

MASTERS MATCH REPORTS 2010-2011

MASTERS ROUND 1 v DOYALSON AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 2010: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

(Editor's Note:-We appear to have played 12! Keith Elloy who went to watch the match has commented that Doyalson seemed a significantly younger side than ours- (9 of whom are actually qualified to play for the over 50s!) and we were caught on a difficult wicket which mysteriously seemed much easier when Doyalson batted.)

There was a distinct lack of preparedness for the first game against arguably one of the strongest sides in the comp. There were no excuses however and we turned in an abysmal performance in the batting giving our strong bowling attack no chance whatever.

The ball did move around a little early but there was adequate flatness to mount a score from the later batsman but it appeared everyone was still thinking about the Roosters losing to the Dragons. The field was in its usual early season state of embarrassment with enough sand for a man made beach.

Only three made double figures: - Richard Xuereb (19) Joe Scarcella (14) Mick McCormick (14). All three actually looked comfortable but they all threw their wickets away unnecessarily. Hopefully a little more discipline in the next game.

Richard Xuereb and Graham Buck bowled well but the pitch had flattened out and an aggressive opening partnership from the Doyalson openers ensured an early shower.

The Team was: Craig Somers, Paul Allen, Frank Crowe, Mick McCormick (c), Dale Richards, Richard Xuereb, Jim Robson Joe Scarcella, Jay Patel Greg Currie (w) Graham Buck and Steve Cross.

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: 10-86 (32.5 overs) (R. Xuereb 19. M McCormick 14, J. Scarcella 14)

Lost to

Doyalson RSL: 0-91 (19 overs)

The Bowling was: R. Xuereb 6-1-25-0; G. Buck 5-2-17-0; J. Robson 4-0-24-0; J. Patel 2-0-8-0 and S. Cross 2-0-14-0

**MASTERS ROUND 2 v COLLAROY PLATEAU AT GRAHAM RESERVE,
MANLY ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2010**

Match cancelled because of rain

**MASTERS ROUND 3 v N.W.S. HURRICANES BLACK AT CAMPERDOWN
PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2010.**

Match cancelled because of rain; may be rearranged.

**MASTERS ROUND 4 v MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AT ROSS GWILLIAM
FIELD, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2010:**

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: David Jones, Richard Xuereb, Craig Somers, Mick McCormick (c), Sudhaker Pantula, Jim Robson, Frank Crowe, Joe Scarcella, Jay Patel, Graham Buck and Paul Allen (w)

The result was:

Macquarie University 10-160

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 8-163

The batting was: D. Jones 40*, R. Xuereb 1, C. Somers 47*, M. McCormick 0, S Pantula 24, J. Robson 38, F. Crowe 0, J. Scarcella 3, J. Patel 5, G. Buck1 and P Allen DNB

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 7-2-28-2; G. Buck 5-0-23-1; J. Robson 9-0-29-2; J. Scarcella 7-0-35-0; J. Patel 4-0-16-0; D. Jones 4-0-14-2; S. Pantula 2-0-7-0; M. McCormick 2-0-7-1

**MASTERS ROUND 5 v LANE COVE BLUE AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER, 2010:**

When the covers were taken off in the morning the pitch was playable. It promptly rained! Perhaps one of the few places in central Sydney to suffer rain on the Sunday.

So far the Masters team have only played twice this season

**MASTERS ROUND 2 (REPLAY) v COLLAROY PLATEAU AT GRAHAM
RESERVE, MANLY, ON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER, 2010:**

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: Frank Crowe, Joff Johnson, Craig Somers, Mick McCormick (c), Greg Brooks, Jim Robson, Ian Stevens, Graham Buck, Ken Yardy, Sudhakar Pantula and Greg Currie (w)

The result was:

Collaroy Plateau: 6-194 (G. Buck 5-58)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.:-8-102 (G. Brooks 31)

The batting was: F. Crowe 1, J. Johnson 19, C. Somers 0, M. McCormick 9, G. Brooks 31, J. Robson 1, I. Stevens 7, G. Buck 18*, K. Yardy 0, S. Pantula 10* and G. Currie DNB

Fall of Wickets: 1/2; 2/16; 3/29; 4/37; 5/40; 6/57; 7/78; 8/84

The bowling was: G. Buck 10-1-58-5; M. McCormick 8-2-34-0; J. Robson 10-1-25-1; S. Pantula 3-0-20-0; G. Brooks 5-0-37-0; and I. Stevens 4-0-13-0

**MASTERS ROUND 6 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER, 2010:**

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: Scott Wells, Garry Winney, Craig Somers, Richard Xuereb, David Jones, Mick McCormick (c), Mark Clarebrough, Graham Buck, Joe Scarcella, Jay Patel and G Currie (w)

