

C&S ROUND 1 v YARALLA AT GODDARD PARK ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2011

Last season the match was forfeited by Yaralla who could not raise a side. This year they could not raise a ground! - Same result- different reason. Not the best start to the C&S season.

C&S ROUND 2 v NONDESCRIPTS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2011

Having seen the first week of the season "washed out" at Yaralla the team was keen to have a hit-out against the traditionally strong Nondescripts C.C. Covers went down on Thursday lunch time to make sure of a game and, despite some Friday rain and apparently leaky covers we managed a start at 2:30pm. The game was reduced to 30 overs a side as a result of the delay.

Craig Johnson lost the toss and we were not surprisingly sent in a damp but drying wicket. All our batting managed to get a start but no one went on to make a big score with Craig Johnson (29) and Ruaan Jonker (27) the leading contributors. Still we managed 148 off our 30 overs which was a fair score.

After our usual quality afternoon tea we opened with the old firm of Ed Smith (0-25) and Greg Brooks (1-46). At 1-76 Nondescripts were cruising however the introduction of Scott Wells changed everything. In seven overs of quality leg spin he captured 5-23 with 2 maidens and almost bowled us to victory.

While we plugged away at the other end we leaked runs which ultimately took the game right down to the final over. With 9 needed to win, Nondescripts managed to hit the fourth ball for 6 on the very short side to win the match with two balls to spare!

While this was a disappointing loss everyone put in and the fielding from Matt Abeysekera, Ruaan Jonker, Craig Johnson and Peter Crooks was exemplary.

Next week we welcome back several regulars so let's make sure we bounce back.

The Team was: Craig Johnson (c), Scott Wells, Ruaan Jonker, Greg Brooks, Darren Kay, Ed Smith, Tom Robertson, Peter Crooks, Mick McCormick, Greg Currie (wk) and Matt Abeysekera.

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W : - 8 for 148 (off 30 overs) Johnson 29; Jonker 27.

Lost to

Nondescripts C.C. : - 6 for 149 (off 29.4 overs) by 4 wickets

The Bowling was: E. Smith 8-2-25-0; G. Brooks 8-1-46-1 S. Wells 7-2-23-5; M. McCormick 4-0-34-0; M. Abeysekera 2.4-0-16-0.

**C&S ROUND 3 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN
PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2011: REPORT BY
TOM ROBERTSON**

A.k.a. "The Day of the Rangas"

Part 1. The batting

A cracking day greeted both sides for the first of the JPS games. C.C.N.S.W. being the cup holder for the last 2 years, we wanted a win to start things off. Pressure on, we all know that the cream will rise to the top.

Craig Johnson again incorrectly called the toss. This area of his game needs a lot of work...

Sydney University Veterans decided to bowl. Johnno sent out Ian Allmey and his 'son' Scot Wells to open the batting. Ian started the innings off the only way Ian knows with a gentle stroke over the bowlers head for an easy 3. They settle for 2. Wellsy at the other end poked and prodded and was a little confused by the lack of pace. The kind hearted hobbit was bowled by a straight fuller one.

Johnno walked out with purpose. He was disappointed he lost concentration last game. A fate he would fall to again. Ian kept on his merry way until he was caught on the boundary at square leg for a well made 45. That brought out Ruaan Jonkers; you could feel the lack of anticipation from all sides of the ground. Jonkers lived up to the crowd's expectations and was on his way back for 9 runs.

That brought Tom Robertson to the middle and you could feel the mood change in the crowd. Tommy joined Craig Johnson who was sailing along. Craig was well on top and played every good cricket shot that we expect from him. His cover drives stood out for me. Some very cleanly struck shots. A big nick from the bowling of Paul Moorhouse found him on his way to the pavilion for 43. Maybe if he got down to a B cup he may be able to get past the 40s.

A fellow lefthander Derek Taylor then joined Tommy who had just opened his account with a cleanly struck 4 off Paul through square leg. At this stage we were sailing nicely at almost 6 an over and we had talent in the bank so complacency took over. Derek insisted that we didn't want to lose 2 wickets in a row but that kind of talk makes the writer want to accelerate the run rate. Tommy then hit Paul for a cover driven 6 into the fig trees in Fowler St. Derek and Tommy enjoyed a 67 run partnership until Derek was bowled by Paul for 9.

Dave Stingle then entered the Camperdown cauldron. Run rate now above 7 so more helpings of complacent batting was required. Dave hit a single off his first ball but then was run out by a direct hit from side on after an over throw. As always, it is easy to blame the Ranga at the other end but 9 times out of 10 Dave was home.

Last week's game loser, Matt Abeysekera, then joined Tommy. Matt is a very promising all-rounder and easily the most polite guy on the team. Tommy continued to take toll of the bowling in what was a very friendly batting wicket. Another ball went into Australia Street. The same over the likeable ginger was caught at deep mid off for 75.

Matt Gale joined Matt A. Matty G. hit a few clean hits for 4 and the late inclusion (Steve Taylor was a late withdrawal with a man-cold) had well and truly paid off. Matt A was looking to get us past 300 with a few lusty air swings. The pressure of girlfriend on the sidelines certainly shows with Matty's batting. The Matts got us past the 200 until Matt A was caught in the deep on the boundary.

It was now Tony Weston's turn for a hit. Been sometime since his last appearance with the bat but he looked the goods. Matt G was next to go. Fired LBW by Mr Brooks. That finger was up before Matty had a chance to look at him.

Ed Smith was next. A very correct batsmen by nature but with a few overs left incorrect shots were required. Tony and Ed saw us home to a very respectable 9 for 244 off our 35 overs.

Part 2. The afternoon Tea

Bronwyn Virtue laid on another incredible spread of rolls, fruit and tea. Enjoyed by both teams and some ring ins. During the discourse of afternoon tea it was noted that we did get the 200 that Steve Taylor was aiming for in the pre game speech. Steve then replied that he wanted 200 and not 244. A displeased Steve threw his watermelon on the ground and walked off.

Part 3. The bowling

There was a huge air of complacency in the air. You could carve it with a knife. The gun combination of Ed Smith and Tony Weston opened the bowling (Thank you Mr Brooks). The regular slow start greeted us until Mr Lodge (PS thank you for bringing your girlfriend) started to unleash a few very lusty blows. Even Ed was not spared as Mr Lodge unleashed a few very hard hit cover drives. Tony Weston was first to strike with a clean bowled and Ed was left wandering when his first wicket for 2011-12 was coming.

