

C.C.N.S.W. C&S MATCH REPORTS SEASON 2018-2019

C&S ROUND 1 v YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2018

Game cancelled because of rain

CITY & SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 1 v ST GEORGE VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018.

Cancelled by rain

CITY & SUBURBAN ROUND 2 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT DANGAR OVAL, ROSE BAY ON SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018: REPORT BY MARK HENWOOD

The air crackled with electricity on Saturday night in anticipation for the first C&S match of the season, and the early morning contact with the opposition confirmed it was indeed "game on". The selection process eliminated no fewer than 14 would-be players, so it was an elite group of cricketers that assembled at the ground to represent C.C.N.S.W.

After a brief political discussion, C.C.N.S.W. set to work removing the covers and watch the pools of water bubble away into the efficient drainage network below the field. Some of the opposition eventually arrived and sent their "luckiest" player to conduct the toss. He was indeed lucky, and C.C.N.S.W. were put in to field. This was a questionable decision, given the green qualities of the pitch, but perhaps was made because half their team was still absent as the openers strode out to bat. C.C.N.S.W. was also one short at the start of play.

Soren Hughes took the new ball, set a strong 6-2 offside field, and then proceeded to test the batsman's pads with a middle to leg line. Ezekiel Hughes fielded enthusiastically, like a young Ponting in a slow motion replay at square leg, but the Old Cranbrookians somehow managed to keep the ball going to fine leg. At the other end, bowling with a gusty breeze, Mike Tarrant was rolling in like a late career Merv Hughes, sans the glorious moustache, and probing the batsmen for weaknesses.

Mike Beergah arrived a few overs into the match, rummaged for a shirt through several bags on the boundary, then ran on with a banana to field in slips. So confident was he to catch the ball one handed that he fielded with banana in hand for almost a full over. This broke the opener's concentration, leading to Tarrant picking up the easiest of return catches. He followed up by knocking back the middle stump of the next batsman, and suddenly the C.C.N.S.W. attack had gained some momentum.

The remaining opener counter attacked with a flurry of boundaries off Hughes, who unluckily missed out on a bowled when the bails stayed on. The batting aggression continued against first change bowler, Luke Duggan, who toiled through a short spell into the breeze. His failure to claim a scalp arguably the result of his missing Lillee-esque gold chain. Tarrant meanwhile bowled out his seven over spell with consecutive wicket maidens, and perhaps the finest delivery of the day cut viciously from outside leg to hit the top of off. Magical.

A change of attack was needed, and Tom Robertson stepped up to bowl a wide. Next ball the batsman feathered an edge, which was snapped up by keeper Marc Rees diving to his right. It was an example of the high standard of keeping on display by Rees, making his claims of "*haven't kept for 8 years*" scarcely credible.

In his very next over Robertson struck again with an impassioned LBW appeal, and the umpire had no hesitation in raising the finger. It was now time for something special... Unfortunately, at this point Robertson decided to bowl a series of slower balls, immediately setting off a pair of nearby kookaburras and causing gasps of shock amongst the spectators. After his final slower ball ended up a head height no-ball, he was sent on his way out to deep square.

After drinks Simon James, running in from the long run, bought the fire, and disturbed the timbers twice. Duggan must have wandered too close to a nest at midwicket, as he was the victim of a nasty hooded plover

attack that flew in like a bullet. Examination of his swollen thumb raised questions over whether plovers had a poison claw, but fears were relieved when it was pointed out that was a feature of the platypus rather than the plover. Soon after, debutants Jed Wesley-Smith and Mark Henwood then closed out the innings. Henwood took two wickets in seven deliveries, both well caught in the deep. The Old Cranbrookians finished on 113 all out after 26.1 overs.

Mike Beergah and Scott Wells opened up for C.C.N.S.W. in contrasting styles. Beergah, powered by an innings break mango, respectfully played out the first over for a maiden. At the other end Wells slapped this first ball over long-off for six, followed soon after by consecutive boundaries to midwicket. A hum of positive chatter immediately broke out on the sidelines, mostly concerning the large crack through the back of S. Hughes bat, and whether he would actually go in to bat with such a deficient piece of equipment.

After a quick fire innings that kept C.C.N.S.W. well above the RRR, Wells prodded a defensive push to short cover. S. Hughes went out for a brief cameo, and at every shot his cracked bat sounded like it was about to break clean in half. It was no surprise that one of his full-blooded lofted drives wasn't able to clear mid-off.

That bought Robertson to the crease, and he started with a cleanly struck six over long-on that threatened the school windows. From this auspicious beginning he went on to dominate the bowling attack with regular boundaries and keep the scoreboard moving fast towards a C.C.N.S.W. win. The topic of discussion on the sideline moved on to whether Mick or Mike was more Australian slang for Michael, with a strong lean towards Mick.

After a long stay at the crease, it was only fitting that Beergah brought up the winning runs with a sweetly timed pull shot. This left Robertson 49*, and although he was left to play out a bonus delivery, he couldn't add to his score and notch up his fifty. In the end it was a comfortable win by 8 wickets for the C.C.N.S.W. side, set up by Tarrant's excellent opening spell with the ball, and helped by contributions from the whole side.

No sooner had the game finished than the opposition, and most of the C.C.N.S.W. side, were gone quicker than a Marsh brother facing a Pakistani spinner. Only a select few remained to toast the win with a frosty beverage or two. Hopefully Duggan's thumb is not suffering any lasting damage.

