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CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 2* v OLD ALOYSIANS AT MARRICKVILLE OVAL, MARRICKVILLE ON SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021: REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

(Editor's Note: Last season Old Aloysians had inflicted the heaviest ever defeat upon CCNSW in more than 50 seasons in terms of runs (over 200) in a C&S game so far as records show. Thus it was to be very interesting to see how CCNSW would cope in a rematch this season.)

CCNSW won the toss and bowled. A great early spell by Morley Goodchild kept Old Aloyisians at bay early in the game. With some good catches and accurate spells by Brett James and in particular Paul Nash we had them all out in the 34th over for 153.

Our innings started spectacularly with Tom Robertson hitting a six off the first ball and two further fours in the over but both our openers were out by the end of the third over, leaving Nash and Harry Bridge to repair our innings. Both played well as did most of our order but on a big lush ground like Marrickville we did not capitalise enough during the first 12 overs fielding restrictions.

What should have been a comfortable win was a close loss all, out for 145.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 10, Karthick Subramaniam 7, Paul Nash 21 , Harry Bridge 26, Scott Williams 16, Brett James 18, Toby Forbes 11, Richard Clark (w) 19, Jim Hadley (c) 7*, Mark Leong 6, Morley Goodchild 3*

The Result was: -

Old Aloysians CC: - 10-153 (34.1 overs) (P. Nash 4-21)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: 9-145 (35 overs)

By 8 runs

FoW: - 1-18 (T. Robertson); 2-18 (K. Subramaniam); 3-61 (H. Bridge); 4-75 (.P Nash); 5-92 (.S Williams); 6-111 (B. James); 7-125 (T. Forbes); 8-137 (M. Leong); 9-137 (R. Clark).

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 7-1-21-2; T. Forbes 3-0-24-0; B. James 7-0-39-2; M. Leong 5-0-21-0; J. Hadley 7-0-24-2, P. Nash 5-0-21-4

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of R. Clark (w) and M. Goodchild, T. Forbes and S. Williams

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to M. Goodchild; one point to H. Bridge

* NB Round 1 cancelled by Covid

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 1 v CRANBROOK OLD BOYS AT WOOLLAHRA OVAL No 2, ROSE BAY ON SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021: REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

No report has been received

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 14 , Karthick Subramaniam 62, Scott Williams 6, Harry Bridge 16, Charles O'Brien 4, Richard Clark (w) 4, Brett James 21, Toby Forbes 0, Avinash Bhandari 7, Jeremy Hill 0 Jim Hadley (c) 17* and Hardeep Bhullar dnb

The Result was: -

CCNSW: 10-160- (35 overs) (K. Subramaniam 62))

Lost to

Old Cranbrookians: - 6-161 (34 overs)

By 4 wickets

FoWs: - 1 - 15 (T. Robertson); 2-26 (S. Williams); 3-82 (H. Bridge); 4-101 (C. O'Brien); 5-112 (R. Clark); 6-112 (K. Subramaniam); 7-112 (T. Forbes); 8-122 (A. Bhandari); 9-122 (J. Hill); 10-160 (B. James)

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 6-0-27-1; T. Forbes 7-2-18-1; B. James 6-1-30-2; C. O'Brien 6-0-27-0; J. Hill 3-0-17-1; J. Hadley 4-0-30-1; H. Bridge 2-0-12-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to H. Bhullar (w); One to R. Clark and one to H Bridge

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to K. Subramaniam; 2 points to T. Forbes; one point to B. James

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 3 v YARALLA CC AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 2 v COLLEAGUES AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 4 v BALMAIN-SOUTH SYDNEY RANGERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2021

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 3 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021: REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

We won the toss and bowled but lost our keeper Declan Thomas in the second over to a dislocated shoulder and remained a player down for the rest of the game. Avinash Bhandari and Soren Hughes opened the bowling with “Big Sooz’ keeping things tight at one end but without a breakthrough. At the other end ‘Avi’ was producing the spell of the season with an eight over demolition of Knox's top order. Had he had a decent keeper his "3 for" could easily have been five wickets. Ian Robertson and Ed Robertson both bowled with good pace and purpose on limited preparation, backed up by the reliable seam of Brett James and a tidy spell of offies from Ezekiel Hughes, Knox struggled to 8-153.

We started with the bat well, Tom Robertson square driving the first ball for an enormous 6 followed by further audacious boundaries till his captain was reluctantly forced to give him out lbw. Dan Turner looked comfortable and stylish till losing the tracking of a delivery and yorking himself. Harry Bridge and Brett James steadied the ship staying on the required run rate till both exiting nearing 30s. Avi Bhandari scored freely till he half hit a drive to mid off. 'Big Sooz' took a relaxed swing to Knox's spinner not seeing the man placed at cow corner and would surely go a lot harder given the same ball again. Ed Robertson, Ian Robertson and Zeke Hughes couldn't clear the infield with lofted shots and we finished a disappointing 13 short on 140, when needing 14 off the last ten balls.