Sydney University Veterans were in with a sniff while Mr Lodge was still at the crease but a very clever field placement saw the end of him. It was noted that Mr Lodge swung hard at the ball and this more often than not ends up in a lofted ball round the point region. In this case you send in a Ranga. On this occasion Scotty was there to swallow an easy chance from the bowling of Ed. Ed was off the mark.

From then on Sydney University Veterans seemed to play for the draw. The run rate built higher and higher. Ed then bowled 2 very straight ones to put him on a hat trick. You could see the relief in Ed's eyes as he confirmed that "he still had it" even though 40 is well behind him. The hat trick eluded Ed on this occasion.

Tony Weston kept soldiering on at the Fowler St end. His second wicket came from a half hearted LBW appeal. It paid off and Westo claimed his second. Seemed some of their guys wanted to get to the Camperdown Bowling Club as much as us.

Johno then made the wise decision of introducing Scott Wells into the attack. A decision that would get us to the Bowling Club sooner. Wellsy mixed it up beautifully. He started with a very scratchy over, all part of the mix. Dave Stingl was also introduced into the attack. 'Stingers' showed us some incredible variation and Matty has the bruises to prove it. Dave bowled what could be the only double bouncer of the year. Needless to say Dave was fined accordingly.

Wellsy then started to find the line required. He and the sub (Mr Brooks) combined twice. Brooksy got off a multiplier to take two clean catches at gully. No problem with the President's eyesight! No matter what those quacks say.

Wellsy then bowled Paul Moorhouse with a cracking toppy. The C.C.N.S.W. premier bowler is certainly at the top of his game at the moment.

Sydney University Vets then hit a few 4s but the end was nigh and Matt Abeysekera got his first C.C.N.S.W. wicket caught by Derek Taylor at cover.

Part 4. The Camperdown Bowling Club

Everyone then proceeded to the 'Bowlo' for the fine session. It was a quiet session as the main source of revenue (Rangas) had done ok.

Good to get our first win of the season under the belt.

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.:- 9 - 244 (35 overs) (T. Robertson 75;I Allmey 45; C Johnson 43)

Defeated

Sydney University Veterans: 10- 129 (31 overs) (S Wells 4-30)

By 115 runs

The Team and Batting was: Ian Allmey 45 (off 36 balls), Scott Wells 5 (16), Craig Johnson (c) 43 (47), Ruaan Jonker 9 (15), Tom Robertson 75 (45), Derek Taylor 9 (15), Dave Stingl 1 (1), Matt Abeysekera 14 (10), Matt Gale (w) 20 (12), Tony Weston 12* (10), Ed Smith 2* (2), Wides 5.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 8-1-31-3, A. Weston 7-1-23-2, D. Stingl 5-0-15-0, S. Wells 7-0-30-4, and M. Abeysekera 4-0-22-1.

C&S ROUND 4 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011: REPORT BY RUAAN JONKER

A.k.a. "A Day without the Ranga"

What started off as hot and overcast turned out to be stunning day at Camperdown Oval.

With Tom Robertson not playing on the day, the team felt relieve as they only needed to carry one 'ranga', Scott Wells, through the match.

With our captain Craig Johnson being married now, one would have thought he would be a master at tossing. Alas he lost his third toss in a row and Old Cranbrookians decided to bat.

Part 1. The bowling

C.C.N.S.W got off to a good start with Matt Abeysekera striking in the 4th, 6th and 12th over to leave the opposition on 3 for 51. A fourth wicket partnership of 94 runs put some pressure on our bowlers and this was seen when Dave Stingl nearly downed a plane when he bowled two no balls in the 20th over. Not only were these balls over waist height, but our keeper Matty Gale could not get anything on them, even with an outstretched hand, as they flew over his head. At 4 for 145 after 22 overs we thought we might be chasing 250+.

The Old Cranbrookians had a feast on a rock hard wicket. Scotty Wells finally found out what it feels like to be smashed to all corners of the park and did not manage a wicket in his spell. Our new comer CJ Hollenbach learnt what C&S is all about and was hit for 34 of only 3 overs.

Ed Smith was brought back into the attack and with good tight bowling we managed to pull the run rate down. It wasn't until the 35th over that Ed finally managed to strike and picked up 3 wickets in the last over, leaving Old Cranbrookians on 9 for 232.

Part 2. The afternoon Tea

Bronwyn Virtue decided not to bother with afternoon tea (with a valid reason), and without hesitating Johno got his misses Tanya to the job. With Tanya only 4 days away from delivering their first baby she showed how much C.C.N.S.W cricket means to her by putting forward a great afternoon tea. Well done Johno on setting the priorities straight, so early in the marriage.

Part 3. The Batting

In the dressing room the batsmen knew they had a huge task ahead of them and Derek Taylor took it upon himself to give a motivational speech. Like something out of a sport movie, (the one where the underdog should not win, but does just because of that speech) everyone was ready to take on the task ahead.

Ian Allmey and Darren Kay got C.C.N.S.W off to a great start, scoring at almost 8 an over for the first 10 overs. Darren edged one and was caught behind for 26 and we were 1 for 79 after 10. Out walked Craig Johnson, that knew this could be his last bat for a couple of weeks as baby duties might keep him away for a while.

Shortly after Ian fell for 52; this brought Ruaan Jonker to the crease. The South Africans knew what needed to be done and didn't disappoint. They managed a partnership of 57 when before Johnno was caught for 36. This left C.C.N.S.W. on 3 for 142 after 21 overs and we were cruising to another victory.

Dave Stingl, new at the crease, managed to scoop one straight to midwicket, and Scotty Wells was run out trying to steal a single that was hit to short cover. As the required run rate grew we knew we had to swing for the fence, but only managed to throw away wickets.

At the end of the innings C.C.N.S.W were 25 runs short and only managed 10 for 207, Ruaan Jonker not out on 58*.

The result was:

Old Cranbrookians CC: 9- 232 (35 overs) (Ed Smith 3-65, Matt Abeysekera 3-26)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.- 10 - 207 (35 overs) (Ruaan Jonker 58* (61);I Allmey 52 (36); C Johnson 36)

By 20 runs

The Team and Batting was: Ian Allmey 52 (off 36 balls), Darren Kay 26 (31), Craig Johnson (c) 36 , Ruaan Jonker 58* (61), Dave Stingl 10 , Scott Wells 5, Matt Abeysekera 0 (1), Derek Taylor 4 , Matt Gale (w) 1 (2), CJ Hollenbach 3 (5), and Ed Smith 2 (2), Wides 6.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 12-0-65-3, M. Abeysekera 7-2-26-3, CJ Hollenbach 3-0-34-0, S. Wells 5-0-36-0, D. Stingl 3-0-27-1, D. Kay 3-0-26-0 and C. Johnson 2-0-11-1

C&S ROUND 5 v BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS

A brief report on a brief game!

