

## C.C.N.S.W.CLASSICS MATCH REPORTS 2019-2020 SEASON

### CLASSICS ROUND 1 v BURWOOD AT ROTHWELL PARK, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 2019: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE

C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and elected to bat. Apart from a couple of well struck boundaries from Peter Rolls, scoring proved difficult on a slow low wicket against a steady Burwood attack and early wickets left us on 3-42 after 14 overs. Greg Brooks and Mick McCormick consolidated with a partnership of 35 before Brooksie was caught trying to push things along and Mick retired shortly afterwards. A collapse of 4-15 left us in a trouble at 8-110 in the 34<sup>th</sup> over until Garry James' (28\*) late hitting got us to a more respectable 143. We were bowled out in the penultimate over with Mick not being able to add to his 32.

We needed to start well and Stuart Ridge struck early, bowling the opener second ball of the innings. Mick Knox followed with a second breakthrough to have Burwood at 2-9 after 5 overs but the strong Burwood batting line up were able to keep the score ticking over. After removing the dangerous no. 4, Shamatov, at 3-28 in the ninth over, there was an opportunity to apply some pressure. However, a couple of let offs for the next man in proved costly, allowing Burwood to reach 97 before further loss. A tidy spell from David Craig and three wickets to Garry James kept us in contention but Burwood had too much in hand and were able to accelerate when required, comfortably closing out the win in the thirty seventh over.

On a positive note only 2 sundries were conceded – a credit to the bowlers with the new leg side wide rule in force and a tidy performance behind the stumps from Glenn Mortell.

Burwood were a strong side with depth in batting and bowling. C.C.N.S.W. batting never really got going and we fell at least 25 short of a competitive total. Burwood had to work for the win, but we weren't able to build up enough pressure, missing some key chances and conceding a few too many soft runs.

**The Team was in batting order (playing 12):** - Mike Pinter 1, Peter Rolls 16, Mike Weaver 4, Mick McCormick 32, Greg Brooks 20 , Andrew Spedding 12 , Mike Downey 4, Glenn Mortell (w) 6, Garry James 28, Stuart Ridge (c) 0, David Craig 4 and Michael Knox dnb

**The Result was:** -

**C.C.N.S.W.:10-143** (38.4overs) (M. McCormick 32)

**Lost to**

**Burwood C.C.:** **6-144** (37 overs) (G. James 3-30)

**By 4 Wickets**

**FoW:** - 1-9 (M. Pinter); 2-20 (P. Rolls); 3-42 (M. Weaver); 4- 77(G. Brooks); 5- 95 (A. Spedding); 6-102 (M. Downey); 7-109 (G. Mortell); 8-110 (S. Ridge) 9-141 (D. Craig); 10-143 (M. McCormick)

**The Bowling was:** - S. Ridge 8-1-34-2; M. Knox 7-0-27-1; A. Spedding 3-2-18-0; G. Brooks 2-0-7-0; G. James 9-0-30-3; D. Craig 6-0-17-0; M. McCormick 2-0-9-0

**The Fielding was:** -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to S. Ridge; one to A. Spedding

Run outs: - Nil

**Player Points (awarded by Umpires):** 3 – G. James; 2 – M. McCormick; 1 – S. Ridge

**CLASSICS ROUND 2 v LINDFIELD LARRIKINS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019: REPORT BY MICK  
McCORMICK**

Back to Camperdown on a worn and weary wicket furthest from the stand. Captain Stuart Ridge won the toss and chose to bat. Mike Pinter and Mick Weaver opened the batting. (The team has more Micks than a St Patricks day lunch). In the second over Mick Weaver in attempting a run was impeded in the straight when the bowler dived in front of him, slowing him down to ensure an easy run out for Lindfield.

Peter Rolls was batting well (17) then slammed a fully blooded forehand back to the bowler and was miraculously caught in a reflex grab at the ball. Mick McCormick patted a few back and then clipped a well time drive off his pads some eight inches off the ground to be plucked up very well at backward square. Two good catches had ensured the pressure quickly mounted on C.C.N.S.W.. Undaunted, Mike Pinter, like a good accountant kept compiling the numbers. However when John Munden went LBW at 4-55 the captain was a little concerned.

