

## C.C.N.S.W. MASTERS MATCH REPORTS 2020-2021

### MASTERS OVER 40s ROUND 1 v NSW HURRICANES AT KANEBRIDGE OVAL, KELLYVILLE, ROUSE HILL ON SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020: REPORT BY

Cancelled because of rain

### MASTERS ROUND 2 v EPPING AT EPPING OVAL, EPPING ON SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020: REPORT BY IAN ALLMEY

No report was ever received

**The Team was:** - Mike Weaver 18, Vik Sukumaran (w\*) 24, Scott Wells (w\*) 21, Ian Allmey (c) 9, Jonathan Shaw 35, Luke Fletcher 5, Jose Poothokaren 1, Mick Tarrant 29\*, Ben Stanic 3, Andrew Dadswell 4 and Luke Holman dnb

- Shared keeping 20 overs each

**The Result was:-**

**Epping 10-157: (A. Dadswell 3-17)** (39 overs)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 8-161 (J. Shaw 35)** (34 overs)

**By 2 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1-34 (M. Weaver); 2-65 (S. Wells); 3-75 (V. Sukumaran); 4-80 (I. Allmey); 5-109 (L. Fletcher); 6-120 (J. Shaw); 7-120 (J. Poothokaren); 8-133 (B. Stanic).

**The Bowling was:** - M. Tarrant 8-3-27-2; B. Stanic 4-0-13-2; J. Shaw 5-1-20-1; A. Dadswell 7-0-17-3; S. Wells 4-0-32-1; L. Holman 4-0-22-0; J. Poothokaren 5-1-22-1

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One to each of A. Dadswell; L. Fletcher and J. Poothokaren

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points:** - Three points to M. Tarrant; Two points to J. Shaw; One point to A. Dadswell.

### MASTERS ROUND 3 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Cancelled by Masters Committee on Friday because of predicted heat - predicted temperature on Friday was 39C for some of Sunday

**MASTERS ROUND 4 v BURWOOD AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN  
ON SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2020 :REPORT BY LEE WITHERDEN**



**CCNSW MASTERS TEAM v BURWOOD**

**Back Row:** Lee Witherden, Ian Allmey (c), Michael Weaver, Micheal Dahl, Luke Holman, Michael Tarrant

**Front Row:** Andrew Dadswell, Jose Poothokaren, Daniel Turner, Benjamin Stanic, Scott Wells (w)

The day started with unveiling a sweaty pitch when the covers were pulled off. That didn't deter the captain Ian Allmey who elected to bat to try to set a decent total for Burwood to chase. I remembered the game's umpire from a couple of seasons ago where he gave seven lbw decisions in a game so I mentioned this to Ian who addressed the team in the change rooms before the game to give them a heads up .

Ian allmey opened the batting with Mike Weaver and they got off to a steady start with Ian hitting a number of cracking boundaries before he played across the line and was bowled for 28. Scott Wells joined the crease next and took over where Ian left off with some graceful boundaries . Not long after Mike Weaver lost his wicket with a slow 5 runs. In came Dan Turner who looked solid right from the word go and played some glorious strokes all around the ground .Dan and Scott were pushing the run rate along nicely at an average of 5 an over before Scott lost his wicket for 29. In next was Micheal Dahl who played some strong defensive shots before being dismissed for 10 runs. I came to the crease and call it karma, tempting fate or simply putting the "Moz" on myself but 3 balls later a loud shout and I was given lbw for 1 run. Jose Poothokaren came in and was given exactly the same treatment, lbw 0.

By this stage the umpire was starting to live up to his reputation which made the rest of our line-up nervous as well as the captain and sparked a mini collapse.

Michael Tarrant made 3 runs before he was stumped. Ben Stanic fell for 2 runs and Dan Turner retired with 40\*. Andrew Dadswell tried to steady the ship and played some good shots before he picked out the fielder at square leg for 12 runs. Luke Holman came in and got the tail wagging and partnered up with Dan who came back in from retirement with a gutsy last wicket stand of 36. Dan deserved applause as he reach 50. He was finally caught for 60 with five balls remaining in the innings. Luke batted well and finished with a respectable 20\* and got the side to a defendable score of 10 - 186.

After the break and a team talk by the captain with a reminder to appeal loud for lbws, we took to the field confident we could defend the total.

