

MASTERS ROUND 1 v PARRAMATTA AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2009

Pitch unfit for play. The covers had been laid on Thursday but one end had been lifted by strong winds; Mick McCormick will be arranging new date for game.

MASTERS ROUND 2 v KENTHURST AT KENTHURST ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2009

The second Masters game of the season and the second Masters wash out to rain. To be re-arranged.

MASTERS ROUND 3 v CASTLE HILL AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2009: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

It was an overcast day and the newly acquired Supersopper did its first bit of sopping to clear the runways for takeoff. We won the toss and batted and Paul ("Buckets") Allen and Craig Somers opened the batting and got one of our quickest starts in recent memory. Paul in particular cracked a couple of great sixes into the Moreton Bay Fig. After 10 overs we were 0-67. Buckets retired on 40* followed by Craig on 41*. Glenn Rosewall hit his customary aggressive boundaries on the leg side before going for 17. Jim Robson and Mick McCormick stayed briefly until Richard Xuereb (30) and Frank Crowe 28* formed a quick scoring and valuable partnership. Joe Scarcella and Tim Roslyn rounded off the innings to finish at 5-205 a very solid first hit out in a rain reduced 35 overs.

We opened the bowling with Richard Xuereb and Joe Scarcella who both bowled accurately and with menace. Richard bowled the opener with a fine delivery followed up by a nice outswinger from Joe that caught the edge through to the keeper. Richard then picked up another bowled in the next over while Joe was causing difficulty for the batsmen with his accurate inswingers.

We bought Jimmy Robson on from the sacrificial end but once he got his line after the first over he did a great job and picked up an excellent wicket. Tim Roslin, Mick McCormick, Paul Allen, Jay Patel and Glenn Rosewall all contributed to tight bowling with Castle Hill only getting to 9 for 123.

A good first game after two washouts. A comment on the great fielding performance of Jim Robson who threw himself around like a rag doll and a young rag doll at that. He saved many runs and kept the pressure on the batsman.

The team was: Craig Somers, Paul Allen, Glenn Rosewall, Mick McCormick (c) Jim Robson Richard Xuereb, Frank Crowe, Joe Scarcella, Tim Roslin, Jay Patel and Greg Currie (w).

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-205 (C. Somers 41*; P. Allen 40*; R. Xuereb 30; F Crowe 28*)

Defeated

Castle Hill: - 9-123

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 7.4 -1- 26-3; J.. Scarcella 7-1-25-1; J. Robson 4-0-18-1
T. Roslin 4-0-13-0; M. McCormick 4-1-13-1; J. Patel 4-0-11-1 P. Allen 2-0-10-1 G. Rosewall 2-1-1-1

MASTERS ROUND 4 v DOYALSON AT DOYALSON RSL ON SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2009: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

It was an oven at Doyalson with a hot dry westerly wind parching the throats of all who ventured out of the shade as the mercury approached 40 degrees. The captain who was running slightly late left the onerous task of winning the toss to Craig Somers who dutifully won the toss to the relief of all the Sydneysiders.

Craig Somers and Richard Xuereb opened the batting to an accurate and quite quick opening attack but with a good track with only the occasional ball keeping low. The outfield was also fast. Richard was aggressive until miscuing a ball to be out for 14. Craig continued to play the anchor role keeping the good balls out and taking advantage of the loose ones. Glenn Rosewall joined Craig and played a superb aggressive knock particularly harsh on the bowling from the southern end Glenn retired on 41* in quick time. Doyalson brought on their first change who bowled an extremely tight 10 overs for only 11 runs but at the other end Paul Allen cracked the bowling with two trade mark sixes over the long on boundary the second looking like he was merely jabbing at the ball defensively. Paul played a quick fire 34 with the heat altering his concentration leading to him playing around one

Craig retired on 41* as Mick McCormick compiled 28 Frank Crowe and Jay Patel then kept the run rate up in the final overs with Frank getting 26* and Jay sacrificing his wicket for the team getting 12: - a very credible 5 for 204 against a strong bowling attack and in stifling and energy sapping conditions.