Mike Pinter then consolidated with Glenn Mortell forming a much needed partnership, both retiring on 30\*. Martin Speiser (32) in his first game for the club put a very useful 30 together. Garry James and Mike Downey attempted to up the scoring rate as the overs diminished but succumbed. David Craig hit some good shots for a quick fire 7. Mike Pinter returned (44\*) and patiently added to his score. Glenn Mortell (43\*) hit three consecutive fours off the last three balls, a perfect final over finish resulting in C.C.N.S.W. posting a reasonable target of 169. Providing the bowlers could take wickets and keep the pressure on Lindfield (who had a reasonably strong top order) the target was defendable.

Following the tea break, full courtesies were shown to the umpire. The opening attack of Stuart Ridge and Joe Scarcella both settled into good lines. Stuart got an early breakthrough bowling the opener. Mick McCormick bowled like a junior school band, not a lot of rhythm but the occasional in tune high note that produced some wickets. The pitch was definitely keeping lower. Garry James bowled consistently and lacked a little luck in not rapping up the tail earlier. David Craig bowled some biting leg breaks and got a good wicket with a nice zooter. Stuart Ridge came back into the attack and had immediate results taking the remaining wickets in concert with the spinners.

A good result rolling Lindfield for 116.

**The Team was (playing 12):** – Mike Weaver 3, Mike Pinter 44\*, Peter Rolls 17, Mick McCormick 0, John Munden 5, Glenn Mortell (w) 43\* ret, Martin Speiser 32, Mike Downey 6, Garry James 0, Joe Scarcella 2, David Craig 7 and Stuart Ridge (c) dnb

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 9-169 (M. Pinter 44\*; G. Mortell 43\* ret) (40 overs)

**Defeated**

**Lindfield Larrikins:** 10-116 (M. McCormick 4-21; S. Ridge 3-15) (31.1 overs)

**By 53 runs**

**FoW:** – 1-10 (M Weaver); 2-37 (P. Rolls); 3-50 (M. McCormick); 4-55 (J. Munden); 5-114 (M. Downey); 6-126 (G. James); 7-140 (D. Craig); 8-147 (J Scarcella); 9-157 (M. Speiser)

**The Bowling was:** – S. Ridge 7-1-15-3; J. Scarcella 6-1-28-0; M. McCormick 4-0-21-4; G. James 9-1-26-2; M. Weaver 4-1-11-0; D. Craig 1,1-0-6-1

**The Fielding was: –**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One each to G. James, M. McCormick and M. Pinter

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points:** - Three points to M. Pinter; Two points to M. McCormick; One point to S. Ridge

**CLASSICS ROUND 3 v KU-RING-GAI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

A perfect day for cricket with a green hard wicket and a dry lightning fast outfield at Camperdown for the Classics encounter with the northerners from Ku-ring gai.

Our opponents elected to bat first and soon found the line and length of Mick Knox and Stuart Ridge difficult to score from. Early success for Mick with a caught behind and a clean bowled soon had Kuringai 2-24 and quickly 4-26 following the introduction of the Pres Greg Brooks, who bowled 9 overs unchanged to lock up an end.

The introduction of David Craig for the last over before drinks saw the damaging Budden undone by a terrific delivery and Ku-ring gai lurched to 5-56 after 20 overs.

The resumption saw an improvement in the run rate but regular breakthroughs saw Ku-ring gai all out for 139 with Martin Speiser, Mick McCormick and the returning Stu Ridge all taking wickets. Dave Benson tweaked his hamstring which was a pity as he was fielding superbly and we hope he is ok.

A superb afternoon tea well put together by Mick Weaver was consumed by all and the C.C.N.S.W. boys then began the chase. Mick Beergah (17) and Mick Pinter (30\* ret.) opened up and ran really well between wickets to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

Mick McCormick sporting a new Maroon colour helmet (???) ... We are the Blues, Mick!) seemed determined to bat out the match, his glacial pace cooling us all down on a hot afternoon! Some discussion centered around what the Australian selectors would make of Mick's cautious batting should he adopt the same approach at the Nationals in Perth next week! In all seriousness we wish him, Mick Weaver and Mike Pinter all the best in the tournament. We did lose a couple of wickets quickly while still in control on the scoreboard so a partnership was needed with Martin Spieser. Batting around this was Glenn Mortell (31\* ret.) who made it look easy and ensured we remained on top. A cluster of wickets with victory in sight saw us finish 7 down with 10 overs to spare and a bonus point in the bank.

A solid display from all team members, well led by skipper Stuart Ridge and played in the right spirit by both sides.

Well played gents and we move on to the next match in two weeks.