The Team was: - Mike Beergah 28*, Scott Wells 30, Soren Hughes 5, Tom Robertson 49*, Ezekiel Hughes dnb, Mike Tarrant dnb, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb, Luke Duggan dnb, Simon James (c) dnb, Marc Rees dnb, and Mark Henwood dnb

The Result was:-

Old Cranbrookians: 10-113 (M. Tarrant 4-9) (26.1 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: 2-116 (T. Robertson 49*; M. Beergah 28*) (22.1 overs)

By 8 wickets

FoW: - 1- 34 (S. Wells); 2- 48 (S. Hughes)

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 5-0-34-0, M. Tarrant 7-2-9-4, L. Duggan 2-0-19-0, T. Robertson 5-0-29-2, S. James 5-1-14-2, J. Wesley-Smith 1-0-1-0, M. Henwood 1.1-0-3-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One catch to each of S. Hughes S. James, M. Rees (w), M. Tarrant, and S. Wells

Run outs: Nil

Player Points: - M. Tarrant – 3; T. Robertson – 2; S. Wells - 1

**C&S JACK PACE ROUND 2 v BARKER OLD BOYS AT ROSEWOOD GROUND,
WAITARA ON SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018:**

C.C.N.S.W. won by forfeit as Barker Old Boys could only raise 4 players

**C&S JACK PACES ROUND 4 v YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON
SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON**

After playing only one JPS game so far it was pretty important that we win this round. The JPS table is separated by quotient only and ours was negative.

Ian Allmey won the toss and elected to field. Yaralla didn't expect that! Mind games from the big guy. We opened with Soren and Simon James. Soren broke through early with some nice wobble but it then did not go to plan for 75 more runs as the two younger batsmen hit anything loose and more importantly ran a lot of cheeky singles. It took the destroyer of JPS Rd 3 (Paul Nash) to remove the dangerous Royall. That bought the even more dangerous Telfer to the crease. The feeling was that getting him out quickly would keep Yaralla to a low score. Bang! LBW to Nash! He looks forlornly at the umpire but it was plumb.

From then on there were no more wickets and a very average display of fielding. Too many twos were given away that should have been only one. Also not helping was a mix up under the high ball leaving it out of reach instead of an easy catch. Not a good look. No names need mentioning.

All of a sudden we were chasing 194. Fielding had let us down big time.

We opened with Ian Allmey and Tom Robertson who still held on tight to the memory of chasing a similar total by themselves in 2013 (I think). Ian hits a few clean boundaries until being bowled in the cruelest of circumstances with it hooping round the top of the pad.

Yaralla then bowl to a plan giving no width. Years of playing us have certainly paid off and they executed well. Nash came out and hit a few clean ones but got a little undisciplined and hit an easy catch. Would never say it to his face but he need to focus for longer periods.

It was then wicket after wicket until a late flurry for the ninth wicket with Soren Hughes and Shane Peterson backing themselves and hitting some boundaries.

Lots of looking in the mirror required by our blokes. Need a big bounce back to make the top eight teams for the quarter final to be decided after the next round.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 25, Ian Allmey (c) 14, Simon James 10, Paul Nash 26 , Subhav Gupta 17, Edward Robertson 2, Peter Buruma 10, Jed Wesley-Smith (w) 0, Mark Henwood 4, Soren Hughes 10* and Shane Peterson 16

The Result was:-

Yaralla: - 4-194 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: 10- 149 (29 overs)

By 45 runs

FoW: - 1-17 (I. Allmey); 2-33 (S, James); 3-74 (Tom Robertson); 4-95 (P, Nash); 5-104 (S, Gupta); 6-108 (J, Wesley-Smith); 7-108 (Edward Robertson); 8-117 (M. Henwood); 9-125 (P. Buruma); 10-149 (S. Peterson),

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 5-0-42-1; S. James 7-0-30-0; S. Peterson 2-0-16-0; P. Buruma 4-0-22-0; P. Nash 4-0-22-2; S. Gupta 7-0-31-0 and Edward Robertson 7-0-28-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to J. Wesley-Smith (w)

Run outs: - One to J. Wesley-Smith (w)

Player Points: - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to S. James; One point to Tom Robertson

C&S ROUND 5 v KNOX COLLEGE OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 2018: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

Week after a disappointing loss has us back in the cauldron of Camperdown against Knox Old Boys who have not been beaten for some time. Ian Allmey won the toss and thought we'd go old school and see some shine off the ball. Young Edward Robertson opened with the older head of Curtis Lee Murray. A good steady start with both players batting to the plan. Curtis opened his account with a classic straight drive to the long boundary. Edward too was playing straight which you need to do on this low slow pitch. Edward shared good partnerships with Curtis then Subhav Gupta until getting caught behind (he denies an edge..). It was now nineteen overs in and we were going at 3 per over but wickets were in hand as it was laid out in the plan.

Subhav was caught hitting straight down deep cow corners throat. That bought Peter Buruma and Tom Robertson together in the twentieth over and another 125 runs later we were 184. 'Brooms' lack of batting form was turned around by using the kit bat and spending some time in the middle. *Brooms* finished well hitting fours at will until being bowled by moving a foot outside off to hit one down to the vacant fine leg. Jed Wesley-Smith came out and was run out by Tom for 2 on the last ball. Tom was keen on red ink.

Another huge feast at afternoon tea. Weaves usually arrives right on time for it but his timing was slightly off. He was in luck however as there were plenty of leftovers.

We knew we needed a top notch bowling effort to see this through. Soren Hughes and Peter Crooks opened up and got us off to a steady start. Peter bowled best I have seen him for a while getting the length just right. Soren got both openers after 10 overs and they were travelling at the required run rate. Hamish came out and showed his intentions with some hitting from ball one.

Poor Subhav Gupta who has been bowling magnificently but somewhat let down in the field should have had Hamish on 20. He was rewarded not long after when Josh Hopkins took a beautifully judged catch under the fig trees (made up for prior 'whoopsie'). Subhav kept the café end quiet with Edward Robertson and Mark Henwood bowling from the other end.

