



CRICKETERS' CLUB *of* NEW SOUTH WALES



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CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC. **ANNUAL CRICKET REPORT AND SEASON'S RESULTS 2013-2014**

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn	Cancelled
City & Suburban	14 (13)	12* (11)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (7)
Masters over 40s	7 (10)	2 (5)	5 (4)	0 (0)	0 (1)	4 (3)
Classics over 50s	9 (11)	4 (9)	6* (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Social	6 (11)	3 (5)	2 (6)	0 (0)	1 (0)	6 (3)
Ashes Tour 2013	15 (-)	9 (-)	6 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)	1 (-)
Asia Tour 2014	9 (-)	2 (-)	4 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)	0 (-)
TOTAL	60 (45)	32* (30)	25* (14)	1 (0)	4 (1)	14 (14)

* One by forfeit

N b Figures in brackets relate to previous 2012-2013 season for comparison purposes.

OVERVIEW

Since the end of the 2012-2013 season, the Club has played in total 60 games: -15 games on an Overseas Tour in Europe during July 2013 and 9 on an overseas tour to Asia in April 2014. In the Australian domestic season 36 domestic games were played compared with 45 domestic games last season. 86 players played for the Club this season, compared with 104 last season. Of these, 62 were financial members and 24 were guests or non-financial members. Camperdown was used for our home games on Saturdays and Sundays up till Christmas but then only on Saturdays after Christmas, because of Council renovation plans which were ultimately not to transpire until late March.. Only 11 members played ten or more games compared with 13 last season. Reflecting the generally wet summer, 13 games were cancelled, compared with 14 last season.

In respect of the golf section, only one annual fixture was arranged: - in August 2013 for the Stuart Mathlin Memorial Trophy at Riverside Oak. Attempts to arrange another golf day during the season proved a failure.

We are repeating our traditional end-of-season lunch again at the Balmain Rowers Club at the end of May. There are also monthly Monday lunches for those that can attend.

PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Another season of C.C.N.S.W. cricket has come to an end. You will read the more detailed reports from the three club captains and the Secretary below. Suffice to say here that we again enjoyed cricket across all three competitions and along with the social games in the calendar delivered some outstanding results. With the July-August 2013 tour of Europe and the UK and the April 2014 tour to South East Asia we have kept our season open for an extended period. These tours are aimed at all members and I particularly encourage the younger members of the club to get involved, play some very competitive cricket and enjoy the extensive club relations with have built up over 26 years of touring the cricket world.

In Sydney we are working with Marrickville Council on the upgrade to the Camperdown Oval facilities. The first stage includes a new drainage system and a complete resurfacing of the ground with only our cherished cricket square left intact. We are hopeful this first stage will be finished in time for the new season commencing this October. When further funds are made available the Council is looking to re build the dressing rooms and grandstand to a more modern facility which will suit the needs of both the cricket and rugby tenants. Your committee will continue to work towards securing a long term lease on the ground with the Council which will benefit the club for many years.

While success on the field is always desirable a more important definition of the club is how we play the game. Whether you have played one game for the club or a hundred every time you represent C.C.N.S.W. respect for our opposition and the traditions of the game is paramount. Our ability to grow and attract new players depends on it.

Enjoy the winter break and I look forward to seeing you on and off the field in the coming months.

Greg Brooks President

City and Suburban: - Played: 14; Won: 12 (1 by forfeit); Lost: 2; Drawn: 1(rain); Cancelled: 2 (rain).

27 players turned out for the C&S side this season compared with 28 last season. This was made up of a core of 14 players who played 5 or more games, compared with 15 such players last season. We won 12 games (one by forfeit) and lost 2, compared to last season when we won 11 and lost 2. We won the Jack Pace Trophy for the fourth time in five seasons. Only 2 games were cancelled by rain compared to seven such cancellations last season

The C.C.N.S.W. City and Suburban team had another successful season. In all, we played 14 C&S matches, winning 11 of them. Most satisfyingly, we were lucky enough to claim the Jack Pace Shield for the fourth time in five years.

For the fourth consecutive year, we only lost 2 games – one of them to the ever strong Knox Old Boys in their back yard and the other to our danger team, Sydney University Veterans, at home.

