

## **C&S ROUND 1 v YARALLA AT GODDARD PARK ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009**

Game cancelled by rain

## **C&S ROUND 2 v NONDESCRIPTS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2009: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

After the disappointment of Round 1 being washed out we arrived at Camperdown to blue skies and no chance of interruption from wet weather. With Nondescripts winning the toss we found ourselves fielding first. The wicket was hard and dry while the outfield was green but sandy in patches. Nondescripts were soon in trouble with early breakthroughs from both Greg Brooks (3/7) and Ed Smith (2/22). The bowling was straight and full with LBW and bowled the most common entries in the scorebook. Wayne Walters with one wicket ( an excellent caught & bowled) and Dave Byrnes with three (3/7) then mopped up the rest along with a first wicket for new boy Dave Stingl from a well judged catch by Wayne Walters. Nondescrpt's paltry total of 73 was never enough as Scott Wells (29) and Derek Taylor (19) batted well to get us within sight of the target after the early loss of Darren Kay (9) and Tom Robertson (3). Dave Byrnes (12\*) and Matt Gale (0\*) saw us home in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over.

Having placed the covers despite moans that it would not rain (it bucketed down by 9pm!) we resumed our favourite position at the bowling club for another season of post match drinks and fine sessions.

The C&S season has begun!

**The team was:** Darren Kay, Tom Robertson, Scott Wells, Derek Taylor, David Byrnes, Scott Wells, Greg Brooks (c), Wayne Walters, David Stingl, Greg Currie (w), Matt Gale, and Ed Smith,

**The Result was:**

**Nondescripts:** - 10-73 (G. Brooks 3-7, D. Byrnes 3-7, E. Smith 2-22)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:-** 4-75 (S. Wells 29, D. Taylor 19)

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 8-2-22-2; G. Brooks 5-3-7-3; W Walters 8-1-20-1; D. Byrnes 7-3-7-3; D Stingl 2-0-12-1

## **C&S ROUND 3 v BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

Round three saw us again at Camperdown for the game against Beavers C.C. With Steve Taylor back as captain it was a relief to see him achieve agreement that we would bat first to maximise the chance of a full 70 overs in the afternoon.

Last year's encounter had ended at 3:30pm!

Ian Allmey and Darren Kay resumed their opening partnership of several years' standing with a brisk beginning. Both were quickly in to stride, Ian being particularly aggressive on some wayward bowling hitting 7 x 4s and 3 x 6s in his 38 ball innings of 61. After an opening partnership of 116 Craig Johnson did not last long being given out LBW for 1 by this writer...although he tells me there was an inside edge that only I missed! My apologies Craig! This monumental stuff up

bought Derek Taylor to the crease who at first seemed more interested in the Cox Plate betting plunges on Bart Cumming's horse than building an innings. However concentration soon returned and he played a fine hand in partnership with Darren to end up on 60\* with 4x4s and 2x6s. The feature of this 117 run 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket partnership was Derek's very good straight drives and Darren's pull shots. Darren was in the zone today bringing up his hundred in 136 mins (Retired 95 balls) hitting 7x4s and 4x6s. The first hundred of the new season and a fine effort Darren...well done! New player Dave Fagan was left 1\* with Derek unbeaten on 60.

Beavers had taken 145 minutes to bowl their 35 overs so after a shortened tea break we returned to the field. Ed Smith bowled well without luck to take 1 for 16 off 8 overs while at the other end the writer was belted for 27 runs off his first 3 overs! Not my day I am afraid so Dave Byrnes was introduced to the attack after just 6 overs. He immediately rewarded the skipper's change with 3 wickets in his first three overs. Dave was on a hat trick and seemed to have it until the umpire turned down a very very close LBW appeal. The comment from the umpire on Dave returning to his end was "it pitched on middle and you are bowling leg spin"!

No one knew where to look...certainly not at Dave when he said "I bowl off spin mate". Anyway it mattered little as Dave swept through the rest of the Beaver's batting to record the figures of 6 for 38. The Beavers ended up all out for 124 and a comfortable win was achieved.

**The team was:** Darren Kay, Ian Allmey, Craig Johnson (w), Derek Taylor, David Fagan, Steve Taylor, (c), Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Corey Haigh, Greg Brooks & Ed Smith.

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 2-243 (D. Kay 100 ret; I. Allmey 61; D. Taylor 60\*)

**Defeated**

**Beavers C.C.:** - 10-124 (D. Byrnes 6-38; C. Haigh 1-6)

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 8-2-16-1; G. Brooks 7-1-35-1; D. Byrnes 12-3-38-6; S. Wells 4-0-17-1; D. Taylor 3-1-9-0; and C. Haigh 1-0-6-1.

### **C&S ROUND 4 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT DANGAR FIELD, ROSE BAY ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2009: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

For our second away game of the season we arrived at Dangar Field Rose Bay on a perfect day for cricket. Cranbrook won the toss and we were asked to bowl on a wicket that was hard and flat coupled with a fast outfield. This ground has a short boundary on two sides so scoring 5 - 6 runs an over is about par.

Ed Smith and Craig Johnson opened the bowling and both bowled good lines and were supported by some excellent fielding. At 1-45 after 10 overs we were holding our own. Ed then stepped up the pace to bowl the aggressive opener and pick up three more wickets in his best spell of the new season. He finished with 4-30 off 11 overs. At the other end Greg Brooks replaced Craig Johnson and quickly found the right length on this wicket. His return of 3 for 19 off 7 overs assisted Ed and kept the scoring in check as the Old Cranbrookians slumped to 8-87. A final flurry was brought to a halt by Dave Stingl (2-19) and Wayne Walters (1-4). We walked off well satisfied with our opponents all out for 112.

After a very short break, which hardly allowed us time to eat the excellent afternoon tea provided by Bronwyn Brooks (nothing from the opposition except drinks), we were back at the wicket.

Our openers today were Scott Wells and Ian Allmey. Ian was aggressive as usual while Scott was more cautious against a pair of quality opening bowlers. The opening bowler Crystal (5-30) in particular found the right length and line to dismiss both openers cheaply along with Craig Johnson and Steve Taylor. We were in a hole at 4-26 when Dave Fagan joined Derek Taylor to steady the ship! And steady it they did as they eventually got on top through playing straight and using the pace of the bowlers effectively. The two put on 69 for the 5<sup>th</sup> wicket with Dave the first out for a very well controlled innings of 34 (6x4) made in 41 minutes. He unfortunately fell just before the finish line!

Wayne Walters came and went quickly and it was the old stager Greg Brooks who saw it through to the finish with Derek Taylor. Derek's innings was a continuation from where he left off last week. Straight drives and good shot selection were the highlights as he again showed good concentration and determination. He finished unbeaten on 47 (5x4, 2x6) made in 86 minutes. After 25 overs the target was reached so we retired to the sheds for some well earned cold drinks with our opponents. We are now three from three with this good win which sets us up for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Jack Pace Trophy next Saturday.

**The team was:** Scott Wells, Ian Allmey, Craig Johnson, Steve Taylor (c), Derek Taylor, David Fagan, Wayne Walters, Greg Brooks, David Stingl, Matt Gale (w) & Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**Old Cranbrookians C.C:** 10-112 (E. Smith 4-30; G. Brooks 3-19)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 6-116 (D. Taylor 47\*; D. Fagan 34)

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 11-3-30-4; C. Johnson 6-0-28-0; G. Brooks 7-3-19-3; D. Stingl 4-0-19-2; W. Walters 1.4-0-4-1

### **JACK PACE ROUND 1 v KINGS OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2009: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

The excitement of a Jack Pace Shield Match was palpable. We'd been talking about it for weeks, fourteen players had made themselves available for selection, and Greg Brooks, Steve Taylor and Ed Smith had each visited the ground on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings on "covers watch". As it turned out, some heavy covers work by Steve and Brooksy on Friday night and Saturday morning meant that the highly likely wash-out was converted into a good hard game on a good hard wicket. Special thanks to those two and to our groundsman, John Lee, for going the extra mile.

The match began on a sombre note as the Club President, Greg Brooks, informed us of the sad passing of the Club Secretary's mother and expert club tourist, 'Ted' Hawkes. In loving memory, the team proudly wore black arm bands for the game and, following some well chosen Steve Taylor words about Ted's touring exploits, we shared a minute's silence on the field prior to play commencing.