Burwood got off to a good start before Ben Stanic bowled some good line and length and got rewarded with a wayward shot by P Cramsie out for 7. B Turner came in and was sent straight back to the pavilion with a great ball by Mick Tarrant who shouted loudly for the lbw and the umpire put his finger up quickly. The captain Ian looked excited in the team huddle and encouraged us all to keep at the stumps to get some more wickets but it was to no avail as the ball wasn't doing much and with some good batting by the opposition, anything short or wide was put away with ease.

Their opener and their next 3 batsmen all retired with 40\* and the game was basically over with the score at 2-180 before a flurry of quick wickets gave the opposition a little scare. Mick Tarrant bowled two batsmen cheaply; one was run out , and Jose Poothokaren bowled a couple of tight overs and snared the last lower order batsman before the retired opener came back in and hit the winning runs with eight overs to spare to finish at 6-187 .

Hopefully the team doesn't indulge too much over the Xmas - New Year period and we can have a undefeated 2021 with a promising looking fixture list

**The Team was:** - Ian Allmey (c) 28, Mike Weaver 5, Scott Wells (w) 29, Dan Turner 60, Michael Dahl 10, Lee Witherden 1, Jose Poothokaren 0, Mike Tarrant 3. Ben Stanic 2, Andrew Dadswell 12, Luke Holman 20\*

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-186 (D. Turner 60) (39.1 overs)

**Lost to**

**Burwood CC:** - 6-187 (M. Tarrant 3-48) (32 overs)

**By 4 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1- 33 (I. Allmey); 2-49 (M. Weaver); 3-86 (S. Wells); 4-107 (M. Dahl); 5-109 (L. Witherden); 6-121 (J. Poothokaren); 7-128 (M. Tarrant); 8-131 (B. Stanic); 9-150 (A. Dadswell); 10-186 (D. Turner).

**The Bowling was:** - M. Tarrant 9-0-48-3; B. Stanic 6-0-34-1; D. Turner 2-0-16-0; A. Dadswell 4-0-30-0; L. Witherden 5-0-36-0; L. Holman 3-0-18-1; J. Poothokaren 2-1-1-1

**The Fielding was:** -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One to A. Dadswell

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - D. Turner 3; M. Tarrant 2; S. Wells 1

## **MASTERS ROUND 5 v RYDE/HUNTERS HILL AT BORONIA PARK, HUNTERS HILL ON SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021: REPORT BY SCOTT WELLS**

In a stop start season, the New Years return of CCNSW Masters cricket for the 20/21 season was at Boronia Park, Hunters Hill on an unusually sunny, COVID free, heat free, rain free, Martian invasion free day.

Based on previous games, we could expect a bit of a minefield pitch especially after rain and an ankle deep kikuyu outfield. Ian Allmey won the toss and elected to bat on what was a great summers day for cricket. Unexpectedly, the pitch was hard with good pace.

Ian got off to a flier with 4 great shots in the opening over resulting in four all run twos doubling his season tally of twos to date in one over! Alas that was the end of Ian until the final ball of the game. Ian's wicket in the second over bought in new gun this season, Dan Turner to partner Mike Weaver. Mike looked very solid with great defence and some very classy shots in between, for want of a better term – 'indecisive' - running between the wickets. Regardless a very productive partnership with Dan was had in very trying outfield conditions. From memory the first boundary may have not even come in the first 10 overs. Mike was the first to go with Dan picking up where he left off in the previous game with a solid defence backed up by putting away anything short.

Scott Wells and Brett James both started solidly but didn't get going. Lee Witherden and Jose Poothokaren also fell after looking the goods, leaving CCNSW 5 for 101 after about 25 overs. With Dan Turner in the bank with another classy 40\* we had a good platform to aim to progress towards 170 which we agreed was probably worth 270 at Camperdown.

With the departure of Luke Holman, Ben Stanic and the ever reliable Mick Tarrant steadily accumulated runs with the bowling continuing to be tight. Lots of fours turned into twos and even an all run 4. A final total of 8-162 (3 boundaries) was achieved after 40 overs. A great effort given the conditions.