We have led our three games this year for nearly the entire game only to come up short. Our top five in the order are just not following through on encouraging starts. Once we get a consistent 11 on the field, watch out whoever plays us from here.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 17, Dan Turner 2, Harry Bridge 28, Brett James 28 Avinash Bhandari 17 , Soren Hughes 1, Ed Robertson 14, Jim Hadley (c) 19*, Ezekiel Hughes 1 , Ian Robertson 2, Declan Thomas dnb injured

The Result was: -

Knox Old Boys: - 8-153 (35 overs) ( )

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - all out 140 (33.4 overs)

By 13 runs.

FoW: - 1-18 (T. Robertson); 2-25 (D. Turner); 3-73 (B. James); 4-95 (H. Bridge); 5-101 (S. Hughes); 6-101 (A. Bhandari); 7-127 (E. Robertson); 8-135 (E. Hughes); 9-140 (I. Robertson)

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 8-0-37-3; Soren Hughes 5-0-29-0; Ed Robertson 7-2-15-1; Ian Robertson 6-0-21-1; B. James 5-0-21-1; Ezekiel Hughes 4-0-28-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to T. Robertson

Run Outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to A. Bhandari; 2 points to B. James; one point to H. Bridge

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 5 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE OVAL, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021: REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

No report has been received

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 29, Gerry O'Shea 17, Karthick Subramaniam (w) 16, Vishal Rajput 0, Harry Bridge 47*, Brett James 27*, Soren Hughes dnb, Jim Hadley (c) dnb, Matt Leong dnb, Morley Goodchild dnb, Ezekiel Hughes dnb

The Result was: -

Sydney University Lions CC: - 8-182 (35 overs) (Soren Hughes 5-30)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-185 (30.3 overs) (H. Bridge 47*)

By 6 wickets

FoW: - 1- 57 (G. O'Shea); 2-67 (T. Robertson); 3-69 (V. Rajput); 4-88 (K. Subramaniam).

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 7-0-42-1; Soren Hughes 7-1-30-5; B. James 7-0-36-0; J. Hadley 6-1-20-0, M. Leong 4-0-23-0, V. Rajput 2-0-8-0, Ezekiel Hughes 2-0-19-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to Ezekiel Hughes and one to Soren Hughes

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to H. Bridge; 2 points to S. Hughes; one point to B. James

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 6A v ST GEORGE VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2021: REPORT BY JIM HADLEY

CCNSW won the toss and batted on a hard dry wicket. Tom Robertson and Dan Turner put on a century partnership in customary good time till Turner butchered a big score with a missed timed on drive, out for 41. Robertson batted on till out for 94 putting us firmly in the box seat. Karthick Subramaniam 43 and Harry Bridge 29* pushed home the advantage to have us 7-290 after our 35 overs.

Our star cameo opening bowler Ed Smith unfortunately did a fetlock in his opening over leaving Harry Bridge to take up the charge from the northern end, Harry bowled beautifully for 8 overs 2-33 and backed up by debutant John Nicholas and Soren Hughes, St George struggled to 6-187 after their allotted 35 overs. Our game welcomed the return of our keeper Curtis Murray who makes a huge difference when in the field.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 94, Dan Turner 41, Karthick Subramaniam 43, Soren Hughes 12, Curtis Murray (w) 19, John Nicholas 24, Harry Bridge 29*, Len Volkov 1. Matt Leong dnb, Ed Smith dnb. Jim Hadley (c) dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-290 (35 overs) (T. Robertson 94; K. Subramaniam 43; D. Turner 41)

Defeated

St. George Veterans: - 6-187 (35 overs) (J. Hadley 3-17)

By

103 runs

FoW: - 1- 123 (D Turner); 2-167 (T Robertson); 3-184 (S Hughes); 4-220 (K Subramaniam); 5-239 (C Murray); 6-288 (J Nicholas); 7-290 (L Volkov).

The Bowling was: - E. Smith 1-1-0-0; M. Leong 9-1-48-1; H. Bridge 8-1-33-2; J. Nicholas 3-1-9-0; K. Subramaniam 2-0-28-0; S. Hughes 5-0-32-0; J. Hadley 5-0-17-3; D. Turner 2-0-14-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: -3 to C. Murray (w); One to M. Leong

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points T. Robertson; 2 points H. Bridge; one point K. Subramaniam

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 6B v THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA AT REG BARTLEY OVAL, RUSHCUTTERS BAY ON SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021: REPORT BY ANDREW DADSWELL

On the last cricketing day before Christmas we took on our 'frenemies', The Primary Club. Reg Bartley Oval was looking a picture with a lush, slowish outfield and the many colourful locals contributing to the ambiance.

