

CCNSW LMS MATCH REPORTS 2022-2023 SEASON

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 1 v 'CLEVELAND SEAMERS' AT MP 4, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2022: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

Our opening LMS match of the season was played under a grey sky and strong winds. Cleveland Seamers won the toss and elected to bat. With a gap in the field due to CCNSW being one player short, the opposition took full advantage, dispatching the ball to the boundary, often several times in an over.

Jonathan Seifman and Craig Fordham each took a consolation wicket, but that did not slow down the Cleveland scoring rate, and CCNSW were set 224 to win in fading light.

We got off to a good start with Brad McGrath scoring 26 runs from the first two overs before we lost our first wicket when Jamie Murtha fell cutting to deep point. Peter Constantinou took his time to get settled at the crease while Brad continued to strike the ball cleanly on his way to 50* retired.

Joel Uddstrom wasted no time, getting off the mark first ball and kept the score ticking over with a fine selection of shots. He also retired at 51*, but Cleveland Seamers tightened the screws and prevented boundaries during the middle overs while also taking wicket. Brad McGrath returned with 2 overs to go and made a solid effort of chasing down the total, including a home run, only to fall 24 runs short. *(Editor's note: -A home run in LMS is a 6 off the last ball of the innings and scored as 12 runs)*

We faced a quality opposition and the game could have ended differently if we fielded 8 players, however some nice batting performances puts us in good stead for the rest of the season.

The Team was (playing 7): - James Murtha (c) 3, Brad McGrath 77*, Peter Constantinou 38, Joel Uddstrom (w) 51*, Mick McGrath 9, Jonathan Seifman 6, Craig Fordham 14*

The Result was:-

Cleveland Seamers: - 2-223 (20 overs)

Defeated

CCNSW: - 4-199 (20 overs) (B. McGrath 77*; J. Uddstrom 51*)

By 24 runs

The Bowling was: - James Murtha 4-0-41-0; Jonathan Seifman 4-0-40-1; Craig Fordham 4-0-52-1; Mick McGrath 4-0-36-0; Brad McGrath 3-0-38-0; Peter Constantinou 1-0-15-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to Joel Uddstrom (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to B. McGrath; 2 points to J. Uddstrom; 1 point to J. Seifman

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370848>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 2 v 'CCC DE GRINDROD' AT CP 4 BRAZILIAN FIELD, CENTENNIAL PARK ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022

CCNSW won by forfeit

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 3 v 'NRL CC' AT MP 4 ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022:REPORT BY BEN GORHAM

A late ground change and a game starting early (who would have thought?) led to the writer to turn up 12 overs late! By the looks of the scorecard the NRL CC got off to a very fast start. We were able to reign the scoring in, in the final 8 overs and take our only wicket with CCNSW debutante, Ben Digan getting one past the slogging batsman. 187 the total to get but with plenty of LMS experience in the top order and a short boundary it looked possible.

Our batting got off to a solid start with Ben Gorham and Charlie Sharpe starting well but it came crashing down quickly when Ben G held out trying to slog with the NRL spinner quickly picking up 3 wickets. Runs became very hard to come by with good cricket shots not getting full value. Unfortunately we fell a long way short of the target reaching only 5-125 at the end of the allocated overs.

The Team was: - Charles Sharpe 22, Ben Gorham (c) 45, Joel Uddstrom (w) 5, Peter Constantinou 33*, Rob Shone 10, Ben Digan 2*, Aditya Hingorani 5, Niall Digan 0

The Result was:-

NRL CC: - 1-186 (20 overs)

Defeated

CCNSW: - 5-125 (20 overs) ()

By 61 runs

The Bowling was: - Ben Gorham 4-0-17-0; Ben Digan 4-0-38-1; Charles Sharpe 4-0-31-0; Niall Digan 4-0-38-0; Peter Constantinou 2-0-24-0; Rob Shone 2-0-27-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to B. Gorham; 2 points to C. Sharpe; 1 point to P. Buruma

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370857>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 4 v 'SUB PAR CRICKETERS' AT MP 8, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

On a superb sunny afternoon, CCNSW won the toss and chose to bat, but was unable to build momentum as wickets fell steadily. CCNSW was reduced to 5-40 before the veteran Joe Scarcella accompanied by the young Ben Digan who had just celebrated his 19th birthday, dug in for a partnership before Joe hit a high ball to mid off and departed for 26. James Murtha batting late in the order, scored a quick fire 43 to boost the total to 121, CCNSW failed to bat the full twenty overs being all out in the 19th over, about 50 short of par.

