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With another successful season just completed this newsletter will be some light reading waiting for tv coverage of the Ashes series of the happenings on the field for Masters, C&S, and Social matches played throughout the season.

MASTERS RESULTS

Game 1 v Lindfield Lawyers at Epping
CCNSW 4-197 (Col Blackman 43ret, Garry Winney 40ret, Dennis Harlem 39no, Ian McDonald 33) def Lindfield Lawyers 132 (Garth Jones 4/51 , Noel Moig 2/9).

Batting first Col & Noel Moig got us away to a steady 24 run start in 8 overs before Noel was yorked. Col was in good early season touch but we then lost two quick wickets to be 3-42. We had seen off their two danger bowlers Hill & Stirling Hamman, then Garry & Col steadied the innings to be 3-64 at 20 overs. After drinks they both accelerated & scored freely. Col retired (7x4) then Macca worked the ones when Garry hit out before retiring (6x4). By 30 overs we were 3-137. Dennis Harlem in his first bat for the club knocked up a hard hitting 39 & Macca was out to a fine catch on the boundary near the end.

Lindfield were similarly placed at 1-24 after 8 overs but a brilliant direct hit run out by Fitzy rid us of their danger bat & the introduction of Garth made the difference. Although they hit him around he kept taking wickets & he then took an amazing full left arm outstretched leap overhead catch on a shot that was really travelling. Noel & Alan Jacobs cleaned up the tail as they went from 5-103 to all out 132.

Game 2. v Zingari - washed out

Game 3 v Nth Ryde at Epping oval
CCNSW 89 (Steve Cross 23, sundries 21) lost to Nth Ryde 6-162 (Bill Page 3/22)
What a disaster! Fellas hang your heads in shame. Oh well it can only improve.

On a good batting track we began well with Noel & Frank adding 22 against steady bowling. Their dismissals led to a collapse from which we never recovered. Only Steve Cross showed any resistance sensibly defending when required. All out in 36 overs for 89 - atrocious!

Adrian bowled steadily for 1/16 off 9 overs and Bill's flighted off spin caused problems but they passed us after 28 overs & then batted on for bonus points.

Game 4 v Parramatta at Epping oval
CCNSW 5-175 (Bill Page 41ret, Dennis Harlem 35, Frank Crowe 32, Col Blackman 23) def P/matta 8-152 (Garth Jones 2/15, Sandy Grant 2/20, Ian McDonald 2/38)

Sent in on a wet, unprepared wicket we lost Noel early on but then Frank & Bill added 60 relying on hitting anything pitched up for us to be 2-70 at 21 overs. Bill was in fine form until retired & then Dennis & Col continued the work as we accelerated to add 65 in the last 10 overs. A respectable score in the end.

The wicket had crumbled & after early inroads they recovered to be 3-63 at drinks, the match evenly poised. We then took three quick wickets to have them 6-73 but they again recovered adding 61 to be 7-134 but ran out of overs to seriously challenge our score.

Game 5 v Hornsby
CCNSW 164 (Frank Crowe 36, Alan Jacobs 32, Noel Moig 31, Ian McDonald 26no) lost to Hornsby 8-165 (Garth Jones 2/29, Rodger Robertson 2/30, Dennis Cameron 2/41)

Played on an artificial wicket Frank & Noel gave us a steady start putting on 56 before Noel's dismissal. We then lost two quick wickets to be 3-66. An altercation between Noel & Bill added some spice to the match. Meanwhile Alan accelerated the scoring with a few sixes but when he & Frank were dismissed we fell away & didn't bat out our overs. Macca held things together but some run-outs proved costly.

Adrian had 3 dropped catches before twisting his ankle bowling 2.5 overs. They had a good start but with their opener retiring we got a few quick wickets. Rodger & Dennis tied them up & they crashed to 7/120. Their late order bats started a revival & Dennis had 26 taken off his last 3 overs. The game went down to the last ball but we lost a game we should have won.

Game 6 v Kenthurst
CCNSW 6-166 (Bill Page 43ret, Gareth Evans 30no, Keith Elloy 28, Dennis Cameron 22) def Kenthurst 147 (Dennis Cameron 4/21, Noel Moig 3/22, O.Murray 2/5)

Batting first Rodger & Bill got us off to a 25 run start before Rodger's dismissal. Keith & Bill both played some nice shots adding 60 runs before Keith was bowled. We then had a mini collapse being 5/110 with 10 overs remaining. However Dennis & Gareth batted through to add 56 valuable runs to give us a reasonable scoreline.

It was good to have Phil Watkins back but their openers gave them a good 45 run start in 12 overs. Both went within 3 runs but another partnership took them to 2-75 by drinks. At 3/115 we were in trouble but then Dennis & Noel got wickets with Dennis's pinpoint bowling taking 4/21 off 8 overs. They collapsed losing 6 for 8 runs at the end. Whew,a good recovery.

Game 7 v Epping at Epping Oval
CCNSW 4-219 (Bill Page 41ret, Dennis Harlem 41ret, Rodger Robertson 40ret, Keith Elloy 33, Dennis Cameron 29) def Epping 98 (Garth Jones 5/24,Robin Palmer 2/24)

Batting first Rodger & Bill got us off to a quick start with Rodger in aggressive mood (1x6, 4x4) before being retired. Bill too batted well before being retired. Keith continued the attack for us to be 0/91 at drinks. Each batter then did their job & kept up the run a ball rate with both Dennis's continuing the onslaught till the end. Our best score on this ground to date.