**The Team was (playing 12):** Mike Pinter (30\* ret), Mike Beergah (17), Russell Biddle (0), Mick McCormick (21), Greg Brooks (9), Dale Richards (0), Glenn Mortell (w) (31\* ret), Martin Speiser (12), David Craig (0), Stuart Ridge (c) (0), Mick Knox 1\*, David Benson dnb.

**The Result was:-**

**Ku-ring-gai all out 139** (40 overs)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** – 7- 140 (**G. Mortell 31\***; **M. Pinter 30\***) (29.5 overs)

**By 3 wickets.**

**FoW:** - 1- 45 (M. Beergah); 2-53 (R. Biddle); 3-72 (D. Richards); 4-72 (G. Brooks); 5-134 (M. McCormick); 6-134 (S. Ridge); 7-134 (D. Craig);

**The Bowling was:** – S. Ridge 7-3-11-1; M. Knox 9-2-22-2; G. Brooks 9-1-34-2; D. Craig 5-0-27-2; M. Speiser 5-0-12-1; M McCormick 6-1-26-2

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: - Nil;

Catches: – One each to G. Mortell (w) and D. Richards

Run outs: – Nil

**Player Points: - S. Ridge 3; M. Knox 2; M. Pinter 1**

### **CLASSICS ROUND 4 v ROSEVILLE LORDS AT ROSEVILLE PARK, ROSEVILLE ON SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE**

Roseville won the toss and elected to bat on an overcast day at Roseville Park.

There was plenty of encouragement for the new ball bowlers but it looked like a frustrating day was on the cards, with the ball evading the field and runs ticking over until Stuart Ridge removed both openers in the 9<sup>th</sup> over. President Greg Brooks picked up another wicket in his first over but he along with Mick Knox and Garry James had no further luck despite beating the bat and drawing frequent false shots, with nothing going to hand. Despite losing another wicket to a smart run out, Roseville must have been eyeing 200 plus at 4-132 in the 29<sup>th</sup>. However, a great death spell from Andrew Spedding with 3 wickets, supported by tight bowling from Garry James and the returning skipper restricted Roseville to 8-172 at tea.

Mike Weaver started with positive intent but unfortunately lofted his first ball straight to mid-off for an early setback. Classics debutant Peter Nielsen and Mike Pinter steadied things as we slowly consolidated and it was good to reach drinks with two in the bank and no further loss. We were confident with nine wickets in hand requiring 5 an over off the last 20 but after chipping away another 20 we lost a couple of quick wickets. Any jitters were quickly dispatched by some sweet hitting to the short boundaries from the President with an explosive 30\* off just 12 balls. This took the pressure off, leaving Martin Speiser (23), a quick cameo from the skipper (15) and a returning Punter to finish things off in the 36<sup>th</sup> over.

Another good all round effort takes us to three wins on the trot and fourth on the ladder with a tough game against unbeaten Warringah next.

**The Team was:** Mike Weaver (0), Mike Pinter (w) (38\*), Peter Nielsen (33\*), Mick McCormick (2), Andrew Spedding (11), Martin Speiser (23), Greg Brooks (30\*), Mike Downey (1), Garry James (1), Stuart Ridge (c) (15), Mick Knox (4\*)

**The Result was:-**

**Roseville: 8-172 (A. Spedding 3-17; S. Ridge 3-19) (40 overs)**

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 7- 173 (M. Pinter 38\*; P. Nielsen 33\*; G. Brooks 30\*) (36.2 overs)**

**By 3 wickets.**

**FoWs:-** 1- 0 (M, Weaver); 2-83 (M, McCormick); 3-90 (A, Spedding); 4-143 (M, Downey); 5-144 (G, James); 6-161 (M, Speiser); 7-165 (S, Ridge);

**The Bowling was:** – S. Ridge 8-1-19-3; M. Knox 8-0-34-0; G. Brooks 8-1-34-1; G. James 9-1-34-0; M., Speiser 1-0-7-0; A, Spedding 6-1-17-3

**The Fielding was: –**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: – S. Ridge 1, M. Weaver 1, M. Downey 1

Run outs: Ridge/Pinter 1

**Player Points:** - S. Ridge 3, A. Spedding 2, G. Brooks 1

## **CLASSICS ROUND 5 v WARRINGAH AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE**

Cricketers' Club won the toss and elected to bat against an unbeaten Warringah.

Scoring wasn't easy against an accurate opening attack and we lost Mike Pinter early. Pete Nielsen and Glenn Mortell consolidated but the steady Warringah pair both completed tight 9 over spells. Just as we were looking to build, Glenn was bowled trying to force the pace and Peter had to retire with a calf tear. After the double bowling change, Mick McCormick also fell cheaply to leave us effectively 4 down for 62 at drinks.