There was still a hot dry wind when we took the field. Richard Xuereb and Graham Buck opened the bowling and both were effective with Graham bowling extremely consistently for a marathon 10 overs in the Simpson Desert conditions with a wonky ankle. Graham picked up the opener with the slightest of touches on the off stump bail just sufficient to dislodge it. Graham and Richard kept it tight but after a couple of dubious LBW decisions the opener and number 3 took any loose balls and hit them.

A bit of a disaster struck when Paul Allen coming in swift and fast twanged a hamstring pretty badly and had to leave the field. To now play with 10 men was going to make the task a lot more difficult. Mick McCormick struggled early to get a rhythm and a few full tosses got the punishment they deserved. David Jones and Jay Patel kept it tight and made the batsmen chase the ball and picked up a couple of nice wickets as well. A fantastic catch diving forward from Glenn Rosewall off Jack at deep midwicket was what was needed to put more pressure on the batting side as they only required around 6 an over in the last ten overs. Richard Xuereb came on for his second spell and started beating the bat consistently as the opposition tried to increase the run rate.

The heat was starting to affect the fielding as under the legs and through the hands gave Doyalson some gift runs. Richie kept attacking and picked up four wickets in his last two overs and kept the run rate down. It was decided by committee to bring Mick back on for the last two overs rather than the offies and that was ok in the first over as no boundaries were hit in spite of both the retirees back at the crease. There were 16 to win off the last over, a task certainly within reach of these batsman -.4 off the first two balls and then a misfield which turned a two into a 4 plus a one led to supposedly six to win off the last ball.

With pretty much all 10 on the boundary the final ball (a full toss) was miscued and in spite of some clambering only two runs resulted.

The win was up there as one of the best C.C.N.S.W. Master's wins (if not the best) because of the quality of the opposition, the oppressive conditions and the fact we fielded with only 10 men for most of the innings. It was a much more pleasant journey back to Sydney as a result.

The team was: Craig Somers, Paul Allen, Glenn Rosewall, Mick McCormick (c), Brian Fallon, Richard Xuereb, Frank Crowe, David Jones, Jay Patel, Greg Currie (w) and Graham Buck.

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-204 (C. Somers 42*; G. Rosewall 41*, P. Allen 34, M. McCormick 28 F. Crowe 26*)

Defeated

Doyalson: - 9-201 (R Xuereb 4-38)

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 9-1-38-4; G. Buck 10-0-30-1; M McCormick 7-0-52-1; D Jones 7-1-30-1; J Patel 6-0-33-2; G Rosewall 1-0-9-

**MASTERS ROUND 5 v LANE COVE BLUE AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER, 2009: REPORT BY MICK
McCORMICK**

It was a sunny day with a pleasant breeze making conditions ideal for cricket or the beach and with the amount of sand on Camperdown Oval the beach didn't seem so far away.

We won the toss and batted with Craig Somers and Richard Xuereb both in form making a great opening partnership of 101 off 20 overs which set us up for a formidable total. Craig was playing some classic cricket shots and scored a fine 41* before retiring. Ritchie also got 41* before retiring. Mick McCormick went early when he miscued a half tracker and Glenn Rosewall got a good away swinger to nick it to the keeper for 14. Jim Robson and Angus Martin then put the innings back on track with some excellent running between wickets and aggression at the right moment. Jim retired on 40*. Dale Richards had a brief stint before trying to whip an offside ball to the leg side which was missed. Jack Jones came in when quick runs were required which was not ideal for getting some form on the board but the time in the middle will assist in future games.

Graham Buck was under instructions not to play a defensive shot but the slower bowling and pitch made it difficult to get his powerful game going. Trevor Worland in his first game came in his last over and got six off two balls but we just missed out on the bonus point getting 198 for a loss of 5 wickets.

We opened the bowling with Richard Xuereb and Graham Buck and the Lane Cove openers were aggressive. The number two was unorthodox but effective and found the short boundary on a few occasions with fly swat like leg side shots. He middled one which flew to mid wicket and caught the fingers but still had momentum to get to the boundary.

