CCNSW C&S MATCH REPORTS 2023-2024 SEASON

CITY AND SUBURBAN ROUND 1: CCNSW vs YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023: REPORT BYJAMES MURTHA

Our round one social game took place on a sunny Saturday afternoon at Goddard, which now features a stunning new pavilion and change rooms. We lost the toss and were made to field on a flat and hard looking wicket. Before the game the teams observed a minute silence to pay respect to Yaralla's long time scorer who recent passed away.

Yaralla got off to a strong start attacking the bowling of Matt Leong and Ming Heng who shared the new ball. It was clear that the pitch would offer little assistance for the bowlers. Wrist spinner Henry Davis bowled first change from the pavilion end and drew the opening batter into a false shot early; the ball was skied and taken comfortably by wicket keeper Alex Cumming, officially getting us in the books.

The next two batters built a healthy partnership but did not get away from us due to lack of pace from resident spinners Adam Khamis (leg spin) and Mark Henwood (off spin). Yaralla went to drinks at 1-107.

After drinks, the batters continued steadily though Soren Hughes and Brett James kept the scoring rate relatively tight without any luck. Henry came back into the attack and struck again immediately to remove the set batter for 99 (!), Tom Robertson making sure of a difficult catch on the boundary. From the other end Jamie Murtha needed one over to make the numbers and bought a wicket, removing the other set opener with a gentle lob first ball.

Soren Hughes and Matt Leong closed out the innings with very tight bowling to the new batters, Matt snared himself two excellent wickets and together the pair made sure the total to chase was not insurmountable.

The teams retired to the pavilion for soft drinks and sandwiches graciously hosted by Yaralla before going about the run chase on a warm afternoon. Our batters didn't get off to the desired start. Tom Robertson Alex Cumming and Jamie Murtha were all removed without troubling the scorers. Harry Bridge scored a good looking four before being dismissed.

Both Brett James and Soren Hughes offered some resistance but ultimately met similar fates to the other batters.

Gerry O'Shea was the star of the batting line up; he could do nothing but remain stoic as carnage unfolded from the other end. When Gerry was on strike, he was rock solid in defence, ran hard between the wickets and made use of excellent batting conditions with well timed shots to the boundary. The 62 year old received generous applause as he brought up his maiden half century for the Club.

Gerry eventually was dismissed for 55, but ultimately provided some confidence that there are better batting days to come.

Matthew Leong also had an inspired innings of 25, during which he made his partner run four, not once but three times! Matt and Ming Heng got us to a respectable score of 150 before Matt was dismissed to end the innings.

The result was less than desirable and started by losing an important toss, but the bowlers and fielders worked hard to keep us in the game and a few batters stood up and gave us something to cheer about. I have no doubt that there are better days ahead.

Off to Camperdown next Sunday where we will look to get our season back on track with a win against Colleagues CC.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 0, Gerard O'Shea 55, Harry Bridge 4, Alexander Cumming (w) 0, Brett James 15, Jamie Murtha (c) 0, Soren Hughes 20, Henry Davis 1, Adam Khamis 2, Matthew Leong 25, Ming Heng 11* and Mark Henwood (dnb)

The Result was: -

Yaralla CC.: - 5- 239 (35 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-150 (31 Overs) (G. O'Shea 55)

By 89 runs

FoWs: - 1-3 T. Robertson; 2-30 H .Bridge, 3-31 A. Cumming, 4-59 B. James, 5-59 J. Murtha, 6-93 S. Hughes, 7-103 H. Davis, 8-107 G. O'Shea, 9-118 A. Khamis, 10-151 M. Leong

The Bowling was: - H. Davis 5-0-45-2; M. Heng 3-0-20-0; M. Henwood 3-0-25-0; S. Hughes 7-0-37-0; B. James 6-1-36-0; A. Khamis 3-0-19-0; M. Leong 7-0-38-2; J. Murtha 1-0-11-1; G. O'Shea 1-0-8-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 3 to A. Cumming (w) and one each to G. O'Shea and T. Robertson

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to G. O'Shea; 2 points to M. Leong; one point to S. Hughes

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/90a39274**

CITY AND SUBURBAN ROUND 2: CCNSW vs COLLEAGUES AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2023: REPORT BYJAMIE MURTHA

Our first official home game got off to a great start with Jamie Murtha winning the toss and deciding to bat. Colleagues CC struck with a wicket in the first over, Jamie and Scott Williams got us back on track with a solid 48 run partnership before Jamie holed out to deep mid-wicket. Scott looked in good form, hitting back to back boundaries on a couple of occasions before being adjudged lbw.

A middle order collapse saw us in a lot of strife, but Henry Davis and debutant Kieren Purnell were able to dig in and rebuild. The pair worked the ball around, but Henry unfortunately strangled a ball down the leg side which sparked another collapse.

Ming Heng wacked a few nice fours to boost our score, but in the end we were all out for 134 with 8 overs remaining*, (Ed note: This was a 40 over p. side game)* short of our 160+ target. Our opposition fielded very well, preventing boundaries and building pressure, we had a few good partnerships starting, but couldn't capitalise on those.

We took a break for tea and the CCNSW team put on a great spread, the opposition seemed quite surprised by it and grateful. John Shaw's beef patties went down nice and Ming went all in with hot dogs in a slow cooker.

Needing 135 to win and having somewhere to be, Colleagues CC came out firing, they got off to a fast start. Jon Shaw found his line and length from his third over at the Rotunda end, he had the ball jagging away from the right handers and picked up two crucial wickets.

Despite the wickets, our opposition kept coming at us hard, determined to finish the game and head to the pub. This attacking style kept us in the game, Henry Davis' leggies beat the outside edge twice giving Declan Thomas stumping opportunities, both of which he made look easy.

Adam Khamis with his own leggies targeted the stumps and took two wickets of his own.

We fielded well on the day, despite a few rough patches within the infield, and the guys never have up - we tried to take wickets right down to the last ball but unfortunately the opposition were able to chase down our total in the 26th over with four wickets in hand.

Still plenty of positives to take away from the game, with a few more runs on the board and our strong bowling attack could have won it for us on the day.

Now we look ahead to JPS round 1 against the Reg Bartley XI next Sunday 22nd October.

The Team was: - Gerard O'Shea 1, Jamie Murtha (c) 10, Scott Williams 37, Alex Cumming 10, Declan Thomas (w) 4, Henry Davis 24, Len Volkov 0, Kieren Purnell 16, Ming Heng 17, Jonathan Shaw 1 Adam Khamis 2*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-134 (31.2 Overs) (S. Williams 37)

Lost to

Colleagues: - 6-141 (25.1 Overs)

By 4 wickets

FoWs: - 1-2 (G. O'Shea); 2-49 (J. Murtha); 3-51 (S. Williams); 4-64 (A. Cumming); 5-67 (D. Thomas); 6-71 (L. Volkov); 7-105 (H. Davis); 8-127 (M. Heng); 9-131 (J. Shaw);10-134 (K. Purnell).

The Bowling was: - J. Shaw 5-1-21-2; M. Heng 4-0-22-0; A. Khamis 6.1-1-28-2, H. Davis 4-0-33-2; S. Williams 3-0-15-0; K. Purnell 3-1-19-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - 2 to D. Thomas

Catches: - One to G. O'Shea

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to H. Davis; 2 points to J. Shaw; one point to A. Khamis

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/36f5fc90**

CITY AND SUBURBAN JACK PACE ROUND 1: CCNSW vs REG BARTLEY XI AT REG BARTLEY OVAL, RUSHCUTTERS BAY ON SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

CCNSW C&S TEAM vs REG BARTLEY XI 22 OCTOBER 2023

Back row: Adam Khamis, Soren Hughes, Alex Cumming, Henry Davis, Matthew Leong, Jim Hadley, Gerry O'Shea

Front row: Mick McGrath, Declan Thomas (w), Jamie Murtha (c), Tom Robertson, Toby Forbes

It was yet another stunning spring day and where better to play cricket than at Reg Bartley Oval; our team faced off against an athletic looking Reg Bartley XI in the opening round of the Jack Pace Shield.

We unfortunately lost the toss and were sent into the field. We had high hopes that we could restrict our opposition to 130 and would be able to put in a strong performance to chase down the target set by the Reg Bartley XI. Mick McGrath shared the new ball with Matthew Leong. Mick bowled from the harbour end and struck in his second over with a beautiful in-swinger that hit the batter's stumps.

Matt was unlucky not to also pick up an early wicket at first slip where Soren Hughes juggled the ball and was unable to hang on. Soren ended up replacing Matt at the City end. He bowled a tight spell and was rewarded with a wicket taken well at mid-wicket by Henry Davis.

Spin bowlers Henry Davis and Jim Hadley had no luck go their way but took us to drinks without too much damage at 2-70. After drinks the batters continued to pick off runs and Reg Bartley were looking to be on track for an unchaseable score.

Jamie Murtha brought himself on to bowl and for the second time this season took a wicket with his first ball, yet again with a full toss on middle stump missed by the batter. Jamie then struck again later in the over to remove Reg Bartley's Captain, Tom Greenway for 62. Jamie found his rhythm from the second over and continued to take wickets on a pitch that suited gentle off-spin. He ended with figures of 6-24 from 6 overs.

