

**MASTERS ROUND 1 v EPPING AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

Match cancelled because of weather. Not the best start to the Masters season.

**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.

**MASTERS ROUND 2 v LINDFIELD LEGENDS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK
ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2011: SCORES COURTESY OF LINDFIELD
CRICKET CLUB**

No report was ever received on this match

The Team was: Craig Somers 40*; Paul Allen 22; Scott Wells 43*; Jim Robson 34*
Mick McCormick (c) 11*; Greg Brooks (DNB); Joe Scarcella (DNB); Mark Castro
(DNB); Jay Patel (DNB); Greg James (DNB); Greg Currie (w) (DNB)

The Result was:

Lindfield Legends: 9-152 (40 overs) (S. Wells 2-8; G. James 2-19; J. Scarcella 2-31)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 1-157 (26.1 overs) (S. Wells 45*; C Somers 40*; J Robson 34*)

The Bowling was: J. Scarcella 9-1-31-2; M. McCormick 7-0-29-0; G. James 7-0-19-2
; G. Brooks 5-0-15-1; S. Wells 4-0-8-2 ; M Castro 2-0-19-0; P. Allen 3-0-19-1; J.
Patel 3-0-8-0

**MASTERS ROUND 3 v BURWOOD BRIARS AT ON SUNDAY OCTOBER
23, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID JONES**

Sunday saw clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid 30s, so expectations were high for a good game of cricket. Our spirits were lifted when we arrived at the ground to find a rather large ground with a near perfectly manicured outfield and a hard wicket. Mick McCormick went out to toss the coin with his opposite number and very nearly succeeded in slipping in a two headed coin for the toss. Once the "error" was discovered a new coin was produced and Mick called 'Tails'. He won the toss and had no hesitation in batting.

C.C.N.S.W. started steadily with Craig Somers and Jack Jones opening the batting. They were scoring steadily at about four an over until Jack played over a short ball to get out for 9. Scott Wells came to the wicket and played some classic drives before he fell for 15. Craig meanwhile was pulling and cutting with ease and looked extremely comfortable before playing a loose shot off a spinner to sky one into the covers. He was out for 36 and C.C.N.S.W. 3-76 and looking good. Mick McCormick was batting well and looking set for a good score, but for a short time the wheels began to wobble when Greg Brooks was stumped for 0 in a sharp leg side move by the Burwood keeper. Running between the wickets became an issue when Frank Crowe joined Mick at the wicket. Frank dropped one short into the leg side and set off, only to be told NO by the skipper. Frank had by this stage made it half way down the wicket. He turned and set sail for home and would have made it except for a direct hit from the midwicket fieldsman. Frank was on his way for two and was still muttering about there being a run in by the time he got back to the pavilion. Angus Martin went to join Mick and even though it was more than a year since his last bat, he looked like he just stepped out of the nets and middled the ball from ball one. He and Mick steadied the ship, with Mick retiring on 40* and Gus 43*. In the last few overs Garry Winney and Joe Scarcella sacrificed themselves chasing quick runs. Mark Castro and Jay Patel finished the not out batsmen even though Jay didn't face a ball. After 40 overs C.C.N.S.W. had amassed 7-174 which looked like a reasonable score. The wicket was suited to slow bowling and we knew if we bowled well, we were in with a good chance of winning,

Greg Brooks and Joe Scarcella opened the bowling and bowled well without luck. 'El Presidente' Brooksy swung and cut the ball off a two step run up and he tried on many occasions to talk the umpire into giving a leg before wicket decision. The umpire however was having no part of it and in fact had no part in it on another seven or eight occasion. The Burwood batsman started well and were scoring quickly, going at about five an over. Scott Wells and Jay Patel came into the attack and slowed the scoring. Jay took a couple of quick wickets, Scotty another and two batsmen retired. With 10 overs to go, Burwood needed 34, but the scoring had slowed. Scotty continued to bowl well, without luck.... and the blessing of the umpire who still didn't want to give a LBW. Garry Winney bowled a very tidy 6 over spell to further put the brakes on the Burwood boys. When Mick bought Jack Jones back into the attack in 37th over, Burwood still needed to get 4 runs an over to win. Jack hit one batsmen in front and finally the umpire agreed it was out even though we would have been happy for him to stay as he was scoring slowly. It got down to the last over. The scores were tied and the batsmen bottom edged one past Frank to get the winning runs for Burwood.