Richard bowled some nice deliveries but the run rate was quite good. When Jim Robson came on he immediately settled into a rhythm and slowed the run rate. Mick McCormick from the other end also bowled straight and kept the runs down but the wickets were hard to come by with LBWs being rarer than the Homebush Green and Golden Bell frog.

The stumps had to be hit and Mick got some assistance when the number 3 dragged the ball on. Jack Jones then came on from the other end and picked up a wicket in his first over and in his second over bowled a beauty into the wind which deceived the batsman all ends up. Jack picked up his third with a good catch at square leg by Greg Currie looking into the sun. Trevor Worland bowled some nice deliveries as he got back into stride and then Dale Richards after a long lay off got into a nice rhythm and kept it tight at the pointy end of the overs. Richie Xuereb at the other end bowled the no 11 and got a sharp rising off cutter to catch the edge which flew to Glenn Rosewall who took a good catch behind the stumps. With an injured batsmen, we had them all out for 167.

Another solid win as we go to Warringah for the final clash before the Santa suits are put on.

The team was Craig Somers, Richard Xuereb, Mick McCormick (c), Glenn Rosewall (w), Jim Robson, Angus Martin, Dale Richards, David Jones, Graham Buck, Trevor Worland and Greg Currie.

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-198 (C. Somers 41*; R. Xuereb 41*; J. Robson 40*)

Defeated

Lane Cove Blue: - 10-167 (D. Jones 3-22)

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 9-0-44-3; G. Buck 3-0-0-14; M. McCormick 8-0-34-1; J. Robson 7-1-18-1; D. Jones 6-0-22-3; T. Worland 3-0-20-0; D. Richards 4-1-11-1

MASTERS ROUND 6 v WARRINGAH AT MICK PAWLEY OVAL, DEE WHY ON SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER, 2009: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

As the Christmas party haze rose we were greeted with a heavily overcast day with plenty of humidity. The breeze was blowing across the pitch making conditions quite suitable for the bowlers to extract some swing. Nevertheless the pitch was hard and we therefore decided to bat after winning the toss.

Craig Somers and Greg Currie opened the batting and Craig continued in the exquisite form that he has been in all year and played a disciplined knock, mixed with the usual classic stroke play and some aggressive leg side shots to the boundary. Greg supported Craig and played one memorable cover drive which just pulled up in the long grass inside the boundary.

Greg then nicked a ball seemingly off a loose protrusion on the bottom of his bat for 13. Glenn Rosewall then joined Craig and struggled early. He survived an appeal as confident as Wendell Sailor. Glenn then knuckled down and played some aggressive shots to the leg side boundary.

We had got to 75 with the loss of just one wicket but one over would change any complacency that had emerged. As often happens a stupid run out started a cascade. David Jones was unnecessarily run out for 1. Mick McCormick then connected sufficiently with his second ball to be ensnared by the Venus fly trap down at long on like some hapless naïve insect. The next over Richie Xuereb got one off the middle but straight to the eager hands of mid wicket. We had lost three wickets for three in the space of 6 balls.

Joe Scarcella put up a modicum of resistance but was caught for 9. The trail of single digits for the last 8 batsmen resembled a HELP LINE telephone number 1 00 9 1051. And help was certainly what was going to be needed. In fact ringing rescue emergency was a more appropriate requirement needed to defend the paltry score of 128.

After the afternoon break we took the field with an Anne Boleyn inevitability but cricket has a funny way of changing the seemingly certain.

We knew that if we could get the Warringah quality batsmen in the top order relatively cheaply then the pressure down below might just cause a few mini explosions. The plan started well with Richie Xuereb and Joe Scarcella both moving the ball considerably and looking like this was going to be tough for Warringah if we bowled and fielded well.

Richard bowled a beauty to Rob Easterbrook (C.C.N.S.W. member and Warringah opener) that caught the edge and was well gloved by Glenn Rosewall behind. Joe then bowled the other opener (*Editor's note -C.C.N.S.W. Member Peter Browning*) in his next over. All good so far.

