CCNSW SOCIAL GAMES MATCH REPORTS 2023-2024

SOCIAL GAME: MUDGEE WEEKEND HADLEY X vs ALLMEY X AT CRAIGMOOR WINERY, MUDGEE ON SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023: REPORT BY SCOTT WELLS

(Editor's Note: *Established in 1858 and surrounded by picturesque vines and gum trees on the banks of Pipeclay Creek, the Cellar Door, 'Craigmoor', is Mudgee's oldest winery and vineyard.)*

With COVID done and dusted, it was decided to resurrect a traditional season starter with a weekend game at the lovely country town of Mudgee. Previous years would have seen CCNSW line up against a local Mudgee Portwiners' side, but sadly that team no longer exists and the fixture had not occurred for the past 8 seasons. CCNSW last played at the vineyard at the start of the 2015-2016 season.

Currently owned by Robert Oatley Vineyards which purchased the winery in the 1960s, and formerly known as "Poet's Corner", the Craigmoor winery has a long history dating back to 1858; it is roughly 5mins drive north from the town centre. Picture a beautiful sandstone building with tasting room, cellar and museum and just outside an elevated viewing deck of the cricket field, to the left, vines about to commence growing and an outfield which has quirks such as a steep drop off to the local creek on one side and a windmill at cow corner – something not out of place in an English countryside. Previously, a CCNSW team used to make a weekend trip away to play on a Saturday, then enjoy the Taste of Mudgee event that evening to taste and drink at local fairs.

No local opposition meant an intra club game was required to resurrect this fine fixture. Those who expressed interest entered an online auction – similar to the IPL. Each player was given a value and each team a salary cap. Both Captains – Ian Allmey and Jim Hadley then went through the process of selecting teams – beamed via a 'WhatsApp' chat link.

Initially 11 players were available for each team and both captains remained under their salary cap – with a trade window opened a week prior to accommodate any changes required. Both the "*Allmey Allballers*" and the *"Hadley Hurricanes"* had assembled some very strong sides consisting of current and former veteran Australian and State players. Some late changes to the line ups were required to accommodate some who ended up with better offers or high enough transfer fees to be "let go". We also had an official umpire for the game – Mr Jed (deadly) Wesley Smith.

The newly created Mudgee Plate and bragging rights were on the line. Players filtered into the township from Friday into the early hours of Saturday morning for a 10:00am start. Being a brand new franchise game (and problems with the T20 trademark process) the rules of the game were established a week out. It has been dubbed the Mudgee 7's. Original playing conditions were: -

- 42 overs per side
- each team bats in pairs for 7 overs regardless of number of times out
- each wicket reduces the total by 7 runs
- hit the windmill and you get 7 bonus runs
- each bowler can only bowl 7 overs

but with 3 late pull outs and one addition, this was modified to 40 overs and 8 overs per pair

Mudgee had turned on a great day for cricket, slight breeze, blue skies and a top of 28Cº. Once assembled, a "traditional" nip of the local Rum Port was enjoyed by all players and spectators. Ian Allmey won the toss and sent the Hurricanes in to bat. No player knew what to expect from this format e.g. what is a par score? Do you bat to minimise wickets or maximise runs? So Jim Hadley went on the attack and sent Brett James and Tommy Robertson in to bat. They faced up against Stuart Ridge and Paul Nash. Spectators and the batting team settled under the shade of a grand tree on benches elevated above the main ground, with the tasting room in the background. The anticipation was palpable.

To say Brett and Tommy teed off is an understatement – well Brett teed and Tommy swung hard. At the end of their 8 overs, Brett dealt in boundaries and finished on 70 and Tommy 18 with the first wicket combining for a 92 run partnership. Jim Hadley wanted to keep the foot on the throat and sent out Jamie Murtha and Scott Wells to continue the onslaught. The bowling of Dave Kent and Andy Bachelard tightened up, finding the right length which restricted the batting well but anything loose was still put away. The score reached 179 but the fall of 5 wickets saw it reduced to 137 after 8 overs. Dave Kent returning the very impressive figures of 4 for 23 off 4 overs (nett: 7 runs reduction for each wicket = negative 5 runs)

With the Allballers grabbing back some of the momentum, the Hurricanes continued with all out attack sending in the power hitting unit of Greg Brooks and Soren Hughes against the likes of David Kent, Andrew Bachelard, Dan Turner and David Craig. Brooksie finding his eye early, started slapping to his favourite part of the field, Soren backing up well with some powerful drives and saw the score (gross) get to 254 for the loss of 7 wickets.

The fourth pairing saw Mick McCormick and David Glen consolidate the total with watchful innings against the guile of David Craig. Good bowling saw the run rate pulled back with only one boundary in the partnership to get to 291. But as 10 wickets had been lost, a nett score of 221 with one pairing remaining. The last pair saw the skipper Jim Hadley and wily-o – John Davis – an Orange local. Jimmy dealt in boundaries and Johnny in singles to get Jim on strike – a great combination and perhaps a lesson for future parings in this format. The score at the end of 40 overs was 361 for the loss of 14 wickets - a nett total of 263 runs. A gettable total – run rate just over 6.5 required. Several ways to be chased with wickets the key.

Highlights of the first innings were Brett James 70, Greg Brooks 43 and Jim Hadley with 32 and bowling standout was Dave Kent with 6 for 70 (28) and Dan Turner 2 for 19(5)

Lunch which consisted of a selection of quartered sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls (prepared by the Mudgee Bakery) arrived at 1:00 which coincided with the change of innings. Several of the WAGS then embarked on a guided wine tour of Mudgee for the afternoon.

The Allballers sent out some guns first up in Dan Turner and Paul Nash in hope to get ahead early. Interestingly, Ian leaving himself down the order. The Hurricanes opened up with Soren Hughes and wily John Davis. An even battle ensued with good bowling, clever batting and some good hitting later in the partnership. The opening pair put on 82 for one wicket so it was game on. The Allballers then opted for experience with Ian Allmey and Stuart Ridge partnering up against the likes of Soren Hughes, Mick McCormick and Jamie Murtha. Some lovely cover drives from Stu coupled with some hitting (and missing) from Allmey the pair put on 53 for the loss of 2 wickets so a nett score of 114 which was probably a bit behind where they had hoped to be with the batting to come.

The following pair of David Craig and Dr Len Volkov batted solidly for a 48 run stand with the loss of 3 wickets against the likes of David Glen, Jim Hadley and Brett James who decided his shoulder wasn't too bad. Mike Weaver and Ross Dalgleish had their work cut out to up the tempo to get back on track. Unfortunately not even Tom Robertson's over (11 balls) was enough to stop the rot with Ross becoming stuck on strike and then half way down the wicket on a few occasions losing 7 wickets between them for 35 runs giving up -14 runs to the total.

This left the last pair with 132 to get in 8 overs. But the Allballers had two guys at the crease who could give that a nudge: - Dave Kent and Andy Bachelard. Both came out swinging with the ball flying to all parts. Some lovely straight hit sizes and one memorable back foot slap over cover for 6 from AB until Hadley decided he had seen enough, bought himself back on and gathered a few well bowled stumpings. DK and AB got the score to 321 with a 100 run partnership but with the loss of 17 wickets in doing so, saw he final score reduced to 219.

A fantastic day was had by all and special thanks for Jed Wesley-Smith for umpiring and putting up with Tom. Gwen Hughes did a magnificent job scoring: 682 runs scored, 31 wickets lost, 24 ports nipped and a few beers had.

A post-match presentation of the Mudgee Plate was made to the winning skipper – Jim Hadley much to the regret of Ian and enjoyment of Tommy. All then retreated to their accommodation in preparation for the evening's meal and drinks at the Lawson Park Hotel. We had approx. 30 people that evening and packed out half of the beer garden area. Great meals and great company ensured an evening to remember

We plan to back up this event next year and reignite it into a traditional pre-season event. Mudgee is a great place to get away to for the weekend with lots do to apart from cricket.