Continuing our transition from our established team of the past ten years, we used 27 different players throughout the season with 14 of us playing 5 games or more. Importantly, we were able to introduce a little bit of youth (including Connor Benfield, Shane Peterson and Rohan Batra), into the otherwise greying side that we hope will become the core of our team for the next ten years to come.

There were many memorable moments during season 2013/14 including Ian Allmey's 98 off 59 balls against St George Vets, Tommy Robertson's 17 ball fifty against Barker Old Boys, Tom Goh's 132* against us batting for Old Aloysians and Tom Bangs 5 for 23 for Knox Old Boys against us in the JPS Grand Final.

The most memorable moment, however, would have to be the undefeated 43 run partnership on a very sticky wicket between our club president, Greg Brooks, and our club stalwart, David Byrnes, which saw us home from a perilous position of 6 for 31 to win the JPS grand final by 4 wickets against an extremely strong and well respected Knox Old Boys team.

In a close second place, we greatly enjoyed the inaugural intra-club match against the Masters which was a terrific success and which we hope to play each year.

On an individual note, congratulations must go to Ian Allmey who scored a staggering 549 runs including 5 scores over 50 at an average of 61 for the season. Tom Robertson (266 runs at 33.67) and David Stingl (251 runs at 35.86) also had good years with the bat and, with Ian, often made sure we got off to a flying start in our batting innings.

Shane Peterson (14 wickets @ 15) emerged as our new opening bowler and looks good to (hopefully) take over the 'young and quick' opener role that Ed Smith (23 wickets @ 17.83) has been performing for the club since 1996. Peter Buruma (14 wickets @ 16.07) and Peter Crooks (5 wickets at 40) also showed good form with the ball while the evergreen club President, Greg Brooks, performed very well with both bat and ball averaging 31.67 with the bat and taking 15 wickets at 18.53.

Apart from the more obvious individual performances, a special note of congratulations must go to our great wicket keeper of the last 10 years, Matt Gale, who took 11 catches and two stumpings in what was his best season with the gloves so far.

From a C&S Association perspective, I am pleased to report that there seems to have been a terrific increase in the camaraderie between all the teams over the last few seasons. Almost every team stays behind to share some beers with the opposition and the on-field sportsmanship has improved greatly – we even had a moment in which one of our young batsmen (Connor Benfield) walked on a caught behind despite there being no appeal!

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank club President Greg Brooks and the club executive (especially Adrian Hawkes and Garry Winney) for their continued leadership and administrative assistance. I would also like to thank the club's First Lady, Bronwyn Virtue, for the arvo teas and, most importantly, all of our wives and girlfriends for their ongoing tolerance, patience and leave passes as we take half the weekend off to play the game that we all love.

On a personal note, I will be retiring as captain of the team after the end of season lunch on 25 May 2014 as I will be unavailable (travelling) for two months of the next season. I would like to thank the team and, in particular, Greg Brooks, Ian Allmey, Peter Crooks and the rest of the old guard for their support throughout my last two seasons in charge – it has given me great joy.

I look forward to seeing you all on the field in Season 2014-15.

Ed Smith C&S Captain

Masters: Played: 7; Won: 2; Lost: 5; Drawn: 0 (rain); Cancelled: 4 (rain).

27 people played for the Masters in 7 games this season the same number as played in 10 games last season. A core of 10 players played 5 or more games compared with 11 last season. We came seventeenth out of 20 teams, winning 2 games and losing 5, compared to ninth out of 20 teams last season when we won 5 and lost 4. Four games were cancelled by rain.

It was a bit of an Eric the half a season as only seven games were played over the season with 4 being washed out including three in a row in February-March meaning no cricket for around 2 months and ending the season on a rain soaked Sunday in the Greengate Hotel.

The season itself was one of the more disappointing of past years on the results as we fell well short of our potential even with an ageing demographic in the team. Our batting in particular failed to fire with the consistency of the top order rivalling a jelly sandwich.

There were batting collapses against Macquarie and Lane Cove and easy wins against Kenthurst and Wyong with a solid effort to just fall short against a strong team in Collaroy. The game against Roseville White was a wake up call to the side as we were put to the sword Viking style with very few survivors. We had five regulars on BBQ and birthday duties though their presence may have only slightly reduced the number of casualties.