Russell Wyatt (*Editor's note- joining C.C.N.S.W. to come to Tasmania*) at number 3 for Warringah was considered the danger man and curtailing his contribution was a huge factor in keeping any defence of the 128 alive. When in his next over, Richard got a thick edge off the no 3's bat to first slip that unfortunately found the turf, the defence seemed a distant dream. Surprisingly shortly afterwards the number 3 miscued a full toss which hung in the air for some time allowing the fieldsman to properly position himself. He appeared to have more control than the Chinese government as he waited under the ball, alas the ball bounced off the hands and again found the turf.

With the danger man having being dropped twice in the space of a few overs the captain canvassed anger management counselling as it was realised that a Mary MacKillop third miracle would be needed to keep the defence of the 128 on track. That miracle arrived when the danger man struck a lofted on drive almost directly to Craig Somers down on the boundary at long on who juggled the ball but secured a second successful grab at the ball thereby changing the game

and also preventing the captain and most of the side from needing some significant time on the therapy couch.

The game was now poised and but started to lean towards CCNSW when Ross Dalgleish C.C.N.S.W. member and Warringah no 5 was caught by Craig Somers at point off Mick McCormick. Graham Buck at the other end picked up a plum LBW and Warringah were now struggling at 5-44 off 17 overs. Field changes were incessant but every run was important.

Mick McCormick had a last over and bowled the no 7 for Warringah making Warringah 6-62. Simon Lyon (C.C.N.S.W. member and Warringah no 6) had played a dogged innings with his scorecard showing more singles than the RSVP website. Joe Scarcella finally got him LBW when he was on 18. However the game was far from over. Both the no 8 and 9 from Warringah played some excellent aggressive shots compiling a quick fire 17 and 21 respectively. Richard Xuereb did a great job in dismissing both these batsman who could easily have won the game for Warringah. At 9 for 111 the last two batsmen for Warringah needed 18 runs for victory off 5 overs.

Tensions were mounting; appeals were becoming more frequent and more enthusiastic as Warringah slowly chipped away with quick singles and the occasional swat to the boundary. Close calls with a direct hit in one quick single from Mick McCormick, his first direct hit since an indoor cricket game in 1985.

Graham Buck was given the onerous task of bowling the last over with 8 runs required by Warringah for victory with no wickets remaining. On his first ball he got through the batsmen's defences wrapping up a victory that 39 overs earlier seemed as likely as Tiger Woods staying married.

Credit to the bowlers for sticking to their guns and for the enthusiasm in the field. Some excellent catching from Craig Somers. It is the first time for many years that a masters team has gone to Christmas undefeated. Hopefully we can continue to play well in the second half when rested from the Christmas break.

The team was Craig Somers, Greg Currie, Glenn Rosewall (w), David Jones, Mick McCormick (c), Richard Xuereb, Joe Scarcella, Jay Patel, Trevor Worland, Graham Buck and Steve Cross

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-128 (C. Somers 43; G. Rosewall 43*)

Defeated

Warringah CC: 10-123

The bowling was: Richard Xuereb 10-0-35-3; Joe Scarcella 10-2-28-2; Graham Buck 8.1-1-20-3
Mick McCormick 6-0-16-2; David Jones 2-0-14-0; Jay Patel 2-0-3-0

MASTERS ROUND 7 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 17 JANUARY, 2010: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

On a pleasant day for cricket with a nice breeze blowing we won the toss and batted. Paul Allen ("Buckets") opened with Frank Crowe and Paul immediately started blasting the bowling, getting a number of shots through the long grass to the boundary. He put one over the midwicket fence which went "down the drain". A new ball was then used with not even a small rub in the dirt occurring to reflect the 5 overs of punishment that buckets had given the leather. Frank then played over a good ball for 4 and 'Buckets' was joined by Craig Somers who continued his excellent form and played some nice shots before edging one to the keeper for 23. Buckets also played over one and was out for 28.