The Teams were: -

Hadley X: - Brett James 70, Tom Robertson 18**,** James Murtha 23, Scott Wells (w) 19, Greg Brooks 43, Soren Hughes 12, Mick McCormick 18, David Glen 10, Jim Hadley (c) 32 and John Davis 10

Allmey X: - Dan Turner 36, Paul Nash 42, Ian Allmey (c) 24, Stuart Ridge 33, David Craig 26, Len Volkov 13, Mike Weaver (w) 26, Ross Dalgleish 6, David Kent 46 and Andrew Bachelard 47

The Result was: -

The 'Hadley Hurricanes': - 14-361 (nett 263) (40 Overs)

Defeated

The 'Allmey Allballers': - 17-321 (nett 219) (40 Overs)

By 40 runs (nett 44 runs)

THE CCNSW TOURING PARTY AT THE CRAIGMOOR WINERY GROUND, MUDGEE

Back row: Paul Nash, Ian Allmey (c), Jamie Murtha, Mick McCormick, Andrew Bachelard, Brett James Stuart Ridge, Greg Brooks, Soren Hughes, Mike Weaver, Len Volkov, Ross Dalgleish and Jed Wesley Smith (umpire)

Front row: David Kent, David Glen, Jim Hadley (c), Tom Robertson, Scott Wells, John Davis, Dan Turner, David Craig

N.B. : Hadley team in white shirts and Allmey team in blue shirts

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW C&S vs CCNSW MASTERS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023: REPORT BY DAVID CRAIG

THE C&S TEAM XII AT CAMPERDOWN V MASTERS XII ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

Back Row: Adam Khamis, Harry Bridge, Henry Davis, Johnathan Shaw, Matt Leong, Soren Hughes, Alex Cumming (w)

Front Row: Tom Robertson, Jamie Murtha (c), Toby Forbes, Ming Heng

THE MASTERS XII AT CAMPERDOWN V C&S XII ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

Back:: Ben Stanic, Stuart Ridge, Greg Brooks, David Craig, Mick Tarrant, Mike Weaver
Front: Scott Wells, Dan Turner (c), Ed Cross, Jason Kenn
Absent:: Jose Poothokaren, Ashley Perrot

The "annual" CCNSW C&S v Masters clash for the President's [?] Cup was finally on again, after many frustrating years of cancellations due to rain and Covid! The undefeated C&S team looked stacked with talent and were heavily favoured by the punters on the day. For this eagerly awaited clash, Camperdown Oval presented itself in the best early season condition in living memory, while Sydney turned on the hottest Oct 1st in recorded history (36° C), and the surrounding trees turned the air gold with a pollen count that threatened to overwhelm the nearby RPAH respiratory unit.

Masters captain Dan Turner called correctly and elected to bat on a typical Camperdown wicket, not a lot of pace or bounce but true enough to bat on, especially if you GET FORWARD. Mike Weaver took strike to Shaw, and was circumspect early, while at the other end Ed Cross immediately went on the attack against Ming Heng, racing to 6 off 3 before top edging a pull shot to Matt Leong at mid-wicket, 1-6. Jason Kenn joined Weaver in a productive partnership, with boundaries flowing freely. One particularly brutal 'Jaydos' pull shot bounced over the pickets, across the road and down the drain, allowing Jamie Murtha to substitute a new ball of uncertain providence *(Ed Note; A "Kangarucci' being promoted in the C&SCA).* Would there be an Ashes style controversy with the new pill hooping all over the place? Not really…

Kenn moved to within a boundary of retirement before being deceived by Henry Davis, practicing the dark arts of wrist spin and eliciting the stumping by club newcomer Alex Cumming; the game well poised at 2-70 after 12.2. Scott Wells joined Weaver for a brief but busy stay, while Murtha rotated his leg spinners to

good effect from the Australia Street end. First Wells, then Turner fell to Khamis, the latter bowled by that infamous wrong-un (4-113 from 21 overs). Weaver moved steadily to retirement at 41*, leaving the batting duties to Ash Perrott and the Masters all-rounders. Greg Brooks and Jose Poothokaren were typically aggressive, but perished to the accurate Soren Hughes, leaving the game in the balance at 6-143, with 14 overs to be bowled.

At this point, Perrott and Mike Tarrant took over, with a partnership that eventually yielded 98 runs, two retirements, some lovely cover-drives from Ash, four consecutive boundaries from Tarrant off Jon Shaw, a trademark David Craig reverse swivel-pull and a bunch of the usual hitting, missing, scampering and sledging before a couple of wickets in consecutive balls to Leong in the final over left the Masters team with a more than useful 8-245 off 40 overs.

“Par here is 300” barked Tom Robertson at the break, before heading out to open with Gerry O’Shea in yet another reboot of the Tom and Gerry show. Ben Stanic opened to O’Shea from the Australia street end, while in a surprise move designed to unsettle Tom Robertson, the leg spinner Craig took the new ball from the Mallett St end. Always keen to spoil the opposition’s plans, Robertson left immediately, bowled by Stanic. To be fair, it was an absolute peach, pitching leg and hitting off at pace.

Harry Bridge strode to the wicket, claiming to have not held a stick in six months. He rustily creamed a cover drive for four from his first ball and looked in a dangerous mood as he smoked Stuart Ridge down the ground for 4 and 6 off consecutive deliveries. However, the double bowling change worked a treat, with Tarrant removing the steady O’Shea and Ridge extracting revenge with a lovely in-swinger bowling Bridge just as he threatened to take the game by the scruff of the neck. A wonderful spell from Tarrant choked off the runs, and yielded two more wickets, with both Toby Forbes and Jamie Murtha bowled with the score on 61.

Now 5 wickets down, and needing more than 8 an over, C&S looked out of the contest, but debutant Alex Cumming and Soren Hughes had other ideas. Some lusty hitting produced a run-a-ball partnership of 72. With Cumming retiring at 40*, the responsibility fell to Soren and the C&S bowling unit, but the scoreboard pressure proved too much. The introduction of Jason Kenn to the attack saw the timbers regularly rattled, with Matt Leong the first to go at 6-133. Ridge returned at the other end to knock over Hughes’ stumps, while Henry Davis and Adam Khamis lined up to get castled by Kenn. The game was ended by a spectacular Tarrant catch, first walking in and then running and tumbling backwards to dismiss Ming Heng and give Ben Stanic a well-deserved second wicket, all out for 151 in the 35th.

With the CCNSW Masters succeeding in wresting the trophy from C&S from the first time in HISTORY, celebrations were reminiscent of the Australia II America’s Cup triumph, and once again no self-respecting boss could have sacked anyone for not turning up to work on Monday. (Especially Being a Public Holiday and all.)

The Teams were: -

Master XII: - Mike Weaver 44*, Ed Cross 6, Jason Kenn 37, Scott Wells (w) 5, Dan Turner (c) 12, Ashley Perrott 41*, Greg Brooks 6, Jose Poothokaren 10, Mike Tarrant 40* , David Craig 23, Stuart Ridge 2*, Ben Stanic 0

C&S XII: - Tom Robertson 1; Gerry O’Shea 18; Harry Bridge 25, Toby Forbes 7, Alex Cummings (w) 40*, James Murtha 0, Soren Hughes 33, Matt Leong 4, Henry Davis 1, Adam Khamis 5. Ming Heng 10, Jonathan Shaw 0*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W. Masters XII: - 8-245 (40 Overs) (M. Weaver 49*; A. Perrott 43*; M. Tarrant 40*)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W. C&S XII: - 10-151 (34.1 Overs) (A. Cumming 40*)

By 94 runs

Masters FoWs: - 1-26 (E. Cross), 2-70 (J. Kenn), 3-80 (S. Wells), 4- 113 (D. Turner), 5-129 (G. Brooks), 6-143 (J. Poothokaren), 7-241 (D. Craig) 8-245 (B. Stanic)

C&S FoWs: - 1-5 (T. Robertson), 2- 45 (G. O'Shea), 3-45 (H. Bridge), 4-61 (T. Forbes), 5- 61(J. Murtha), 6-133(M. Leong), 7-135 (S. Hughes) 8-135 (H. Davis) 9- 151 (A. Khamis), 10-151 (M. Heng)

The Masters Bowling was: - B. Stanic 5.1-0-21-2; D. Craig 4-1-13-0; M. Tarrant 5-1-8-3; S. Ridge 7-1-28-2; E. Cross 5-0-32-0; J. Poothokaren 2-0-8-0; A. Perrott 1-0-11-0; G. Brooks 2-1-11-0; J. Kenn 3-0-14-3

The C&S Bowling was: - J. Shaw 6-1-37-0; M. Heng 5-0-35-1; A. Khamis 6-1-23-2; H. Davis 8-1-44-1; M. Leong 5-0-35-2; S. Hughes 3-0-18-2; T. Forbes 4-0-25-0; J. Murtha 3-0-22-0

