

## **MATCH REPORTS C.C.N.S.W. VINTAGE 2019-2020**

### **VINTAGE ROUND 1 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT WATERLOO OVAL, WATERLOO ON SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS**

#### **A great start to the Vintage official competition!**

A BIG thanks to Garry Winney for assembling a very capable group of gentlemen and all the lead up/background work to get us on the park. I use the word park very loosely as Waterloo Oval resembled more like a beach! (See team photo below).

A perfect 24°C sunny day and a perfect start by winning the toss and electing to bat on what looked like a patchwork quilt. Tufts of green grass on a solid dry pitch.

1 for 46 after 12 overs for a superb start by Ajoy Roy and Ross Dalglish. Ajoy as swashbuckling as ever with a boundary off the first ball. With more net sessions than a Vietnamese fisherman, he made a quick fire 30\* retired, so the nets paid off! Apparently, he also likes fishnet stockings!! Ross was stumped down the leg side by a sharp Lions keeper off a leggie.

2 for 89 after 16 overs with Greg Brooks and Peter rolls combining for some power hitting with a flurry of sixes. Peter was caught by the keeper diving forward after playing a pull shot more prematurely than a teen on heat with the ball hitting toe of bat and spooning up.

3 for 106 after 20 overs. Greg retired at 30\* in quick time. Sittampalam Ragavan ('Raga') was run out after colliding with the bowler and thinking he would not run him out as he was a fellow net practicer...wrong for the second time in the day. First was wrong way to get to the oval as he went to Waterloo Oval in North Ryde. He covered more territory than Bourke and Wills!

4 for 153 after 28 overs. Garry Winney caught hooking. Hope his wife doesn't find out!

5 for 177 after 32 overs. with Jay Patel bowled looking for quick runs. Jay gave more calls than 000 but John Mesar was not falling for any suicide runs and stayed rock steady to keep the paramedics away.

6 for 179 after 33 overs. David Wright played for the team going for quick runs and was caught at cover.

7 for 205 after 37 overs. John Mesar retired after compiling a very composed and cool 33\*. Enter back first retiree Ajoy Roy. But thinking of fishnet stockings during his break had his head in the clouds as he thought to lift one into cow corners atmosphere and was skittled like a jilted lover.

8 for 206 after 38 overs. Paul Georgiadis hit one of the most unusual hook shots you will ever see for 4 that wenr straight past the keeper with his bat lucky not to send the keeper to the boundary as well. Then run out on a very close call. Enter next retirees Greg Brooks and Jim Robson who blast the last 3 overs for 22 to get us a very impressive total.

We knew we had to bowl and field well with a strong Lions batting line up (with many ex C.C.N.S.W. players), a short boundary on one side and a fast outfield with half of it slick desert.

1 for 15 after 2 overs. Off Paul Georgiadis' first over, a brilliant catch by Garry Winney at mid off, hit very hard by Prianta Kariawasam (ex C.C.N.S.W.) that left part of the red of the ball on his hand.

2 for 61 after 15 overs. Tight bowling by John Mesar and Paul Georgiadis. John succumbing to his sore back after 4 gutsy overs with more true grit than the outfield!

3 for 72 after 17 overs. Raga and Greg Brooks held more firm than a Double D bra to keep them well behind the run rate and picking up 3 wickets between them. Wasantha Hettiarachchi ('Wasa') (ex C,C,N,S,W,) retired for a well played 30.\*

4 for 112 after 25 overs. Lions pick up the rate with Stanley smashing a few boundaries to also retire at 30 putting them back in contention. Ajoy Roy missed a chance to dismiss Stanley off Raga's bowling at short mid off. He had to lunge forward for a catch but looked more like a falling brick pit chimney crashing to the ground!

5 for 114 after 25 overs. Jay Patel's reliable offies rips into their middle order like him tucking into a chicken tikka! Harry Solomons as sub for injured John takes an amazing catch diving forward low to the ground like a 20 year old to Jay's delight. Very honourable man Harry!

6 for 114 after 25 overs. Jay strikes again with fine skills by David Wright to stump a dangerous Janaka for a duck (to the delight of Raga as Janaka was the one that ran him out).

7 for 127 after 29 overs. A fine outfield catch by Raga to give Jay Patel a smile that cool cats wear.

8 for 151 after 33 overs. Jay Patel bowls number 10 and at a run rate of 11 an over, the game is ours.

9 for 151 after 34 overs. Wasa comes back in but the fat lady is in full voice. Garry Winney gets him stumped by David Wright trying to put the ball into orbit. Mission accomplished. Well done lads.