Beavers with only 9 players proved little opposition against C.C.N.S.W.

Winning the toss and deciding to bat (???) Beavers opened brightly with a 23 run opening stand. However besides the opener Gorridge (47*), no other batsman made double figures and with just 8 wickets to use Beavers were soon all out for 76 in 25 overs.

Ian Allmey took little time to settle in blasting 57* off just 26 deliveries and with Dave Stingl (16) and Ruaan Jonker (3*) we passed the total in 7 overs!

Game over.

The Team was: Ian Allmey, David Stingl, Ruaan Jonker, David Byrnes, Steve Taylor (c) Greg Brooks, Curtis Murray (w), Joe Scarcella Tony Weston, C J Hollenbach and Ed Smith. .

The Result was:

Beavers: 8/76 all out (off 25 overs)

Lost to C.C.N.S.W : - 1 for 79 off 7 overs (Allmey 57*)

by 9 wickets.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 5-1-18-1; A. Weston 7-2-21-3; C .J. Hollenbach 5-0-15-1; J. Scarcella 4-1-8-1; D. Byrnes 4-0-12-2.

C&S ROUND 7 v REG BARTLEY XI AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID STINGL

On a warm, sunny Saturday afternoon, C.C.N.S.W.'s defence of the Jack Pace Shield gathered momentum. The challenger was an undermanned Reg Bartley X1. The day started badly with Captain Steve Taylor lost yet another toss and the visiting side chose to bat on what could be described as a flat track with some inconsistent bounce. The bowling was opened by Ed Smith and the deadly accurate spin bowling of David Byrnes.

The RBCC batsmen started their innings as if they were playing a test match, with only 22 runs being scored off the first 17 overs. The fieldsman kept themselves amused as Ed and Byrnesy bowled very tight opening spells. Bowling first change was Matt Abeysekera and Scott Wells. The batsmen continued to struggle to score runs due the tight line and length bowling. Finally, an attacking shot was played and the first boundary was hit in the 23rd over. From this point the scoring rate picked up with the visitors setting a target of 6 for 118 from 35 overs. All the bowlers bowled well although it is fair to say that the batsmen never really put any pressure on the bowlers. One fieldsman was overheard saying: *"that was the most boring batting effort I'd ever seen"* ...Come to think of it I think it was me.

C.C.N.S.W. commenced their innings with one thing in mind, get the runs quickly so we could enjoy the fine facilities of Camperdown bowling club. Ian Allmey was joined by a new opening partner David Stingl, the run chase started well with 20 being taken from the first over with Stingers helping himself to 3 sixes over midwicket. The scoring continued with 8, 7 and 8 being taken of the next 3 overs. The first wicket fell in the 7th over with the score on 61. Stingers miscued an on drive and was caught on the fence. Two further runs were added to the score before Allmey was trapped in front LBW. Derek Taylor batting at number 4, steadied the ship and the 118 runs score was passed in the 21st over.

Hopefully we will get a tougher game in the next few weeks

The Team was: Ian Allmey (15 off 21 balls), David Stingl (43 off 28 balls), Ruaan Jonker (7 off 13 balls), Derek Taylor (41* off 52 balls), Scott Wells (3 off 7 balls), Curtis Murray (wk) (3* off 3 balls), David Byrnes (DNB), Steve Taylor (c) (DNB), Peter Crooks (DNB), Matt Abeysekera, (DNB) and Ed Smith (DNB).

The result was:

Reg Bartley XI: 6-118 (M. Abeysekera 3-39) (35 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 4-119 (D. Stingl 43; D. Taylor 41*) (20.5 overs)

The Bowling was: E. Smith 9-4-9-1; D. Byrnes 9-2-30-1; M. Abeysekera 9-1-39-3; S. Wells 6-1-28-0; D. Taylor 2-0-5-0

**C&S ROUND 8 v COLLEAGUES AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2011**

Game cancelled because of rain

**C&S ROUND 9 v SOUTH SYDNEY RANGERS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY GREG
BROOKS**

Round 4 of the Jack Pace Shield saw C.C.N.S.W. drawn against the recently amalgamated South Sydney Rangers. A beautiful day with clear skies and a consistent nor'easter greeted us at Camperdown Oval. The wicket was evenly grassed, flat but a little slow after all the recent rain. Again our skipper called incorrectly but this time Rangers sent us in.

Curtis Murray and Dave Stingl opened the innings; however Dave was unable to reproduce his previous match fireworks, this time bowled for 3. Tom Robertson (3) and Murray (10) came and went cheaply to see us a little wobbly at 3-32 after 6 overs. Ruaan Jonker was making the most of early lives (dropped on 5 & 10) and added 40 for the 4th wicket with Derek Taylor (20) and a further 41 for the 5th wicket with Steve Taylor (21). Matt Gale (5) missed out; however Ruaan was well in to stride now and added another 59 with Greg Brooks (24). With two overs to go and some lusty hitting needed, Ruaan was finally dismissed LBW for a very good 89 from 85 balls with 8 x 4s and lots of well run 3s. With Peter Crooks (4*) finally outscoring his mate Tommy along with Matt Abeysekera (4*) we reached 8-193 off our 35 overs. This was a good total to defend.

After the tea break Ed Smith (2-18) was keen for an early finish picking up both openers for no score to have Rangers reeling at 2 for 1. After the 29 run 3rd wicket partnership was broken by Greg Brooks (1-12) wickets fell regularly. The highlights included two fantastic catches and a run out by Derek Taylor and cameos by Steve Taylor (1-10) and Matt Gale (2-2). With only 10 players, one of whom could not bat through injury, Rangers were bundled out for 87.

We have now won all four Jack Pace Shield matches this season with the final qualifying round on December 17th against Sydney University Veterans. If we maintain this momentum another final is not beyond us.

The Team was: Curtis Murray (w), David Stingl; Tom Robertson, Ruaan Jonker, Derek Taylor, Steve Taylor (c), Matt Gale, Greg Brooks, Peter Crooks, Matt Abeysekera and Ed Smith

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W : - 8 - 193 (R. Jonker 89; G. Brooks 24; S. Taylor 21; D. Taylor 20)

Defeated

South Sydney Rangers: 8/87 all out (off 25.2 overs)

by 106 runs.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 6-1-18-1; G. Brooks 9-4-12-1; M. Abeysekera 6-0-32-1; S. Taylor 2-0-10-1; M. Gale 1.2-0-2-2; and P. Crooks 1-0-1-0.

