

C.C.N.S.W. MATCH REPORTS VINTAGE 2021-2022

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 1 v GEORGES RIVER AT BLAND OVAL, RIVERWOOD ON SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021 : REPORT BY PETER ROLLS



Back row: Stuart Ridge; Greg Brooks, Garry Winney, Ajoy Roy, Mick McCormick, Joe Scarcella, Frank Ballotis

Front row: Paul Georgiadis, Sittampalam Ragavan, Peter Rolls (c), Jim Robson; David Wright (w)

Nice 21°C day to start our 2021-22 campaign. No one looked like they had put on “Lockdown” kilos!

CCNSW won the toss and sent Georges River in to bat on a well grassed but rolled hard wicket which played mostly true with the odd jagger.

Joe Scarcella started us off with his striking Coogee Covid lockdown suntan that Flavio would have been proud of. Joe showed good pace resulting from his pandemic net practices (*‘cause nothing else to do!*). Paul Georgiadis at the other end with 3 maidens in 4 overs was more miserly than a current travel agent.

Both openers hit some fine shots but not picking up the singles due to some good fielding, especially from “Rabbit Legs” Frank Ballotis who covered more ground than a Covid nurse. He also took a fine catch in the deep off Stuart Ridge to get Peter Remfrey.

After 8 overs Stuart Ridge had come on to instant success on his second ball with a 'jaffa' that cut back off a good length and took danger man Alan Wright's middle stump. Latter Wright said he should have taken up Joe's offer for a net session at Maroubra with Stu!

Stu's 4th and 5th over wicket maidens broke the hearts of their top order and then Sittampalam Ragavan ('Raga') and Mick McCormick came on to consolidate with good tight spells and Mick a wicket in his first over, bowling under 60 danger man Smith and Raga in his second over getting captain Mick Collins caught behind, well gloved by David Wright standing up to the stumps. After the game David's body was looking for an injection that you can't get from a Covid clinic!

From there they struggled to get momentum and both spinners, Jim Robson ('Jungle') and Ajoy Roy bamboozled them with flight and variety and each picked up a well deserved wicket. Joe Scarcella and Paul Georgiadis finished off the session to have them 8 for 128 off 40 overs.

Needing only 3 an over the captain's call was for a restrictive batting approach but this was adhered to like a Victorian quarantine hotel managed by rent-a-guard! Both Raga and Ajoy Roy playing their shots and after 5 overs, were travelling at 4 an over. Ajoy was the first to go in the sixth over with a skied on drive caught on the boundary. Raga departed a couple of overs latter from a slick run out. Both did a fine job of taking the shine off the ball for Garry Winney and Peter Rolls who ran some quick singles and the odd boundary to stay ahead of the run rate.

Garry retiring with his best innings in Over 60's Vintage cricket – amazing for a 70 yo! Peter soon retired and 'Jungle' and Greg Brooks continued the onslaught until Greg nicked one behind off a spinner and Frank Baliotis had one go through the gate like a weary traveller returning to his house after quarantine.

With 5 overs to spare Mick McCormick and Jungles finished them off like leftover Pfizer jabs for walk-in vaxers.

A solid win with everyone contributing and enjoyable banter with GR after the game.

The Team was: - Sittampalam Ragavan 14, Ajoy Roy 6, Garry Winney 30* ret, Peter Rolls (c) 31* ret, Jim Robson 15*, Greg Brooks 6, Frank Baliotis 0, Mick McCormick 16*, Paul Georgiadis dnb, Joe Scarcella dnb, Stuart Ridge dnb and David Wright (w) dnb,

The Result was:-

Georges River CC: - 8-128 (40 overs) (S. Ridge 3-10)

Lost to

CCNSW: - 4-129 (34.1 overs) (P. Rolls 31*; G. Winney 30*)

By 6 wickets

FoWs: - 1-19 (A. Roy); 2-34 (S. Ragavan); 3-101 (G. Brooks); 4-101 (F. Baliotis)

The Bowling was: - J. Scarcella 6-0-22-0; S. Ridge 7-3-10-3; M. McCormick 7-0-21-1; P. Georgiadis 6-0-10-0; A. Roy 2-0-12-1; J. Robson 5-1-20-1, S. Ragavan 7-0-25-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to D Wright

Catches: - One catches to D. Wright (w) and one to F. Baliotis

Run outs: - One to F. Baliotis

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to S. Ridge; 2 points to P. Rolls; one point to G. Winney

**VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 2 v ROSEVILLE AT MARRICKVILLE OVAL,
MARRICKVILLE ON SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021: REPORT BY MICK
McCORMICK**

Blustery conditions greeted the players as they dawdled into the Marrickville oval precinct flummoxed from their equally traffic dawdling experience through Newtown, Enmore and St Peters.