Matthew Leong provided vital support in the final overs by claiming 2 crucial wickets for very few runs. Together we were able to restrict them to a total of 10-152 in the final over, a good result!

In pursuit of 153 runs for victory, we faced a stiff challenge, as usually the pitch gets worse to bat on, but we had belief it could be done! The 'Tom and Gerry' show was back by popular demand, Tom Robertson looking in fine form scored 10 runs off the first over, but wasn't able to kick on with it, eventually nicking a wide one to first slip.

Gerry O'Shea and Toby Forbes accumulated runs nicely before drinks. Boundaries proved difficult to come across - but the pair looked like having a great day together before Gerry was run out at the non striker's end in very rare fashion. Toby nailed a straight drive and the bowler managed to get a bit of skin on it before it hit the stumps with Gerry caught backing up too far.

From there we lost our next 8 wickets for 46 runs. New batters found it difficult to get going with their slow bowlers operating during the middle overs. Declan Thomas, who remained unbeaten with 16* provided some entertainment at the end, sweeping every ball he saw but before too long we were all out for 105.Reg Bartley XI successfully defended their target, winning the match by 47 runs.

We fought hard to get ourselves back in the game and certainly had our chance to win this one, but in the end the pressure proved to be too much for our batters who were once again unable to chase the target.

Hopefully we can pick up our first win of the season against the strong Old Aloysians side next week and get ourselves on a roll.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 13, Gerry O'Shea 23, Toby Forbes 20, Alex Cumming 3, Soren Hughes 5, Jim Hadley 6, Mick McGrath 3, James Murtha (c) 7, Henry Davis 2, Matt Leong 1, Declan Thomas (w) 16*

The Result was: -

Reg Bartley XI.: - 10-152 (35 Overs) (J. Murtha 6-24)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-105 (32 Overs)

By 47 runs

FoWs: - 1-26 (T. Robertson); 2-59 (G. O'Shea); 3-63 (T. Forbes); 4-66 (A. Cumming); 5-71 (S. Hughes); 6-76 (M. McGrath); 7-80 (J. Hadley); 8-87 (J. Murtha); 9-87 (H. Davis); 10-105 (M. Leong).

The Bowling was: - M. McGrath 7-2-25-1; M. Leong 5.1-0-18-2; S. Hughes 5-1-15-1; J. Hadley 4-0-31-0; H. Davis 4-1-21-0; A. Khamis 3-0-17-0; J. Murtha 6-1-24-6

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to H. Davis and one each to T. Forbes and D. Thomas (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to J. Murtha; 2 points to M. Leong; one point to T. Forbes

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/jack-pace-shield/game-centre/7fc8ea98**

CITY AND SUBURBAN ROUND 3: CCNSW vs OLD ALOYSIANS ON SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

The match was played at Old Aloysians College oval, a typically gold standard batting track prepared primarily for school boys, with an immaculate outfield but very small boundaries, the ground is not much bigger than a rugby field.

We once again lost the toss and were made to field.

Our opponent had stacked their side with grade players as a resault of being short of regulars, they made a good start and went to drinks at 0-125 after 17 overs.

They looked to accelerate after drinks. Jamie Murtha brought himself on to bowl and managed to grab the first wicket; the catch was taken brilliantly by Mick McGrath at long on, on the run. Soren Hughes bowled well to remove the other set opener, and picked up an additional two wickets courtesy of more great outfielding by debutant Ryan Lynch and Toby Forbes.

Both Mick McGrath and Avi Bhandari picked up a wicket each at the end. We did a great job after drinks to stem the flow of runs and restrict them to 252.

In response, many of our batters once again made starts but were unable to convert those into solid scores. Left hander Ryan Lynch on debut opened the batting and was the stand out performer with 44. He presented the full face of the bat and timed the ball very sweetly. It took a remarkable one handed diving catch by mid off to dismiss him.

We were unfortunately bundled out for 152 in the 34th over, precisely one hundred runs short of the target.

The Team was: - Ryan Lynch 44, Harry Bridge 5, Toby Forbes 14, Alex Cumming (w) 20 , Jamie Murtha (c) 0, Avinash Bhandari 11, Mick McGrath 19, Soren Hughes 12, Henry Davis 17* Ming Heng 11 and Jonathan Shaw 0

The Result was: -

Old Aloysians CC: -7-252 (35 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-152 (33.1 Overs) (R. Lynch 44)

By 100 runs

FoWs: - 1-14 (H. Bridge); 2-47 (T. Forbes); 3-75 (R. Lynch), 4-75 (J. Murtha); 5-96 (A. Cumming); 6-101 (A. Bhandari); 7-123 (S. Hughes); 8-124 (M. McGrath); 9-144 (M. Heng): 10-152 (J. Shaw).

The Bowling was: - H. Davis 3-0-35-0; M. Heng 3-0-31-0; S. Hughes 6-0-31-3; M. McGrath 7-0-35-1; J. Murtha 7-0-49-2; A. Bhandari 6-0-53-1**;** J. Shaw 3-0-12-0.

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 3 to Toby Forbes, two to Mick McGrath and one to A. Cumming (w)

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Hughes; 2 points to R. Lynch; one point to T. Forbes

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/ede29375**

JACK PACE ROUND 2: CCNSW vs OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT DANGAR FIELD, ROSE BAY ON SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

Cancelled by rain

C&S ROUND 4: CCNSW vs YARALLA AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023: REPORT BY DAVID CRAIG

"Who the f* IS that guy?"**

On a warm humid afternoon, the skipper Jamie Murtha did us proud by calling correctly and electing to bat (a sound choice that avoided a possible lynching in the dressing room). In the absence of the Robertson half of the 'Tom & Gerry' Show, "Dutchy" David Craig volunteered to open the batting with the wily, wiry Irishman, Gerry O'Shea and after a Remembrance Day ceremony play commenced.

Under instructions to get us to 0-40 after 10, O'Shea and Craig delivered the goods plus 10% interest, 0-44 after 11. O'Shea demonstrated a clinical technique, straight bat, scoring in the V, with Craig alternately stodgy and flashy, scoring in the inverted V between third man and fine leg. It would be remiss of me not to mention the perfectly executed reverse scoop for 4 in the 9th over; Joe Root would have been pleased with that one, and much merriment and mirth ensued. (The bowler's name? S. Minns).

Craig perished trying to sweep a loopy yorker from the erratic Yaralla leggie, lbw (with no complaints, a rare event!) to bring the real batters to the crease. Exhilarated by the wicket, Yaralla's erratic leggie greeted Jamie Murtha with a head high full toss that he despatched for 4 to set the tone for a fine captain's knock. The platform was laid and we went to drinks at 1-77 off 17 (Murtha 19*, O'Shea 29*). After a few more overs accumulating, the skipper pronounced it was "go time", and O'Shea hobbled off retired hurt 42* (slightly hurt indeed, with a minor groin niggle and some academy award winning acting) to bring in the hard hitting middle order.

Murtha and newcomer Mick Norris pushed the score along with intent. Norris was just finding his groove when one jagged away and rattled the pegs, 2-145 in the 28th. Murtha upped the ante by hitting one into the keeper's helmet and another over the fence, before announcing to the umpire he was going to hit another six and getting bowled playing an agricultural swipe. "That's nay how ya premeditate, Jamie". Returning CCNSW member Sam Millar was joined by the Taswegian "Berryman" Richard Clark, and smote the erratic Yaralla leggie for three mighty boundaries in four balls. A fourth looked odds on as the next ball sailed high and straight, when to everyone's surprise some bloke with too-short pants and black sneakers threw out a left paw and snagged a most improbable catch. Unlucky Sam, and a lifelong memory for that bloke I'm sure.

Henry Davis joined Clark at the crease, and before he had time to settle he was not exactly barbecued, but at least lightly grilled by a "*Yes, I'm coming regardless of what you reckon"* call from the other end. 'Berryman' made up for this misdemeanour by swiping a couple of (very ugly) deliveries over the fence, with Matt Leong at the other end hitting some powerful drives to bring us up to a very respectable 5-210 at the end of the allotted 35.

You would think, dear reader, that we had laid the table for a probable win, with runs on the board and a tired batting unit after a hot day in the field. Instead, we were greeted by an onslaught that left me stroking my chin and asking, like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, *"Who ARE those guys?"* as they just kept coming. Yaralla had promoted their regular number 7 to open, to give him a bit of a hit. (That man's name? S. Minns. Maybe I should not have ramped him, IDK). Well, the statistics of that "*bit of a hit"* are as follows: 100 runs off 52 balls, 16 fours and 3 sixes. (He slowed up a bit at the end, exhausted from swinging the bat so hard). Yaralla were 0-106 after 10, Minns 79 (34), and 0-132 after 14.2 overs when he retired out (very out indeed, after Murtha pressed the point HARD! Undeterred, the Yaralla scorers recorded this as retired hurt, can you believe it?!))