C&S ROUND 10 v BEAVERS C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS

Well how wrong can the weather bureau be? After rain all week and more forecast for the weekend we were fortunate enough to play on Saturday without a drop falling on Camperdown Park!

We didn't put the covers down on Thursday as it was too wet yet John Lee still managed to roll out a good if slightly slow track for us on Saturday. Thanks very much John.

As big a surprise as playing was to see Beavers turn up with 11 players! With four or five young guys in the field they tried hard all innings as we plastered their attack to all parts of the ground.

Solid contributions from Ian Allmey (77 from 60 balls), Craig Johnson (68 from 60 balls) and Tom Robertson (43 from 26 balls) saw us to 254. We still managed to allow Beavers the rare pleasure of a hat trick to one of their younger players as our last 5 wickets fell for 2 runs in a chaotic finish. The innings had everything and resulted in plenty of fines with 3 golden ducks amongst the big hitting antics of the top order.

Alas even with 11 players Beavers folded to be all out for 92 with Dave Byrnes (3-9), Ed Smith (3-18) and Scott Wells (3-53) all bowling well. Three lbws given by the batting side's umpires indicates how straight we bowled. Well done to all. The Jack Pace Shield round 5 is on next Saturday against Sydney University Veterans at Camperdown.

I look forward to another good performance.

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

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W: - 10 for 254 off 35 overs (I. Allmey 77; C. Johnson 68; T. Robertson 43)

Defeated

Beavers: 10 for 92 off 25.1 overs (D. Byrnes 3-9; E. Smith 3-18; S. Wells 3-53)

by 162 runs.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 8-3-18-3; S. Wells 10-2-53-3; D. Byrnes 5-0-9-3; C. Johnson 2.1-0-7-1.

C&S ROUND 11 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY CRAIG JOHNSON

Round 4 of the Jack Pace Shield saw C.C.N.S.W. drawn against Sydney University Veterans. Once again John Lee had produced a good pitch that offered assistance to the bowlers but also provided some consistent bounce for the batsman. To everyone's shock C.C.N.S.W. finally won a toss and elected to bat.

Ian Allmey (18 from 14 balls) and Dave Stingl (44 from 48 balls) opened the batting and got C.C.N.S.W. off to a solid start before Allmey was caught at mid-on with score on 26. This brought Curtis Murray (58 from 69 balls) to the crease and he, together with Stingl, formed a

partnership of 66 before Stingl was caught at long-on from the bowling of Moorhouse (1-38 off 6) with the score on 92. Craig Johnson (74 from 55 balls) walked to the crease determined not to disappoint his newly born son Warrick who had come to watch his first ever cricket game. Craig together with Murray put on a partnership of 84. Johnson in particular made running threes and twos look easy. Murray was eventually bowled by Stephens (2-22 off 6). When Tom Robertson walked to crease the near full grandstand began to empty and by the time Robertson attempted his third air swing the opposition had fielders in every attacking position possible. With so many gaps in the field it was inevitable that a fluke shot by the 'Ranga' would result in a boundary. Robertson continued to frustrate the bowlers until he was bowled by a straight one for 14 from 14 balls. Scott Wells arrived at the crease and concluded that we already had too many runs on the board and proceeded to block the next 4 balls leaving C.C.N.S.W. on 218 for the loss of 4 wickets after their allotted 35 overs.

As usual team Brooks and Virtue had put together another fantastic afternoon tea. Johnson decided not to eat any of it as he is still scared by comments in previous match reports.

As usual Ed Smith (2-42 off 9) opened the bowling for C.C.N.S.W. and generated some good pace and movement off the wicket. In his first 4 overs he only allowed 1 scoring shot per over, unfortunately it was a boundary each time. The skipper decided that Johnson (2-24 off 9) had not run off enough of his baby weight and bowled him 9 overs in a row from the other end. Wayne 'Dogie' Walters (3-35 off 9) was first change and proved he was well worth the money it took to bring him back to Jack Pace Cricket. The pick of the batsmen from the Sydney University Veterans was Stoop (94) who formed a partnership of 52 with Lodge (25) and then 56 with Stevens (18) but ended up running out of partners. Wells felt the brunt of Stoop's clean hitting but still managed to pick up 2 wickets for 63 off 8. The pick of the C.C.N.S.W. fielders was Johnson who took 2 great catches – one of which produced a few seconds of air time and the other the ball the size of a marble before it decided to descend from the sky. Sydney University Veterans ended the day on 9 for 168 after 35 overs.

The Team was: Ian Allmey (18), Dave Stingl (44), Curtis Murray (58), Craig Johnson (74*), Tom Robertson (14), Scott Wells (0*), Wayne Walters (DNB), Steve Taylor (c) (DNB), Matt Gale (w) (DNB), Peter Crooks (DNB) and Ed Smith (DNB).

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W: - 4 for 218 off 35 overs (C. Johnson 74*; C Murray 58; D. Stingl 44)

Defeated

Sydney University Veterans: 9 for 168 off 35 overs (W. Walters 3-35; C. Johnson 2-24; E. Smith 2-42)

By 50 runs.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 9-1-42-3; C. Johnson 9-0-24-2; W. Walters 9-1-35-3; Wells 8-0-63-2.

C&S ROUND 12 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 7 JANUARY, 2012: REPORT BY WAYNE ("DOUGIE") WALTERS

The club welcomed debutante Sean Keaton last Saturday and he seemed to be genuinely excited to be playing with such a star studded line-up until Matty Gale barked at him to get out of his spot in the dressing room. The calming influence of Tom Robertson, no stranger to harassment himself, soon settled the situation down before going on to complain about the fact that he was forced to use the card table while some blow-in got a seat.

In a touching pre game ceremony, Keaton was presented his 'Baggy Blue' by previous new guy Pete Crooks who proved himself the ultimate club man by turning up even though he wasn't playing.

We were up against a very young and athletic opposition in Knox Old Boys who were keen to avenge their recent losses including the high scoring Jack Pace semi final from last season. Someone commented that the average age difference was probably about 15 years.

2012 started well with skipper Craig Johnson winning the toss; this brought much cheering from the boys and in particular much adulation from Tom Robertson who was heard to say, *"Who needs that other bloke, what's his name again?"*

Johnno decided to bat on what looked another hard and fast Camperdown wicket. Certainly one of the best tracks in C & S which gives both teams an even chance.

