

C.C.N.S.W. CLASSICS MATCH REPORTS

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CLASSICS ROUND 1 v WARRINGAH AT MICK PAWLEY OVAL, DEE WHY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2014: REPORT BY GARRY WINNEY

Beautiful weather greeted us as we prepared to take on a Warringah Classics team playing their first ever game in Classics. They were a strong team made up of some ex-C.C.N.S.W. players in Simon Lyon, Ross Dalgleish, a few 2003 Sri Lankan C.C.N.S.W. tourists, plus a host of former Masters cricketers.

We had two new players in John Mesar and Dr Sittampalam Ragavan ("Raga") and one 'senior' member Steve Cross filling in on the day for the injured Ajoy Roy (from a net session injury the day before). We also had one senior left hand opening bat forget his gear and retreat hurriedly to miss about 6 overs (no name mentioned).

We lost the toss on a rock hard pitch and fielded. Mick McCormick and Paul Georgiadis opened the attack, a few play and misses but after their four over spells, Warringah were 0-6. Replaced by John Mesar and Dale Richards who continued the tight bowling, as the openers opened out. After 16 overs 0-48. Ross Dalgleish retired at 30* (all run) in a chanceless innings but we muffed a few attempted runouts trying to pick the ball up from a rough infield. Raga got an lbw in his first over and at drinks it was 1-65, a satisfying start.

If we could hold them to 100 runs or less scored in the next session, it would be a good team effort. Paul Kumar unfortunately was no-balled for 3 full tosses in a row (ball kept slipping from his hand) and the crafty Steve Cross came on to replace him. Raga bowled the next batsmen 2-66. Their strong middle order started to take control but could only score 19 off Steve's slow and slower balls in six overs then 10 from his last, only 2 boundaries from his spell when they were going for him was great bowling.

Mick's figures of 0-6 off 4 became 0-51 off 8 when they hit 20 off his last over with some clean lusty blows. Paul Georgiadis and Garry Winney copped some of the brunt too. Warringah added 90 in the last 10 overs to finish up 3-185, still a score we could chase down if we batted sensibly, just over 4 an over, hopefully over 80 or more by the drinks break

Openers Joff Johnson and Raga got us away to a safe start with Raga timing some beautiful boundaries, Joff with his customary cut and flick off his hip boundaries and before long Raga had retired at 30 (5x4s). Joff was bowled off a slower delivery for 20 (3x4s) from Simon Lyon and we were 1-64 off 14 overs. Peter Rolls joined Mick McCormick with Peter the aggressor and Mick scoring the ones. Peter kept hitting some towering boundaries in his 31* retired (4x4s 1x6) as we hurried to be 1-101 at the drinks break. John Mesar came in and both he and Mick kept up the run rate without taking too many chances. Both punished the bad balls and worked the ones and twos. By the time both had retired Mick 31* (2x4s, 1x6) John 30* (3x4s) most of the hard work had been done. We needed 30 off 10 overs and although losing Garry Winney and Frank Crowe cheaply, Dale Richards kept his head to be 17* at the finish with Paul Kumar 4*, and four overs to spare.

A very enjoyable game played in the right spirit. Warringah will get their fair share of wins this year, and it was a pleasing all round team effort from our players. Many thanks to the outstanding bowling of Steve Cross during the match, he had about 3-4 near stumpings and both our new players John Mesar and Dr Sittampalam Ragavan will prove to be strong acquisitions as both bat, bowl and field well.

The Team was:- Joff Johnson 20, Sittampalam Ragavan 30* retired, Peter Rolls 31* retired, Mick McCormick 31* retired, John Mesar 30* retired, Garry Winney (c) 9, Frank Crowe (w) 0, Dale Richards 17*, Paul Kumar 4*, Paul Georgiadis dnb and Steve Cross dnb.

The Result was:-

Warringah CC: - 3-185 (40 overs) (S. Ragavan 2-12)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-186 (36 overs) (M. McCormick 31*; P. Rolls 31*; S Ragavan 30*; J. Mesar 30*)

By 7 wickets

The Bowling was:- M. McCormick 8-0-51-0, P. Georgiadis 6-0-25-0, J. Mesar 8-1-21-1, D. Richards 4-0-18-0, S. Ragavan 4-1-12-2, P. Kumar 1.2-0-10-0, S. Cross 6.4-0-29-0, and G. Winney 2-0-13-0

The Fielding was: - No details given

Player Points: - No details given

CLASSICS ROUND 2 v MOSMAN AT GODDARD PARK, CONCORD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2014: REPORT BY GARRY WINNEY

A sunny day on a hard track greeted us today at a neutral ground as both Rawson and Camperdown ovals were unavailable. We had a new player in Peter Hall join the squad and a fill-in Viji Vajendra thanks to Ajoy Roy's and Raga's contacts. They had Ross Greenwood unavailable (playing 20/20 kids stuff).

They called correctly and bowled first, a good score of 200 plus was our aim. I hadn't allowed for the wicket being on a near side so the other side was longer and meant a lot of running for us oldies, and had a bearing on each batter as they tired.

Their captain and opening bowler Nation swung the ball either way and after two overs 0-15 all run, Raga played the wrong line and was bowled by Nation. Peter Rolls and Ajoy batted carefully but punished the bad balls, however at 35 (of which 31 were run). Ajoy couldn't manage a third run and was run out from a good return scoring 18. Mick McCormick's blasted his second ball with a powerful drive for four; He wasn't going to run a lot. Peter Rolls got the vibe and hit their spinner for 4 x fours in two overs and quickly retired at 30*. Garry Winey joined Mick but a leading edge by Mick carried the ball high to the boundary fielder and Mick was soon out for 9, 3-69 off 18 overs, a good run rate. Viji Vajendra came in and he and Garry scored lots of ones and twos until Garry tried one quick single too many, run out by a good throw for 15, 4-101 off 25 overs, still on a 200 target.