Roseville was in fact the home team in this clash, but a Bridget McKenzie like grant rendered their usual home oval on the North Shore a subject of extensive council curation.

This relocation of the home ground however was a bit like a penguin venturing to Cairns...clearly out of the comfort zone. But getting a game anywhere was preferable to lockdown...and the blowy conditions provided ventilation on Viagra. Earnest efforts to extricate the sightboards bogged in mud and grass could have easily resulted in spinal fusions for the participants. Fortunately, the activity complimented the highly effective CCNSW stretching regime.

CCNSW won the toss and batted on a slow pitch and an outfield thicker than Matt Canavan.

Sittampalam Ragavan ('Raga') and Ajoy Roy opened the batting and faced some accurate bowling from Zahari. At the other end the left-hand bowler was getting considerable drift in the strong cross wind but offered some early Christmas presents down the leg side. However, despite the vastness of the leg side field the swift ground coverage of the opposition fieldsmen circumvented wholesale carnage on the scoreboard.

After six overs Ajoy tried to increase the tempo, but as would become a theme on the slow pitch, the ball off the bat flaccidly followed a lame trajectory into the hands of the fieldsman. Mick McCormick joined Raga and they got some good partnership runs including an all run four to the vast expanses on the leg side boundary. Raga unfortunately chopped one on for a well-constructed 19.

Jim Robson then joined Mick. They faced some accurate bowling from Norris Khan .but Jim, like Brad Cooper in American Sniper, surreptitiously picked off every available opportunity for a run to keep the total climbing. Jim was unluckily adjudged lbw to Chuck Norris in a well compiled 23. Mick after seeing some spectators falling asleep, attempted to revive their interest but a lofted cover drive failed to launch.

Greg Brooks entered the fray dispatching a full toss to the boundary almost immediately, promising to enliven the three spectators who had just awoken...alas the excitement was short lived when a well-timed leg clip was swallowed whole by the leg gully fieldsman. Some of the earlier inning's sweetness had now soured. It was up to Stuart Ridge to spice it back up again, but he was losing partners quicker than Elizabeth Taylor as Garry James, Joe Scarcella and Graham McDonald could do no more than leave the scorebook emblazoned with the emergency number.

McDonald's demise was a Shakespearean tragedy – (*Ed note or perhaps farce?*) ...first game for the Club...first bat...but no first ball...a 'diamante' ...run out without facing a ball... "Yes! ..."No" ...a slip, a stumble, a half recovery ... then a fall... halfway down the pitch, a frantic scramble on the knees as the ball limped back to the bowler... bails removed! We've all been there....no crueller execution!

David Wright looked assured and a short but constructive partnership ensured with Stuart Ridge before David went lbw. Paul Georgiadis came in at number 11 with seven overs still to play. Could he hold on and support Stuart Ridge? More runs were still needed despite the slow pitch and field.

It seems that delivery is Paul's middle name...Uber eats would love him...he proceeded to play a superb role with Stuart in accumulating a 30-run partnership in difficult circumstances. It was a memorable 10th wicket partnership. Stuart's innings of 37* being invaluable. All out for 138 in the 40th over.

The protagonists of the 10th wicket partnership were then called upon for further service. It is envisaged that within a short period of time Paul will be receiving offers from Menu log and Deliveroo. In his second over he picked up the valuable wicket of the opening bat, who mistimed a drive into the waiting arms of Joe Scarcella. Followed up by a mistimed drive to Mick McCormick who took an overhead catch with all the dexterity of a tumbling Saddam Hussein statue. Then in the next over, another mistimed drive to Joe... followed by an excellent caught and bowled by Paul. Four wickets, Paul had delivered yet again.