Glenn Rosewall took a toll on anything on the leg side and compiled a quick-fire 41* hitting one memorable 6 over the square leg boundary. Mick McCormick kept his head and the runs came and he also retired on 41*. He was joined by Ritchie Xuereb who was a bit scratchy early but once he got his eye in belted 3 very well timed sixes and got to 41* quickly before also retiring. David Jones then came in and relished the conditions timing the ball well and executing a couple of sweet cut shots. Jim Robson got the runs going as well before getting caught. We ended with a total of 5 for 214 which was a very good score particularly given the slowness of the outfield.

After the break Ritchie Xuereb opened the bowling and was beating the bat as usual and got an outside edge off the left handed opener that was well taken by Craig Somers in the gully. That was to be Craig's hiatus in the catching department as Pakistani like symptoms seemed to affect the phalangeal joints from thereon.

Joe Scarcella was on the receiving end of two of the down the throat dropsy's and there was no way a third would ever be caught with the catching couch needing a good session from Craig. Mick McCormick also assisted in the drop zone by almost taking the same fingernail off in two possible chances and then not holding a goalkeeper diving effort in spite of getting both hands to the ball off Jack Jones.

Easing off the pedal and the dropsies had actually let I Zingari (Australia) back into the game and when their number 7 played some aggressive shots and started increasing the run rate the comfort level became much more equatorial.

Jim Robson bowled a superb spell and kept the runs down and always looked like getting a wicket. Greg Currie picked up a sharp chance at short midwicket. Mick McCormick got some luck when the aggressive number 7 dragged an average ball back on to his stumps which did take some of the pressure off.

Trevor Worland got a few overs under his belt which will definitely assist in further outings. Trevor's fielding was also impressive on the uneven surface.

All in all the game could have been won more easily had our catching been anywhere near even below average but it assumed depths that only some curious one eyed amoebas find a comfortable habitat. Hopefully that catching effort is now behind us.

The team was: Paul Allen, Frank Crowe, Craig Somers, Glenn Rosewall, Mick McCormick (c), Richard Xuereb, David Jones, Jim Robson, Greg Currie (w), Joe Scarcella and Trevor Worland,

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: 5-214 (R. Xuereb 42*; G. Rosewall 41*; M. McCormick 41*; P. Allen 28)

Defeated

I Zingari (Australia): 6-185

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 9-1-32-2; J. Scarcella 9-0-45-1; M. McCormick 6-1-18-2; T. Worland 5-0-25-0; D. Jones 4-0-39-0; J. Robson 7-1-20-1

MASTERS ROUND 8 v NWSH CYCLONES AT HOWELL OVAL, ON SUNDAY 31 JANUARY, 2010: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

Game cancelled by rain but Cyclones forgot to tell us!

**MASTERS ROUND 1 (REARRANGED BECAUSE OF RAIN) v PARRAMATTA
AT DAVID PHILLIP FIELD ON SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 2010:**

Game cancelled by rain

**MASTERS ROUND 9 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN
ON SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 2010:**

Game cancelled by rain

**MASTERS ROUND 10 v MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AT DAVID GWILLIAM FIELD,
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 2010: REPORT BY MICK
McCORMICK**

No report to date but the game was rained off at tea time without C.C.N.S.W. having batted. Macquarie University were 5-198 after 40 overs. C.C.N.S.W. only had 10 players.

Mick McCormick is hoping to rearrange; if not this result will stand.

The team was: -

The result was: -

Macquarie University: - 5-198 (rain)

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C.C.N.S.W.: -

(Match abandoned because of rain)

The bowling was: -.

**MASTERS ROUND 11 v COLLAROY PLATEAU at CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2010;**

No report has been supplied. *(Ed note: - The Collaroy Plateau Captain suggested that given the perhaps surprising result, maybe that it was on purpose!)*

I understand from Mike Birchall who was invited to make up numbers arising from a late withdrawal on the Sunday morning that our batting collapse was precipitated by an unfortunate run out of one of our opening bats Paul Allen.