After the break, the new ball was taken by Brett James. With 8 scored off his first over, we were thinking the outfield must have been cut during the innings break. Post the first over, some real quality swing bowling was dished up. With the ball seemingly on a string, Brett enticed their best batsman to shoulder arms in the third over knocking over his off stump with the perfect inswinger.

From there, Mick Tarrant and Brett continued to strangle the batting. With the assistance of a torn hamstring by one of the Hunters Hill batsman, and Lee Witherden and Jose Poothokaren bowling tight lines, Hunters Hill were struggling at drinks at 5 for 50

CCNSW didn't let up on the pressure post drinks with Andrew Dadswell and Dan Turner completing the demolition, ultimately bowling the opposition out for 86 in under 30 overs with Ian Allmey taking the final catch of the day after recovering from the first over of the day.

A solid win placing us in the top eight.

**The Team was:** - Ian Allmey (c) 8, Mike Weaver 25, Dan Turner 40\* ret not out, Scott Wells (w) 6, Brett James 2, Lee Witherden 7, Jose Poothokaren 9, Mike Tarrant 30, Luke Holman 3, Ben Stanic 18\*, and Andrew Dadswell 3\*

**The Result was:** -

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 8-162 (D. Turner 40\*) (40 overs)

**Defeated**

**Ryde/Hunters Hill:** - 10-86 (29.3 overs)

**By 76 runs**

**FoW:** - 1-9 (I. Allmey); 2-64 (M. Weaver); 377 (S. Wells); 4-86 (B. James); 5-101 (J. Poothokaren); 6- 113 (L. Witherden); 7-118 (L Holman); 8-157 (M. Tarrant)

**The Bowling was:** - M. Tarrant 4-1-5-1; B. James 5-0-16-1; B. Stanic 5-0-15-2; J. Poothokaren 4-2-8-1; A. Dadswell 5-1-11-2; L. Witherden 3-2-4-1; L. Holman 2-0-18-0; D. Turner 1.3-0-6-1

**The Fielding was:** -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One to each of S. Wells (w), I. Allmey and L. Witherden

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - Three points to D. Turner; Two points to M. Tarrant; One point to B. Stanic

### **MASTERS ROUND 6 v LINDFIELD AT ACRON OVAL, ST IVES ON SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021: REPORT BY IAN ALLMEY**

Well, what can I say? Despite the rain that was experienced during the week before the game and even on the morning of the match, it became obvious that both Captains and indeed the Umpire were all in unanimous agreement that the game must go on.

We arrived at the ground and with the covers off it was evident that the pitch was as expected, wet to say the least. In my experience 99% of the time this game would not have gone ahead at that point as there was some element of player safety in question.

However, it came down to what was thought to be the all-important toss of the coin, and for the first time this season Ian Allmey lost the toss and as expected CCNSW were sent into bat. It should be noted at this point that Lindfield's decision to put us into bat categorically lost them the match.

Our innings started in disaster with the run out of Allmey, which then brought to the crease the in-form and consistent Dan Turner elevated to No.3. Mike Weaver and Dan were travelling along nicely amid some testing bowling from the Lindfield opener who was proving to be a handful in the wet conditions.

'Weaves' was next to go for a fighting 12 which then brought the other "Mountain Man" Scott Wells to the crease. What happened next was a partnership that was to prove arguably the most valuable of the season, as these two piled on the runs. Dan reached his 40\* (again) not out and retired happily. Scott also reached his 40\* not out, but not before what the CCNSW Captain deemed to be the over (scoring 18 runs) that really catapulted the team to well above our original target score of 140 (i.e. the turning point of the innings).

Brett James followed shortly for 8, and then with two 'in the bag', instructions came from the skipper to the rest of the batsmen to go out and throw caution to the wind, and that's exactly what they did. Lee Witherden and Harry ('Harbour') Bridge put a quick fire partnership together with some sweetly timed strokes with boundaries flowing but far too many twos for Harry's liking, as he sucked up the big ones and continued his assault on the demoralised Lindfield bowlers.

Remarkably we ended up with 5-185, which is nothing less than unprecedented given the conditions of constant drizzle and a lush outfield which our batsmen endured, not to mention a rather swollen, mutilated ball (we all know what's that's like!) that we also had to deal with.