At the toss, heads turned up for the third time in a row and Steve kept the team's 100% season record alive by losing another toss. We were invited to field and were immediately surprised to hear their opening bat call for a third run on the "rifle arm" of David Byrnes – 1 for 2 off 3 balls! Brooksy (2 for 30) backed up the good start by catching their first drop, gun batsmen off his first ball. 2 for 3 off 7 balls! Some tight bowling followed from Ed Smith (3 for 28) and Brooksy and when Craig Johnson (w) caught their second drop off the first ball of Ed's fourth over, they were 3 for 12 off 6 overs!

The Kings Old Boys are a strong team and, as expected, they staged a slow fight back until Byrnesy (3 for 27) removed their opener's off bail with the score on 47. 10 balls later and Tommy Robertson ran in from long-on to firstly scream "Aaaaaaaargh!", secondly dive head first into the Camperdown sand pit and, thirdly, rise from the dust plume having held a great catch off Byrnesy: 5 for 47.

With a nine over limit per bowler, Derek Taylor (0 for 27) was asked to bowl a very solid 7 overs which saw one caught behind turned down, two strong LBW shouts ignored and three catches dropped – thus proving that, with a current season batting average of 166, Derek should stick to batting.

The old firm of Brooks, Byrnes and Smith combined to take the final 5 wickets which featured an extremely sharp catch by Steve Taylor high to his left at mid wicket and a left-handed run out by Ed (to make up for his two dropped catches and one "nutmeg" misfield earlier on). Kings Old Boys were all out for 126 in the 35<sup>th</sup> over – making that 40 wickets in the first four games of the season.

With Bronwyn Brooks away at Paul Brandon's wedding (apparently Brando looked beautiful for his special day), the afternoon tea featured an assortment of creams courtesy of Mr Arnott. Despite this under nourishment, Ian Allmey (30 off 49 balls) and Darren Key (13 off 45 balls) were able to put on a conscientious and gutsy 40 run opening stand against the tightest opening bowling attack that we had faced in years. The twenty-one balls that it took Darren to get off the mark, was soon eclipsed by the twenty-two consecutive dot balls that Ian faced. For those who have witnessed Ian's traditionally agricultural batting tendencies, this must seem unbelievable.

When Darren was trapped on his crease for 13 off 45 balls, Byrnesy (14 off 12 balls) was moved up the order as he had to catch an early plane to Melbourne. "Smash! Bam! Thank you, Mam!" and Byrnesy was caught in the deep – 2 for 57. Ian thought it was a lucky catch and so tested the same long-on fieldsman the very next ball. It was not a fluke and we were 3 for 57.

Enter Craig Johnson (35\* off 35 balls) and Derek Taylor (30\* off 34 balls), and exit the Kings Old Boys from the Jack Pace Shield. The pair put on a beautiful 71 runs in 69 balls and 46 minutes. After 29.4 overs, we had passed their total and we found ourselves wrestling with the covers once again to make sure the Masters had a chance of a match the following day.

At the traditional post match fines session (in which Tommy Robertson and Dave Fagan featured heavily), we all raised a glass in honour of Ted – and, true to form, Ed dropped his.

**The team** was: Ian Allmey, Darren Kay, David Byrnes, Craig Johnson (w), Derek Taylor, Scott Wells, Steve Taylor (c), David Fagan, Tom Robertson, Greg Brooks and Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**Kings Old Boys: - 10-126** (D. Byrnes 3-27; E. Smith 3-28) in 34.5 overs

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-128** (C. Johnson 35\*; D. Taylor 30\* I. Allmey 30; D. Byrnes 14, D. Kay 13) in 29.4 overs

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 8.5-0-28-3; G. Brooks 9-1-30-2; D. Byrnes 9-1-27-3; D. Taylor 7-0-30-0; S. Wells 1-0-8-0

**C&S ROUND 7 v OLD SYDNEIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN  
ON SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

**Match forfeited as Old Sydneians could not raise a side**

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W. Defeated Old Sydneians by forfeit**

**C&S ROUND 8 v COLLEAGUES AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN  
ON SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 2009: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

A hot day, a hard deck and the toss, at last, was won. Steve Taylor had no hesitation in putting a traditionally strong Colleagues side into the field. Ian Allmey (3 off 2 balls) took one ball to get his eye in – and his next one to get out. Scott Wells (20 off 33) was joined by Craig Johnson (32 off 35) and the pair put on 46 runs in eight overs until Scott was bowled by a clever slower ball.

Craig was feasting on the Colleagues short stuff scoring 29 of his 32 runs between mid-wicket and backward square leg. Eventually Colleagues bowled wide outside the off-stump and, having tried to get caught in gully two balls earlier, Craig gave his second and final chance to point with the score on 67.

The Taylor boys, Derek (4 off 12) and Steve (0 off 4), then showed some brotherly solidarity by both departing on 68 – Derek bowled off his pads while Steve was very well caught by the point fieldsman diving high to his left.

Last year Colleagues gave us good towelling and, at 5 for 68 after 15 overs, things were looking ominous again. What we needed was a good partnership, and what we got was a ripper! Dave Fagan was stoic as he grafted 22 off 46 balls while Dave Byrnes fluently brought up his first 50 of the season in just 37 balls.

Just when things were looking comfortable, Tommy Robertson (whom Steve had kindly lent to Colleagues for the day on the promise that they wouldn't return him) took the wicket of Byrnesy (51 off 38) and ended the 77 run stand (42 minutes, 76 balls). Tommy (1 for 31 off 6 overs) now proudly claims Byrnesy as his bunny and, at a cost of over 6 runs an over, he's welcome to him.

Wayne Walters (6 off 8) paid Tommy the respect he deserves by reverse sweeping his first ball – a Dougy Trademark that is beautiful to watch. After Dougy was caught trying to force the pace, Dave Stingl (24 off 12) made his batting debut for the club in spectacular fashion crashing two sixes and a four before holing out.

Following a ninth wicket stand of 36 with Dave, Greg Brooks (13\* off 18) and Ed Smith (1\* off 2) extended their unbroken batting partnership streak by a further 4 runs (the 'streak' now stands at 134\*). With batsmen numbered 9, 10 and 11 all being given their first bats of the season, we finished our 35 overs at 9 for 198 and were quietly confident that a run rate of 5.7 would be hard to top.

Ed (0 for 25 off 11 overs) and Dave Stingl (2 for 33 off 5 overs) opened the bowling together for the first time as Steve develops some depth in our bowling stocks. Wickets fell regularly at 26, 40, 61, 81, etcetera as Colleagues failed to put together the essential partnerships that a big score requires. Byrnesy (3 for 42 off 8 overs) continued his good form and Brooksy (4 for 30 off 6 overs) swept up the tail on 167 runs in 33 overs.

Some notables in the innings were:

- Tommy Robertson (9 not out) was the only bloke we couldn't get out as he registered his top score for the season;
- Ed bowled an 11 over spell from one end without taking a wicket and then Brooksy replaced him and took 4 (!); and
- For the 6<sup>th</sup> time this season, someone dropped a catch off Brooksy's bowling (taking the team's season tally of 16 catches held and *only* 11 dropped).

And now we prepare for next week's 'top of the non-existent table' Jack Pace Round 2 game against the previously undefeated Sydney Uni Vets. An important tune up at the Macquarie Links Golf Course on Friday should do the job – please join us.

**The team was:** , Ian Allmey, Scott Wells, Craig Johnson (w), Derek Taylor, Steve Taylor (c) David Fagan, David Byrnes, Wayne Walters, Greg Brooks, Dave Stingl and Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:-** 9 - 198 in 35 overs (D. Byrnes 51, C. Johnson 32)

**Defeated**

**Colleagues:** - 10 - 167 in 33 overs (G. Brooks 4 - 30, D. Byrnes 3 - 42, D. Stingl 2 - 33)

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 11– 4-25-0; D. Stingl 5-0-33-2; D. Byrnes 7-1-42-3 G. Brooks 6-0-30-4; W. Walters 4-0-28-0

**JACK PACE ROUND 2 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERANS AT  
CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, 2009:  
REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

The C.C.N.S.W. C&S side arrived for round 2 of the Jack Pace Trophy at Camperdown to find a good hard wicket and a quick outfield. We lost the toss and Sydney University Veterans chose to bat first. Ed Smith opened the bowling from the bowling club end. While Greg Brooks removed the opening batsman with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ball of his first over what followed was truly remarkable! Having bowled 11 overs for no result last week Ed proceeded to absolutely demolish the Sydney Uni vets' batting line up in a fantastic 9 over spell. Bowling with good pace, excellent lines and varying his length, Ed took 7 wickets for 18 runs to leave Uni reeling at 8-31. The game was effectively over! In all my years playing C&S cricket for C.C.N.S.W. this was without doubt the most productive spell I can remember. Ed was well supported by team mates taking good catches (Gale, Wells & Robertson) and constant gee ups! C.C.N.S.W. club member Paul Moorhouse who captains the Uni Vets put on a good partnership of 63 for the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket to add respectability. How he was given not out when attempting a 2<sup>nd</sup> run midway through the partnership remains a mystery to us all! Scott Wells was then introduced to good effect taking the last two wickets as the Vets limped to 104 all out. At the break Paul Moorhouse told me that they had some good batsmen...Ed just didn't give them a chance to show us!