All in all, it was a close game that was played in good spirit. With a bit more luck we may have got away with it, but on this occasion it wasn't to be.

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-174 (A. Martin 43*; M. McCormick 40*)

Lost to

Burwood Briars: - 4-175

The Team was: Mick McCormick (c), David ('Jack') Jones, Craig Somers, Scott Wells, Greg Brooks, Frank Crowe, Angus Martin, Gary Winney, Joe Scarcella, Mark Castro, Jay Patel.

The Batting was: D Jones 9, C. Somers 36, S. Wells 15, M. McCormick 40*, G. Brooks 0, F. Crowe 2, A. Martin 43*, G. Winney 6, J. Scarcella 3, M. Castro 2*, Patel 0*

The Bowling was: G. Brooks 7-1-33-0, J. Scarcella 4-0-16-0, M. McCormick 2-0-16-0, S. Wells 9-0-32-1, J. Patel 6-0-28-2, D. Jones 4.1-0-16-1, G, Winney 6-0-16-0

MASTERS ROUND 4 v NORTH WEST SYDNEY HURRICANES AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY CRAIG SOMERS

We arrived at the Camperdown Dust Bowl to find the pitch in a similar condition to the outfield...desolate and hanging out for a drink. The skip's new mobile weather app predicted a hot and steamy 32 degrees until a cooling change at precisely 3.00pm. Based on this intelligence, giving the Hurricanes the first few hours out in the sun was a no-brainer on winning the toss.

Low and slow is an understatement for both the pitch and the bowlers. While the usually free scoring Craig Somers struggled, at the other end Paul Allen pounded every loose ball to or over the fence and reached his 40 in no time...btw congrats in advance re the nuptials this coming Sat. None for 48 in quick time on this deck was a great start but became 1 for 52 when Somers had a rush of blood. Scott Wells and the skipper Mick McCormick showed more patience taking the score to 2 for 93 before the snail like Wells was run out...is the skip the worst runner between wickets since Graeme Wood? Regardless he made a terrific 40* in tough conditions...investing in those new specs is paying off big time, Skip. Angus Martin and Greg Brooks provided middle order backbone both reaching their 20s before holing out trying to up the scoring rate. Down the order, Garry James launched some lusty blows as wickets fell around him to help boost the total to 203...a big score on the dead deck.

During the break and right on cue at 3.00pm the clouds cover arrived, the breeze picked up and the temperature dropped to the mid 20s. Love that app.

Taking the field we knew 206 would be a tough chase if our bowlers kept the ball back of a length. What we didn't know ,having not played the Hurricanes before, was that none of them could play a straight bat with cow corner being the target for every batsman...every ball! Opening bowlers Greg Brooks and Graham Buck started well taking 2 early wickets and keeping the visitors to 13 off 6 overs before Buck got hammered for 22 runs in the 7th over (don't want to sound like a broken record Bucky but increasing your pace while losing your wobble just makes you easier to hit). At the other end the old pro Brooksie was giving nothing away and finished with 1 for 21 off nine overs putting the Hurricanes behind the 8 ball. Sensing a great opportunity to rape and pillage, the skip brought himself on and picked up 4 for 9 while Wells nabbed a very sharp caught and bowled and the Roo Yardleyesque James bagged two.

In the end the Hurricanes losing total of 105 was probably more than it should have been but all round it was a good performance by C.C.N.S.W.

The Team was: Paul Allen (40); Craig Somers (11); Scott Wells (27); Mick McCormick (c) (42*); Jim Robson (8); Angus Martin (27); Greg Brooks (21); Frank Crowe (w) (4); Garry Winney (5); Garry James (13); and Graham Buck 2*

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-203 (40 overs) (M. McCormick 42*; P Allen 40)

Defeated

NWS Hurricanes: - 10-105 (24 overs) (M. McCormick 4-9)

The Bowling was: G. Buck 5-0-28-2; G. Brooks 9-2-21-1; S. Wells 4-0-26-1; M. McCormick 3-0-9-4 and G. James 3-0-18-2

MASTERS ROUND 5 v AUBURN AT MONA PARK OVAL, AUBURN, ON SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY STEVE CROSS

In hot humid conditions, the C.C.N.S.W. Masters team, under Captain, Mick McCormick, won the toss and put the Auburn Eagles into bat. In spite of the best efforts of the opening bowlers, Mick McCormick and Graham Buck, the Auburn openers and upper order ran rampant. After 13 overs Auburn was 1 for 118! Fortunately, Umpire Jason Brodie allowed for extra drink breaks off the field in the oppressive conditions. Graham Buck toiled with heart to no avail and after a courageous spell needed to leave the field, exhausted, but returned a short time later.