The Masters Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to M. Tarrant

Run outs: - Nil

The C&S Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to A. Cumming

Catches: - One each to M. Leong and S. Hughes

Run outs: - Nil

Victorious Masters skipper Dan Turner receiving the President's Cup from the President

SOCIAL GAME v VICTORIA BARRACKS XI FOR THE BARRACKERS' CUP AT VICTORIA BARRACKS OXFORD STREET ON THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Cancelled because of rain

This game has been provisionally rearranged one week to Thursday 2 November if both teams can get sufficient players *(Editor's note: they did not)*

(Editor's note) It was the Victoria Barracks player who in the 1850s, originally developed what became the SCG; they also claim that their soldier spectators who came from the Barracks and supported them are the originators of the term "to barrack" as used in Australia. (This is disputed by etymologists who ascribe the term either to Melbourne or Ireland)

C.C.N.S.W. was invited by Cricket NSW to represent the civilian population of NSW v the Army at the SCG to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the SCG. Arising from that game C.C.N.S.W. and the Army jointly bought "The Barrackers' Cup" which is kept in the Army Museum at Victoria Barracks and occasionally at the request of the C.C.N.S.W. Match Manager brought out on the day

The ball with which C.C.N.S.W. bowled in the150th anniversary game can be seen in the SCG Museum.

To quote from the Army web site

"Victoria Barracks is one of the best-known examples of military architecture in Australia. The Regency-style Victoria Barracks were designed by Lieutenant-Colonel George Barney, who also built Fort Denison and reconstructed Circular Quay. Most of barracks was constructed using locally quarried sandstone between 1841 and 1849. The barracks were occupied by British troops up until 1870 and then taken over by the New South Wales colonial forces. After the Federation in 1901, Victoria Barracks housed the various headquarters responsible for administering and co-coordinating the military. Between 1931 and 1936 the barracks was home to the Royal Military College of Australia and from July 1938 to July 1940 it also housed the Command and Staff School. Today, Victoria Barracks is home to the Headquarters of Forces Command. The Barracks are widely considered to be one of the best examples of a military barracks in the world"

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs 'RAGA' INVITATION XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL. CAMPERDOWN , ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

TEAMS: CCNSW AND RAGA'S INVITATIONAL XI – WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Back Row: Gowri Palan, John Jackson, Kim Taylor (wk/1 for Raga XI), Stuart Ridge, Neville Emerson, Joe Scarcella, Greg Brooks, Michael McCarron, Frank Baliotis, David Craig, Cuthbert Berenger, Gary Whittaker (wk/2 for Raga XI), Malcolm Freame (wk for CCNSW), David Glen, Ian Bradburn.

Front Row: Michael Carman, Matt Brennan, Sittampalam Ragavan (c for Raga XI), Peter Rolls (c for CCNSW), Garry Winney, Wasantha Hettiarrchchi, Upul Dangalle.

Absent: Kesara De Costa

An English style 21 deg C and a firm, dry wicket. Dr Ragavan Sittampalam ("Raga') won the toss and elected to bat. Rules for batters were retirement at 30 balls (with no runs limit which was a big mistake!) and max 5 overs per bowler and one ball allowed down leg side per over (with second ruled a wide). 40 overs per side.

Raga's XI Innings:

Raga had more ring-ins than Ringling Brothers. He was determined to break the deadlock of 2 games a piece on the shield to his favour.

Kim Taylor, all the way from Bathurst and in his first appearance for Raga's team, opened and received the first two balls unusually loose from Greg Brooks as a welcome gift for 2 boundaries, then Greg's next 4 overs only went for 11 including the wicket of Neville for 0, the other opener, caught well by David Craig at mid off.

Taylor reached 32 runs for his 30 balls (and recycled later to get 37). Upul Dangalle. was caught at mid wicket by Peter for 20 off David Craig who had them tied up better than an S&M worker which included the prize wicket of Gary Whittaker for 6 hitting on to his stumps.

Kesara de Costa (0) got a tickle off David Craig caught behind by keeper Malcolm Freame which was a pleasure for him after so much stretching/diving to leg side deliveries by Joe Scarcella. Uncharacteristic for Joe's normal impeccable line and length and he claimed it must have been something he ate the night before…perhaps a lentil soup to be that lax???

Matt Brennan came in with gay abandon for a quick fire 51 from 30 balls. To David Glen's credit he kept them pitched up but Matt kept pitching them to and over the short boundary fence. Brennan recycled and continued his onslaught for a huge 73 but then was caught unawares bowled by a good ball by Michael Carman (alias Opera) after some variety of lengths. Including one ball that bounced twice before hitting Raga's stumps. Unlucky for Raga that the second bounce was between the crease and stumps so judged a fair delivery and Raga therefore out.

Michael McCarron and Cuthbert Berenger batted sensibly against the swift and accurate bowling of Stuart Ridge and the other end nagging length bowling of John Jackson (alias 'Jacko)'. Both retiring for 7 and 26 respectively after 30 balls. (McCarron recycled to end with 17 not out).

After a hiatus Garry Winney came into the match saying he had not played for a while but showed his many years of experience and bowled Wasantha Hettiarrchchi ('Wasa') for 7 with good flight. Gowri Palan at number 11 showed his class, assisting Taylor, Brennan and McCarron when they recycled to be not out 13.

An imposing target was set of 8-266.

CCNSW Innings:

An event to enjoy our senior years especially with our Sri Lankans friends who don't get to experience turf too often and for all to participate. We mixed it up to our normal games at Vintage on Sundays with Stuart Ridge opening the innings with Frank Baliotis. They survived the first two overs from Raga and McCarron but in Raga's second over he slipped through Ridge's defences bowling him for 3. Baliotis retired on 13 after his 30 balls (and when recycled later didn't add to his score).

Peter Rolls and Joe Scarcella kept the score board ticking along until Scarcella (facing) had a seniors moment and called for a single after his nice straight drive hit the bowlers end stumps and deflected straight to mid off while Rolls went back into his crease to avoid a run out if Brennan the bowler had touched the ball on the way through. Rolls not seeing where the ball had deflected too, blindly responded and with keeper Taylor whipping off the bails, was run out by a meter for 19.

Brooks started promising with a boundary but was departed soon after stumped by Taylor off Brennan. Scarcella went aerial, caught for 18 off Gowri Palan. David Craig followed Joes lead for same outcome for 7. David Glen showed some fight retiring for 13 off his 30 balls. Carman didn't last the first act out LBW to de Costa for 1. John Jackson ran some quick single for a 70 year old and showed the "young 'uns" how to be selective retiring after his 30 balls for 15. Malcolm Freame was bowled for 4 by another 70 year old in Cuthbert Berenger who bowled an impeccable line and length.

Garry Winney was looking good with a couple of boundaries until caught off Upul Dangalle for 11. David Glen and Jackson recycled to keep pushing and enjoyed taking 5 runs off wicket keeper turned bowler Kim Taylor for his only over until Glen holed out to Neville Emerson with an easy catch at point off

Dangalle in the second last over for 21. Jackson unbeaten on 17*. A good job that Kim Taylor didn't get the last wicket otherwise the news would have been echoed from Sydney to Bathurst from the Blue Mountains.

After the game, the beer, wine and soft drinks still went down well with plenty of what ifs!!! Thanks to Raga for supplying the tasty bbq chicken and bread rolls and fruit delights with more bananas than Taronga Zoo.

The Result was: -

Raga Invitation XI: - 8-266 (40 0vers) (NB Inc 53 extras)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-127 (38 Overs)

By 139 runs

Raga's XI Batting: Kim Taylor 37 (wk/1), Neville Emerson 0, Upul Dangalle 20, Gary Whittaker 6 (wk/2), Kesara De Costa 0, Matt Brennan 73, Michael McCarron 17*, Cuthbert Berenger 26*, Sittampalam Ragavan (c) 18, Wasantha Hettiarachchi 7, Gowri Palan 13*.

FoWs: - 1-23 (N. Emerson), 2-70 (G. Whittaker), 2-70 (K. De Costa), 4-188 (U. Dangalle), 5-200 (S. Ragavan), 6-210 (W. Hettiarrchchi), 7-216 (K. Taylor), 8-251 (M. Brennan).

