "The Barrackers Cup" to commemorate the Sesquicentenary game played the previous year at the SCG. This year the Army were significantly weaker and we won fairly easily on a bowler friendly wicket followed by an enjoyable meal in the Officers Mess. Bad weather cancelled our game in December v the Primary Club which was rearranged for April.

After Christmas the number of games picked up significantly. Nick Youngman captained a side at Mandalong in the traditional start to the Lindfield Cricket Week, followed by a very exciting game v the QCC at Telstra which we won against the odds largely due to a remarkable innings from Dean Galvin, taking us from almost certain defeat to victory. The Canberra weekend, captained this year by Ed Smith, followed at the end of the month resulting in two wins on the Canberra Grammar ground, the first hard fought v Molonglo and the second a more easy win v Canberra Grammar Old Boys. Ed Smith managed to raise the two sides without much trouble including a number of the C&S players.

February saw us go down to Melbourne where we were thoroughly outclassed by a younger Croydon side on the Monday but then managed to beat the XXIX club on the Tuesday at the MCG on a rain affected afternoon, followed by an excellent dinner at the ground. The hospitality of both the Croydon and the Melbourne Clubs was outstanding.

Another three games followed in March and another 6 in April. Indeed it would have been possible for a keen player virtually to play 2 games every week after Christmas. Steve Cross led us to an easy win v the Lords Taverners, based largely on North Richmond players, but then followed defeats v the Kookaburras at Goulburn and the Craigmoor Portwiners at Mudgee. Finally a largely North Richmond based team had an easy win v the Primary Club, while on the same day, after the tragically early and shockingly sudden death of John McDonald two days earlier, we lost a memorial match v Lindfield, but if it were ever the case this there might be a game where the result was of lesser importance than the occasion, this was it. The season ended with a pre tour game played at the attractive Camden ground in beautiful autumn sunlight against the Manly-Waratahs side to tour England where we were well beaten by a younger and more powerful side on the day. We lacked our usual North Richmond contingent of players!

Four games were cancelled: - The initial Primary Club game and the Bradman Foundation by weather and the Canberra Cavaliers and the Manly Waratahs because they could not raise a side. We did not find raising a side difficult largely because of the excellent efforts of our many Match Managers who planned well in advance, and were well supported in particular by a keen and enthusiastic North Richmond contingent. Long may it continue!

Adrian Hawkes

City and Suburban

Played 14: Won 13* Lost 1 Drawn 1 Cancelled 4

*Includes win by forfeit

No	Date	Opposition			
1	9 Oct	Yaralla	L	CCNSW 10-140	Yaralla 5-142
2	23 Oct	Old Cranbrookians "A"	C	Rain	-
3	30 Oct	Scots Old Boys	W	Scots Old Boys 10-141	CCNSW 2-145
4	6 Nov	Syd.UniversityVeterans	C	Rain	-
5	13 Nov	Old Sydneians	W	CCNSW 5-213	Old Sydneians 7-145
6	20 Nov	East Village Beavers	W	Forfeit by Beavers	-
7	27 Nov	Colleagues	W	Colleagues 10-99	CCNSW 2-102
8	4 Dec	A.M.P.	W	CCNSW 5-190	A.M.P. 8-148
9	11 Dec	Nondescripts	W	Nondescripts 10-58	CCNSW 5-59
10	8 Jan	Beavers	C	Rain	-
11	15 Jan	Barker Old Boys	W	Barker Old Boys 10-163	CCNSW 4-164
12	22 Jan	Knox Old Boys	W	Knox Old Boys 9-148	CCNSW 3-153
13	5 Feb	I.Zingari. (Australia)	W	I Zingari 8-137	CCNSW 5-141
14	12 Feb	Yaralla	W	CCNSW 6-200	Yaralla 9-189
15	19 Feb	St George Veterans	D	St George Veterans 7-200	CCNSW 0-66 rain
16	26 Feb	Cranbrook Veterans	W	CCNSW 8-203	Cranbrook Vets 9-187
17	5 Mar	Old Sydneians	W	Old Sydneians 8-138	CCNSW 5-141
18	12 Mar	Hunters Hill	W	CCNSW 6-257	Hunters Hill 8-224
19	19 Mar	Paddington	C	Rain	