An exciting game of cricket played in good spirit. Thanks again to Paul Georgiadis for entering the scores in My Cricket.

**The Team was:** - Ajoy Roy 34, Ross Dalglish 8, Peter Rolls (c) 23, Greg Brooks 43\*, John Mesar 33\*, Sittampalam Ragavan 7, Jim Robson 41\*, Garry Winney 6, Jay Patel 13, David Wight (w) 1 and Paul Georgiadis 14

**The Result was:-**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 8-228 (G. Brooks 42\*; J. Robson 41\*; A. Roy 34; J. Mesar 33\*) (40 overs)

**Defeated**

**Sri Lanka Lions:** 10-163 (J. Patel 4-22) (35.4 overs)

**By 65 runs**

**FoW:** - 1-46 (R. Dalglish); 2-89 (P. Rolls); 3-106 (S. Ragavan); 4-153 (G. Winney); 5-177 (J. Patel); 6-179 (D. Wright); 7-205 (A. Roy); 8-206 (P. Georgiadis).

**The Bowling was:** - J. Mesar 4-0-19-0; P. Georgiadis 7-0-33-1; S. Ragavan 7-0-33-2; G. Brooks 7-0-26-1; J. Patel 6-0-22-4; P. Rolls 1-0-16-0; G. Winney 2.4-0-5-2; J. Robson 1-0-9-0

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Two to D. Wright

Catches: One to each of S. Ragavan and G. Winney

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points:** - Three points to G. Brooks; Two points J. Robson; One point to J. Patel



**Back Row:** Garry Winney, Ross Dalglish, Greg Brooks, John Mesar, Ajoy Roy,  
**Front Row:** Jim Robson, Paul Georgiadis, Peter Rolls (c), Raga Sittampalam, Jay Patel, David Wright (w).

**VINTAGE ROUND 2 v NORTHERN STARS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS**

**A great follow up win for our second round of Vintage cricket!**

Again well done Garry Winney for mustering a champion group of men. A cool 22°C sunny/cloudy day with a bit of a breeze. We lost the toss but Stirling Hamman decided to bowl as the pitch had a bit of grass on it and he was not sure how his conglomeration of players from all over Sydney would go batting.

**C.C.N.S.W. innings:**

1 for 34 after 13 overs with a cautious start by Ajoy Roy and Ross Dalglish due to some very tight bowling on a pitch that had them second guessing with some balls that kept low. Stirling Hamman opened the bowling and after 4 overs only conceded 9 runs which is amazing for a man in his early seventies. Khan up the other end also tighter than a Scotsman wallet had 4 overs for 8 runs. Ross caught at mid-on trying to lift the run rate but an admirable innings taking the shin off the new ball.

2 for 51 after 15 overs with Ajoy retiring at 30\* with a well composed innings of respect to good balls and gay abandon to bad balls. Enter Peter Rolls who had a nice walk to the middle only to top edge a first ball full toss to the keeper that should have been despatched over the pavilion. A slow philosophical walk back to the pavilion, that's cricket!

3 for 96 after 20 overs. After an enterprising innings, Ragavan Sittampalam ("Raga:) was bowled (trying to sweep) first ball after drinks to a lolly-pop ball from a new bowler that could have brought rain. Greg Brooks a superb knock soon retired at 30\* after smashing a couple of balls into Australia Street!

4 for 134 after 29 overs. John Mesar ran well with 11 singles with Jim Robson but out LBW to Kavanagh with one that kept a bit low. Jim running like a Goulburn Rabbit from a shotgun lifted our run rate and soon retired for 30\* for an important knock at the right time.

5 for 150 after 32 overs. Joe Scarcella short innings highlighted with a classic cover drive for four that soon ended caught trying to speed the run rate.

6 for 162 after 34 overs. Jay Patel a nice boundary then bowled by Humphries trying for quick runs.

7 for 164 after 35 overs. Garry Winney also some good running but bowled by the wily Kavanagh.

8 for 165 after 36 overs. David Wright playing for the team caught going for it.

9 for 178 after 38 overs. Greg Brooks resumed with more big hitting but out with lofty top edge to keeper.

10 for 193 after 39.4 overs. Ajoy Roy and Jim Robson resume and running well until Ajoy run out going for 3. We thought the new defibrillator may be needed. The last time Ajoy ran 3 was after a hotter than normal Beef Vindaloo.

Thank you Paul Georgiadis for being our nominated 12<sup>th</sup> batter. Much appreciated. Will be shared around if we have 12 in future games this season. Came in handy having 12 as we had a few players needing a break during fielding.

