

C.C.N.S.W. C&S MATCH REPORTS 2019-2020

CCNSW C&S TEAM IN QUARTER FINAL OF JACK PACE SHIELD v BALMAIN



Back Row: Mike Pinter, Jim Hadley, Soren Hughes, Tom Robertson, Ian Robertson; Jed Wesley-Smith; Ed Robertson

Front Row: Scott Wells; Simon James (c); Greg Brooks (President); Curtis Murray (w); Paul Nash.

C&S ROUND 1 v YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER, 2019

Game cancelled because of rain

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 1 v ST GEORGE VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

What a magnificent one-day strip prepared at Camperdown for the first JPS game of the 2019/20 season, it was a real credit to John Lee and his staff of groundsman in setting a new record for variable bounce and unexpected worm rooters in true Camperdown style. Simon James took one look at look at the pitch and the opposition and decided to bat with instructions to score no less than 400.

Sadly, St George Veterans couldn't get more than 7 players together nor could they produce 7 men aged less than 50. We kindly offered three of our blokes to field for them and sent Tom Robertson (as twelfth man) to the shops to make sure he couldn't lock in a hat trick of golden ducks. The simmering dry heat at this point was reminiscent of an oven ready to bake some meat pies on a Monday night.

Ian Allmey (49) and Mick Beergah (73) opened for us, two blokes as big as the grand canyon and they made real damage to some of the bowlers early. It didn't take long for Ian to get the fence posts singing like a xylophone in a kindergarten. The picnics soon began to disperse as Mick's marathon of quick singles motored on. Shortly after Ian had sent the ball over to the cafe for coffee and croissants, he missed a straight one (and a fifty). This brought Simon James (28) in for, by his standards, a quick cameo against the veteran bowling attack in briefly building a partnership with Mick.

Curtis Murray (16) was next in, hitting with lusty blows and solid striking, supported well by Mick turning the strike over and adding runs. While we wouldn't make 400, 250 was looking good. Brett James (42) took over from Curtis and contributed more quality hitting. Our only nemesis appeared to be the slightly damp and crumbly surface, which had quickly deteriorated after the first over play and was turning bouncers into yorkers. Variable bounce removed Brett James, Paul Nash and Mick Beergah (closing an innings of solid effort) in quick succession. Ed Robertson and Soren Hughes added 44 in the last four overs by committing to the front foot and we closed with 6-278 – Craig Kitson, Jim Hadley, Peter Buruma in the bag and Tom sitting on the bench. A good start to the year and potential for consistent results for the season ahead.

Peter Buruma opened the bowling with Soren Hughes, 'Brooms' leading the charge with 1 for 20 from 5 straight. Soren's first ball was a full toss to gully but he recovered to create some infield catching opportunities and some good bounce from the otherwise dead pitch. Wherever Simon James looked, there were bowlers with their hand up ready to go. Brett James challenged the batsman briefly and Jim Hadley's first over presented a missed stumping, a dropped catch and then another catch. He followed up with a second wicket next over and was the clear pick of the bowlers with 4 for 25 from seven overs. Craig Kitson bowled well at the other end, finishing with two wickets however was probably rushing through his overs due to the onset of rain.

Mr Nash and Ed Robertson closed out the Vets, Ed unlucky to miss out on a wicket more than once and unleashed figures of 0 for 3 from four overs. Mr Nash sealed the deal in the 32nd over at a total of 138, the Vets never really threatening the bonus point win for C.C.N.S.W.

Well played – and good performances from Mike Beergah, Ian Allmey, Jim Hadley, Edward Robertson and Craig Kitson.

The Team was: - Ian Allmey 49, Mike Beergah 73, Simon James 28 (c), Curtis Murray (w) 16, Brett James 42, Paul Nash 0, Edward Robertson 21*, Soren Hughes 22*, Jim Hadley dnb, Craig Kitson dnb, Peter Buruma dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: -6-278 (M. Beergah 74; I. Allmey 49; B. James 42) (35 overs)

Defeated

St George Veterans: - all out 138 (J. Hadley 4-25) (31.4 overs)

By 140 runs

FoW: - 1-64 (I. Allmey); 2-140 (S. James); 3-173 (C. Murray); 4-228 (P. Nash); 5-228 (B. James); 6-245 (M. Beergah).

The Bowling was: - P. Buruma 5-1-20-1; S. Hughes 4-0-18-0; Brett James 2-0-17-0; J. Hadley 7-2-25-4; C. Kitson 6-0-42-2; P. Nash 4-0-12-1; Ed Robertson 4-2-3-0.

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: One to C. Murray

Catches: One each to J. Hadley, S. Hughes and C. Murray (w)

Run outs: Nil

Player Points: - Three points to M. Beergah; Two points to I. Allmey; One point to J. Hadley.

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 2 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT DANGAR OVAL, ROSE BAY ON SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019: REPORT BY RICHARD CLARK

It was a lovely mild October day in Rose Bay when C.C.N.S.W. faced Cranbrook Old Boys at Danger Oval. In truth, we were playing a group of quite opinionated and very "young" boys.