Mick Weaver did show some form with the willow and topped the batting aggregates and looking for even better results next season.

Overall our bowling performed reasonably consistently with all the bowlers in that department contributing and broadly sharing the wickets throughout the season. The fielding on the other hand really needs to get on a couch and do some soul searching Age can be blamed for a fair amount but other teams are doing far better particularly catching.

On a bright note it was great to get the light hearted and well crafted reports from Terry Pontikos on the trails and tribulations of each game which are still well worth a read. I think Camperdown was missed and it will be good to get the home ground back next season.

Thanks to all those who assisted during the season: - Graham Buck for organising the scores with 'My Cricket', an often frustrating task; Jim Hadley for carting the kit around for no real reason as it never seemed to be used; all those who filled in when we were short which was quite often; and Dave Benson for his supply of appropriate beverages at most games. Next year will be a transition year and a chance to play closer to our potential. If that occurs, the win loss ratio should markedly improve.

Mick McCormick Masters Captain

Classics: - Played: 9; Won: 4 ; Lost: 6 (1 by forfeit); Drawn: 0; Cancelled: 1 (rain).

30 people played for the Classics in 9 games this season compared with 27 in 11 games last season. A core of 10 players played 5 or more game, the same as last season. We came seventh out of 12 teams compared with second out of 12 teams last season, this season winning 4 games and losing 6 games (one by forfeit) compared to last season when we won 9 and lost 2. Only one game was cancelled by rain.

Although not having the success of the previous season, the C.C.N.S.W. Classic team won their last two games and as a result jumped from 11th position to 7th position on the table. Our last innings against Burwood was a thumping 1 for 153 and as such we are very much looking forward to continued success in 2014/15 under the astute leadership of the new skipper, Garry Winney. The season commenced on a potential high note, when we faced the reigning premiers Mosman on a stinker day. Although we had a very strong team and after being in an excellent position to push to victory we failed to reach a very gettable 202 off our 40 overs.

The highlight of the season was the great win against the strong Sri Lankan Lions who ended up coming second on the ladder. After getting a healthy 227, Harry Solomons skipper of the Lions (ex C.C.N.S.W.) was extremely confident they had it in the bag, But some great batting particularly by Garry, Keith, Paul Moorhouse, Mick McCormick (52*) and Denis Drummond saw us home with 2 balls to spare. Harry was not impressed. Incidentally a win for the Lions would have won them the comp.

However the low light of the season was the forfeit against Lindfield Lions due to only having 6 players available. A very unfortunate event but after the customary 100 plus phone calls by convenor and skipper no more players could be found. Whether it would have made any difference, maybe we should not schedule inter club matches on the same day as we have a competition match. Never in our memory has C.C.N.S.W. had to forfeit a competition match and I am sure it will not happen again.

The Classic batting was solid throughout the season and in general we made good starts to our innings. This was particularly the case when Ajoy Roy fired at the top of order, as he has the ability and the eye to score extremely quickly. His excellent 81 average is a testament to his consistency throughout the season. Other solid contributors included Joff Johnson, Keith Elloy, Garry Winney, Peter Rolls and also Mick McCormick when he graced our presence.

In regard to our bowling we often appeared to be one bowler short, although Paul Georgiadis had a splendid season. After his opening 4 or 5 economical overs he was always brought on at the death and proved on most occasions to be up to the task by containing and taking valuable wickets. Jay Patel, Ajoy Roy, Paul Georgiadis, Garry Winney and Peter Rolls all bowled well at times but we couldn't seem to get all our bowlers performing well together.

In conclusion, an enjoyable season but we lacked the success we know we are capable of achieving. So over to Garry Winney and all the best for 2014/15. Being one of the best fielders in the league, Garry may prove instrumental in improving our catching and fielding.

Special mention must be made to Keith Elloy who was the convenor for the season, whilst Joff Johnson had to just captain the team on the day. Keith's tireless efforts in ensuring we had a team on the ground each fortnight were much appreciated.

Joff Johnson Classics Captain

Other games: Played: 6; Won: 3; Lost: 2 ; Drawn:1 (rain); Cancelled: 5 (4 because of rain).