They needed six an over to win when Buruma and Hughes combined and shut down the game. Soren bowled beautifully full and into the pads to make scoring very hard. Jed Wesley-Smith was tactically brilliant putting down the batsman who was struggling to get it out of the square.

Fantastic day and certainly went well towards recovering from JPS loss the previous week. Great job lads and let's win big this coming Saturday in final JP round before the draw is reduced to the top eight teams for the quarter finals. (*Editor's note: we are currently ninth and playing the team currently eighth on Saturday*)

The Team was: - Curtis Murray (w) 11, Edward Robertson 33, Subhav Gupta 13, Tom Robertson 72*, Peter Buruma 44, Jed Wesley-Smith 2, Mark Henwood dnb, Josh Hopkins dnb, Soren Hughes dnb, Ian Allmey (c) dnb and Peter Crooks dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: 5-187 (Tom Robertson 72*; P. Buruma 44) (35 overs)

Defeated

Knox Old Boys C.C.: - 7-178 (S. Hughes 4-44) (35 overs)

By 9 runs.

Fall of wickets: - 1- 31 (C. Murray); 2-58 (Edward Robertson); 3-59 (S. Gupta); 4-184 (P. Buruma); 5-187 (J. Wesley-Smith).

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 9-0-44-4; P. Crooks 5-1-25-0; S. Gupta 9-0-34-1; Edward Robertson 6-0-32-1; M. Henwood 3-0-19-0; P. Buruma 3-0-16-1;

The Fielding was: -

Run outs: - Nil

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to S. Gupta; One to each of C. Murray (w), J. Hopkins and Tom Robertson

Player Points: - 3 points to Tom Robertson; 2 points to P. Buruma; One point to S. Gupta.

C&S JACK PACE ROUND 5 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 2018: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

Do or die in the Jack Pace for the brave warriors of the C&S team against the Paul Moorhouse led Sydney University Lions. I must say the team sheet looked as good as I have seen for a few years. A very solid line-up. They won the toss and decided to bat on a Camperdown wicket which has become very reliable. Reliably low and slow with the odd one rearing.

The Lions got off to a good start until our 2018 superstar Paul Nash broke through in his first over. The chant of "get another 7 for!" put the fear of God into their openers and they both crumbled. All bowlers then proceeded to bowl very tightly. Subhav Gupta is proving quite a score for C&S; he is bowling better and better and if he had the full support of the fielders he'd be up there with Nash's season tally. The run rate dried right up and wickets fell at a steady stream. Peter Buruma and Ed Smith really put the brakes on at the tail of their innings. Ed missed the stumps by so little so many times he thought they were holograms.

The Lions finished with a kick of 26 for the ninth wicket which took them to a defendable 140. Made more defendable by injuries to Simon James (knee) and Tom Robertson (groin)

Ian Allmey and Curtis Murray opened with Ian salivating over the fig tree against Paul Moorhouse's opening donkey drops. It was a steady start with loose balls put away. Ian was overcome with wanting to send Paul into another dimension and was undone LBW. Everyone agreed it was very plumb. That bought out Simon James who soldiered on with a bad knee. Those Poms are made tough. Tom Robertson with his groin strain, retreated to the dressing room and called his mum. Curtis Murray and Simon put on 57 for the second wicket and got us well on the way to victory. Nash proved form with ball is not transferrable to the bat with a duck. It was now young Josh Hopkin's turn out in the middle. Only way is up for this English youngster after he got a golden in his first game with us. He played well for 27* and steered the ship home with Simon (46*) in an unbroken stand of 57 for the fourth wicket.

A good win from the lads when we needed it and against a good young side (except for Paul Moorhouse). Next year brings us up against the Primary Club in the Jack Pace quarter Finals in February. Dare I say the biggest game for the club since its inception!

The Team was: - Ian Allmey (c) 8, Curtis Murray (w) 46, Simon James 46*, Paul Nash 0, Josh Hopkins 27*, Edward Robertson dnb, Tom Robertson dnb, Soren Hughes dnb, Peter Buruma dnb, Subhav Gupta dnb and Ed Smith dnb

The Result was: -

Sydney University Lions C.C.: - 10-140 (E. Smith 3-19; P. Nash 3-21) (34.2 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-142 (S. James 46*; C. Murray 46) (31 overs)

By 7 wickets.

FoW: - 1- 21 (I. Allmey); 2-78 (C. Murray); 3-85 (.P Nash).

The Bowling was: - S James 4-0-16-0; S. Hughes 6-0-43-1, P. Nash 6.2-1-21-3, S. Gupta 7-1-27-1, P. Buruma 4-2-9-1, and E. Smith 6-2-19-3

The Fielding was: -

Run outs: - Nil

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to Edward Robertson; one to each of C. Murray (w) and E. Smith.

Player Points: - 3 points to S. James; 2 points to P. Nash; One point to E. Smith.

C&S ROUND 6 v OLD COLLEGIANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

The last game of cricket for 2019 for the City and Suburban team was memorable for some, especially the opposing captain who made 70 odd and was so impressed with our tea time spread that he wrote a letter to all C&S administration in praise. The combination of chicken mayo sandwiches with sliced cucumber wholemeal, salami & cheese and an array of watermelon and cheezels had impressed our own captain so much that he put down his beloved stick for a second to think only of the carrot (briefly).

It felt at least 40 degrees and extremely humid on field having rained for 48 hours before the game. The Lords of Camperdown however had arranged for the covers and some morning sunshine to entice us to bowl on what appeared to be a softish green top. No luck for the opening bowlers and it took Mr Brooks and Mr Gupta to get us some wickets. At drinks it was looking like we would have to chase down 200 or more but it had cooled down a little and we regathered to hold Colleagues back to 176 with Mark Henwood picking up 4-19 at the end to bowl them out. Our fielding was not that impressive once again as we continued to miss catches and not restrict singles.