Fortunately, our trio of lefties were able to pick things up against the change bowlers with Martin Spieser just falling short of retirement for a well made 27, President Brooks threatening another explosive knock before being robbed of a third six by a fingertip catch on the boundary, and Andrew Spedding getting to his 30\* with the last ball of the innings to take us to a more competitive 175 at tea.

Stuart Ridge and Mick Knox both picked up a valuable early wicket to set back the Warringah run chase which then proceeded to 32 without further loss in the first 10 overs. Greg Brooks replaced the skipper, slotting into a great spell of stump to stump bowling. He joined Knox to strangle the Warringah innings, picking up a couple of wickets each with a succession of batsmen bowled or trapped in front and only 15 more runs added through to the drinks break,

Any hope of a Warringah recovery was smashed when a fired up Brooksie got another one through the defences of the Warringah skipper first ball after drinks in a perfect response to the send-off he had received in our innings.

A cameo from the Warringah number 9 delayed the victory push before the President completed a well deserved 5 wicket haul and David Craig finished things off with a neat caught and bowled to round out a clinical performance from the bowling unit.

Not quite the same excitement as the nail biters against Georges River and Mosman last year but a great all round effort against one of the top sides.

**The Team was (playing 12):** Mike Pinter (5), Peter Nielsen (24\* ret hurt), Glenn Mortell (w) (15), David Benson (8), Mick McCormick (5), Martin Speiser (27), Greg Brooks (23), Andrew Spedding (31), Garry James (12), Stuart Ridge (c) (6), David Craig (4\*), Mick Knox (dnb)

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 8–175 (A. Spedding 31) (40 overs)**

**Defeated**

**Warringah: 10-81 (G. Brooks 5-21)(27.3 overs)**

**By 94 runs.**

**FoWs:** - 1- 6 (S. Ridge); 2-9 (M. Pinter); 3-47 (G. Mortell); 4-62 (M. McCormick); 5-73 (D. Benson); 6-117 (G. Brooks); 7-127 (M. Speiser); 8-53 (G. James)

**The Bowling was:** S. Ridge 5-1-12-1; M. Knox 9-3-20-3; G. Brooks 9-3-21-5; G. James 4-1-16-0; D. Craig 0.3-0-4-1

**The Fielding was: -**

**Stumpings:**

**Run Outs:**

**Catches:** D. Craig 2; M. Pinter 1, M. McCormick 1,

**Player points:** G. Brooks 3, A. Spedding 2, M. Knox 1

### **CLASSICS ROUND 6 v PENNANT HILLS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2019:**

No report has been received

**The Team was:** - Mike Weaver 30\* ret; Mike Pinter 14; David Benson 12, Glenn Mortell (w) 1, Mick McCormick 23\*, Garry James 33\* ret. Stuart Ridge (c) 0, Michael Downey 2, Joe Scarcella 0, David Craig 4\*, Mick Knox dnb

**The Result was:-**

**Pennant Hills: - 10-122**

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 6-126 () (32.1 overs)**

**By 4 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1- 25 (M. Pinter); 2-59 (D. Benson); 3-70 (G. Mortell); 4-107 (S. Ridge); 5-111 (J. Scarcella); 6-111 (M. Downey)

**The Bowling was:** - S. Ridge 5-0-18-1; M. Knox 6-0-28-0; J. Scarcella 7-0-33-2; G. James 8-0-19-3; D. Craig 3.2-0-8-3; M. Weaver 1-0-11-1

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: 2 to D. Craig; one to each of J. Scarcella and M. Weaver

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points:** - Three points to G. James; Two points to M. Weaver; One point to J. Scarcella.

### **CLASSICS ROUND 7 v GEORGES RIVER AT BLAND OVAL ON SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE**

*"A bad toss to win"*

The Cricketers' Club won the toss and risked batting first on a cool hazy afternoon after a brief shower before start of play.

At 2 down in the second over the skipper was quickly regretting that decision but Mike Pinter and Mick McCormick looked to be steering us out of trouble taking the score to 37 in the tenth over without

further loss. Sadly, that was as good as things got, with the loss of 4 wickets for 5 runs ripping out the middle order to leave us reeling at 6-42. Glenn Mortell and Andrew Spedding briefly stopped the rot but, with runs hard to come by, the hoped for lower order cameo didn't materialise as we succumbed for 59 all out after only 22 overs. Up against a strong attack in difficult conditions, a couple of harsh lbw decisions confirmed it was not our day.