A very competitive total after a difficult start.

### **Northern Stars innings:**

1 for 2 after 2 overs. Paul Georgiadis strikes in his first over, a great catch behind by David Wright our wicket keeper to get out one of their danger men.

2 and 3 for 27 after 9 overs. John Mesar bowls a good line and length to restrict them then Joe Scarcella comes on to instant effect with his extra pace. Helped by John and Paul's early overs pressure, Joe gets 2 plumb successive LBW's and is on a hat rick. His next delivery narrowly outside off stump for almost a third LBW!

4 for 87 after 23 overs. Stars consolidate with Kavanagh retiring at 30 and get back on target. Then on comes Raga and also strikes in his first over bowling danger man Humphries.

5 for 101 after 30 overs. Joe Scarcella, Raga and Greg Brooks put the brakes on the Stars and at 9 an over was out of their grasp. Inspirationally assisted by David Wright with fine keeping skills for the odd delivery down leg side that he saved many runs. Sponsored by Voltarin for the amount of bending required on the low bounce wicket. Ross also asking for sponsorship as the ball followed him all afternoon with lots of bending over. Just as well he was not in Oxford Street!

6 and 7 for 107 after 32 overs. Jim Robson demoralises them with his flight and bowling from two metres behind the bowling crease. Peter Rolls takes a catch at mid-on and Greg a fine catch from behind square leg moving forward like a two door refrigerator on wheels down a drive way.

Resuming Kavanagh comes in with competitive Stirling who blocks out Garry Winney and Jay Patel to ensure no additional bowling bonus points for C.C.N.S.W.. Final eight overs go slowly for their total of 124. A good win by staying focused to the last ball.

Thanks again for Paul entering the scores in MyCricket.

Stirling as usual held court after the match with entertaining commentary on how both teams performed. Peter Rolls chipping in when Stirling took a breath.

Comment of the day (that brought great laughter) was from Umpire Dennis Oppenheimer after Peter reminded Joe that he was warned by Dennis for swearing after delivering a number of balls that were hit into the air by cavalier Shaker that did not go to hand. Dennis said he would have reported Joe if not for the fact that Joe is also an Umpire!!! (For GPS school cricket).

**The Team was (playing 12):** – Ajoy Roy 41, Ross Dalglish 10, Sittampalam Ragavan 22, Peter Rolls 0 (c), Greg Brooks 37, , Jim Robson 40\*, John Mesar 15, Joe Scarcella 7, Garry Winney 6, Jay Patel 6, David Wright (w) 1, Paul Georgiadis dnb (12<sup>th</sup> player).

**The Result was: –**

**C.C.N.S.W: 10-193 (A. Roy 41, J. Robson 40\*, G. Brooks 37, S. Ragavan 22) (39.4 overs)**

**Defeated**

**Northern Stars: 7-124 (J. Robson 4-11) (40 overs)**

**By 69 runs**

**FoW:** – 1-34 (R. Dalglish), 2-51 (P. Rolls), 3-96 (S. Ragavan), 4-134 (J. Mesar), 5-150 (J. Scarcella), 6-162 (J. Patel), 7-164 (G. Winney), 8-165 (D. Wright), 9-178 (G. Brooks), 10-193 (A. Roy).

**The Bowling was:** – J. Mesar 4-0-11-0; P. Georgiadis 7-1-24-1; J. Scarcella 7-0-35-2; G. Brooks 7-0-16-0; S. Ragavan. 7-1-16-1; J. Robson 4-0-11-4; G. Winney 2-1-4-0; J. Patel 2-1-2-0.

**The Fielding was: –**

Stumpings: nil

Catches: D. Wright 1, P. Rolls 1, and G. Brooks 1.

Run outs: Nil.

**Player points:** – Three points to J. Robson; Two points to A. Roy; One point to G. Brooks

### **VINTAGE ROUND 3 v LINDFIELD AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019:REPORT BY PETER ROLLS**

**Crashing back to earth in the third round with our first loss!**

Well done Garry Winney for getting the team on the park with thanks for help from John Parker, an import from Georges River. A 27°C sunny/cloudy day with smoke around from the bush fires. Lindfield

won the toss and decided to bowl on what looked like a grassy but true wicket. But turned out to be a bit slow and a bit of seam.

### **C.C.N.S.W. innings:**

The cricket gods failed to smile on us this day. Sittampalam Ragavan ("Raga") was unlucky to be caught down the leg side off the third ball of the day. Credit to Billy the wicket keeper who did brilliantly for a mid sixty year old to take a diving catch. Ross Dalglish was LBW to a ball that was angling down the leg side. Jim Robson had a freakish slower ball from Paul Adams that pitched a foot outside off stump and came back to take the top of off. Peter Rolls was caught at first slip by an overhead fully outstretched one handed catch by Michael Collins.