Captain Mick turned to his slow bowlers. And the move soon paid off as leg spinner, Jim Hadley arrested the "tres vite" scoring rate of the Eagles. Their two best batsmen retired on 40* each. Mick soon had Scotty Wells bowling more leg spin. Auburn's lesser ability to play slow bowling was now obvious; however, they also were very good at dispatching the loose ball.

The move with spin by Mick continued as the two off spinners Dave "Jack" Jones and the veteran Steve Cross took over from the leg spinners. Due to some skilled and guileful work behind the stumps by Frank Crowe (3 sharp stumpings to Crossy) and a very stiff breeze across the pitch and with good accurate bowling by the two old North Richmond off spinners (in total there was four ex North Richmond boys with also Frank Crowe and Mark Thompson). The restricted scoring rate caused frustration and wickets fell. However, overall the Auburn Eagles batted well and got a very respectable 9- 260.

Under an increasingly stormy sky, C.C.N.S.W. briskly started chasing an unlikely 261 for victory. Craig Somers batted with confidence and skill whilst Dave Jones gave support. However, after 4.3 overs with the score at 21, the heavens opened, the game being abandoned at 5 .00 pm. The game had been conducted in a good spirit and Auburn provided good hospitality in their excellent clubhouse.

Man of the match: - Steve Cross

Hamman Points: - S Cross 3, D Jones 2, J Hadley 1

The Team and batting was: Craig Somers 16*; David Jones 5*. Scott Wells, Mick McCormick (c); Frank Crowe (w), Mark Thompson, Jim Hadley, Joff Johnson, Dave Stimson, Steve Cross and Graham Buck

The Result was:

Auburn C.C.: 9-260 (S. Cross 4-29)

Drew with

C.C.N.S.W.: - 0-21 (4.3 overs)

Rain

The Bowling was: G. Buck 6-0- 61-0; M. McCormick 5-0-38-0; J. Hadley 6-0-42-0; S. Cross 9-0-29-4; S. Wells 8-0-52-2; and D. Jones 6-0- 37-2.

MASTERS ROUND 6 v LINDFIELD LEOPARDS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK

One of those annoying days for cricket, covers on and off 3 times but in the end a 31 over game eventuated.

Craig Somers tossed and lost so we went to field on a greasy outfield. Graham Buck (2-14) got back to form and bowled very well getting the opener early at second slip. He followed this up with an LBW on the number 3. Mick McCormick failed to get his length and was deservedly punished. Garry James bowled very nicely varying his flight and picking up 1-18 off 6 overs. Jim Hadley's catch at square leg was a screamer.

Some lusty swinging to the short boundary let Lindfield get to 159 off their 31 overs.

After an early tea because of rain Craig Somers and Paul Allen opened the batting in what can only be described as dark conditions with the lights on the coffee shop shining like a suburban Christmas display at midnight. Nevertheless Craig and 'Buckets' got us to 35 before Craig missed an inswinger and was out LBW. Scott Wells then got a bad decision with a loud nick on to his pads to be out LBW. Mick McCormick and Paul Allen consolidated and took the score to 87 before Paul went for 38 swinging in the ever decreasing light.

The Lindfield captain Laurence Natale of Lindfield was on his knees appealing so often that it's remarkable a hole was not worn in his trousers. The numerous impassioned pleas had a religious fervour about them but the almighty umpire remained unmoved. Out on the field there was more talk than in a teenage online chat room discussing Justin Bieber's latest song.

Mick retired at 41* with the score at 119 and we still had plenty of work to do at 5 an over. Jim Hadley and Angus Martin (21*) set about the task but Jim skied one to be out for 14. Angus Martin continued to pick the right balls to hit but saw Garry James caught in the deep and Dale Richards go to a Mark Taylor type soccer catch (though possibly better) at short gully. Garry Winney (13) hit two nice leg side boundaries to give us the breathing space but then went LBW. Angus Martin and Graham Buck hit the winning runs with an over to spare.