Viji went to a skied catch for 20 valuable runs, Dale Richards shortly after for 0, now 6-109 and in trouble. John Mesar and Frank Crowe batted sensibly, Frank hitting two nice boundaries but he became run out victim number 3, trying for a third but not fast enough, 7-126, and when John Mesar was lbw shortly after for a well compiled 17, 8-133. Things became worse two balls later Paul Kumar caught 0, now 9-133 with 7 overs to bat. We had lost 6-32 on a good batting track and only ourselves to blame. Enter the young kid on the block Peter Hall, and recycled bat Peter Rolls. Peter Hall showed a good hand with the bat and he and Rolls added 29 for the last wicket with Peter Hall hitting two valuable boundaries before missing a pull shot to be bowled for a well compiled 15, Rollsy hit a few towering fours to be 42*, easily our best innings on the day.

Out for 162, meant we would attack and try to bowl them out.

Dale Richards got us off to a flier, ball pitched leg and hit top of off, classic stuff 1-1, their new bat chanced his hand and scored quickly before he got an edge off Dale and Frank Crowe, keeping wicket, took a good catch behind, 2-19. The other opener then smashed three boundaries before Dale had him plumb lbw 3-35, Dale's five over spell yielding 3-18 off good swing bowling. Their best bat Price batted very well and got good support until Rolls took a hard hit drive at chest high off Raga 4-62, Rolls again featured with a superb piece of fielding to get a run out shortly after, now 5-69 and we were right in it. Price retired in a chanceless innings so we needed to get rid of their tail enders now.

Garry came on with his offies, and got an lbw first over, now 6-103 and things got better as he took a diving catch and bowled next over 7-108, and feeling confident of wrapping it up but their tail thought differently. They worked the ones and twos and Condon retired at 30*. Ajoy Roy was tying up his end and soon Mick McCormick made a great throw to get a run out that was much needed 8-136 and they had two bats in the bank with 6 overs to go. Price attacked again and seemed sure to carry them to a win but one 'whooska' too many and he was bowled by Garry 9-145. It was a game of who would have the best tenth wicket stand to win.

Their No. 11 was very good and smashed a four as did Condon, now 9-153 three overs to go. Garry persisted but after being smashed for four, things looked grim, but then one of those amazing moments that can happen in cricket. Condon smashed Garry's next delivery high into the sky, appearing to go for a winning six. Paul Kumar, standing on the square leg boundary, looking directly into the sun, stood transfixed. Could he see it? We all held our breath; would he win us the game? He sure would, catching it superbly and he was soon enveloped by a team who couldn't believe their eyes. Paul was escorted off amid wild cheering and congratulations from the opposition. What a way to win a thriller, well done Paul. Mosman all out 157.

A great game played in good spirit by both teams, The game ebbed and flowed throughout. It was one of the few times we have ever bowled a team out to win which was pleasing. We bowled and fielded well. Top effort fellas.

The Team was: - Ajoy Roy 18, Sittampalam Ragavan 5, Peter Rolls 42, Mick McCormick 9, Viji Vajendra 20, Garry Winney(c) 15, John Mesar 17, Dale Richards 0, Frank Crowe (w) 9, Paul Ranjtkumar 0 and Peter Hall 15*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-162 (37.3 overs) (P. Rolls 42)

Defeated

Mosman: - 10- 158 (38.3 overs) (G. Winney 4-29)

By 4 runs

The Bowling was: - J. Mesar 6-0-25-0, D. Richards 5-0-18-3, M. McCormick 5-0-24-0 , S. Ragavan 6-0-28-1 A. Roy 7-0-21-1, P. Ranjtkumar 1-0-5-0 and G. Winney 7.4-0-29-4

The Fielding was: - 1 catch each to F. Crowe, D. Richards, P. Ranjtkumar, S. Ragavan, P. Rolls and G. Winney

Player points: - P. Rolls 3, G. Winney 2, D. Richards 1

**CLASSICS ROUND 3 v GEORGES RIVER C.C. AT BEXLEY OVAL,
BEXLEY ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2014: REPORT BY**

A lovely day but a bare wicket greeted us as we played the undefeated co-leaders. Won the toss and batted, thinking the wicket would play lower as the day went on. A score around 150 may be a winning total on the pitch.

Ajoy Roy and Garry Winey faced an accurate bowling attack. Garry managed an inside edge onto the stumps, 1-1. Keith Elloy was in next for his first bat for the season. We got to 1-8 off 8 overs; 150 looked a long way off already. Ajoy started opening out with a series of sweetly timed lofted shots (4x4s) and retired with a well made 30*, score 1-44 off 13 overs looked much better. Mick McCormick and Keith Elloy kept upping the rate, piercing the field with well placed shots, 1-76 at the break, 150 looking a minimum now.

Mick (23) being bowled first ball after drinks, was a major setback. John Mesar joined Keith who continued striking the ball well to also retire at 30*. Frank Crowe joined John and both looked comfortable taking the score to 100 before John was stumped for 9.

Dale Richards strode to the crease and immediately hit his first ball through covers for 4. Easy, so he did it again. We raced to 120 before Frank played over a slower ball and was also stumped, 4-120. Max Anandappa (a friend of Raga) came in but fell c & b for 5, Denis Hinds (friend of John Mesar) also went stumped for 0. Dale chasing the strike was run out for 16 – now 7-128 & when Paul Georgiadis (2) also went stumped 8-132; the 150 looked a mile away. Re-enter Ajoy Roy and a towering six helped the cause as he and Mick Fahey added 11 runs before Mick Fahey was run out trying to scramble home for a two. Keith Elloy returned and he and Ajoy added 10 in the last two overs – 9-153, a bonus three runs to play with!

As we struggled with spin Garry decided spin may save us. He opened up with himself and Denis Hinds' left arm spin to hopefully get a few early wickets and put pressure on their top order. Garry was able to get a nice stumping from Frank for an early wicket but their top order punished anything short or in the slot. After 10 overs 1-44 and it didn't look good. Their top order plundered whoever bowled and by the break 1-88. We really needed wickets to have any hope of a win. The retirement of both bats helped (Croom's 30* of clean power hitting was impossible to bowl to). Now 1-109 & the re-introduction of Paul Georgiadis brought immediate action, two lbws in successive balls. Max Anandappa's slow mediums tied the incoming bats down and he soon had 3 wickets himself. With Paul taking another wicket, they were 8-140 after 36 overs but with the two retired bats to return. We needed wickets but couldn't get them, now 8-153 with an over to go. Denis Hinds then bowled three dot balls, could he salvage a tie? Unfortunately no, we had fought hard but not enough runs to defend.