After a scrumptious Bronwyn Virtue afternoon tea, we set about the run chase with Ian Allmey and Scott Wells opening the batting. Scotty got a good one from the opening bowler and did not trouble the scorer...1 for 2. Ian was joined by Craig Johnson who seemed to be running in to form the previous week. The pair steadied the ship putting on 43 in quick time before Ian (29 off 27 balls) chopped one on. Steve Taylor joined Craig and showed great relief to break his duck and move in to stride. Craig and Steve added 59 in 9 overs which featured many superb off drives from Craig and powerful leg side scoring from Steve. With the scores tied Steve miscued to be caught leaving Tom Robertson to hit the winning run. Craig finished 55\* from 44 balls including 7x

4 and 2 x 6 in 56 minutes. A great team effort against a team that is clearly better than they showed us today. It was Ed's day and nothing got in his way!

**The team was:** Ian Allmey, Scott Wells, Craig Johnson (w), Steve Taylor (c), Dave Fagan, Matt Gale, Darren Kay, Tom Robertson, Greg Brooks, Dave Stingl and Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**Syd Uni Vets:** - 10 - 104 in 29.2 overs (E. Smith 7-18, S. Wells 2-10)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:-** 3 - 105 in 17.1 overs (C. Johnson 55\*; I. Allmey 29)

**The bowling was:** - E. Smith 9-2-18-7; G. Brooks 5-1-13-1; D. Stingl 8-0-23-0; T. Robertson 3-0-18-0; C. Johnson 3-0-21-0; S. Wells 1.2-0-10-2)

### **C&S ROUND 10 v RANGERS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER, 2009: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Another beautiful day and another beautiful deck. The captain of the Rangers C.C. called wrongly and that was only the beginning of a very long day for him. Steve Taylor had no hesitation in deciding to bat and he sent the 'make shift' opener Tommy Robertson out with the experienced new-ball blunter, Darren Kay.

Having brought up his third 50 plus run partnership in four innings, Darren (14 off 22 balls) was bowled in the eighth over with the score on 63. Craig Johnson came in and took an instant liking to the attack scoring 67 runs off just 56 balls in an outstanding partnership of 164 in 55 minutes and just 83 balls.

Derek Taylor (caught for 3 off 7 balls) decided to put off his personal run feast until next week's game and so it was left to a determined Steve Taylor (22 not out off 28) and our South African debutant, Ruuan Jonker (31 not out off 23), to post yet another 50 run partnership in just 27 minutes and 43 balls. Steve and Ruuan smashed our way to an incredible 4 for 308 off our allotted 35 overs at an amazing run rate of 8.8 per over!

The by-now 'somewhat demoralised' nine-man Rangers outfit were ready for some relief and so it was provided via the superb catering of Bronwyn Brooks. Afternoon tea was highlighted by some home made sausage rolls and a large tub of tomato sauce (that Matty Gale wrecked for the whole team by dropping his pre-loved sausage roll into). It all went down very well and, in Craig Johnson's case, kept 'coming up' on him for the rest of the afternoon.

Alas for our opposition, the relief was short lived as the two Rangers openers took the crease – only to be split five balls later, well caught by Craig off Ed Smith's bowling (2 for 26 off 6 overs). When their first drop top edged a short one from Ed six overs later, Dave Stingl got up and down out of the Camperdown bunker to take a good running catch at fine leg.

In now typical fashion, David Byrnes (3 for 13 off 4) was then introduced with immediate impact. Coming off his long run (three steps), Byrnesy played the three card trick to dismiss their big hitter and then had the next two trapped plumb in front.

Dave Stingl (3 for 16 off 7) was re-introduced down wind and, having not hit the stumps so far this season, he hit the off-stump three times in three overs to finish the Rangers off in just 16.5 overs for just 55 runs. And so it was, what I suspect must be a club record victory by 253 runs. It may even be a City and Suburban record but we won't point that out to the Rangers.

Apart from the record victory, other notes from the game were:

- No sundries were conceded in our innings in the field;
- Scotty Wells' only contribution to the game was to dirty his whites diving for a dropped catch; and
- Oh yes, I almost forgot, Tommy Robertson scored 153 runs off 71 balls in 85 minutes!

Tommy (who reads these match reports to his kids at night) batted superbly. His first scoring shot was a majestic six over cover. His first chanceless 50 came in just 30 balls and his second chanceless 50 in just 16 balls. His third 50 took 23 balls and, such was the power of his swashbuckling stroke play, that the opposition dropped him 6 times between 108 and 153. In total, Tommy hit 6 sixes and 19 fours, personally he took 26 runs off one poor bowler's over and, in one 19 ball stretch, he scored 60 runs without conceding a dot ball! By the time Tommy was caught on the long-on boundary in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over, Tommy had scored 153 of the team's 227 runs.

Tommy was duly rewarded at the tea break with a wagon wheel of his innings – a wagon wheel on which one couldn't see the paper for the ink. Naturally, however, Tommy was then duly fined at the Bowlo drinks after the game for wasting everyone's time as, as it turns out, we didn't actually need his 153 runs to beat the Rangers anyway.

**The team was:** Tom Robertson, Darren Kay, Craig Johnson, Derek Taylor, Steve Taylor (c), Ruuan Jonker, Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Dave Stingl, Matt Gale (w), and Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:-. 4 for 308** (T. Robertson 153; C. Johnson 67; R. Jonker 31\*; S. Taylor 21\*) - 35 overs

**Defeated**

**Rangers CC: - All out for 55** (D. Byrnes 3-13; D. Stingl 3-16; E. Smith 2-26) - 16.5 overs

**The bowling was:** - E. Smith 6-0-26-2; D. Stingl 7-3-16-3; D. Byrnes 4-2-13-3.

### **C&S ROUND 11 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 2009: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

If a week is a long time in politics then what a difference two weeks is in C&S cricket! After playing the same Sydney University Veterans side in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Jack Pace Trophy, who would have expected such a run fest.....from both sides! You may recall the report from December 5<sup>th</sup> with Ed Smith taking 7-18 and the Vets at one stage being 8-31. Well this time those very same Vets chased 211 and ended up only 17 runs short.

The day began on a new wicket that was well grassed and offered good bounce and carry. On winning the toss Steve Taylor had no hesitation in batting and Ian Allmey and Scott Wells were quickly in to stride. Ian with a brisk 36 off 32 balls (6x4s) dominated an opening stand of 57 while Scott built his innings and was clearly enjoying himself. He was joined by new recruit Ruuan Jonker who was also quite circumspect to start with. Both players settled in and produced a superb partnership of 126 before Scott retired on 81( 8x4s 1x6) and Ruuan retired on 63 (2x4s 2x6s) .Scott Wells was particularly severe on anything short or near his pads while Ruuan played several delightful straight drives and cuts. In the pursuit of quick runs. Steve Taylor and Ian Cripps departed quickly while Dave Byrnes (8\*) and Dave Fagan (6\*) finished not out as we ended on -/211 after our 35 overs. Ian Cripps is a regular with the West End Esher club in London who we play when touring the UK and we thank him for his guest appearance.

Following another excellent afternoon tea from Bronwyn we resumed with Ed Smith and Dave Stingl opening the attack. At 0-45 in the 6<sup>th</sup> over the Uni Vets were already celebrating their successful opening compared with 8-31 two weeks ago! Dave struggled for rhythm and was soon replaced by Paul Witherly. Paul bowls a good length from a long way up...he is about 198cm I reckon....and while he copped plenty in his first few overs he soon settled in to a good spell producing 3-53 from 10 overs. Ed Smith could not repeat the heroics of two weeks ago but still bowled with good pace and accuracy to finish with 2-45 from 11 overs. Dave Byrnes ( 1-26) and Scott Wells (2-37) were both used to take the pace off the ball and picked up wickets at crucial times. The boys stuck to the task all day and backed up by some good fielding (Scotty's catch and run out) and some not so good (Ed Smith, Dave Stingl and Ian Cripps dropped catches). hung in there to the end. Full credit must go the Uni Vets for such an improved performance compared with two weeks ago. This game produced 406 runs in 70 overs and as I was once again reduced to the role of scorer I can assure you all that I was kept very busy!