All in all a satisfying team win.

The team was: Craig Somers, Paul Allen, Scott Wells, Mick McCormick (c), Jim Hadley, Angus Martin, Dale Richards, Garry Winney, Garry James, and Graham Buck.

The result was:

Lindfield Leopards: 8-159 (31 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-163 (29.4 overs) (Mick McCormick 41*, Paul Allen 38, Angus Martin 21*)

The bowling was: G. Buck 7 -0-14-2, M. McCormick 6-1-30,-3 J. Hadley 4-0-38-0, G. James 6-0-18-1, D. Richards 6-0-33-1, G. Winney 1-0-12-0, C. Somers 1-0-6-1.

MASTERS ROUND 7 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY

Full report to follow by Mick McCormick next year.

C.C.N.S.W. had Old Ignatians 5-16 before they fought their way back into the game

I understand young Matthew McCormick (15 yr old nephew of uncle Mick) played a significant role in the game, firstly scoring 21 technically sound runs and then achieving an important run out hitting the stumps from about 30 yards out.

The team was: Paul Allen (17), David Jones (8), Craig Somers (29), Mick McCormick (c) (31), Frank Crowe (w) (6), Greg Brooks (14), Mark Thompson (12), Matthew McCormick (21*), Dale Richards (6), Garry James (9*) and Graham Buck (DNB)

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-168 (M. McCormick 31; C. Somers 29)

Defeated

Old Ignatians CC: - 10-143 (G. Buck 3-16; D. Richards 2-9)

By 25 runs

The bowling was: G. Buck 9-5-16-3; D. Richards 5-2-9-2; Michael McCormick 6-0-39-1; G. James 9-1-44-2; D. Jones 4-0-19-0 and G. Brooks 4.4-0-13-0

MASTERS ROUND 8 v NORTH WEST SYDNEY CYCLONES AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 15 JANUARY, 2011:

Rain - Game washed out

MASTERS ROUND 9 v KENTHURST AT KENTHURST OVAL, KENTHURST ON SUNDAY 29 JANUARY, 2011

Game cancelled because of rain.

MASTERS ROUND 10 v MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID (aka "JACK") JONES

After a week of rain where a wicket could not be prepared until Saturday, the chances of playing appeared slim. But luckily John Lee was able to prepare a good wicket that Mick McCormick managed to cover on the Saturday afternoon (Our C&S side playing away) before the obligatory Saturday afternoon storm. We arrived at the ground to discover that the sun was out, the sky clear for the first time in weeks and the wicket ready to play, albeit a little soft.

Macquarie won the toss and to everyone's surprise elected to have a bat. Graham Buck and Dale Richards opened the bowling and both bowled very tight spells. Both were swinging the ball and getting good movement off the deck which made scoring difficult for Macquarie. Graham bagged the first wicket in the 1st over when the batsman misjudged the pace of the ball and spooned a catch to Mick in the covers. Dale grabbed the next one caught behind in the 6th over. Graham bowled his nine overs in a continuous spell and claimed two more wickets with unplayable deliveries that swung away before cutting back sharply.

Jim Hadley (1-29 off 9) replaced Dale and put on a leg spinning exhibition. His control was exceptional as he got the ball to turn sharply and at time bounces unpredictably. Coupled with good spells by Mick McCormick (0-18 off 5) Garry James (2-10 off 5) and Jay Patel (2-7 off 5) Macquarie were all out for 109 in the 37th over.

C.C.N.S.W. only had to score at about 2.7 an over to win, but everyone knew batting wasn't going to be easy and a competitive game looked on the cards.

3 overs into our innings, at 2-4 the weather turned sharply and we left the field due to lightning. Luckily we decided to put the covers on as it rained for over an hour. After the break, with re-calculations, we had to face a further 11.3 overs and score an additional 35 runs to win. Sounds easy enough in theory, but having the covers on juiced up the pitch a little and batting became more difficult. Wickets fell steadily in the run chase, but Mick

McCormick scored a steady 21* to get us near the target. The final over came and we were 6-35, needing four to win. The Macquarie leg spinner came on and made the fatal mistake of over pitching the first ball. Garry James, seeing the field up plonked his foot down the wicket, swung lustily and hit a boundary over the bowlers head to win.