Anyhoo, for CCNSW it was Sam Millar and Ming Heng who were entrusted with the new ball, and they did well to restrict our opponents to just 12 runs an over for the first 6 overs. Matt Leong came on at the 7th over and bowled a fine spell with a lot of off-speed cutters, while at the other end Asam Khamis was unable to arrest the onslaught from Minns. Henry Davis relieved Khamis and, bowling a tidy line and length, produced a rare moment of satisfaction for CCNSW by picking up the wicket of Yaralla's star batter, Alex Mayes first ball, nicely caught by Millar at mid-off as he arrogantly went the tonk. (*Ed Note: with his brother Dorny Mayes he put on a partnership of 308 for the second wicket v St George Vets last March in a 35 over game)* Fair dinkum, if you look up the Wikipedia entry for pork chop, you will see his picture. His day comprised two dropped catches at slip and a first ball duck, so there was some solace in that. If you can't revel in your own success, enjoy the failures of your opponents, I say.

It was leg-spin from both ends after the drinks break, as David Craig and Henry Davis gave the dodgy Yaralla leggie a lesson in how to bowl good areas consistently. After they were bowled out, Ming Heng returned and improved his economy rate (admittedly from a low base, but still, well done Ming). At the other end Khamis came on for a second spell and took a wicket with just one run required, so that was fun. Rich Clark was given the honour of conceding the winning run, as (curiously) the in-form skipper remained unbowed and unbowled. Still, credit to Jamie Murtha for protecting his bowling average under difficult circumstances, well done. *Go Go Youse Kiwis*, I say (a terrific song by Greg Champion, look it up). A special shout out to the Yaralla scorers for starting the innings with "W" for wide and "X" for wicket, and then reversing it later, that made the scorebook a pleasure to interpret, thanks champs., so I had little alternative but to fume at a couple of blokes that annoyed me. All in all a day that started well enough but soured like a jug of fresh milk left out in the sun on a hot afternoon.

With respectful apologies to Alex Mayes and Shezon Saleem (aka “the erratic Yaralla leggie”).

The Team was: - Gerry O’Shea 42* ret hurt, David Craig 11, James Murtha (c) 68, Mick Norris (w) 13, Sam Millar 17, Richard Clark 19*, Henry Davis 1, Matt Leong 15*, Ming Heng dnb. Len Volkov dnb, Adam Khamis dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-210 (35 Overs) (J. Murtha 68; G. O’Shea 42* ret hurt)

Lost to

Yaralla CC: - 2-212 (31.3 Overs)

By 8 wickets

FoWs: - 1-44 (D. Craig), 2-145 (M. Norris), 3- 161 (J. Murtha), 4-173 (S. Millar), 5-176 (H. Davis),

The Bowling was: - S. Millar 3-0-34-0, M. Heng 5-0-51-0; M. Leong 5-0-33-0; A. Khamis 4-0-34-1; H. Davis 7-0-38-1; D. Craig 7-1-21-0; R. Clark 0.3-0-2-0;

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to S. Millar

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to G. O’Shea; 2 points to J. Murtha; one point to D. Craig

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JACK PACE ROUND 3: CCNSW vs MARRICKVILE CC AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023: REPORT BY SOREN HIGHES

With Jamie Murtha nursing a broken finger in his right hand, his role was relegated to scorer on the day and organiser of the covers removal with the brand new trolley. Soren Hughes took over as captain for the day.

The early arrivals at Camperdown were treated to a glorious summer day with the prospect of a good contest, only to be informed that not only did the hessian and mid size covers need to be folded but also the large covers needed to be taken out and folded properly. Unfortunately it then took three attempts to get them folded correctly and once folded and in the sheds, it was time to go out to the centre and lose the toss. In a shock twist, we were sent in to bat and that was our first win for the day.

Gerry O’Shea and Rhys Longbottom kicked off boldly with runs and 2 powerfully hooked boundaries by Rhys before he made the mistake of trusting the bounce at Camperdown and was bowled playing a pull shot for 8. Ryan Lynch was about to take off before playing forward second ball loosely outside the off stump at a slower ball to be caught behind for a duck. At 2-12, enter Sam Millar whom we hope will become a regular this season. Supported by quick turnover of the strike by Gerry, Sam got himself in and

began seeing how much noise the fence posts could make. While he was lucky enough to be dropped a couple of times, he gently hit a couple into the change rooms just before drinks at 2-80 after 17 overs. After drinks he accelerated past 50 through to 80 in an over including a hit over and onto the change rooms and another into Australia Street. After a partnership of 155 off 27 overs, Gerry decided he needed a break on 33 off 76 balls -all run with no boundaries and only one 3 and let one slip through the gate. Millar was finally out in the 31st over for 119 off 88 balls with fourteen fours and five 6s with the score at 176. Mick McGrath and Tom Robertson then added 44 off the final four overs. Mick McGrath (30* off 15 balls with four 4s and two 6s) decided to join the CCNSW orchestra trials and belted everything in sight including a six into the sightscreen at the cafe end. Tom Robertson (14* from 8 balls) also chipped in to bring us to 4-220 after 35 overs- a run rate of over 6 per over.

The bowling went well. We opened with the medium fast right arm bowling of Avi Bhandari and Mick McGrath, who both bowled seven overs straight, both with figures of 2 for 20. Rhys Longbottom and Ryan Lynch bowled well to take us into the sheds at drinks 4 for 57 after 17 overs. It was going to be a tough ask for the Marrickville Saggers to score at over 9 per over and hit 164 from the remaining 18 overs.In the face of a lack of intent from the lower order Marrickville batters, spin was ordered, delivered and the game was closed out without much fuss by the leg spin of Henry Davis and Adam Khamis but especially Rhys Longbottom who finished with figures of 3 for 5 from 7 overs. It was nice to get currently into the top 8 of the JPS league table *(Ed note some JP results have yet to be posted)* with a win (possibly with some bonus points). Just need to continue our good form into the next two games.

The Team was (playing 12): -; Gerry O'Shea 33; Rhys Longbottom 8, Ryan Lynch 0, Sam Millar 119. Tom Robertson 15*, Mick McGrath 30*, Mike Pinter dnb, Henry Davis dnb, Soren Hughes (c) dnb, Avi Bhandari dnb, Declan Thomas (w) dnb and Adam Khamis dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-220 (35 Overs) (S. Millar 119)

Defeated

Marrickville CC: - 7-113 (35 Overs) (R. Longbottom 3-5)

By 107 runs

FoWs: - 1-11 (R. Longbottom), 2-12 (R. Lynch), 3-167 (G. O'Shea), 4- 179 (S. Millar)

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 7-2-20-2; M. McGrath 7-1-20-2; R. Longbottom 7-3-5-3; R. Lynch 4-0-18-0; H. Davis 7-0-25-0; A. Khamis 3-0-12-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to D. Thomas

Catches: - One to R. Lynch and one to M. McGrath

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Millar; 2 points to M. McGrath; one point to G. O'Shea

Scorecard: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/jack-pace-shield/game-centre/48ce718a

C&S ROUND 5: CCNSW vs THE SACHIN TENDULKAR XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

Cancelled by rain

C&S JACK PACE ROUND 4: CCNSW vs KNOX OLD BOYS AT GILLESPIE FIELD, WARRAWEE ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023: REPORT BY LUKE HOLMAN

Arriving at Knox's ground in the leafy suburbia of Wahroonga felt strangely like heading back to private school. A glorious sundrenched Sunday, parents with lattes in hand, watching their pride and joy play under 16s on a luxe oval nestled amongst a boundary of mega homes. The deck was flat, hard, green in the center with two bone dry ends, and angled on a slope that would aid seamers and provide turn for spinners. A1 marks to the groundskeepers and curator for ground presentation. And our opposition Old Knoxonians really should consider a rebrand, with only one of their squad seeming age-appropriate.

The man, the myth, the urban legend, and CCNSW skipper for the day, Tom Robertson won the toss and correctly decided to have a bat first.

Mike Pinter and Tom opened with intent, reaching 20 in the fourth over with only one single, in part due to some precise bowling by the Old Knox opening pair Campbell Wilson bowling down the slope and J. Stocks uphill. "Punter' (5) was first to head back to the sheds, getting a devious inswinger that seamed into middle peg from well outside off from Wilson (2-20). Rhys Longbottom (1) strode out and strode straight back in again after a mid-wicket communication glitch with Tom left him stranded in the middle, run out. Last game centurion Sam Millar (1) treated the opening spell with due respect and dots, until his mood changed and tried to place one over mid-on and was caught off the bowling of Stocks (1-14). Luke Holman (6) made a center square pact with Tom to steady the innings, refrain from head rushes and punch out singles and twos. He too then headed back to the sheds after watching his off peg bent back by the precision of Wilson, cleaned up by an identical inswinging seamer that had also nailed 'Punter'. The very next over Tom Robertson (28) said farewell to the center, caught attempting to bash one over the infield from Tim Lazarus (1-37).