Ian Allmey 30 (32) and Dave Stingl 39 (60) got the team off to another solid start with a partnership of 55 after eleven overs before Allmey was caught at deep mid wicket off the bowling of the impressive young leggy Donaldson. These two have become a formidable pairing with opening stands this season of 45 (4.1 overs), 61 (8 overs) and 26 (4.1 overs) in their previous 3 attempts.

Sadly the momentum was soon lost with the run out of Craig Johnson 2 (10) after Stingl called him through for a sharp run, unfortunately the proud new father was in the process of showing the umpire pictures of his little bloke Warwick on his mobile phone and was caught short at the striker's end. This brought Ruaan Jonker to the crease; as well as struggling with a back injury picked up in a Turkish Steam bath on New Year's Eve, he was also stressing about several hate letters he received over the past few weeks from women in six separate countries. With these mental and physical issues he never looked comfortable and this led to him hitting a full toss back to Donaldson and he was gone for only 3 (8).

3-80 soon became 4-80 when Dave Stingl was caught at long off for 39 (60), another good effort at the top of the order. Next in was the hardest hitting 'Ranga' in the competition, Tom Robertson, a man who carried the C.C.N.S.W. to victory last season the Jack Pace semi. He strode to the crease with the confidence of a 'Big City Lawyer' entering a courtroom. Sadly the result was the same, guilty of poor judgement 'Your Honour'. Bowled for only 1 (9). The score had now slumped to 5-90

The new boy Sean Keaton was joined by Scott Wells and the pair added an important 29 off 19 balls before Wells 13 (12) was out to a sensational one handed catch at fine leg. This brought Dave Byrnes to the crease at number eight due to his late arrival in his new car with his new spikes and his new bat. Controversially he was originally listed to come in behind Wayne Walters but a few harsh words to skipper including the statement *"If you want to lose this game then you can bat me at #5&king number nine"* soon saw him shifted up the order. Sean Keaton ended his impressive debut innings on 21 (26) when he was stumped to the bowling of Hattersley.

At 7-125 with only 6 overs to go the Knox team were talking it up on the field. In came the always sensible Wayne Walters for his first bat as a 50 year old. After some encouraging words from Byrnesy, 'Dougie' disappointed by not reverse sweeping the first ball. Fans had to wait for balls 9,10,11 which were hit for 4,4, and 6 from his favourite (and only) shot. Statisticians later confirmed it was his eighth career 6 from the shot. The large crowd on the hill were going crazy, Walters was later fined for calling the 6 before the umpire.

Byrnes 21 (24) fell at deep mid wicket from the first ball of the last over and then Matty Gale 0 (2) walked very sportingly from a very faint edge, Walters 20* (14) and Ed Smith 0* (3) were not out and the final score of 162, while not as good as we had hoped it was still very competitive with our bowling attack. For Knox their best was the 21 year old leggie, Donaldson who took 4-15 off 7. Hattersley also did well finishing with the figures of 3-23 from 4.

After inspiring words in the sheds from Johnno, Stingl and the homeless guy who had consumed a bottle of Mateus Rose during our innings, the team were ready to rip in. Ed Smith

from the club end and Craig Johnson from the café end both bowled extremely well, swinging the ball and giving the batsmen few loose balls. Wickets fell in the 4th, 7th and 8th overs and Knox was feeling the pressure at 3-26. Johnno took 1-20 off 8 overs but had their no.3 bat dropped 4 times from his bowling; he deserved much better figures. Ed finished with 2-34 from 9 quality overs.

Dave Byrnes replaced Johnno and using his guile and verve grabbed a wicket with his 4th ball, this had Knox at 4-57 in the 17th over. Walters replaced Ed and grabbed a wicket with his 3rd ball, his stock ball, the unplayable in-swinging leg cutter. The C.C.N.S.W. boys backed the bowlers with some good fielding and Knox was struggling to score 3 an over during this period. Full marks also to Matty Gale who pulled off a very sharp stumping from Byrnes despite the constant sledging of his team mates every time there was the slightest fumble. Well done Hadds!!

In the end Knox were strangled by the experienced attack of C.C.N.S.W. and fell well short, dismissed for 128 in the 31st over. Byrnes 2-40 (7) and Walters 4-27 (7) capitalised on the great work done earlier by the opening bowlers Smith and Johnson.

Another great win for the club. We have some tough matches in the coming weeks including the Jack Pace quarter final. Selectors have some tough choices ahead; Tom Robertson has nominated himself as sole selector.

The team was: Ian Allmey, David Stingl, Craig Johnson (c), Ruann Jonker, Tom Robertson, Sean Keaton, Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Wayne Walters, Matt Gale (w) and Ed Smith

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W: - 9-162 off 35 overs (D. Stingl 39, I. Allmey 30, S. Keaton 21, D. Byrnes 21, W. Walters 20*)

Defeated

Knox Old Boys: 10-128 off 30.4 overs (W. Walters 4-27)

By 34 runs

The Bowling was: E. Smith 9-1-34-2; C. Johnson 8-1-20-1; D. Byrnes 7-0-40-2; W. Walters 6.4-0-27-4.

C&S ROUND 13 v BARKER OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 14 JANUARY, 2012: REPORT BY ED SMITH

The team was (and batting scores): Ian Allmey (14 off 7), David Stingl (44 off 45), Ruaan Jonker (37 off 52), Curtis Murray (20* off 39), Steve Taylor (c.) (5* off 11), Matt Gale(dnb), Tom Robertson(dnb), Derek Taylor(dnb), Matt Abeysekera(dnb), Peter Crooks(dnb) and Ed Smith(dnb)

The Result was:

Barker Old Boys: 9-157 (35 overs)

Drew with

C.C.N.S.W.: 3-127 (rain) (27.2 overs)

The bowling was: : E Smith 12-4-25-3; M Abeysekera 4- 0-21-0; S Wells 12-0-69-0 and D Taylor 7-0-36-3

C&S ROUND v KINGS OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 28 JANUARY, 2012:

Kings Old Boys forfeited on the Friday for lack of players.

JACK PACE QUARTER FINAL v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2012:

The ground was unplayable due to rain and accordingly under this season's Jack Pace Rules, C.C.N.S.W. automatically advance to the semi final on the weekend of 18-19 February (C.C.N.S.W. currently has no Saturday game arranged on that date)

C&S ROUND 15 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 2012: REPORT BY ED SMITH

On a bright Sunday afternoon, the C&S team ventured north of the harbour to play away from home for the first time this season. The Knox Grammar 1st XI's oval was in terrific condition and, detecting a little bit of moisture in the deck, stand-in captain, Craig Johnson, sent Knox into bat.

