

**MASTERS ROUND 1 v MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AT ROSS GWILLIAM FIELD.**  
**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2013: REPORT BY**  
**GRAHAM BUCK**

First game of the year and Captain Mick McCormick wins his first toss of the year and chose to bat on slightly sloping but good looking wicket. Craig Somers and Jim Hadley opened the batting getting to a steady start to be 0 for 30 of 8 overs before Hadley was LBW.

David Benson came in at No three to see Craig Somers smash the ball straight into the hands of mid-on. Mick McCormick came in, hit a mighty 6 over cow corner before edging the next ball to the keeper. We had a major batting collapse losing 7 wickets for 16 runs leaving the two Grahams, Buck and Pond on his debut, in a last wicket stand with the score 9 for 60. Buck turned over the strike to Pond, who pushed the score along until he was caught in the outfield, for a well-made 25. The two Grahams had put on a 27 run partnership but were unable to get the score above 100 to be all out for 87.

With only 87 to defend we needed to take early wickets. Graham Buck got a wicket in his first over. Jim Hadley was then brought on, getting spin and bounce, but was not rewarded. Greg Brooks from the other end bowled a tight seven over spell, with four maidens in five overs, before getting his man with a skied catch to Dave Benson at mid off. Garry James bowled well and Terry Pontikos chimed in with a catch to keeper Steve Moran before Macquarie University reached 88 in the 18th over only 3 wicket down.

**The Team was:** - Craig Somers 16, Jim Hadley 9, Dave Benson 10, Mick McCormick (c) 7, Steve Moran (w) 0, Michael Weaver 4, Grahame Pond 25, Terry Pontikos 0, Greg Brooks 0, Garry James 5, and Graham Buck 5\*

**The Result was:** -

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-87 (27.5 overs)

**Lost to**

**Macquarie University:** - 3 -88 (18.4 overs)

**By seven wickets.**

**The Bowling was:** G. Brooks 7-4-19-1, G. Buck-3-1-15-1, J. Hadley 3-0-24-0, T. Pontikos 3-0-20-1 and G. James 2.4-0-8-0

**The Fielding was:** - 1 catch- S. Moran and D. Benson

**Player Points:** - G. Brooks 3; G. Pond 2; C. Somers 1

**MASTERS ROUND 2 v COLLAROY PLATEAU AT CAMPERDOWN PARK,**  
**CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2013: REPORT BY GRAHAM**  
**BUCK**

We turned up at Camperdown, on a beautiful Sunday, to find a good-looking wicket and an almost completely green oval, looked like a good day to bat. Unfortunately the Captain on the day, Mick McCormick didn't win the toss and Collaroy Plateau elected to bat first.

Graham Buck opened from the Northern end with Mick McCormick from the other. The outfield proved to be lightning fast and Bucky struggled to find his line and the Captain brought on Jim Hadley, who had the opener caught by Garry James at first slip. Mick was bowling tightly, conceding only 3 runs an over, before bringing on Garry James, who chimed in with a wicket but at drinks Collaroy were 2 for 110 with a couple of batsmen reaching 40.

Scott Wells and Dale Richards bowled short spells, with Scott getting a wicket, before a double end change for Graham and Mick. Bucky bowled better but Mick was bowling stump to stump and was rewarded with 3 wickets. Dave Benson bowled the last couple from the southern end and Jim Hadley got a run-out with keeper Steve Moran. Collaroy had set us a tough but reachable target to be 7 for 245.