We batted first and got off to a solid start as the top order threatened but never quite got going as we kept getting out in our teens. However Karthick Subramanian came in at No. 5 and set about his work with an innings of 38 that included some nice shots back over the bowler's head.

Skipper Tom Robertson was playing the Bevan role and finished things off with a couple of lusty blows to get us to 9-152 off our allotted overs. Perhaps 15-20 runs short of par but a good total given the guile and experience in our howling attack.

In defence of the total our experienced pros lead the way with consistent wicket taking and accuracy making it hard for the PCA to get momentum going their way. Brett James, Soren Hughes and Harry Bridge all snared two wickets with accurate seam and swing bowling and spinners Ezekiel Hughes and Andrew Dadswell grabbing one each. An added run out from the captain was a significant moment in the run chase.

A solid but close win.

The Team was: - Gerry O'Shea 13, Harry Bridge 17, Jonathan Dupasquier-Green 3, Andrew Dadswell 15, Karthick Subramanian 38 , Soren Hughes 12, Brett James 8, James Murtha 11, Tom Robertson (c) 17, Ezekiel Hughes 7* and Jed Wesley-Smith (w) 2*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-152 (35 overs) (K. Subramanian 38)

Defeated

The Primary Club: - 9-137 (35 overs) (

By 15 runs

FoW: - 1-30 (H. Bridge); 2-32 (G. O'Shea); 3-50 (J. Dupasquier-Green); 4-60 (A. Dadswell); 5-73 (S. Hughes); 6-104 (B. James): 7-113 (K. Subramanian): 8-140 (T. (Robertson); 9-147 (J. Murtha).

The Bowling was: - B. James 7-1-16-2; S. Hughes 7-0-24-2; J. Dupasquier-Green 4-0-22-0; A. Dadswell 7-1-26-1; H. Bridge 6-0-27-2; J. Murtha 1-0-3-0; E. Hughes 3-0-17-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to J. Wesley-Smith (w); one to each of E. Hughes and G. O Shea

Run outs: - One to T. Robertson

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to K. Subramanian; 2 points to B. James 8; one point to H. Bridge

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 7 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022: REPORT BY MARK HENWOOD

The Brooks –Manning - Moorhouse Shield

Back row: Brett James, Karthick Subramiam, Harry Bridge, Soren Hughes, Gerry O'Shea, Toby Forbes, , Len Volkov, Jed Wesley-Smith
Front Row: James Murtha, Jim Hadley (c), Mark Henwood, Curtis Murray (w)

The SCG test was setting itself up for an exciting finale, Latham was progressing towards an epic 252 against Bangladesh in Christchurch, and the lightest spattering of misty rain was just dampening the lush outfield of Camperdown Park. Tom Robertson was covid-subbed out, but nonetheless a fine collection of CCNSW club members assembled at the pavilion at 12.30pm for a 1pm start. which had been agreed with the Lions when the fixture was arranged last winter. Unfortunately, the Lions turned up for a 1.30pm start!.

Jim Hadley lost the toss, and CCNSW were put in to bat.

Photos of the teams, photos of the Brooks-Manning-Moorhouse Shield, photos of Paul Moorhouse, photos of the captains, and then finally, some cricket. Gerry O'Shea worked through a series of textbook forward defences, back foot defences, well judged leaves, and several ducks under awkward slow bouncers. The pitch had been uncovered through two wet nights, and scoring shots were being used sparingly. Meanwhile, at the other end Jamie Murtha was playing calmly with a lot of self-control.

There were hardly any dirty slogs or wild swings. It just didn't seem the conditions for quick runs. Dot, dot, dot…

After O'Shea was caught, a brace of lbws in quick succession also removed Karthick Subramaniam (0) and Lenny Volkov (0). It was only when Harry Bridge strode confidently to the crease that the ball started to fly out to the boundary with some regularity. Unfortunately, wickets also kept falling as well. Bridge, Murtha, Brett James, and Avinash Bhandari fell in a run of catches trying to push up the scoring rate. That eventually left Toby Forbes and the skipper, Jim Hadley, batting the last few overs. The running between wickets was exceptional, and the ball was often hit very high. Forbes was run out off the final delivery, and CCNSW finished up all out for 135.

Bhandari and Forbes opened up with the fresh new ball and put together ten overs of quality bowling. The opposition had only scrapped together 21 runs, and it was game on. Enter Mark Henwood and Brett James as first change bowlers. Henwood almost immediately removed the opener, stumped neatly by Curtis Murray. The pitch was a minefield, the ball was gripping and turning sharply. However, the scoring rate increased until James removed the dangerous No. 3 bat just before drinks.