Losing the toss, Captain Simon James was happy as Cranbrook went into bat on a greenish deck. An early wicket in the second over to Peter Buruma with a chop on was a great start. But a couple of missed caught and bowled opportunities and some flighty shot selection seeing the ball regularly and tantalisingly just fly over the circle saw Cranbrook reach 54 before 14-year-old Oliver bowled their number 3 who was staring skyward. Cranbrook was in control at 2-118 at drinks and continued after the break with their opener and number 4 reaching 65 and 75 respectively. Jim Hadley and Simon James tightened things up a little through the middle overs and Jed took a wicket with his first ball dismissing the opener with a great outfield catch by Mark Henwood at Long Off. More drop catches with balls now falling agonisingly short of outfield players were finally righted with a flurry of wickets at the end with some good keeping by Mitch and 2 wickets from Mark Hetherington, finished off by another bowled by Oliver Sissian-Turnbull. But Cranbrook Old Boys (*Young Boys?*) looked in control at the changeover with a healthy score of 6-231 from their 35 overs. Best of the bowlers were Mark Henwood with 2-18 off two overs at the death, Oliver with 2-60 (7 overs) and Peter Buruma 1-18 off four overs before he realised he'd tugged his hamstring in the warm up kicking the AFL ball.

After a slow start with no runs off the first 18 balls and Michael Beergah getting adjudged LBW, Tom Robertson and Richard Clarke slowly ticked over the scoreboard and saw off the Cranbrook openers. Tommy hit a couple of sixes off his legs and the bowling team were heard to say "*he's only got one shot!*" How little did they know about Tom's love of the '*Great Offside*'. Their change bowlers came on and were hit to all corners of the ground and were promptly removed from the attack - one bowler hit Tom 3 times with (slow/medium) beamers and was almost asked to wind up his spell by the ever knowledgeable and restrained Jed Wesley-Smith. With the score on 95 after 13 overs, Richard Clarke went for one too many poorly middled swipes and was caught for 31 (18). This didn't stop Tom's plundering and with Mitch Hetherington out there in support, the score raced to 2-132 by drinks with the Cranbrook Young Boys losing a little of their voice. With Tom (a heroic 84 from 69) falling shortly after drinks and Mitch (15 from 19) soon after, both to skied catches, C.C.N.S.W. still had some quality bats in the shed but looked a little less assured at 4-155. The new batsmen saw the run rate slow and a steady loss of wickets. Soren Hughes's solid 32 (24) kept us in the fight but with the fall of his wicket, the end came quickly with C.C.N.S.W. finishing bowled out for 202 from 32 overs.

History, and our Captain Simon James, would put the loss down to some undisciplined bowling, too many dropped (albeit tough) catches, our top order getting starts but not going on with it and the tail not wagging. A very even sharing of the responsibility.

But Tom walked away with the VBs and was the C.C.N.S.W. player of the match with his measured and striking 84 off 69.

Better luck next week boys.

The Team was: - Mike Beergah 0, Tom Robertson 84, Richard Clark 31, Mitch Hetherington (w) 15, Jim Hadley 8, Oliver Sissian-Turnbull 2, Simon James (c) 9, Soren Hughes 32, Peter Buruma 0, Jed Wesley-Smith (w) 2*, Mark Henwood 0

The Result was:-

Old Cranbrookians: 6-231 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: 10-202 (T. Robertson 84; S. Hughes 32; R. Clark 31) (32.4 overs)

By 29 runs

FoW: - 1-0 (M. Beergah); 2-95 (R. Clark); 3-144 (T. Robertson); 4-155 (M. Hetherington); 5-163 (J. Hadley); 6-167 (O. Sissian-Turnbull); 7-198 (P. Buruma); 8-198 (S. James); 9-202 (S. Hughes); 10-202 (M. Henwood).

The Bowling was: -S. Hughes 3-0-25-0; P. Buruma 4-1-18-1; O. Sissian-Turnbull 7-0-60-2; J. Hadley 7-0-44-0, S. James 7-0-27-0, J. Wesley-Smith 5-0-34-1 and M. Henwood 2-0-18-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: One to M. Hetherington

Catches: one to both J. Hadley and M. Henwood

Run outs: Nil

Player Points: - Three points to T. Robertson; Two points to M. Hetherington ; One point to J. Wesley-Smith

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 2 v BARKER OLD BOYS AT BARKER COLLEGE HORNSBY ON SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019:

No report has been received

The Team was: - Curtis Murray (w) 19, Tom Robertson 0, Ian Allmey 11, Mike Pinter 16, Mitch Hetherington 3, Simon James (c) 9, Paul Nash 16* Soren Hughes 36, Mick McCormick 9*, Greg Brooks dnb and Maxwell Jeffrey dnb

The Result was:-

Barker Old Boys: 10-129 (29.5 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 7-132 (S. Hughes 36) (29 overs)

By 3 wickets

FoW: - 1- 5 (T. Robertson); 2-26 (I. Allmey); 3- 35 (C. Murray); 4-44 (M. Hetherington); 5-59 (S. James); 6-69 (M. Pinter); 7-122 (S. Hughes)

The Bowling was: - M. Jeffrey 7-2-24-2; P. Nash 7-1-19-1; S. James 3-1-12-1; G. Brooks 4-1-26-1; S. Hughes 5-0-32-1 M McCormick 3.5-0-8-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: 2 to C. Murray (w); One to each of S. Hughes, M. Jeffrey and M. Pinter

Run outs: Nil

Player Points: - Three points to S. Hughes; Two points to G. Brooks ; One point to M. Jeffrey

**C&S JACK PACE ROUND 3 v YARALLA AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019: REPORT BY SIMON
JAMES**

On a very pleasant day at Camperdown C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and elected to bat. The C.C.N.S.W. XI was sporting a young debutant in wicket-keeper Declan Thomas.