We finished the day with our C&S Xmas BBQ next to the grandstand and it was great to see many partners and children turn up to enjoy the evening, have a run around on the oval and celebrate our undefeated season so far with some good food and good company.

So Merry Christmas to all our C.C.N.S.W. members and best wishes for a healthy and safe holiday period. See you all in the New Year.

**The team was:** Ian Allmey, Scott Wells, Ruaan Jonker, Steve Taylor (c), Ian Cripps David Byrnes, David Fagan, David Stingl, Paul Witherly, Ed Smith and Matt Gale (w),

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 3- 211 (S. Wells 80 ret; R. Jonker 63 ret; I. Allmey 32)

**Defeated**

**Sydney University Vets C.C:** - 9 - 195 (P. Witherly 3-53; S. Wells 2-37; E. Smith 2-45)

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 11-1-45-2; D. Stingl 2-0-24-0; D. Byrnes 6-1-26-1; P. Witherly 10-0-53-3; and S. Wells 6-1-37-2

### **C&S ROUND 11 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Ouch! The game started fairly well with Steve Taylor winning the toss and deciding to bat. Scott Wells' run of 141 runs not out for the club over the last two innings ended on 4 when he was caught at gully in the fourth over. Ruaan Jonker's unbeaten streak of 112 runs across three innings was then snapped as well when, on consecutive full tosses from the Knox spin bowler, he spooned consecutive catches to cover (the first was dropped so he thought he'd give the poor fieldsman a second chance).

A 52 run partnership between a patient Ian Allmey (52 off 57 balls) and Craig Johnson (8 off 35 balls) was encouraging and got the team well positioned at 2 for 95 after 20 overs. But then came 'The Great Collapse of 2010'. First Ian was caught at long-on and then Craig (bowled) joined him in the change room just two runs later. Derek Taylor (2) and Tommy Robertson (2) joined the great change room party (both bowled playing expansive shots) and, when David Byrnes (16 off 15 balls), Greg Brooks (2) and Matt Gale (2) were all well caught, the dressing

room resembled Central Station at peak hour and four of the passengers were catching the Number 2 Train to a bollocking from the captain.

Finally, our captain Steve Taylor (10), who had been stoically holding up the other end for 22 balls, got a nasty leaping delivery that cut back at him and was caught off the glove at gully (leaving Ed Smith not out on a well compiled zero runs off zero balls faced).

For the first time this season we had been bowled out! All credit to Knox Old Boys who bowled well and caught superbly. With only 132 runs to defend, our captain gave us a mid-innings dressing down that would have made a headmistress proud. Still, we felt comfortable that if we bowled well and fielded well, we could defend the low total as we had only allowed 2 out of our 8 previous opponents this season to exceed 132.

Things started out well when Ed Smith (1 for 36) opened with a wicket- maiden and they were only 1 for 5 after three overs. The rest of the match, however, was one we would all rather forget. Let's just say that their opening bat, William Blunt (44\*) and their first drop bat (87\*), taught us a lesson in aggressive batting. The pair took 23 off one Scotty Wells (0 for 23) over, 16 off one Derek Taylor (0 for 25) over and 14 off two consecutive overs from Ed including consecutive sixes over the grandstand! (It must have been a short boundary.) The only delay in the onslaught of runs was when Tommy Robertson had to wait for the bus to bring him back to the ground having fetched the second of Ed's sixes from Leichhardt.

And so it was, after only 15.5 overs, we all found ourselves back in the change room waiting for the peak hour trains (and a cool shower). For the second consecutive season the undefeated C.C.N.S.W. C&S team has our pants pulled down by Knox Old Boys in the first match back after the Christmas break. OUCH!

**The team was:** Scott Wells, Ian Allmey, Ruaan Jonkers, Craig Johnson, Derek Taylor, Tom Robertson, David Byrnes, Steve Taylor (c), Greg Brooks, Matt Gale (w) and Ed Smith.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-132 off 33 overs (Ian Allmey 52 (57), Ruaan Jonker 18 (24), and David Byrnes 16 (15))

**Lost To**

**Knox Old Boys:** - 1-133 off 15.5 overs

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 5-1-36-1; C. Johnson 3-0-13-0; D. Byrnes 3.5-0-29-0; D. Taylor 3-1-25-0; S. Wells 1-0-23-0

### **C&S ROUND 12 v BARKER OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Having come off a beating from Knox Old Boys the Saturday before, the C&S team was determined not to let history repeat itself. In consecutive seasons we had gone into the Christmas break undefeated only to lose the first match back to Knox Old Boys. Last season, however, we'd suffered back-to-back losses – the second at the hands of Barker Old Boys in the second week back – this was not going to happen again!

For the first time in ten games, the opposition captain called "tails" and, for the fourth match in a row, the coin came up tails. The Barker captain correctly sent us into the field but his team

started slowly. Early tight bowling and three wickets from Dave Stingl (2 for 27 off 7 overs) and Ed Smith (1 for 34 off 11 overs) meant that the Old Boys crept into the drinks break after 18 overs at just 3 for 56.

David Byrnes (1 for 40 off 9 overs) and Craig Johnson (2 for 28 off 8 overs) kept the pressure on the opposition throughout the second half of the innings and, with the assistance of a run out from Craig (and despite 5 dropped catches), the C.C.N.S.W. team was content having held a good batting team down to 7 for 134 after its 35 overs.

In Bronwyn Brooks' absence, Dave Fagan and his wife then proudly provided a tandoori chicken afternoon tea which became the talk of the match as we witnessed several of the Old Boys' younger boys suffering the effects of a good Indian meal out in the field. Thank you very much Dave – same again next week?

Despite the gorgeous curry, the runs didn't flow early on for C.C.N.S.W. Darren Kay (0) was caught behind off the third ball and Barker's new ball team of Lewis and Hall kept Steve Taylor (48 not out off 89 balls) and Ruaan Jonker (7 off 30 balls) very watchful. Ruaan's hangover finally got the better of him. Having missed every ball in our fielding innings, I'm glad to report that Ruaan finally got a piece of the 30<sup>th</sup> ball he faced – unfortunately, it was only a little piece and the keeper got the rest of it leaving us on 2 for 13 after 9.2 overs!

Cometh the hour, cometh the brotherhood. Captain Steve was joined by his younger but heavier brother, Derek Taylor (33 off 40), and the siblings put on a well thought out 71 run partnership off 92 balls in just 52 minutes. Derek was eventually out caught at long-on with the score on 84 at which point Craig Johnson met up with the remaining hairier brother and emphatically ended the game with a quick fire 38 not out off 17 balls (to go with his two wickets, one diving catch and a run out).

The likes of Ian Allmey, Dave Fagan, Dave Byrnes, Dave Stingl (you don't need to be called "Dave" to play in this team – but it helps), Ed Smith and even last year's John McDonald Medallist, Greg Currie, were not required to bat, but we all certainly stood up to applaud Captain Steve's gutsy half century. Unfortunately, no one briefed Craig Johnson on the planned ovation and, with 22 runs needed in 6 overs for victory and with his Captain standing at the non-striker's end on 48 not out, Craig smashed 4-0-2-4-4-a cheeky single (to keep the strike), a six and a single off the next eight balls to claim the required 22 runs and leave Steve without the clap he so richly deserved.

And so it was later that evening at the Bowlo that we thumbed our nose at history!

**The team was:** Steve Taylor (c.), Darren Kay, Ruaan Jonker, Derek Taylor, Craig Johnson, Ian Allmey, Dave Fagan, Dave Byrnes, Dave Stingl, Ed Smith and Greg Currie (w)

**The result was:**

**Barker Old Boys: - 7-134** off 35 overs

**Lost To**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-135 off 30.2 overs** (Steve Taylor 48 (89), Craig Johnson 38 (17) and Derek Taylor 33 (40))

**The bowling was:** D. Stingl 7-0-27-2, E. Smith 11-1-34-1; C. Johnson 8-1-28-2, and D. Byrnes 9-0-40-1

**C&S ROUND 14 v SCOTS OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Scots Old Boys won the toss on a fairly lively pitch and decided to bat. We were missing our 'young' opening bowler, Ed Smith, for the first time this year and so we opened with the swing and fling combination of Dave Stingl (8-1-29-2) and Tom Robertson (9-0-36-4). They did the job with Dave taking two of the top three batsmen and Tommy taking 4 of the first 7 batsmen (including a caught and bowled and 8 wides). With Dave Byrnes' assistance (9.3-3-27-4), we had them reeling at 7 for 76 after 24 overs but then a good rear guard batting effort from their numbers seven and ten batsmen, including 31 runs off the last two overs of the previously very tight leg spin bowling of Derek Taylor (7-0-43-0), saw us bowling out Scots Old Boys with 3 balls to spare and 142 competitive runs posted.

