

MASTERS ROUND 1 v LINDFIELD LEGENDS AT TRYON OVAL
LINDFIELD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
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The first match of the new season had arrived upon us. We turned up at Lindfield Oval to be greeted by a hard wicket, a very short and fast outfield and a most unusual site for the start of the cricket season.... Sunshine! Yes, that's right, sunshine. It was a glorious day of around 30 degrees with a light breeze so it could be said that conditions were perfect.

Due to no daylight saving we were due for an 11.30am start. C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and Jack in his first match as the Masters' captain sent the opposition in. Graham Buck and Dave Stimson opened the attack for C.C.N.S.W. and both bowled well without any luck. Although the ball was swinging a little, there was almost no sideways movement and scoring was relatively easy for the Lindfield batsmen. Jim Hadley was bought on early in an attempt to grab some wickets, but it wasn't until the 13th over that a breakthrough came. Lindfield scored steadily making 5-180 off their allotted 40 overs. Jim Hadley 2-39 and Joe Scarcella 2-21 being the pick of the bowlers. Joe deserves special mention for his accuracy. He went of 9 off his first over, but his next 8 he took 2-12 including four maidens.

C.C.N.S.W. chased the runs hard with Craig Somers making 34, Scott Wells 40*, newcomer Phil Mitchell 30*, Jim Hadley a hard hitting 23 and Frank Crowe a well made 32*. C.C.N.S.W. made 4-182 in 32 overs. A good solid win to start the season. We are going to have play well this year as we have drawn all the strong teams in our side of the draw.

The team was: David ("Jack") Jones (c) Mick McCormick, Craig Somers, Scott Wells, Phil Mitchell, Jim Hadley, Frank Crowe (w), Garry James, Graham Buck, Joe Scarcella and Dave Stimson.

The result was:

Lindfield Legends: 5-180 (40 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W. 4-183 (S. Wells 40*; F. Crowe 32*; P Mitchell 30*) (32 overs)

The bowling was: G Buck 5-2-18-0; D. Stimson 3-0-11-0; J. Hadley 9-1-39-2; J. Scarcella 9-4-21-2; G. James 8-1-31-0 and M McCormick 6-0-35-0

The batting was: D Jones 1, C. Somers 34, S. Wells 40*, M. McCormick 12, P. Mitchell 30*, J. Hadley 23, F Crowe 32*; Garry James (DNB), Graham Buck (DNB), Joe Scarcella (DNB) and Dave Stimson (DNB).

MASTERS ROUND 2 v AUBURN AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 7 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
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This year's draw has seen the Masters side draw the three best sides from last year all before Christmas (Mosman, Auburn and the Sri Lanka Lions). We were at home to Auburn this week and we were expecting a tough game based on last year's performance where they smashed us to all parts to make 265. As has become the norm for cricket season rain started falling on Friday, and with the Saturday game cancelled by weather, the wicket didn't get covered. Mick

McCormick put his hand up early for the clubman of the year award and put the covers down unassisted on Saturday to ensure we could get a game in.

Sunday arrived and the weather was fine. The wicket pulled up OK and wasn't affected. C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and decided to take advantage of any moisture that may have been in the pitch and sent Auburn in. Graham Buck and Dave Stimson opened the bowling and both were getting the ball to move around. Dave got the first wicket in the fourth over, but the Auburn boys started to put it together and it wasn't until there was 64 on the board that we took the second wicket, this time to Graham Buck and a second catch to Paul "Buckets" Allen. Bucky bowled a good spell where he consistently swung the ball and consistently picked up wickets, finishing with 4-48 off 9 overs. Jim Hadley bowled brilliantly and was unlucky not to pick up more wickets, his last 6 overs going for just 11 runs including three maidens. 'El Presidente', Greg Brooks came on and backing up from 12 overs the day before in C&S put together 9 tidy overs to finish with 2-24 before Dave Stimson came back and cleaned up the tail. Auburn was all out for 186 and we knew if we batted well, a good win was very possible.

The batting started brilliantly with both Paul allen ("Buckets") and Craig Somers retiring after reaching 40. Scott Wells smashed them to all parts before he fell 1 run short of retirement on 39. From there it was a wobbly ship with only Jim Hadley (22) and 'Jack' Jones (10) making double figures. C.C.N.S.W. were cruising at one stage at 1-115 and 4-168 and looking like getting the runs inside 32 overs. C.C.N.S.W. decided to make it hard and had a mini collapse and had to rely on Craig coming back to grind out a win 8 wickets down in the 33rd over. Craig ended with a very well made 54*.