CCNSW were now in a decent amount of strife at 5-45 and 14 overs gone. That said, this CCNSW side can bat deep all the way to XI. Soren Hughes and Mick McGrath applied some maturity, released the pressure, played each delivery on its merits, then shifted gears to apply some old fashioned scoreboard transformation. A fighting 70 partnership ensured from both ends of turning spin, before Mick (21) was caught mistiming a drive over the infield. CCNSW now 6-115 from 25 overs with 10 overs to go. Sherville Hall (1) intended to slay anything slow, using his deft footwork around the crease, but he danced the wrong beat once too often and was stumped. Meanwhile Soren (64*) casually picked up the scoring pace, passed 50, then 60, in a counter attack move with some brutal stroke play. Adam Khamis (1) didn't hang around wondering *'what happens next'*, being bowled through the gate by a Quigly straight one. Henry Davis (3) had plans to send everything into orbit, and was also stumped off Michael Loong (taking 3-18, with 2 stumpings). Ming Heng (10) played a sweet cameo with Soren at the tail, including a heavy maximum, eventually caught in the final over, providing Hamish Quigly with figures of 2-25. CCNSW XI concluded its innings at 10-157 after 34.2 overs. Not enough to defend, but certainly enough to attack.

It was overheard that Old Knoxonians were going to unleash their own brand of '*bazball'* on this game. This youthful attitude provided some hope, with a few cheap wickets early anything could happen, right? Mick McGrath and Rhys Longbottom opened the attack, Mick (0-30) taking the downhill option and Rhys (1-29)

opting for up the slope with his 5-step fastballs. When J. Stocks (7) snicked off to Rhys Longbottom in the 2nd over, the hunt was on. Then H. Denning and his partner Frazer Wilson put CCNSW to the sword with some elegant stroke play, destroying anything short of a length and mercilessly driving at will through the infield. When Henry Davis had Wilson (32) caught by Adam Khamis at short fine leg the score was still a respectable 2-72 from 15 overs, and there was still confidence things could turn if wickets could be taken. Ming Heng (0-16) was somewhat unsuccessful, and the spin twins Henry (1-51) and Adam (1-19) landed too few good length balls to attack the blade. Soren Hughes (0-11) bowled economically down the slope, but the damage had already been done.

The fielding highlight was a spectacular Travis Head-esk diving outfield catch by Rhys Longbottom at long on to send Denning (74) on his way. M. Kelynack (38*) the home team's elder statesman played some well timed shots, and his batting performance really summed up the day for CCNSW. The real difference was Old Knoxonians were able to puncture the infield at will, and they utilized their home ground advantage to reach the 158 target in the 24th over, winning the match by 7 wickets.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson (c) 28 , Mike Pinter (w) 5, Rhys Longbottom 1, Sam Millar 1, Luke Holman 6, Soren Hughes 64*, Mick McGrath 21, Sherville Hall 21, Adam Khamis 1, Henry Davis 3, Ming Heng 10

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-157 (34.2 Overs) (S. Hughes 64*)

Lost to

Old Knoxonians: - 3-159 (24.5 Overs)

By 7 wickets

FoWs: - 1-21 (M. Pinter), 2-22 (R. Longbottom), 3-28 (S. Millar), 4-43 (L. Holman), 5-45 (T. Robertson), 6-115 (M. McGrath), 7- 119 (S. Hall), 8-126 (A. Khamis) 9-141 (H. Davis), 10-159 (M. Heng)

The Bowling was: - M. McGrath 5-0-30-0; R. Longbottom 7-0-29-1; H. Davis 5-0-51-1; M. Heng 2-0-16-0; A. Khamis 2.5-0-19-1; S. Hughes 2-0-11-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to M. Pinter (w) and one to each of Adam Khamis and one to Rhys Longbottom

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Hughes; 2 points to M. McGrath; one point to R. Longbottom

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/jack-pace-shield/game-centre/7cc0ad2e**

C&S ROUND 6: CCNSW vs SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023: REPORT BY JAME MURTHA

Our fixture against Sydney University Lions was a close thriller. It was a difficult wicket to get in on that only got more challenging as the day went on. After winning the toss and electing to bat we made a great start in this 40 over game with Mike Weaver and Gerry O'Shea putting on 33 runs before Mike fell lbw.

The skipper Jamie Murtha came to the crease at number 3, still recovering from a broken finger. Gerry defended brilliantly against the opposition quick, Kieren, a bowler who can easily take a bagful. The pair put on a 40 runs stand. before Gerry was hit on the pads and also given lbw, bringing the young Ezekiel ("Zeke") Hughes to the crease. We made it to drinks with a solid 2-82 on the board.

After drinks, Zeke and Jamie who had been looking steady fell in consecutive overs. The opposition found some confidence and made use of the difficult conditions but Luke Holman and Sam Millar kept the scoreboard ticking over at around 3 runs per over.

We lost a few wickets in bulk towards the end of the innings and finished up with 8-158 from our 40 overs, it felt a few short of a winning score, but still competitive if we bowled well!

Sydney University Lions got off to a reasonable start despite Soren Hughes knocking over their opener in the third over; after 8 overs they were 1-47 before Soren struck again.

Our opposition were on the run rate at drinks at 2-81 and looking to take the game away from us. Adam Khamis was brought into the attack and bowled an exceptional spell of tight leg spin bowling that brought us right back into the game Then Declan Thomas took a sharp catch (one of four on the day) behind the stumps to remove a Lions batter who had looked threatening.

Jamie Murtha soon followed and bowled in good areas, giving nothing away. After a few miserly overs, he removed the set opener for 51, keeping the game delicately in the balance.

At 5-131 with 7 overs remaining the opposition required just 26 runs to win but Soren and sixteen year old Roman Hughes kept their cool and bowled excellent deliveries to take wickets. Soren took one while Roman bowled exceptionally at the other end to take two wickets, and with the help of his brother Zeke at mid-on Roman completed a run out to secure victory by 4 runs with still 4 balls remaining!

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 13, Gerard O'Shea 38, James Murtha (c) 23, Ezekiel Hughes 7, Sam Miller 37, Soren Hughes 1, Luke Holman 12, Declan Thomas (w) 5, Roman Hughes 2, Adam Khamis 1, Pramod Vaddiparthy dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-158 (40 Overs)

Defeated

Sydney University Lions: - 10-152 (39.2 Overs)

By 6 runs

FoWs: - 1-33 (M. Weaver); 2-72 (G O'Shea); 3-92 (Ezekiel Hughes); 4-95 (J. Murtha); 5-98 (Soren Hughes); 6-135 (L. Holman), 7-144 (D. Thomas); 8-155 (R. Hughes).

The Bowling was: - Soren Hughes 7-2-28-3; Roman Hughes 6.2-0-36-2; P. Vaddiparthy 3-0-15-0; A. Khamis 8-0-19-1; J. Murtha 8-1-22-1; L. Holman 2-0-7-0; S. Millar 3-0-16-1; Ezekiel Hughes 2-0-8-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 4 to D. Thomas (w) and one to M. Weaver

Run outs: - Two: one to D. Thomas and one to Ezekiel Hughes

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to Roman Hughes; 2 points to G. O'Shea; one point to S. Hughes

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/aa7d261e**

JACK PACE ROUND 5: CCNSW vs ST GEORGE VETERANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023:

No report was ever submitted

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 64; Gerard O'Shea 4; Michael Pinter 63, Sam Millar 28, Harry Bridge 5, Declan Thomas (w) 24*, Soren Hughes (c) 8*, Henry Davis dnb , Ezekiel Hughes dnb, Adam Khamis dnb, Ming Heng dnb, Roman Hughes dnb,

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-221 (35 Overs) (T. Robertson 64; M. Pinter 63)

Defeated

St George Veterans: - 10-184 (32.1 Overs) (H. Davis 5-39)

By 37 runs

FoWs: - 1-13 (G. O'Shea), 2-122 (T. Robertson)), 3- 162 (S. Millar), 4-171 (H. Bridge), 5-200 (M. Pinter)

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 4-0-22-0; A. Khamis 6-1-18-2**;** M. Heng 3.1-0-28-1**;** Ezekiel Hughes 6-0-31-1; H. Bridge 3-0-20-0; H. Davis 6-0-39-5; Soren Hughes 3-1-9-1; S. Millar 1-0-7-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to D. Thomas

Catches: - Two to D. Thomas (w); one each to M. Heng, S. Hughes, A. Khamis and S. Millar,

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to T. Robertson; 2 points to H. Davis; one point to M. Pinter

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/jack-pace-shield/game-centre/4fdc2964**

C&S ROUND 8: CCNSW vs SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT GODDARD OVAL, CONCORD ON SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

Editor's Note: This game is for the 'Brooks-Manning-Moorhouse shield currently held by CCNSW: see ***https://ccnsw.com/index.php/brooks-manning-moorhouse-shield/*** *which contains a history of the matches between the two clubs over the past 40 years and brief biographies of the three players after whom it is named*

Our first game of the calendar year was played on a beautiful sunny day at Goddard Park against Sydney University Lions. Our last encounter against the opposition back in December went down to the wire, so this promised to be a tight match. The pitch looked hard on the surface but in the end turned out to be on the softer side and two paced. The grass was longer than usual which provided a lot of assistance to the fielding sides.