The Collaroy Plateau captain has kindly provided the following batting and bowling statistics: - C. Somers - 0; P. Allen - 14; G. Rosewall - 18; M. McCormick - 3; D. Jones -10; A. Martin -1; K. Elloy - 0; D. Richards - 0, G. Buck - 13; J. Patel - 12; and M. Birchall - 3

The Team was: Craig Somers, Paul Allen, Glenn Rosewall (w), Mick McCormick (c); David Jones, Angus Martin, Keith Elloy, Dale Richards, Graham Buck, Jay Patel and Mike Birchall

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-78

Lost to

Collaroy Plateau C.C.: – 1-80

The bowling was: G. Buck 10-3-27-1; D. Richards 9-1-27-0; J. Patel 3-0-9-0; M. McCormick 3-0-16-0

MASTERS ROUND 10 (REPLAY) v MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AT DAVID GWILLIAM FIELD, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY 28 MARCH, 2010: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

On a hot and humid day we won the toss and elected to bowl and try to restrict Macquarie to a gettable score and then chase the runs which we had generally succeeded with in the past.

The first phase went to order with Graham Buck bowling a superb accurate spell (10 overs 3-25) and picking up three valuable wickets. He was supported by Mick McCormick and Dale Richards at the other end who both beat the bat on several occasions but failed to yield a result.

The spinners in Jay Patel and Jim Robson also bowled well and picked up a couple of wickets. The fielding was as good as we have seen from the Masters with everyone throwing themselves around on the soft outfield. Paul Allen ("Buckets") kept like he had done it all his life picking up three catches and a very good one off Jay Patel. Macquarie ended up with 152 a gettable total in spite of the large ground and thick outfield.

We started slowly as Macquarie bowled accurately on the pitch that was doping enough to warrant some slight caution. Craig Somers was a little unlucky when a ball jagged back and looked to be going over the stumps but hit the back pad and was dragged on to the top of the bails. Paul Allen joined Frank Crowe but went early with a sharp chance being taken at first slip on the third grab after the keeper had deflected it to him. Mick McCormick joined Frank and hit a boundary but then had a full toss lob from the bottom of the bat to be well caught by the bowler for 6. At 3- 23 things were a little tenuous Jim Robson then settled things down and played a superb knock picking the gaps and running an inordinate amount of twos to fully exhaust himself. Angus Martin had a brief flurry before trying to take the bowler on but miscuing. Garry Winney looked in good form and he and Jim looked as though we could still get the total as we had achieved as much as Macquarie had in the same number of overs but when Garry went it made it a more difficult task the last three didn't add too much to the score and we ended with 90.

Two very disappointing batting efforts in a row means any hope of the top of the table has gone. Nevertheless we have a game against Parramatta and Kenthurst in April and hopefully we can return to a bit of form in the batting.

The team was: - Craig Somers; Frank Crowe, Paul Allen (w), Mick McCormick, Angus Martin, Garry Winney, Jim Robson, Dale Richards, Jay Patel, Graham Buck and Ian Stevens

The result was: -

Macquarie University: 6-152 (G Buck 3-25)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10- 90 (J. Robson 37)

The bowling was: -. G. Buck 10-0-25-3; M. McCormick 5-1-24-0; D. Richards 5-1-19-0; J. Robson 10-2-24-1; J. Patel 9-2-25-2; G. Winney 1-0-7-0.

MASTERS ROUND 1 (REPLAY) v PARRAMATTA at MACREDIE PARK, GUILDFORD ON SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2010; REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

On a pleasant day for cricket, Frank Crowe maintained his unbeaten record as a tosser (doesn't quite sound right apologies to v/c) which allowed us to bat first.

It was a pleasure to have Scotty Wells play for us and he opened the batting with Frank. The bowling was quite accurate with some movement but then Scotty played some fine calculated lofted shots which kept the run rate going. Unfortunately he got a leading edge just when he had himself set and was out for 16. Frank was joined by Glenn Rosewall who had a rare failure when a ball cut back and touched the bat as he attempted to let it go. Craig Somers came in and was looking solid with some nicely timed shots until he played an unusually rash shot and ended up with a top edge and was easily caught for 9. Jim Robson was playing well with Frank until another top edge lead him to go for 10.