The team was: Paul Allen, Craig Somers, Scott Wells, Mick McCormick , Jim Hadley, David Jones (c), Frank Crowe (w), Greg Brooks, Daniel. Lane , David Stimson and Graham Buck.

The result was:

Auburn CC: 10-186 (37.5 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W. 8-189 (33.3 overs)

The bowling was: G. Buck 9-0-48-4, D. Stimson 3.5-0-23-2, J. Hadley 9-3-33-1, G. Brooks 9-2-24-2, S. Wells 3-0-25-0, M. McCormick 1-0-4-0 and D. Jones 3-0-20-0.

The batting was: P. Allen 41*, C. Somers 54*, S. Wells 39, M. McCormick 0, J. Hadley 22, D. Jones 10 (c), F Crowe 3 (w), G. Brooks 0, D. Lane 0, D. Stimson 4*, and G. Buck 0.

MASTERS ROUND 3 v BURWOOD BRIARS AT ROTHWELL PARK ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID ("JACK") JONES

After a solid win against the hot Auburn outfit, C.C.N.S.W. travelled to Rothwell Park with high expectations. The ground was picture perfect and the wicket hard. Burwood won the toss and decided to bat. Unfortunately, the good fielding of the previous game deserted us and a few chances were missed which ended up costing us. Burwood batted well finishing 6-223 off their allotted overs. Notable bowling performances for C.C.N.S.W. were Graham Buck with 1-34 off 9, Jim Hadley 1-36 off 9 and Dave Stimson with 2-47 off 6. Scott Wells bowled without luck and should have had a couple of wickets but it wasn't to be.

We were confident that we could get the runs. The wicket had played beautifully all day and the outfield was fast. Perhaps we were over confident as C.C.N.S.W. displayed its worst batting performance for some time with several poor shots leading to the downfall of our

batsmen. Apart from Craig Somers who made 43, no one else got going and we were disappointingly all out for 117.

There will have to be some significant improvement if we are to challenge the very strong Sri Lankan Lions in the next match.

The team was: Paul Allen, Craig Somers, Scott Wells, Jim Hadley, Mick McCormick, Graham Buck, Steve Durrant, Trevor Worland, Frank Crowe (w), David ("Jack") Jones (c) and Dave Stimson.

The result was:

Burwood Briars: - 6-223

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-117 (C. Somers 43)

The bowling was: G. Buck 9-1-34-1, S. Durrant 4-0-18-1, J. Hadley 9-2-36-1, D. Stimson 6-0-47-2, S. Wells 5-0-40-0, M. McCormick 6-0-42-1

The batting was: P. Allen 12, C. Somers 43, S. Wells 18, J. Hadley 0, M. McCormick 6, G. Buck 5, S. Durrant 11, T. Worland 0, F. Crowe 7 (w), D. Jones 7 (c) and D. Stimson 6*

**MASTERS ROUND 4 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
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After a disappointing loss to Burwood in the previous match, we arrived at Camperdown with high expectations of putting in a good performance against the Sri Lankans, who so far had been setting the pace in the competition. We knew we would have to play extremely well to have a chance, as Sri Lanka hadn't been troubled by any opposition to date.

The wicket was a little juicy after rain fell on the wicket on Friday (which washed out the C&S match the day before). The toss was going to be vital.....and we lost it. We were sent in and faced some steady bowling early, with the bowlers getting some assistance from the conditions. We managed to get to 9-159 off our allotted overs with Craig Somers continuing his amazing run of form with 53* and Mick McCormick striking form with 40*. Our veteran wicket keeper Frank Crowe was also showing good form until he managed to blow up both calf muscles going for a quick single. He needed a runner after that but it was too much and he departed for 19.

During our innings, the sun had come out and there was a light drying breeze blowing from the south west, both of which had the effect of drying the wicket and as Camperdown often does, the wicket settled nicely as the day wore on. After a good afternoon tea (not as good as Bronwyn's, but good none the less) the Sri Lankans commenced their innings and we were treated to one of best displays of clean hitting that one could hope to see. The Sri Lankans passed our total 0-160 in 22 overs. It didn't matter if we bowled the quicks or our spinners, all suffered the same fate with five of our six bowlers being hit for at least one six (note to all bowlers... the captain didn't get hit for six!!!). In all, 10 shots disappeared out of the ground and on a few occasions over the grandstand. Our combined spin attack of Jim Hadley and Dave Byrnes managed to slow them a little, but in the wash up, we would have needed 300 to be competitive.