Stuart Ridge took wickets with his first ball to each of the openers and Greg Brooks, into the attack early, also picked up a quick wicket to give us some hope we could at least make them work for the win. However, a counter attacking knock from the Georges River number 5, taking advantage of the short straight boundaries, quickly snuffed out any thoughts of a miraculous comeback and they passed our total at 3 down in the 15<sup>th</sup> over

A sobering loss to bring our winning streak to a halt with two more tough games against top teams to come in February.

**The Team was (playing 12):** - Mike Weaver (0), Mike Pinter (17), David Benson (1), Mick McCormick (12), Peter Rolls (0), Glenn Mortell (w) (7), Greg Brooks (0), Andrew Spedding (3), Garry James (2), Stuart Ridge (c) (5), David Craig (0\*), Mick Knox (dnb)

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10 –59 (22.1 overs)

**Lost to**

**Georges River:** - 3 – 60 (15.3 overs)

**By 7 wickets.**

**FoWs:** - 1- 4 (M. Weaver); 2-5 (D. Benson); 3-37 (M. Pinter); 4-37 (M. McCormick); 5-42 (G. Brooks); 6-42 (P. Rolls); 7-51 (G. Mortell); 8-53 (A. Spedding); 9-55 (S. Ridge); 10-59 (G. James).

**The Bowling was:** - S. Ridge 5-1-9-2; M. Knox 3-0-12-0; G.J. Brooks 4.3-0-20-1; G. James 3-1-17-0

**The Fielding was:-**

Stumpings: - none

Run outs: - None

Catches:- M. Pinter 1, S. Ridge 1

**Player Points:** - S. Ridge 3. M. Pinter 2, M. McCormick 1

## **CLASSICS ROUND 8 v MOSMAN AT RAWSON OVAL, MOSMAN ON SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE**

C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and batted first on a sticky day at Rawson Oval.

Some green tinges in the wicket gave some encouragement to the Mosman opening attack. While scoring was difficult, Mick Weaver and Mike Pinter built a solid opening stand of 48 with Pinter retiring for a well made 32\* in the 14th over.

Peter Nielsen then fell quickly for a duck and 'Weaves' (13) was unable to build on his start leaving us 2 down for 64 at drinks.

Mick McCormick and Peter Rolls chipped in with 21 and 18 and a couple of nicely struck boundaries each. However we struggled to find the necessary acceleration against the change bowlers only bringing up our 100 in the 31st over. The lower order picked up the pace in the last 10 overs with a

couple of mighty hits from Greg Brooks to the long Rawson boundaries getting us to a more respectable 8-159 at tea.

Missing some key bowlers, the experimental opening partnership of the medium fast Stuart Ridge and the slow off spon of Garry James took the new ball. Stuart found some life in the wicket but not the required early breakthrough. The Mosman openers were quick to put pressure back on to the bowling and fielding until a smart run out by David Benson and catch behind by Weaver off James left them 2-38 off 10.

Their strong middle order then took the game away from us scoring 70 off the next 10 punishing anything loose and taking advantage of some ragged fielding. With the gloom closing in after drinks, the main drama was whether we would complete the game before the approaching storm. Andrew Spedding, McCormick and Benson each picked up a wicket but Mosman comfortably closed out the win with over 12 overs to spare.

Outplayed in all departments against a very strong team, it doesn't get any easier next round against defending champions, Sri Lanka Lions.

**The Team was (playing 11):** - Michael Weaver (w) 13, Mike Pinter 32\*, Peter Nielsen 0, Mick McCormick 18, Peter Rolls 21, Martin Speiser 3, David Benson 13, Andrew Spedding 15, Garry James 9, Greg Brooks 18\* and Stuart Ridge (c) 1\*

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 8-159 (M. Pinter 32\*)** (40 overs)

**Lost to**

**Mosman C.C.:- 5-162** (27.5 overs)

**By 5 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1-48 (P, Nielsen); 2-62 (M, Weaver); 3-78 (M, McCormick); 4-87 (M, Speiser); 5-98 (P, Rolls); 6-126 (A, Spedding); 7-135 (D, Benson); 8-146 (G, James)

**The Bowling was:** - S. Ridge 7-1-29-0; G. James 7-0-39-1; A. Spedding 3-0-23-1; D. Benson 6.5-0-40-1 and M. McCormick 4-0-28-1

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of M/ Weaver (w), A. Spedding and M. Speiser

Run outs: - One to D. Benson

**Player Points:** - 3 points to M. Pinter; 2 points to M. McCormick; One point to G. Brooks.

### **CLASSICS ROUND 9 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT MONTE BENNETT OVAL, WENTWORTHVILLE ON SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2020: REPORT BY**

Cancelled; ground unfit because of rain

### **CLASSICS ROUND 10 v LANE COVE AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020: REPORT BY STUART RIDGE**

We removed the covers on a humid day at Camperdown to discover a well grassed wicket with a little moisture on the surface. C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and after a short deliberation, the temptation was too much for the skipper Stuart Ridge. who decided to make first use of the ball.