Jamie Murtha won the toss and elected to bat. The slow wicket proved difficult to get in on, as most batters took their time and made starts. The first three batters all fell for 9 and we found ourselves in a lot of trouble at 4-36. Ezekiel ("Zeke ") Hughes and debutant Aaditya Datkhile put the pressure back on the opposition with very good running between the wickets, which caused some misfields. The pair looked good but unfortunately both fell in consecutive overs after drinks.

Wickets continued to fall regularly as the middle order all once again made starts but were unable to captalise. At one point it looked as if we would be bundled out for under 100; however crucial partnerships between Kieran Purnell (27*) first with Adam Khamis and then Roman Hughes saw us add 41 runs to the total to boost our score to 9- 132 after 40 overs. A brilliant effort from the lower order.

During the break we talked about how 132 would not be an easy target for our opposition due to the nature of the pitch and outfield. If we held out catches and created pressure we were in with a chance. In the second over that's exactly what happened. Soren Hughes produced a great outswinger that hit the leading edge and flew to Jamie Murtha at mid-off who took a comfortable catch.

Soren and Roman at the other end created a lot of pressure with over twenty five dot balls in a row before a brilliant one handed caught and bowled by Roman removed the Lions number 3 batter. In the following over Soren removed the remaining opener lbw hitting him on the full right in front to take our opposition to 3-11 after 10 overs.

At this point in the game we felt right on top and turned to our resident leggies, Henry Davis and Adam Khamis who were both very economical and produced a lot of turn which gripped in the softness of the pitch.

Adam produced a delicious 'wrong'un' that turned from outside off and removed leg stump in the 15th over and Henry picked up two wickets in consecutive overs removing both batters for ducks. One was a leg break that pitched on middle and took the top of off and the second was a questionable lbw.

The Lions were left reeling at 6-30. The batters at the crease showed a little resistance until Zeke Hughes was brought into the attack and struck in his first over bending back the off-stump.

Things kept going our way as the set batter threw away his wicket by calling for a run that was never there. Henry Davis threw the ball into Ryan Lynch's safe gloves and the bails were off before you could say 'barbecue'.

Jamie Murtha chimed in with a wicket of his own largely due to the safe hands of Roman Hughes at deep mid-wicket who tracked a swirling one and after a little resistance from the 10th wicket pair, Soren was

brought back into the attack and promptly wrapped up the innings courtesy of a pretty catch at point by Gerry O'Shea.

While our batting total was probably a little below par, everyone did enough to make sure we had a total we could defend, but on the day it was our bowling and fielding that was outstanding and won us the match and ensured that we retain the well hidden Brooks Manning Moorhouse shield for another year.

Well done to the guys and let's make it four on the trot next week!

The Team was: - Gerard O'Shea 9, Ryan Lynch 9 (w). James Murtha (c) 9, Harry Bridge 2, Ezekiel Hughes 21, Aaditya Datkhile 8, Soren Hughes 10, Henry Davis 8, Kieren Purnell 27*, Adam Khamis 5, Roman Hughes 11*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-132 (40 Overs)

Defeated

Sydney University Lions: - 10-81 (31.2 Overs) (S. Hughes 3-7)

By 51 runs

FoWs: - 1-13 (R. Lynch), 2-31; (G. O'Shea); 3-33 (J. Murtha); 4-36 (H. Bridge); 5-68 (Ezekiel Hughes); 6-68 (A. Dhatkile); 7-80 (Soren Hughes); 8-89 (H. Davis) 9-107 (A. Khamis)

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 5-2-7-1; Soren Hughes 6.2-3-7-3; H. Davis 8-2-18-2; A. Khamis 5-0-17-1; J. Murtha 3-1-10-1; Ezekiel Hughes 4-1-16-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 catches to Roman Hughes and one each to J. Murtha and G. O'Shea

Run outs: - One to H. Davis

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to Soren Hughes; 2 points to Kieren Purnell; one point to Roman Hughes

Scorecard: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/ce77090a

C&S ROUND 9: CCNSW vs I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

Our annual fixture against I Zingari (Australia) was played under beautiful blue skies on a warm day. We won the toss and elected to bat on a good looking batting surface. With a large number of our more regular C&S players unavailable, we relied heavily on the assistance of four occasional players without whom we would have struggled to raise a full side (*Ed Note: Their contribution is not so much recorded in runs and wickets but rather their willingness to help the Club out at short notice*)

One of our more elderly opening CCNSW pairs in the C&S, 62 yr old Gerry O'Shea and 61 yr old Emmanuel Mouglalis made a good start seeing off a solid pair of opening bowlers, before Gerry hobbled off, ret hurt with a foot injury. Emmanuel fell soon after adjudged lbw. Henry Davis copped a good ball that spun into him quite sharply which found us in a tough position at 2-38 (effectively 3-38).

Scott Wells and Jamie Murtha tried to lay a platform for some aggressive batting towards the tail end of the innings. In their 90+ run partnership the pair worked hard against tight bowling and cashed in on the rare loose ball. Jamie was dismissed caught and bowled trying to lift the tempo, but Scott who was supported at the end by Declan Thomas and Luke Holman, played a brilliant innings. He seemed all but certain to score his second ever century for the club *(Ed Note: his first and so far only century for CCNSW was 109* vs XL Club, 2009-10)*, but with just 4 balls remaining in the final over, hit the ball down deep-midwicket's throat, a couple of meters in from the boundary. Still, his performance was worthy of generous applause from the team. After 40 overs we were 6-199

Aiming to defend our 199, we did not get off to the start we had hoped for. Strike bowler Shane Peterson pulled up with a groin injury fielding a ball down at find leg in the second over and was unable to continue bowling. On debut in the C&S, Mike Evans replaced Peterson but had a somewhat tough initiation with 6 no-balls in a nervous first over and after three overs the opposition found themselves on 0-48!

Ming Heng found his rhythm and picked up a crucial first wicket to give us a sniff. Henry Davis and Adam Khamis operated from either end with their leggies. Adam bowled a beauty to pick up a wicket and Henry continued his wicket taking ways despite the attacking nature of our opposition. A sharp stumping from Declan Thomas was a real highlight in the field.

Unfortunately with injuries and many key players unavailable for this game, IZA was able to make light work of the total chasing it down with 9 overs to spare. Hopefully we can put in a strong performance against Nondescripts next week and get back to our winning ways! *(Ed Note: 5 of our leading C&S players (In terms of C&S games played,) will be in Adelaide next week and again we will need to rely heavily on the assistance of occasional players whose help is always greatly appreciated!)*

The Team was (playing 12): - Gerard O'Shea 16* ret hurt; Emanuel Mouglalis 13, Scott Wells 97, Henry Davis 0, James Murtha (c) 35, Nic Waterdam 0, Declan Thomas (w) 23, Luke Holman 11*, Ming Heng 1*, Adam Khamis dnb, Shane Peterson dnb, Mike Evans dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6 -199 (40 Overs) (S. Wells 97)

Lost to

I Zingari (Australia): - 5-201 (31 Overs) (H. Davis 3-50)

By 5 wickets

FoWs: - 1-35 (E. Mouglalis); 2-36 (H. Davis); 3-123 (J. Murtha); 4-133 (N. Waterdam); 5-176 (D. Thomas); 6-195 (S. Wells)

The Bowling was: - S. Peterson 1-0-4-0; M. Heng 7-0-34-1; M. Evans 1-0-28-0; A. Khamis 8-0-36-1; H. Davis 8-0-50-3; J. Murtha 6-0-39-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to D. Thomas

Catches: - One to E. Mouglalis

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Wells; 2 points to H. Davis; one point to D. Thomas

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/21b97389**

C&S ROUND 10: CCNSW vs NONDESCRIPTS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY SAM MILLAR AND ADRIAN HAWKES

On what was probably the hottest day of the season so far with temperatures reaching the upper 30Cs, Sam Milllar, who had taken over the captaincy for the day in the absence of both the captain and v/c in Adelaide, won the toss and decided to bat on a dry Camperdown wicket which had recovered from the previous Wednesday's heavy rain but had been used by Sydney University Grade the day before.

Last season's game had been extremely tense and competitive as we had won by one wicket in the final over courtesy of a dropped boundary catch that had gone for six. Unfortunately that match had been marred by over aggressive verbals between the 2 sides both dissatisfied with the decisions of the player umpires. This season a complete contrast. Both teams behave admirably; no verbals, no dissent with the umpires but in no way a competitive game as we lost by 10 wickets.

We were lacking five of our regular C&S players in Adelaide (Hughes x 3, Jamie Murtha and Tom Robertson) and a number of others were unavailable. In their place a number of Masters over 40s and Vintage over 60s helped out plus a couple of debutants. Neither our Masters nor Vintage had a game this Sunday By contrast the Nondescripts appeared to have obtained a number of Saturday Grade/Shires players. The gap in class was large, - indeed too large for us to be properly competitive.