It was good to win, but one couldn't help but think a potentially good game was ruined by the weather.

The Team was: - David Jones (1); Paul Allen; Craig Somers (2); Mick McCormick (c) (21*); Jim Hadley (3); Dale Richards; Frank Crowe (w) (3); Garry James (6*); Angus Martin (dnb); Jay Patel (dnb); and Graham Buck (dnb).

The Result was:

Macquarie University 10-109 (run rate 2.725)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-39 (13.1 overs at run rate of 2.96)

The Bowling was: - G. Buck 9-2-24-3; D. Richards 4-0-14-1; J. Hadley 9-4-28-1; M. McCormick 5-0-18-0; G. James 5-0-10-2; J. Patel 4.4-1-7-2.

MASTERS ROUND 11 v COLLAROY PLATEAU AT GRAHAM RESERVE MANLY ON SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY, 2011: REPORT BY DAVID JONES

Collaroy batted first on a greenish wicket and were immediately confronted with a good accurate spell of swing bowling by Graham Buck and Greg Brooks. Two wickets fell in the first over to Graham Buck while El Presidente struck in the fifth over. A run out in the 7th over had Collaroy reeling at 4-11 and for a while it looked like an early afternoon was to be had by all. However a change in the bowling saw Collaroy knuckle down and start to accumulate some runs. Jim Hadley, Mick McCormick and Steve Cross picked up two wickets each to see Collaroy all out for 139 in the 35th over.

Expectations were high as C.C.N.S.W. began batting, but the green wicket and some accurate bowling kept things quiet. After nine overs the score was 1-12 and things never really recovered, save for some fine batting by Kel Morrison who managed to make 44. Frank Crowe chipped in with a handy 16, but everybody else struggled and C.C.N.S.W. was all out for 106 in the 35th over.

The Team was: - Craig Somers 9, Paul Allen 6, Scott Wells 8, Mick McCormick (c) 10, Kel Morrison 44, Greg Brooks 0, Frank Crowe (w) 16, Jim Hadley 0, Rob McCormick 5*, Graham Buck 2 and Steve Cross 0

The Result was:

Collaroy Plateau CC: - 10-139 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-103 (35 overs)

The Bowling was: - G. Buck 9-3-16-2; G Brooks 8-1-23-1; J. Hadley 6-1-33-2; M McCormick 6-1-9 -2 ; S. Wells 3-0-29-0; S. Cross 3.3-0-14-2

**MASTERS ROUND 12 v WARRINGAH C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 11 MARCH, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
("JACK") JONES**

After an unbelievably wet week that saw the Sydney University oval under three feet of water and the suburb of Marrickville all but washed off the map, it was a pleasant surprise to be greeted by a bright sunny warm day at Camperdown. John Lee had prepared two wickets so we had a choice of strips. The C&S side had achieved a marvellous victory in the Jack Pace Shield the previous day and we decided to use the same strip. The wicket looked like it might be a little slow and favour the bowlers. The coin was duly tossed by our illustrious skipper and Warringah had the choice and decided to bat first, which was a little curious as it was clear the wicket would only get better throughout the day.

Graham Buck and Mick McCormick opened the bowling for the Blues and both bowled with good control, giving the Warringah batsman no easy runs. Both received a little assistance off the deck. The first wicket fell in the fourth over when Mick got one through the batsman to have him bowled and the score at 1-8. Former C.C.N.S.W. player Simon Lyon came to the wicket for Warringah and batted steadfastly. He went on the make 39, but his demise should have come much earlier. He cost the skipper a fine when he was dropped at second slip and gave us at least three run out chances which we failed to take.

Warringah consolidated a little and at one stage were 4-64 before they collapsed to be all out for 102 after some excellent spells by Graham Buck (2-27), Mick McCormick (1-13), Garry James (2-32), Greg Brooks (3-18) and Scotty Wells (2-1).