The Team was: - Garry Winney (c) 1, Ajoy Roy 45*, Keith Elloy 34*, Mick McCormick 23, John Mesar 9, Frank Crowe (w) 6, Dale Richards 16, Max Anandappa 5, Denis Hinds 0, Michael Fahey 4, and Paul Georgiadis 2.

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-153 (40 overs) (Ajoy Roy 45*; Keith Elloy 324*)

Lost to

Georges River C.C.: - 8-154

By two wickets

The Bowling was: - The bowling was: - D. Hinds 5.4-0-21-0, G. Winney 9-0-25-1, P. Georgiadis 9-0-22-4, D. Richards 2-0-17-0, J. Mesar 3-0-17-0, M. McCormick 4-0-17-0, M. Anandappa 7-0-23-3

The Fielding was: - No details given

Player Points: - No details given

**CLASSICS ROUND 4 v KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT C.C. AT THE GLADE,
WAHROONGA ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2014: REPORT BY PETER
ROLLS**

A sunny but windy day after 5mm of rain in the morning. The Glade wicket was not covered overnight and too wet to play there so we were forced to play on an artificial wicket at Normanhurst. Better than no game at all.

Ku-ring-gai won the toss and elected to bat. Peter Rolls filled in as skipper for Garry Winney who was recovering from a successful over 60s mid-week carnival in Melbourne where his NSW side won division 2.

Paul Georgiadis and Dale Richards started us off and bowled very well. Paul with consummate accuracy and Dale with bedazzling swing both ways. Once the ball was ripped of its shine by the artificial wicket, it became a blast feast for Ku-ring-gai. Especially with the strong Gurka plundering to all parts of the ground to retire in a few overs; then Jay Patel made the fatal mistake of bowling their number eight so Gurka came back in to plunder some more to make 52. 201 was going to be tough unless we had a solid start.

Ku-ring-gai bowled and fielded well to restrict us in the early overs. Ajoy Roy was travelling well until he asked for a runner. Ian Neil obliged but was not called on to make a single run as Ajoy holed out to mid on next ball. (Moral to the story: don't ask for a runner, just blast fours and sixes!). Joff Johnson was patient to the point of frustration and then holed out. Peter Rolls had a dodgy lbw with a swinging ball down leg side. John Mesar played a smart hand to be our only retiree. Ian Neil then tried to force the pace and also holed out to mid on. Christian O'Keefe in his first game for the Blues compiled a solid knock with some lusty blows. Peter Hall was swashbuckling. Full credit to Ku-ring-gai for a strong batting and bowling effort.

The Team was: - Ajoy Roy 9, Joff Johnson 22, Peter Rolls (c) 5, John Mesar 33*, Ian Neil 4, Christian O'Keefe 25, Peter Hall (w) 26, Paul Kumar 0*, Dale Richards dnb, Jay Patel dnb, and Paul Georgiadis dnb.

The Result was: -

Ku-ring-gai: 8-201 (34 overs) (P. Georgiadis 3-17)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: 6-127 (34 overs) (John Mesar 33*; Peter Hall 26, Christian O'Keefe 25, Joff Johnson 22.)

By 74 runs

The Bowling was: - P. Georgiadis 7-0-17-3, D. Richards 7-2-22-2, J. Mesar 6-0-33-1, A. Roy 6-0-52-0, J. Patel 6-0-37-2, I. Neil 1-0-19-0, C. O'Keefe 1-0-15-0.

The Fielding was: - 1 stumping by Peter Hall, 1 catch by Jay Patel.

Player Points: - 3-Dale Richards, 2-John Mesar, 1-Paul Georgiadis

**CLASSICS ROUND 5 v LINDFIELD LORDS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2014: REPORT BY GARRY
WINNEY**

A beautiful day greeted us back onto our home track for our first game there this year. The wicket and surrounds looked immaculate as did the sightscreens. Ground surface was quite sandy in patches and slowed many a boundary to a one (we run slower in Classics) or a two (for the faster guys).

Lost the toss (again) and fielded on a hard but grassy wicket. Dale Richards and Paul Georgiadis to open bowling & didn't they like the wicket, plenty of bounce & lots of swing & carry to the keeper. Paul trapped their opener in front 1-6. Next over Dale bowled Natale for three; it moved away and seamed back taking top of off stump – a McGrath special.

At 2-6 the bowlers had their tails up, an unusually attacking field for Classics now. Goode and Dom Corrigan steadied the ship with Dom hitting powerful lofted shots for twos. Again Dale bowled Goode an identical delivery for the same bowled result, now 3-41. No chance of getting the ball off the bowlers now for a spell. Number 5 bat came and went from a superb catch by Peter Rolls at short midwicket 4-42 and we can sense a possible upset. Now in his eighth over Paul Georgiadis again deceived their no. 6 batsman and bowled him, now 5-56. We really were after Corrigan's wicket but a difficult chance off him was dropped and he soon retired. After 20 overs, 5-63, maybe we could wrap it up under 120.

Ajoy Roy and John Mesar bowled tight lines and soon Ajoy had an lbw, now 6-77 but Lindfield now consolidated until Garry Winney came on and got an lbw straight away 7-100, and again with a sharp caught and bowled 8-103. Their numbers 10 & 11 were the two fastest runners between wickets we had faced and really took the game up to us. We didn't have the speed in the field to prevent the sharp ones and twos they took, even after we brought the fieldsmen in. John Mesar bowled an excellent few overs to pin them down and was rewarded with a catch to Dale Richards, now 9-127 but with the thought of Corrigan to come back in. He smashed the first ball for 4; our last 3 overs might go for plenty. Garry Winney wrapped it up following a great flat outfield throw by Peter Rolls on the boundary, one bounce into his hand and he flicked it back onto the stumps for a run out. Roseville all out 141, a good team effort by the bowlers and backed up by the fielders.