We opened with Dave Benson and Mick Weaver needing a little more than 6 runs an over but an unfortunate mix up saw Benson run out and then a Scott Wells duck, we were 2 for 4 after the 2nd over. Mick McCormick and Weaver settled into a productive partnership to get us to drinks at 2 for 90. Mick soon retired but with quick wickets of Steve Moran and Craig Somers, who seemed to be auditioning for "The Hangover 4", brought Jim Hadley to the crease. Jim soon lashed out at the bowling, with 7 fours and 2 sixes, and with Mick Weaver retiring and the Richards, Dale and Tom, supporting Jim we were 5 for 169 at 30 overs. Garry James pushed along the run rate with Graham Buck turning over the strike before their wickets brought McCormick and Weaver to the crease. After 35 overs we needed 38 runs to win. Weaver was caught in the 37th, with a game high 60 runs, bringing Hadley back in. Despite McCormick getting a half century he was bowled in the last over with Cricketers' Club all out for 232.

A good game but Collaroy bowled and fielded well to defend 246. Captain Mick McCormick was a stand out for the club with 3 for 35 and 56 runs.

**The Team was:** - David Benson 2, Mick Weaver 60, Scott Wells 0, Mick McCormick (c) 56, Steve Moran (w) 5, Craig Somers-0, Jim Hadley-48\*, Dale Richards 7, Tom Richards-12, Garry James 29, and Graham Buck 8

**The Result was:** -

**Collaroy Plateau C.C.:** - 6 - 245 (M. McCormick 3- 35) (40 overs)

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10 - 232 (M. Weaver 60; M. McCormick 56; J. Hadley 46\*) (39.1 overs)

**By 13 runs.**

**The Bowling was:** - G. Buck 9-0-57-0, M. McCormick 9-1-35-3, J. Hadley 9-0-51-1, G. James 5-0-38-1, D. Richards 3-0-17-0, S. Wells 3-0-19-1, D. Benson 2-0-18-0.

**The Fielding was:** - 1 catch G. James

**Player Points:** - M. McCormick 3; M. Weaver 2; J. Hadley 1

### **MASTERS ROUND 3 v MOSMAN C.C. AT RAWSON OVAL, MOSMAN ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2013: REPORT BY MICK McCORMICK**

No report was ever received details below courtesy of Mosman C.C.

**The Team was:** - Craig Somers 2, Paul Allen 0, Michael Weaver 12, Tom Robertson 45, Mick McCormick (c) 16, Steve Moran (w) 36, Jim Hadley 24, Dave Benson 9, Garry James 4, Trevor Pontikos 20\* and Graham Buck 2

**The Result was:** -

**Mosman C.C.:** - 8-233 (J Hadley 3-33)

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-180 (T. Robertson 45; S. Moran 36)

## **By 53 runs**

**The Bowling was:** - T. Pontikos 2-1-24-0; G. Buck 9-1-55-1; M. McCormick 9-0-53-2; J. Hadley 9-0-33-3; G. James 9-0-48-1 and T. Robertson 2-0-6-0

**The Fielding was:** - 1 catch Weaver; P. Allen, C. Somers and S Moran (w); 1 stumping S. Moran

**Player Points:** - T. Robertson 3; J. Hadley 2; S. Moran 1

## **MASTERS ROUND 4 v EPPING AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 17, 2013**

Game cancelled because of rain

## **MASTERS ROUND 5 v KENTHURST AT KENTHURST OVAL ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2013: REPORT BY TERRY PONTIKOS**

Desperate for some ladder points to boost morale, the C.C.N.S.W. Masters arrived at a serene Kenthurst Oval, uncertain of whether to unfurl the picnic blankets and break out the pate or to gear up for what would prove a pulsating battle of blade and pill. Dural's enchanted forested setting became the calm canvas to a frenetic game of cricket, with the mighty Blues taking the spoils in a match that went the full journey with the teams separated by just six runs at the death.

Apart from petrol flyby rewards, the schlep to Dural provided a much-needed upswing in performance, yet it was the 'guest stars' who were the difference in the win. Cameos from Keith Elloy, El Prez - Greg Brooks, and newcomer Warren O'Rourke were pivotal efforts in a great team victory.

Mick McCormick won the toss and bucked his natural siege mentality by sending Kenthurst in on a deceptively sticky, seaming wicket. Craig Somers and David Benson set about 'pouring the slab' before Dave was triggered leg before early, upset with the decision but like an Ikea manual, the reassembly of his poles looked certain. No Allan key required and we were 1-8.