After a solid start by the Tom Robertson and Michael Beergah combination, Craig Kitson nailed the brief by patiently hitting 64. For a guy that hadn't played for a few months and an uncertain road home driving a shit box rally car (please donate to Craig Kitson's Cancer Council charity drive! *Editor's note: Details on News Page of Web site at www.ccnsw.com*), he looked comfortable and steered us to near victory before being dismissed with 2 runs needed. Simon James and Subhav Gupta took us over the line with seven and a half overs to spare.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 21, Michael Beergah 21, Craig Kitson 64, Josh Hopkins 7, Soren Hughes 32, Simon James (c) 8* , Subhav Gupta 4*, Jed Wesley-Smith (w) dnb, Mark Henwood dnb, Anhad Sachdeva dnb and Greg Brooks dnb

The Result was: -

Old Collegians C.C.: - 10-176 (M. Henwood 4-19) (34.5 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-177 (C. Kitson 64; S. Hughes 32) (27.3 overs)

By 5 wickets.

FoW: - 1- 45 (T. Robertson); 2- 69 (M. Beergah); 3- 76 (J. Hopkins); 4- 133 (S. Hughes); 5-175 (C. Kitson).

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 8-0-40-1; A. Sachdeva 3-0-17-0; G. Brooks 8-0-33-2; S. Gupta 8-1-39-1; S. James 4-0-28-0; and M. Henwood 4.5-0-19-4

The Fielding was: -

Run outs: - Nil

Stumpings: - One to J. Wesley-Smith

Catches: - 2 to S. Gupta; one to each of S. James, M. Henwood and C. Kitson

Player Points: - 3 points to C. Kitson; 2 points to M. Henwood; One point to S. Hughes. .

C&S ROUND 8 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 12 JANUARY 2019: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

Disappointment, anger, disunity, shame, disbelief. Not the usual thoughts going around after a C&S social match played in good spirits by both teams, However it's not that often you have a team down 7-49 after 19 overs and lose the match. Still four beers later, one can happily quote club legend David Byrnes with "Cricket??? What's that???"

So this is how it went down. We won the toss. We batted. Curtis Murray was looking good with 22 and ably supported by Michael Beergah (8) and Paul Nash. Brief cameos by the Robertson twins, Ed and Tom (quack quack- they look so alike) were brief indeed. Simon James (35) batted well with Paul Nash (41) before succumbing to the heat. With not much following, we handed a guy with some slow medium pace accuracy a 6-32 handshake and retired to enjoy some carrots - out after 32 overs. Perhaps this week we might source some juicy young roast dog from South China to keep our minds firmly on the job.

So 7-49 after 19 overs. Did we bowl badly? Not really. Did we field badly? Much as usual. Did we relax well before the job was done? We had done almost enough and yet only 95% of what was required. Imagine, in your wildest dreams tonight, this equation:

A dot ball to win, 1 run for a draw and 2 for a loss.

[Words used by the writer in what was formerly a paragraph have been censored (*Not by the editor!*) for the benefit of the readers by masking all negative sentiment towards the eleven players involved in this farcical loss] So in summary, the way to win a game of cricket is to score more runs than the other team.

Congratulations to Tim Croft for digging in and allowing one of his youngsters to live out his dream to beat the Cricketers' Club of NSW's C&S team with a front foot drive missing bat and pad, through the gate, narrowly missing leg stump and down to fine leg for two byes. Boy, was he the happiest guy on the field!

The Team was: - Michael Beergah 8, Curtis Murray (w) 22, Edward Robertson 0, Tom Robertson 0, Simon James (c) 35, Paul Nash 41, Craig Kitson 0, Subhav Gupta 9, Soren Hughes 2, Mark Henwood 4 and Jed Wesley-Smith (w) 1*

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 10 - 133 (P. Nash 41; S. James 35) (32 overs)

Lost to

Sydney University Lions C.C.: 8 - 134 (J. Wesley-Smith 3-16) (35 overs)

By 2 wickets,

FoW: - 1- 18 (M. Beergah); 2-19 (E. Robertson); 3-20 (T. Robertson); 4-34 (C. Murray); 5-103 (S. James); 6-105 (C. Kitson); 7-115 (S. Gupta); 8-128 (P. Nash); 9-128 (S. Hughes); 10-133 (M. Henwood);

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 5-1-8-1; Edward Robertson 8-0-30-2, J. Wesley-Smith 4-0-16-3, S. Gupta 7-0-27-1, M. Henwood 6-0-22-0, P. Nash 4-0-18-0, and S. James 1-0-9-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One each to S. Hughes, C. Murray (w) and T. Robertson,

Run outs: - One to S. James

Player Points: - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to C. Murray; One point to S. James.

C&S ROUND 9 v I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 19 JANUARY 2019: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

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, 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

It was the night before the I Zingari (Australia) game and all the boys and men from the C&S team had forgiven one another after the horrible nightmare that was our last ball loss to Sydney University Lions last weekend. Uncle Tom had even vacated his new cave at Hobbit-town, outside of Auckland, to join the team once again at Camperdown Oval on a promise that we would never speak of the "last ball loss" ever again.

The covers had been left off all week and a Sydney heat wave had cooked the usually low and slow green top into a hard seaming green top which, in the cloudy but not humid conditions may well have been a bowl first pitch. However Soren Hughes scandalously won the toss and elected to bat first in the cooler conditions (without consultation) hoping that the cloud cover might lead to lower visibility and for our guests later on in the day.

Curtis Murray and Tom Robertson opened our account, the extra bounce helping us to 0-27 after three overs and Tom to 52 (possibly 48 according to first calculations) from not too many balls faced. Curtis batted well but however was replaced by Simon before he really got going. Tom was replaced by Paul Nash who built a good partnership with Simon James. After his wicket fell, Soren Hughes took his place for some more run scoring.