CCNSW Bowling was: G. Brooks 5-1-19-1; J. Scarcella 5-0-40-0; D. Craig 5-0-20-3; D. Glen 5-0-52-0; J. Jackson 5-2-14-0, S. Ridge 5-0-23-0, G. Winney 5-0-41-1, M. Carman 5-0-32-3

CCNSW XI Batting: Stuart Ridge 3, Frank Baliotis 13, Peter Rolls (c) 19, Joe Scarcella 18, Greg Brooks 6, David Craig 7, David Glen 21, Michael Carman 1 , John Jackson 17*, Malcolm Freame (w) 4, Garry Winney 11.

FoWs: - 1-6 (S. Ridge), 2-52 (P. Rolls), 3-62 (G. Brooks), 4-64 (J. Scarcella), 5-69 (D. Craig), 6-78 (M. Carman), 7-105 (M. Freame), 8-106 (F. Baliotis), 9-118 (G. Winney), 10-127 (D. Glen)

Raga's XI Bowling was: -: S. Ragavan 4-0-13-1, M. Mc Carron 5-1-11-0, M. Brennan 3-0-20-1, G. Palan 5-1-18-2, K. De Costa 5-1-14-1, W. Hettiarachchi 2-0-5-0, N. Emerson 5-1-9-0, C. Berenger 5-1-11-1, U. Dangalle 4-0-6-3.

Raga's XI Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to K. Taylor (w)

Catches: - One to N. Emerson, three to anonymous

Run outs: - One to K. Taylor.

The CCNSW Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to M. Freame (w) and one to each of D. Craig and P. Rolls

Run outs: - Nil

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs SYDNEY CC XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL. CAMPERDOWN , ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023: REPORT BY EDWARD ROBERTSON

With the previous match rained out, we all looked forward to this mid week match at the home of CCNSW at Camperdown. To his joy, dad *(Ed note: aka 'Tom Robertson')* had bumped into Bill (umpire) on the walk from the bus stop, further lifting up his excitement for another midweek cricket match. Match manager on the day, Soren Hughes exercised his outstanding skills with the coin. SCC called incorrectly and we chose to bat first. Two guest debutants Sean Avers and Mike Norris were brought along by long time stalwart Mitch Sturt.

And Tyson McCallum reprised his guest appearance of last season. All were ready to compete at any moment; their enthusiasm was saved to the middle order. CCNSW members Ed Robertson, Len Volkov, Michael Carman and Richard Clark and Tyson McCallum got us off to a gentle start with the run-rate slowly ticking over at around 4.5 for 3-74 runs off the first 17 overs to the drinks' break. This was then backed up with the fire-power of Sean Avers (50* ret), Mike Norris (51* ret) and Mitch Sturt (19*) who scored 152 off the final 18 overs to take the CCNSW total to 4-227 after 35 overs with five notably large sixes by Mike Norris at the pavilion roof, on the roof and over the roof. To the team's dismay, dad saving himself till later in the order, did not score a boundary.

The Sydney CC XI started strongly with the bat, but then four key wickets by Sean Avers destroyed their top order left them all with three main run scorers, two batters (52* and 33) and sundries (30 inc 19 wides and 9 no balls !!). Tyson McCallum put on an incredible fielding display, saving runs with his speed and his gun arm from the boundary. With 68 needed off the last 10 overs, two wickets fell quickly to Mario Giarratano playing for CCNSW for the first time in 2 years**,** all but signaling the impending end of the SCC innings. Richard Clark 's competitive intensity further strangled their efforts, and he was rewarded by finishing the game off. Pizza and drinks were shared at the end, with Soren graciously gifting the SCC XI a token of appreciation. A welcomed win, and in dads words, *'this feels different'.*

The Team was: - Len Volkov 2, Edward Robertson 50* ret not out, Michael Carman 13, Richard Clark 14, Tyson McCallum 7, Sean Aver 50* ret not out, Mike Norris (w) 51* ret not out, Mitch Sturt 19*, Tom Robertson 7*, Soren Hughes (c) dnb and Mario Giarratano dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-227 (35 Overs) (M. Norris 51* ret not out; S. Aver 50* ret not out; E. Robertson 50* ret not out)

Defeated

SCC XI: - 10-171 (29.2 Overs) (S. Aver 4-52)

By 56 runs

FoWs: - 1-8 (L. Volkov), 2-28 (), 3-74 (M. Carman), 4- 87 (T. McCallum),

The Bowling was: - M. Giarratano 4-0-22-2; E. Robertson 5-2-8-1; S. Aver 7-0-52-4; S. Hughes 4-0-23-2; T. McCallum 4-0-37-1; R. Clark 5.2-0-27-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to R. Clark; one to each of T. McCallum, Ed Robertson and Tom Robertson

Run outs: - Nil

GAME 1: CCNSW vs KENSINGTON CC AT PARKINSON OVAL, KENSINGTON GARDENS ON SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY JAMIE MURTHA

Back row: Len Volkov, Paul Mullens, Roman Hughes, Soren Hughes, Mick Power.

Front row: Tom Robertson, Ezekiel Hughes, Jamie Murtha, John Finucane, Craig Fletcher, Sam Knight.

After a couple of days relaxing on the sunny shores of Adelaide, or sipping the splendid Shirazes, the CCNSW Adelaide touring party arrived on Sunday morning for the long awaited match against Kensington District CC. A late venue change allowed us to play on the number one ground, Parkinson Oval which was as pretty as a painting. Our hosts guided us to the Pavilion for a pre-game beer, which we all agreed was a brilliant way to start the day!

The weather was about as perfect as it could be: low thirties with a gentle breeze and not a cloud in the sky. The pitch was well used with a light covering of grass and relatively firm, on the surface it seemed like a good deck. Match day skipper Jamie Murtha lost the toss and we were appropriately sent into the field.

Soren Hughes and Roman Hughes opened the bowling and got us off to a great start. Soren bowled a vicious yorker in his first over to remove the first opener and got the second opener the very next over, bowled around his legs! Roman bowled well without luck, but also kept the runs in check! Paul 'Mullo' Mullens followed Roman and Craig Fletcher followed Soren, both bowlers were caught in the sights of the big hitting number 4 who retired very swiftly on 50*. Shortly after, Mullens bowled a jaffa to remove the number 3 batter, pegging back the top of off.

In the middle overs after drinks we brought the run rate back under control, Mike Power bowled six overs straight, proving difficult to get away, he picked up two valuable wickets. Jamie Murtha picked up two of his own including the Captain Rumblelow thanks to a brilliant catch running backwards at deep mid-wicket by the debutant Sam Knight. Some late hitting from the massive number 11 elevated the opposition to a strong 8-177 from their 35 overs. Kensington CC were particularly great hosts and put on an excellent spread for tea over which both teams mingled.

Tom Robertson and Len Volkov opened our batting. Tom's innings was exactly how you probably imagined it, wide, six over point, bowled and before you know it, we found ourselves at 4-19 after Len Volkov, Sam Knight and Ezekiel (Zeke) Hughes were dismissed by the Kensington bowlers. Soren and Roman Hughes found themselves trying to rescue the day. The pair needed to get through a couple of tough overs but their fortitude paid off and they were rewarded with some comparatively gentle bowling which was handled with ease. Soren cleared the boundary on several occasions and retired in quick time.

Roman's innings was flawless, he presented the full face of the bat and played in the 'V' early on while getting the measure of the pitch. He hit his first ever six with a powerfully struck slog to cow, and also brought up his maiden 50, with it providing us with a glimmer of hope! We required around 60 to win off the last 10 overs but Kensington appeared determined to win, and so brought their opening bowlers back into the attack and stacked the boundaries. Our tail put up some resistance but unfortunately their attack proved too strong on the day and we were all out for 13 with Roman undefeated on 52*.

The game was played in the right spirit on both sides and very well umpired by Anthony Telfer ("The Spirit of Cricket") to whom we owe much thanks for his invaluable contributions toward making this tour possible

Following the game both teams retired to the pavilion for beers and presentations. Kensington awarded Roman and Soren both with man of the match for their fantastic face saving partnership. Overall despite the result it was a great game played at a very special place and will no doubt be fondly remembered by all who participated!

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 6, Len Volkov 1, Ezekiel Hughes 1, Soren Hughes (c) 54, Sam Knight 0, Roman Hughes 52*, James Murtha 9 , Craig Fletcher 1, John Finucane (w) 1, Paul Mullens 0, Mike Power 2

The Result was: -

Kensington CC: - 8-177 (35 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-134 (32.3 Overs) (Soren Hughes 54; Roman Hughes 52*)

By 43 runs

FoWs: - 1-7 (T. Robertson), 2-9 (Ezekiel Hughes), 3-13 (L Volkov), 4-13 (S. Knight), 5-122 (J. Murtha), 6-123 (C. Fletcher), 7-124 (P. Mullins), 8-126 (J. Finucane) 9-132 (S. Hughes); 10-134 (M. Power).