Craig Somers built patiently and he was joined in a solid 34-run partnership by Brett Favell. The very slow outfield on a large ground made boundaries a rare commodity. Favell scored a couple too many threes for his liking but not for lack of a few of his trademark meaty lofted shots. He was done neck and crop for 17 by their quickie, Henson, certainly no muppet who delivered figures of 3-40 in his nine over spell. Somers proved the mainstay and aimed to occupy, deftly working the ball around to line his wagon wheel.

Mick McCormick entered with a thumping four but then thumped one down long off's throat, out for 6 with our solid start now looking threatened at 3/55. Jim Hadley strode to the wicket with all the authority we've come to expect ... and he spanked a full blooded pull shot to square leg, unluckily holing out to one that seemed to catch the fielder ... nevertheless, a sharp chance saw us slump to 4-55. When Craig was bowled off his legs for a well-compiled 30, C.C.N.S.W. looked to be adrift at 5/57.

Enter the Dragon. Keith Elloy. At first, he built a picket fence with singles and dabs, nudging and nudling the bowlers around and capably backed by central coast legend Warren O'Rourke who had great impact on his C.C.N.S.W. debut. Warren swung, swatted and clubbed his way to a protein-enriched 28 ... whilst at the other end an assured Elloy accumulated and finished with some lusty hitting of his own. A crucial 42-run partnership ended when O'Rourke tickled one to the keeper, 6-98 but importantly, we had our springboard.

When 'El-Prez' Greg Brooks joined Elloy, they could be forgiven for thinking it was a Saturday. The artful Elloy was the perfect counterpoint to Brooks' savagery and another important 56-run stand set up a decent and defensible total. Elloy and Brooks wombled between wickets for comical ones and twos but it was the brazen brutality of Prez's six boundaries and two massive straight sixes which startled the wildlife and nourished our batting card. Brooks retired and Elloy fell on his blade chasing quick fours but the runs flowed and the tail wagged, with Graham Buck's intelligent 6 (as he readily pointed out) also adding up to the final margin. Long bow Graham! 8/181 off our 40.

In reply, Kenthurst were shocked early by a beauty from Bucky that cannoned into the pegs, 1-0 and we had our tails up. Their number three, Robinson, realised a good patient start stifling the early Blue tide. When he was joined by Kodituvakku at 2-50, it was game on and Kenthurst were beginning to steady the ship. This pair each retired and put on almost 100 runs together yet due to the large ground, some tidy bowling and crisp fielding from the likes of Dave Benson, they never looked like breaking away, going on or thereabouts the required rate.

Greg Brooks came in at first change with a tidy spell of stump-to-stump to record figures of 1-37 from nine overs. It seemed more like an episode of 'Dancing with the Stars' between his coming in off three steps and Graham Buck doing the Lido shuffle from the other end! Bucky kept making the breakthroughs in his second spell, returning a starring 3-41 from his nine. Mick McCormick kept things drier than a Top End tea-towel with his 1-38 from nine. But by far the most luckless trundler of the day was Jim Hadley. Time and again the leg-tweaker deceived the batsmen with flight and turn. His 0-27 from five overs through the middle of the innings was a telling spell, especially considering a couple of cheap lusty blows distorted his figures. His tussle with Kodituvakku was worth the price of admission. Jim at one point recommending a procedure that would have tested the big slugger's dexterity.

Mick McCormick, joining Bucky, gamely took the pill to close out Kenthurst who required 10 from their remaining two rocks but never really had the mustard to bring it home. All in all, an encouraging and important away team victory with everybody contributing well for the win.

**The Team was:** - Craig Somers 30; David Benson 1; Brett Favell (w) 17; Mick McCormick (c) 6; Jim Hadley 0; Warren O'Rourke 28; Keith Elloy 21; Greg Brooks 47\*; Terry Pontikos 18; Graham Buck 6\*; and Paul Georgiadis 0.