We had set up a good platform to score 220 plus; however, some careless swinging and missing in the later overs (from those who wanted to post 260) didn't work out and we fell to 8-209 at the end of 35 overs. A bit of movement off the seam from their medium pace attack had gotten the better of us.

We started well with the ball, Peter Buruma bowled seven overs in a row and creating five wicket taking opportunities but was rewarded with minimal support from the fielders and he took a doughnut in the wicket column back home to Bondi- unlucky. So what could have been 5-45 quickly became 1-145 after drinks and some typical player umpiring and some solid batting from IZA's number three.

The writing was on the wall, before Simon James bowled some quick overs to make time disappear and probably bring the game back to us. Next up was Michael Beergah, with one of the best overs I've seen to a batsman on 82- a near wicket maiden removing the number three.

Having learned something from the week before (yes! the unspeakable nightmare the week before!!!), we had one over to bowl and two new batsmen at the crease. Could our fortunes have changed?

First ball- Single

Second ball-Single

Third ball-Two

Fourth ball-Dot (*oh no, not this again!!!!*)

Fifth ball single. *Surely we could manage a draw? Please?*

We brought the field in close. Tom squealed a little... Simon bowled ... from here it was just like one of those Hollywood blockbuster sport movies where everything is in slow motion. The difference being that we were the bad guy who bullied the little kid and got kicked in the guts at the end of the movie.

Oh well, at least it wasn't the World Series or the Jack Pace Finals. Let's just get it together for next week. It just won't happen again – will it?

The Team was (playing 11): - Tom Robertson 52; Curtis Murray (w) 7, Simon James (c) 62, Paul Nash 34, Soren Hughes 38*, Mike Weaver 3, Subhav Gupta 0, Mitch Hetherington 3, Mike Beergah 0, Peter Buruma dnb and Jed Wesley-Smith dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 8-209- (S. James 62; T. Robertson 52) (35 overs)

Lost to

I Zingari (Australia) C.C.: 5- 211 (35 overs)

By 5 wickets

FoW: - 1- 34 (C. Murray); 2-84 (T. Robertson); 3-136 (P. Nash); 4-185 (S. James); 5-202 (M. Weaver); 6-205 (M. Hetherington); 7-207 (S. Gupta); 8-209 (M. Beergah).

The Bowling was: - S, Hughes 4-0-14-0; P. Buruma 6-0-42-0; P. Nash 7-1-29-1, J. Wesley-Smith 2-0-26-0; S. Gupta 4-0-38-0; S. James 7-0-41-2; T. Robertson 2-0-13-0 and M. Beergah 1-0-2-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One catch to C. Murray (w) and one to J. Wesley-Smith

Run outs: - One to ???

Player Points: - 3 points to S. James; 2 points to T. Robertson ; One point to S. Hughes .

C&S ROUND 10 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019: REPORT BY SIMON JAMES

Due to the NZ tour, a depleted C.C.N.S.W. C&S XI took to the field minus Tom Robertson and Soren Hughes versus a traditionally solid Knox XI. Selection issues were compounded by some late withdrawals - many thanks to Mike Weaver for stepping up at the last minute despite a supposed broken rotator cuff (?) and Mick McCormick

On a very hot and humid afternoon C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and elected to bat. Unfortunately C.C.N.S.W. lost wickets consistently throughout their innings which never really got going. The only contributions of note were that of Simon James (43) and Mick McCormick (22) who shared a 50 run partnership. C.C.N.S.W. ended up all out for 129 which was always going to be short on a good batting wicket.

In response, Knox reached their target for the loss of just 4 wickets. The weather, although threatening, did not come to the rescue of the home side. As has been a trend for the C.C.N.S.W. XI of late, the bowling was inaccurate and the fielding poor. The only noteworthy bowling performance was by David Byrnes who returned to the XI with two wickets.

All-in-all, a mediocre performance!

The Team was (playing 11): - Curtis Murray (w) 4, Subhav Gupta 3, Simon James (c) 43, John Hopkins 1, David Byrnes 13. Mick McCormick 22, Peter Buruma 1, Andrew Spedding 9, A Sachdeva 4, Jed Wesley-Smith 11* and Mike Weaver 8*

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-129 (S. James 43) (35 overs)

Lost to

Knox Old Boys C.C.: 4-130 (26 overs)

By 6 wickets

FoW: - 1- 8 (S. Gupta); 2-12 (C. Murray); 3-13 (J. Hopkins); 4-38 (D. Byrnes); 5-92 (M. McCormick); 6-92 (S. James); 7-97 (P. Buruma); 8-105 (A. Spedding); 9-110 (A. Sachdeva)

The Bowling was: - P. Buruma 6-1-30-0; A Sachdeva 5-0-24-0, S. Gupta 8-0-42-2, D. Byrnes 8-1-31-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to C. Murray (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to S. James; 2 points to D. Byrnes; One point to S. Gupta.

**C&S JACK PACE QUARTER FINAL v THE PRIMARY CLUB AT REG BARTLEY OVAL
ON SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON**

No report was ever received

Reg Bartley Oval is by the harbor and the ground has no covers. Apparently at the start of the game the wicket and outfield was very damp, making scoring difficult. After tea the wicket had dried out and was easier to score on as the Primary Club won easily in under 25 overs.

The Team was (playing 11): - Curtis Murray (w) 11, Mike Beergah, 16* Paul Nash 5, Simon James 17, Tom Robertson 5, Craig Kitson 4, Ian Allmey (c) 5, Soren Hughes 0, Peter Buruma 1, Subhav Gupta 11 and Ian Robertson 5*

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: -9-96 (35 overs)

Lost to

The Primary Club C.C.: 2-97 (24.2 overs)

By 8 wickets

FoW: - 1-23 (C, Murray); 2-32 (P, Nash); 3-54 (T. Robertson); 4-61 (S, James); 5-66 (S, Hughes); 6-66 (C, Kitson); 7-69 (P. Buruma); 8-70 (I. Allmey); 9-81 (S. Gupta).