Meanwhile Stuart Ridge cleaned up C. Norris with a peach. Then Greg Brooks perfectly partnered with the cross breeze like Clark Gable and Vivien Lee. It resulted in the Roseville middle order also starring in "*Gone with the Wind*" as Brooksie picked up 3 wickets for 2 runs. Joe Scarcella could not be hit and bowled well despite less movement than usual. Garry James bowled a beaut jagged little pill to pick up his one wicket

It was up to Graham McDonald to avenge his flat soled runners when he came on to bowl. With his first ball, he got a wicket... well caught at square leg, by guess who? Of course...the delivery guy. Roseville was all out for 39. A satisfying 99 run victory.

Adrian Hawkes cannot recall a lower total for any CCNSW Veterans opposition. No doubt the archives will be fully explored.

Thanks to Graeme McDonald for playing at very short notice.

The Team was: - Sittampalam Ragavan 19, Ajoy Roy 7, Mick McCormick (c) 13, Jim Robson 23, Greg Brooks 14, Stuart Ridge 37*, Garry James 0, Joe Scarcella 0, David Wright (w) 2, Graham McDonald 0, Paul Georgiadis 7

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 10-138 (39.1 overs) (S. Ridge 37*)

Defeated

Roseville CC: - 10-39 (23.1 overs) (P. Georgiadis 4-15)

By 99 runs

FoWs: - 1-13 (A. Roy); 2-31 (S. Ragavan); 3-65 (J. Robson); 4-66 (M. McCormick); 5-90 (G. Brooks); 6-95 (G. James); 7- 95 (J. Scarcella); 8-108 (D. Wright); 9-109 (G. McDonald); 10-138 (P. Georgiadis);

The Bowling was: - S. Ridge 4-0-9-1; P. Georgiadis 7-0-15-4; J. Scarcella 5-3-5-0; G. Brooks 4-2-2-3, G. James 3-0-7-1, G. McDonald 0.1-0-0-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 catches to P. Georgiadis and 2 to J. Scarcella; one to M. McCormick

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to S. Ridge; 2 points to P. Georgiadis; one point to G. Brooks

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 3 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021: REPORT BY

Cancelled by rain

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 4 v HUNTER DISTRICT AT WATERFALL OVAL, TORONTO ON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021 : REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

Great to get a game in of cricket with La Nina lurking each week but for all our gratefulness it was still a disappointing outcome with a talented side.

A popular decision to win the toss and bat on what looked like a hard and dry pitch with a bit of grass on a sunny 25°C day with high humidity from all the week's rain. Turned out batting second was on a more settled pitch with the bounce more predictable. Thick kikuyu grass made the score books look lean.

Sittampalam Ragavan and Ajoy Roy got us off to a good start (27 off our first 6 overs) but both holed out to balls that did a bit. Greg Brooks was the shining knight who took Hunters good line and length by the scruff of the neck and dispatched many balls over the long grass. Greg soon retired at 33*. Welcome new comer John Finucane for his first game with us. He showed good class with the bat but holed out for 20 trying to push the run rate. Garry James and Joe Scarcella were turning over the strike with good running until Joe was run out from a very good throw (for a 60 year old) from the boundary going for 2. Paul Georgiadis and David Wright chimed in at the end to give us a total worth more like 160 on the slow outfield. But still well below par for a Hunter side that had also 2 wins from 2 matches.

The Hunter openers started with intent from the get go and with a bit of luck on their side managed to get through our opening pace attack of Stuart Ridge and Joe Scarcella. Greg Brooks and Mick McCormick pace also seemed to aid their openers.

Enter 'Raga' and Ajoy, separated at birth but rejoined as batting and bowling brothers. Raga with a fine line and length claimed one of their openers with a very good catch by Stuart Ridge at deep mid-on. The other opener had already retired at 30*. Ajoy at the other end showed more variation than the Kama Sutra and knocked off two of their top order within 2 overs and ended with a miserly 4 runs off 4 overs of 'tweakers'.