Scott Wells (12 off 47) and Darren Kay (6 off 25) started our batting slowly against some good seam bowling on a deteriorating pitch. A mini-collapse then witnessed Darren Kay, Dave Fagan (0 off 11), Ruaan Jonker (0 off 12), and finally Scotty Wells walking back to the pavilion and we were in big trouble at 4 for 22 after 17 overs. Steve Taylor (17 off 25) dug deep with David Byrnes (75 off 52) but when their 49 run partnership was ended in 30<sup>th</sup> over we found ourselves needing 73 runs in 60 balls with only 5 wickets left. Derek Taylor (3 off 11) and Byrnsey took the score onto 105 but when Derek was well caught pushing the runs in the 30<sup>th</sup> over and our big hitting Tom Robertson (1 off 1) ran himself out, things we needed 31 off 24 balls with only 3 wickets left. Matty Gale (0 off 4), Dave Stingl (2 off 3) and finally Dave Byrnes fell looking for quick runs and we were all out 14 runs short. Credit must go to their opening bowler, O'Neil, who bowled 17 overs, 3 for 68) straight through the innings and their other opener, Brown who bowled 12 overs, 3 for 35.

**The team was:** Darren Kay, Scott Wells, Dave Fagan, Ruaan Jonker, Steve Taylor (c), David Byrnes, Derek Taylor, Tom Robertson, Matt Gale, Dave Stingl and Greg Currie (w)

**The result was:**

**Scots Old Boys: - 10-142**

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.:- 10-128** (D. Byrnes (75 off 52); S. Taylor (17 off 25)

**The bowling was:** D. Byrnes 9.3-3-27-4; T. Robertson 9-0-36-4; D. Stingl 8-1-29-2; D. Taylor 7-0-43-0

**C&S ROUND 15 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2010:**

Game cancelled by rain

**JACK PACE SEMI FINAL v OLD ALOYSIANS AT WILLOUGHBY NORTH AT  
ON SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

It was the Jack Pace Shield semi-final and we were up for it! Unfortunately, the weather was not. It had rained all week and we didn't expect to get on but all credit to the St Aloysius school for covering the wicket and, having waited for the drizzle to clear, we uncovered a hard deck with plenty of moisture on the surface. If Steve had won the toss, he would have decided to bowl first for the first time in his life - but he didn't, and we didn't.

Sent in on a wet deck, Ian Allmey (5 off 4 balls) hit the first ball for four but skied his fourth ball to the keeper. Darren Kay (1 off 4) walked after nicking one through and Derek Taylor (2 off 9) was given LBW to render us 3 for 14 after 5 overs.

Craig Johnson had flown in his South African girl friend, Tanya, to watch the big semi-final and, unusually, he did not disappoint her. He smote 26 runs including two sixes and a four off his first 26 balls but, on his 27th ball, he yorked himself and was clean bowled. Scotty Wells compiled a clever 13 runs off 18 balls while Steve Taylor had managed to keep out 34 balls himself before being bowled for 7 with the score on 60.

When Byrnesy was fired LBW for a golden duck things looked grim at 7 for 60 but fortunately a 75 minute rain delay gave us a little time to regroup. Unfortunately, upon recommencement of play, the Umpires had reloaded their pointer fingers and Ruaan Jonker (2 off 8) became our third LBW victim putting us at 8 for 65. Some lusty hitting from Dave Stingl saw him put on 10 runs for the ninth wicket partnership with Matty Gale (run out for 4 off 16) and 13 runs with Ed Smith (2\* off 8) before Dave swung over cautiously on a full toss and was caught at mid-wicket in the 26th over leaving Ed stranded on his way to another century.

With only 88 to defend, Captain Steve gave us a rev-up and we went out there determined to attack rather than defend. Ed Smith (4 for 14 off 7 overs) opened with Craig Johnson (1 for 4 off 3.3 overs). Johnno took the first wicket in the second over of the innings - it was the fourth LBW of the day and the only first of five LBWs to be awarded to us! Ed Smith then stepped up and removed their other opener (caught behind by Gloveman Gale), and their first and second drop bats (both bowled) with his 8th, 10th and 17th balls of the match respectively.

Off Ed's 18th ball, the batsmen thought that they could take a sneaky single to Dave Stingl at square leg only to find out about his "rifle-like" arm. Stingers pulled off a direct hit at the non-striker's end and, to our surprise, not only was the batsman short of his ground, but the ball had just enough pace on it to dislodge a bail! They were now 5 for 6 after 8 overs in a Jack Pace semi - and we had only dropped two catches by that stage. Not too bad for a team with an average age 15 years older than its opposition.

Craig Johnson was doing a great job at the other end until, for the first time in anyone's living memory, he dislocated his shoulder merely running in to bowl. There ensued another delay as Byrnesy tried repeatedly to yank Johnno's left shoulder back into position until, after 20 minutes of trying, Johnno explained through his tears of agony that it was actually his right shoulder that was dislocated. Fortunately, the lovely Tanya was on hand to take Johnno to hospital - a role which we explained was an integral part of an Australian cricket match and one for which we now select a 12th man each match simply to act as Johnno's ambulance driver.

Dave Stingl (2 for 12 off 3.3) finished off Johnno's over and, shortly after Ed had taken his 4th wicket (LBW), it was Stinger's turn for his LBW dismissal. In typical fashion, Dave Byrnes (2 for 4 off 2) mopped up the tail with the last two of our five LBWs - all of which were given by two badged umpires.

Dave Stingl topped off his great game by taking the last wicket of the match courtesy of an amazing out-stretched-diving-high-to-the right-one-handed-classic catch by the young and athletic Ruaan Jonker at point. At the time I thought that the club would have to wait a long time until we saw a better catch - as it was, we only had to wait 4 days as, at the Vic Barracks the following Thursday, Ken Yardy's deep-backward-square-leg-running-in-diving-forward-one-inch-off-the-ground-with-earthquake-landing-match-winner will never be topped\* (\*based on a complicated formula involving degree of difficulty and weight-for-age factors).

Old Aloysians were all out on their home ground for an extraordinary 39 runs in only 17 overs - quite possibly our best team bowling effort ever. And now our attention turns to the Jack Pace Final on the 7th of March and we can't wait - it feels like were 30-year-olds all over again!

**The team was:** - Ian Allmey, Darren Kay, Craig Johnson, Steve Taylor (c), Derek Taylor, Scott Wells, Ruaan Jonker, David Byrnes, Matt Gale (w), David Stingl and Ed Smith

**The result was:** -

**C.C.N.S.W. 10 for 88** (Craig Johnson (26 off 27); Dave Stingl (18 off 22); Scott Wells (13 off 18))

**Defeated**

**Old Aloysians 10 for 39** (E. Smith 4-14)

**The bowling was:** - E. Smith 7-1-14-4; D. Byrnes 2-1-4-2; D. Stingl 3.3-1-12-2; C. Johnson 3.3-1-4-1

### **C&S ROUND 17 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Coming off our Jack Pace Semi-Final win last week, we were still on a high. Captain Steve Taylor had no hesitation in deciding to bat when the coin turned up tails and he sent the powerful pair of Ian Allmey and Tommy Robertson out to take on the new ball. 34 balls later and the score was none for 55! Allmey went first, caught at fine leg for 29 off 20 balls and Tommy went an over later, caught behind for 22 off 19 - but by then the damage had been done.

Ruaan Jonker learnt a valuable lesson about keeping the ball on the ground when he was caught at mid-on for 6 off 14 balls. This brought Derek Taylor and Scotty Wells together for a well compiled 40 run partnership. With the score on 3 for 113 off 19 overs, Derek was caught at point for 32 off 45 balls and Dave Fagan used his pad rather than his bat and was fired for a golden. Steve Taylor then joined Scotty and the diminutive duo amassed a further 52 runs until Scotty was caught with his score on 37 off 54 balls.