Meanwhile, the lefty opener was pulling furiously at everything that dropped short. Jim Hadley and Soren Hughes kept the team in the game by picking up wickets at the other end, but only just. The tension was rising, and when Bhandari was given the ball again to finish the innings, the pressure told. The lefty chipped the ball into the safe hands/chest of Hadley. A few more quick wickets, the odd controversial wide call, and the game was over. CCNSW held on by just 5 runs to be first-time winners of the Brooks-Manning-Moorhouse Shield.

Speeches, cheap French beers, and mobile coverage of the last few overs of the SCG test match were enjoyed by all. See you all for another match next week.

The Team was (playing 12): - James Murtha 38, Gerry O'Shea 4, Karthick Subramanian 0, Len Volkov 0, Harry Bridge 13, Soren Hughes 24 Brett James 4, Avinash Bhandari 2, Toby Forbes 28, Curtis Murray (w) 0, Jim Hadley (c) 4*; Mark Henwood dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-135 (35 overs)

Defeated

Sydney University Lions: - 10-130 (35 overs)

By 6 runs

FoW: - 1-29 (J. Murtha); 2-20 (K. Subramaniam); 3-36 (L. Volkov); 4-59 (H. Bridge) 5-88 (G. O'Shea); 6-90 (A. Bhandari); 7-101 (B. James); 8-109 (S. Hughes); 9- 118 (C. Murray); 10-130 (T. Forbes);

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 8.2-0-25-3; T. Forbes 5-1-7-1; M. Henwood 4-0-26-1**;** B. James 6-1-24-1; S. Hughes 5-1-20-1; J. Hadley 6-0-25-3

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to C. Murray

Catches: - 2 to C. Murray (w); 2 to H. Bridge; one each to A. Bhandari, J. Hadley and J. Murtha

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to T. Forbes; 2 points to A. Bhandari; one point to J. Murtha

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 8 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022: REPORT BY MIKE WEAVER

CCNSW entered this club match keen to notch up a win against the highly credentialed I Zingari (Australia), who have had the wood on 'The Blues' in recent seasons.

Due to the mid week rain, a more customary event than ever this season, a sporting wicket would ensure that both teams had an even chance to succeed.IZA won a flip that probably neither side would have wanted to win and sent themselves into bat on a green 'popping wicket'.

Soren Hughes was given custody of the new ball by his skipper Jim Hadley, to share duties with Matt Leong. Soren did not waste a single drop of the conditions, bowling tight lines and length to snare two early wickets and to get his team on top early. Matt was not quite as miserly as Soren, yet still had the 'IZA' openers playing and missing on several occasions, to rising deliveries from the 'Rotunda', northern end of Camperdown.

Captain Jim Hadley had plenty of options and due to the bowler friendly conditions, didn't hesitate to make changes. An initial double change saw Ezekiel Hughes take over from his father at the southern end with his brand of teasing, looping and very accurate off breaks. Trump card for CCNSW - left arm paceman Brett James - was engaged in tandem with Ezekiel.

In this period CCNSW really tightened the screws and applied considerable scoreboard pressure. Only one run was conceded in a sequence of 25 deliveries and despite a clear caught behind off Brett being called back, after a late no ball call by the IZA umpire, he struggled to get a deserved break through. Not until, that is, Brett finally had his man, again caught behind, this time off a ball judged legitimate.

To the visitors' credit, they hung on grimly after that to avoid a clump of dismissals and eventually were able to mount an attack in the final overs, leaving them on a very competitive 4 - 164 off the allotted 35 sets.

Late arriving Toby Forbes tried hard as well as Craig Kitson, who was the only other to take a wicket, inducing a very smart stumping by the talented CCNSW wicketkeeper Curtis Murray. Other bowlers, amongst a total of nine used overall, suffered a little in the latter overs, with IZA having wickets in hand to throw the bat.

Yet witnessed from the scorer's table, I found it was a very good display in the field by CCNSW,. The team was well organised on the day by their leader and club stalwart, Mr Jim Hadley. I am sure the opposition will have much enhanced respect for this fixture in the future.

The wicket was found to be still playing plenty of tricks though, after Curtis Murray and Jamie Murtha had strode purposely to centre square after the break. Jamie endeavoured to get the team off to a quick start, taking nine runs in facing the first over. However he succumbed shortly after, to an excellent yorker delivery.

Curtis and No. 3 Brett James each weathered several very testing deliveries by the visitors and were consolidating well, until Brett holed out to a good running catch on the midwicket fence to the IZA change slow bowler. Tom Robertson, in at number 4 for this match, looked to be compiling a match winning innings. Picking the right ball to hit, he launched a typical slash over point for four and a powerful pull shot for six, before being removed caught behind to a nasty rising ball that jagged in to his body.