50 people played for the Club in 6 social games this season compared with 75 last season in 11 games. No one played 5 social games or more, compared with 3 such persons last year. A large number of members only played one or two social games. Of the 50 players used, 40 were paid up financial members.

While initially 14 social games were arranged (indeed 15 if you wish to count the competitive Intra Club game between our C&S/Masters sides which is excluded from the averages), we only managed to play five and a half games with rain a major factor and Croydon and the XXIX Club deciding not to come to Sydney to play us. Our annual fixture at the SCG was not renewed possibly due to the baseball.

Perhaps the worst season for social games played that I can recall with the rain a serious blight.

We started well with good weather in October and Ian Neil easily raised a strong side to decisively beat the Primary Club. There followed good games and wins v the Back Stage XI and the Trundlers' XI down again from Queensland but rain was beginning to interfere with a rained off draw in Canberra where at least we raised a side and rained off games v the SCG XI and Sydney Boys High School. After last year's embarrassingly one sided win by an innings v the Army, this season they won an exciting and very close game with a six off the final ball of the final over, being 9 wickets down and a four not sufficient!

We were thoroughly and decisively thrashed by a far superior QCC side in Brisbane where the Queenslanders turned out ex-Shield players which we could not hope to match – but again no difficulty in raising a side.

The season ended disappointingly with the final 3 fixtures not taking place: - two rained off games v The Bradman Foundation XI and I Zingari (Australia), followed by, for the only time this season, having to cancel, being unable to raise a side v Mudgee when the Match Manager pulled out at short notice.

My worries about problems raising sides prove unfounded though the average age of our players is increasing and our strength generally decreasing. All our Match managers are willing to continue to run sides next season. We will need to make a special effort for the Mudgee game where we have twice let down our opposition in 2 years on what should be one of the most enjoyable games –indeed weekends - of the season.

Adrian Hawkes Secretary

ASHES TOUR 2013

Played: 15 Won 9; Lost 6; Cancelled (rain) 1.

This was the Club's most ambitious tour to date, spread over 31 days in 3 countries, and involving in total 40 people including 23 players. It commenced with 3 games in Amsterdam, then proceeded to Southern England for another 11 fixtures (only one rained off) culminating in a game v the M.C.C. at Lords before ending with a week and a final 3 games in Malta.

ASIA TOUR 2014

Played 9: won 2 Tied 1; Lost 4 drawn 2 (rain)

Largely repeating the itinerary of the 1991 Tour, and spread over Easter and Anzac Day nine games were played over a sixteen day tour commencing in Hong Kong, then into the China mainland (a first for the Club) before travelling on to Bangkok, Malaysia and Singapore.

This was intended as a veterans' tour, primarily for those over 50 but with some in their mid sixties and a few in their late thirties. It probably accurately reflected the age profile of the Club as a whole.

While the results do not look impressive on paper, they include a loss by one wicker and another by only 2 runs as well as a tie and (another first for the Club) a win v the Thai international women's team, considerably younger than our players!

C.C.N.S.W. RESULTS OF FIXTURES 2013-2014 SEASON

(Not including overseas tours)

Played: 36; Won: 21 (1 by forfeit); Lost: 15 (1 by forfeit); Drawn: 2 (rain); Cancelled: 12 (11 because of rain).

City and Suburban

Played: 14; Won: 12 (1 by forfeit); Lost: 2; Drawn: 1(rain); Cancelled: 2 (rain).

No	Date	Opposition		Team batting first	Team batting second
1	Oct 12	Yaralla	W	Yaralla 8-179	C.C.N.S.W. 1-182