Johno opened the bowling with Ed Smith and the two of them bowled very tightly restricting Knox to a mere 1 for 41 at the 17 over drinks break. Johno took himself off after 7 overs with a spell of 1 for 15 while he bowled Ed through 12 straight overs before giving him a well earned rest with figures of none for 40.

Scott Wells was brought on at first change and despite receiving a little bit of stick, he always looked threatening whenever he hit the wicket and took two wickets in his five overs finishing with the game's best figures of 2 for 26. Matt Abeysekera (none for 29 off 3 overs) gave Ed a brief rest from the top end while Derek Taylor was unlucky to finish his three over spell without a wicket having had at least two catches dropped off his bowling - one of which Peter Crooks managed to parry over the cross bar for a six.

Having had the Knox 1st grade batsmen, Evans, dropped at gully when he was only 4, Ed (15-0-1-76) hit the top of his Evans stump for a quick fire 62 (34 runs less than he scored in first grade the day before) when he was re-introduced to bowl the last three overs from the top end. Johno had his figures only slightly tarnished when he came on from the last two overs (9 - 2 - 1 - 28) but by the time we had restricted the impressive Knox batting line up to a very gettable 4 for 176 off their 35 overs, a huge storm front had gathered over the ground.

In the break between innings, it became clear to all of us that the heavy rain had set in and no further play would be possible that day. And so it was that the day ended, as a very tasty appetizer to next Saturday's home semi-final featuring the same combatants.

The Team was: -Ian Allmey; Dave Stingl; Ruaan Jonker; Craig Johnson (c.); Curtis Murray (w); Tom Robertson; Scott Wells ; Derek Taylor; Matt Abeysekera; Ed Smith and Peter Crooks

The Result was:

Knox Old Boys 4-175

Drew with

C.C.N.S.W.: (rain)

The Bowling was: - E. Smith 15 - 0 – 67-1; C. Johnson 9 - 2 – 28-1; S. Wells 5 - 0 - 26 – 2; M. Abeysekera 3 - 0 – 29-0; D. Taylor 3 - 0 -26-0

**JACK PACE SEMI FINAL v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 2012: REPORT BY ED
SMITH**

After five Jack Pace Shield rounds, a rained out quarter final and a rain abandoned 'preview' the weekend before, the JPS semi-final had finally arrived. Based on Knox's score of 4 for 176 last Sunday against us, we knew that we were in for a tough game.

Knox sent us in on a drying track but with our top three batsmen featuring Ian Allmey, Scott Wells and Craig Johnson, we weren't worried. Unfortunately, neither was their opening bowler, Nick Bangs, who had all three of them caught for a duck in his first two overs including Ian "Jack" Allmey with his now trade-marked 'golden duck on the first ball of a JPS match' (a feat he has performed now three times!). We were left reeling at 3 for 5 by the end of the third over! From this position, a C.C.N.S.W. win was highly improbable, but with the spirit and experience we had in the sheds, not impossible.

Ruaan Jonker (5 off 26 balls) dropped anchor to give us a bit of breathing space and he put on 22 runs with Tom Robertson. Thankfully the out-of-form copper-top, Tommy, obviously also understood the severity of our predicament as he only hit a two, a four and a six of his first 6 balls.

Once Ruaan fell on 27, what we really needed was a gutsy partnership, and Curtis and the big red Tomato duly produced. Over the next 65 balls before drinks, Curtis played classically straight while the mischievous red devil played square to put on a match saving 56 run partnership. With Captain Steve's sage "head down, job's not done yet" advice still ringing in his ears from the drinks break, Tommy took a huge swing at the first ball after drinks and narrowly kept his wickets in touch. Showing the intelligence for which he is renowned, our beloved Fanta Pants failed to learn from his let-off, tried again the very next ball, and was caught at backward point for 35 off 46 balls. There's a reason why he is now only the second most liked red-head in the team. (Note: If Peter 'New Guy' Crooks were a red head, Tommy would slip to third).

Derek Taylor joined Curtis with the score on 5 for 83 off 18.4 overs and, after sensibly taking a look at the bowling, he unleashed two fours and a six through mid-wicket on his way to his now traditional score in the twenties (this time 22 off 29 balls). He put on an important 45 runs with Curtis until Curtis was bowled by the Knox captain, Evan Hattersley, for a very important and well constructed 43 off 59 balls. At 6 for 128 off 30.2 overs, the stage was set for us to 'hit out or get out' off our remaining 26 balls.

In the end we were able to add 21 runs off those 26 balls, with Derek first to go on 136, David Byrnes run out for 2 (off 9 balls) and Steve Taylor caught behind for 2 (off 6 balls) swinging for the pavilion in the last over. Wayne 'Dougy' Walters (7* off 7 balls) started his innings with his customary attempt at a reverse sweep and finished his innings with a four off the last ball

leaving Ed Smith (0* off 1 ball) stranded at the other end, again tragically cut short on his way to his first century for the club.

From 3 for 5 on a drying wicket, the team had mustered up 9 for 147 off our 35 overs – not a great score, but one that we knew we could defend if we all played our parts well.

With entree over, it was now time for the main course - and 'Bronny' Virtue did not let the club down. She provided her classic signature dish: 50 sausage rolls with sauce followed by a watermelon chaser and a hot cup of tea. (To this day, Bronny still claims that she had brought 100 of them but, by the time Matt Gale had finished counting them, there were only 50 – an inquiry has been launched).

Following a stirring speech from Captain Cranky and some clever adjustments to the change room seating positions by Matt Gale, we were ready to defend the low total confident that chasing 147 in a final is harder than chasing 187 in a regular season game.

We ran out on the team as a unit, we stretched up like a first grade yoga class, and we took our positions like a well oiled machine – it all would have been pretty intimidating to the young Knox openers except for the fact that we'd forgotten to bring the ball. Knox kindly offered us a beautiful, hard and shiny kookaburra with a seam the size of the Great Wall of China – but instead Dougy dug deep into the recesses of his kit bag and found a 30 year old Pakistani rock that had fallen off the back of a Noel Moig discount rack in 1991. Not only was this thing dusty and scratched, it was the first ball that most of us had ever seen with an inverted seam!

Not for the first time, Steve threw the 'new' nut to Ed Smith and, with the frugal missiles of Craig Johnson from the other end; Knox started slowly and only had 10 runs on the board by the fifth over when Ed took the edge of the dangerous, driving Donaldson. At second slip, Byrnsey launched his 'not inconsiderable' frame 5 metres (approximately) into the sky and spanked the slips chance high into the air behind him. As quick and as gracefully as a hippo in labour. Allmey (looking to continue his great game) swivelled on his good knee and took the rebound catch to claim our first wicket. The video ref was called on to determine whether Byrnsey had, in fact, knocked it on – but then we realised that the footy season hadn't yet started so the dismissal stood.