We needed our top order to set us up for a win. Our high hopes lasted one ball, Garry out lbw for a 'golden' duck, on one that swung back late. Peter Rolls decided the aerial route to the boundary was best and a series of smashed drives, pulls etc really accelerated our scoring until he tried once too often and was caught at cover for 27; 2-33 after 7 overs. Keith Elloy and Ajoy Roy worked the ones and twos and looked settled until Ajoy holed out on a pull shot for 19, now 3-63 off 14 overs. Roseville again fought back, John Mesar adjudged lbw for 3, Paul Kumar caught for 0, now 5-67 with Keith Elloy still working the ones around. Peter Hall joined him and after his heroics of hitting a six last week for the Masters to beat Roseville, was on a mission to again beat them. But Keith too fell chasing a wide delivery to be brilliantly caught low down at point for 20, now 6-87 off 22 overs. Could the tail do it? Christian O'Keefe came in but was bowled for 1, now 7-90 and looking very shaky. By this time it was dark overhead and lightning was coming towards us.

Enter Dale Richards who had pulled his rib muscles while bowling and was in a lot of pain. He played the supporting role as Peter Hall attacked the bowling. Conditions overhead were getting worse as we got to 7-102 off 29 overs. Peter Rolls had calculated we needed an average run rate of 102.10 at that stage if the game was called off. The word went out and Peter hit a few precious boundaries and then – he had to retire at 33no. The lightning was getting closer –(note if less than 30 seconds after sighting lightning for the sound to be heard the game must be called off). It was now 20 seconds away but we were still out there. Steve Cross went out to bat and a huge lightning strike that was 10 seconds away happened. The umpire called time. We were now told to wait half an hour before we could return but as we had only seven overs left to face there wouldn't be time for them to bowl any more overs on return, so we were declared the winners just being ahead on run rate.

Peter Hall had again delivered the goods, well supported by a gutsy innings by Dale.

An evenly matched game played in good spirit by both teams. As it turned out it rained 10 minutes later and it would have stopped the game anyhow. A game where we all contributed to the win.

The Team was:- Garry Winney (c) 0, Ajoy Roy 19, Peter Rolls 27, Keith Elloy 20, John Mesar 3, Paul Kumar 0, Peter Hall (w) 33*, Christian O'Keefe 1, Dale Richards 12*, Steve Cross 1* and Paul Georgiadis dnb.

The Result was: -

Lindfield Lords: - 10-141 (Average run rate 3.53)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.; - 7-126 (33 overs-average run rate 3.82)

On run rate

The Bowling was: - D. Richards 6-1-22-2, P. Georgiadis 9-2-27-3, J. Mesar 9-1-26-1, A. Roy 5-0-16-1, P. Rolls 2-0-11-0, S. Cross 3-0-12-0 and G. Winney 5-0-21-2.

The Fielding was: - 1 catch to each of D. Richard, G. Winney and K. Elloy; one run out to G. Winney

The Player Points were: - No details given

CLASSICS ROUND 6 v LANE COVE BLUE AT RON ROUTLEY OVAL, ASHFIELD ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2014: REPORT BY GARRY WINNEY

A lovely day to play cricket after all the recent thunderstorms. Surprised to find such a good wicket. As usual we lost the toss and bowled first. It was welcome back to El Presidente Greg Brooks and also to Chris Yates having his first Classics game after a few years' absence.

What happened early on was unbelievable. First over, John Mesar's first two balls were solidly driven but well fielded, next one a short wide delivery cut straight to our specialist fieldsman Joff Johnson in gully, nice grab Joff, 1-0. Three balls later their number three Tom Walsh hit a hard drive to the right of close in fielder Garry who got finger tips to it but went for 2. Paul Georgiadis opened from the other end. First ball, a hard attempted drive, snick, a quick reflex catch to slip, snaffled up by our President (our first slips catch this year I think), 2-2. Two balls later a hard lofted drive to Chris Yates just over head high, popped out of his hands, then two singles 2-4. John's second over and Chris made up for his dropped chance with a great return to run out the number 4 bat, 3 for 5 now. Paul's next over produced a powerful boundary then a neat piece of keeping by Peter Hall, took the catch, then stumped the player just in case, out both ways, now 4-9. The action continued, another great throw from Chris and yet another run out 5-10 after 5 overs, it looked like being a very short game the way it was going.

Tom Walsh was our stumbling block, never looked like getting out, paced his innings well and never gave us a chance. He needed support from the other end and got it from McKinn as they added 25 before Ajoy Roy was brought on with his spin bowling. A wicket first over thanks to another good catch at point by Christian O'Keefe, 6-35. Garry Winney came on from the other end and soon took a dollied leading edge catch 7-42 at the 20 over break. Talk of a 20/20 game afterwards was premature.

Ajoy continued and first over after drinks had Munro brilliantly caught by Chris Yates taking a running catch over his head (he had certainly made up for the earlier missed chance), 8-47. Walsh and number 10 opened out a bit but Ajoy soon was back taking wickets by bowling him, now 9-61 off 25 overs. We then had Evans come in and his text book back foot defence made hard work to get him out. Greg Brooks came on and somehow four successive yorkers beat his bat but missed the timberwork. Both he and Walsh batted sensibly till Paul Georgiadis took a screamer of a catch at midwicket off Mick McCormick – all out 98, Walsh a superb 44*. Well bowled, caught and fielded, guys.

Joff Johnson and Ajoy Roy played sensible cricket opening up, played themselves in and dispatched the bad deliveries. Neither appeared troubled and scored freely. It was a surprise when Joff was hit on the toe playing well forward and was out lbw for a well compiled 20. 1-46 with Ajoy Roy soon retiring for 32*. Keith Elloy played the wrong line and was bowled for 1 which brought in Mick McCormick. He was ready for an early finish and was into top gear right from the start. John Mesar worked the ones while Mick dispatched some lovely boundaries. A flick off his toes over midwicket fence for six was effortless. When he retired we needed two to win, Christian O'Keefe quickly polished that off, John making a safe 10* as we finished 2-100 off 24 overs.

Well played fellows in a game played in good spirits by both teams.