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 6-1-24-0; Soren Hughes 5-0-31-2 ; C. Fletcher 3-0-28-1; P. Mullins 6-0-35-2 ; M. Power 6-1-24-2; Ezekiel Hughes 2-0-10-0 ; J. Murtha 7-1-21-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of Ezekiel Hughes and S. Knight

Run outs: - Nil

GAME 2: CCNSW vs BAROSSA AND LIGHT CA AT CHATEAU TANUNDA, BAROSSA ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY SAM KNIGHT

Back row: Roman Hughes, John Finucane, Paul Mullens, Soren Hughes (Tour manager), Mick Power, Ezekiel Hughes, Sam Knight

Front row: Jamie Murtha, Craig Fletcher, Tom Robertson, Scott Wells, Lenny Volkov

Our fixture against a "Barossa Invitational XI" was an absolute thriller, with all 3 results possible in the last over. Played at the amazing venue "Chateau Tanunda", which had been last used prior to COVID – both teams were keen to have a game. Unfortunately, the weather gods did their best to prevent that. It was forecast to be 41 degrees!

Anthony Telfer ("The Spirit of Cricket" tour organiser) made some calls and the teams agreed to have an early 10am start. The teams first agreed to play a 20/20 and Tanunda won the toss and decided to bowl first. Ten overs into the contest the teams mutually agreed to extend it to a 30/30 over match… would this prove to be a mistake?

The pitch was quite green and there was some big seam and variable bounce on offer. Despite that – Tom Robertson and Jamie Murtha opened the batting with aplomb. Tom made a quick fire 23 (better than a run a ball) and Jamie retired at 30* (as per the agreed rule) at better than 100 SR after cracking one into the gum trees for six.

Scott Wells and Roman Hughes both came in, hit a 6, and then quickly departed for 8. Ezekiel Hughes was next and looked in superb touch – hitting a quick fire 33*, including two massive 6s, then retiring. Soren Hughes and Sam Knight (the local Adelaide boy) formed a partnership – with both scoring 13 at perhaps a slower rate than was required. Both seemed to be saving themselves for a big finish but the opposition had other plans however.

Len Volkov and John Finucane came to the crease and kept the scoreboard ticking over with some lovely cricket shots. The Barossa XI parked five fielders on the boundary and bowled stump to stump in the middle overs which made it difficult to score. Nonetheless, the scoreboard kept ticking over slowly. Craig Fletcher came in on the last over to hit a cracking boundary on his birthday.

The Cricketers' Club had made 5-180 from 30 overs. Jamie didn't think it was enough – but the rest of the team was quietly confident we could defend it. Time would tell.

There was still a nice breeze when the Cricketers' Club took the field. That changed about five overs in when the temperature started to approach the promised 41Cº degrees. It was hard work but the boys were determined to stick at it.

Roman Hughes opened the bowling and took 2 important wickets in his first 2 overs. He bowled both openers with quality balls and ended up with 3 for 26 – crucial to the end result!

Craig Fletcher was a touch unlucky bowling on his birthday – but took a nice catch at cover and provided plenty of spark in the field on a tough day for fielding! Michael Power also had a nice spell of bowling – picking up another crucial wicket. The Cricketers' Club was taking wickets regularly – although the run rate remained high and our opposition seemed in control.

Jamie Murtha (in a BOG performance) took 2-31 and created a run out opportunity from one of the only attempts at running a two all day! John fumbled the ball but then collected well enough to have the batsmen well short.

Ezekiel ("Zeke") Hughes also did his part in the field - taking 2-24 – and bowling in the heat (both metaphorically and literally). Scott Wells kept for the last 10 overs and also bowled some leggies to get our overs in.

The Barossa XI needed a run a ball from the last 6 overs, with 2 wickets in hand. They also had two of their best batters to come back in after retiring. So, if anything, the odds were with the Barossa XI. Despite that, the Blues dug in, with Jamie bowling some slower balls that were playing tricks and Soren Hughes ("Big Sooz") putting in the hard yards in 41 degrees.

The Barossa boys kept the scoreboard ticking over – and only needed eight runs from the last two overs, with one wicket in hand. Zeke had bowled the third last over – a wicket maiden and keeping us in the match! Jamie bowled the second to last, with only 2 scored. Amazingly, he kept bowling the slower ball out of the back of the hand, and even more incredible was the respect they showed – blocking it out.

Last over, their two best batters back in and six needed. The "Big Soooooz" took the ball and took control. The pressure was on but the boys were up for the fight; the boundaries looked shorter than ever at this point! First ball, blocked back down the pitch for a dot. Second ball a single to mid-off. Five (5) need to win from 4 more balls. Their young batter on 31 and with 3 sixes already was back on strike. Every result possible… The captain of the touring side ran in and bowled it – and their batsmen had another big swing – it was high looked like another certain 6 to win it… but suddenly it started dropping and looked like it may be caught on the boundary… or could it??

Little Sam Knight was right on the boundary at cow corner – and had been watching them disappear over him all day. He went forward and then took a few steps back. It hung in the air for a while before dipping down… and was CAUGHT! Centimetres inside the boundary.

The Cricketers' Club had won by 4 runs !! A famous victory on perhaps one of the most iconic grounds in Australia. The Barossa Boys thwarted by a fellow South Australian on the boundary. A great team effort in trying conditions – and a match played in very good spirits.

In the terms of the old cliché: '*Cricket was the winner.*'

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 23, Jamie Murtha 30* ret not out, Scott Wells (w) 8, Roman Hughes 8, Ezekiel Hughes 33* ret not out, Soren Hughes (c) 13, Sam Knight 13, Len Volkov 10* ret not out, John Finucane (w) 8* , Craig Fletcher 8*, Paul Mullins dnb; Michael Power dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-180 (30 Overs) (Ezekiel Hughes 33*; Jamie Murtha 30*)

Defeated

Barossa and Light CA Invitation XI: - 10-176 (29.3 Overs)

By 4 runs

FoWs: - 1-32 (T. Robertson), 2-36 (S. Wells), 3-54 (Roman Hughes), 4-151 (Soren Hughes, 5-154 (S. Knight)

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 6-0-26-3; C. Fletcher 3-0-27-0 ; M. Power 3-0-26-1; J. Murtha 6-0-31-2; Ezekiel Hughes 6-0-24-2; S. Wells 2-0-21-0; Soren Hughes 3.3-0-16-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to C. Fletcher and one to S. Knight

Run outs: - One to J. Murtha

GAME 3: CCNSW vs GRANGE CC AT ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024:

Cancelled by rain

GAME 4: CCNSW vs SPIRIT OF CRICKET XI AT CHATEAU TANUNDA, BAROSSA ON FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024:

Cancelled by rain

Soren Hughes - Tour Manager's summary

The Adelaide tour was expected to be tainted by extreme heat and possibly bushfires. Alas, the La Nina prediction proved correct in that it rained twice in January in Adelaide which was so unusual for Adelaide that none of the club's owned covers, let alone had any thought to cover the pitch. In Grange for the Wednesday fixture and when rescheduled for Thursday, no-one had expected rain. So when we were told that our game on the Friday in the Barossa was a certainty (The owner of Chateau Tanunda, John Geber, had played several games for CCNSW and owned covers which were well affixed), none of us suspected that an overnight thunderstorm would push underneath the covers and ruin our Friday game too. We did however secure John's presence for a guided tour of the historical Chateau, a wine tasting, an informal game of cricket on the wicket with Jamie Siddons and Peter McIntyre watching on and available chat after the game concluded.

The cricket that we did play was well contested and played with true spirit. On arrival in Kensington, our game was transferred to their No 1 oval and the toss was conducted in the club rooms over a beer or two.

The formal game at the Chateau went down to the wire. Our time off the pitch was well spent too, with visits to Glenelg, Hahndorf, Adelaide CBD, Adelaide Oval and the front bar at West Lakes Resort Hotel. A highlight for some was meeting up with the Grange guys after the second fixture was cancelled as both the Australia v West Indies test and England v India test were being played on adjacent screens leading up to our end of tour dinner (for those who weren't listed on other duties).