A clump of wickets then started as Curtis, desperate to keep the scoring rate increasing, skied a catch to mid-on straight after lifting a nice drive for four. This dismissal signalled the mid innings drinks break and was to prove crucial in the outcome

Big hitting middle order batters, Harry Bridge and Soren Hughes resumed both fresh to the crease, determined and with a definite plan not to panic and to wait for the right delivery to smoke to their

personal scoring zones. They were unable to execute unfortunately, due to two good deliveries in the conditions which knocked them over , before they could get even the slightest bit set.

That left CCNSW with a lot of work to do to get back into the match, being six down with a sizeable run rate required straight after drinks. And as is typical of this club, the players, namely: Toby Forbes, Jim Hadley, Craig Kitson and Matthew Leong, fought tooth and nail to rectify the situation.

Craig and Jim each contributed run a ball short cameos and Toby played a very measured, mature knock for a young cricketer. It ensured CCNSW batted deep to give themselves a chance. Toby delivered some excellent cuts and pulls for boundaries against bowling that gave precious few opportunities to punish at the death. Both he and Matt gave the task in the final overs their all, running very hard between wickets. And in the end, the hurdle was just a little too high, on a tricky wicket that was a real test of batting skills.

So CCNSW shook hands finishing at 8-147 and could genuinely feel some luck did not go their way in this contest. Sincere congratulations to I Zingari (Australia) though, in what was a keenly contested game and a pleasure to be scorer on the day.

The Team was (playing 12): - Curtis Murray (w) 12, James Murtha 9, Brett James 8, Tom Robertson 16**,** Soren Hughes 1, Harry Bridge 0, Toby Forbes 42*, Craig Kitson 14, Jim Hadley (c) 15, Matt Leong 13*, Ezekiel Hughes dnb, Mark Henwood dnb

The Result was: -

I Zingari (Australia) CC: - 4-164 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-147 (35 overs) (T. Forbes 42*)

By 17 runs

FoW: - 1- 13 (J. Murtha); 2-29 (B. James); 3-50 (T. Robertson); 4-56 (C. Murray); 5-56 (H. Bridge); 6-59 (S. Hughes); 7-86 (C. Kitson); 8-102 (J. Hadley).

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 5-2-13-2; M. Leong 5-0-26-0; B. James 4-3-3-1; E. Hughes 6-0-17-0; H. Bridge 2-0-11-0; T. Forbes 5-0-20-0; J. Murtha 3-0-16-0; C. Kitson 5-0-33-1; M. Henwood 1-0-20-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to C. Murray

Catches: - One to C. Murray (w) and one to each of H. Bridge and J. Hadley

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to T. Forbes; 2 points to E. Hughes; one point to S. Hughes

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 9 v EASTS PACERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022:

No report has yet been received

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson (c) 2, Ezekiel Hughes 1, Karthick Subramaniam (w) 0, Craig Kitson 19, Ben Hayes 1, Matt Leong 8, Nick Leong 25*, Soren Hughes 6, Toby Forbes 5, Morley Goodchild 1, Mark Henwood 0*, Ronan Hughes dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-77 (35 overs) (N. Leong 25*)

Lost to

Easts Pacers CC (playing ten): - 1-79 (17.2 overs)

By 9 wickets

FoW: - 1-5 (E. Hughes); 2-5 (K. Subramaniam); 3-7 (T. Robertson); 4-8 (B. Hayes); 5-32 (C. Kitson); 6-37 (M. Leong); 7-45 (S. Hughes); 8-56 (T. Forbes); 9-77 (M .Goodchild).

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 5-0-26-0; N. Leong 3-0-8-0; M. Henwood 4.2-0-23-0, T. Forbes 2-0-7-0; R. Hughes 2-0-13-1, B. Hayes 1-1-0-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to N. Leong; 2 points to M. Leong; One point to Ronan Hughes

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 10 v HUNTERS HILL PIRATES AT BORONIA PARK, HUNTERS HILL ON SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022: REPORT BY HARRY BRIDGE

Conditions at Hunters Hill were promising with the driest bounciest pitch of the year; however the slow spongy outfield still indicated a low scoring encounter.

We started dramatically with the first ball to Gerry O'Shea - looping up to be easily taken by square leg - controversially determined to be a bump ball. The openers edgily saw off a few overs of tight bowling, with O'Shea weathering a bit of chin music and lifting one over first slip for 4, whilst Harry Bridge then ducked another short ball only for it to balloon up and fall down into his shoulder, giving the first signs of the variable bounce.

A few wickets fell in quick succession before Paul Nash steadied the innings with a determined watchful start, supported by promising new joiner Tim Litherland to take us through to drinks. An innocuous ‘dobbly’ outswinger was miscued twice shortly after drinks leading to easy catches, which then brought Tom Robertson in who made a strong start to push the scoreboard along nicely with Nash before the opening bowler returned and found Robertson's off-stump while he tried to lift another ball over covers.