Garry James and Paul Georgiadis slower speed slowed the run rate but Hunter was already ahead of the game. Greg came back for a second spell and claimed a hard toiled and well deserved lbw. All the bowlers showed plenty of determination but alas the game got away from us and we had to show humbleness in a rare experience of defeat. We may be over 60 but the winning passion still burns deep.

We still have plenty of games to go to show our worth and the Hunter team played well and were good hosts with a well stocked bar fridge to drown our sorrows like a tinder date with no joy.

The Team was: - Sittampalam Ragavan 10, Ajoy Roy 16. Mick McCormick 0, Peter Rolls (c) 4, Greg Brooks 33*, John Finucane 20, Stuart Ridge 1, Garry James 13, Joe Scarcella 3, Paul Georgiadis 11*, David Wright (w) 7*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-124 (40 overs) (G. Brooks 33*)

Lost to

Hunter District: - 4-126 (34.4 overs) (A. Roy 2-4)

By 6 wickets

FoW: - 1-27 (M. McCormick); 2-27 (S. Ragavan); 3-31 (A. Roy); 4-57 (P. Rolls); 5- 86 (S. Ridge); 6-90 (J. Finucane); 7-103 (J. Scarcella); 8-105 (G. James).

The Bowling was: - S. Ridge 4.4-0-15-0; J. Scarcella 3-1-18-0; G. Brooks 7-1-25-1; S. Ragavan 7-0-17-1; A. Roy 4-2-4-2; G. James 5-1-24-0; M. McCormick 2-0-16-0; P. Georgiadis 2-0-3-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to S. Ridge

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to G. Brooks; 2 points to A. Roy; one point to J. Finucane.

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 5 v ASHFIELD DE LA SALLE OLD BOYS AT RON ROUTLEY OVAL, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022 : REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

La Nina was still lurking about with the Shires' game called off on the Saturday with water under the covers and on the pitch from a heavy downpour on the Friday night. Covid was also lurking with Jim Robson having to pull out Sunday morning with his son turning positive the Saturday night. Luckily we had picked 12 to play.

Overcast and with rain threatening, Peter Rolls won the toss and had no hesitation to bowl in case quick runs were required at the end with possible reduced overs due to rain interruptions. The pitch was hard from good sunshine on the Saturday to dry it out but suspicions it could be damp underneath like a flasher's undercoat. A recently mown but still thick kikuyu grass outfield would also make scoring slow. Ambient temperature 28°C combined with 70% humidity made Ajoy Roy's woolen vest come off quicker than his honeymoon briefs.

True to our suspicions the ball was moving about and hard to score with DSLOB averaging only two an over for the first 8 overs until Joe Scarcella struck in the 9th with a beautiful line and length ball taking the top of the off stump of the normally hard hitting Threlfo. 1-21. Paul Georgiadis had the other opener Orme in all sorts of bother. One ball even jumped off a good length to emulate Joe Root in Adelaide but slightly under the 145kmh that Mitchell Starc delivered (and no pink ball). Their best bat Walsh came and went for zero with a very sharp stumping by David Wright from a tantalising length ball from Paul.

Smith was bowled by Garry James after many French cuts with James commenting that he hadn't bowled this well since grade cricket in his 30s (with more off spin revolutions than the GOAT!). Palmer succumbed to Sittampalam Ragavan's immaculate line and length with an lbw that jagged back off a full length. Orme grafted well to retire at 30*. Mills ran a few quick singles then retired hurt after popping a calf muscle after smashing a hard hit boundary when he didn't need to run.

Enter Garry Winney who took wickets with his first and third balls, both bowled from loopy deliveries. Two for none like Scott Boland at the SCG. The umpire Michael Roberts did have a good sense of humour when the next batsman came in to face Garry by saying "*right arm over, very slow!*" Garry brought Joe Scarcella in from cow corner to mid wicket and the batsman gave a lusty first ball swing with perfect connection that would have gone straight down Joe's throat had he stayed at cow corner for three for none but alas was waved a four. Joe went back to cow corner. Next ball a swing and a miss. Final ball swing and a top edge to Peter Rolls at mid-on for 3 wickets in an over.

Mick McCormick replaced Garry James and toiled hard and was unlucky not to snare a wicket. Ajoy Roy had two overs at Garry Winney's end and then after Mick McCormick, bowled the last two overs at the other end to get a wicket in each with one bowled and the tenth wicket in the last over caught by Peter Rolls at point.