The result was:

Sri Lanka Lions: 8-233

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.:-. 7-150

The batting was: S. Wells 11, G. Winney 30, C. Somers 40*, R. Xuereb 7, D. Jones 1, M. McCormick 0, M. Clarebrough 27, G. Buck 1, J. Scarcella 17*, J. Patel 2* and G. Currie DNB

The bowling was: G. Buck 6-0-37-1; J. Scarcella 7-1-37-1; R. Xuereb 8-0-60-2, S. Wells 8-0-52-0; J. Patel 6-0-19-1; M. Clarebrough 5-0-24-1

**MASTERS ROUND 7 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 16 JANUARY, 2011**

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: - Craig Somers, Ian Stevens, M. Moodley, Jim Robson, Mick McCormick (c), Richard Xuereb, Mark Clarebrough, Stimson, Jay Patel, Graham Buck and Greg Currie (w)

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-143 (40 overs)

Lost to

I Zingari (Australia): - 8-144 (38.3 overs)

The batting was: C. Somers 43, I. Stevens 7, M. Moodley 1, J. Robson 44*, M. McCormick 0, R. Xuereb 0, M Clarebrough 9, Simpson 22*, J. Patel 0, G. Buck 8 and G. Currie1.

Fall of wickets: 1/31, 2/37, 3/44, 4/64, 5/66, 6/115, 7/115, 8/118, 9/129

The bowling was: - R. Xuereb 10-0-34-2; G Buck 10-0-32-0; M McCormick 9-0-47-2; I Stevens 1-0-3-1; J. Robson 6.3-0-17-2; J Patel 2-0-7-0

MASTERS ROUND 8 v MOSMAN AT RAWSON PARK, MOSMAN ON SUNDAY 31 JANUARY, 2011

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: - Scott Wells, Frank Crowe, Craig Somers, Mick McCormick (c), Jim Hadley, Jim Robson, Richard Xuereb, Mark Clarebrough, Dale Richards, Graham Buck and Richard Dickerman.

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-149

Lost to

Mosman C.C.: - 6-150

FoW: 1/2; 2/2; 3/43; 4/70; 5/71; 6/125; 7/131 8/?; 9/?

The Batting was: S. Wells 0, F. Crowe 0, C. Somers 35, M. McCormick 18, J. Hadley 48*, J. Robson 0, R. Xuereb 29, M. Clarebrough 3, D. Richards 11, G. Buck 0 and R. Dickerman 3*

The bowling was: R. Xuereb 9-0-31-3; G. Buck 6-0-25-0; J. Robson 4-0-12-0; R. Dickerman 4-1-26-1; J. Hadley 7-0-32-1, M. McCormick 3-1-10-0; D. Richards 2-0-15-0

MASTERS ROUND 7 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID ("JACK") JONES

After a few weeks of very hot weather, the pre-Christmas curse returned and it rained all day Saturday making a game on Sunday only a possibility at best. The early morning indication was

that the wicket was a bit wet, but as long as we had no more rain, a game was possible. An inspection of the pitch at 11.30am by the Skipper confirmed that we were in fact going to play on a wet track, but play was likely to be a little late getting underway.

At 12.30 the coin was tossed and fell in C.C.N.S.W.'s favour. Mick McCormick had no hesitation in sending the Old Ignatians in. Graham Buck and Mick opened the bowling under very overcast skies. Both bowled steadily, on a good length which was very difficult to play for the batsmen. The wet wicket was making the ball either skid through or bounce sharply, making it difficult to get the pace of the wicket. Coupled with a bit of swing and a healthy dose of seam, batting was going to be difficult. The first wicket fell in the fourth over with the batsmen skying an easy catch. Mick took his second wicket in his third over to have the OIC at 2-15 and looking a shaky. Garling came to the wicket for OICC and decided to hit his way out of trouble. He was dropped on the boundary early on, but from that point didn't look back, and retired on 40*.

Meanwhile the wickets kept falling at a steady pace with Graham Buck chipping in with one in a very tidy 10 over spell (1-20). Dave Stimson replaced Mick at the crease and got the ball to swing and seam sharply. He bowled without luck but finished with a wicket after Craig Somers took a good diving catch at first slip. Jim Hadley came on to bowl and proved to be a handful spinning the ball sharply and getting the ball to bounce awkwardly. Trevor Worland bowled four tidy overs without luck, Jack Jones bowled a couple and then Mick returned to the crease to take a further two wickets while seeing out the overs. Everybody bowled reasonably well, but the curse of the 40+ cricketer (dropped catches) struck several times throughout the afternoon. At the end of 40 overs OICC were all out for 131 which was a few more than they should have got. Looking at the way the pitch behaved, everyone knew it was going to be a difficult chase.