David Byrnes (20\* off 12) and Steve Taylor (31\* off 40) promptly lifted the run rate and took the score past 200 for the first time for the Saturday team in 2010. Six for 201 off 35 overs was going to be tough to beat.

Defending 201, we came out firing. Ed Smith took wickets with his 4th and 9th balls and Dave Stingl (1 for 22 off 3) took one (beautifully caught by keeper Gale) with his 10th ball. They were 3 for 10 and struggling. Rather than let up, what then happened in cricket is a rarity - Ed bowled a triple-wicket maiden! And all of them bowled! The traditionally strong Old Cranbrookians were now 6 for 38 off 9 overs and David Byrnes (3 for 26 off 8) had only just begun his spell. Byrnesy had the dangerous OCCC batsmen 'Bushy' well caught on 20 runs by Ruaan at long-on in only his second over and, in the very next over, Ed took his sixth wicket for the match, clean bowling their number 8 to claim his 5th bowled victim of the innings and his 12th wicket for the club for the week.

Across 3 games for the club last week, Ed's figures ended up at 20 overs, 6 maidens, 12 for 42 runs - certainly a week that this big-headed author will never forget and, most likely alas, never repeat. These statistics, however, pale in comparison to Tommy Robertson's 15 wides in 15 overs in 15 days (across 3 matches) and we all know that the week will only ever be remembered for the Ken Yardy "Earthquake-at-the-Barracks" match winning classic catch on Thursday.

And now back to the game. The tail had a little wag in it (three dropped catches off Byrnesy's bowling didn't help) but by the time Byrnesy had mopped up the final two batsmen, the Old Cranbrookians were dismissed for 79 in just 22 overs.

This win takes the Club's C&S Saturday team's record this season to 11 wins, 2 losses and 2 washouts - something that the architects of the team (Messrs Steve Taylor and Greg Brooks) should take a lot of credit for and pride in.

**The team was:** Ian Allmey, Tom Robertson, Ruaan Jonker, Steve Taylor (c.), Derek Taylor, Scott Wells, Derek Fagan, David Byrnes, Matt Gale (w), David Stingl and Ed Smith

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 6 for 201 off 35 overs (S. Wells (37 off 54), D. Taylor (32 off 45), S. Taylor (31\* off 40), I. Allmey (29 off 20), T. Robertson (22 off 19) and D. Byrnes (20\* off 12))

**Defeated**

**Old Cranbrookians:** - All out for 79 off 22 overs

by 122 runs

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 8-4-15-6, D. Stingl 3-0-22-1, D. Byrnes 8-0-26-3), D. Taylor 2-0-3-0 and T. Robertson 1-0-11-0

**C&S ROUND 18 v REG BARTLEY XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2010: REPORT BY ED  
SMITH**

With the Jack Pace grand final just a week away, the Saturday team was looking for valuable time out in the middle with the bat. To that end, Captain Steve chose the flatter of the two extremely flat pitches on offer with the plan to win the toss and bat all day. Unfortunately, despite Steve cleverly refining his tossing technique throughout the season, the opposing captain called heads, the coin landed 'arse down' and we were sent out to field on a bloody hot afternoon.

Ian Allmey got the ball rolling when he took a sizzling slip catch off Ed Smith's fifth ball of the day. Having gone the first 10 matches of the season without even a chance going to slip, the team has since taken three slips catches (and only dropped three) in the last four matches – at 50%, this probably represents our highest slips catching percentage for a decade.

By the time Ed (3 for 13 off 7 overs) struck again in his second and third overs, the Reg Bartley XI were reeling at 3 for 15. Fortunately for the batsmen in our team, Dave Stingl's three chest high full tosses and Matty Gale's unusual keeping errors were allowing the opposition to post a semi-respectable target. That is, until Dave Stingl switched to bowling around the wicket in order to find his line and length again. Having bowled his first five wicketless overs over the wicket for 21 runs, Stingers (2 for 27 off 9 overs) then bowled his next four overs around the wicket for only four runs and, in the process, clean bowled both their leading run scorer and their captain.

Meanwhile, Derek Taylor had been brought on from the other end to get some bowling under his belt in case he is required in the Jack Pace. Little did we suspect that Derek was about to take his first wicket for the season (N.B. he's also had three dropped off his bowling), even less expected was the fact that he would then take his second, third and fourth wickets – the last one well caught by Dave Fagan at first slip having deflected off keeper Gale's right glove. Derek

finished off with the impressive figures of 4 for 15 off 5.3 overs and became our fifth bowler of the season to take four or more wickets in an innings.

As always, David Byrnes (1 for 4 off 3) was at his typical wicket-taking-run-restricting-dart-throwing best and after 24.3 overs, the Reg Bartley XI found themselves all out for 68.

After a beautiful arvo tea courtesy of Bronwyn Virtue (it's good to have you back!), the old firm of Ian Allmey and Darren Kay opened up with a 25 run partnership. Darren was the first to go, bowled by a ripper from the elusively quick shoulder bowling of Bennett, with his score on 8 off 17 balls. Realising that not many of us were going to get a bat that day, Steve Taylor put himself in at first drop and, after a further 21 run partnership, Ian was well caught at cover on 34 (off 39). Long time club favourite, Graeme Anderson (0\* off 5 balls) was up from Melbourne visiting Byrnes's wife, Caroline, for the weekend and was next in, only to lean on his bat at the non-striker's end and watch Steve hit the final 15 runs from his last 4 balls including, as Steve was quick to remind us, the only six of the day. It was the first six most of us had ever seen Steve hit (*editor's Note: he hit one in Kenya!*) and, given it only just hit the very bottom of the fence on the full, we all agreed that it was indeed the shortest six we had ever seen hit on at Camperdown Oval.

Passing their score at 2 for 72 in 15.1 overs, we didn't quite get the grand-final warm-up that we were looking for, however, a good session in the Bowling Club afterwards certainly gave us the cool-down that a well bonded unit needs to take out Sir Jack.

**The team was:** Ian Allmey, Darren Kay, Steve Taylor (c.), Graeme Anderson, Ruaan Jonker, David Fagan, Derek Taylor, David Byrnes, Matt Gale (wk), Dave Stingl and Ed Smith

**The result was:**

**Reg Bartley XI: 10-68 (D. Taylor 4-15; E. Smith 3-14) off 24.3 overs**

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 2-72 (I. Allmey 34; S. Taylor 27\*) off 15.1 overs**

**The bowling was:** E. Smith 7-2-13-3; D. Stingl 9-1-27-2; D. Taylor 5.3-1-15-4; and D. Byrnes 3-1-4-1

### **JACK PACE FINAL v YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

The big day had finally arrived. The tough selection decisions had been made. The batting order had been shaped, re-shaped and re-shaped again. The team had even made a pact to have no more than ten beers the night before (nb. Saturday afternoon was excluded from the official beer count). We were ready – unfortunately, the pitch was not. It was still a bit damp and would benefit from another 3 hours of sun; batting first was not going to be easy and when Steve lost the toss, the Yaralla captain had no hesitation in sending us in.

Run machine Ian Allmey opened up with the ever-reliable Scott Wells but we got off to the worst possible start – Allmey caught at backward square leg first ball of the day trying to pull a popping delivery. Captain Steve Taylor joined Scotty and the two of them were determined to dig in and see out the new ball on the explosive wicket.

Good bowling from the Yaralla openers (Ferreira and Hollister) was met with even better batting from our diminutive duo. Steve and Scotty occasionally had to wear a few on the chest and thigh

in order to build what proved to be the significant partnership of our innings throughout the vital and tricky first 15 overs on a spitting wicket. With careful shot selection and anything down leg being called a 'wide', Steve and Scotty took our score through to 1 for 63 after 15 overs. Just as the wicket was starting to settle down, however, Scotty (24 off 43 balls) tried to up the pace only to sky one to their Captain at point.

This brought Craig Johnson to the crease with immediate effect – a four off his first ball. Craig and Steve combined beautifully to put on another 38 runs in only 8 overs until Steve – who had marshalled our score from 1 for none to 2 for 101 in just 23 overs – miss-cued a pull to the leg side and popped up a catch to square leg with his personal score on 31 off 75 balls – a classic Captain's knock.