They got off to a good start but lost both openers at 49 following tight bowling by Robin Palmer. Brian Breakespeare (1-6 off 5ov) then tied them down & with Garth's flighted deliveries being so tempting they got out attacking him. His 5 wickets came off ten economical overs. A fine team effort for a comfortable win.

Game 8 v Lane Cove - washed out

Game 9 v Roseville at Epping Oval
CCNSW 8-174 (Garry Winney 43ret, Ian McDonald 43ret, Noel Moig 23) def
Roseville CC 9-170 (Garth Jones 3/32, Bill Page 3/43, Adrian Hawkes 2/25)

Played in oppressively hot conditions, the game developed into a matter of who could run between wickets or have the strength to hit fours. Even one of their spectators collapsed with heat exhaustion during the game. Thankfully we won the toss!

Col Blackman & Noel saw off the opening attack adding 32 before a good ball knocked over Col's castle. Bill went soon after, then Garry & Noel took the score to 66 when a direct hit ran out Noel at the half way mark. It was Garry's first game back from his blood clot and wearing glasses (Ron told him so ages ago) he struck the ball well (7x4) until retired (exhausted). Frantic was then stumped but Macca & Keith Elloy (19) peppered the boundaries to take us to a respectable score.

We made early inroads with a tidy spell from Brian Breakespeare 1/25 (10ov) & Adrian. Garth picked up the middle order including a blinder catch from Garry Winney on the boundary (blinded by sun that is). Although ahead of the run rate we had them 5/83 at the break. Bill then bowled the next two & at 8/96 after 29 overs we all thought it nice to finish early. Wrong! Their number 10 swung lustily & connected everything, boundaries & zacs all over the place. When he retired at 40 they were 8/165 with an over left. When no 11 got out only one ball remained, a six could win it for them as the number 10 came back in, only to get a single off Bill. Whew, what a scare, an enjoyable game in oppressive conditions.

Game 10 v Lindfield Legends at Epping Oval
CCNSW 4-162 (Bill Page 43 ret, Garry Winney 41 ret, Noel Moig 21) def
Lindfield 8/78 (John Garlick 3/13, Sandy Grant 2/16)

Played in humid conditions with the grass slightly longer than previously. They sent us in! Great! Rodger was dropped first ball, but was soon out caught driving. Alan Jacobs was then caught midwicket 2-9. Noel & Bill settled things down with sensible batting to take us to 2/63 at drinks. Bill played a few beautiful flicks off his pads for fours before retiring & with Noel's dismissal Garry Winney (5x4) & Brian Breakespeare (17no) took us to a good score.

Robyn Palmer (1/17 off 10) knocked over their opener second ball & with John Garlick bowling a great line & length (3/13 off 8) they never were in the hunt.Sandy Grant then took a few quick wickets as they slumped to 6/39. Features of the day were the three brilliant catches by 'Buckets' Bill Page & Alan 'Heals' Jacobs keeping (no byes) 1 catch but two disallowed catches (why didn't they walk? maybe they know their umps are hard off hearing). Anyhow a convincing win.

Game 11 v Burwood at Rothwell park.
Burwood 8-110 (Garth Jones 3/14, Ian McDonald 2/22) lost to
CCNSW 3-127 (Garry Winney 34no, Bill Page 33 no, Rodger Robertson 26, Alan Jacobs 24)

Long grass & a strong wind down the ground made runs difficult. Bowling first, Robin Palmer pulled a hammy first over but battled on for 7 overs 0/23 - gutsy stuff. Adrian was right on target (8ov 1/12) as they crawled to 2/52 at the 20 over break. Macca's with the wind pace attack (7ov 2/22) & Garry Winney's slowies (6 ov 1/10) kept the breaks on. Garth took 3 wickets in two overs when they tried to attack. Fitzy who filled in at the last minute & carrying a shoulder injury took a great tumbling catch - useful with only one good arm! Their total seemed about 40-50 less than we expected but we too found runs hard to come by.

Rodger set out to dominate from the start. When dismissed after 9 overs for 26 the score was 1/26, Bill 0no. Frank & Bill both struggled against a good attack as only 22 were added before Frank went just before drinks to be 2/48 at the break, less than them! Alan Jacobs hit 2 lusty fours & a big zac to change the complexion of the match as we progressed to 3/78. Bill had been patiently working the ones and he & Garry took us past the score with 3 overs remaining. We faced one more over to get a bonus point when Garry hit two sixes & a four before we called it stumps for the season.

In Reflection
The table will show we finished 4th but that is misleading. We play to win, not to knock up huge scores & bonus points after you pass the opposition. So by my reading we lost only two games as did Kenthurst & we beat them so by that score we had a fine season. North Ryde thrashed us & deservedly finished on top, Hornsby beat us on the last ball, while two of our wash outs were against the bottom teams. While we missed Phil Watkins, the Masters team experience always makes it a hard side to defeat when we can put our best team together. Many thanks to Fitzy, Rodger, & Adrian for the organisation of the team each match.

Attached are the Masters Competition Table and statistics for the players.