Mick McCormick joined Frank and they kept the score ticking over off the spinners until Frank on 37 played right around a full toss and heard clashing timber. Angus Martin was looking fine until a ball ricocheted off his pad onto the stumps for 9. Garry Winney and Mick kept going till Mick on 31 got a thick edge to a wide ball from the spinner which was well gloved by the keeper. Garry kept up his aggressive batting and running between wickets taking a few kamikaze runs as the overs started running out. Joe Scarcella and Garry played the last few overs well and we ended up with a total of 157 which was a better score than we anticipated considering the loss of early wickets.

Drama unfolded during the break when we all heard a very loud engine revving from a car in the RSL car park where most had parked. The revving was followed by a concertina of metal smashing. When all and sundry went to see the result expecting a hoon or two behind the wheel it turned out to be an old fella who had had the accelerator stuck. He was uninjured but he had cleaned up 7 vehicles in the car park damaging Jay Patel's and Mike Birchall's (who had come for some pleasant afternoon cricket viewing).

When things settled and police and ambulance had been called, we ventured onto the field and Graham Buck and Joe Scarcella opened the bowling. Unfortunately the opening batsman was in a particularly aggressive frame of mind and although taking substantial risks compiled a very quick fire 40* in around six overs including 2 sixes. Once he retired and we brought the spinners on, it became much more difficult to score and Jim picked up the prize wicket of the number three who was well caught in the deep by Graham Buck. Jim bowled very tightly with his first 4 overs being maidens and was getting turn and slow bounce. Jay also at the other end kept it tight and made it difficult for the batsman to score. A couple of fielding errors with the ball in the air may have made all the difference in this game as Parramatta 's batting appeared to fade down the order. Scotty Wells got a wicket with his first ball caught and bowled and bowled another with a beauty. Alas although tight we could not get that vital breakthrough and Parramatta got the runs with two overs to spare.

The team was: Scott Wells, Frank Crowe, Glenn Rosewall (w), Craig Somers, Jim Robson, Mick McCormick (c), Angus Martin, Garry Winney, Joe Scarcella, Jay Patel, and Graham Buck

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-157 (F. Crowe 37; M. McCormick 31; G. Winney 22)

Lost to

Parramatta: 5-159

The bowling was: J. Scarcella 4-0-16-0; G. Buck 7-0-39-0; J. Robson 10-4-23-1; M. McCormick 2-0-15-0; J. Patel 10-0-34-2; and S. Wells 6-0-34-2

MASTERS ROUND 2 (REPLAY) v KENTHURST AT KENTHURST ON SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2010; REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

On a great day for cricket with a well grassed outfield and a bit of grass on the track we won the toss and after a committee meeting put Kenthurst into bat. This proved to be a wise decision as both of our opening bowlers Joe Scarcella and Graham Buck thrived with the ball, moving it enough to cause the batsman problems. The fielding backed up the bowlers with good catches taken by Jim Robson, Frank Crowe, Tim Roslyn and Mick McCormick to keep the pressure on the Kenthurst team. The ground fielding and keeping of Greg Currie was also impressive.

Graham Buck ended up with 3-24 off his ten overs and Joe Scarcella 4-11 off his ten overs. We bowled Kenthurst out for 76. Our best effort of the season.

We decided to open the batting with "Mr perpetual cricket", Jay Patel, who kept the fielding side busy behind the wicket with some well crafted JPL inspired shots. Jim Robson at the other end took full toll of some loose bowling and compiled a well constructed 40* before retiring. Jay carried his bat to victory and ended up on 28*. Already Jay's innings has been compared to Garry Sobers MCG double century effort by his close followers with calls for a shot by shot account to be published.

An emphatic victory for our final game.

The team was: Jay Patel, Jim Robson, Tim Roslyn, Frank Crowe, Paul Georgiadis, Ajoy Roy, Craig Somers, Mick McCormick (c), Joe Scarcella, Graham Buck, and Greg Currie (w).

The result was:

Kenthurst 10-76

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 0-79 (J. Robson 40* J. Patel 29*)

The bowling was: J. Scarcella 10-2-11-4; G. Buck 10-2-24-3; J. Robson 3-0-9-1; M. McCormick 4-1-8-1; J Patel 1-0-4-1; P Georgiadis 3-0-17-0.