The opening attack of Ridge and Mick Tarrant each took an over to find their radar before, with only 2 runs on the board, the decision was more than vindicated as 3 wickets in 4 balls left Lane Cove reeling. Stuart picked up 2 assisted by a sharp catch in the gully from David Benson and a one handed screamer from Glenn Mortell behind the stumps, then Scott Wells took another smart catch in the gully off Mick's first ball of the next over.

Lane Cove were now in survival mode. The ball was jaggging around from both ends with Mick Tarrant beating the outside edge as well as being unlucky with a couple of close LBW shouts. Just as they looked like seeing out the opening spells, their number 4 shouldered arms to a big in-swinging from Stuart to lose his off stump and leave them at 4-7 in the 9<sup>th</sup> over.

Benson and Andrew Spedding then took up the attack and after a couple of looseners, also started hitting awkward lengths. A couple of boundaries looked to have eased the pressure before a double wicket maiden from 'Speds', including two more tidy catches behind to Glenn Mortell. There was no let up in his next over and another great finger tip catch from Peter Nielsen at slip rounded out the first session with Lane Cove at 7-34.

Mike Weaver and Garry James resumed after drinks as Lane Cove staged a minor recovery putting on 27 for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket. Garry finally broke the partnership nipping one back through the gate, Stuart returned to hit the top of middle stump for his fourth and the innings was wrapped up at 71 all out with a simple return catch to Wells off Garry.

Mike Pinter and Nielsen began the C.C.N.S.W. reply watchfully but the Lane Cove experiment of opening with leg spin provided too many wayward balls and after 6 overs we had already reached 32. Pinter raced to 24 putting away the loose stuff and confidently punching twos off the back foot off the seamer. He looked well set for a 30 then in keeping with many of the earlier dismissals got an awkward lifter, nicking one to first slip. Scott Wells got off the mark with a well struck boundary before another slip catch sent him back early, Peter Nielsen fell lbw and new player Marcus Van Vugt was bowled to leave us at 4-45 after 10 overs. A larger target may have caused a few more jitters but Weaver (19\*) and Benson (10\*) played solidly to knock off the remaining runs for a comfortable win in the 17<sup>th</sup> over.

A good bowling performance in helpful conditions was backed up by the best display of catching anyone could remember from a C.C.N.S.W. Classics team, with six sharp chances behind the wicket and in the cordon all taken, including three to wicketkeeper Glenn Mortell. There was still some assistance in the wicket for the Lane Cove bowlers but quick early runs and a solid closing partnership meant that even a minor collapse caused little drama.

**The Team was:** - Peter Nielsen 8, Mike Pinter 24, Scott Wells 5, Mike Weaver 19\*, Marcus Van Vugt 4, David Benson 10\*, Glenn Mortell (w) dnb, Andrew Spedding dnb, Mike Tarrant dnb, Garry James dnb, Stuart Ridge (c) dnb

**The Result was:-**

**Lane Cove: - 10-71 (S. Ridge 4-8; A. Spedding 3-11) (28.1 overs)**

**Defeated by**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-74 (M. Pinter 24) (17 overs)**

**By 6 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1- 32 (M. Pinter); 2-37 (S. Wells); 3-45 (P. Nielsen); 4-45 (M. Van Vugt)

**The Bowling was:** - S. Ridge 7-4-8-4; M. Tarrant 6-0-10-1; A. Spedding 4-2-11-3; D. Benson 5-0-12-0; G. James 3.1-0-12-2; M. Weaver 3-0-14-0.

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - 3 to G. Mortell (w); 2 to S. Wells; one to both D. Benson and P. Nielsen  
Run outs: - Nil

**Player Points:** - 3 points to S. Ridge; 2 points to A. Spedding; One point to G. Mortell .

**CLASSICS ROUND 11 v WESTERN SUBURBS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020:**

**Cancelled by rain**