There were some awards presented at the end of tour dinner, although it was acknowledged that the opportunities were limited due to cancellation of half of our fixtures:

- To our captains: Jamie Murtha and Soren Hughes (v/c) who both received some choice wine from the opposing sides;
- Batting average: Roman Hughes (our 16 y. o. tourist who hit his first 6 and scored his first 50 in the same innings against Kensington (he was twice stranded at 49* before then);
- Batting aggregate: Soren Hughes;
- Most wickets: Jamie Murtha;
- Most catches including the catch of the tour: Sam Knight (who won the game for us with a high ball taken just inches inside the boundary).

Thanks to all involved, especially Anthony Telfer of "The Spirit of Cricket" whose organisational skills, leadership and professionalism in tour management made this a very successful and relaxing tour for all involved. No doubt all of us are looking forward to the next tour of Adelaide (or a return leg from the South Australians).

Hope to see all of you again in Barbados, St Lucia, New Zealand, Japan (or just Sydney).

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs 'RAGA' INVITATION XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL. CAMPERDOWN , ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

TEAMS: CCNSW AND RAGA'S INVITATIONAL XI – WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

Back Row: John Jackson, Emmanuel Mouglalis, Olly Taylor, Jed Wesley-Smith, Michael Carman, Michael Weaver (CCNSW wk/2), Frank Baliotis, Nadarajah Gowripalan, Tim Jones, Neville Emerson, David Glen, Peter O'Reilly, Geoff Orme.

Front Row: Simon Lyon (Raga XI wk/2), Mel Lucas, Wasantha Hettiarachchi, David Craig (CCNSW wk/1), Peter Rolls (c for CCNSW), Sittampalam Ragavan (c for Raga XI), Bede Mariadason (Raga XI wk/1).

We were grateful to get on after storms with rain two days prior to the game. And credit to the groundsman John Lee. We were greeted with a beautiful day with 27degC, a nice breeze and a firm, dry wicket. Peter Rolls won the toss for CCNSW and elected to bat.

Rules for batters was retire at 30 balls or 30 runs whichever came first and max 5 overs per bowler and one ball allowed down leg side per over (with second ruled a wide). 40 overs per side.

CCNSW Innings:

Peter Rolls and Michael Carman started well with a boundary in the first over but Simon Lyon struck with the first ball of his second over with Wasantha Hettiarachchi ("Wasa") taking a screamer of a diving catch to his right at cover to remove Rolls. An amazing effort for a 68 year old. Simon struck again in his next over with Carman edging to Peter O'Reilly with a good catch at first slip.

Mike Weaver ("Weaves") came in and started well with his usual flair with a boundary off his first ball. Frank Baliotis hit a six but not in the usual fashion with he and Weaves running 2; then an over throw ended up at the boundary. Very entertaining but not for the bowler Nadarajah Gowripalan. Wasa magic struck again with a direct hit from cover to remove Baliotis hoping for a quick single when we were on 35 after 9 overs and gaining momentum.

Then disaster struck with Emmanuel Mouglalis and Mel Lucas both out lbw in successive overs to Olly Taylor and Gowripalan respectively. 5 for 41 off 11 overs.

The two David's (David Craig and David Glen) steadied the ship until Taylor bowled David Craig trying to reverse sweep and David Glen caught at long on by Olly off Wasa (can't keep him out of the game) the next over. 7 for 76 off 21 overs.

Weaver and John Jackson got our 'mojo' back until Weaver retired at 31* runs before his 30 balls (28 balls). Jackson and CCNSW debutant Tim Jones kept the scoreboard ticking until Jones retired not out with 18 runs from his 30 balls. Jed Wesley-Smith arrived to the crease and we thought we would need to use the defibrillator on Jackson with Jed's quick singles. Then that miracle man Wasa struck again with Jed caught at point by Neville. Emerson 8 for 113 off 31 overs.

Weaves returned to give Jackson support; however that man Wasa soon put paid to that with Jackson caught at first slip by Peter O'Reilly with a high floating top edge, chasing quick runs in the 33rd over. 9 for 117.

Tim Jones returned to support Weaves who together took us to a respectable score of 138 before the best fielder for both sides, Mel Lucas (subbing for Raga XI as one short), took an easy catch floated to him at square leg off Bede Mariadason with captain Sittampalam ("Raga") giving him some overs relief from keeping. I might add Mel Lucas cost us a few boundaries with his exceptional speed around the boundary for a 61 year old, much to Raga's delight. 10-138 off 37.5 overs.

Raga's XI Innings:

Needing only 3.5 an over we needed to bowl and field well to give Raga's men a shake. Especially, after his men gave a hiding in the last match in November 2023.

Jed Wesley-Smith let us off and kept it tight and was rewarded in his 4th over with the prize scalp of Peter O'Reilly via lbw for 6. David Glenn was reluctant to take the new ball but finally agreed to take the other end. After a maiden in his first over he secured the important wicket of Raga's talented Tamworth import Olly Taylor in unusual style. The first ball of his second over with a full toss that deflected off Olly's box and onto his stumps. Very unlucky for Olly but if the ball had not hit the stumps he may have well been out BBW!

Neville Emerson started watchfully like a pedestrian at a Ho Chi Minh city intersection as the bowling of Wesley-Smith and Glen bowling was tighter that a cyclists lycra. Both only conceded 8 and 9 runs respectively from their allotted 5 overs with Glen eventually trapping Emerson lbw for 2.

Geoff Orme looked in good touch scampering for singles like a tinder swiper. However on 19 a ball from Tim Jones seemed to take ages to get to him after it bounced and so he swung before the ball game to him and carried onto the stumps. Tim's first wicket for CCNSW…jubilation! 4 for 27 off 12 overs and things looking promising for the home side.

Raga was his usual swashbuckling self and dispatched his third ball for a boundary but also succumbed to newbie Tim for 8 also bowled trying hit the ball over the mid-wicket fence. Tim in disbelief to get a second wicket. Kesara De Costa was unlucky to be out run out without facing a ball (Diamond Duck) when Wasantha Hettiarachchi called for a quick single to Peter Rolls at mid-on who made a direct hit to keepers end with Kesara having his bat in the air over the line. Bede Mariadason took on Tim and received massive applause from his team with a mighty 6 on his fifth ball faced. But Tim got his revenge the following over trapping Bede lbw for 10. Tim looked like he was on more Ecstasy than at a Taylor Swift concert. 7 for 44 off 15 overs with Raga's men still close to the run rate but running out of wickets and short one batsman.

Wasa playing a classy innings with Simon Lyon who was more patient than a mid-wife waiting for the baby to appear. But Lyon retired for his 30 balls and Gowripalan entered who turned over the strike to Wasa in unselfish style. David Craig handed the gloves to Michael Weaver and bowled with more loop than a ferris wheel. Gowripalan played over the top of one of David Craig's bombs to be bowled for 4. 8 for 88 off 31 overs and only one wicket left. Still 9 overs left to get the required 51 runs. Fine running from Simon Lyon and Wasa was looking ominous. Only 28 needed with 4.3 overs to go and both batsmen more set than a jockey at the starting gate. Wasa in great touch scoring freely hit a beautiful straight drive off Peter' Rolls' bowling; however Peter got a finger tip to the ball which hit the stumps with Lyon backing up looking for the quick runs. Lyon run out for 22 and all out for 111, the famous Nelson !! *(Ed note: Simon Lyon later had to seek medical help that evening for dehydration and exhaustion; it was a very hot day!)*

An exciting finish and a sigh of relief from CCNSW that we got away with this tight game.

Another enjoyable chapter in this endearing social fixture. Good food by Raga and good company from all and a few bevvies to celebrate our fun participation.

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-138 (37.5 overs)

Won against

Raga XI: - 9-111 (35.4 overs)

CCNSW Batting (playing 11): - Peter Rolls (c) 8, Michael Carman 4, Mike Weaver 47, Frank Baliotis 6, Emmanuel Mouglalis 0, Mel Lucas 0, David Craig 20, David Glen 3, John Jackson 19, Tim Jones 21*, Jed Wesley-Smith 3.