2	Oct 19	St George Veterans*	W	St George Veterans 8-188	C.C.N.S.W. 2-189
3	Nov 2*	Beavers CC *	W	Beavers 9-117	C.C.N.S.W. 5-120
4	Nov 16*	St George Veterans*	C	Rain	-
5	Nov 23	Colleagues	C	Rain	-
6	Nov 30*	Kings Old Boys *	W	Kings Old Boys 8-58	C.C.N.S.W. 0-59
7	Dec 7	Hunters Hill	W	Hunters Hill 9-137	C.C.N.S.W. 1-141
8	Dec 14*	Sydney Uni Veterans*	L	Sydney Uni Veterans 9-200	C.C.N.S.W. 9-164
9	Jan 12	Barker Old Boys	W	Barker Old Boys 5-178	C.C.N.S.W. 2-179
10	Feb 1**	I Zingari (Australia)	W	C.C.N.S.W. 8-227	I Zingari (Australia) 9-166
11	Feb 9	Knox Old Boys	L	C.C.N.S.W. 10-116	Knox Old Boys 4-117
12	Feb 15	Yaralla**	W	C.C.N.S.W. 9-116	Yaralla C.C. 5-66
13	Feb 23	Kings Old Boys	W	C.C.N.S.W. 10-175	Kings Old Boys 10-123
14	Mar 2	Knox Old Boys***	W	Knox Old Boys 10-72	C.C.N.S.W. 6-73
15	Mar 8	Sydney Uni Veterans	W	Forfeit by Sydney University	Veterans
16	Mar 15	Old Aloysians	D	Old Aloysians 4-241	C.C.N.S.W. 0-53 (rain)
17	Mar 22	Sydney Windies	W	C.C.N.S.W. 9-188	Sydney Windies 9-137

*Jack Pace Cup Round;

** Semi-final

*** Final

Masters (over 40s)

Played: 7; Won: 2; Lost: 5; Drawn: 0 (rain); Cancelled: 4 (rain).

No	Date	Opposition		Team batting first	Team batting second
1	29 Sep	Macquarie University	L	C.C.N.S.W. 10-87	Macquarie University 3-88
2	20 Oct	Collaroy Plateau	L	Collaroy Plateau 6-245	C.C.N.S.W. 10-232
3	3 Nov	Mosman	L	Mosman 8-233	C.C.N.S.W. 10-180
4	17 Nov	Epping	C	Rain	-
5	1 Dec	Kenthurst	W	CCNSW 9-181	Kenthurst 5-175

6	15 Dec	Wyong	W	Wyong 10-133	C.C.N.S.W. 2-135
7	12 Jan	Lane Cove Blue	L	Lane Cove Blue 7-185	C.C.N.S.W. 10-154
8	2 Feb	Roseville Navy	L	Roseville Navy 8-311	C.C.N.S.W. 10-107
9	16 Feb	Sri Lanka Lions	C	Rain	
10	2 Mar	Lane Cove White	C	Rain	
11	16 Mar	Roseville White	C	Rain	

Classics (over 50s) Cricket

Played: 9; Won: 4 ; Lost: 6 (1 by forfeit); Drawn: 0; Cancelled: 1 (rain).

No	Date	Opposition		Team batting first	Team batting second
1	13 Oct	Mosman	L	Mosman 9-202	C.C.N.S.W. 8-174
2	27 Oct	Parramatta	L	C.C.N.S.W. 3-175	Parramatta 7-178
3	10 Nov	Lindfield Lions	C	Rain	-
4	24 Nov	De La Salle Old Boys	W	DLSOBS 8-135	C.C.N.S.W. 4-137
5	8 Dec	Lane Cove Cavaliers	L	C.C.N.S.W. 10-112	Lane Cove Cavaliers 2-113
6	22 Dec	Sri Lanka Lions	W	Sri Lanka Lions 9-227	C.C.N.S.W. 8-229
7	19 Jan	Lindfield Lords	L	Forfeit by C.C.N.S.W.	-
8	9 Feb	Lindfield Larrikins	L	Lindfield Larrikins 6-205	C.C.N.S.W. 10-171
9	23 Feb	Mandalong Lawyers	L	Mandalong Lawyers 3-188	C.C.N.S.W. 10-114
10	9 Mar	Ku-ring-gai	W	C.C.N.S.W. 3-182	Ku- ring-gai 9-152
11	23 Mar	Burwood	W	Burwood C.C. 8-152	C.C.N.S.W. 1-153

Social Games

Played: 6; Won:3; Lost: 2 ; Drawn:1 (rain); Cancelled: 5 (4 because of rain).