Nash now had his eye in and pondered what a winning total would be. He accelerated the innings quickly alongside Toby Forbes, both deciding that lofted shots were needed to overcome the slow outfield (and exhausting running in the heat), with a flurry of boundaries before the other opener returned and bowled Nash to end his impressive innings of 79. Forbes and Matt Leong then finished well, running energetically between wickets to push the total up to a more than respectable 9-164.

Our bowlers started strongly with Avi Bhandari maintaining sustained pressure and gaining two well-deserved wickets, whilst Tim Litherland's off-spin tied down an end and kept the Pirate's key batsman in check. Mike Tarrant meanwhile, who had been eagerly warming up in the field since the first over, was finally given the nod sometime around the 20th over - just as the Pirates were feeling the pressure and attempting to up their run-rate. Tarrant found his stride quickly and his tight bowling and unerring length proved far too good for the Pirates, as he claimed 3 wickets in one over and finished with 5-11, three bowled and a couple of well-caught catches by Nick Leong at mid-on to see the Pirates all out for 104 and our C&S team taking some good momentum into the Jack Pace Quarter Final this coming Sunday.

The Team was: - Gerry O'Shea 6, Harry Bridge 5, Paul Nash 79, Karthick Subramanian (w) 2, Tim Litherland 12, Nick Leong 4, Tom Robertson (c) 14, Toby Forbes 15*, Matt Leong 9 , Avinash Bhandari dnb, Mike Tarrant dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-164 (35 overs) (P. Nash 79)

Defeated

Hunters Hill CC (playing 10): - All out 104 (31.1 overs) (M. Tarrant 5-11)

By 60 runs

FoW: - 1-9 (G. O'Shea); 2-15 (H. Bridge); 3-19 (K. Subramaniam); 4-53 (T. Litherland); 5-62 (N. Leong); 6-119 (T. Robertson); 7-142 (P. Nash); 8-164 (M. Leong).

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 8-0-28-2; N. Leong 4-0-16-1; T. Litherland 7-0-18-0; M. Tarrant 7-3-11-5; M. Leong 3-0-20-0; T. Forbes 1.1-0-3-1; H. Bridge 1-0-3-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to N. Leong and one to each of Tom Robertson and K. Subramanian (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to M. Tarrant; one point to A. Bhandari

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 9 v EASTS PACERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022:REPORT BY HARRY BRIDGE

An impressive and dry First Grade ground and an outfield like carpet greeted our players, most of whom arrived early to survey the scene, warm up before the big QF, and ensure they could find a car park in Bondi. We were not overawed by the quality settings; on the contrary, much like any visiting team to Lords, we all stepped up to the occasion against a side that had humbled us at home only two weeks prior.

Tom Robertson and Scott Williams opened and made a solid start of 32, Robertson hitting some well-timed boundaries over the restricted field for his 26, before Williams was adjudged lbw to a ball our whole team concurred - from the point boundary - appeared to have gone down leg. Paul Nash then came to the wicket and followed on almost as though a continuation from last week's 79 against Pirates, and his 49* (much of the time with a runner) carried the innings, supported by Jim Hadley up until drinks and then by brisk 20s from Craig Kitson and Harry Bridge to bring us up to 7-159, which to many felt slightly below par but certainly defendable.

Morley Goodchild and Avinash Bhandari opened our bowling. Their tight line and length kept the scoring low until the pressure eventually yielded our first direct hit run-out. Both opening bowlers then went on to take wickets at a steady rate and prevent Easts from building momentum. Easts meanwhile continually protested their wickets – 'clicky' handles and all - and were clearly a team not used to being under pressure.

Nick Leong came on at first change and was also able to contribute with a couple of wickets, while Brett James at the other end stifled the Easts batters with relentless bowling which frustrated their efforts to up their run-rate. Special mention in the field must go to Kitson, who not only caught a drive

their skipper rifled into him at mid-off, but also managed a classy back-flick direct-hit for our third run out. Jim Hadley then came on and bowled their number 11 just as dark clouds enveloped the ground and the heavy rain arrived. The team had stepped up and all made valuable contributions in a game that for many of us - given the circumstances and taking on the No.1 ranked team - felt like a grand final. Much more of the same will be required in the semi-final in a fortnight.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson (c) 2, Ezekiel Hughes 1, Karthick Subramaniam (w) 0, Craig Kitson 19, Ben Hayes 1, Matt Leong 8, Nick Leong 25*, Soren Hughes 6, Toby Forbes 5, Morley Goodchild 1, Mark Henwood 0*, Ronan Hughes dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-77 (35 overs) (N. Leong 25*)

Lost to

Easts Pacers CC (playing ten): - 1-79 (17.2 overs)

By 9 wickets

FoW: - 1-5 (E. Hughes); 2-5 (K. Subramaniam); 3-7 (T. Robertson); 4-8 (B. Hayes); 5-32 (C. Kitson); 6-37 (M. Leong); 7-45 (S. Hughes); 8-56 (T. Forbes); 9-77 (M .Goodchild).