Yaralla, made a strong start, making effective use of the short ball on a wicket that offered some pace and at times, irregular bounce. Both openers Tom Robertson and Mitch Hetherington were removed inside the first ten overs, bringing to the wicket captain Simon James and Paul Nash.

The two Englishmen, employing correct techniques and no shortage of stiff upper lip, set about rebuilding the innings. Nash was the early aggressor, unleashing a number of lofted drives as the pair put on more than 120 for the third wicket stand. Nash was out for 64 off 71 balls; James 84 from 71 balls. A late charge by Soren Hughes (22 of 16) meant C.C.N.S.W. was able to set a very respectable 5-236 from their allotted overs.

In response, Yaralla was undone by accurate bowling and by recent standards, a sublime fielding effort. Again, the Englishmen Nash and James led the charge, opening the bowling and restricting the opposition in the ever important initial overs.

It was then the turn of the spin trio of Jim Hadley, Craig Kitson and Mark Henwood to come to the fore, taking nine wickets between them in a fine display of bowling. The spin triplets were well supported by a very solid fielding display with Jed Wesley-Smith, and Tom Robinson both holding good catches, and some very tidy work behind the stumps by debutant Thomas.

In the end, 236 was always out of reach of Yaralla and the C.C.N.S.W. XI romped to a comfortable bonus point victory.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson (4), Mitch Hetherington (10), Simon James (c) (84), Paul Nash (64), Soren Hughes (22), Craig Kitson (8*), Jim Hadley (1*), Jed Wesley-Smith dnb, Simon Muggeridge dnb, Mark Henwood dnb, and Declan Thomas (w) dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-236 (S. James 84; P. Nash 64) (35 overs)

Defeated

Yaralla: – 10 – 112 (C. Kitson 4-5) (28.2 overs)

By 124 runs.

FoW: - 1- 19 (T Robertson); 2- 26 (M Hetherington); 3-145 (P Nash); 4-205 (S Hughes); 5-225 (S James)

The Bowling was: – P. Nash 5-0-22-0; S. James 4-2-11-0; S. Muggeridge 4-0-23-1; J. Hadley 5-0-14-3; J. Wesley-Smith 4-0-24-0; C. Kitson 5-4-5-4; M. Henwood 2.2-0-10-2

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil

Catches: – T. Robertson 2, P. Nash 1, D. Thomas 1, M. Henwood 1, M. Hetherington 1, J. Hadley 1, and J. Wesley-Smith 1

Run outs: – Nil

Player Points: - Three points to C. Kitson; Two points to P. Nash; One point to J. Hadley

**C&S JACK PACE ROUND 4 v RANGERS AT BIRCHGROVE PARK,
LEICHHARDT ON SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019: REPORT BY MARK HENWOOD**



There are only three sports: mountain climbing, bull fighting, and motor racing. All the rest are merely games, except cricket which is art. Cricketers are all apprentices in an art where no one ever becomes a master.

Birchgrove Oval itself is art. The first cricket field here was reclaimed from the harbour in 1885, and was home to the Sydney Cricket Club from 1897-1942. The field sits over ancient mudflats, where shellfish grew to feed the Eora nation for some 10,000 years, before colonialism and smallpox. Weathered stone seawalls poke through the soil, faintly marking the buried outline of Snail's Bay, grown old in their easy retirement.

Walk past the old caretaker's house and changing shed, to the path just below the old site of Birchgrove house, for a view of the harbour bridge past the wharves and sailboats. There was no bridge when Lieutenant John Birch named his home Birchgrove. The humble stone dwelling sat on the hill for 150 years before it was pulled down in 1967 and replaced by a dozen soulless moderns fighting for his view.

The day was overcast with gusty winds blowing off the harbour. It was one of those days that was pleasant enough when the sun shone, but when clouds hid the sun the wind was cool. Simon James, skipper, won the toss and decided to bat. It wasn't a long deliberation; everyone could see it was a road. Tapping the pitch made a sound like knocking the hardwood top of a well-polished bar and the sun burnt shoots of grass grazed your knuckles.

Hearing this news, Peter Buruma laid out on the grass, rolling on his balls, the kind you put under your back to massage yourself with. He complained about working Saturdays, and in a little while he fell

asleep with his cap over his eyes. Jed Wesley-Smith's new bat was passed around: the grain, the weight, the feel, all drew nods and knowing comments. Eventually, Curtis Murray tied up the long laces of his shiny new boots into long loops, and the game began.