The Bowling was: - Ian Robertson 6.1-2-9-0, P. Nash 2-0-9-0; S. James 4-1-12-0, S Hughes 4-0-14-0; P. Buruma 4-0-27-1 and S. Gupta 4-0-24-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to C. Murray

Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to M. Beergah; 2 points to S. James; One point to C. Murray.

C&S ROUND 12 v THE REG BARTLEY XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2019: REPORT BY SIMON JAMES

The fixture versus the Reg Bartley XI provided an opportunity for the C&S XI to revenge a series of recent defeats. I do not know Reg Bartley personally, but the XI who turned up to play in his name contained a wide spectrum of abilities skewed very much to the downside.

The Cricketers' Club won the toss and elected to bat on a sporting pitch. In a reshuffled batting order, all batsmen made solid contributions in compiling 289 for 4 off 35 overs against a week bowling attack. An innings of 51 by Mitch Hetherington stays in the memory, full of effortless clean hitting including 20+ off one over. A fifteen ball 40* by skipper Simon James also provided a fitting crescendo to the innings to set a total which was always likely to be out of reach for the opposition.

In response, the Reg Bartley XI fought gallantly but was no match for a balanced C.C.N.S.W. bowling attack. In particular the three-pronged spin attack of Gupta, Henshaw and Kitson bowled with cunning and outsmarted the opposition's batsman. Jed Wesley-Smith also chipped in with two valuable wickets with his unique medium-slow bowling.

All in all, it was a welcome change of fortune for the team, however a slightly hollow victory against an under strength opposition.

Oh – almost forgot – Mike Weaver scored a maiden C&S hundred (105* retired). The author begrudgingly admits it was an innings full of classy drives, delicate cuts and effective sweep shots. Despite the quality of the innings, a distinct lack of fitness (aerobic and a dodgy shoulder) could limit future opportunities in a team that is otherwise full of primed athletes. *(Editor's note: but nevertheless still a gallant and praiseworthy effort by a 50 yr old filling in on the day and usually having to retire at 40*)*

The Team was (playing 11): - Mike Weaver 105* (ret not out), Curtis Murray (w) 34, Mitch Hetherington 51, Tom Robertson 16, Simon James 40*, Craig Kitson 2, Soren Hughes 15*, Subhav Gupta dnb, Peter Crooks dnb, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb and Mark Henwood dnb

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: 4-289 (M. Weaver 105*; M. Hetherington 51; S. James 40*) (35 overs)

Defeated

Reg Bartley XI: 10- 128 (M. Henwood 3-21) (26.2 overs)

By 161 runs

FoW: - 1-89 (C. Murray); 1-205 (M. Weaver); 2-222 (M. Hetherington); 3-228 (T. Robertson); 4-237 (C. Kitson)

The Bowling was: - P. Crooks 4-0-32-0; J. Wesley-Smith 5-0-22-2; S. Gupta 7-0-41-2; S. Hughes 2-0-4-0; M. Henwood 6.2-0-21-3; C. Kitson 2-0-5-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - 2 to C Murray

Catches: - One to each of T. Robertson and M. Weaver

Run outs: - One to each of S. Gupta and C. Murray

Player Points: - 3 points to M. Weaver; 2 points to M. Hetherington; One point to S. James.

C&S ROUND 13 v PADDINGTON AT WATERLOO OVAL, WATERLOO ON SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2019: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

Inner city cricket at its finest at Waterloo. Super short boundary on the western side. No more than 35 meters. Simon James lost the toss and we were to bowl.

We opened with Ian Robertson and Soren Hughes. Ian extracted some unpleasantness out of the wicket and 'Sooz' found his spot first ball with a pearler hitting the top of off. Ian bowled a great line being very unlucky not to snag one. That's five games he hasn't had a wicket but still been man of the match in two!

Tom Robertson came on to bowl and was soon removed after he bowled 10 balls in his over. Knowing it was his only over he knew to get his monies worth. A hundred run partnership then ensued while C.C.N.S.W. was somewhat asleep at the wheel. Subhav Gupta came on but provided a few too many loose ones. Then Paul Nash came on and bowled his trademark slingers and snared wickets when they were threatening to accelerate. Hughes also put the brakes on. Jed Wesley-Smith came on and bowled straight and snagged a few when we needed them. Seems that is the formula for wickets in this competition as he averages 10.9. at 35 overs Paddington were 8-152

Thanks go out to Sam Millar's new girlfriend who provided birthday cake for afternoon tea. Happy Birthday Sammy! Play more cricket!!

We opened with Sam Millar and Josh Hopkins. Millar smacked the second ball with his illegal bat for 4. Ominous start. Josh too started with a clean cut for 4. Pity he struggles with the on-the-stump deliveries! The in form Mitch Hetherington strode to the crease after clinching the quinella with Winx at 4 to 1. Mitch kept going from the previous week's batting keeping up with Sam who was smacking them all over. I pity the owner of the black VW Golf at deep square...Mitch then struck a very clean ball back at the bowler which paused the game for 20 minutes of so with everyone deciding whether a trip to the hospital was required. The ice reduced the swelling of the wrist and an orderly trip to a medical centre ensued. Mitch was later caught in the deep dor 40 with the score on 88 after 11 overs.

Tom came out and found the small boundary over point with a few thick edges. Sam was dismissed lbw for 48, trying to reverse sweep. Dare I say the stumps not being hammered in got him. Gupta and Tom then saw us home. A comfortable win and great to be back playing Paddington!

A few beers were consumed and we said farewell to Josh Hopkins who is heading back to England. All the best Josh!