The Team was: - Ajoy Roy 32*, Joff Johnson 20, Keith Elloy 1, Mick McCormick 30*, John Mesar 10*, Christian O'Keefe 3*, Chris Yates dnb, Greg Brooks dnb, Garry Winney (c) dnb, Peter Hall (w) dnb, and Paul Georgiadis dnb.

The Result was:-

Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys: - 10-98 (37 overs) (A. Roy 3-15)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 2-100 (24 overs) (A. Roy 32*, M. McCormick 30*)

By 8 wickets

The Bowling was: - J. Mesar 7-0-16-1, P. Georgiadis 9-1-29-2, M. McCormick 6-1-15-1, Roy 5-0-15-3, G. Winney 5-2-7-1, G. Brooks 5-0-9-0

The Fielding was: Catches- 1 catch to each of C. O'Keefe, P, Hall (w), G. Brooks, G. Winney, P. Georgiadis, J. Johnson and C. Yates
Run outs- 2 to C Yates

Player Points: 3-Ajoy Roy; 2- Paul Georgiadis; 1- Mick McCormick

CLASSICS ROUND 7 v LANE COVE CAVALIERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2015: REPORT BY GARRY WINNEY

We had a newly prepared wicket, one side 40 metres to the grandstand fence other side 50m with cones so I expected a high scoring game. We had a replacement player Kannan for the game as a last minute sub. Wicket had a tinge of green, bowlers wanted first use, batters said think of bowling first then bat. Lost the toss, their captain said *'don't know what to do, so we will bat'* – must be a universal thought.

The wicket proved difficult to bat on, the ball not coming on as quick as expected, and plenty of lift for the bowlers. After 2 maiden overs a drive drolled straight to Peter Rolls off John Mesar's bowling 1-0. A couple of agricultural swipes & two smashing cuts went for 4 until Dale Richards got the faintest nick and keeper Peter Hall took a simple catch 2-18. Next in their best bat Treweek played a sheet anchor role as runs proved hard to come by. They picked the wrong fielder to take on for a quick single, Garry Winney proved quicker and a run out to Peter Hall 3-30 off 10 overs. Sittampalam Ragavan ("Raga") and Paul Georgiadis tied them down and a brilliant piece of stumping by Peter Hall off Paul had them now 4-40, and at the break 4-48.

After drinks Garry Winney came on, bowling slow out swing and offies and immediately had a caught behind by Peter Hall 5-53. It was a carbon copy two overs later Peter taking another catch off Garry 6-59. Treweek started opening out as he was running out of partners, one

leading edge off Garry went for six but on his retirement wickets continued to fall. Yep another caught Peter Hall bowled Winney as Garry got some balls to steeple at times. 7-74. You couldn't keep Peter out off the game. Another run out, this time by some good fielding from Paul Georgiadis whose throw to Peter Hall was spot on. 8-83. A towering six upped the runs until Paul took a good catch off John Mesar on his return to the crease, now 9-96 with Treweeks return. He got them over the 100 mark but a lovely yorker on the last ball of the innings by Paul knocked over their last bat. All out 106.

A great bowling effort, very few bad deliveries, good fielding highlighted with some excellent saves and throws from our 11th man, 'super-sub' Kannan and a first class performance from Peter Hall behind the stumps. Did I mention him in my report earlier? When have we had a keeper take 4 catches, 1 stumping, and 2 run-outs in an innings before – 7 dismissals. We won't mention the two near misses, Peter.

A truly stunning performance. Are these 7 dismissals by a keeper a club record? Certainly for a Classics' team. We may need former President Ron Holmes to check his own wicket keeping feats over his many years behind the stumps for the C&S team.

We didn't want to get complacent and have a batting collapse as they had a decent bowling attack with the Pym brothers playing. Joff Johnson and Sittampalam Ragavan ("Raga") saw off a hostile attack, each cutting and pulling boundaries before Joff chopped a cut shot onto his stumps, 1-20. Ajoy Roy played carefully but then opened out with two sixes pulled over midwicket. Raga was out to a good low down catch for a well compiled 21, 2-64 off 14 overs. When Peter Rolls went out we had thoughts off some batting bonus points now. After a first ball wild swipe he calmed down with two singles. Ajoy had now retired at 30* - 2x6s, 3x4s and Christian O'Keefe came in to face Dick Pym. Peter began launching on the slow bowling at the other end – 26 in two overs included two sixes over the grandstand out onto the street (no cars dented thankfully) while Christian was like a rock at his end; he wasn't getting out. Peter had only been out there for a few overs and had now retired 30* – 2x6, 3x4, now 2-99 off 20 overs. We hoped to get four bonus points if we got the runs with less than 24 overs bowled. John Mesar managed to win the game by the 22nd over with some perfectly timed shots to the fence. Christian's 2* did his job as 44 runs were added at the other end.

A fine batting performance from the top order made for a pleasing team effort with all players contributing. The win will keep us in the top five teams in the comp. It was an enjoyable game and a few cleansing ales with the opposition afterwards, what more could you want to do on a Sunday afternoon?

The Team was:- Joff Johnson (16), Sittampalam Ragavan 21, Ajoy Roy 30* (ret), Christian O'Keefe (2*), Peter Rolls 30* Ret, John Mesar (8*), Garry Winney (c) dnb, Dale Richards dnb Peter Hall (w) dnb, Paul Georgiadis dnb and Kannan dnb

The Result was:-

Lane Cove Cavaliers: 10- 106 (40 overs) (G. Winney 3-17)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.:- 2-107 (22 overs) (A. Roy 30*; P Rolls 30*)

By 8 wickets

The Bowling was: - D. Richards 7-2-20-1, J. Mesar 6-1-9-2, S. Ragavan 5-1-13-0, P. Georgiadis 9-3-27-2; A. Roy 4-0-14-0, G. Winney 9-3-17-3

The Fielding was: - P. Hall 4 catches; 1 stumping ; 2 run outs 1 each to Garry Winney and Paul Georgiadis

Player Points: - No details given

CLASSICS ROUND 8 v PARRAMATTA AT McCREDIE OVAL
GUILDFORD ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2015: REPORT BY GARRY
WINNEY

A lovely cricket day greeted us and what a funny day's cricket was played.