Tom Robertson was dropped by the keeper on the first delivery. It shook him a little, and he played test for the next few overs. Meanwhile, Murray was playing straight, and striking some elegant fours down the ground. You could see those new boots glistening in the sunlight as he batted. Art.

An appeal broke over the rustle of the wind through the trees. Wesley-Smith raised the finger, Robertson out caught in gully. To everyone round about it looked a bump-ball. Tragedy. That's cricket though, anyone of us is only one ball away from a rough call. Use it next week Tom against Knox. 1-28 in the 5th.

Brett James joined Murray at the crease for a quality partnership of 58 runs from 10. Both worked the ball around the field. The outfield was lightning fast so anything past the fielder raced away. Drinks was coming along nicely. Murray struck a particularly fine 4 off the leggie, tried again, and was caught at long-on. A crow cawed moodily, turning his head to survey the field below him, from the roof of the changing shed. 2-86 in the 15th.

Paul Nash joined James at the crease. He was in a boundary striking mood. 4,4,4,4,6, out! Caught in the deep off the leggie too. Jim Hadley followed suit off a full toss by the part-timer not long after. It sounded sweet and crisp off the bat though. 4-126 in the 24th.

Soren Hughes walked out in his new helmet, safety first, swinging his weighty old blade. His first ball was struck sweetly for a 4. It was a sign of what was to come. Together with James the scoring rate lifted, and boundaries were flying all around the ground. Suddenly Hughes was bowled. The opposition skipper had been yelling instructions and trying to set his field, so called him back and the umpire signalled dead ball. Sportsmanship.

James edged a tired shot outside off behind with a couple of overs to go. So Buruma joined Hughes for a brief cameo of well-run 2s and 3s. Hughes then unleashed on the final over in a powerful display of hitting. One 6 landed up near the tennis courts and set off a kookaburra laughing. We all sat on the hill near the changing shed grinning as the over went for 18. That made 98 runs off the final 10. Wesley-Smith will have to wait to test his new bat. 5-233 after 35. No tea was provided by the hosts, so little camaraderie took place between the sides at the break. Instead, both teams rested in the gloomy coolness of the changing rooms. The skip said we probably left 20 odd runs on the field. It's his style; all stick and no carrot.

Nash and Buruma opened the bowling. The first few overs went by in a chanceless fury of boundaries. Heads went down, though if we could win from here, we could win from anywhere. Buruma pulled up lame. The world breaks everyone sometime. James finished his over. Short and wide, cut to Crooks at point. 1-32 in the 8th.

Greg Brooks came on to replace Nash. Cricketers don't grow wise, they grow careful. Brooks was careful. After picking up a leg side caught behind, and noticing how easily the batsmen were flicking 4s through fine leg, he bowled outside off to much better effect. (*President Brooks wants to make it clear that this was an off side caught behind, but that runs against the narrative*). Wesley-Smith bowled tidily from the tennis court end. Dot balls came more frequently, the required run rate started to go up again, and pressure built on the Rangers. Despite a couple of missed chances, the match was turning. Drinks, 2-78 after 18.

The pressure told; Wesley-Smith drew a slog that top-edged to mid-on. The spinners came on. Hadley picked up an LBW. At the other end, Mark Henwood was struggling to find his length. Scores were shouted out, "80 needed off 5". The batsman decided to go for it and ran down the pitch and missed a wide one. Murray flicked the bails off with a full arm stretch. It's good to be lucky, but it's better to be disciplined, then you're ready when luck comes. The match was all but over, drifting towards a C.C.N.S.W. win. Up on the hill a red setter bayed and howled in anguish. 5-151 in the 30th.

Hadley had a good LBW shout turned down. It looked plumb from mid-on. Cricket. The opener bought up his 100 by hitting Henwood out of the attack. We all take a beating every day, you know, one way or another. The openers had been a selfish and relentless innings, punctuated by some quality off-drives and flicks to backward square. Next over James, now bowling spin, beat a dirty slog to cow. Bowled. Hadley calmly finished off the match, defending the total. 6-201 after 35. C.C.N.S.W. win by 32 runs.

Balmain has more pubs than people, everyone knows that, so it was strange there were no beverages on hand. Instead of celebrating the win, Skipper James gave a speech. The fielding had been sluggish and there were too many pastries on offer from the bowlers. There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self. There will be tougher matches coming up this season, we will need to improve.

With that the players drifted into the late Sunday afternoon. This is a hell of a dull match report... How about some champagne?

In the style of Ernest Hemingway, Ian Henshaw.

The Team was: Tom Robertson 12, Curtis Murray (w) 41, Simon James (c) 61, Paul Nash 22, Jim Hadley 8, Soren Hughes 68*, Pete Buruma 2*, Greg Brooks dnb, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb, Mark Henwood dnb, Peter Crooks dnb.

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 5-233 (S. James 61, S. Hughes 68*) (35 overs)

Defeated

Rangers: 6-201 in 35 overs (Flaherty 116*)

By 32 runs.