Johno (9-4-20-1) responded the very next over by claiming a wicket maiden when he bowled the other opener for 5. With one Donaldson down, however, we still had to overcome his even more destructive brother who had joined the Knox run machine, Baldock, at the crease. This we did with Ed's second ball to Baldock (0), Curtis Murray taking a fine catch behind the stumps. If Curtis' first catch was good, his second was *great* in Ed's next over.

In a Warnie-like moment, Ed whispered to Dougy at mid-off that he would follow his previous in-swinger to Donaldson with an outswinger that would take the batsman's edge. As extraordinary luck would have it, the next ball did swing out, Donaldson obliged, and Curtis did the rest by diving full stretch low to his right, claiming not only his second catch, but also our man-of-match award.

At 4 for 23 off 10 overs, the Old Knoxonians found themselves even worse off than we were in our dig. Like the tough team they are, they too responded with a 50+ run fifth wicket partnership courtesy of a clanged sitter from Tommy Dropertson. He was later quoted as saying "One minute I was all over it like a colleague at a Christmas party – the next minute I had a big city lawyer proffering my excuses!" Fortunately, the partnership was broken when Dougy bowled Kellynack for a gritty 29.

Upon reflection, the main difference between the teams' innings was that, due to Byrnsey (8.1-0-28-2) throwing dot-ball darts like Phil "the Power" Taylor, Knox's 52 run fifth wicket partnership took 87 balls while our 56 run fifth wicket partnership only took 67 balls. (Their 31 sundries as compared to our 6 may have helped as well.)

By now Knox were 5 for 75 off 24 overs needing 73 runs off 66 balls with only 5 wickets in hand – this was going to be tight.

Scotty Wells' (3-0-10-1) leg spin was introduced with success as he bowled their fifth drop bat while only leaking 10 runs off his 3 overs. With six overs remaining, they had four wickets left and needed 7.7 runs an over. Steve had saved up 3 each of Byrnsey and Ed's remaining overs and the odd couple of the C.C.N.S.W. attack were left to do the rest. Knox failed to hit another boundary after the 29th over (although their captain Hattersley did hit 9 twos (!) off Ed (8-1-37-4) until Ed got him with a yorker). Once David Byrnes had their big hitter, Burns, well caught by Craig Johnson at long-off for a strong 44 and their next swinger, Woodcock (5), caught by a running Ed Smith at deep mid-wicket, the game was ready to be wrapped up – which Scott Wells did with a direct hit from mid-wicket to claim their number 11 with 11 balls to spare.

Knox had fallen 17 runs short of a below par target set by a team with an average age 10 years older than them (approximately). They were not happy. We, on the other hand, celebrated long into the night at the Camperdown Bowling Club with our two boundary riders, Matt Gale and 'New Guy', who in a display of team spirit stayed to watch the entire game. Perfect preparation for our JPS final in two weeks time against Paddington.

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9 for 147 (35 overs) (C. Murray 43; T. Robertson 35)

Defeated

Knox Old Boys C.C.: - 10 for 130 (33.1 overs) (E. Smith 4-37)

By 17 runs

The Team (with batting) was: Ian Allmey (0 off 1), Scott Wells (0 off 5), Ruann Jonker (5 off 26), Craig Johnson (0 off 2), Tom Robertson (35 off 46), Curtis Murray (w) (43 off 59), Derek Taylor (22 off 39), David Byrnes (2 off 9), Steve Taylor (c.) (2 off 6), Wayne Walters (7* off 7) and Ed Smith (0* off 1).

The Bowling was: E. Smith 8-1-37-4, C. Johnson 9-4-20-1, D. Byrnes 8.1-0-28-2, W. Walters 5-0-32-1, and S. Wells 3-0-10-1.

C&S ROUND 19 v RADIO PHYSICS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2012:

No report has been received to date

The Team was: - Ian Allmey 78; Dave Stingl 50; Steve Taylor (c) 33; Ruaan Jonker 22; David Byrnes 35; Scott Wells 11*; Curtis Murray (w) 5*: Derek Taylor (dnb); Matt Abeysekera(dnb), Peter Crooks(dnb) and Ed Smith (dnb)

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-241 (I. Allmey 78; D. Stingl 50)

Defeated

Radio Physics: - 10- 59 (E. Smith 4-15)

The Bowling was: M. Abeysekera 5-0-22-2; E. Smith 5-0-15-4; D. Byrnes 4-3-4-1; D. Taylor 2.3-1-10-1; P. Crooks 2-1-3-0; S. Wells 1-0-1-0.

JACK PACE FINAL v PADDINGTON CC AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 3 MARCH, 2012,

Match cancelled by rain; rearranged for Saturday 10 March- same time, same place

JACK PACE FINAL v PADDINGTON C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 10 MARCH, 2012: REPORT BY WAYNE WALTERS

On a rare sunny Sydney Saturday the covers were removed from the hallowed Camperdown turf to reveal two well prepared pitches. So, after a week's delay, the Jack Pace final between the current back to back champions, C.C.N.S.W. and worthy finalists Paddington was on.

Skipper Steve Taylor decided which pitch to use by sticking Wayne Walter's ("Dougie") keys into each wicket, he finally settled on the softer one as he wanted to take advantage of our experienced bowling attack. Unfortunately for 'Dougie' his apartment key did not penetrate his lock as easily that night due to the 30 degree bend

Steve won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first as he believed we could defend any target and runs on the board in a final really adds to the pressure. Another stirring pre match speech was to follow. Tears were seen welling in the eyes of 12th-man Matty Gale although it was later revealed he was still suffering from the remnants of a mace spray the night before. Club legend John Russell threatened to read a passage from this month's Reader's Digest, an inspiring true story of a young boy who overcame his many disabilities to finally afford a 'Big City Lawyer'.

Memories of our early collapse in the semi (3-5 v Knox) were fresh as Ian Allmey and Curtis Murray strode to the crease. We certainly didn't want to be 1-0 off the first ball this time. As it was our fears were unfounded, the first ball was a wide. It wasn't until the 2nd ball we lost our first wicket when Allmey played on. He was later cheered up by David Byrnes trying to convince him it was still a golden duck as it was the first legal delivery he faced. Statisticians were scrambling for the record books after it was revealed Allmey had now managed 4 golden ducks in the Jack Pace Shield. He later told reporters that emotionally, it was comparable to suffering heat stroke in a lift full of Miss Trinidad contestants.