(Internal C&S v Masters XI game not included in results)

No	Date	Opposition		Team batting first	Team batting second
1	13 Oct	Primary Club	W	C.C.N.S.W. 10-208	Primary Club 11-122
2	27 Oct	Backstage XI	W	Backstage XI 10-175	C.C.N.S.W. 6-176

3	11 Nov	Molonglo C.C.	D	C.C.N.S.W. 9-148	Rain
4	14 Nov	Sydney C.C.	C	Rain	-
5	25 Nov	Old Oxleyans	C	Rain	-
6	10 Jan	Trundlers XI	W	C.C.N.S.W. 10-155	Trundlers C.C. 11-139
7	18 Jan	Masters XI	n/a	C.C.N.S.W. C&S 10-240	C.C.N.S.W. Masters 7-217
8	22 Jan	SBH XI	C	Rain	-
9	24 Feb	Q.C.C.	L	Q.C.C. 11-258	C.C.N.S.W. 11-164
10	20 Mar	Victoria Barracks XI	L	C.C.N.S.W. 9-175	Victoria Barracks XI 9-176
11	30 Mar	Bradman Foundation XI	C	Rain	-
12	5 Apr	Craigmoor Portwiners	C	C.C.N.S.W. No team	-
13	13 Apr	I. Zingari (Australia)			

C.C.N.S.W. NOTABLE PERFORMANCES 2013-2014

(* NB Figures in brackets are previous season for comparison purposes)

Most Appearances: Tom Robertson 19 (*Mick McCormick 22*)*

Most Runs: Ian Allmey 565 @ 56.30 (*Craig Somers 624 @ 56.73*)*

Most wickets: Ed Smith 24 @ 18.92 (*Mick McCormick 22 @16.82*)*

Best Batting average: (min 5 innings): Ian Allmey 56.50 (565) (*119.00 by Craig Johnson (239)*)*

Best Bowling average (min 10 wickets): 14.06 by Paul Georgiadis (17 wickets) (*13.00 by Jay Patel (20 wickets)*)*

Highest score: 98 by Ian Allmey v Old Cranbrookians (*117 by Ian Allmey v Old Cranbrookians*)*

Best bowling: 5-16 by Andrew Dadswell v The Primary Club (*5-11 by Jay Patel v Burwood*)*

Most catches (fielder) #: 5 by Mick McCormick and Ed Smith (*6# by Mick McCormick and Ed Smith*)*

Scoresheets incomplete and do not record identity of catchers in all games or if they were keeping wicket

Most catches (keeper) #: 10 by Matt Gale (*8 by Matt Gale*)*

Most Stumpings: # 3 by Keith Elloy (*4 by Greg Currie and Matt Gale*)*

Scoresheets incomplete and do not record identity of keeper in all games

Centuries: Nil

Fifties:

- (5) Ian Allmey 98 v St George Veterans
79* v Yaralla
79 v I Zingari (Australia)
63* v Hunters Hill
54 v Barker Old Boys
- (3) David Stingl 79 v Sydney Windies
69* v St George Veterans
54 v Hunters Hill
- (2) Mick McCormick 57* v Sri Lanka Lions
56 v Collaroy Plateau

(NB Mick McCormick also scored 52 in an intra Club game v the C&S XI)*

- (2) Tom Robertson 92* v Yaralla
53* v Barker Old Boys
- (1) Matt Abeysekera 68 v Kings Old Boys
- Steve Moran 62* v Kings Old Boys
- Mick Weaver 60 v Collaroy Plateau

(NB Craig Somers also scored 50 in an intra Club game v the C&S XI)*

(NB Connor Benfield also scored 61 in an intra Club game v the Masters XI)*

5 wickets in an innings:

- Andrew Dadswell 5-16 v Primary Club

4 wickets in an innings:

- Paul Georgiadis 4-17 v Ku-ring-gai
- Greg Brooks 4-25 v Kings Old Boys
- Ajoy Roy 4-33 v Parramatta
- Ed Smith 4-45 v Sydney University Veterans
- Mick McCormick 4-49 v Sri Lanka Lions
- Peter Buruma 4-55 v St George Veterans
- Peter Buruma 4-60 v Yaralla

- **John McDonald Medal: - Club Man of the year: - Ed Smith**
- **John Russell Medal: - Best player in C&S: - Ian Allmey**
- **Best Player in Masters: - Jim Hadley**
- **Best Player in Classics: - Ajoy Roy**
- **Best Match Report: - Terry Pontikos' report on QCC game**