FoWs: – 1-28 (T. Robertson); 2-86 (C. Murray); 3-116 (P. Nash); 4-126 (J. Hadley); 5-200 (S. James).

The Bowling was: – P. Nash 4-0-23-0; P. Buruma 2.1-0-12-0; S. James 4.5-0-23-2; G. Brooks 7-1-19-1; J. Wesley-Smith 6-1-30-1; P. Crooks 2-0-17-0; M. Henwood 4-0-41-1; J. Hadley 5-0-35-1.

The Fielding was: –

Catches: Crooks 1, Murray 1, Hughes 1

Stumpings: Murray 1

Run outs Nil

Player Points: - Three points to S. Hughes; Two points to G. Brooks; One point to C. Murray

C&S ROUND 5 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2019:

No report has been received

The Team was: - Mike Beergah 0. Craig Murray (w) 17, Simon James (c) 10, Tom Robertson 52, Ed Robertson 6, Soren Hughes 2, Jed Wesley-Smith 1, Greg Brooks 0, Mark Henwood 5, David Craig 21, Ian Robertson 21*

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 10-132 (T. Robertson 52) (33 overs)

Lost to

Knox Old Boys: 7-136 (34 overs)

By 3 wickets

FoW: - 1- 0 (M. Beergah); 2-25 (C. Murray); 3-41 (S. James); 4-55 (E. Robertson); 5-68 (S. Hughes); 6-73 (G. Brooks); 7-73 (J. Wesley-Smith); 8-96 (T. Robertson); 9-98 (M. Henwood); 10-134 (D. Craig)

The Bowling was: - Ian Robertson 7-0-26-1; Ed Robertson 7-1-26-1, G. Brooks 7-1-22-2, S. James 7-0-22-2, J. Wesley-Smith 3-0-10-0, S. Hughes 3-0-22-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: 1 each to C. Murray (w), Ian Robertson and T. Robertson

Run outs: One to D. Craig

Player Points: 3 points to G Brooks; Two points to Edward Robertson; One point to Ian Robertson

C&S JACK PACE ROUND 5 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

For us, it was a chance to stroll through the ordinary Jack Pace Shield rounds undefeated. For them, it was a must win, do or die contest against their old foe and sworn enemy, Cricketers' Club of NSW.

Sydney University Cricket was proud to announce the introduction of the Sydney Uni Lions to its pride for the 2017-18 season, a rebranding of the Sydney University Veterans. The Lions would close ties to its Grade club and maybe even give those Metro Cup kids a second game against some old blokes like Peter Buruma (how's the hammy mate?) and an unnamed pensioner who taps on with a gold card on his way to the game these days.

The Lions were however to be a 'social' team competing in the City & Suburban competition for 2017-18 and provide students with a fun and flexible cricket experience, whilst connecting with a vast network of its Alumni who play for C.C.N.S.W. and enjoy afternoons spent spanking balls around Camperdown as a new form of "pure maths", "cricket laws" or "advocacy by sledging".

We won the toss and batted. Curtis Murray looked the part with a solid on-drive but chipped one to mid-off. 1 for 5. Simon James joined Tom Robertson and made sure of every opportunity to run Tom out by reply. At one point, the keeper fumbled one at the stumps with Tom halfway down and the partnership grew with a number of well struck boundaries to 2 for 91 at drinks. Tom (on 30) edged one to the keeper and Mr Paul Nash (18) was a suitable replacement until a fielder on the fence saved a six on the fence off Paul Moorhouse.

Simon eventually missed a straight one on 51, leaving Sam Millar to do some damage. 6, dot or 4 was the order of business and a quick 42 from 23 balls was ended by yet another catch on the boundary. The new Robertson (Ed), looked to be building a good innings however a mishit on 17 led to his demise, caught, and left Soren Hughes and Jim Hadley to scrap it out over the last three overs. It was a victory for Jim on a count back, having connected more often. 6 for 225 meant time for the best (and only) tea in City and Suburban.

The Lions were well fed at tea so as not to take issue with the same bowler opening from both ends. He must be tired after 10 overs straight but we're all still wondering if it was Ed or Ian Robertson. Edwian? Well bowled either way, with figures of 2 for 46 from 10.

Not much has happened with the bat for the Lions who were 3-75 at the interval thanks to a wicket from Mr Nash. He and Jim Hadley tied them in knots for a while before Tim Croft decided the Lions' JPS existence could still be recovered and so he started to hit the boundary. Taking singles on nearly every ball, we put Edwian back in the game with a couple of run outs in succession. Edwian's father hit the stumps in the field at the expense of Paul Moorhouse and Mark Henwood also picked up a couple of wickets. With Mr Croft gone and not too much hitting left in the bag, the Lions crawled along to the end until we finished their JPS dreams with a last ball wicket.

So it's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and let's hope we all get through bushfire season without incident. Enjoy the break lads. Solid start to the season.

The Team was: Curtis Murray (w) 4, Tom Robertson 30, S. James (c) 51, Paul Nash 18, Sam Millar 42, Ed Robertson 17, S. Hughes 19*, Jim Hadley 20*, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb, M. Henwood dnb, Ian Robertson dnb.