The team bowled well and tried to take the game deep. A few wickets were shared but unfortunately the chase was relatively simple for the opposition who won with nearly 5 overs to spare.

The Team was: - Ben Gorham (w) 3; Shahzeem Adjani 15, Scott Williams 3, Peter Constantinou 11, Asfand Uppal 0, Joe Scarcella 24, Ben Digan 17 (w) and James Murtha (c) 43

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 8-121 (18.3 overs) (J. Murtha 43)

Lost to

Sub Par Cricketers: - 3-122 (15.3 overs)

By 5 wickets

The Bowling was: - Joe Scarcella 4-0-35-1; Scott Williams 4-0-23-0; Shahzeem Adjani 3-0-24-1; James Murtha 2-0-19-1; Ben Gorham 2-0-11-0; Peter Constantinou 0.3-0-5-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to J. Murtha and one to S. Williams

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to J. Scarcella; 2 points to S. Williams; One point to B. Digan

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370885>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 5 v 'ONE MORE BEER' AT MP 4, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022:REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

(Editor's note: When one of the opposition players opens and scores 80 and later opens the bowling and takes 3 wickets in his first over, with figures of 3-11 in 4 overs, it is difficult to win!)*

A tough loss to swallow considering we bowled well. One of their players, Michael Hardy was great and a distinct class above the other 15 players. After scoring 80*, he took 3 wickets in his first over and we could not recover.

We lost the toss and were sent in to the field. The team bowled well, limiting the boundaries and taking a couple of early wickets. Rob Shone's leg spin was extremely well bowled, he took 3 genuine wickets in his 4 overs and was the pick of the bowlers. Dan May on debut bowled mostly yorkers and looked very dangerous too. Our fielding standard was also very high especially considering we had no experienced keeper.

We were happy with our effort restricting them to 157, we set out to chase the runs, unfortunately 3 wickets in the first over and 1 in the second flattened our hopes of winning the game easily, Jamie Murtha and Craig Fordham started a nice partnership before a mix up lead to a run out, Rob Shone entertained as the last man for a while but we were soon wrapped up by the opposition for 75.

We have six games remaining for the season before the Finals and need to win most or maybe all of them to have a chance of making the Finals!

The Team was: - Daniel May 1, Peter Constantinou 2, Ben Digan 0, Steve Middleton 1, Jamie Murtha (c) & (w) 25, Adam Durant (w) 1, Craig Fordham 24, Rob Shone 15

The Result was:-

One More Beer: - 6-157 (20 overs) (R. Shone 3-36)

Defeated

CCNSW: - 8-75 (17.2 overs)

By 82 runs

The Bowling was: - A Durant 4-0-46-0; R. Shone 4-0-36-3; J. Murtha 4-0-19-0; C. Fordham 4-0-27-0; D. May 3-0-12-2, P. Constantinou 1-0-12-1

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - One to A. Durant

Catches: - 2 to D. May and one to J. Murtha

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to Rob Shone; 2 points to Dan May; 1 point to Adam Durant

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370860>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 6 v 'SUB-PAR CRICKETERS' AT MP 8, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA



Back row: Mat Edge-Williams, James Bonkowski, Craig Fordham, Scott Williams, Ben Digan, Rob Shone

Front row: Shahzeem Ajani, Jim Hadley (c)

It was an overcast afternoon, the opposition won the toss and elected to bowl, we fielded a strong side albeit only with 7 players.

Their openers got off to a solid start and both appeared to be heading towards a 50* retired before Soren Hughes ('Sooz') playing his first LMS game of the season, struck a double play (*Editor's note: the LMS playing conditions adopt this rule from baseball*), taking a high catch off his own bowling and having the presence of mind to throw the stumps down before the non striker could make his ground; it was a very impressive piece of cricket.