The Team was (playing 11): - Sam Millar 48, Josh Hopkins 7, Mitch Hetherington 40, Tom Robertson 42*, Subhav Gupta 13*, Soren Hughes dnb, Jed Wesley-Smith dnb, Simon James (c) dnb, Curtis Murray (w) dnb, Ian Robertson dnb and Paul Nash dnb

The Result was:-

Paddington C.C.: 8-152 (35 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-153 (T. Robertson 42*I M. Hetherington 40) (19.5 overs)

By 7 wickets

FoW: - 1- 14 (J. Hopkins); 2-88 (M. Hetherington); 3-109 (S. Millar).

The Bowling was: - Ian Robertson 8-2-20-0; S. Hughes 8-0-36-3; Tom Robertson 1-0-14-0; S. Gupta 6-0-39-0; P. Nash 8-1-29-3; J. Wesley-Smith 4-0-11-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - One to C. Murray

Catches: - One to each of S. Gupta, S. Millar and T. Robertson
Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to S. Millar; 2 points to Ian Robertson; One point to P. Nash.

C&S ROUND 14 v HUNTERS HILL AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019:

Cancelled by rain

C&S ROUND 15 v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2019: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

In the midst of the agony that comes with a heavy defeat, one turns to the potential causes of defeat but more importantly ways to avoid recurrence and remembrance of such defeat.

And well defeated we were.

Potential causes:

- Leaving the pitch uncovered on Friday night;
- It raining heavily on Friday night and Saturday morning and playing anyway (hmmm);
- Winning the toss (unlikely);
- Bowling bouncers on a slow soft pitch (got away with that);
- Training with the opposition every week and having our own side not turning up (maybe worth thinking about);
- Getting the opposition out for 128 (a reasonable job here, a number of good wicket taking performances by our good men);
- not making more of catching opportunities (always well received);
- lbw contentiousness (that's always there);
- not calling no-ball for double bouncers (unlikely)
- not facing the allotted 35 overs and getting out cheaply (yes).

So there you have it ladies and gents, that's why we may well be embarrassed every time this week's game is spoke of. Probably the worst performance by us in a shortened history of C&S. It was like the Primary Club game all over again but this time we couldn't really blame the conditions.

Alas, I turn to the (edited and slightly amended) verse of Robert Service to subdue the ever chirping hearts of the Masters men looking in a few weeks time to winning the newly engraved President's Cup.

*"We wrote a play; by day and night
We strove with passion and delight;
Yet knew, long ere the curtain drop,
Our drama was a sorry flop.*

*In Camperdown we sought a seat;
Game Day brought dire defeat;
Yet we had wooed with word and pen
Prodigiously our fellow men.*

*And then we wrote a lighter play
That made us famous in a day.
We won a seat in Parliament,
And starry was the way we went.*

*Yet as we neared the door of death
They heard us say with broken breath:
'For all we've spoken, planned and penned,
We're just a wash-out in the end.'*

*So are we all; our triumphs won
Are mean by what we might have done.
Our victories that men applaud
Are sordid in the sight of them".*

(Based on poem "Failure" by Robert William Service 1874-1958)

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 19, Curtis Murray (w) 1, Mitch Hetherington 0, Simon James (c) 0, Paul Nash 6, Soren Hughes 6, Craig Fletcher 0, Peter Buruma 6*, Peter Crooks 10, Shane Peterson 4 and Jed Wesley-Smith 2

The Result was:-

Sydney University Lions C.C.: 10-127 (J. Wesley-Smith 4-7) (33.4 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: 10-63 (M. Weaver 19) (23.4 overs)

By 64 runs

FoW: - 1- 2 (C. Murray); 2- 4 (M. Hetherington); 3-27 (S. James); 4-37 (P. Nash); 5-37 (S. Hughes); 6-38 (C. Fletcher); 7-49 (M. Weaver); 8-49 (P. Crooks); 9-53 (S. Peterson); 10-63 (J. Wesley-Smith)

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 4-0-31-2, P. Buruma 4-0-15-0, P. Crooks 4-1-15-1, P. Nash 1-0-6-0, C. Fletcher 4-0-21-1, S. James 4-2-5-0, S. Peterson 6-0-21-1, J. Wesley-Smith 6.4-2-7-4

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One to C. Murray (w) and one each to P. Crooks, S. James and M. Weaver

Run outs: - One to C. Fletcher

Player Points: - 3 points to J. Wesley-Smith; 2 points to M. Weaver; One point to P. Crooks

C&S ROUND 16 v BEAVERS AT WATERLOO OVAL, WATERLOO ON SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019: REPORT BY MARK HENWOOD

The Rocky Balboa Fight back of the Season

'Let me tell you something you already know. The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place and I don't care how tough you are it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done!'

Results for C&S this season have raised eyebrows and provoked more than a few stunned silences. Certainly, the Prez, Greg Brooks himself wasn't holding back when describing the worst season in his twenty something years with C.C.N.S.W. in the pre-match chatter.

Waterloo Oval is a nice enough ground under normal circumstances, but it lacks covers, so it was that particular shade of green - sort of a seasick green? - after all the Saturday night precipitation. And in no time at all, the C.C.N.S.W. side was put into bat and feeling squeamish after a string of maidens and wicket maidens left the score at 4-10.

It took about 8 overs for the run-rate to break one run per over, and the gritty determination of Nash and the Prez to lift C.C.N.S.W. out of the embarrassment zone. Let's not forget, a week earlier the side was demolished for a mere 62 all out. Relentless dot balls, with only the occasional single, left the air heavy with tension. It was

then that the Prez unleashed a massive blow, with a slog sweep 6 over cow that Ross Taylor would've been happy to strike. The sun came out, the birds started squawking, and somewhere the bass-line of *Eye of the Tiger* started playing.