For the second week in a row we opened with a pair of older batters, Peter Rolls and Michael Carman (replacing the previous week's reliable Gerry O'Shea and Emanuel Mouglalis). Their aggregate ages again exceeded 120 yrs and for the second week in a row the opening pair put on an unhurried opening partnership, this time of 42 in ten overs. Then 3 wickets fell in the 11th over and another 2 in the 12th without the score moving! The sixth wicket pair of Sam Millar and schoolboy debutant Tom Kellingsworth put on 46 runs in the next 19 overs but could not get their spinners away to leave us at 7-92 in the 29th over. A defiant 12* from Henry Davis took us over the 100 mark but our total of 9-111 was difficult to defend as very quickly became obvious.

The gap in class and age became apparent as the Nondescript openers cruised to victory in less than 13 overs with a display of almost chanceless, powerful aggressive batting. Our bowlers did not bowl particularly badly but would rarely come up against such class of batting in C&S cricket. Both openers reached their half centuries before the end.

The Team was: - Peter Rolls 19, Michael Carman 19, Ming Heng 0, Andrew Dadswell 0, Sam Millar (c) 28, Kieren Purnell 0, Tom Kellingsworth 19, David Abreu 6, Nathaniel Breen 2, Henry Davis 12*, Adam Khamis 0*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-111 (35 Overs) (S. Millar 28)

Lost to

Nondescripts: - 0-112 (12.2 Overs)

By ten wickets

FoWs: - 1-42 Rolls, 2-42 (M. Heng), 3-42 (A. Dadswell), 4-42 (M, Carman), 5-42 (K. Purnell), 6-88 (S. Millar), 7-92 (T. Killingsworth), 8-97 (D. Abreu) 9-105 (N. Breen)

The Bowling was: - D. Abreu 4-0-16-0; H. Davis 4-0-41-0; N. Breen 2-0-28-0; A. Khamis 2-0-15-0; M. Heng 1.2-0.9-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to P. Rolls; 2 points to M. Carman; one point to D. Abreu

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/4b4d761f**

C&S ROUND 11: CCNSW vs HUNTERS HILL AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY ADAM KHAMIS

A mid-week change meant that our fixture against Hunters Hill became a home game, cheered by all who think cricket should be played on a ground with boundaries that are in the same postcode as the pitch. Several of our intrepid tourists had also returned to the side hungry to play, having spent the week making a valiant effort to drink the Barossa Valley dry while getting to see what Adelaide looks like when it rains. Unlucky fellas.

Skipper Jamie Murtha won the toss and elected to bat. Tom Robertson and Mike Pinter put on a cracking 68 run opening partnership in 11 overs, all without looking like they would barbecue each other once! They laid a solid foundation for what could become a very imposing total. Tom was eventually out lbw on 45, bringing Jamie Murtha to the crease to continue our excellent start. Jamie and Pinter batted well together and ran very well between the wickets. When Pinter was bowled for 33 at drinks, we were 2-108 after 20 overs and some were (wildly) speculating 300 could be on the cards. Paul Nash joined Jamie Murtha at the crease after drinks and made a fluent 21 runs, mostly consisting of boundaries, before being trapped lbw. Rhys Longbottom got off to the best of starts, a four off his first ball, but unfortunately didn't take the time to settle and had his stumps uprooted 3 balls later. Ezekiel Hughes formed a productive partnership with Jamie, keeping the score ticking along nicely as we passed 150 in the 26th

over, a more realistic total of 250 now firmly in our sights. That was before Jamie was given out lbw by a vengeful Tom Robertson after middling the ball into his pads. The opposition sportingly called Jamie back to the crease but his concentration was broken. He was caught shortly afterwards for a fine 48, having played right into the fielding trap. Roman Hughes, with dad Soren and Henry Davis finished off our innings with solid cameos as we made 240 runs off our 40 overs. A superb innings with lots of fine individual contributions.

Despite having plenty of runs to play with, CCNSW were determined to get the job done quickly and notch up a big win - also because we were keen to watch the exciting end to the West Indies Test match. Our opening bowlers Andrew Davis and Roman Hughes were on the spot from ball one. They gave the opposition very little and were supremely accurate. In fact, Roman gave them absolutely nothing, finishing the innings with the incredible figures of 4-4-0-1! The squeeze upped the pressure and required run rate, bringing wickets including a sharp run out from Tom Robertson. The first bowling changes brought the leg spinning trio into the game – David ("Dutchie") Craig, Henry Davis and Adam Khamis proving that you can never have too many leggies in the one team. Despite Henry and 'Dutchie' bowling well and keeping the pressure on, unfortunately not one of these extremely deserving bowlers managed to take a wicket. A sad day to be sure, with flags lowered to half-mast at Leg Spin HQ. While Hunters Hill was still well behind the run rate, a partnership had formed and was looking like a solid base for a potential post-drinks explosion. That was before Paul Nash broke through a few overs before drinks, ending a 50 partnership with a catch taken by Ezekiel Hughes. Paul removed the other set batsman not long after drinks to finish off a good spell. Having given the keeping pads over to Roman Hughes at drinks, Rhys Longbottom came on for a few overs of menacing pace bowling while at the other end, Tom Robertson got a bowl - a rare sight indeed. Eventually Ezekiel Hughes was brought into the attack and he backed up his solid first innings knock with a great spell with the ball. His 4-24 off 5 overs (all wickets were bowled) was a master class in how to blow away the middle and lower order. Another run out, this time to Soren Hughes, late in the innings and Hunters Hill finished their 40 overs 9-156, handing CCNSW victory by 84 runs. Job well done lads - and just in time to huddle around our phones and watch the final 2 wickets of the West Indies' historic victory in Brisbane.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 45, Mike Pinter 33, James Murtha 48, Paul Nash 21, Rhys Longbottom (w) 4, Ezekiel Hughes 30, Roman Hughes (w) 20*, Soren Hughes 7*, Andrew Davis 15, David Craig dnb, Adam Khamis dnb Henry Davis dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-240 (40 Overs) (J. Murtha 48; T. Robertson 45)

Defeated

Hunters Hill: - 9-156 (40 Overs) (Ezekiel Hughes 4-24**)**

By 84 runs

FoWs: - 1-68 (T. Robertson), 2- 107 (M. Pinter), 3-147 (P. Nash), 4-151 (R. Longbottom), 5-171 (J. Murtha), 6- 202 (Ezekiel Hughes), 7-214 (Soren Hughes)

The Bowling was: - A. Davis 6-1-18-0; Roman Hughes 4-4-0-1; A. Khamis 3-0-22-0; D. Craig 6-0-20-0, H. Davis 7-1-20-0; R. Longbottom 3-0-14-0; P. Nash 4-1-11-2; Ezekiel Hughes 5-1-24-4; T. Robertson 2-0-16-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to A. Davis and one to Ezekiel Hughes

Run outs: - Two: - one to S. Hughes and one to T. Robertson

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to Ezekiel Hughes; 2 points to P. Nash; one point to T. Robertson)

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/d9e9c86b**

C&S JACK PACE QUARTER FINAL: CCNSW vs OLD ALOYSIANS AT COLLEGE GROUND, NORTH WILLOUGHBY ON SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

We played out Jack Pace Shield Quarter Final against the top team under blue skies on a warm, sunny Sunday. We won the toss and elected to bat on what looked like a good surface and a fast outfield..

Few of the batters managed to get going against a decent opposition bowling attack. Tom Robertson with a four over cover off his first ball, top scored with 32 and others such as Soren Hughes, Ezekiel Hughes and Mick McGrath chipped in to lift our score to 167, a below par score, but runs on the board meant we felt like we had a chance!

The opposition started strong with the bat, before a brilliant catch from Henry Davis (possibly best of the season) diving forward and to his left removed the opener. Avi Bhandari picked up the other opener with yet another brilliant catch; this time Ezekiel Hughes at long on took a towering bomb just inside the boundary.

Soren Hughes bagged one caught by Roman Hughes at deep cover, and while they were ahead of the run rate, we felt in the game. Roman then picked up a wicket thanks to a sharp catch at short cover taken by Jamie Murtha, and then Henry Davis with his leg spin picked up a wicket of his own, the batter picking out Avi Bhandari at mid-wicket. Our opposition was five down for 99 in the 20th over, at this point, needing 68 off the final fifteen overs. (Ed note: By contrast CCNSW had been 5-99 in the 22nd over) However that is where the wickets down remained for the rest of their innings. Opposition captain Joe Clarke played a brilliant knock of 82* to secure his team's victory and a place in the semi final with 4.2 overs to spare.

We have had a season of mixed results to date. However it was a privilege to make the quarter finals of the Jack Pace and hopefully next season we can go one or even two games better!