The table had been nicely set for a run feast and, with the powerful hitting of Derek Taylor, Tom Robertson, Ruaan Jonker, David Byrnes and Dave Stingl lining up for some tucker, we were eying off at least 180. However, cricket seldom runs to the recipe and, with their fourth change bowler, Maiden, bowling on the spot combining with some rushes of batsmen's blood, Derek Taylor was bowled for 2 (off 5 balls), Tommy Robertson was caught at mid-on trying to smash his first ball out of the local government area, and Byrnesy was bowled for 2 (off 6 balls) walking across his stumps trying to force to the leg side. Fortunately, Ruaan Jonker was keeping his head down and was at the non-striker's end to witness Craig Johnson turn one off his pads with his score on 46 (off 42 balls) only to be surprisingly given out L.B.W.!

From 2 for 101 after 23 overs, we had descended to 7 for 130 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over. Ruaan was still at the crease and put on 12 runs with Dave Stingl (caught forcing the pace for 4 runs off 5 balls) and another 12 runs with Darren Kay until Ruaan was well caught at mid-wicket on our third last ball with his score on a very valuable 22 off 26 balls. Darren Kay (4 not out off 3 balls) and Ed Smith (1 not out off 1 ball) then combined for a very stylish run-a-ball undefeated 10<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 2 leaving C.C.N.S.W. on 9 for 156 off our allotted 35 overs and their fourth change bowler, Maiden, with the impressive figures of 6 for 29 off 6 overs.

Club President Greg Brooks, who was out injured much to his chagrin, but regardless had driven half of us to the ground, scored all day, helped prepare the tea and drove us home, was quietly confident with the total and gave us re-assuring thumbs up as we prepared for the second innings. Matt Gale our 12<sup>th</sup> man for the day did a brilliant job running drinks, keeping the scoreboard up to date with Peter Crooks (Tom Robertson's driver) and fielding in 10 positions all at once...until Steve told him just to stand still and replace Ruaan who smashed his finger chasing one in to the fence. Meanwhile, Brian Breakspear, the brilliant brain behind the City and Suburban competition, put on a refreshing afternoon tea (don't worry, Bronwyn Virtue's main job is not under threat) but most of us were too focussed on the bowling task that lay ahead (and Steve's mid-match rev-up).

Our now established opening pair of Ed Smith and Dave Stingl took the new ball and Dave (1 for 17 off 6 overs) struck with only his fourth ball, trapping their right handed opener, Murray, L.B.W. This brought their run machine, Telfer, to the crease and Ed nearly had him caught at second slip in the 5<sup>th</sup> over – a half chance low to Byrnesy's left – it would have been a ripper.

It was from this stage of the match that Yaralla started to fight back. After their first 10 overs they were only 32 runs but they had seen off the first spell of our usual early wicket taker, Ed Smith, without his claiming a scalp. With a limit of 9 overs per bowler, Steve chose to keep 4 overs from Ed up his sleeve and he brought on our traditional middle order destroyer, David Byrnes, to see if he could break this annoying partnership.

Byrnesy opened up with a maiden but Dave Stingl's last over went for 9 runs, Byrnesy's second over went for 12 runs, and Derek Taylor's first over of leggies went for 8. From the 12<sup>th</sup> over to

the 15<sup>th</sup> over of their innings, Yaralla poured on 37 runs for the loss of no wickets and things were looking grim unless we could break this partnership quickly. Step forward the ever reliable off-spin of Byrnesy!

In the turning point of the match, their first drop leading run scorer Telford, with his score on 34, inexplicably charged Byrnesy's floated delivery trying to hit it to Queensland. He missed, Byrnesy hit and the rot had set in. A gentle reminder from Steve in the huddle that "*we are in a [insert expletive] grand final so pull your [insert alternate expletive] heads out of your [insert relevant orifice]*" and the very next over, Derek Taylor turned a big wrist spinner which beat the huge cross batted swing of the left hand opener, Clare, and he was bowled for 26. Neither batsmen needed to take these risks – but when they did, we were there to seize the opportunity.

Byrnesy and Derek then bowled in perfect partnership to take the next 8 wickets for 27 runs featuring a stumping to Craig Johnson; a well judged outfield catch to Byrnesy and a high diving left handed juggling classic by Darren Kay at gully. Derek finished off with 4 for 23 from his 8 overs and Byrnesy with 4 for 26 from his nine overs. When Ed was reintroduced to mop up the tail, which he promptly did, clean bowling their number 11 and finishing with 1 for 26, Yaralla were all out on their home ground for 98!

We had won! The Jack Pace Shield was ours – at least metaphorically given that I Zingari (Australia) had 'forgotten' to return the shield that they won last year. Beer (courtesy of the Association) and French champagne (courtesy of Darren Kay, of course) flowed in the dressing room and at the presentation ceremony for the next hour before we all migrated to a nearby pub for a victory dinner and drink (all courtesy of Steve Taylor's credit card! – thanks again Steve). A lengthy fine session, a kangaroo court (that confirmed that all red heads should automatically be fined) and many laughs were had as the team celebrated the crowning achievement of 5 years of hard (but fun) toil.

**The team was:** Ian Allmey, Scott Wells, Steve Taylor (c.), Craig Johnson (w), Derek Taylor, Tom Robertson, Ruaan Jonker, David Byrnes, David Stingl, Darren Kay, Ed Smith and Matt Gale (12<sup>th</sup> man)

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 9 for 156 (C. Johnson 46 (42); S. Taylor 31(75) S. Wells 24 (43); R. Jonker 22 (26)) - (35 overs)

**Defeated**

**Yaralla CC:** 10-98 (D. Taylor 4-23; D. Byrnes 4-26) (29.1 overs)

**Statistical curiosity:** - S. Taylor, S. Wells and R. Jonker were all dropped with their score on 14. (C Johnson was only dropped on 32)

**The Bowling was:** E. Smith 6.1-0-26-1; D. Stingl 6-1-17-1; D. Byrnes 9-2-26-4; D. Taylor 8-2-23-3;

### **C&S ROUND 23 v PADDINGTON C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

A beautiful day, a great batting track and a strong opposition - the stage was set for a ripper. Steve lost the toss for the third week in a row and Paddington had no hesitation in batting first. Without the bowling of Dave Byrnes, Craig Johnson and Greg Brooks, we knew our attack was going to be tested by this very strong Paddington batting line up. Ed Smith (3 for 49 off 13 overs)

and Dave Stingl (0 for 52 off 7 overs) took the new ball and, when Ed clean bowled their left handed opener in his 4th over we had them at 1 for 28. Strong batting from their first drop took the score past 50 in only the tenth over but then Ed struck again through a good catch by Derek Taylor at cover.

Ian Allmey was brought on for one quick over to allow Derek to switch ends and Derek to come on from the end with the long leg side boundary. Ian did his job well, only bowling one wide and being hit for 20 runs off his 6 balls. If this remains his only over for the year, as I suspect now it might, he will top at least one statistic. Paddington kept sending out good batsmen and Ed and Derek tried everything to break their partnerships on this beautiful batting track. Ed eventually struck again in the 18<sup>th</sup> over through a low and well juggled catch by Matt Gale at point - his first catch without keepers' gloves since his time in the Under 10's (i.e. about 50 years ago).

Derek then took the prize wicket of their big hitting first drop, Andrew, for 42 and the score was 4 for 127 after 21 overs. Another good partnership saw Ed's legs cramp up in only his 13th over but this cleared the way for Steve to introduce Scott Wells into the attack. A well worked double play run out from Ed to Scott to the keeper Craig Johnson broke the partnership with the score on 159 with 8 overs to go but they were still looking at a score well in excess of 200.

They didn't factor in the Springwood connection, however, and, in the absence of his fellow Mountain man David Byrnes, Scott assumed the role of bunny hunter. With two excellent caught and bowlers, a good stumping by Craig Johnson, a now customary catch by Ruaan Jonker and a well held catch by new guy, Peter Crooks, Scott wrapped up the last wickets over the next 6 overs for only 40 more runs - the last three wickets for just 1 run! Scott's amazing figures of 5 for 13 off 3.4 overs saw Paddington all out for 199. Still, we had not successfully chased a score of 200 or more in recent memory so we knew the size of the task ahead. This task was made even greater when Ian Allmey was out for a golden duck in the second over - thus completing a memorable and expensive game for our likeable run machine. With Tom Robertson's bacon and cheese sandwiches in our stomachs, we were not deterred - although losing Tom for 3 (12 balls) in our fifth over certainly was less than encouraging.