FoWs CCNSW: - 1-9 (P. Rolls); 2-18 (M. Carman); 3-35 (F. Baliotis); 4-36 (E. Mouglalis); 5-41(M. Lucas); 6-70 (D. Craig); 7-76 (D. Glen); 8-113 (J. Wesley-Smith); 9-117(J. Jackson); 10-138 (M. Weaver)

Raga's XI Batting (playing 10 as one short that could not make it): Peter O'Reilly 6, Olly Taylor 1, Geoff Orme 19, Neville Emerson 2, Sittampalam Ragavan (c) 8, Bede Mariadason 10, Kesara De Costa 0, Wasantha Hettiarachchi 33*, Simon Lyon 22, Nadarajah Gowripalan 4.

FoWs: - 1-4 (O. Taylor), 2-14 (P. O'Reilly), 3-20 (N. Emerson), 4-27 (G. Orme), 5-38 (S. Ragavan), 6-40 (K. De Costa), 7-44 (B. Mariadason), 8-88 (N. Gowripalan), 9-111 (S. Lyon 22).

Raga's XI Bowling was: -: S. Ragavan 5-1-20-0, S. Lyon 4-1-18-2, N. Gowripalan 5-1-20-1, O. Taylor 5-0-18-2, W. Hettiarachchi 5-0-11-3, K. De Costa 5-1-6-0, N. Emerson 4-0-24-0, B. Mariadason 4.4-0-15-1.

Raga's XI Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - 2 to P. O'Reilly, 1 to W. Hettiarachchi, 1 to O. Taylor, N. Emerson, 1 to sub M. Lucas.

Run outs: - 1 to W. Hettiarachchi (direct hit).

The CCNSW Bowling was: - J. Wesley-Smith 5-0-8-1; D. Glen 5-2-9-2; M. Weaver 5-1-16-0; T. Jones 5-0-20-3; J. Jackson 5-0-25-0; M. Lucas 5-1-5-0; D. Craig 3-0-6-1; P. Rolls 2.4-0-16-0

The CCNSW Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Nil

Run outs: - 2 to P. Rolls (direct hits)

Shield presented to winners CCNSW by Raga.

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs MOLONGLO AT BRAD HADDIN OVAL, QUEANBEYAN ON SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

A beautiful day awaited CCNSW at Queanbeyan's premier ground right in the heart of the city. A reasonably big ground and an interesting pitch that had a small slope from right to left from the pavilion end.

All the troops arrived and the captain Tom Robertson won the toss and batted. Pitch looked a little scary so Tom sent in others to open the batting. Mike Weaver and Roman Hughes opened. Roman went second ball to a good catch by Les Jordan (Molonglo captain) at first slip.

That bought in a fresh Harry Bridge who is reserving himself for these big social games. 'Weaves' then tried to run out Harry but instead ran a two by himself after their keeper missed a massive chance (22m chance).

After that misunderstanding the lads went about business and scored at 5 an over, Harry hitting some clean balls. The captain of the day forgot to inform scorers of the retirement at 40 rule. When he did, Harry went off on 49* to the dismay of Harry!

The pitch was a bit tricky and it was a bit hard to get set. Sam Millar's mate David Sirr came out and looked promising until mistiming one. Club stalwart Paul Brandon came out and rotated the strike to Sam Millar who was slapping the ball around and scoring at a run a ball. The boundaries were super slow and boundary fours needed to be hit aerially. Sam retired on 40*. Then Josh Genner came out but looked like he was more used to synthetic wickets and not the low bounce of turf at Queanbeyan (he got bowled). Soren Hughes came out and he hit a few until Tom Robertson joined him and farmed the strike. Tom couldn't get going and was a real eyesore to watch. He ended up absorbing almost the last 3 overs and was lucky to get redemption by hitting 16 off the last over to take CCNSW to 4-192 o ther 40 overs. 'Sooz' however was not happy at spectating the last 4 overs. Best not to be on the wrong side of the big guy…

A cracking 'arvo' tea provided by Molonglo and we were out in the field.

CCNSW opened the bowling with Ming Heng and Roman Hughes. Both bowled well. Ming bowled a few unplayable balls but could not break through but Roman struck and got both openers. That lifted the side and the wickets tumbled. Tim Jones bowled his wobbly slow mediums and was cleaning up with the help of Josh Genner at square leg. Great to see blokes as enthusiastic as Tim. Loves the game and really enjoyed bowling. Josh bowled spin in tandem with Tim and got the crucial wicket of the opposing captain, well caught by a diving Mike Weaver. Brandon was sharp behind the stumps getting two stumpings. Soren Hughes and David Sirr came on and bowled well to some late resistance but the game was in the bag with Molonglo all out for 126.

Good win by CCNSW. Great to get 11 for this great Canberra trip away and I'm sure all enjoyed the cracking hospitality by Molonglo. A few beers and speeches followed what was a great day.

Thanks to Wal Hall for organising the day. Long may it continue!

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 21, Roman Hughes 0. Harry Bridge 49* ret not out, Paul Brandon (w) 22* ret not out, David Sirr 8, Sam Millar 40* ret not out, Joshua Heldarskard (aka Genner) 4, Soren Hughes 16*, Tom Robertson (c) 25*, Ming Heng dnb, Tim Jones dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 4-192 (40 Overs) (H. Bridge 49 *ret not out; S. Millar 40* ret not out)

Defeated

Molonglo CC: - 10-126 (33 Overs) (T. Jones 4-29)

By 66 runs

FoWs: - 1-0 (Roman Hughes); 2-73 (M. Weaver); 3-157 (D. Sirr); 4-189 (J. Genner).

The Bowling was: - Roman Hughes 5-1-19-2; M. Heng 6-1-18-0; T. Jones 7-0-29-4; J. Genner 5-0-26-2; Soren Hughes 4-1-6-1; D. Sirr 5-0-22-1; M. Weaver 1-1-0-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - 2 to P. Brandon

Catches: - 2 to J. Genner; one each to S. Millar and M. Weaver

Run outs: - Nil

SOCIAL GAME v VICTORIA BARRACKS XI FOR THE BARRACKERS' CUP AT VICTORIA BARRACKS OXFORD STREET ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2024 MATCH REPORT BY LUKE HOLMAN

The green at Victoria Barracks, with the sandstone barracks building (completed in 1846, clock and bell added 1856) in the background, looking a picture on a beautiful autumn afternoon. The picture above shows the view which the batting side has while watching the match.

(Editor's note) It was the Victoria Barracks player who in the 1850s, originally developed what became the SCG; they also claim that their soldier spectators who came from the Barracks and supported them are the originators of the

term “to barrack” as used in Australia. (This is disputed by etymologists who ascribe the term either to Melbourne or Ireland)

C.C.N.S.W. was invited by Cricket NSW to represent the civilian population of NSW v the Army at the SCG to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the SCG. Arising from that game C.C.N.S.W. and the Army jointly bought “The Barrackers’ Cup” which is kept in the Army Museum at Victoria Barracks and occasionally at the request of the C.C.N.S.W. Match Manager brought out on the day

The ball with which C.C.N.S.W. bowled in the150th anniversary game can be seen in the SCG Museum.

To quote from the Army web site

“Victoria Barracks is one of the best-known examples of military architecture in Australia. The Regency-style Victoria Barracks were designed by Lieutenant-Colonel George Barney, who also built Fort Denison and reconstructed Circular Quay. Most of barracks was constructed using locally quarried sandstone between 1841 and 1849. The barracks were occupied by British troops up until 1870 and then taken over by the New South Wales colonial forces. After the Federation in 1901, Victoria Barracks housed the various headquarters responsible for administering and co-coordinating the military. Between 1931 and 1936 the barracks was home to the Royal Military College of Australia and from July 1938 to July 1940 it also housed the Command and Staff School. Today, Victoria Barracks is home to the Headquarters of Forces Command. The Barracks are widely considered to be one of the best examples of a military barracks in the world”

Famous fact: the regency-styled Victoria Barracks in Paddington was built by convicts between 1841-1846. It’s a significant heritage site and home to the headquarters of Forces Command. Hidden amongst the original sandstone buildings is a lush quadrangle oval with 3 grassy strips in the centre square. It’s as close as you get to playing colonial cricket in the modern era.

With warmish weather (32º+ degrees) the opposition arrived in their uniforms with patches revealing a very special set of skills; combat, artillery, ordnance, and most holding senior officer ranks. They were a fit looking squad, what you’d expect from serving ADF members.

The toss was supervised by CCNSW’s very own elite umpire Jed ‘The Finger’ Wesley-Smith, and we suspect Tom Robertson (CCNSW spiritual leader) let the Army’s Major-General skipper choose the strategic imperative for the 30 over format. Army to bat first.