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:-** 9-181 (G Brooks 47\*)

**Defeated**

**Kenthurst C.C.:** - 5-175 (G. Buck 3-41)

**By 6 runs**

**The Bowling was:** G. Buck 9-1-41-3; M. McCormick 9-1-38-1; G. Brooks 9-1-37-1; J. Hadley 6-1-27-0; T. Pontikos 5-0-15-0 and W. O'Rourke 2-0-13-0

**The Fielding was:** - 1 catch T. Pontikos

**Player Points:** - G. Brooks 3; C. Somers 2; G. Buck 1

## **MASTERS ROUND 6 v WYONG AT BAKER PARK, WYONG ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2013: REPORT BY TERRY PONTIKOS**

Another endurance drive, this time up the Pacific Motorway to Baker Park Wyong for an easy win, confirming our status as the team that loves to travel. Back-to-back away wins enabling the C.C.N.S.W. Masters' team stocking to bulge with momentum at the Christmas turn.

Having lost the toss and been asked to rock and roll, the Blues donned game faces and promptly blasted Wyong out of the contest for 133 runs on a greenish grassy tablet. One end of the wicket was as moist as a packet of juicy fruit and this was capitalised on first by Graham Buck (2-6 off 5.4 overs), who bowled an accurate and lively opening spell. Bucky, having reinvented his action for the fifth time in as many outings and under the tutelage of new life coach Garry James, proved that as far as match bowling smarts go, he needn't bother pestering Santa.

Over and over he beat the blades of Wyong's choppy openers. Front edges were popping up all over the place and all that was missing was a richly deserved early wicket. He was aided and abetted by Mick McCormick, bowling to the 'Cinzano-and-dry' end and drawing an early slashy nick that should have been held by a grounded Pontikos at first slip but the chance was grassed. Mick continued to rumble in and bowl with nice lines in a niggardly spell that gave up 22 runs from his first 5 overs with the capture of the first wicket, a feather through to the keeper, 1-15.

Jim Hadley then entered the fray with Wyong struggling to pierce the field, hit boundaries and establish a solid platform. And Hadley wasn't about to see it happen on his watch. The crafty leggie ripped the pill repeatedly into the rough and pinned the other opener on the crease to capture our third pole and have them 'in the poo' at 3-44. Wyong were crawling along at little more than two an over. Hadley finished with figures of 2-12 from 4 overs.

Their skipper gamely staved off Terry Pontikos (1-8 from 5 overs), Gary James and also new boy Simon Townsend (both finishing with 2 wickets apiece) as he cultivated a beautiful retirement knock of 42, largely with the use of just three shots. Front and back foot cover drives and a leg-side drive, also from the back foot. It was pretty to watch but not as attractive as the purposeful line and length bowling by our aforementioned trundlers. The redoubtable James was particularly good, drawing nicks and miscues and trapping their would-be big hitters on the crease at will in an eco-friendly spell of spin-wizardry. Simon was revelatory in the middle overs, his spell improving with every seed until by the end he was conceding only a run or two and beating the bat consistently to keep the Blues living in his Wonder World. And it's worth also noting that every good cricket team needs a dude with a pony tail!

Wyong struggled to build partnerships with wickets falling steadily at the other end. After their skipper's retirement James, Hadley and Townsend wasted no time mopping up the middle and lower order to have the Kangaroos totally shot at 8-93. Some streaky resistance from the last pair pushed the final total to 133 but there was never a chance these runs would be enough to defend on such an expansive ground.

Favourite central coast son and newish Blue, Warren O'Rourke was surplus to requirements with the ball (and bat, as were most of us) but bagged two coolly-collected catches to get his name on the scoresheet.