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 5-0-26-0; N. Leong 3-0-8-0; M. Henwood 4.2-0-23-0, T. Forbes 2-0-7-0; R. Hughes 2-0-13-1, B. Hayes 1-1-0-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to N. Leong; 2 points to M. Leong; One point to Ronan Hughes

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 10 v HUNTERS HILL PIRATES AT BORONIA PARK, HUNTERS HILL ON SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022: REPORT BY HARRY BRIDGE

Conditions at Hunters Hill were promising with the driest bounciest pitch of the year; however the slow spongy outfield still indicated a low scoring encounter.

We started dramatically with the first ball to Gerry O'Shea - looping up to be easily taken by square leg - controversially determined to be a bump ball. The openers edgily saw off a few overs of tight bowling, with O'Shea weathering a bit of chin music and lifting one over first slip for 4, whilst Harry Bridge then ducked another short ball only for it to balloon up and fall down into his shoulder, giving the first signs of the variable bounce.

A few wickets fell in quick succession before Paul Nash steadied the innings with a determined watchful start, supported by promising new debutant Tim Litherland to take us through to drinks. An innocuous ‘dobbly’ outswinger was miscued twice shortly after drinks leading to easy catches, which then brought Tom Robertson in who made a strong start to push the scoreboard along nicely with Nash before the opening bowler returned and found Robertson's off-stump while he tried to lift another ball over covers.

Nash now had his eye in and pondered what a winning total would be. He accelerated the innings quickly alongside Toby Forbes, both deciding that lofted shots were needed to overcome the slow outfield (and exhausting running in the heat), with a flurry of boundaries before the other opener

returned and bowled Nash to end his impressive innings of 79. Forbes and Matt Leong then finished well, running energetically between wickets to push the total up to a more than respectable 9-164.

Our bowlers started strongly with Avi Bhandari maintaining sustained pressure and gaining two well-deserved wickets, whilst Tim Litherland's off-spin tied down an end and kept the Pirate's key batsman in check. Mike Tarrant meanwhile, who had been eagerly warming up in the field since the first over, was finally given the nod sometime around the 20th over - just as the Pirates were feeling the pressure and attempting to up their run-rate. Tarrant found his stride quickly and his tight bowling and unerring length proved far too good for the Pirates, as he claimed 3 wickets in one over and finished with 5-11, three bowled and a couple of well-caught catches by Nick Leong at mid-on to see the Pirates all out for 104 and our C&S team taking some good momentum into the Jack Pace Quarter Final this coming Sunday.

The Team was: - Gerry O'Shea 6, Harry Bridge 5, Paul Nash 79, Karthick Subramanian (w) 2, Tim Litherland 12, Nick Leong 4, Tom Robertson (c) 14, Toby Forbes 15*, Matt Leong 9 , Avinash Bhandari dnb, Mike Tarrant dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-164 (35 overs) (P. Nash 79)

Defeated

Hunters Hill CC (playing 10): - All out 104 (31.1 overs) (M. Tarrant 5-11)

By 60 runs

FoW: - 1-9 (G O'Shea); 2-15 (H Bridge); 3-19 (K Subramaniam); 4-53 (T Litherland); 5-62 (N Leong); 6-119 (T Robertson) ;7-142 (P Nash); 8-164 (M Leong).

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 8-0-28-2; N. Leong 4-0-16-1; T. Litherland 7-0-18-0; M. Tarrant 7-3-11-5; M. Leong 3-0-20-0; T. Forbes 1.1-0-3-1; H. Bridge 1-0-3-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to N. Leong and one to each of K. Subramanian (w) and Tom Robertson

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to M. Tarrant; one point to A . Bhandari

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE QUARTER FINAL v EASTS PACERS AT WAVERLEY OVAL, BONDI JUNCTION ON SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2022: REPORT BY HARRY BRIDGE

An impressive and dry First Grade ground and an outfield like carpet greeted our players, most of whom arrived early to survey the scene, warm up before the big QF, and ensure they could find a car park in Bondi. We were not overawed by the quality settings; on the contrary, much like any visiting team to Lords, we all stepped up to the occasion against a side that had humbled us at home only two weeks prior.