The wicket was very dry with some tinges of green in patches. We lost the toss (again). When the coin was tossed, neither captain had won a toss all season; I maintained my record. So we bowled. Funny that! We were three short at starting time (all lost/late). They provided an under 12s boy to sub which was gratefully accepted. It also meant two of our opening bowlers were not there.

Paul Georgiadis and Ajoy Roy opened and I don't think Parramatta were ready for such a slow attack. They played the accurate bowling conservatively with only 11 off four overs before the lost players arrived. Ajoy got a nick behind to Peter Hall: 1-16 off 6 overs.

We attacked throughout the game. The bowling was tight line and length and they had to earn their runs. Garry Winney replaced Ajoy and a clever piece of fielding from Mick McCormick achieved a run out that had them 2-34 off 12 overs. Their opening bat had played very safely for his 30* retired (2x4s) - the only fours hit in 15 overs. Mick McCormick then came on to bowl and had immediate success, a full toss lbw. (3-43). He also had at least three edges fly between our slips and gully. Joff Johnson came on to bowl (many of our players had never seen him bowl before), two overs of military mediums 0-4: – good job Joff. By the break 3-64 and I thought under 150 would be our target score.

We had one curious moment when Ajoy was no-balled. We all thought it strange as he never bowls no-balls. The umpire said he had six players on the leg side. None of us, nor the opposition had heard of that rule before and the umpire failed to produce any rulebook rule to support the decision (we just left it at that); umps are always right. *(Editor's Note- while it is perfectly proper not to dispute an umpire's decision, the umpire in this case was incorrect; there is no such rule in the Classics Competition – nor in the Masters)*

Our usual opening bowler Dale Richards came on now and had success straight away. They had obviously decided to step up the rate and Frank Crowe caught a towering slog at mid-off. Shortly afterwards, Paul Georgiadis took a vital catch at midwicket from their skipper, now 5-65. Dale's first ball next over hit the batters pad; the ball ballooned up, landed on his heel and slowly dribbled back to rest against the leg stump, just hard enough to dislodge the bail. (6-66). Dale now 3-1 off 7 deliveries. Why had I never thought of using an opening bowler as the sixth bowler before?

They consolidated as the heat took some effect on us. Mick McCormick tried his luck with a slow dummy chase after a ball. As soon as he heard the 'yes' call he swooped on the ball, his throw over the bails had the batter run out (again!): - 7-87 off 30 overs. Their tail wagged a bit and their opener returned to smash 16 off two overs before we had them out with wickets to Mick McCormick, Paul Georgiadis and Ajoy Roy.

A great bowling and fielding effort; Parramatta all out 128. We only needed a good start to steer us to a win (I thought). We got that from Joff Johnson and Frank Crowe (two lefties opening for a change). Parramatta bowled quite well but maybe pitched it too short as both batsmen deflected balls for ones. Both then played some beautiful pulls and drives for fours until Frank Crowe mistimed a hook and was caught at midwicket for a well compiled 18 (1-39). Joff Johnson continued on with a classic cut and cover drive for fours 32* retired. Then the whole game changed complexion, from 1-60 we lost Mick McCormick, bowled for 3, Ajoy Roy out for 0 from a ball that reared as his head, Chris Yates bowled for 7, Peter Hall caught behind 5, and Christian O'Keefe bowled for 0. In between all that carnage, Peter Rolls batted carefully but dispatched any bad balls for 4 for a well compiled 31* retired. Now 6-103 which became 7-103 with Dale Richards caught behind for 0. Garry Winney and Paul Georgiadis both carefully worked the ones and didn't give any chances as they got the winning runs with six overs to go. 7-129 a disappointing middle order effort though after being 1-60.

Whew, that got a lot closer than I had hoped. Parramatta fought it out right to the end like you expected any top side to do -an enjoyable game by both teams.

The Team was: - Joff Johnson 32* ret, Frank Crowe 18, Peter Rolls 31*ret, Mick McCormick 3, Ajoy Roy 0, Chris Yates 7, Peter Hall (w) 5, Christian O'Keefe 0, Dale Richards 0, Garry Winney (c) 11*, and Paul Georgiadis 12*

The Result was: -

Parramatta: - 10-128 (D. Richards 3-14) (39.5 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-129 (J. Johnson 32*ret., P. Rolls 31*ret.) (33 overs)

By 3 wickets.

The Bowling was: - P. Georgiadis 9-1-26-1, A. Roy 8.5-0-28-2, G. Winney 9-0-18-0, M. McCormick 5-0-30-2, J. Johnson 2-0-4-0, D. Richards 6-1-14-3.

F.O.W.: - 39 (F. Crowe) 65 (M. McCormick) 65 (A. Roy) 79 (C. Yates) 99 (C. O'Keefe) 99 (P. Hall) 108 (D. Richards).

The Fielding was: - 2 run outs - Mick McCormick; 1 catch to each of P. Hall (w), G. Winney, F. Crowe and P. Georgiadis.

Player Points: - No details given

CLASSICS ROUND 9 v LINDFIELD LARRIKINS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2015: REPORT BY GARRY WINNEY

After a week of rain we were thankful that Ed Smith and his C&S teammates had the covers down. We probably would have been washed out if not for their help. Thanks guys. The ground was damp around the outskirts of the covers but the wicket was in good condition. For the first time this season we won the toss and sent them in, hoping for a bit in the wicket for our bowlers.

Boy were we wrong, the Lindfield openers (one being C.C.N.S.W. member Peter Harrison who had represented C.C.N.S.W. at the SCG earlier in the year) he and other opener, Keen started out like it was a T20 game smashing our bowling all over the ground. Changes of bowling had no effect, as the 50 runs came up in 10 overs. We didn't help our cause by some full tosses and half volleys. Keen retired on 30* with Doug Latto coming in and continuing the assault. It wasn't until Dale Richards changed ends & hit top of the off stump to bowl Latto that we started our fight back (1-64 off 14 overs). Changing tactics from his inswing, Ajoy Roy bowled an over of spin which had immediate success as Peter Harrison didn't pick the *wrong'un* and his off drive thudded into Ajoy's chest and he clung onto it, a crucial wicket, now 2-74. Garry Winney came on for the last over before drinks. Their number 4 bat said *'thanks very much'* to the slower bowling and proceeded to miss it after trying to smash it out of the ground, bowled.