Adam Durant and Jim Hadley (also playing his first LMS game of the season) bowled exceptionally well without luck. David Craig grabbed a key wicket and Jamie Murtha bought a wicket at the end thanks to an excellent boundary catch by Craig. Solid bowling and fielding kept them to a relatively modest 5-162.

CCNSW started the chase losing early wickets: Jamie Murtha (1) was bowled playing a dirty slog across the line; Scott Williams nicked off and scored his first ever LMS duck (after c. 140 + innings); Adam Durant (7) and Rob Shone (10) both dug in early but couldn't go on with it.

At the other end Sooz was hitting boundaries for fun and retired on 50*. David Craig and Jim Hadley steadied and built a solid partnership before Dave fell for 30. Jim went up a gear and found the boundary regularly, requiring 24 off 10 balls Jim scored 18 off the first 5, taking the equation to 6 off 5.

A fast and accurate over took it down to the last ball requiring 1 to win, a leg bye was misfielded by the keeper and Sooz made it safely to the striker's end for a single to win the match!

The Team was (playing 7): - Soren Hughes 56*, Jamie Murtha (c) 1, Adam Durant (w) 7, Scott Williams (w) 0, Rob Shone 10, David Craig 30, Jim Hadley 55*

The Result was:-

Sub-Par Cricketers: - 5-162 (20 overs)

Lost to

CCNSW: - 5-163 (20 overs) (S. Hughes 56*; J. Hadley 55*; D. Craig 30)

By 3 wickets

The Bowling was: - A Durant 4-0-24-0 S. Hughes 4-1-23-1; D. Craig 4-0-39-1; J. Hadley 4-0-20-0; J. Murtha 2-0-23-1; R. Shone 2-0-32-0;

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of D. Craig, J. Hadley and S. Hughes

Run outs: - One to S. Hughes

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to S. Hughes; 2 points to J. Hadley; 1 point to D. Craig

See: - <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370863>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 7 v 'ONE MORE BEER' AT CENTENNIAL PARK CP 5 ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2022: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

The second last game of the calendar year was played on one of the larger grounds, the grass was heavy and conditions both overcast and windy.

We batted first and made a promising start going at around 8 RPO but after 5 overs, a middle order collapse and series of unfortunate dismissals made it difficult to post a competitive total. Mick McGrath played some sublime lofted cover drives in his total of 67* and was the only one on the day who could punish the ordinary middle over bowling. Rob Shone (17*) supported McGrath nicely at the end, presenting the full face of the bat as he rotated the strike, however, the opposition lifted at the death with excellent bowling and fielding to limit our total to 124 off 20 overs.

The opposition openers struggled early against an excellent opening spell from both Rhys Longbottom and McGrath with the former delivered an early breakthrough hitting the top of off. We generally bowled well but luck went the opposition's way with chances just out of reach as Hardy continued his run of form against us with his second half century this season. Jamie Murtha applied some pressure with a wicket stumped by Will Jacobs, a great piece of keeping off balance. However he bowled one too many overs and was punished for it in the third.

Unfortunately 'One More Beer' scored the runs easily with over 3 overs left and 6 wickets in hand. With one game remaining for the calendar year we will be looking to finish with a win next week against the LMS NRL CC.

The Team was: - Rhys Longbottom 8, James Murtha (c) 14, Mick McGrath 67*, Peter Constantinou 4, Ben Digan 2, Rob Shone 17*, William Jacobs (w) 5, Jim Hadley 1

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 6-124 (20 overs) (M. McGrath 67*)

Lost to

One More Beer: - 2-128 (16.3 overs)

By 6 wickets

The Bowling was: - R. Shone 4-0-25-0; R. Longbottom 4-0-25-1; M. McGrath 3.3-0-32-0; J. Murtha 3-0-27-1; J. Hadley 1-0-5-0; B. Digan 1-0-14-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - One to W. Jacobs (w)

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to M. McGrath; 2 points to R. Shone; one point to W. Jacobs

SEE: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370881>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 8 v 'NRL CC' AT MP 5, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2022:REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

CCNSW lost the toss and were sent in. James Bonkowski and Rhys Longbottom put on an opening partnership of 70 till Bonkowski departed for 39. Longbottom retired soon thereafter for 50 * and Scott Williams took over, hitting some heavy balls to and over the boundary till departing for 46. Peter Constantinou 17 and Mick McGrath 18 * made the most of the final overs helped by Craig McKenzie 6*. CCNSW 3-176 off 20 overs.