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The Team was: - Tom Robertson 26, Scott Williams (w) 9, Paul Nash 49*. Jim Hadley (c) 8, Craig Kitson 19, Brett James 1, Harry Bridge 21, Avinash Bhandari 5, Soren Hughes 6*, Nick Leong dnb, Morley Goodchild dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-159 (35 overs) (P. Nash 49*)

Defeated

Easts Pacers: - 10-106 (29.4 overs) (A. Bhandari 3-17)

By 53 runs

FoW: - 1-32 (S. Williams); 2-38 (T. Robertson); 3-62 (J. Hadley); 4-105 (C. Kitson); 5-106 (B. James); 6-141 (H. Bridge); 7-147 (A. Bhandari)

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 7-0-23-1; A. Bhandari 7-2-17-3; N. Leong 7-0-34-2; B. James 7-0-20-2; S. Hughes 1-0-5-0; J. Hadley 0.4-0-2-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to S. Williams (w) and one to C Kitson

Run outs: - Three: - One to each of A. Bhandari, M. Goodchild, and C. Kitson

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to A. Bhandari; 2 points to P. Nash; one point to C. Kitson

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 12 v BALMAIN SOUTH SYDNEY AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE SEMI FINAL v OLD ALOYSIANS AT GODDARD PARK, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2022: REPORT BY HARRY BRIDGE AND ADRIAN HAWKES

Back Row:- Harry Bridge, Soren Hughes, Brett James, Morley Goodchild, Paul Nash, Tom Robertson

Front row: - Toby Forbes, Avinash Bhandari, Jim Hadley (c), Nick Leong, Scott Williams(w)

Glorious weather and a belter of a wicket greeted the side at Goddard Oval for the semi final, although all the facilities were under renovation.

Having beaten the number one seed, Easts in the quarter finals, it seemed slightly unfair to then be drawn v the second seed in the semi finals. Could history repeat itself? Having been dismissed earlier in the season by Easts Pacers for our lowest ever score batting first, we had bounced back to win v the same team in the quarter finals. Having lost by a record score to Old Aloysians last season (over 200 runs) might we find them over confident this season and sneak another win? We had only lost to them by 5 runs in the first round of the Jack Pace back in October

Alas it was not to be.

We lost the toss and Old Aloysians built steadily to reach 2-68 at drinks. Although our bowling was relatively tight and only a couple of catches were dropped, the good conditions meant that the batters were only getting out when going for expansive shots as Old Aloysians started to sore at nearly 10 an over and run away with the score, highlighted by a handful of 6s and finishing with 4-242.

In all our records over 51 seasons we have never successfully chased such a total batting second and have only twice scored over 200 to win, the highest being 212 but there is always a first time. Unfortunately this was not to be it.

Needing t**o s**core at 7 an over from the start was a daunting task, quickly made more difficult when openers Tom Robertson and Scott Williams were both out cheaply with only 3 runs on the board. Paul Nash showed he was still in good touch with one towering drive for 6, but was unable to push on and our fourth wicket fell at only 27. Harry Bridge and Brett James steadied the innings and we were still in the game on 4-57 at drinks, with some wickets in hand. On paper we batted in depth but now needed over 9 per over. Unfortunately Bridge was caught behind shortly after drinks trying to find a gap in the field, and while James pushed the score along with a hard fought 33 the pressure to score at such a high rate soon led to Jim Hadley and Soren Hughes both being run out cheaply. Whilst the game was all but lost at 8-83, Toby Forbes and Morley Goodchild added an unbeaten 44 for the 9th wicket and saw the innings to a close at 8-127 with Forbes hitting a number of well-timed boundaries to finish 34*.

For the second successive season, Old Aloysians have inflicted our worst defeat of the season in terms of runs. We are due to play them for the third time this season next Sunday at the same ground in a non JP game… weather permitting!

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 0, Scott Williams (w) 2, Paul Nash 12, Avinash Bhandari 6, Harry Bridge 15, Brett James 33, Jim Hadley (c) 5, Soren Hughes 1, Toby Forbes 34*, Morley Goodchild 7*, Nick Leong dnb

The Result was: -

Old Aloysians: - 4-241 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-127 (35 overs)

By 113 runs

FoW: - 1- 3 (S. Williams); 2-3 (T. Robertson); 3-13 (A. Bhandari); 4-27 (P. Nash); 5-61 (H. Bridge); 6-62 (J. Hadley); 7-68 (S. Hughes); 8-83 (B. James).

The Bowling was: - M. Goodchild 6-0-34-0; A. Bhandari 5-0-41-0; N. Leong 5-1-14-1; B. James 7-0-36-1; T. Forbes; 3-0-31-0 J. Hadley 5-0-48-1; S. Hughes 4-0-27-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to A. Bhandari

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to N. Leong; 2 points to T. Forbes; one point to B. James

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 14 v OLD ALOYSIANS AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 15 v BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2022:

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 16 v PADDINGTON AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2022

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 17 v THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 18 v BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022:

Cancelled by rain