We had fought back to 3-84 at drinks. Under 150 was now the aim. John Mesar came back on to bowl and he too had immediate effect having Nes (a danger bat) caught at short cover by Garry Winney from a thunderous drive, 4-84. Next over they tried a quick single from Garry's bowling but couldn't beat Peter Rolls' under-arm throw from cover to Peter Hall – run out, now 5-85 and we were right on top and attacking. They inched their score along with 19 off the next 7 overs. John Mesar then bowled a *'jaffa'* clipping top of off stump, now 6-104. Next over Dale fielding in the shade of the trees on the cow corner boundary took a chest high pull shot catch off Garry Winney, now 7-106. Two overs later Garry's change of pace

(from slow to slower) duped the bat to bowl him, three balls later the same scenario as the batter missed a cut shot – bowled, now 9-110 with Keen coming in 30*. They hit six off Jay's over but Keen couldn't contain himself in having a go at Garry, same result caught Dale chest high on the boundary. All out for 116 with 6 overs to spare.

What an amazing comeback, once we were able to apply pressure to the batting it was a whole new ball game. Garry took his first 5 wicket haul in 26 years with C.C.N.S.W. –about time is all I can say. Well supported by John Mesar's second spell of 2-12 off 6 overs and some good fielding.

We faced a good fast bowler in Van der Walt so I told Joff & Ajoy to bat carefully, and if we were 30-40 by drinks that would be ok as long as we didn't lose early wickets. Their key bowler made both openers play and miss a few times but they attacked the second opening bowler, Joff Johnson pulling a boundary before Ajoy royhita a massive six but got out soon after chasing a short wide delivery popped up to cover, 1-21 off 4 overs. Peter Rolls and Joff then added over 50 with same great pull shots, drives, cuts as we got well on top. Joff played over a yorker scoring 28, (now 2-75) and Peter retired next over for a well compiled 30*, never giving them a chance. John Mesar hit a nice four but mistimed a shot and was caught. Christian O'Keefe came in; he and Keith Elloy got us to 98 before Christian was out caught. Keith was now timing the ball well and a few boundaries later we had passed them at the 30 over mark. A good batting display, guys.

Well, I still shake my head how we got back into that game, taking 9-42 after their start, from a team who were 5th placed, it was a tremendous team effort. We now play Sri Lanka the new competition leaders after Georges River lost to Parramatta. A win there could make it interesting for the last round as Sri Lanka play Georges River. If results go our way we could have three teams on 2 losses each for the season.

The Team was: - Joff Johnson 28, Ajoy Roy 14, Peter Rolls 30*, Keith Elloy 30*, John Mesar 4, Christian O'Keefe 2, Dale Richards 7*, Peter Hall dnb, Garry Winney (c) dnb, Jay Patel dnb and Paul Georgiadis dnb

The Result was: -

Lindfield Larrikins: - 10-116 (33.3 overs) (G. Winney 5-15)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-117(30.5 overs) (P. Rolls 30*, K. Elloy 30*)

By 6 wickets.

FOW:- No details given

The Bowling was: - P. Georgiadis 4-0-19-0, D. Richards 5-0-27-1, J. Mesar 9-1-23-2, J. Patel 3-0-13-0, A. Roy 5-0-19-1 and G. Winney 7.3-4-15-5

The Fielding was: - 2 catches D. Richards; 1 catch to each of A. Roy and G. Winney. 1 run out to P. Rolls

Player Points: - No details given

**CLASSICS ROUND 10 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2015: REPORT BY GARRY
WINNEY**

The match was played at the same time as Australia V Sri Lanka World Cup. We had Peter Rolls & Keith Elloy at the World Cup, they had 5 players at the Cup (including Harry Solomons – who had told me he had to include a fill-in team) I was prepared for a better group of fill ins. We were 3rd in the competition they were first, a win for us would put us about level with them on points – a lot to play for today.

As usual, we lost the toss and bowled (probably preferred that anyway). Dale Richards & Paul Georgiadis opened up and their openers had a good look at both until one opener decided to try hitting Paul out of the ground, missed and was well stumped by Peter Hall. Dale then took over, bowling some unplayable deliveries with both swing and cut of the pitch. He took two quick wickets lbw and bowled. Three for not many, maybe these fill-ins are only ordinary bats? Dale was spelled after 5 great overs and Mick McCormick took over. He soon had a wicket from a fine catch behind by Peter Hall, followed shortly after by a reflex ankle high catch in gully to Joff off Mick.

Five out for about 30, could we maintain this. John Mesar was beating the bat repeatedly without any luck with only their little number four proving a hurdle at this stage. Drinks 5-54.

Ajoy Roy and Raga were brought on after drinks & the two bats settled in scoring quickly.

They had I think seven left handed bats in the team. Later found out that Cuthbert Berenger their number 7 bat played 25yrs first grade with Gordon. They took control and re-introducing Dale, John and Mick had no effect. All the remaining bats worked the ones and occasional big hits added 8-10 runs per over. Even getting wickets didn't slow the run rate down (now you start to realise what batting depth they had).

After 40 overs 9-184 a great comeback from them, John was probably the unlucky bowler with numerous edges finishing out of players reach. Mick was well rewarded with four wickets while Dale's first spell was top shelf bowling. Paul his normal miserly 20 runs off his 7 over spell.

Now for a big effort to get on top of them batting wise. Joff Johnson and Raga opened with Joff quickly dispatching two pulled shots to the boundary. Raga did a classic cover drive for four but then the runs dried up with tight bowling and good fielding.

Raga was soon out from a booming drive caught at cover, shortly followed by Joff out to a brilliant diving leg side catch off a leg glance by the keeper. Frank Crowe came in and he too hit two powerful pull shots for four then the wheels fell off the team. The combination of tight bowling from both ends led to some poor shots, Ajoy Roy was stumped for 6, John Mesar bowled for 0, Mick McCormick chopped on for 1, Garry Winney mistimed a drive & was caught 1, The procession continued. Only Frank held on at the other end for a hard fought 27 runs. All out for 77.