A meaningful effort with the pill, all bowlers contributing nicely with Graham Buck polishing off their wagging tail. It's worth mentioning Dave Benson's drop from Simon's bowling. The normally cat-like reflexes of Benson going awol, failing to pouch a dolly at mid-off that would have been inhaled by any kid kanga cricketer. As punishment, Dave will henceforth be known as 'Venus De Milo' rather than fined, until he atones.

Yet the lanky opening bat did set the record straight somewhat with the bat. After the fielding blunder of the year Benson figured on justifying his personal carbon footprint for the 160km round-trip, opening the innings with Mick Weaver - the duo cranking up to get us off to a flyer. This pairing would easily be the slimmest opening combination in the league and didn't they excite the lone female spectator ... They're not always teamed up together but by gum they look fit in their creams! And on this occasion they were imperious with the bat too, cutting loose to post our biggest opening partnership of the season, heaving the score up to 0-81 from 13 overs with the job as good as complete.

Weaver cut and pulled robustly, hitting four boundaries in a commanding knock (42\* retired) as Benson (19) channelled Ron Burgundy to play his laconic anchorman. In truth the Wyong bowling attack struggled to exert pressure on Blue batters. But it was a clinical response from our boys with Weaver and Benson, then the big bears Steve Moran (18) and Brett Favell (26\*), as well as Mick McCormick (16\*) all cashing in. Moran was run out due to another Benson brain explosion but by this stage the game was in the bag. The Blues rattled up Wyong's tally only two wickets down with a full sixteen overs to spare. An emphatic victory and early finish celebrated in style with tubes, springies and the odd lung-buster at the Wyong Bowling Club.

**The Team was:-** David Benson 19; Michael Weaver 42\*; Steve Moran (w) 18; Brett Favell 26\*; Mick McCormick (c)16\*; Jim Hadley dnb; Warren O'Rourke dnb; Terry Pontikos dnb; Graham Buck dnb, Simon Townsend dnb and Garry James dnb

**The Result was: -**

**Wyong CC: - 10-133** (38.4 overs)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 2-135** (M. Weaver 42\*) (Overs 24.1)

**By 8 wickets**

**The Bowling was: -** G. Buck 5.4-2-6-2; M. McCormick 8-0-36-1; T. Pontikos 5-2-8-1; J. Hadley 4-0-12-2; S. Townsend 5-0-27-2; G. James 9-0-23-2; D. Benson 2-0-15-0

**The Fielding was: -** 2 catches: - W. O'Rourke and M. McCormick; One catch: - J. Hadley, S. Moran, and S. Townsend

**Player Points: -** M. Weaver 3; J. Hadley 2; S. Moran 1

### **MASTERS ROUND 7 v LANE COVE BLUE AT JUBILEE OVAL, GLEBE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2014: REPORT BY TERRY PONTIKOS**

A positive pre-Christmas resurgence couldn't be parlayed into early new year success as the C.C.N.S.W. Masters went down to Lane Cove Blue at Jubilee Oval in Glebe. A picturesque backdrop on a sticky summer's day could have been a perfect setting for three-on-the-trot but in a disappointing showing, the Blues let a highly winnable match escape through ill-discipline and dubious shot selection with the blade. A bit of untidy fielding could be forgiven in the hot temperatures. We toiled through the heat and experienced the less favourable conditions after being asked to rock and roll by Lane Cove's captain.

The late scratching of Dave Benson allowed former Hong Kong and Singapore slugger Jonathan Seifman to make his C.C.N.S.W. debut. "Jonno" didn't disappoint, becoming heavily involved in the field with his useful booming right arm and good mitts, pouching a grab at Mid-off from former "Lamma" C.C. team-mate Terry Pontikos's bowling. He was ably supported in the outfield by Warren O'Rourke who pulled off our first run out of the season as well as Phil Mitchell who ran and threw all day and Mick 'Dream' Weaver, who filled in admirably behind the stumps.