As we commenced our fielding stint the scenario was simple. 15 overs constituted a match and Lindfield had to score at a testing 4.6 runs per over to stay ahead of the required run rate. By this time the drizzle was becoming heavier and it was a race to get us to that all important 15 over mark. We opened the bowling with Ben Stanic who bowled well. However he found it extremely difficult to get traction on the heavily used and clay like bowling crease. At some points he resembled an ice skater as he slipped his way through the crease.

At the other end we opened with the supremely accurate spin of Andrew ('Tex') Dadswell who bowled with incredible control, and was for the most part unplayable, finishing with 8 overs 3-14.

Brett James then came on and like Dadswell, was absolutely unplayable. It was as if he were bowling on a dry wicket. Brett finishing a superb impressive five over burst with 4-11 which can only be described as a brilliant spell.

Brett and Tex took us comfortably ahead of the run rate at the 15 over mark, and to the team's joy, soon after at the 20.1 over mark, we had dismissed Lindfield for 36 (yes, you read it right).

A truly phenomenal performance given the treacherous conditions both teams had to endure, but as mentioned earlier in the report, losing the toss in this case was a blessing as the pitch continued to deteriorate given the constant rain, not to mention the unbelievable performance from our batsman and bowlers who simply handled the condition better.

**The Team was:** - Mike Weaver 12, Ian Allmey (c) 1, Dan Turner 41\*ret not out, Scott Wells (w) 41\* ret not out, Brett James 8, Lee Witherden 30, Harry Bridge 22, Jose Poothokaren 10, Luke Holman 5\*, Ben Stanic dnb, Andrew Dadswell dnb

**The Result was:-**

**CCNSW: - 5-185 (D. Turner 41\*ret not out); S. Wells 41\* ret not out) (40 overs)**

**Defeated**

**Lindfield: - 10-36 (B. James 4-11) (20.1 overs)**

**By 149 runs**

**FoW:** - 1-2 (I. Allmey); 2-25 (M. Weaver); 3-83 (B. James); 4-161 (L. Witherden); 5-176 (H. Bridge).

**The Bowling was:** - B. Stanic 4-2-5-1; A. Dadswell 8-2-14-3; B. James 5-1-11-4; L. Witherden 2-0-3-1; J. Poothokaren 1-0-2-0; L. Holman 0.1-0-0-1

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: 4 to S. Wells (w); One to A. Dadswell

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - Three points to S. Wells; Two points to B. James; One point to A. Dadswell.

### **MASTERS ROUND 7 v LANE COVE AT CAMPERDOWN PARK ON SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021: REPORT BY DAN TURNER**

It was nice to be back at Camperdown for our clash against Lane Cove, which was shaping as an important fixture for us as we were 4th, coming up against 3rd place.

Inspecting the wicket, it looked pretty good considering the rain we had, albeit with one or two softish spots. Captain Ian Allmey thought with the sun out and a nice breeze, it would harden up and get better as the day went, so promptly won the toss and sent Lane Cove into bat.

As was the case in the previous game, Ben Stanic opened the bowling with his pace and swing from one end, while Andrew Dadswell took the new ball from the other end with his wily off spin. The Lane Cove batsman didn't cross or change ends for the first three overs and that pressure took its toll in the

fourth over. Having faced eight dot balls in a row from Dadswell, the opener attempted a reckless drive, spooning a return catch to the off spinner and the first breakthrough was made. Not to be outdone, next over Ben got a full ball to hoop in and clean bowl the other opener. A perfect start, 2-9 in the fifth over.

Brett James came on as first change and immediately settled into a beautiful line and length. Along with Lee Witherden at the other end, they were combining well and keeping it very tight. The pressure on the batsmen soon told as they attempted a quick single to mid wicket. José Poothokaren pounced and side armed a throw that 'The Viv' would have been proud of, knocking down the stumps at the bowler's end with a direct hit. Not long after, our keeper Scott Wells took a brilliant catch down the leg side off Brett, and Lee enticed an edge with Wells taking another very good low catch. Brett and Lee went in tandem again soon after, both trapping a batsman in front. Lane Cove was deep in trouble at 7-41 at drinks.