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 32, Rhys Longbottom (w) 8, Jamie Murtha (c) 3, Mick McGrath 22, Sam Millar 5 , Ezekiel Hughes 26, Roman Hughes (w) 16, Soren Hughes 30, Henry Davis 4, Avinash Bhandari 10*, Adam Khamis 5

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-167 (33.2 Overs) (T. Robertson 32)

Lost to

Old Aloysians: - 5-168 (30.4 Overs)

By 5 wickets

FoWs: - 1-24 (R. Longbottom); 2-45 (J. Murtha); 3-45 (T. Robertson); 4-52 (S. Millar); 5-98 (M. McGrath); 6-104 (R. Hughes); 7-148 (S. Hughes); 8-154 (H. Davis); 9-156 (E. Hughes) 10-167 (A. Khamis)

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 6.4-1-22-1; M. McGrath 6-0-40-1; Soren Hughes 3-0-21-1; H. Davis 4-1-21-1; Roman Hughes 3-0-16-1; A. Khamis 1-0-1-0; J. Murtha 2-0-11-0; R. Longbottom 5-1-23-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of A. Bhandari, H. Davis, J. Murtha, Roman Hughes and Soren Hughes

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to A. Bhandari; 2 points to Soren Hughes; one point to Roman Hughes

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/jack-pace-shield/game-centre/31f56e31**

C&S ROUND 14 : CCNSW vs RANGERS ON SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024

Match cancelled as Rangers could not obtain a ground

C&S ROUND 15: CCNSW vs REG BARTLEY XI AT REG BARTLEY OVAL, RUSHCUTTERS BAY ON SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

We won the toss and chose to bat on a green deck. Conditions were difficult for batters with the ball popping at pace off a length. We were in trouble, losing wickets regularly and were reduced to 6-60 at one point.

Harry Bridge with 44 produced a strong counterattack, and found the gaps regularly. Roman Hughes continued his good form with the bat, and cleared the boundary with the only 6 of the day. However Avi Bhandari stole the show at the end, hitting some sweet shots to the boundary, his 10th wicket partnership of 32 with Adam Khamis made a huge difference to the score.

During our bowling innings, Avi once again did the damage up front. He peppered the batters' stumps and pads. The other bowlers chipped in and excellent fielding on the day created too much pressure for our opposition to handle as they crumbled for 81, Adam Khamis taking the final 3 wickets and finishing off a great day for him.

The Team was: - Gerard O'Shea 1, Ryan Lynch (w) 8, James Murtha (c) 14, Harry Bridge 44, Sam Millar 0, Rhys Longbottom 2, Soren Hughes 12, Roman Hughes (w) 20, Avinash Bhandari 31*, Ming Heng 1, Adam Khamis 0

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-144 (38 Overs) (H. Bridge 44)

Defeated

Reg Bartley XI: - 10-81 (36 Overs)

By 63 runs

FoWs: - 1- 2 (R. Lynch); 2- 20 (G. O'Shea); 3- 28 (J. Murtha); 4- 33 (S. Millar); 5-40 (R. Longbottom); 6-60 (Soren Hughes); 7-106 (H. Bridge); 8-111 (Roman Hughes); 9-112 (M. Heng); 10- 144 (A. Khamis).

The Bowling was: - A. Bhandari 8-4-8-3; M. Heng 4-0-14-0; Roman Hughes 6-3-10-1; R. Longbottom 7-3-7-1; A. Khamis 4-0-15-3; Soren Hughes 4-2-4-1; J. Murtha 1-0-7-0; R. Lynch 2-0-14-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to Roman Hughes;

Catches: - One to Roman Hughes (w) and one to Adam Khamis

Run outs: - One to Gerry O'Shea

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to A. Bhandari; 2 points to H. Bridge; one point to Roman Hughes

Scorecard: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/73d6ed58

C&S ROUND 16 : CCNSW vs BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

The C&S team returned to Camperdown Oval for the start of our season's home stretch. The Captains agreed on the outcome of the toss with Beavers wanting to bowl first, and CCNSW wanting to bat first. The pitch was in a good state despite wet weather in the days leading up to the game. There was a bit of moisture on the surface, but ultimately the pitch seemed good for batting and bowling.

Karthick Subramaniam and Lenny Volkov provided a solid platform with a 50 run opening stand before a clump of wickets fell following drinks. However, from 4-66 after 20 overs Sam Millar and Jamie Murtha built a great unbroken partnership of 113 in the last 15 overs; Jamie kept rotating the strike to Sam who cleared the boundary with ease on multiple occasions, the pair seeing us to a very competitive 4-179 from our 35 overs.

Our defence started perfectly with Sherville ('Wes') Hall picking up a wicket with his first (legal) delivery, nicked and safely caught by wicket keeper Declan Thomas. Alecsander ('Smokey') Yap picked up two wickets in his first two overs which left Beavers reeling at 3-14.

The next pair threatened to build a big partnership before Adam Khamis removed both batters with support from some brilliant fielding with Henry Davis taking a genuine screamer at point.

Middle order wickets continued to fall with Murtha and debutant George Garnett both picking up one each, but the Beavers' tail wagged and looked dangerous until yet another brilliant piece of fielding, this time by Adam

Khamis at square leg saw 'Smokey' Yap get his third wicket for the match. Sam Millar ended the match the following over with an excellent direct hit run-out off his own bowling.

In the end the match was probably tighter than it should have been. Well done to our opposition who played well and fought until the end; however we held our nerve and performed well with bat and ball to secure victory. We are back at Camperdown next Saturday vs the Sachin Tendulkar XI where we can hopefully make it three wins on the bounce.

The Team was: – Karthick Subramaniam 35, Lenny Volkov 21, Harry Bridge 2, Sam Millar 81*, George Garnett 0, Jamie Murtha (c) 31*, Henry Davis dnb, Declan Thomas (w) dnb, Adam Khamis dnb, Sherville Hall dnb, Alecsander Yap dnb.

The Result was: –

C.C.N.S.W.: – 4-179 (35 Overs) (S. Millar 81*)

Defeated

Beavers CC: – 10-166 (33.4 Overs) (A. Khamis 3-25)

By 13 runs

FoWs: – 1- 50 (K. Subramaniam); 2- 61 (H. Bridge); 3-66 (L. Volkov); 4- 66 (G. Garnett)

The Bowling was: – S. Hall 7-1-24-1; A. Yap 7-0-35-3; A. Khamis 7-2-25-3; J. Murtha 6-1-38-1; G. Garnett 6-0-36-1; S. Millar 0.4-0-2-0

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil

Catches: – Two to H. Davis, two to J. Murtha and one to A. Khamis

Run outs: – One to S. Millar

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Millar; 2 points to A. Khamis; one point to S. Hall

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/city-and-suburban-summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/5d4afc7c**

C&S ROUND 17 : CCNSW vs SACHIN TENDULKAR XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

Our third to last match of the season was played against the Sachin Tendulkar XI, who are new to the City and Suburban Association. Our earlier game this season v them had been rained off. The pitch was reasonably hard, with a covering of dry dark grass and it looked like it had potential to crumble up and take spin as the day went on.

CCNSW lost the toss and were required to field. The bowlers, particularly Roman Hughes started very well, but were unlucky to have a few dropped catches off their bowling in the early overs.

We had a few fill-in players who showed promise, but the opposition rode their luck and managed to get away some streaky boundaries, which applied considerable scoreboard pressure before drinks.

Adam Khamis continued his good run of form with the ball picking up a few wickets until a sickening collision with debutant Tynan O'Shea-Nobin occurred, with both fielders going for a catch, but neither one calling for it. Thankfully Adam was able to return to the field later in the innings and pick up another wicket, but ultimately a very close call.

Jamie Murtha extracted some turn from the pitch and picked up a few wickets of his own. we bowled and fielded considerably better after drinks and restricted our opposition to 199 from their 35 overs.

In response, Tom Robertson and Gerry O'Shea once again found themselves at the crease together and once again put on a hundred-plus run partnership. The pair were both solid against some decently accurate bowling and found ways to keep us around the required run rate.

After drinks both openers fell in quick succession which caused quite the collapse on a difficult wicket to start on, some costly mistakes saw us go from a winning position at 0-117 after 23 overs to all out for 171 in the 32nd over In the end it was a good game, however, will no doubt go down as one that got away!

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 71, Gerard O'Shea 39. Karthick Subramanian (w) 4. Luke Holman 1, Roman Hughes (w) 0, Jamie Murtha (c) 19, Soren Hughes (v/c) 6, Dinesh Valdhya 17, Aleksandr Yap 0, Tynan O'Shea-Nobin 1, Adam Khamis 9*, Tim Mansini dnb

The Result was: -

Sachin Tendulkar XI: - 9-199 (35 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-171 (31.3 Overs) (T. Robertson 71; G. O'Shea 39)

By 28 runs

FoWs: - 1-119 (G. O'Shea); 2-123 (T. Robertson); 3-127 (K. Subramanian); 4-128 (L. Holman); 5-128 (Roman Hughes); 6-134 (Soren Hughes); 7-146 (J. Murtha); 8-146 (A. Yap); 9-161 (T. O'Shea-Nobin); 10-171 (D. Valdhya)

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 6-1-26-0; T. O'Shea-Nobin 4-0-22-0; A. Khamis 5-0-26-3; Soren Hughes 6-0-39-1; D. Valdhya 3-0-10-1; T. Mansini 3-0-17-1; A. Yap 3-0-18-0; J. Murtha 5-0-27-3

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Two to Roman Hughes

Catches: - One to each of G. O'Shea and T. Robertson

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to T. Robertson; 2 points to G. O'Shea; one point to A. Khamis

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/25e017de**

C&S ROUND 18 : CCNSW vs THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY MIKE WEAVER

We posted 9 for 170 off 35 overs, which was a good score on a difficult deck. We had them 5 for 54 and took another wicket just before drinks to have them 6 for 80.