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 6-225 (S. James 51, S. Millar 42) (35 overs)

Defeated

Sydney University Lions: 10-205 (35 overs)

By 20 runs.

FoWs: – 1-5 (Murray); 2-77 (T. Robertson); 3-108 (Nash); 4-139 (James); 5-184 (Millar); 6-195 (E. Robertson).

The Bowling was: – I. Robertson 7-0-40-3; E. Robertson 7-1-37-0; P. Nash 7-1-23-1; J. Hadley 6-0-29-1; J. Wesley-Smith 2-0-17-0; S. James 2-0-13-1; S. Hughes 2-0-16-0; M. Henwood 2-0-24-2.

The Fielding was: –

Run-outs: T. Robertson 2, I. Robertson 1

Catches: C. Murray (w) 2, S. James 1, J. Hadley 1

Stumping: C. Murray 1

Player Points: - 3 to Ian Robertson; 2 to S. Millar; One to Edward Robertson

C&S ROUND 7 vs SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL ON SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020

Match was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to intermittent rain and hazardous levels of bushfire smoke, so the team adjourned to the Camperdown Hotel for a JPS strategy meeting.

C&S ROUND 8 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2020:

Editor's note: "I Zingari (from the Italian for "the gypsies") Australia is amongst the oldest Cricket Clubs in Australia. Formed in 1888, 43 years after IZ was founded in England, IZA took the field for the first time on Saturday 29 September, 1888, defeating Newington Past and Present by 37 runs. Three years later it was

recognised by the famous English Club and was given permission to wear the English Club's black, red and gold colours (out of darkness, through fire and into light)." Extract from IZA web site

Cancelled by rain

C&S JACK PACE QUARTER FINAL v BALMAIN-SOUTH SYDNEY RANGERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020: REPORT BY SIMON JAMES

C.C.N.S.W. entertained Balmain South Sydney Rangers in the Jack Pace Shield quarter final on a viciously hot day at Camperdown Oval. Having easily defeated the opposition earlier in the season, C.C.N.S.W. entered the match as firm favourites.

As ever, the wicket at Camperdown was placid and the outfield quick, so it was no surprise CCNSW elected to bat first and escape the blistering heat of the early afternoon.

C.C.N.S.W.'s day was neatly summed up in the loss of their first wicket. One Curtis Murray, a fine striker of a cricket ball, managed to cloth a very gentle full toss to mid-wicket in the second over of the day without troubling the scorers. The home team contrived to regularly lose wickets, with set batsman getting themselves out on a good batting wicket. Simon James, Tom Robertson, Paul Nash and Jim Hadley all made double digit scores but failed to make a meaningful contribution, and probably gave the opposition bowlers too much respect. Soren Hughes made a quick fire 26* to provide some respectability to the score, but 7-162 was below par.

In response, Balmain got off to a rapid start through some inconsistent bowling. However, with a change of ends for Edward Robertson; and the subsequent introduction of Nash and Hadley, C.C.N.S.W. were able to claw back some of the momentum. Hadley in particular produced an excellent spell of bowling, finishing with figures of 3 for 19 from his seven overs. The fielding was courageous if a little lacking in execution at times, no doubt due to the intense heat and humidity. Balmain to their credit, and one batsman in particular who carried his bat for a well-made, undefeated half century, were able to reach their target with an over to spare and 4 wickets in hand.

It was an afternoon to forget for C.C.N.S.W. and congratulate Balmain for producing a better performance on the day. Onwards and upwards comrades!

The Team was: - Curtis Murray (w) 0. Scott Wells 3, Simon James (c) 28 ,Tom Robertson 36, Paul Nash 11, Mike Pinter 4, Jim Hadley 35, Soren Hughes 26*, Edward Robertson 14*, Ian Robertson dnb, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-162 (T. Robertson 36; J. Hadley 35) (35 overs)

Lost to

Balmain South Sydney Rangers.: 6-163 (J. Hadley 3-19) (34 overs)

By 4 wickets

FoW: - 1-1 (C. Murray); 2-22 (S. Wells); 3-47 (S. James); 4-75 (T. Robertson); 5-84 (P. Nash); 6- 85 (M. Pinter); 7-134 (J. Hadley)

The Bowling was: - Edward Robertson 6-0-27-1; Ian Robertson 6-2-20-0; P. Nash 7-0-31-1; J. Hadley 7-2-19-3; S. Hughes 5-0-27-1; S. James 2-0-18-0; J, Wesley-Smith 1-0-14-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to J. Hadley

Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to J. Hadley; 2 points to S. Hughes; One point to .Edward Robertson

**C&S ROUND 10 v SCOTS OLD BOYS AT SCOTS COLLEGE BELLEVUE HILL
ON SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020:**

Cancelled because of rain

**C&S ROUND 11 v PADDINGTON AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN
ON SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2020: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON**

Not making the Jack Pace Shield Semi had us playing Paddington. Simon James won the toss and sent us into bat on a greenish wicket. No. 1 Robertson, Edward opened with a reticent Ian Allmey. Ian seemed to block a few and had the crowd confused. Good straight bowling had us off to a slow start. Ian was caught and bowled and the newly escalated Jim Hadley was startled by the shine on the ball (having come in after 30 overs usually) went second ball. Edward politely guided one straight to first slip and things were getting a little out of hand. Simon James and Declan Thomas knuckled down and saw us to drinks. Declan has that wild left handed waft that all left handers have. Sadly he missed almost all. He was however still at the crease and safely guided us to drinks with captain Simon solid at the other end.