Looking at the score, it might be assumed we had a helpful wicket but that was not the case. The wicket was playing well, but the bowling and catching had been good. Lane Cove still had their best batsman in and he proved difficult to remove after the break. José Poothokaren and 'Jono' Shaw were bowling in this phase quite tidily but without much luck as a couple of chances went down. Brett returned for a second spell and took his third wicket as Ben Stanic 'swallowed' a good catch in the outfield. Jono Shaw claimed a wicket as Dan Turner took one coming in from cover (making amends slightly for one earlier off Jono's bowling), and Ben finished off the innings in his 2nd spell removing the dangerous skipper as Brett took a very nice high catch which seemed to be in the air for '5 minutes' as Brett put it. Lane Cove bowled out for 112 in a very good bowling performance.

There was some discussion in the innings break focussing on future games and what we could do, forgetting we actually had to win this game first. Never a great preparation to go out and chase a small total.

For our innings, the instructions from the Skipper were to be positive and Ian Allmey and Mike Weaver started that way, with Mike cracking a beautiful cut shot to the fence early. Mike then got a nice ball that seamed back in and caught his gloves, popping up to slips. Ian was playing his shots but soon gave a return catch to the bowler and was caught for 12. Harry Bridge joined Dan Turner at the crease but got a ripper of an off-cutter, taking the top of middle for a 3rd ball duck. We were 3-17 in the fifth over and were now in a battle.

Scott Wells joined Dan Turner in the middle and the pair were going along steadily, playing the main opening bowler cautiously but dispatching anything over-pitched. With the score on 49, Wells played across the line and got wrapped on the pad, and was given out LBW for 13.

Lane Cove felt like they still had a sniff at that point but Brett James strode to the crease and looked assured from the outset. Dan and Brett got us to drinks at 4-89 and Lane Cove could sense the inevitable. Upon resumption one of the slips made a comment that *'this is going to end quickly'*. Dan retired on 41\* on the second ball after drinks which brought Lee Witherden to the crease. Brett and Lee didn't muck about and brought up the victory in the twenty fourth over.

A resounding victory in the end, well set up by our bowlers, and finished off with the bat. Another good team effort.

**The Team was:** - Ian Allmey (c) 12, Mike Weaver 4, Dan Turner 41\* ret not out, Harry Bridge 0, Scott Wells (w) 13, Brett James 35\*, Lee Witherden 6\* , Jonathan Shaw dnb, José Poothokaren dnb, Andrew Dadswell dnb, Ben Stanic dnb.

**The Result was:-**

**Lane Cove:** - 10-112 (37.4 overs)

**Lost to**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 4-115 (D. Turner 41\*; B. James 35\*) (23.1 overs)

**By 6 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1- 8 (M. Weaver); 2-16 (I. Allmey); 3-17 (H. Bridge); 4-49 (S. Wells); (D. Turner retired not out at 93)

**The Bowling was:** - B. Stanic 6.4-0-19-2; A. Dadswell 6-3-10-1; B. James 8-1-14-3; L. Witherden 9-2-27-2; J. Poothokaren 5-0-16-0; J. Shaw 3-1-24-1

**The Fielding was:** -

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: Two to S. Wells (w); One to each of A. Dadswell, B. James, B. Stanic and D. Turner

Run outs: One to J. Poothokaren

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - Three points to B. James; Two points to D. Turner; One point to L. Witherden.

### **MASTERS ROUND 8 v BALMAIN RANGERS-SOUTH SYDNEY AT JUBILEE OVAL, GLEBE ON SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021**

Cancelled as the weather in the week preceding the game had been too wet to prepare a wicket. (NB This game was rearranged next week, See Match Report to follow

### **MASTERS ROUND 8 v BALMAIN RANGERS-SOUTH SYDNEY AT KINGSFORD SMITH OVAL, LONGUEVILLE ON SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021: REPORT BY IAN ALLMEY**

*(Editor's Note: - by permission of the Masters Association, this game was permitted to be played a week after the regular round)*

After our initial fixture for Rd.8 at Jubilee Oval was washed out, there was much organising behind the scenes by the Skipper to arrange this clash, to be held in Lane Cove.

Balmain sent us into bat which was welcomed in good spirit, and there were some plain instructions by Captain Ian Allmey: " I want 200".

Tim Croft was promoted to open with Ian which was a sign of intent, however Ian fell early, caught behind for 5. Paul Nash, playing his first game of Masters this season as Mike Weaver was ill, entered the fray and forged a boundary laden 47 run partnership with Tim. After hitting 4 boundaries in an over, Paul wanted a 5th but found a fielder and was caught for an entertaining 24, score 2/56.