The team was: Craig Somers 53*, Paul Allen 9, Scott Wells 0, Mick McCormick 40*, David Byrnes 11, Jim Hadley 1, Frank Crowe (w) 19, David Jones (c) 0, Dale Richards 6, Joe Scarcella 1 and Graham Buck 8*

The result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-159 (C Somers 53*; M McCormick 40*) (40 overs)

Lost to

Sri Lanka Lions 0-160 (21.5 overs)

The bowling was: G. Buck 2 -0-13-0; J. Scarcella 2-0-29-0; D. Byrnes 8-0-47-0; J. Hadley 8-0-49-0; D. Richards 1-0-11-0; D. Jones 0.5-0-11.0

**MASTERS ROUND 5 v KENTHURST AT KENTHURST OVAL,
KENTHURST, ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
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Due to heavy rain in the Kenthurst area on Wednesday and Friday, Kenthurst were unable to get onto the ground to prepare a wicket and the match was cancelled.

**MASTERS ROUND 6 v WARRINGAH AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2012: REPORT BY DAVID
JONES**

No report has been received to date

The team was: - Paul Allen (w) (39), David Benson (14), Scott Wells (26*). Mick McCormick (20), Angus Martin (0), Trevor Worland (1), David Jones (c) (0), Greg Brooks (3), Gary James (3*), Joe Scarcella (dnb), and Graham Buck (dnb)

The result was:-

Warringah C.C.: - 10- 111 (S. Wells 3-11) (33.1 Overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-112 (P. Allen 39) (23 Overs)

By 3 wickets

The bowling was: - G. Buck 7-1-18-2; J. Scarcella 5-1-17-1; G. Brooks 6-1-25-1; M. McCormick 6-1-24-1; S. Wells 5.1-2-11-3 and G. James 4-1-10-1

FoW: 1-50; 2-56; 3-77; 4-87; 5-93; 6-94; 7-99

**MASTERS ROUND 7 v MOSMAN AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2012:**

No report has been received

The team was: Ian Allmey (14), Craig Somers (50), Scott Wells (15), Mick McCormick (c) (19), David Benson (0), Greg Brooks (12), Frank Crowe (w) (10), Gary James (7), Steve Durrant (0), Graham Buck (2), Joe Scarcella (11*)

The Result was:-

Mosman: - 7-256 (40 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-143 (C. Somers 50) (37.5 overs)

By 113 runs

The bowling was: G. Buck 9-0-52-2; J. Scarcella 6-1-33-0; G. Brooks 9-1-49-1; M. McCormick 4-0-23-1; G. James 4-0-31-1; S. Wells 3-0-24-1, S. Durrant 2-0-13-0; D. Benson 3-0-19-0.

Extras: - 6b; 3lb

Catches: - F Crowe 2; G Brooks 1

FOW: - 1-24; 2-52; 3-?; 4-?; 5-114; 6-115; 7-115; 8-123; 9-129; 10-143

**MASTERS ROUND 8 v PARRAMATTA AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2012:**

Again no report has been received but Craig Somers has provided basic scores and information

The team was: David Benson 8*; Joff Johnson 10; Jim Hadley 0*, DNB- Craig Somers, Mick McCormick (c), David Byrnes, Gary James, Frank Crowe (w), Michael Khan, T. Poutikos and Graham Buck

The Result was:-

Parramatta: 10-142 (38.1 overs)

Drew with

C.C.N.S.W.: - 1-21 (5.1 overs)

Rain

The bowling was: G. Buck 2-22; T Poutikos 0-36; G. James 3-33, D Byrnes 0-17; M. McCormick 1-7; M. Khan 0-14 and J. Hadley 2-9

FOW: - 1-21

**MASTERS ROUND 9 v WYONG C.C. AT BAKER PARK, WYONG, ON
SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2013**

Cancelled by rain

**MASTERS ROUND 10 v NORTHWEST SYDNEY HURRICANES AT
CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10,
2013:**

No report has been received on this match

The Team was: Paul Allen 43*; Craig Somers 24; Terry Pontikos 0; Dave Benson 6; Mick McCormick (c) 22; J Hadley 15*; Frank Crowe (w) (dnb); David Byrnes (dnb); Joe Scarcella (dnb); Greg James(dnb) and Graham Buck (dnb)

The Result was:

North West Sydney Hurricanes: - 10- 120 (G. James 4-14) (35 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-123 (P. Allen 43*) (25.1 overs)

By 6 wickets

The Bowling was: T. Pontikos 4-0-27-0; J. Scarcella 7-0-20-2; M. McCormick 4-0-18-0; G. James 9-2-14-4; G. Buck 3-0-8-0; J. Hadley 8-0-28-2

MASTERS ROUND 11 v COLLAROY PLATEAU CC AT GRAHAM RESERVE MANLY, ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2013: REPORT BY

The game was rained off The C.C.N.S.W. Masters side has now not played at Camperdown since Round 8 v Parramatta on January 13

MASTERS ROUND 12 v LANE COVE BLUE AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 10 MARCH, 2013: REPORT BY DAVID JONES

Another home game at Camperdown which was looking a picture courtesy of the recent rains. C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and asked the opposition to bat first. The wicket was a beauty and played well allowing the two Lane Cove openers to score steadily.

Greg Brooks and Graham Buck opened the bowling, but got little assistance from the wicket; it was clear slow bowling was going to be the order of the day. A quick change to spin from both ends in the form of Jim Hadley and Garry James slowed the scoring rate and allowed us to grab our first wicket in the ninth over when Frank Crowe took a good catch behind the stumps off Garry James' bowling. Jim Hadley found the conditions to his liking and was getting sharp turn and bounce. He found himself on a hat trick in the fourteenth over, getting rid of the other opener who was looking dangerous and their number three who was also well settled. Unfortunately luck didn't go Jim's way and the hat trick was avoided.

Mick McCormick bowled an inspired spell taking three quick wickets to keep the pressure on the Lane Cove team. David ("Jack") Jones bowled his first spell for many months at the other end and took a wicket while keeping the scoring rate in check. The opening bowlers came back to finish the innings, and the last two Lane Cove batsmen managed to compile some runs with the innings finishing at 9-158 off the 40 overs. It was a result with which we were happy, considering they had been looking at making well over 200 with the way they had started.

As usual we approached the task of tackling the runs with confidence given the strength of our batting and the condition of the wicket. And as usual, we made things hard for ourselves losing valuable wickets early with Paul Allen, Craig Somers and David Benson being back in the shed by the ninth over with the score only 27. Mick McCormick however is in a purple patch of form and he batted beautifully for a well made 40*. He was ably supported by a

newcomer to the club, Steve Walker who also made things look easy with a well compiled 40*.

After the retirement of the two in form batsmen, wickets continued to fall steadily, 4-103, 5-124, 6-132, 7-156.... But a great innings from Garry James helped steady the ship, allowing David Jones to come in for his first bat in many months and hit the winning runs (I should have been stumped the ball before!!).

The mood was slightly soured by some questionable - perhaps even controversial - decisions by the Lane Cove square leg player umpires. In addition, two of their players openly showed dissent at the Umpire's decision. It was the first time that I have played in the Masters' competition where the opposition has not stopped for a beer and a chat after the game which was very disappointing.

The Team was: Paul Allen (11), Dave Benson (10), Craig Somers (2), Mick McCormick (40*), Jim Hadley (12), Steve Walker (40*), Frank Crowe (w) (0), Greg Brooks (9), Garry James (19*), Graham Buck (7) and David ("Jack") Jones (c) (2*).

The Result was: -

Lane Cove Blue: - 9-158 (40 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-160 (M. McCormick 40*; S. Walker 40*)) (36.3 overs)

The Bowling was: - G. Buck 5-0-23-0; G. Brooks 8-0-42-0; J. Hadley 9-1-19-2; G. James 9-1-37-2; M. McCormick 6-1-22-3; D. Jones 3-0-9-1.

MASTERS ROUND 13: T20 v BURWOOD C.C. AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 2013:

No report has yet been received. (Details below courtesy of Burwood C.C.)

The Team was: - Paul Allen 3; Jim Hadley 15; Mick McCormick (c) 20*; David Benson 20*; Steve Walker 17; Peter Rolls 20*; Garry James 0; Terry Pontikos 9; Frank Crowe (w) 11*; Graham Buck 6* and Jay Patel (DNB)

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-124 (20 overs)

Lost to

Burwood CC: - 7-125- (20overs)

By 3 wickets

The Bowling was: - G. Buck 4-0-23-2; J. Hadley 4-0-13-0; G. James 4-0-20-2; M. McCormick 2-0-16-0; T. Pontikos 4-0-28-2; J. Patel 2-0-17-0