McGrath opened the bowling and was untouchable for 3 overs for 7 runs, backed by Williams 2 overs 2-10 and Rob Shone 3 overs 3-38. Craig McKenzie was a trump for us keeping taking 2 catches and 1 stumping. NRL CC were all out for 110.

The Team was: - James Bonkowski 39, Rhys Longbottom 50*, Scott Williams 46, Peter Constantinou 17, Mick McGrath 18*, Craig McKenzie (w) 6*, Jim Hadley (c) dnb, Rob Shone dnb

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 3-176 (20 overs) (R. Longbottom 50*; S. Williams 46)

Defeated

NRL CC: - 8-110 (16.3 overs) (R. Shone 3-38)

By 66 runs

The Bowling was: - R. Shone 4-0-38-3; M. McGrath 3-0-7-0; J. Hadley 2-0-18-2; S. Williams 2-0-10-2; R. Longbottom 2-0-14-0; J. Bonkowski 2-0-11-0; P. Constantinou 1.3-0-6-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - One to C. McKenzie

Catches: - 2 to C. McKenzie (w) and 2 to S. Williams and one each to J. Bonkowski and R. Shone

Run outs: - One to Jim Hadley

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to C. McKenzie; 2 points to M. McGrath; 1 point to S. Williams

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370879>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 9 v 'SUB-PAR-CRICKETERS' AT MP 5, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023: REPORT BY SCOTT WILLIAMS

CCNSW were sent into bat on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. A steady opening partnership from James Bonkowski (52*) and Rob Shone (50*) got us off to the start we've been looking for all season. Shahzeen Ajani made a quick fire 24 after "Bonkers" retirement. CCNSW were 1-120 in the 15th over and needed to push the run rate to be competitive, in came Scott Williams and Ben Digan. Scott managed to hit 51* off 14 balls which included 7 sixes and a 'home run' 12 off the last ball of the innings.

CCNSW put on 1-199 which looked never in doubt given that the Sub-Par-Cricketers were made up of ring ins. Turns out those ring ins could bat. Despite bowling a good line and length Sub-Par consistently cleared the boundary and was cruising to victory. With some retirements came in a middle order that couldn't clear the square and made the contest close again. Unfortunately wickets fell and the openers came back in and got across the line with one over to spare.

The Team was: - James Bonkowski 52*, Rob Shone 50*, Shahzeen Ajani (w) 24, Scott Williams 51*, Ben Digan 22*, Jim Hadley (c) dnb, Craig Fordham dnb, Matthew Edge dnb

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 1-199 (20 overs) (J. Bonkowski 52*; S. Williams 51*; R. Shone 50*)

Lost to

Sub-par-Cricketers: - 4-200 (19 overs)

By 4 wickets

The Bowling was: - S. Williams 4-0-26-0; M. Edge 3-0-33-0; C. Fordham 3-0-26-0; J. Hadley 3-0-33-1; B. Digan 3-0-27-2; J. Bonkowski 2-0-40-0; R. Shone 1-0-14-1

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - One to S. Ajani

Catches: - One to each of C. Fordham and S. Williams

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to S. Williams; 2 points to J. Bonkowski; 1 point to R. Shone

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370858>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 10 v 'CLEVELAND SEAMERS' AT MP 5, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023: REPORT BY SCOTT WILLIAMS

On a wet and miserable Thursday CCNSW were up against the previously undefeated Cleveland Seamers. Cleveland Seamers '*generously*' offered to bat first without a toss, Our captain, Scott Williams jumped at the chance to get the ball in his hands so accepted the offer.