Balmain started tightening up their lines with some bowling changes and before too long Tim was bowled (29), Dan Turner, Brett James and Lee Witherden had come and gone for not many and we were 6-91 before drinks, and things were definitely not going to plan.

But then the true essence of this Masters team shone through with lovely comeback batting and partnerships via Harry Bridge (33), Jono Shaw (24), Jose Poothokaren (35) and Ben Stanic (22\*). All dug in initially and then swung hard contributing to get the team up above the Skippers expectation, getting the team to a fantastic total of 9-202. From where we were, it was a great effort.

Brett James and Tim Croft took the new ball and both were on the money from ball one. Croft struck in the 2nd over with an LBW in front, and Brett soon had the first-drop batsman clean bowled. Tim broke through the defence again to claim his 2nd and Balmain were 3/not much. Both opening bowlers were well and truly on top. The 4th wicket dug in and was going along nicely for Balmain as they were trying to get back in the game.

The openers were replaced by Ben Stanic and Lee Witherden who were both looking good and swinging the ball considerably, with both picking up a wicket. Lee in particular had quite a few plays



and misses, and could have had more wickets on another day. Ben's in-swing did manage to confound first time keeper Dan Turner (as Scott Wells was out) when he realised it was actually his job to stop those fast in swinging deliveries, and he may even need to dive (or roll) doing it.

Tight bowling led to quite a bit of confusion with the batting as CCNSW secured 3 run outs with some great execution in the field. Andrew Dadswell came on with his mystery off spinners. He was bowling with a very short mid-wicket boundary, and he played it perfectly by not offering anything to hit and then tempting with some slower turners, securing 2 wickets for himself. In the end Balmain were dismissed for 127, and CCNSW had a 75 run victory.

The game was played in good spirit and we should thank Balmain for playing their part in getting the game on. But it was another good performance by CCNSW. A real team effort with a great resilient batting innings, followed up by another tight bowling effort with some very good support in the field.

**The Team was:** - Tim Croft 29, Ian Allmey (c) 5, Paul Nash 24, Dan Turner 14, Harry Bridge 33, Brett James 1, Lee Witherden 6, Jonathan Shaw 24, José Poothokaren 35, Ben Stanic 22\*, Andrew Dadswell dnb

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:- 9-202 (J. Poothokaren 35) (40 overs)**

**Defeated**

**Rangers CC: - 10-127 (29.3 overs)**

**By 75 runs**

**FoW:** - 1- 9 (I. Allmey); 2-56 (P. Nash); 3-68 (T. Croft); 4-84 (D. Turner); 5-85 (B. James); 6-91 (L. Witherden); 7-130 (H. Bridge); 8-178 (J. Poothokaren); 9- 202 (J. Shaw).

**The Bowling was:** - B. James 5-1-17-1; T. Croft 6-3-14-2; B. Stanic 5-0-25-1; L. Witherden 8-2-28-1; A. Dadswell 5.3-1-22-2; P. Nash 1-0-6-0

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings:- Nil

Catches: - One to each of A. Dadswell, B. James and B. Stanic

Run outs: - Three: - one each to P, Nash, B. Stanic and J. Poothokaren

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - Three points to T. Croft; Two points to D. Turner; One point to B. James.

**MASTERS ROUND 9 v ST. CLAIR UNITED AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021**

Cancelled by rain as were all the games in the round save one (Strathfield v Roseville) which was ultimately abandoned as a draw but the bonus batting/bowling points achieved by Strathfield allowed them to edge ahead of CCNSW into second place

## **MASTERS ROUND 10 v AUBURN AT DAVE TRIBOLET OVAL, AUBURN ON SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021 BY MIKE WEAVER**

CCNSW travelled to Auburn with high hopes of upsetting the competition title holders on their home turf.

The Masters brought in a couple of C&S stars for this final season fixture, Tom Robertson and Soren Hughes. Soren was making his debut for the club in the over forties grade.

Captain Ian Allmey won the flip and elected to bat with a slight change in the batting order. Robertson was to open with Mike Weaver dropping down to number 4 in the batting list.

