C & S RESULTS 1996/97 SEASON

Rd 1. CCNSW 6-217 (Craig Kitson 73, Darren Mason 50) drew with
St George Vets - no further play due to rain. At Harold Frazer Oval

Peter Carapiet & Darren Mason got us away to a good start before Peter's dismissal. Craig came in & immediately attacked the bowling. Darren did too, scoring at a run a ball for a deserved half century. Craig blazed away until stumped for 73 in 65 minutes. The middle order continued the attack & off 35 overs we had posted an excellent score. Then it poured & the players went home to see the end of the Swans grand final. Not a winning result there either.

Rd 2. CCNSW 3-113 (Craig Kitson 40, Mike Lynch 29no, Scott Perry 21) def
Beavers 9-111 (Dennis Cameron 5/20, Stuart Ridge 3/27) at Camperdown.

On a good wicket Beavers batted first and at 2/44 the game changed complexion with Dennis bowling. They couldn't hit Stuart in his 14 over spell so they tried to attack Dennis. Result, a batting collapse a-la-West Indies.
Scott Perry & James Brownlie put on 36 opening up before Scott went caught behind. James went shortly after. Craig continued his good early season form & dominated the attack and with Mike Lynch put on 55 in good time. We passed their score with 5 overs remaining.

Rd3 tour to Canberra see report later on

Rd 4. CCNSW 6-165 (Scott Perry 46, Peter Carapiet 39, Craig Kitson 25) def
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We got away to a century stand from Scott Perry & Peter Carapiet with both bats appearing comfortably settled in. As in many stands both went shortly after each other. Craig again struck the ball well but we lost wickets trying to score too quickly & the total would be gettable if they batted well.

Alex Haig & Brendon Hession opened up & contained their batting. Wickets fell steadily then as the run rate increased. Dennis & Craig's spin went through their middle order, well supported by some excellent catches from Peter Carapiet & Jason Evans. As usual, Ron took a brilliant leg side stumping.

Rd 5 CCNSW 6-173 (Peter Carapiet 52, Greg Brooks 35no, Rob Bennett 24, Ed Smith 19) def Yaralla 8-142 (Greg Brooks 5/45, Stuart Ridge 3/63) at Goddard Park, Concord

With some late withdrawals we were lucky that Rob & Ed were at the West Indies tourists evening the previous night & they played at short notice. Batting first we got off to a 68 run start in good time from Peter & Rob. Peter again played a fine innings for his half century. We stumbled with wickets at 87. Greg played a more subdued but crucial innings holding the middle order together but still ticking the runs over. Ed hit a late order lusty innings with one big zac. Off 33 overs it was a good score in only 132 minutes.

Their first over was eventful with Ridgy dropping a sitter & 3 boundaries by Heath Clark. At 0/28 Brooksy was introduced with immediate success. He & Stuart contained the batting for the rest of the game. Poor catching didn't help but we did enough to win well in the end.

Rd 6. CCNSW 5-194 (Mike Lynch 56no, Joff Johnson 56, Scott Perry 44) def
Old Aloysians Blue 127 (Darren Mason 5/39, Greg Brooks 2/45) at Centennial Park

Joff & Scott opened & scored freely, both timing the ball well. Our 50 came up in 35 minutes & they added 90 in 57 minutes before Scott's dismissal. Both he & Joff hit many boundaries on a fast outfield. Joff got a well deserved half century. Mike Lynch kept the score ticking over & Gary hit a nice zac. A good batting effort from the players.

We made early inroads with wickets from Greg & Stuart but a partnership saw them up to 4/101 until a brilliant run out by Charlton Clark. Darren Mason started making the ball turn sharply & they couldn't handle the guile of our West Indies tourist spinner, a nice 5 for effort. Ron as usual took another fine stumping. A good team display to win the match.

Rd 7 CCNSW 2-136 (Peter Carapiet 53no, Craig Kitson 41no, Peter Matthews 22) drew with Barker - play washed out.

Up against the side who inflicted our first defeat last season the troups were keen for a win. We batted first. Scott Perry & Peter Matthews opened & scored freely until Scott went for 13. Peter hit 4x4's in a return to form before being yorked. Craig & Peter then added 101 runs in an entertaining display before the heavens opened up & washed out play. We were all disappointed as we were putting ourselves in a winning position at the time. Next time lads.

Rd 8 CCNSW 7-103 (Joel Mason 37, Gary Holmes 18) def
Old Aloysians 102 (Shane Pritchard 4/37, Greg Brooks 3/28, Stuart Ridge 2/16) at St.Ives.

On a rough ground & a breaking up pitch we lost the toss & bowled. At 3-0 & 4-14 it seemed a good toss to lose. Both Greg & Stuart bowled a great line & length. Greg had 3/7 before an onslaught of 19 runs in two overs. Shane bowled fast & deserved his 4 wicket haul. We knocked them over in 30 overs in another good team effort.