Craig Johnson (1) followed shortly after when he was given LBW not playing a shot, Derek Taylor (3) was out to a sharp catch at square leg and we were 3-20. Paddington were confident and were bowling and fielding like a team who had been undefeated this season. Ruaan Jonker (38) joined Curtis and the pair steadied the ship with some sensible batting. They added 56 before Curtis (28) was dismissed. This brought Scott Wells (19) in and he counter attacked playing some magnificent pull shots and drives including a towering 6 over long on.

After Wells and Jonker were dismissed Steve Taylor (13*) managed to get the score to 142 with a little help from the remaining batsmen. An amazing stat from the innings was there were 4 golden ducks and several single figure scores along with 38 sundries! It was a total we were extremely confident of defending.

Following another magnificent Bronwyn Virtue afternoon tea the C.C.N.S.W. team gathered in the dressing room for some inspirational one-on-one psych up words from the skipper. Wells and Byrnes said it was an amazing experience and that I really should have been there, unfortunately I didn't see everyone go behind the trees and into the room!

Ed Smith (2-24) and Craig Johnson (0-12) opened the attack and as usual were very accurate and threatening. Ed grabbed the first wicket and 'Johnno' was unlucky not to have one of his fifty six LBW appeals upheld. The score reached 1-36 and Paddington were so confident they were actually sledging the fieldsman. It was no surprise that Ian Allmey was in the middle of the action but this time there were no threats of stabbings. The Paddington supporters in the stand were even getting involved by yelling every time an appeal was turned down, the atmosphere was electric and deserving of a final. The only thing missing was the cunning linguist on the hill

Dave Byrnes (2-14) and Wayne Walters (4-28) then joined the attack and it was no surprise to see Paddington wilt under extreme pressure from these two old campaigners. The pair had chatted before the innings and predicted they would rip the heart out of the opposition, Byrnes even stating he would ask for a cap for his player's player award. Walters said he was after a cap and a shirt

It is a great feeling in sport when you know you are on top and this team know how to turn the screws. A good team is one where everyone knows their role and all support each other. The fielding was top class; good catches were held; everybody backed the bowlers by striving to save every run. One of the highlights was Steve Taylor throwing down the stumps for a run out. Later that night it was a 40m throw from side on which ripped out middle stump!

Paddington were dismissed for only 79 in the 29th over and the C.C.N.S.W. boys had managed a 3-peat of Jack Pace Shields, a special achievement that all involved should be proud of.

It is a privilege to play for this club and it is all the guys that make it special. Matty Gale and Peter Crooks are two that deserve special mention for always supporting even when they are not playing.

It was great having two official umpires for the game, Brian Breakspear and Ian Hills, both did a great job and it was much appreciated. It really added to the game.

Also thanks to the guys who came down to support the team: John Russell, Garry Winney, Adrian Hawkes, Ian Neil and of course the President Greg Brooks who does so much for this club.

This one is for you Pres!

The team was: Ian Allmey, Curtis Murray (w), Craig Johnson, Derek Taylor, Ruann Jonker, Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Steve Taylor (c), Matt Abeysekera, Wayne Walters, Ed Smith and Matt Gale (12th).

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-142 (R. Jonker 38; C. Murray 28; S. Wells 19) (35 overs)

Defeated

Paddington C.C.: - 10-79 (W. Walters 4-28; D. Byrnes 2-14; E. Smith 2-24). (28.5 overs)

By 63 runs

The Bowling was: E. Smith 7-1-24-2; C. Johnson 5.4-0-12-0; D. Byrnes 9-2-14-2; W. Walters 7-0-28-4.

CITY AND SUBURBAN ROUND 22 v OLD ALOYSIANS C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 17 MARCH, 2012:

Game cancelled because of heavy overnight rain.

C&S ROUND 23 v SYDNEY WINDIES AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 2012: REPORT BY CRAIG JOHNSON

With 8 members of the usual squad unavailable for the last C&S game of the season we still managed to field a strong all round team. A big thanks to Joe Scarcella, Craig Somers and Matt Abeysekera's two friends Charith Amaresinghe and Satchi Arudkumaran for making themselves available at the last minute.

We turned up with the Camperdown ground looking at its absolute best. Craig Johnson, Captain for the day, was obviously keen to bat first and was a bit nervous when walking out to the middle and was informed by the opposition captain that he had only lost one from his last 11 tosses. Today was to be his 2nd.

Ian Allmey and Craig Somers opened the innings and put on a 100 run partnership. Somers (19 off 34 balls) was eventually out caught behind. Allmey the leading run scorer for the season went on to score 80 off 52. Matt Abeysekera (17 off 20) was looking good before getting a top edge that found the mid-wicket fielder. Johnson (47 off 38) and Scott Wells (48* off 47) put on an 80 run partnership before Johnson was also caught at mid-wicket. C.C.N.S.W. looked set to score their highest score of the season but David Gemmola (3-43) put an end to that by picking up a few quick wickets at the end of the innings restricting us to 225 for the loss of 7 wickets.

Joe Scarcella stepped in for the missing Ed Smith to take the new ball. Scarcella (4-45) struck in his second over and took the first 3 wickets of the innings. Johnson (0-16) who was struggling to find his length was replaced by David Byrnes. Byrnes (3-37) claimed the big wicket of Ratish (36) who together with Rajeev (40) had started to put on a valuable partnership. Rajeev ended up being caught on the long boundary by Peter Crooks to the bowling of Wells (2-28). Charith Amaresinghe (1-5), in his first game for the club, took the last wicket and Sydney Windies were bowled out for 139.

Another big thanks to Bronwyn Virtue for producing another amazing afternoon tea for the boys.

The Team was: Ian Allmey, Craig Somers, Matt Abeysekera, Craig Johnson (c), Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Matt Gale (w), Charith Amaresinghe, Peter Crooks, Satchi Arudkumaran and Joe Scarcella.

The Result was: C.C.N.S.W: - 7 for 225 off 35 overs (I. Allmey 80, S. Wells 48, and C. Johnson 47)

Defeated

Sydney Windies: 139 all out off 32.2 overs (J. Scarcella 4-45; D. Byrnes 3-37; S. Wells 2-28)

By 86 runs.

The Bowling was: J. Scarcella 10-0-45-4; C Johnson 5-0-16-0; D. Byrnes 9-0-37-3; S. Wells 4-0-28-2; C. Amaresinghe 2.2-0-5-1 ; P. Crooks 2-0-6-0