Accurate bowling by Lindfield saw John Mesar bowled and Joe Scarcella caught trying to force the pace. Garry Winney was looking good until stumped. John Parker was run out by a mix up with Jay Patel. Paul Georgiadis was LBW after a flurry and Jay Patel top scoring with quick running and was the last man out with a couple of overs to go. Our only hope was to get early wickets and bowl them out.

### **Lindfield innings:**

A very exciting start with John Mesar hitting middle stump with his very first ball and finishing the over with a wicket- maiden. Paul Georgiadis followed John's great start with bowling the other opener with his 3<sup>rd</sup> ball. 2 for 4.

Then on comes Raga and strikes with his first ball bowling their number 3 but by then their total was 37 and less than 50 to get. Jim Robson tried to weave his spinning magic but Ron Ness was up to the task and retires at 30 and they look home and hosed

Jay Patel bowled tight and got the fourth wicket after John Parker asked Ian Iveson to "Have a go!" which he did next ball but missed it and was clean bowled.

John Parker had one economical over before the next over by Jay and they made the required runs. Lindfield won with 19 overs to spare so at least we had enough time after the game to have a leisurely drink and a good sporting chat. The reason we play the game at this age in the first place.

**The Team was (playing 11):** - Sittampalam Ragavan 0, Ross Dalglish 2, Peter Rolls 11(c), Jim Robson 6, Joe Scarcella 8, John Mesar 10, Garry Winney 12, Jay Patel 18, John Parker 7, Paul Georgiadis 8, David Wright 1\*.

**The Result was: -**

**C.C.N.S.W: 10-84 (Patel 18)** (37.4 overs)

**Lost to**

**Lindfield: 4-85** (21.1 overs)

**By 6 wickets**

**FoW:** - 1- 0 (S. Ragavan); 2-11 (R. Dalglish); 3-19 (J. Robson); 4-25 (P. Rolls); 5-38 (J. Mesar); 6-38 (J. Scarcella); 7-58 (G. Winney); 8-73 (J. Parker); 9-83 (P. Georgiadis); 10-84 (J. Patel).

**The Bowling was:** -J. Mesar 4-1-20-1; P. Georgiadis 4-0-14-1; J. Scarcella 3-0-11-0, S. Ragavan 3-0-8-1, J. Robson 3-0-12-0, J. Patel 3.1-1-14-1; J. Parker 1-0-2-0

**The Fielding was: -**

Stumpings: Nil

Catches: Nil

Run outs: Nil

**Player Points:** - Three points to J. Patel; Two points to G. Winney; One point to J. Mesar

**Umpire:** Juris Turmanis

**VINTAGE ROUND 4 v HUNTER VETERANS AT WATERFALL OVAL,  
BLACKHALLS PARK, NEWCASTLE ON SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020:**

**Cancelled because of rain**

**VINTAGE ROUND 5 v SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL,  
CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS**

**Lesson: Try to avoid letting good players get recycled!**

Firstly, let me officially apologise to Ajoy Roy for my misunderstanding of his intentions which caused embarrassment to him and the team. Lucky we are all friends and the game finished in good spirit. To elaborate, Ajoy noticed one of the Highlands opening bats leaving the non-strikers crease before Paul released the ball when bowling. A rule brought in a couple of years ago that you cannot leave the crease until the ball is released. A rule most of us were probably unaware but Ajoy was aware. Ajoy asked me during Paul's spell if we should try to run him out. I mistook this for a fielder to try and run him out and said yes. Ajoy meant the bowler. I.e. Better known as a "Mankad". Paul finished his spell and I asked Ajoy to bowl the next over from the same end. First ball Ajoy took off the bails at non-strikers end with the batsman out of his crease and the umpire gave him out. As Captain, I called back the batsman and gave him a warning. To Ajoy's credit, another batsman did the same thing a few overs later of leaving his crease and Ajoy gave him a warning. It appears many batsmen do not know the new rule. A lesson for batsman in our club to remember.

Well done to Garry for getting the team on the park.

A 26°C overcast/sunny day. Southern Highlands won the toss and decided to bat on what looked like a wicket with a bit in it after a brief shower on it mid-morning after the covers were taken off in the early morning. Turned out to be a true deck.