The outfield was slow compared to Camperdown Oval with the pitch not a 'road' but a decent enough track. There was some difference in the bounce that wasn't quite so similar to what the lads were used to when playing at home.

Tom as usual wasting no time in going on the attack but went in the first over caught behind, He succumbed to a slash at a wide delivery on the penultimate delivery after a lofted drive at the third ball carried through the field for only two runs. Dan Turner and Ian Allmey settled down somewhat against buoyant, nagging bowling from Auburn, backed up by some sound ground fielding. Ian couldn't really get going though and was bowled for 15 runs, trying to cart one over midwicket, to a ball that bounced a little oddly, considering where it pitched. Dan and Mike Weaver started confidently together knocking some singles and twos around to break up the accurate bowling.

Calamity then struck with Weaver suffering an emotional 'roller coaster' type dismissal. Trying to deal with a shorter length delivery, he mistimed a pull shot, skying the ball towards mid on. The bowler stood under the ball for what seemed a minute before dropping the chance. But Weaver was then easily run out after he'd ended up face to face with his batting partner at the non strikers end, while the ball was in the air. He showed great emotional maturity while leaving the field, electing after due consideration, not to throw his bat in disappointment.

Dan seemed a little rattled by the dismissal as well, as shortly afterwards he lost concentration, and was bowled shouldering arms to the inswing of Auburn's first change bowler, Barbon. An erratic 4-35 was now the score in the 11th over.

Harry Bridge and all rounder Brett James tried hard to stop the rot. Harry batted very solidly in his best performance of the season. Brett was timing the ball nicely until he was caught behind to a ball that seamed down leg side.

Debutant Soren Hughes wasn't able to get settled at all before suffering the negative of a very close decision for run out. Jono Shaw, Jose Poothokaren, and Andy Dadswell then were all knocked over lbw in quick succession by Barbon, who took 5 wickets in an inspiring, match winning spell of in-swingers for the home side.

In a show of defiance, Harry Bridge smacked a nice six over deep midwicket and then a powerful lofted off drive for four in the same over. Going for another drive, he was bowled shortly afterwards, leaving Ben Stanic stranded on 5\* and CCNSW all out for 101, in just 32 overs.

Cricketers' Club took the field knowing that there was something in the wicket for the bowling attack, which had been exceptional through most previous games. Two quick wickets from some excellent new ball bowling by Brett James, inducing two lofted drives, had the opposition 2-12 off five overs.

The Auburn batsmen did not look entirely comfortable for some time thereafter. But they were let off the hook considerably with CCNSW not accepting at least five catching opportunities and a run out chance, before the third wicket fell at 89 runs. A good piece of teamwork to affect a run out was made after a ball from James, in his second spell, was snicked through the slips' region.

To Cricketers' Club's credit, Auburn were made to work hard for the runs by all the bowlers used, passing the score three wickets down in the 29th over. The match left CCNSW disappointed but not

downcast as the team, to a man, knows it can do better. It just wasn't our day and congratulations to Auburn, too good again on the day, well played by them.

**The Team was (playing 12):** - Tom Robertson 2, Ian Allmey (c) 15, Dan Turner 11, Mike Weaver (w) 4, Harry Bridge 40, Brett James 13, Soren Hughes 3, Jonathan Shaw 0, Jose Poothokaren 4 , Andrew Dadswell 0, Ben Stanic 5\*, Luke Holman dnb

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-101 (H. Bridge 40) (32 overs)

**Lost to**

**Auburn CC:** - 3-103 (28.2 overs)

**By 7 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1-2 (T. Robertson); 2-26 (I. Allmey); 3-33 (M. Weaver); 4-35 (D. Turner); 5-63 (B. James); 6-72 (S. Hughes); 7-72 (J. Shaw); 8-78 (J. Poothokaren); 9-78 (A. Dadswell); 10-101 (H. Bridge).

**The Bowling was:** - B. James 6-0-20-2; B. Stanic 4-0-14-0; S. Hughes 5-0-19-0; A. Dadswell 5-0-13-0; J. Shaw 3-0-12-0 ; L. Holman 4.2-0-16-0; T. Robertson 1-0-6-0

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: One to A. Dadswell and one to T. Robertson

Run outs: One to A. Dadswell

**Player Points (awarded by umpire):** - Three points to H. Bridge; Two points to B. James; One point to I. Allmey.