After a good start all season, this time we collapsed. Peter Matthews, Craig & Peter Carapiet in the pavilion at 3/16 off 8 overs. The first time we have had to bat under pressure now. Joel Mason, a last minute Manly replacement batted sensibly for a well compiled 37. While runs amassed we still lost wickets regularly. A quick 15 from Shane (1x6 1x4) changed the momentum. It was left to Brooksy & skipper Dennis to steer us to victory.

Rd 9 v Rangers washed out.

Rd.10. CCNSW 6-209 (Joff Johnson 57,Gary Holmes 37, Peter Matthews 36, Craig Kitson 25 def Caringbah Sports 184 (Greg Brooks 4/10, Dennis Cameron3/39, Stuart Ridge2/58)

On a beautiful batting track, Joff & Peter got us off to a bright start adding 100 in just over an hour. Both punished the loose ball & Peter decided he had run out of puff & retired on 36. This led to a mini collapse when Joff got out for another well compiled half century. Gary & Craig added 40 before Craig went to a poor shot. The in form Peter Carapiet came in & he and Gary added a further 52 in good time, with 78 coming off the last 10 overs.

Brooksy had a picnic with their top order. Knowing he had to leave early he blitzed them taking 4/10 off 7 overs before leaving with the score 5-33 believing we would have an easy win. Wrong! The next pair added 144 runs with some lusty slogs, poor bowling & fielding and some complacency.
That partnership is one of the highest I can recall being scored against us in a long time. Thankfully Dennis broke through & he and Stuart cleaned up the tail.

Rd 11. Aloysians Old Boys 6-53 (Shane Pritchard 3/25, James Brownlie 2/11) drew with CCNSW - washed out

Another rain affected game when in a winning position. Frustrating. They won the toss & batted. Shane & James opened bowl & wickets tumbled regularly. However after 22 overs the rains came & washed out any further play. Aargh!

Rd 12. Old Cranbrookians 5-153 (Stuart Ridge 2/46) def
CCNSW 8-150 (Darren Mason 31, Gary Holmes 27, Peter Carapiet 24, Joff Johnson 21)

Well our undefeated record for the season came unstuck. Our top order all got starts but for once no-one went on with it. Poor catching and a bad umpiring decision for a stumping did not enhance our chances either.

We batted first on a wicket that made batting difficult being a bit spongy. Scott Perry was out early on to a great catch in close, then Gary blazed a quick 27 (5x4) for us to be 2-46. Joff was later bowled, Darren & Peter worked the ones, but when they went it was 5/122. Craig hit a well compiled 19 but it was downhill from there. Off 40 overs we needed to bowl well.

They struggled against a tight attack from Stu & Greg with only 32 runs coming off 16 overs.- but no wickets lost. They accelerated the rate when the openers went & at 3-106 we needed a minor miracle to win the match. It didn't happen and they passed us with 3 overs to spare. Disappointing to lose our first game for the season, still all teams are beatable.

Rd.13 CCNSW 6-187 (Craig Kitson 54, Tom Cripps 31, Darren Mason 27) def
Barker Old Boys 82 (Alex Haig 6/22, Stuart Ridge 2/20)

A match that we were keen to avenge following a previous years debacle.
We had a good opening stand of 49 between Peter Carapiet & Darren Mason, but soon both went. Craig hit a lusty half century (8x4) with a nice innings from Tom Cripps. Off 37 overs we had a pretty useful score. Unlike our failure here last year.

Late fill in Alex Haig had a field day, taking his wickets off 5.4 overs. Stuart again put pressure on the bats taking 2/20 off 11 overs. It made up for last years inglorious performance here. A very good all round team performance for a convincing win.

Rd.14 CCNSW 6-170 (Scott Perry 46, Gary Holmes 35, Ed Smith 24no) def
Beavers CC 9-155 (Greg Brooks 3/31, Stuart Ridge 3/33) at Camperdown.

Welcome to Ed Smith, one of West Indies tourists now based in Sydney. Batting first we soon lost both Peter Carapiet & Craig. Scott & Gary consolidated with crisp stroke play along with a few 'iffy' calls they added 89 before Scott went, soon followed by Gary. Ed and Brooksy added invaluable late runs with some lusty hitting. A target we would have to work hard to defend without Dennis's bowling.

They got off to a sound 31 start before a great c&b from Greg. This started a slide as wickets started to tumble. Only for some late tail end hitting did they mount a challenge. All the bowlers chipped in for wickets. As usual we bowled and fielded well.