Only 55 at drinks so acceleration was required. Declan was bowled for a well made 24. Tom Robertson came out and was soon run out by Simon who had bigger goals in his sights (I jest). The bowling changed to slow and a bit loose. This what we needed to get us to a competitive total. Mick McCormick went for a duck lbw with Jim Hadley umpiring and getting real pleasure raising the finger. Soren Hughes was controversially given run out. Still wouldn't kill 'Sooz' to be able to turn that ship around quicker.

Mike Beergah and Simon accelerated at over 10 an over with Simon struggling with the humidity. It was a truly gritty effort from the soft Pom. Shows they do have some fighting spirit. They even ran a four near the end. 'Mikey' pushed Simon to his hundred. A fantastic effort. Something I hope he enjoys in reflection as much as we do.

Another sensational afternoon tea and we're out there in the field. A slow start had them on the back foot early. Good bowling from Mick Tarrant and Edward Robertson. Edward took a few wickets and their Nos.3 and 4 started swinging. They enjoyed the pace on. All changed when Jim Hadley came on and competent looking batsman looked all at sea. Jimmy removed the dangerous No. 4 LBW. This may have been recompense for an incident that occurred earlier. That is left on the field!

Craig Fletcher came on and dried up the runs. Wow, this is not the 'Fletch' I saw in Sri Lanka! Great line and length from Fletch who removed the No.3. 5 overs for 9 runs. Great spell of bowling, Fletch. From then it was a constant stream of wickets till a rear guard action saw Paddington crack 100. Mick McCormick bowled some nice in-swing and Mike Beergah bowled out some cobwebs.

Good win by the boys and a few beers with Paddington after is just what C&S is all about.

As a side note, can we fill a side with just Micks?

The Team was: - Edward Robertson 13, Ian Allmey 1, Jim Hadley 0, Simon James (c) 113*, Declan Thomas (w) 24, Tom Robertson 15, Mick McCormick 0, Soren Hughes 5, Michael Beergah 11*, Craig Fletcher dnb, and Mike Tarrant dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-191 (S. James 113*) (35 overs)

Defeated

Paddington CC: 10-124 (J. Hadley 3-19) (31.1 overs)

By 67 runs

FoW: - 1-8 (I. Allmey); 13 (J. Hadley); 2-16 (Edward Robertson); 3-79 (D. Thomas); 4-124 (Tom Robertson); 5-129 (M. McCormick); 6-135 (S. Hughes).

The Bowling was: - Edward Robertson 5-3-12-2; M. Tarrant 7-1-38-0; J. Hadley 6.1-1-19-3; S. Hughes 2-0-9-1; M. McCormick 3-0-13-1; C. Fletcher 5-1-9-1, M. Beergah 4-0-22-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - one to D. Thomas

Catches: - One to D. Thomas (w) and one to M. Beergah

Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to S. James; 2 points to J Hadley; One point to D. Thomas

C&S ROUND 12 v HUNTERS HILL AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2020:

Hunters Hill forfeited on the Friday with only 6 players

C&S ROUND 13 v REG BARTLEY XI AT REG BARTLEY OVAL, RUSHCUTTERS BAY ON SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020:REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

The early arrivers spent the midday looking at the history of Reg Bartley Oval at Rushcutters Bay, neatly posted on the walls of the upper tier of the grandstand. The oval has been picketed since around 1908 and at one stage had two grandstands before being burnt down and rebuilt twice, the most recent and subsisting built in the 1960's.

Reg Bartley didn't see the tides on their way in from Bondi, unlike our fearless captain Jim Hadley, who declared we were to bowl first and take advantage of the then outgoing tide. Rumour has it that it makes a difference but others say *"pitch with no covers difficult"* and that has been the truth.

We opened with Soren Hughes and Max Jeffrey. Max clearly younger, fitter, faster and inspired by the picturesque surrounds. Soren missed out on a couple of good lbw shouts before getting one to jag bat finding a batsman not playing a shot and getting fired lbw. Max was unlucky not to get a wicket but went for almost nothing. Mitch Sturt and Craig Fletcher bowled tidily and by drinks they were two for about 35. Mitch clearly feeling athletic with an amazing caught and bowled. 'Jono' Shaw continued the tidy spell and picked up two wickets with Jim Hadley copping a bit of stick for once at the other end although he did put in a submission for best caught and bowled of the day. Judges are still deliberating. With 'Fletch' back for more and nothing doing on a crumbly pitch, Jim thought a charity few overs of leg spin from Ezekiel Hughes would be interesting. The young bloke, 13 years old, delivered 3 bowled and a stumped from 3 overs before Max Jeffrey cleaned up the last wicket. Reg Bartley were all out for 117. Tea was memorable and Reg Bartley put out a decent spread.