Some tidy bowling from Dan May (1-20 off 4 overs) and Scott Williams(1-18 off 4 overs) had them on the back foot. Matt Edge (2-36 off 4 overs) didn't let the foot off with constant wickets slowing their progress. Seamers set a pretty modest score of 150 which we never thought was to be in doubt. However what we had never contemplated when we accepted their '*generous*' offer at the "toss" was that we were going to have to bat in the dark; we had been played. James Bonkowski (8) was out early to some very good line and length bowling but Rob Shone (53*) and Joel Uddstrom (24) got us back on track. On Joel's departure, Scott Williams came to the crease with CCNSW needing 8 an over. His 30 off 11 balls followed by Dan May's 37* off 20 balls was enough to get us over the line to win with 11 balls to spare and back on track for a place in the finals.

The Team was: - James Bonkowski 8, Rob Shone 53*, Joel Uddstrom (w) 24, Scott Williams (c) 30, Daniel May 37*, Matthew Edge dnb, Craig Fordham dnb, Peter Constantinou dnb

The Result was:-

Cleveland Seamers: - 5-149 (20 overs) ()

Lost to

CCNSW: - 3-155 (18.4 overs) (R. Shone 53*)

By 5 wickets

The Bowling was: - D. May 4-0-20-1; S. Williams 4-0-18-1; M. Edge 4-0-36-2; P. Constantinou 4-0-39-1; C. Fordham 4-0-35-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of R. Shone and S. Williams

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to D. May; 2 points to R. Shone; 1 point to S. Williams

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/2nd-innings?fixtureid=373545>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 11 v 'NRLCC' AT MP 8, ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023: REPORT BY SCOTT WILLIAMS

CCNSW win the toss and elected to bowl. Things got off to a great start with Mick McGrath being unplayable and even bowling a maiden-a very rare event in LMS cricket. Scott Williams and Mick kept things tidy for the first 8 overs and NRLCC never recovered, only scoring 5-106 off their 20 overs with new keeper and English debutant Freddie Greenwood getting a stumping and 2 catches..

CCNSW needed to score 107 within 16 overs to get the bonus point and Stephen Sheakey (13 off 9 balls) and Rob Shone (30 off 35 balls) got us off to the start we needed. Once 'Sheaks' departed, Freddie Greenwood (50* off 34 balls) picked up where 'Sheaks' left off and we managed to win in the sixteenth over with a bonus point.

The Team was: - Steven Sheakey 13, Rob Shone 30, Fred Greenwood (w) 50*, Tom Richardson 9, Mick McGrath 0, Scott Williams 5, Jim Hadley (c) dnb, Soren Hughes dnb and Will Jacobs dnb

The Result was:-

NRLCC: - 5-106 (20 overs)

Lost to

CCNSW: - 3-107 (15.2 overs) (F. Greenwood 50*; R. Shone 30)

By 5 wickets

The Bowling was: - S. Williams 4-0-14-1; M. McGrath 4-1-13-2; T. Richardson 3-0-21-0, S. Sheakey 3-0-13-0; R. Shone 3-0-16-1; J. Hadley 3-0-27-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - 2 to F. Greenwood

Catches: - One to F. Greenwood (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to F. Greenwood; 2 points to M. McGrath; 1 point to R. Shone

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/2nd-innings?fixtureid=370871>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 12 v 'JOHNNY CASH MEMORIAL' AT CP5 CENTENNIAL PARK PARADE GROUND, MOORE PARK ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2023: REPORT BY SCOTT WILLIAMS

CCNSW fielded possibly the strongest LMS team it has ever put together. After seeing our line-up the Jonny Cash Memorial team suggested that CCNSW should bat first so that we could get a decent game. This turned out to be a good decision as CCNSW put on 200 and kept Jonny Cash to 116.

Steven Sheakey and Rob Shone got CCNSW off to a good start with some quick runs before Sheakey missed a full one to be out for 25. As Sheakey departed, James Bonkowski arrived.... and then departed an over later. Scott Williams came in swinging and put together a quick fire 43 off 17 balls. Rhys 'Wild Thing' Longbottom took over where Scott left and smashed the ball over the place. Rhys retired 50* from 20 balls and Rob Shone, in keeping with his current form of being undismissable, retired at a run a ball 50*. Dan May came in with 6 balls left and managed to destroy those 6 balls for 28 runs which include a home run 12 on the last ball.