101 an easy target or so we thought.

Third over 'Raga' got a leading edge back to the bowler and Ajoy was run out backing up too far to a misfield in the same over so 2 for 4. Not an ideal start. Winney gave a faint edge down the leg side to a good catch by their keeper for 3 for 14 off 8 overs. Everyone was more nervous than a mouse in a biology class. Peter Rolls and Mick McCormick steadied the ship until Peter capsized trying to turn the Titanic when Mick said no to a second run when the fielder misfielded. Peter was half way and going to the danger end would have made it comfortably; however Mick was sitting on his bat like it was a stool and panting like a puppy in the humidity (and could have used a Covid ventilator). (Note: Mick offered to write this report for fear of reprisal. He would have been dropped for the next game but out anyway with Vicky's 50th birthday bash in Bathurst). 4 for 38 off 15 overs.

John Finucane showed some good strokes but found the safe hands of the young sub fielder for Walsh who earlier had broken his elbow slipping over at the crease in his delivery stride. He was caught at mid-off with a flat hard hit that an over 60 would have struggled to get a hand on. 5 for 47 off 18 overs and still a tense game.

Mick retired after his best innings of the season showing respect to the good length ball and punishing the full pitch and short balls. Frank Baliotis listened to the instructions to turn-over the strike to Mick and then to Garry James and complied a well structured 14*. Jamesy was his usual swashbuckling cavalier self with some great shots but holed out to deep mid-on from a loopy bowler who was loopier than Winney. (I am positive the bowler pulled the pin before he bowled the hand grenade). Joe Scarcella hit the winning run and relief ensued with 10 overs to go.

A fun and tense contest with DSLOBs great hosts after the game.

Postscript: Jim Robson turned Covid positive on Sunday night so we are thankful he pulled out Sunday morning even though he had no symptoms then. Hope he gets well quick.

The Team was: - Sittampalam Ragavan 1, Ajoy Roy 1, Garry Winney 6, Peter Rolls (c) 15, Mick McCormick 32*, John Finucane 7, Frank Baliotis 14*, Garry James 19, Joe Scarcella 2*, Paul Georgiadis dnb and David Wright (w) dnb

The Result was: -

Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys CC: - 10-101 (39.2 overs) (G. Winney 3-9)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-102 (30.3 overs) (M, McCormick 32*)

By 4 wickets

FoW: - 1-4 (A. Roy); 2-4 (S. Ragavan); 3-14 (G. Winney); 4-38 (P. Rolls); 5-47 (J. Finucane); 6-96 (G. James).

The Bowling was: -: J. Scarcella 7-0-22-1; P. Georgiadis 6-3-9-1; S. Ragavan 7-1-15-1; G. James 7-0-14-1; M. McCormick 6-0-16-0; A. Roy 3.2-0-13-2; G. Winney 3-0-9-3

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to D. Wright

Catches: - 2 to P. Rolls

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to M. McCormick; 2 points to G. Winney; one point to P. Georgiadis.

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 6 v BURWOOD/KU-RING-GAI AT TURRAMURRA MEMORIAL OVAL, TURRAMURRA, ON SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022 : REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

La Nina once again threatened the game but quick thinking by Burwood/Ku-ring-gai captain Douglas Latto organised a switch to a synthetic pitch after Turramurra Oval was ruled too wet to play due to rain the night before that got under the covers.

Overcast and with rain threatening, Douglas won the toss and decided to bat on a pitch that amazingly was dry. The outfield was thick kikuyu grass so shots along the ground pulled up. Ambient temperature 25°C combined with 90% humidity made us sweat more than Raga after a Sri Lankan curry.

Ross Dagleish, the ultimate team man, was called in at 10am for Joe Scarcella whose elderly mum was taken to hospital after falling ill. Luckily she came good a couple of days later. With Joe out and Stuart Ridge also out (swanning in Greece to see his daughter play rep water polo), Greg Brooks and Paul Georgiadis opened the bowling.