The batting started positively although Mike Beergah missed out early. Tom Robertson and Max Jeffrey were seeing the ball well, although Tom found a reason to hit the showers at 20. Brett Favell took up where Tom left off and Max missed out on a bigger score. Declan Thomas was our stayer and stayed around while a flakey middle order rolled in and out like models at a fashion parade. Maybe the pitch was getting worse, but we turned to Jim Hadley to get us home.

Jim dug in and smacked a couple of boundaries with 'Fletch' standing by after Declan Thomas was caught short on a second run. In what was a very close and low scoring game, we came out ahead with two balls and two wickets spare. Excellent result for us and a lovely day out with the season drawing to a close.

The Team was: - Mike Beergah 2, Tom Robertson 19, Max Jeffrey 15, Brett Favell 20, Declan Thomas 23 (w), Mitch Sturt 0, Jonathon Shaw 1, Soren Hughes 1, Jim Hadley (c) 12*, Craig Fletcher 0*, Ezekiel Hughes dnb

The Result was:-

Reg Bartley XI: - 10-117 (Ezekiel Hughes 4-16) (33.5 overs)

Defeated by

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-118 (34.4 overs)

By 2 wickets

FoW: - 1- 7 (M. Beergah); 2-38 (T. Robertson); 3-38 (M. Jeffrey); 4-79 (B. Favell); 5-80 (M. Sturt); 6-84 (J. Shaw); 7-85 (S. Hughes); 8-101 (D. Thomas).

The Bowling was: - Soren Hughes 5-0-17-1; M. Jeffrey 5.5-3-4-1; M. Sturt 3-0-6-1; C. Fletcher 5-0-17-0; J. Shaw 6-0-25-2; J. Hadley 5-0-30-1; Ezekiel Hughes 3-0-16-4

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - One to D. Thomas
Catches: - 2 to M. Sturt; one to J. Hadley
Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to D. Thomas; 2 points to M. Jeffrey; One point to J. Shaw.

C&S ROUND 14 v BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020: REPORT BY MARK HENWOOD

Who put the covers on the pitch? (*Editor's Note: Sydney University 5th Grade*) Two overlapping covers had both drained onto the pitch, leaving one end unusable. The Beavers skipper was adamant that play could only take place from the Mallet Street end, and an extra 30 minutes was given to allow some "drying" to take place on a humid afternoon.

Jim Hadley won the toss, and inserted the Beavers to bat. There were a couple of Beavers that swung hard and send the ball out of the park, but for the most part, the quicker bowlers kept on top. Notable was Mick Tarrant's spell of 2-10.

The spinners continued the good work, all amongst the wickets, and the result was that C.C.N.S.W. were chasing 117 for the win. The team was confident at the break, although the afternoon tea had descended into a mere shadow of the glory days earlier in the season.

Batting... Well... Good batsmen don't get bowled. Not like the top 4. 4-19. Not the best start, and it only got worse until at 8-35, Jim Hadley joined Soren Hughes at the crease. Gloom descended. Slowly, a single here, a leg bye there... a partnership developed. Hadley's consecutive 6s off the spinner broke the atmosphere of doom. From then on C.C.N.S.W. believed they were in the game. C.C.N.S.W. were well on top with an over to play when Hadley's third 6 threatened the life of some unsuspecting spectators.

The result was an unthinkable win, a great escape, by 2 wickets with 1 delivery to spare. The perfect way (*as it turned out later with our final game v Primary club called off*) to finish the season for the C&S side, followed by a few icy beverages on the boundary.

The Team was: - Richard Clark 0, Tom Robertson 5, Scott Williams 8, Mitch Hetherington (w) 4, Brett Favell 1, Martin Speiser 4, Sam Skoulis 2, Soren Hughes 34*, Mick Tarrant 0. Jim Hadley 44* (c) and Mark Henwood dnb

The Result was:-

Beavers: - 10-116 (30 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-117 (J. Hadley 44*; S. Hughes 34*) (32 overs)

By 2 wickets

FoW: - 1-5 (T. Robertson); 2- 6 (R. Clark); 3-18 (S. Williams); 4- 19 (B. Favell); 5-25 (M. Hetherington); 6-25 (M. Speiser); 7- 29 (S. Skoulis); 8-35 (M. Tarrant).

The Bowling was: -S. Hughes 5-0-18-1; S. Williams 4-11-0 M Tarrant 6-1-10-2; S. Skoulis 2-1-10-1, R. Clark 4-0-21-1, M. Speiser 4-0-21-2, M Henwood 5-0-24-1;

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to M. Tarrant and one to both R. Clark and S. Skoulis

Run outs: - One to M. Hetherington

Player Points: - 3 points to M. Tarrant; 2 points to S. Hughes; One point to M. Speiser.

**C&S ROUND 16: C.C.N.S.W. v PRIMARY CLUB AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020**

Cancelled because of concerns of Covid 19 and on instructions from C&SCA