Enter the Captain and Vice-captain and stand back. Steve Taylor (37 off 54) batted superbly to get us out of the bind and set up the team's attack on this unlikely summit. Given lbw by Tom (in a career limiting moment) with the score on 86, Ruaan Jonker (10 off 24) joined Craig Johnson for 31 runs, and Derek Taylor (12 off 14) combined with the mercurial Johnson for a further 31 runs. Needing 54 runs off 48 balls with 5 wickets left the stage was set - and then set on fire by Scott Wells who continued his man of the match performance smashing 23 runs off just 14 balls. Having done the hard work, Scotty was bowled going for glory with 3 runs needed off 14 balls. Dave Stingl joined Craig with his score on 98. Craig foolishly took a single and allowed a bowler (Stingl) to determine whether he was going to just get a single and allow him the glory of bringing up the winning run and his maiden ton for the season. Dave didn't have to even think about it - he smashed six over mid wicket and stranded the South African glamour boy on 99\*. Both players were fined!

We'd won! We'd chased 200 and got it with 8 balls and four wickets in hand. Overall, 67 overs were bowled in the day, 16 wickets fell and 403 runs were scored. Paddington joined us for a few drinks at the Camperdown Bowling Club and we reminisced over a match that we will remember for ever.

**The team was:** - Ian Allmey, Tom Robertson, Steve Taylor (c), Craig Johnson (w), Ruaan Jonker, Derek Taylor, Scott Wells, David Stingl, Peter Crooks, Matt Gale and Ed Smith.

**The result was:** -

**Paddington C.C.:** -10-199 (S. Wells 5-13; E. Smith 3-49) off 33.4 overs

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 6-204 (C Johnson 99\* (76 balls); S. Taylor 37 (54) S. Wells 23 (14)) off 33.4 overs

**The bowling was:** - E. Smith 13-2-49-3; D. Stingl 7-0-52-0; D. Taylor 9-1-60-1; I. Allmey 1-0-20-0; and S. Wells 3.4-0-13-5

**C&S ROUND 24 v OLD ALOYSIANS C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2010:**

Old Aloysians forgot to turn up! Apparently the fixture was missing from their fixture list although it is on the official C&S Fixture list published by Brian Breakspear. On a lovely afternoon our C&S players played an internal pairs competition apparently won by the pair of Ed Smith and Ruaan Jonker.

Whether it counts as a win by forfeit I will leave the C&S team to decide!

**C&S ROUND 25 v SYDNEY W'INDIES C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2010: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

Having lost three tosses in a row, our faithful Captain Steve Taylor sent out Matt "Lucky" Gale to perform the toss. Ol' Lucky promptly lost the toss and we were worried that we might be in for a hot afternoon in the field. Fortunately, the Captain of the Sydney W'Indies, to his great credit and with a good understanding of social cricket, knew he was down a few batsmen and, sensing an inequality in team strengths, he invited us to bat first to make for a longer day of cricket.

His generosity nearly paid off first ball when he should have had Ian Allmey run out coming back for his second run. This would have been two golden ducks and a rare "golden 1" in three innings for our favourite run machine. Three balls later, however, his luck ran out again and Ian was easily caught at cover for only 2 runs. Steve Taylor joined Scotty Wells out in the middle and, much in the same manner of the Jack Pace Shield final (did I forget to mention that we won the Jack Pace Shield?), Steve and Scotty dug in against some good bowling.

The two of them saw us through the first ten overs but, with the score on 27, Steve (17 off 30 balls) left alone an off-cutter which claimed his off bail. Craig Johnson needed 84 more runs to bring up 500 C&S runs for the season and he strode out to the crease with purpose. Over the next 12 overs, Scotty and Craig put together a majestic and chanceless 100 run partnership (the team's 5<sup>th</sup> for the season) scoring on both sides of the wicket at will. Eventually, Scotty was bowled with his personal tally on 52 runs off 66 balls and the team was set up nicely for a big total.

Ruaan Jonker joined Craig's scoring spree with a six off his first ball. This shot signalled the entire team's intent to hit out in our last 13 batting overs of the season. After a 36 run hit-a-thon, Johnno eventually fell, stumped off his 49<sup>th</sup> ball with his score on 69 – 15 runs short of 500 for the C&S season. The big hitting Dave Stingl was advanced up the order and started with consecutive fours but was eventually was caught at deep mid-wicket for 11 off 10 balls. Derek Taylor swung hard but was bowled for 3 (9 balls) and, having been dropped 'only' 5 times in his 27 ball stay at the crease, Ruaan found himself back in the pavilion with 39 runs beside his name. Dave Byrnes (4 off 3 balls) found the fence and then deep mid-wicket leaving Matty Gale (2\* off 2 balls) and Darren Kay (4\* off 7) to finish off our 35 overs and see us through to a score of 8-208 (our 5<sup>th</sup> score of over 200 this season).

Bronny Brooks' now famous sausage rolls greeted us well at afternoon tea and prepared us for what has gone down in club history as "The Showdown at Camperdown".

By way of introduction to the issue, over the last two seasons David Byrnes and Ed Smith have waged an on-going battle for most C&S wickets in the season. Using his under-handed tactic of only ever bowling at the tail enders and dropping catches of Ed's bowling, David Byrnes (the villain in this story) took out last year's bowling award. However, Dave found himself going in to today's match 6 wickets behind's our hero's (i.e. Ed's) tally of 40 C&S wickets. Realising this, Captain Steve chose to host a showdown between the two of them by throwing Byrnsey the new ball to see if he could produce the impossible come back.

Byrnsey (off two paces) duly obliged by taking the first, second, third and fourth wickets in his first six overs and not even a well worked run out by Matty Gale (whose luck had returned) could break his evil spell on the Sydney W'Indies batsmen. Meanwhile Ed (off 47 paces) was toiling away from the other end seeing French cuts, outside edges and lbw appeals all fall unrewarded. By now the Sydney W'Indies were 5 for 20 off 11 overs and stood no chance of mounting a challenge to the club's total of 208 but the tension was still palpable and our intra-team sledging had reached fever pitch.

With 5 wickets in the season left to claim, Byrnsey needed to take three of them while Ed had to remain wicket less if the Lazarus-like comeback was to be achieved. But then it happened, Ed bowled a 'pearla' to their left handed Captain which took out his leg bail – at worst, now, evil could only tie with good. Like the champion arch-nemesis he is, however, Byrnsey promptly responded and claimed his 31<sup>st</sup> (approx) tail-ender for the season LBW. A tie was still on the cards. Captain Steve threw Ed the ball informing him that this would be his last over. It was now or never as Ed ran into bowl his last six balls at their top scoring number 4 batsmen, Merritt, who had refused to fall for the guile and treachery of Byrnes.

Five balls went by with no luck but, with his last ball for the C&S season, Ed took the top shoulder of Merrit's bat. The ball flew gently to Scotty Wells at gully – so gently, in fact, that Scotty confessed later to his good mate Byrnsey, *"sorry mate, I had no choice but to catch it"*. The battle was over, the warriors shook hands and the sledging dulled to a more gentleman-like banter. Byrnsey was not done, however, as he then claimed his sixth wicket for the innings (and 40<sup>th</sup> wicket for the C&S season!) finishing with the outstanding figures of 6 for 18 off 10 overs. As if to make a mockery of the entire battle, Ol' Lucky Gale was thrown the ball to bowl his one and only over for the season. Three balls later and he had cleaned bowled their last batsmen to finish with the incredible bowling statistics for the entire season of 0.3 overs, 1 for none. A bowling average that not even Byrnsey can beat.

The Sydney W'Indies were all out for 37 in just 19.3 overs – representing our best bowling effort of the season. The team had finished the season with 15 wins of the 17 games played and only two losses –our best season since 1996. And so it was, with an air of satisfaction that we trotted off to the bowling club for some hilarious drinks with the Sydney W'Indies before rolling off to the Welcome Inn for a "few" more beers and a great end-of season team dinner.

**The team was:** Steve Taylor (c), Ian Allmey, Scott Wells, Craig Johnson, Ruaan Jonker, Dave Stingl, Derek Taylor, Darren Kay, David Byrnes, Matt Gale (w) and Ed Smith

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W. 8 for 208** (off 35 overs) (C. Johnson 69 off 49, S. Wells 52 off 66, R. Jonker 39 off 27 and S. Taylor 17 off 30.)

**Defeated**

**Sydney W'Indies C.C.: 10 for 37** (off 19.3 overs) (D Byrnes 6-18)

by 171 runs

**The bowling was:** D. Byrnes 10-3-18-6; E. Smith 9-3-19-2; M. Gale 0.3-0-0-1