Lane Cove got away to a fortuitous flyer with both the openers chancing their arm and also freeing them, slapping a few lofted drives with one or two that popped and found vacant pasture instead of a Blue's fielder's buckets. Boundaries were leaking though despite the wide, heavy ground. Lane Cove were 1-41, then 2-75 before tumbling to 4-90 at drinks. The brakes were applied with a double bowling change after 10 overs and the retirement of LCB opener Gard, who only disturbed the boundary-riding birds twice in his innings as well as hoiking a nice clean hit down the ground for six.

The man with the golden aorta, since returning from heart bypass surgery six weeks ago according to Lane Cove's PR machine, gave the ventricles and new stent a frightful workout posting his 40\* the hard way by running eight twos and a three. This followed an early half-chance from urban cowboy Graham Buck's bowling. The Blues was bossing the game shortly after drinks with the visitors at 5-107 but some streaky middle and late order swingling saw Lane Cove escape to a decent total of 185 that seemed to take the wind out of our sails somewhat. On a ground giving up few boundaries, this would prove a tall score to chase.

Terry Pontikos (2-21 from 6 overs) and Warren O'Rourke (1-34 from 6 overs) were miserly and kept good shape through their spells. Evergreens Garry James (1-41 from 9 overs) and Jim Hadley (1-35 from 9 overs) both started with immediate impact, James bowling their number five with a "jaffa" in his first over and Jim Hadley going at a fish-sphincterous three runs per over for his first half dozen overs.

It was a great tandem performance in the heat of the day by the spin twins who toiled hard with no luck at all. All the bowlers did their job with Garry James and Jim Hadley at their beguiling best, the standouts.

James arrives to games like a hired gun, a 'Wiseguy', usually even with minutes to spare before the start, his whites pressed and hangered before gearing up and getting to 'woik'. You get the feeling that he buries his gear every Sydney night, covering it with lime before going home for a plate of meatballs. The man with the leather tan even had time for a quick kip on the grass before his dig.

Hadley, in stark contrast, arrived on Sunday with a large foil platter of fried chicken. Symbolically, it was as if Hads was waving a red rag at a bull to bring this much oily crumbed fowl before a recovering heart patient. And it was Lane Cove's sledging that served to fire Jimmy up, more so than the proximity of the venue to Wenty Park.

Warwick Gard (The Lane Cove captain) objected to an unsuccessful LBW shout on Hadley who opened up our innings with Joff Johnson (11), claiming Jim hadn't played a shot and therefore should be scoffing a three-piece meal in the shade instead of scratching around in the middle. Jimmy went on to compile a chance-less, tradesman like innings which was easily the knock of the day. He smashed four boundaries plus a massive six, hoisted over the mid-wicket fence which startled a young family enjoying the nearby recreational facilities.

The lads got us off to a good start on or about the rate required, Joff Johnson placing the ball elegantly and Jimmy patiently settling in for a red ink. But Joff's departure at 1-43 triggered a mini-collapse which saw C.C.N.S.W. lurch to 5-77 at drinks after Craig Somers (9), Mick McCormick (0) and Mike Weaver (6) all fell to skied catches and Phil Mitchell (0) had his poles re-arranged. Craig Somers was unlucky on two counts having been caught spectacularly at mid wicket from an above-chest-height slow full-toss which beckoned to be despatched.

Warren O'Rourke (21) and Jonathan Seifman (17) set about steadying the ship, "Jonno" effortlessly spanking three consecutive boundaries before falling victim to another pop-up at mid-on just as he was getting going. Warren batted intelligently but was running out of partners when Terry Pontikos was trapped LBW for 8 and James went, caught, tonking for 7. Graham Buck (19), threatened to play the tail-end batting hero card, joining O'Rourke in a gutsy stand of 18 runs for the eighth wicket to put us within range of a last gasp victory with Jim Hadley still in the bank. But the partnership was short-lived, as was the last, with Buck and O'Rourke both losing their castles leaving the luckless Hadley stranded on 45\*, having carried his bat.