Sri Lanka really applied the screws and we had no answer to coping with the pressure we were put under. They are worthy leaders of the competition on that effort today. We gave them a scare but couldn't maintain the intensity required.

Sri Lanka v Georges River first v second in the last round a well deserved clash of the top teams. Besides a hiccup against Ku-ring-gai on synthetic we have only been beaten by the top two teams.

The Team was: - Joff Johnson 8, Sittampalam Ragavan 12, Frank Crowe 27, Ajoy Roy 6, John Mesar 0, Mick McCormick 1, Garry Winney 1 (c), Peter Hall (w) 2, Dale Richards 12, Jay Patel 1, and Paul Georgiadis 4*.

The Result was:-

SRI LANKA LIONS: - 9-184 (40 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10/77 (29 overs)

By 107 runs

The Bowling was: - D Richards 7-1-28-2, P. Georgiadis 7-2-20-1, M. McCormick 9-1-38-4, J. Mesar 7-0-32-0, A. Roy 4-0-19-0, S. Ragavan 2-0-20-0, G. Winney 4-0-22-2.

The Fielding was: – 1 stumping to P. Hall; one catch to both J. Johnson and P. Hall

Player Points: - No details given

CLASSICS ROUND 11 v PENNANT HILLS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2015: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

Peter filling in as skipper for Garry Winney (who was doing the right thing and taking charge of his daughters' 21st birthday party) for the last game of the season. Some drizzle of rain the day before and in the morning and cloudy but some breaks of sun and the ambient in the mid-twenties. Comfortable conditions for these youngsters! The covers were on but somehow the covered wicket had wet spots but the uncovered wicket from the day before match (C.C.N.S.W. C&S v C.C.N.S.W. Masters) was dryer and so the captains decided on the latter. Slightly damp, some grass but wicket was still hard so I won the toss and batted.

The ball was popping so Joff Johnson and Ajoy Roy dug in like ANZACs and were watchful to get the shine off the ball before Ajoy swung out of the trench and went over the top of a full length ball. Frank Crowe was patient with focused binoculars as the ball was jumping around more than a babe in the roaring 20s. Tight bowling restricted us to just 55 from the first 20 overs. Joff was rewarded for his diligence with a well compiled 30*. Frank and Peter Rolls ran a couple of quick singles and Frank managed to pull a groin. Nothing new as Frank has always managed to strain something while batting with Peter. Peter played over the top of one. Mick McCormick, with his third game in four days was in great touch and quickly raced to 30* and retired. Frank was stumped trying to stand and deliver as he could not run anymore. Raga plundered 4 boundaries briskly in swashbuckling style. John hit their most dangerous bowler (Stu Clarke who had bowled 3 maidens earlier) for 2 almighty and sweetly timed sixes and 1 off another bowler to take his tally to 3 (bypassing any fours). Dale Richards hit a 6 off his first delivery (off Chase Viner), combining well with John to get our run rate up and so did Peter Hall with a cameo of 3 balls which included a boundary. A super effort to get to 171, with 116 off the last 20 overs. We knew this would be competitive but we still needed to bowl and field well as the pitch had settled down like a blue heeler shown a biscuit.

Paul Georgiadis led off our attack and landed them with military precision. Dale Richards at the other end struck in his first over with a beautiful in-swinging that took middle and off. 2 overs later he struck again with a cut shot that sizzled to the ever-reliable hands of Joff Johnson at gully. John Mesar replaced Paul and was harder to get away than a drunk in your ear. Economy rate of 2.4 and must have ran over a Leprechaun on the way to the ground not to get a wicket. Mick McCormick replaced Dale Richards and soon was in the thick of it with a well-deserved wicket of their 16 year old fill-in (who opened) to another sharp gully catch to Joff. He picked up the crucial wicket of their captain Chas Viner with a super seed through the gate. An amazing effort to bowl 9 overs straight after playing the previous day and Thursday....sponsored by Voltarin! Ajoy Roy replaced John and varied his length, width and height like bodies on The Biggest Loser to bamboozle 2 batsmen, 1 a catch and the other a brilliant stumping, both by keeper Peter Hall who was sharper than a Stanley knife. Raga took over from Mick and with athleticism worthy of an Olympian, on his follow through, picked up, turned and threw down the umpires end stumps to dismiss Stu Clarke who was going for his 30th run....not happy Jan! They already had Bosomworth retired at 30* and in the bank and they were ahead of the run rate but this run out knock the wind out of their sails. Max Anandappa came on after Ajoy and bowled a tight line and length to snare 2 wickets in 2 overs. When Bosomworth came back in they needed 36 off 4 overs with 1 wicket in hand. Dale came back on and pegged back Bosomworth's middle stump with 2 and a half overs remaining. A very satisfying win. Beer sure does taste better after a win. To Pennant Hills credit, they too stayed behind for a beer and to celebrate an exciting game and reflect on a good season that we are all grateful to still be able to play.

The Team (and batting) was: - Ajoy Roy 7, Joff Johnson 30*, Frank Crowe 26, Peter Rolls (c) 2, Mick McCormick 30*, Sittampalam Ragavan 21, John Mesar 25*, 26, Dale Richards 9, Peter Hall (w) 6, Maximus Anandappa dnb, and Paul Georgiadis dnb.

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: 5-171 (40 overs). (J. Johnson 30*, M. McCormick 30*, F. Crowe 26, J. Mesar 25*, S. Ragavan 21).

Defeated

Pennant Hills 10-141 (37.3 overs) (D. Richards 3-25, M. McCormick 2 -24, A. Roy 2 - 35, M. Anandappa 2 -4.

By 30 runs

The Bowling was: - P. Georgiadis 5-0-23-0, D. Richards 7.3-1-25-3, J. Mesar 7-2-17-0, M. McCormick 9-1-24-2, A. Roy 5-0-35-2, S. Ragavan 2-0-0-8, M. Anandappa 2-0-4-2.

The Fielding was: - 2 stumpings and 1 catch by Peter Hall, 2 catches by Joff Johnson.

Player Points: - 3-Mick McCormick, 2-Dale Richards, 1-John Mesar