**Southern Highlands innings:**

Joe Scarcella and Paul Georgiadis bowled a very good channel which restricted them in the first 6 overs to only 15 runs. Paul's strategy of bowling outside off stump worked with a skyed drive to Peter Rolls at mid off for our first wicket in the tenth over with the score on 38. Joe and Paul bowled their 7 overs each with score on 49. Joe deserved a wicket for his efforts.

John Mesar and Ajoy Roy took over and Ajoy bowled their number 3 with a "jaffa". 2 for 49. Both bowled 5 overs of disciplined medium pace and after 20 overs Highlands were 2 for 62. John Mesar was also to come back on at the end to bowl 2 overs when needed by his skipper. No easy feat after cooling down.

Garry Winney came on with their Australian Over 60 rep and NSW Over 60 rep in full swing but still bowled two respectable overs. They soon retired at 30\*. Jay Patel also came on and was respected and rewarded with our third wicket in the thirtieth over with the score on 110. We had restricted them well.

Jim Robson ('Jungles') came on and caused carnage for both teams. With help by good catches by Jay Patel, David Wright (w) and Peter Rolls, he got four wickets in four overs including just missing on a hat trick to have them 8 for 136 in the thirty fifth over but also allowed their stars to get recycled with five overs to go. BIG mistake. Peter Jensen (Australian rep) punishing us to all parts of the boundary to score 82\* and force their total to 8-189 off 40 overs.

### **C.C.N.S.W. innings:**

A very big task of 4.75 runs an over required to get 190. Garry Winney and John Mesar opened and saw us through six very tight overs by the Highlanders. At 2 for 22 after ten overs it was always going to be a tough ask.

Greg Brooks and 'Jungles' gave us some hope with a combination of power hitting, finesse late cuts and smart singles. Both retiring at 30\* after lifting the run rate, to be 3 for 87 off twenty eight overs. Peter Rolls was out to a freakish reflex one handed catch at fly slip. Ross Dalgleish followed soon after out lbw.

Joe Scarcella was out caught behind and Ajoy Roy played an entertaining cameo using Garry Winney as a runner (as Ajoy was cramped up after bowling). Ajoy was almost stumped when the keeper took the bails off and instinctively turned to square leg for the appeal. The umpire was at point and so Garry (the runner) made the reply from square leg that he was not out! However, a couple of overs later Garry was run out. Amazing how this game creates fun stories!

Jay Patel and Paul Georgiadis struck a boundary each before departing. Greg Brooks recycled with David Wright at the non-striker end but he did not get to face a ball with Greg holding out on the boundary for last wicket. 'Jungles' retired out as he had to leave at 5.30pm to see his son Sam before he departed to England for County cricket. Would make no difference to the outcome of the game as with 34.5 overs gone, we had almost used 35 overs.

Lesson learned to make sure recycled opposition batsmen don't get too many overs at the end. We all enjoyed each others company and shared new stories.

**The Team was:** - Garry Winney 4, John Mesar 3, Greg Brooks 32, Jim Robson 31ret out, Peter Rolls (c) 12, Ross Dalgleish 2, Joe Scarcella 6, Ajoy Roy 9, Jay Patel 4, Paul Georgiadis 6, David Wright (w) 0\*

### **The Result was:-**

**Southern Highlands:** - 8-189 (J. Robson 4-16) (40 overs)

### **Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** - 10-114 (G. Brooks 32; J. Robson 31\*) (34.5 overs)

### **By 75 runs**

**For:** - 1-8 (J. Mesar); 2-20 (G. Winney); 3-87 (R. Dalgleish); 4-87 (P. Rolls); 5-99 (A. Roy); 6-106 (J. Patel); 7-113 (P. Georgiadis); 8-113 (J. Scarcella); 9-114 (G. Brooks).

**The Bowling was:** - J. Scarcella 7-2-17-0; P. Georgiadis 7-0-31-1; J. Mesar 7-1-26-0; A. Roy 5-0-16-1, G. Winney 3-0-31-0; J. Patel 7-0-48-2; J. Robson 4-0-16-4

### **The Fielding was: -**

Stumping: - Nil

Catches: - Two to P. Rolls and one each to J. Patel and D.Wright

Run outs: - Nil

**Player Points:** - 3 points to J. Robson; 2 points to G. Brooks; One point to J. Scarcella.

**Umpire:** Ian Newsome



**VINTAGE ROUND 6 v GEORGES RIVER AT BLAND OVAL, RIVERWOOD ON SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020:**

**Game cancelled by rain**

**VINTAGE ROUND 7 v ASHFIELD DE LA SALLE OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020: REPORT BY**

**Match cancelled by Masters Association because of Covid-19 concerns**