A light shower of rain at the interval didn't do much to improve the wicket which had been drying a little courtesy of the strong south westerly wind. Garry Winney and Craig Somers went out to bat and Gary looked like he was back in his glory days playing grade. He smashed the bowling to all parts of the ground to make a very solid 26. He made batting look decidedly easier than it was. Meanwhile, Craig Somers had a shortish ball jump up and he duly smashed it..... straight to the man at short fine leg. It was very well hit and if it had gone a few feet either side of the fielder, may well have gone for four, but it wasn't to be... a rare failure for Craig who has been in good form this year. Glenn Rosewall came to the wicket, but didn't look settled before skying a catch and departing for four. David (Jack) Jones came and put on small partnership with Garry Winney before getting a good one and being bowled for 3. Mick McCormick came to the wicket and looked comfortable, playing some excellent cover drives on his way to 13 before he fell to unpredictable nature of the wicket and skied one. Jim Hadley came in and look comfortable from the first ball. He and Mark Clarebrough (13) put on 50 before Jim had to retire on 40*. At this stage we were 6-116 with seven overs to go, and needing only 16 runs to win. Things were looking good for a C.C.N.S.W. win. Then the inevitable happened and the wheels fell off. Dave Stimson got caught for one, Trevor Worland was given out LBW when everyone at the ground (except the umpire) thought he hit it, Greg Currie played over one to go for 0. Graham Buck and Jim Hadley were at the wicket.9-121.... 18 balls remaining, 10 runs to win. Still doable. Graham was batting beautifully, playing two very nice cover drives. At the start of the 39th over it was 9-127. 12 balls to go, five runs to win. Still very gettable.... But their bowler bowled a maiden. Bloody hell.... Last over 6 balls, five to win..... BUT.... Jim was on strike and we were confident we would get home. The first ball Jim hit solidly behind square, but the pair declined the run as it would have only been 1. Then three more dot balls. 2 balls to go, five to win. On the fifth ball, Jim hit the ball well square of the wicket through point, but was run out coming back for the second. Bigger it.... We had lost by 3 runs.

It was a disappointing way to end the day, but the game was played in good spirit and was pretty exciting at the end. Hopefully we can bounce back to form next match.

The team was: Garry Winney, Craig Somers, Glenn Rosewall, David Jones, Mick McCormick (c), Jim Hadley, Mark Clarebrough, Dave Stimson, Trevor Worland, Graham Buck, and Greg Currie (w).

The result was

Old Ignatians C.C.:- 9-131 (M. McCormick 4-35)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.:- 10-128 (J. Hadley 47, G. Winney 26)

The bowling was: G. Buck 10-2-20-1; M. McCormick 9-1-35-4; D. Stimson 5-0-24-1; T. Worland 4-1-8-0; J. Hadley 10-1-31-0 and D. Jones 2-0-8-0

MASTERS ROUND 9 v LANE COVE WHITE AT KINGSFORD SMITH OVAL, LONGUEVILLE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2011:

Mick McCormick has promised to supply a report but none is yet available

The team was: Craig Somers, Frank Crowe, Glenn Rosewall (w), David Jones, Mick McCormick (c), Jim Hadley, Mark Clarebrough, Dale Richards, Greg James, Trevor Worland and Graham Buck

The result was

C.C.N.S.W.:- 10-150

Lost to

Lane Cove White: - 7-153

By three wickets

The batting was: C. Somers 46*, F. Crowe 9, G. Rosewall 4, D. Jones 2, M. McCormick 25, J. Hadley 12, M. Clarebrough 8, D. Richards 4, G. James 20, T. Worland 1 and G. Buck 13.

The bowling was: G. Buck 8-0-22-0; M. McCormick 4-2-12-0; D. Richards 6-0-24-2; J. Hadley 9-2-32-1; G. James 9.3-1-4-4; and T. Worland 2-0-7-0.

MASTERS ROUND 10 v KENTHURST AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 13 MARCH, 2011:

Kenthurst could only raise 5 players and thus forfeited

The Team would have been: Craig Somers, Frank Crowe, Mick McCormick (c), Glenn Rosewall, Greg Brooks, David Jones, Mark Clarebrough, Jim Hadley, Richard Xuereb, Trevor Worland, Jay Patel and Graham Buck

The Result was:

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

Defeated

Kenthurst C.C.: -

By forfeit

MASTERS ROUND 5 (REPLAY) v LANE COVE BLUE AT KINGSFORD SMITH PARK, LONGUEVILLE ON SUNDAY 20 MARCH, 2011:

Cancelled by rain

MASTERS ROUND 11 v SRI LANKA LIONS T20 AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 27 MARCH, 2011:

Cancelled by rain