All out for 154, a 31 run loss

**The Team was:** -. Jim Hadley 45\*; Joff Johnson 11, Craig Somers 9; Mick McCormick (c) 0, Michael Weaver (w) 6; Jonathan Seifman 17; Phil Mitchell 0; Warren O'Rourke 21; Terry Pontikos 8; Garry James 7 and Graham Buck 19.

**The Result was:**

**Lane Cove Blue: - 7-185 (40 overs)**

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-154 (34.1 overs)**

**By 31 runs**

**The Bowling was:** G. Buck 5-0-23-0; M. McCormick 6-0-34-2; T. Pontikos 6-0-21-2; W. O'Rourke 5-1 24-1; G. James 9-0-41-1 and J. Hadley 9-1-35-1

**The fielding was:** - 1 catch J. Seifman, M. Weaver, J. Hadley and W. O'Rourke

**Player Points:** - J. Hadley 3; W. O'Rourke 2; G. Buck 1

**MASTERS ROUND 8 v ROSEVILLE NAVY AT ROSEVILLE CHASE PARK,  
ROSEVILLE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2014: REPORT BY GRAHAM BUCK**

We arrived at Roseville Park to find that there was nobody there. Mick McCormick made a few calls and we set off to Lindfield's home ground as Dale Richards, who was sent on a scouting mission, rang to say that the match was at Roseville Chase Park. A mad dash ensued but being a ground tucked away amongst a golf course the game didn't start till 12-50 with 9 on the field as Mick had lost the toss and Roseville Navy kindly asked us to bowl.

Dale Richards and Mick McCormick opened for Cricketers' Club with Dale bagging an LBW after the batsmen didn't offer a shot. Roseville's Nos 1 and 3 batsmen then started to dispense the ball to the sloping boundaries. Going at 7 runs an over, the captain brought on Graham Buck and Jim Hadley, who started to arrest the rate but good batting and poor fielding saw it starting to lift again. Bucky, having a sore back, reduced his run up to 15 stutters and 2 steps and started to hit some good areas and knocked over the middle peg of Roseville's remaining opener on 34. With the bad fielding continuing, the run rate was climbing along with the 'Grumpometer'. Bucky struck just before drinks with Mick McCormick taking a catch close in on the off side, with a minor dispute between bowler and captain over who put the fielder there. It was going to be a long day. Drinks brought some welcome liquid relief but then Mick gathered the team to give them a Borderesque spray which had absolutely no effect. 'Grumpometer' is rising.

Resuming after drinks on 3 for 143 Roseville turned the screws as they raced away heading for a big score. Young Matt Bryson replaced Bucky and had success in his 2nd over with a leading edge just grasped in the outstretched fingertips of Mick McCormick, who seemed to be the only Blue capable of catching the ball. Roseville managed to put on 80 runs in 10 overs to be 5 for 224 at 30 overs. 'Grumpometer' is increasing fast with the Captain walking around muttering to himself about score of 300. Roseville's last 10 overs bettered their previous 10 by 7 runs, to have the grand total of 8 for 311 runs off 40 overs. 'Grumpometer' is in danger of overflowing.

C.C.N.S.W. opened with Joff Johnson and Mick Weaver but both were tied down by the twin left arm pace attack of Roseville. Joff fell LBW in the 10th over and we were 1 for 17. Steve Moran then also fell LBW. 'Grumpometer' damn close. David Chin and McCormick both were caught in one over and Weaver had to retire hurt not long after for a well-made 37\* meaning at drinks we were 4 for 57. Matt Bryson and Jim Hadley, needing 13 runs an over to craft a rescue for C.C.N.S.W. batted well until Hadley was given out caught off the thigh pad. 'Grumpometer' has exploded with Jim snapping and snarling like the Tasmanian Devil. After Bryson had been caught and us needing 220 runs off 16 overs we decided the best thing we could do was run each other out, losing Dale Richards, Ian Neil and Buck with Phil Mitchell being the last man to run to the safe end. 32.2 overs all out 9 for 107.