B/K were off to a solid start at 0-21 off 6 overs until Greg struck, clean bowling Hutton. Sittampalam Ragavan ('Raga') then came on and in his third over took a sharp caught and bowled to remove Nation who was close to retiring. Raga 2 overs latter snared Latto LBW to put us back in control.

Garry James came on bowling good length with bounce on the artificial surface and was rewarded in his 6th over with a good catch by Garry Winney in the outfield. 4-61 off 22 overs. Jim Robson 9aka 'Jungle') came on to have his first bowl of the season with Mick McCormick out giving Vicky a 'beverage filled' 50th birthday bash in Bathhurst. (Mick later said it was the worst hangover he had had in many years...and Vicky not much better). Jim eventually found the spot and was unlucky not to get a wicket with his "variation" with the ball flying in the air in all directions.

Garry Winney again struck early with a wicket in his second over with an unusual dismissal when the batter, already standing deep in his crease, went for a late cut shot and smashed all three stumps. Luckily keeper David Wright was wearing a helmet to fend off the fragments. 5-75 off 28 overs.

John Finucane made a cameo with the ball to help us out as we were short on bowlers and almost got a wicket in his first over except for a dropped catch. Greg Brooks and Paul Georgiadis finished the innings coming back on and both getting a wicket in their final over. A bit of lusty hitting by B/K tail enders saw them at 40 overs reach 151 for 7 wickets down which was a reasonable total on a slow outfield.

Peter Rolls and Raga opened our innings and Raga was soon out to a top edged pull shot to mid-on in the second over. 1-3 off 2 overs. Greg Brooks out lbw the next over and we were on the back foot. Enter Jungle and quick running like Goulburn rabbits saw us get back on the front foot. Peter after seven consecutive front foot fours retired at 32*. John Finucane came in and continued the momentum until Jungle was trapped lbw by Nation. 3-59 off 15 overs. Ross Dagleish came in with Nation and Matchett bowling very tight lines with 3 maidens in a row. To Ross' credit he then pushed for singles to give John the strike, sprinting hard and for this game his pants held firm. Ross the team man tried to force the run rate (as we were behind) and holed out to mid-on to bowler Matchett. 4-70 off 21 overs.

Enter Garry James who took little time to settle in with a boundary off Matchett on his second ball faced. A swash buckling 60 run partnership with John got us back in contention and both retired almost at the same time on the score at 4-134 off 33 overs, James hitting a 6 to get to his 35*. 18 runs off 7 overs required.

Frank Baliotis and Garry Winney kept the score board ticking until Frank holed out. 5 for 143 off 36 overs. 9 runs needed off 4 overs. With three in the shed, Paul Georgiadis and David Wright had to swing the bat and this they did unselfishly to bring back Peter rolls who finished off the run chase with a 6.

Great to get a game of cricket in and a competitive one at that. B/K fine hosts after the game.

The Team was: - Peter Rolls (c) 43*, Sittampalam Ragavan 0, Greg Brooks 0, Jim Robson 23, John Finucane 30*, Ross Dalglish 5, Garry James 35*, Frank Baliotis 5, Garry Winney 7*, Paul Georgiadis 1, David Wright (w) 0

The Result was: -

Burwood/Ku-ring-gai C.C.: - 7-151 (40 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-156 (38.4 overs) (P. Rolls 43*; G. James 35*; J. Finucane 30*)

By 3 wickets

FoW: - 1- 3 (S. Ragavan); 2- 4 (G. Brooks); 3-59 (J. Robson); 4-70 (R. Dalglish); 5-137 (F. Baliotis); 6-143 (P. Georgiadis); 7-143 (D. Wright).

The Bowling was: -: G. Brooks 7-2-20-2; P. Georgiadis 7-1-27-1; S. Ragavan 7-1-22-2; G. James 7-1-15-1; J. Robson 4-0-20-0; G. Winney 6-0-29-1; J. Finucane 2-0-17-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of J. Finucane, S. Ragavan and G. Winney

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to G. James; 2 points to P. Rolls; one point to J. Finucane

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 7 v SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AT CHATER OVAL, MITTAGONG, ON SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022 : REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

La Nina once again threatened the round with rain leading up to the weekend. The groundsman did an amazing job to get us on.