Rd.15 v Scots Old Boys - washed out

Rd.16 CCNSW 5-145 (Scott Perry 80no, Greg Brooks 39 no) def
Old Knoxonians 7-144 (James Brownlie 3/30, Stuart Ridge 2/24)

Following constant rain all week Jai worked hard to produce a good pitch. Thanks Jai. They batted first & were cautious scoring only 44 off 20 accurate Stu/Greg overs. Stu picked up both openers & they got stuck into Dennis when he came on. JB bowled tightly and picked up a few good wickets.

We started badly losing Darren second ball. All bats struggled for runs & wickets fell as we limped along to 5/61 off 24 overs. Scott was holding the fort together and finally found in Brooksy someone to stay with him. They both took the attack up to them and were in good form playing a wide variety of thumping shots. A good win and a fine display from Scott and Greg in our run chase.

Rd.17 - Qantas see social

Rd.18 v St.George Vets - washed out

Rd.19 CCNSW 168 (Scott Perry 40, James Brownlie 34, Craig Kitson 32) def
Scots Old Boys 'B' 136 (Dennis Cameron 4/19, Ed Smith 3/41) at Camperdown

Batting first at Camperdown, we lost Darren early on but then Scott & Craig scored freely to take us to 79 before Scott was stumped. Craig went soon after & only a 40 run partnership between James & Gary Holmes helped advance our score, James as usual launching some big hits. The rest contributed handfuls of runs each. It was one of the rare times when our team has been bowled out.

Their openers scored runs freely & it was a relief for the breakthrough at 74. Once we got rid of the other opener the wheels fell off as they slumped to to be all out for 136, losing 10/62. Dennis as usual bowled tight & they lost wickets trying to score off him, Ed Smith had a few zacs knocked off him but got the needed wickets, Brooksy also had a great spell taking 1/26 off 11 economical overs.

Rd.20 CCNSW 6-210 (Craig Kitson 89, Darren Mason 50, James Brownlie 34) def
Wyvern 9-151 (Dennis Cameron 4/30 , Greg Brooks 2/33, Alex Haig 2/39)

We knew we needed a good score as they had ex-Australian player Steve Smith playing for them. His previous innings had been 161 so it was all out attack for us. Scott nicked a near wide to get out but Craig played a blinder. Classic cover & straight drives peppered the boundaries. Peter Carapiet had hit a massive six but in a mix-up was runout. Darren Mason played a perfect foil feeding Craig the strike & they added 103 in 83 minutes. Craig tired & was caught on the fence (14x4) his best innings of the season. Darren went on to compile a deserved half century while JB smashed up 7x4's in his quick 34. A pleasing scoreline.

After having a careful look at Stu & Greg , Steve Smith smashed two sixes off Stu. Greg really put it to him & looked menacing at all times. At 1-51 (Smith 45no) all effort was made to contain him. Thankfully he tired but he still played a few classic shots in his 90 runs before Dennis dismissed him. The rest of their team played second fiddle & were quickly dismissed. A real pleasure to play against such a great player, it was terrific to see him compile his runs even when not in top form (thankfully for us). Another good team display.

Rd.21 Old Sydneians 5-149 (Dennis Cameron 2/50, Ed Smith 2/52) lost to
CCNSW 2-150 (Luke Latimer 65no, Scott Perry 59no)

Batting first they began well and were 1/77 but then lost 3 quick wickets before an onslaught at the end with 43 runs in 5 overs. Off 40 overs we were pleased to contain them to such a score. Stu & Greg both bowled economically with Dennis & Ed picking up the wickets.

JB went early caught behind, Scott & Craig advanced the score to 44 before Craig also went caught behind. Luke playing in a guest role played a typical cameo innings. He & Scott added 106 in 7 overs, Luke doing his charge the bowling tactics & clobbering them everywhere. Scott brought up a well compiled half century also.

Rd. 22 CCNSW 5-182 (Scott Perry 83, Peter Carapiet 26, Peter Matthews 17)
def Paddington Vets 8-157 (Ed Smith 2/24, Craig Kitson 2/36)

Batting first Peter M began well until nicking one. Again Scott & Craig settled things down until Craig and then Gary Holmes both went for us to be 3-72. Scott hit numerous boundaries as he & Peter C attacked the bowling with 70 added in 10 overs with help from a quickfire Darren Mason innings. After 35 overs we had a respectable scoreline.

They began slowly but safely, with only 15 coming off Stu's 10 overs. Greg got the breakthrough at 32. Dennis was tight early but then they took to the long handle to him. Ed got a double breakthrough with a wicket & a run out for them to be 6/96. The last few overs were left to Craig & Darren to roll their arms over.

APPRECIATION by the whole club to groundsman Jai who produced excellent wickets each match at Camperdown & worked overtime on numerous occasions to give us a game.
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To Ron for all his efforts to put the best team available on the paddock each week and to the players for making it such an enjoyable season.