Then we had them 8 for 104 with 14 overs to go. Their ninth wicket partnership put on an undefeated 67 runs to win on the first ball of the penultimate over thanks largely to an excellent innings by their guest Old Aloysian batter brought in to make up numbers who scored 54* off 45 balls and is suitably recorded in PlayHQ as "fill-in player"-one of four anonymous players in their line up!

Let's wind back to the first over of the day. Actually what about removing the covers? That was a good team building exercise.

The wicket was pitched on the edge of the square giving a short boundary one side and a long boundary on the other. CCNSW won the toss and batted. Tom Robertson and Gerald O'Shea ("*The Tom and Gerry show*") opened and scored seven runs off the first over in a positive start. Robertson bunted a low full toss through cover for four and then followed up with a guide through gully for an easy two. There was one wide and that made up the seven runs. The Primary Club opening bowler was charging in off quite a long run and he went on to bowl in some good areas. The second over O'Shea clipped a low full toss through midwicket for a lovely boundary to the far side. He was cautious with the other deliveries except for one other drive that went straight to mid on. No run

'Tom and Gerry' batted well again with an opening partnership of 39 off the first ten overs. Robertson with 28 off 32 balls was very good in difficult conditions. He and Gerard O'Shea got us off to a good start.

Harry Bridge with a run-a-ball 32 and Sam Millar (61 of 70 balls) then put on 89 in 15 overs to take us from 2-46 in the 12th over to 3-135 in the 27th over. Millar batted really well and Bridge batted well too. The best ranked shots of the match was a three way tie between Tom Robertson's' left hander's spanking cover drive to the short boundary, Harry Bridge's right hander's lofted off drive at the other end but to the same side and Sam Millar's 's scooped hook for six over backward square leg again to the short boundary.

When the Primary Club batted, Jamie Murtha (1-23), nursing a bad back, (and would have been better not to risk bowling), bowled well and craftily. He got a wicket, bowled with the first ball of the innings, knocking the batter's castle down. Sam Millar (2-25) did an very admirable job at the other end with the new ball considering he's not a regular bowler.

The bowlers we used all bowled some great balls and the odd rank one which was put away authoritatively by the opposition. That was the difference in the end combined with the class of the PCA's guest player Mathias coming in at No 8. The loose deliveries were put away with the short boundary well utilized. Our leg spinner Henry Davis (3-40) despite being hit for 6 first ball, bowled some incredible deliveries at times. One wicket was 'a la Shane Warne'. Adam Khamis with his height and high arm action, also bowling leg spin, got some balls to rip and turn. His control is improving. A dangerous bowler

Gerard O'Shea was quite handy with the ball. Brought on to bowl his 'dibbly dobblers', he took a nice wicket lbw in the 18th over just before drinks. Tynan O'Shea –Nobin started with a wicket maiden, also bowled a couple of good overs inducing a catch to Millar in the 20th over before the batters started getting too used to his pace.

It rained a bit with about six overs to go which did not help us as the bowling run ups became slippery as well as the ball. On the other hand it was quite dark for batting and if it had been Premier Grade cricket, play would have been stopped for bad light.

In the field, Tynan O'Shea-Nobin fielded keenly as did Henry Davis .Debutant Nick Ford took an excellent high catch at deep backward square leg to get rid of the Primary Club's number four batter, D. Frittum. He watched it all the way. Well done Nick !.

There was some good catching although I shelled one as 'keeper, an inside edge low down. Fortunately it didn't cost the team too much. as the Primary Club batter then holed out shortly after, safely pouched by Adam Khamis positioned at square leg behind the umpire. We let 15 byes through. I conceded about 8 in my stint behind the stumps. And the pitch was up and down, while turning heaps. Mike Pinter (Punter) did an admirable job as post dinks wicket keeper and took a nice catch standing up, to give Henry Davis his second wicket. It looked at that stage like we were going to get home fairly comfortably.

In hindsight maybe we could have given Tom Robertson and Harry Bridge a go with the ball. It's easy to say in hindsight and I think slower bowling was probably more suited to the pitch conditions. If only we could have eliminated half trackers and full tosses.

The Primary Club deserved their win and were generous victors, sharing their beers afterwards. CCNSW players, again, should take note of the positive things we did in this match and resolve next season to work on a couple of skill areas, individually and as a team.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 28 (32 balls), Gerald O'Shea 9 (30 balls), Harry Bridge 32 (32 balls), Sam Millar 61 (70 balls), Mike Pinter (w) 0 (7 balls), Mike Weaver (w) 9 (13 balls), Henry Davis 0 (6 balls), Tynan O'Shea-Nobin 7* (5 balls) , James Murtha (c) 3 (4 balls), Adam Khamis 6 (6 balls) Nick Ford 2* (2 balls)

The Result was:-

CCNSW: - 9-170 (35 overs) (S. Millar 61)

Lost to

The Primary Club of Australia: - 8-171 (33.1 overs)

By 2 wickets

FoWs: - 1-39 (T. Robertson), 2- 46 (G. O'Shea), 3-135 (H. Bridge), 4- 136 (M. Pinter), 5-142 (S. Millar); 6-148 (H. Davis), 7- 151 (M. Weaver), 8-153 (J. Murtha); 9- 168 (A. Khamis)

The Bowling was: - J. Murtha 7-1-23-1; S. Millar 5-0-25-2; T. O'Shea-Nobin 3-1-16-1; A. Khamis 6-0-27-0; H. Davis 7-1-40-3 ; G. O'Shea 3.1-0-10-1; M. Weaver 2-0-15-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to M. Pinter (w); and one to each H. Davis, N. Ford, A. Khamis and M. Millar,

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to S. Millar; 2 points to H. Davis; one point to H. Bridge

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/city-and-suburban-cricket-association-1903-inc/summer-202324/c-and-s-club-matches/game-centre/6374cfa4****The Team was: -**

C&S ROUND 19 : CCNSW vs BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY JAMES MURTHA

C&S ROUND 19 : CCNSW vs BEAVERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

Our final game of the season was played against the ever competitive Beavers CC, who were seeking revenge following their narrow defeat against us a few weeks earlier at the same venue. We lost the toss and were sent in to field, our opposition made a strong start putting on 59 runs before Avi Bhandari broke through with the first wicket. From here we were able to slow down the scoring rate before drinks but still found ourselves in an ominous position with Beavers only 2 down at drinks.

After drinks a change in wicket keeper allowed Rhys Longbottom to bowl and he was simply devastating, bowling full and fast at the stumps he castled three consecutive batters, all bowled out for a C&S Hat trick! This brought us right back into the game.

A flurry of runs in the final two overs boosted Beavers score to a solid 189 from their 40 overs.

As usual CCNSW put on a brilliant spread for tea, possibly one of our best, and as a tradition long may it continue!

The “Tom and Gerry” [Tom Robertson and Gerry O’Shea] show got underway for the final time in the season. They made yet another solid start of 41 before Gerry O'Shea was dismissed. Tom Robertson and Harry Bridge boxed the bowlers around for a bit and kept the scoreboard moving along but just after drinks both batters were dismissed consecutively to bring Sam Millar and Karthick Subramanian to the crease.

Sam was brilliant as he has been all season; he understood the game situation and took his time to accumulate runs, while Karthick scored a rapid 40 from the other end, swinging hard for the fences. Unfortunately, it was a matter of live or die by the sword for Karthick, but he had almost certainly done enough to give us a winning chance.

Rhys Longbottom joined Sam Millar at the crease and proceeded to slam consecutive boundaries, and added to his already excellent day by scoring the winning runs. CCNSW won by 6 wickets with nearly 3 overs in hand.

It was great to finish the season with a thrilling win and hopefully this inspires most of the team to return next season. Thanks to all who contributed!

As it was the last game of the season, the C&S team was also required to perform end of season cleanup activities, the majority of which were done proactively throughout the game, which was great to see and much appreciated.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 40, Gerard O’Shea 9. Harry Bridge 26, Sam Millar 33*, Karthick Subramanian 40, Rhys Longbottom 26*, Avinash Bhandari dnb, Soren Hughes dnb; Adam Khamis dnb, James Murtha dnb, Henry Davis dnb, Ming Heng dnb, Mike Weaver (w) dnb

The Result was: -

Beavers: 9-189 (40 Overs) (R. Longbottom 4-14 –inc. hat trick)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-191 (37.2 Overs) (T. Robertson 40; K. Subramanian 40)

By 6 wickets

FoWs: - 1-41 (G. O'Shea); 2- 83 (T. Robertson); 3-83 (H. Bridge); 4-134 (K. Subramanian)

The Bowling was: - J. Murtha 5-1-18-2; A. Bhandari 7-1-22-1; M. Heng 3-0-27-0; H. Davis 6-1-38-0; S. Hughes 8-1-34-1; R. Longbottom 7-1-14-4; A. Khamis 4-0-28-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to R. Longbottom (w); one to K. Subramanian

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by captain): 3 points to R. Longbottom; 2 points to S. Millar; one point to S. Hughes

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