David ("Jack") Jones and Paul Allen ("Buckets") opened the batting for C.C.N.S.W. and were faced with two opening bowlers that bowled a tight line and were swinging the ball substantially. One of Warringah bowlers in particular, bowled off the wrong foot and was getting late movement into the batsmen which made life difficult. 'Jack' walked after getting a faint edge behind (which wouldn't have been given out by the umpire!) which was typical of the spirit in which this game was played. One of the Warringah batsmen also walked). 'Buckets' batted well for 22. Craig Somers was his dependable self and made 31*. Scotty Wells looked like a man who had played cricket every day for the last month and was hitting the ball superbly before he dragged one on and was surprisingly out for 10. Mick McCormick helped steady the ship and secure the victory with 27*, C.C.N.S.W. winning the match in the 24th over at 3-104.

The team was: Paul Allen 22; David Jones 0; Craig Somers 31*; Scott Wells 10; Mick McCormick (c) 27*; Frank Crowe (w); Greg Brooks; Angus Martin, Jim Hadley; Garry James; Graham Buck.

The Result was:

Warringah C.C.: - 10-102 (32 overs) (G. Brooks 3-18)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-104 (24 overs) (C Somers 31*)

By 7 wickets

The bowling was: - G. Buck 8-2-27-2; M. McCormick 5-1-13-1; G. James 8-1-32-2; G. Brooks 7.5-1-18-3; J. Hadley 1-0-4-0 and S. Wells 2-1-1-2.

**MASTERS ROUND 13 T20 v EPPING C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 25 MARCH, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
("JACK") JONES**

We arrived at Camperdown to play our T20 match against the Epping club who were one place above us on the competition table. Potentially, depending on results we could come 4th, 5th or 6th for the season, so much was riding on the result.

The wicket was slow and the average score for the two previous matches was just above the 100 mark so a close game looked very likely. Epping won the toss and sent us in. Scott Wells and Jim Hadley opened the batting and Jim was on a mission reaching the mandatory retirement of 20* in the third over. The Skipper Mick McCormick came in and hit a beautifully timed back foot cover drive for four off the first ball, but he fell a short time later for 5. Gus Martin managed 5 before Garry James fell for a first ball duck. Luckily, Scotty had started to get going and with Frank Crowe offering some solid support (and I should say hitting the only six I've ever seen him hit- well hit Franky!!!), both retired on 20*. Mark Thompson played one on and departed for two and then Jack Jones and Jay Patel tried to up the scoring tempo. Jay played some brilliant shots and he retired on 20*. Jack was given "run out" for 7. Graham Buck gave solid support and finished not out 11*. The retirees came back and added quick runs. Jim eventually out for 32, Scotty for 37 and Frank for 21. All up C.C.N.S.W. had reached 9-144 off the 20 overs which was a good score considering the pace of the wicket.

Graham Buck and Dave Stimson opened the bowling and although both bowled well, the Epping batsmen scored freely and at one stage were going at 8 an over which was above the required rate. Mick McCormick bowled first change, but he too was unable to stem the tide of runs. Mick turned to the spinners to slow the run rate, first through Garry James who bowled tightly; then Jim Hadley (who at one stage was on a hat trick) and Scotty Wells who took 3-19 in three overs to turn the screws on the opposition. The spin team bowled with good control and through a combination of accurate bowling, good fielding and the steady fall of wickets Epping were only able to manage 9-130 off their allotted 20 overs.

At the time of writing C.C.N.S.W. appear in 5th position, but if Sri Lanka Lions lost we will come 4th for the year. All in all the Masters enjoyed a good season with only two losses, but washouts cost us the ability to gain extra points. Sri Lanka lost more games than us, but finished ahead due to not being rained off etc. The top two teams only lost once each and 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th only lost twice each, which gives an indication of how competitive the Masters competition was this year.

The Team was: - Scott Wells (37), Jim Hadley (32), Mick McCormick (5), Angus Martin (5), Frank Crowe (w) (21), Garry James (0), Mark Thompson (2), David Jones (7), Jay Patel (20*), David Stimson (0) and Graham Buck (11*)

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W. 9-144 (S. Wells 37; J. Hadley 32)

Defeated

Epping CC: - 8-130 (S. Wells 3-19)

By 14 runs

The Bowling was: - G. Buck 4-0-21-0; D. Stimson 3-0-22-1; M. McCormick 2-0-18-0 ; G. James 4-0-22-2 ; J. Hadley 4-0-26-2 ; S. Wells 3-0-19-3