As we settled in for beers after the game, a strange euphoria descended as we reminisced over previous huge defeats before we all agreed that this was the worst of all.

Although this was the worst fielding display that I have seen and participated in, honourable mentions must go to Matt Bryson and Phil Mitchell for their fielding efforts. Without them I am afraid Roseville may have posted a score of 350+.

**The Team was:** - Joff Johnson 10. Mick Weaver 37\* ret hurt, Steve Moran (w) 0, David Chin 6, Mick McCormick (c) 0, Jim Hadley 24, Matt Bryson 13, Dale Richards 1, Ian Neil 4, Graham Buck 3 and Phil Mitchell 0\*

**The Result was:** -

**Roseville Navy:** - 8 - 311 (G. Buck 3-46) (40 overs)

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - all out<sup>#</sup> -107 (M. Weaver 37\*ret. hurt) (32.2 overs)

**By 204 runs**



**The Bowling was:** - D. Richards 4-0-30-1, M. McCormick 9-0-66-2, G. Buck 9-1-46-3, J. Hadley 9-0-75-0, M. Bryson 6-0-30-1, P. Mitchell 2-0-28-0, and D. Chin-1-0-13-0

**The Fielding was:** - 2 catches McCormick (1 catcher unidentified)

**Player Points:** - G. Buck 3, M. Bryson 2; M. Weaver 1

# While C.C.N.S.W. only lost 9 wickets as Mick Weaver had retired hurt and was unable to resume his innings, C.C.N.S.W. was all out and deemed to have lost 10 wickets.

**MASTERS ROUND 9 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT ALEXANDRIA PARK, ALEXANDRIA, ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2014**

Game cancelled because of rain

**MASTERS ROUND 10 v LANE COVE WHITE AT JUBILEE OVAL, JUBILEE PARK, GLEBE ON SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2014**

Game cancelled by rain

**MASTERS ROUND 11 (FINAL ROUND) v ROSEVILLE WHITE AT ROSEVILLE PARK, ROSEVILLE, ON SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2014**

Once again- for the third successive game, the Masters were washed out to end their season on what must be for them a very disappointing note. So long since they last played that they may need to introduce themselves to each other again when Mick McCormick organises his players for the Annual Masters and Classics dinner on Saturday 10 May.

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RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	POINTS
1	Mosman	11	9	2	0	42	1391	71	1065	370.55
2	Georges River	11	8	2	1	60	1448	77	1170	339.40
3	Warringah	11	7	3	1	46	1223	82	1120	339.15
4	Sri Lanka Lions	11	6	4	1	43	1264	48	1095	316.20
5	NWS Cyclone	11	6	4	1	44	1407	64	994	314.35
6	Macquarie University	11	5	4	2	38	839	54	836	285.95
7	Roseville Navy	11	4	4	3	50	1216	47	1123	267.80
8	Collaroy Plateau	11	4	4	3	37	914	35	802	260.70
9	Epping	11	3	3	5	62	1365	58	1432	231.25
10	Roseville White	11	3	4	4	76	1217	48	1269	228.85
11	Ryde Hunters Hill	11	3	3	5	73	1091	69	1198	228.55
12	Lane Cove Blue	11	3	4	4	59	1131	44	1303	220.55
13	Lindfield	11	2	4	5	60	1240	54	1193	216.00
14	Burwood Briars	11	2	4	5	62	1089	57	1243	211.45
15	Lane Cove White	11	2	3	6	61	1191	62	1374	206.55
16	NWS Hurricanes	11	3	3	5	63	812	40	1089	205.60
<b>17</b>	<b>C.C.N.S.W.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>201.05</b>
18	Old Ignatians	11	2	4	5	57	958	45	1103	194.90
19	Wyong	11	1	4	6	43	805	36	842	156.25
20	Kenthurst Upper Hills	11	0	3	8	24	510	22	571	92.50