Sunny skies on a damp pitch. Peter Rolls won the toss and decided to bowl. The outfield was wet in places so hard for balls to reach the boundary. Ambient temperature 22°C with little humidity in the Highlands. We welcomed Jim Hadley for his first game in Vintage Cricket.

The Highlands openers were patient and played well on a slow variable pitch and Joe Scarcella and Paul Georgiadis bowled without luck. It took Mick McCormick in the 17th over before we got a wicket. 1-50 off 17 overs. John Finucane and David Wright shared the keeping with 20 overs a piece and did a great job on a tricky pitch.

Enter Pete Jensen and the strategy was to have Stuart Ridge have a crack at him as soon as he came in and the planned worked! Stuart in his second over bowling him for 8 with a beautiful in-swing. The first time Pete has been out in 3 seasons of Vintage cricket! 2-58 off 19 overs. Stuart followed up a few overs later to also bowl Rod Van Beek who was settled in. 3-89 off 28 overs.

Jim Hadley bowling his leggies claimed his first wicket in Vintage bowling the batsman after tying him down. 4-104 off 31. Jim snared his second wicket from a well judged catch by Paul Georgiadis. Frank Baliotis got a freakish run out throwing the ball to the bowlers end while still on the ground.

Greg Brooks bowling well then chimed in with 3 quick wickets. The Southern Highlands' retired opener came back in and did some damage in the last couple of overs. 9-151 off 40 overs.

Peter Rolls and Jim Hadley opened and Jim dispatched two full tosses to the boundary in quick succession. But in the 4th over Jim tried to smash a loopy off spinner with the ball popping and edging to the keeper. 1-12 off 4 overs.

Peter Rolls edged one to keeper and John Finucane hit a powerful shot but a great running catch at deep mid-on by Pete Jensen removed him. 3-22 off 10 overs. Jim Robson was looking good until he clipped one straight to square leg. 4-74 off 17 overs. Greg Brooks showed a master class of power hitting with 3 sixes and a four to soon retire at 30*. Tight bowling by The Highlanders made scoring slow. Mick McCormick was patient then hit out with 3 fours. We lost Frank Baliotis, Stuart Ridge, Joe, Scarcella, Paul Georgiadis and David Wright in quick succession but this helped bring back big hitting Greg. 9-103 off 29 overs. Greg hit another four and looking good for the final chase but then disaster with Mick hitting over the top of a slow loopy Pete Jensen to be bowled to have us all out for 113 with still 8.4 overs remaining and only 39 runs to get.

A disappointing end and if only we had a couple more batsman 'in the bank'. Shows the value of getting a couple in the bank early in the innings. Greg left to ponder "what if". It took a few minutes after the game for the steam to subside from his ears. Then Greg kissed and made up with Mick. That's cricket!

Still an enjoyable drink after the game in beautiful country surroundings in The Highlands.

The Team was: - Jim Hadley 10, Peter Rolls (c) 4, John Finucane 6, Jim Robson 21, Greg Brooks 36*, Mick McCormick 22, Frank Baliotis 5, Stuart Ridge 1, Joe Scarcella 1, Paul Georgiadis 1, David Wright (w) 1

The Result was: -

Southern Highlands: - 9-151 (40 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-113 (31 overs) ()

By 38 runs

FoW: - 1-12 (J. Hadley); 2-20 (P. Rolls); 3-22 (J. Finucane); 4-74 (J. Robson); 5-83 (F. Baliotis); 6-85 (S. Ridge); 7-96 (P. Georgiadis); 8-103 (J. Scarcella Snr); 9-106 (D. Wright); 10-113 (M. McCormick);

The Bowling was: -: J. Scarcella 7-1-14-0; P. Georgiadis 6-1-21-0; G. Brooks 7-0-26-3; M. McCormick 7-0-27-1; S. Ridge 7-0-23-2; J. Hadley 6-0-36-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to J. Scarcella and one to each of P, Georgiadis and J. Hadley

Run outs: - One to F. Baliotis

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 3 points to G. Brooks; 2 points to M. McCormick; one point to J. Hadley

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 8 v NORTHERN STARS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

Cancelled by rain

VINTAGE OVER 60s ROUND 9 v LINDFIELD AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022 :

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