Set 204 to win, the Johnny Cash Memorial VIII was always going to be in trouble and Mick McGrath swinging the ball around corners, was not going to help them. Mick picked up a wicket in his first over and from there the wickets tumbled with no partnership ever getting set. Wickets were spread around with all the bowlers having great economy rates and Dan May even bowling a maiden.

The win made it back to back bonus point victories and is putting CCNSW in a great position to sneak into the 4th spot and into the finals being currently only 3 points behind the 4th place team

The Team was: - Steven Sheakey 26, Rob Shone 50*, James Bonkowski 4, Scott Williams (c) & (w) 43, Rhys Longbottom 51*, Mick McGrath 1*, Daniel May 28*, Craig Fordham dnb

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 3-203 (20 overs) (R. Longbottom 51*; R. Shone 50*)

Defeated

Johnny Cash Memorial: - 6-119 (20 overs)

By 84 runs

The Bowling was: - M. McGrath 4-0-19-2; R. Longbottom 4-0-21-0; R. Shone 4-0-20-1; D. May 3-1-11-1, S. Sheakey 3-0-23-1, C. Fordham 2-0-21-1

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of S. Williams (w) and M. McGrath and D. May

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to D. May; 2 points to R. Longbottom; 1 point to R. Shone

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370874>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 13 v 'JOHNNY CASH MEMORIAL' AT CP 4 BRAZILIAN FIELD , CENTENNIAL PARK ON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023

Cancelled because of rain

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 14 v 'CLEVELAND SEAMERS' AT MP 6 ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023: REPORT BY CHARLIE SHARPE

Steve Sheakey 54* off 16 balls and Rob Shone (4) opened the batting on a small ground. The Cleveland Seamers bowling was unable to trouble any of our batters on the day and stand-out performances were Steve Sheakey, Joel Uddstrom with 52* off 22 balls, debutant Matt Shean also with 52* off 25 balls and finally Dan May with 28* off 8 balls! Some really powerful hitting from all of them. Myself I was struggling with the bat (demonstrated by the lowest strike rate of any of the establish batters with 46* off 31 balls).

Defending 1-234 we were pretty confident going in to bowl, and Steve Sheakey the acting captain gave everyone a go with the ball. Their opening batter was their stand-out performer and yet with 30 balls remaining they still needed over 70 runs to chase down the total. At this time there was some controversy as their retired bat Gaurav Runwal came back in before his turn and before their number 8 batter had come in. Without going into detail, without that controversy CCNSW would probably have won the game, but congratulations go to Gaurav Runwal with 78* off 23 balls and Kris Baptiste with 40* off 14 balls for performing very well with the bat at the end.

(Editor's note: Still it may well have cost us a place in the Finals as we are now very unlikely to overtake the No 4 team with only one round remaining.)

The Team was: - Steven Sheakey (c) 54*, Rob Shone 4, Matt Shean 52*, Charles Sharpe 46*, Joel Uddstrom (w) 52*, Dan May 28*, Craig Fordham dnb, Matthew Edge dnb

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 1-234 (20 overs) (S. Sheakey 54*; J. Uddstrom 52*; S. Williams 52*; C. Sharpe 46*)

Lost to

Cleveland Seamers: - 3-237 (19.1 overs)

By 5 wickets

The Bowling was: - M. Edge 4-0-55-0; R. Shone 4-0-50-1; M. Shean 3-0-33-0; S. Sheakey 3-0-26-1, C. Sharpe 2.1-0-20-0, C. Fordham 2-0-39-0, D. May 1-0-12-0

The Fielding was:-

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to M Shean

Run outs: - One to C. Fordham

Player points: - 3 points to S. Sheakey; 2 points to J. Uddstrom; 1 point to M. Shean

See: <https://www.lastmanstands.com/leagues/scorecard/1st-innings?fixtureid=370868>

LMS T20 (8-a-SIDE) EASTERN SYDNEY MIDWEEK DIVISION 2 ROUND 14 v 'JOHNNY CASH MEMORIAL' AT MP 5 ROBERTSON ROAD, MOORE PARK ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

Cancelled by rain and with it our last hope of reaching the Semi-Finals