* One win by forfeit

Masters

Played 11 Won 5 Lost 4 Tied 1 Cancelled 2 Drawn 1

No	Date	Opposition			
1	10 Oct	Hornsby	L	CCNSW 10-137	Hornsby 7-140
2	24 Oct	Mosman	P	Rain	Postponed to 28 Nov
3	7 Nov	Legends	W	CCNSW 6-182	Legends 9-166
4	21 Nov	Lane Cove Blue	L	Lane Cove Blue 7-153	CCNSW 10-122
2	28 Nov	Mosman	W	Mosman 3-153	CCNSW 6-156
5	5 Dec	Blacktown	D	Blacktown 7-238	rain
6	19 Dec	Warringah	L	CCNSW 7-147	Warringah 3-148
7	23 Jan	Manly	C	Rain	-
8	30 Jan	Lawyers	W	Lawyers 7-156	CCNSW 3-158

9	13 Feb	I Zingari(Australia)	W	CCNSW 8-190	I Zingari (Australia) 7-160
10	27 Feb	Lane Cove (White)	T	CCNSW 10-126	Lane CoveWhite 7-126
11	13 Mar	Epping	W	Epping 8-183	CCNSW 5-184
(5)	20 Mar	Blacktown	C	Rain	-
(7)	28 Mar	Manly	L	Manly 7-186	CCNSW 10-116

Social Games
Played 14 won 8 lost 6 cancelled 4

1	14 Nov	Army	W	Army 10-87	CCNSW 3-89
2	12 Dec	Primary Club	C	Rain	-
3	10 Jan	Lindfield	L	CCNSW 11-135	Lindfield 5-139
4	17 Jan	Q.C.C.	W	QCC 12-184	CCNSW 7-185
5	29 Jan	Molonglo	W	Molonglo 10-172	CCNSW 7-176
6	30 Jan	Canberra Grammar O.B.	W	Canberra Grammar Old Boys 10-100	CCNSW 4-104
7	6 Feb	Cavaliers	C	Cavaliers no team	
8	7 Feb	Croydon DCC	L	CCNSW 9-177	Croydon 5-178
9	8 Feb	XXIX Club	W	XXIX Club 9-133	CCNSW 6-137
10	20 Feb	Bradman XI	C	Rain	
11	6 Mar	Lords Taverners	W	Lords Taverners 10-128	CCNSW 3-129
12	3 Apr	Kookaburras	L	CCNSW 6-209	Kookaburras 7-210
13	9 Apr	Craigmoor	L	Craigmoor 9-197	CCNSW 9-124
14	16 Apr	Manly-Waratahs	C	Waratahs no team	
15	24 Apr	I.Z. (Australia)	W	CCNSW 9-231	I Z (Australia) 10-210
16	30 Apr	Primary Club	W	CCNSW 8-247	Primary Club 8-149
17	30 Apr	Hamman XI	L	Hamman XI 4-195	CCNSW 8-142
18	28 May	Manly-Waratahs	L	Waratahs 8-220	CCNSW 10-176

Cairns Tour 2004

Played 2 Won 1 Lost 1

1	6 July	Lords Taverners	L	CCNSW 9-137	Lords Taverners 4-140
2	14 July	Lords Taverners	W	CCNSW 6-185	Lords Taverners 10-143

CCNSW notable performances 2004-2005

Most Appearances: Greg Currie: 21

Most Runs: Derek Taylor 415 @ 31.92

Most wickets: Ed Smith 33 @ 9.67

Best Batting average : (min 5 innings) Craig Somers 268 runs @ 67.00

Best Bowling average (min 10 wickets): Ed Smith 30 @ 8.93

Highest score: Darren Kay 107 v Yaralla

Best bowling: Ed Smith 5-19

Most catches (fielder): Darren Kay 7

Most catches (Keeper): Greg Currie 12

Most Stumpings: Richard Whitehead 2

Centuries: 107 D Kay v Yaralla
100 I Allmey v Hunters Hill

Fifties: 4 F Owen 62 v Knox Old Boys
55 v Molonglo
55 v AMP
50 v Old Cranbrookian Veterans

3 D Taylor 60 v Croydon
57 v Old Sydneians
50 v Scots Old Boys

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- Greg Brooks 95 v I Zingari (Australia)
- Steve Taylor 84* v Old Sydneians
- Rob Cole 79 ret v Kookaburras
- Bruce Earle 62* v Primary Club
- Paul Allen 59 ret v Lords Taverners
- Craig Kitson 57* v Knox Old Boys
- Ross Hawksworth 56 v Kookaburras
- Tom Robertson 55* v Hunters Hill
- Craig Johnson 55 v I Zingari (Australia)
- Darren Kay 52 v Scots Old Boys

5 wickets in an innings:

5-19 E Smith v Nondescripts

5-22 D Taylor v Barker Old Boys

5-32 E Smith v I Zingari (Australia)