The side passed 20, 30, 40... in a burst of scoring... But the total hadn't passed 60 when the Prez was out, and the nerves were back. Fortunately, Nash took particular toll of the first change slow bowlers, causing havoc amongst cars and pedestrians on Elizabeth Street. Jovial chatter on the sidelines returned, and by the time Nash was out with 92 of the finest you'll see in testing circumstances, the team score was up to 6-127. A few small contributions from the tail helped C.C.N.S.W. to finish our innings 154 all out.

A couple of hours' sunshine had helped the pitch settle nicely, and the Beavers' openers started off in a hurry with a few crisp boundaries. A drop in the slips, and a few heads dropped. But remember, the mind is your best muscle... big arms can move rocks, but big words can move mountains. The Prez gave the side a few choice words between overs to rally the side and the intensity of play in the field lifted. Buruma began a hostile short pitched opening spell, bouncing out three Beavers quicker than Robertson could count the planes flying overhead.

Wickets fell regularly amongst the C.C.N.S.W. bowlers, but somehow the score also kept mounting for the Beavers, especially after the skip decided to share the bowling around. Emotions were running high, a boundary at third man was disputed, and heated words ensued. *Every champion was once a contender who refused to give up*, and the C&S side weren't finished just yet, although Robertson chose this moment to sub himself off the field.

Beavers needed 27 runs off the last 4 overs, which turned into 4 from the final over, the Prez to bowl. A few down to long on left the scores level with two Beavers' wickets and 4 balls remaining. Then a sharp catch at mid-off to Henwood, followed by the cleanest of clean bowleds, led to a rousing cheer from the C.C.N.S.W. side. Robertson appeared on the sidelines with a case of frosty beverages to celebrate the epic fight back, and finally, a C&S side going the distance and remaining undefeated... *that bell rings and I'm still standin', I'm gonna know for the first*

The Team was (playing 11): - Ian Allmey (c) 0, Tom Robertson 0, Paul Nash 92, Mitch Hetherington 1, Soren Hughes 2, Greg Brooks 23, Peter Buruma 10*, Trevor Worland 5, Andrew Perry 3 Jed Wesley-Smith (w) 7 and Mark Henwood 1

The Result was:-

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-154 (P. Nash 92) (34.5 overs)

Tied with

Beavers C.C.: - 10-154 (G. Brooks 4-21) (34.4 overs)

FoW (C.C.N.S.W.): - 1- 0 (T. Robertson); 2-0 (I. Allmey); 3-3 (M. Hetherington); 4-10 (S. Hughes); 5-57 (G. Brooks); 6-124 (A. Perry); 7-125 (P. Nash); 8-142 (T. Worland); 9-151 (J. Wesley-Smith); 10-154 (M. Henwood)

FoW (Beavers): - 1-31 (A. Dsouza); 2-34 (P. Whitehead); 3-38 (J. Khatri); 4-63 (T. Nash); 5-68 (S. Akki); 6-95 (R. Burgess); 7-99 (H. Kumar); 8-104 (J. Gordon); 9-154 (R. Glover); 10-154 (S. Veerakamaraj);

The Bowling was: - S. Hughes 5-0-30-0; P. Buruma 7-1-19-3; G. Brooks 7.5-3-21-4; J. Wesley-Smith 4-0-21-2, M. Henwood 3-0-13-0; P. Nash 5-0-14-1; T. Worland 2-0-16-0; A. Perry 1-0-13-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - One catch to each of M. Henwood, M. Hetherington, S. Hughes, P. Nash and T. Robertson

Run outs: - Nil

Player Points: - 3 points to P. Nash; 2 points to G. Brooks; one point to P. Buruma

**C&S ROUND 18 v THE PRIMARY CLUB AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN
ON SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019:**

Despite covers, the pitch was unfit for play because of rain during the week

**City & Suburban Cricket Association - 1903 Inc.
Jack Pace Shield League Table (NB Top 8 teams proceed to Knock Out stage)**

N o.	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	Runs scored	Overs faced	Runs against	Overs Bowled	Pts	Net run rate
1	Knox Old Boys	5	4	0	1	0	824	139	529	140	28	2.1282
2	Old Aloysians	4	3	0	1	1	595	90	321	105	24	3.5296
3	Primary Club	5	3	1	1	0	539	95	530	140	22	1.7640
4	Balmain/South Sydney	5	3	1	1	0	614	127	406	118	22	1.3891
5	I Zingari (Australia)	5	3	1	1	0	640	111	623	139	21	1.3085
6	C.C.N.S.W.	5	3	1	1	0	441	101	443	105	20	0.1473
7	Hunters Hill	5	2	1	1	0	736	137	795	140	17	-0.3193
8	Yaralla	5	2	2	1	0	487	118	609	140	15	-0.2170
9	Old Cranbrookians	5	2	2	1	0	661	140	622	140	14	0.2786
10	Sydney Uni. Lions	5	2	2	1	0	608	137	585	136	14	0.1365
11	Colleagues	5	2	2	1	0	648	118	634	123	14	-0.4254
12	Nondescripts	5	2	2	1	0	483	140	698	140	14	-1.5357
13	Barker Old Boys	4	0	2	1	1	311	70	439	70	7	-1.8286
14	Paddington	4	0	2	2	1	268	70	288	66	6	-0.4171
15	St George Veterans	4	0	3	1	1	420	105	532	102	4	-1.1987
16	Beavers	5	0	4	1	0	521	140	568	110	2	-1.4111
17	Reg Bartley XI	5	0	4	1	0	342	140	507	97	2	-2.7678
18	Old Sydneians	1	0	1	0	0	119	35	120	19	0	-2.8609

**NB C.C.N.S.W. lost in the KO Quarter Final to the Primary Club
Old Aloysians defeated Knox Old Boys in the Final**