The green deck was lively early on, as was the hard charging spell from Sherville (“Wes”) Hall and Ed Robertson. Hall seamed a perfect length delivery in his first over to knock over McQuirty, on his way to an impressive 4-2-3-1, while Ed Robertson steamed in with venom and without luck for 5-0-11-1. A double bowling change introduced Shane Peterson and Mitch Sturt into the attack with immediate success. Shane bowled tight lines for a very respectable 5-1-12-1 and Mitch went bang-bang picking up 3-0-4-2, with John Finucane comfortably agile behind the pegs taking every chance offered.

Quick score check. Alpha Charlie for Army at 4-19 after 11 overs, and in a bit of strife early on.

Enter the spinners on a hardball turner. Adam Khamis and Luke Holman applied some target discrimination to pick up 4 scalps in combo. Adam bamboozled the Army’s senior ranks collecting 4-1-14-1, and Luke flighted his way to 4-0-27-2 including a sharp piece of fielding running-out the well-set Haskins well out of his ground. When their spell finished Army were in all sorts at 8-81 in the 25th over.

Only 3 more overs were needed to wrap up the Army tail, Emanuel Mouglalis with 2-0-11-0, Ben Scott taking a cheap scalp 1-0-5-1 and Ed Robertson rear guarding the innings and picking up the final wicket of Kirkwood.

Army all out for 91 in 28 overs. CCNSW needing a sliver more than 3 per over to chase down the total.

Emanuel Mouglalis and debutant Ben Scott marched out to the middle and patiently took their time against the Army’s opening bowling pair. Emanuel (1) missed one, straight enough for Jed ’The Finger’ to

send him back. When Tom Robertson joined Scott in the centre they plundered anything short and wide. Tom (30* retired not out) from his tradecraft offside bullish stroke play and Ben Scott (20* retired noy out) joined him in the sheds shortly after. Mitch Sturt (3) didn't stay long and the run chase reached 2-70 in the 15th over. After drinks Ed Robertson (23* retired not out) and Josh Heldarskard (17*) gave the Army more misery quickly passing the target total. When Adam Khamis (0) departed for a first ball quack, CCNSW's innings concluded at 3-109 in 20 overs: a real demolition job by CCNSW.

The after-match highlight was an invitation into the Officer's mess for a debriefing (also known as a mission interrogation), where we enjoyed a few cold beers and some tall tales with the Officers who were absolute gentlemen. Great game in a scenic setting; a perfect Thursday afternoon.

The Team was: - Ben Scott 20* ret not out, Emmanuel Mouglalis 1, Tom Robertson.(c) 30*, Mitch Sturt 3, Joshua Heldarskard 17* Edward Robertson 23* ret not out, Adam Khamis 0, John Finucane (w) dnb, Luke Holman dnb, Shane Peterson dnb, Sherville Hall dnb,

The Result was: -

Victoria Barracks XI: -10-91 (28 Overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 3-109 (20.3 Overs) (Tom Robertson 30*)

By 7 wickets

FoWs: - 1-5 (E. Mouglalis), 2-68 (M. Sturt), 3-108 (A. Khamis)

The Bowling was: - S. Hall 4-1-3-1; Edward Robertson 5-0-11-1; S. Peterson 5-0-12-1; M. Sturt 3-0-4-2; A. Khamis 4-1-14-1; L. Holman 4-0-27-2; E. Mouglalis 2-0-11-0; B. Scott 1-0-5-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to J. Finucane (w); one to each of Joshua Heldarskard, L. Holman, S. Peterson, B. Scott, one anonymous

Run outs: - One to Luke Holman

Barrackers Cup –games v CCNSW and Army (Victoria Barracks)

(Editor's Note: The cup has currently been mislaid by the Army)

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs NSW POLICE T20 - MORNING GAME AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

The Team was (playing 10): - Soren Hughes (c) 20, Joshua Heldarskard (aka Genner) 26, Edward Robertson 24, Tom Robertson 0, Emmanuel Mouglalis 1, Mitch Sturt 13, Joe Scarcella 7* ,David Craig 6, Tom Reaney 1*, Tim Jones dnb [Absent: Alex Cumming and Sherville Hall]

The Result was: -

NSW Police XI: - 7-168 (20 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-114 (20 Overs)

By 54 runs

FoWs: - No details given

The Bowling was: - Edward Robertson 4-0-34-0; T. Reaney 2-0-13-0; S. Hughes 2-0-17-0; J. Heldarskard 3-0-28-1, M. Sturt 3-0-33-2; D. Craig 4-0-34-1; T. Jones 2-0-15-2

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of S. Hughes, Ed Robertson and M. Sturt; one to sub

Run outs: - One to Ed Robertson

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs NSW POLICE T20- AFTERNOON GAME AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY SOREN HUGHES

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 33, Jhie Cushan (w) 33, George Bentley 26, Joshua Heldarskard (aka Genner) 41* ret not out, Soren Hughes (c) 10, Tim Jones 5, Tom Reaney 1, Mitch Sturt 1, Ed Robertson 12*, Joe Scarcella 2*, Emmanuel Mouglalis dnb and David Craig dnb,

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-184 (20 Overs) (J. Heldarskard 41* ret not out)

Lost to

NSW Police XI: - 5-185 (19.1 Overs)

By 5 wickets

FoWs: - No details recorded

The Bowling was: - J. Scarcella 1-0-13-0; G. Bentley 4-0-34-0; T. Reaney 1-0-21-0; M. Sturt 2-0-26-0; Ed Robertson 2.1-0-17-0; D. Craig 2-0-18-0; S. Hughes 4-0-25-2; T. Jones 2-0-21-2; J. Heldarskard 1-0-6-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to J. Cushan

Catches: - One to Ed Robertson and one to M. Sturt

Run outs: - One to Ed Robertson

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs THE XXIX CLUB (MCG) AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS

One of the highlights of the social calendar is the annual match against our friends from the XXIXers, the social arm of the Melbourne Cricket Club. Indeed I have been reliably informed the match was first played in 1973; this was the 32nd match between the two clubs.

The Victorians had not been to Sydney since January 2018 as the previous "Sydney" fixture was played at Bradman Oval, Bowral, December 2019 which resulted in a famous victory for the Club. Of course a certain pandemic then got in the way until March 2023 when we played at their ground the Albert, in Melbourne.

This year's fixture was a close fought affair. Offering the opposition the choice, the XXIXers batted on a "up and down" Camperdown strip with the outfield fast from a fresh mow that morning.

Ed Robertson (2-21) was difficult to face with his lively pace and occasional steep bounce. He was ably supported by the medium pace of Soren Hughes (0-28) and Jamie Murtha (1-12). David Craig's leg pin (3-19) was introduced with immediate effect and he too was well supported by Garry James off-spin (1-33) and Luke Holman (1-7). At the end of 35 overs their total of 8-144 was a good result for us, helped by excellent catching and fielding.

We got off to a good start with Tom Robertson (51*) the back bone of our chase. Your writer and captain then made the decision to retire Tom not out at the 18 over drinks break (1-69) and give others a go. Well that was a decision to reflect on as the introduction of the XXIX leg spinner Callum Cook 2 overs later saw the club lose 4 wickets without a run added! Garry James followed soon after to have us 6/89 from 26 overs.

Watching the carnage was a calm and determined Soren Hughes (31) who set about rebuilding the chase with help from David Craig (14).They took us to 116 after 31 overs at which point Soren accelerated leaving 15 to get from the final over. The first ball went for 6 as Soren smashed the lead bowler Calum O'Neill way over the pavilion…9 from 5…game on!

1 from the next saw John Finucane on strike who tried to get Soren back on strike only to see the wicket keeper throw the stumps down. In coming retiree Tom Robertson needed 8 from the last 2 balls which proved too difficult in the face of some fine close out bowling.

A great and tightly fought encounter that went down to the wire.

David Craig was voted Man of the Match by Mark Butler XXIX captain. Callum Cook was their equivalent. We then moved to the Rocks district in the city to the rooftop bar at the Glenmore Hotel where we hosted our guests in fine fashion on a balmy Sydney night. Our guests had a great time as did we even though we came second.

We return to Melbourne next season to the Albert ground and I hope you all make an effort to play in this wonderful fixture.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 51*, Mike Pinter 1 , Peter Rolls 19, James Murtha 4, Ed Robertson 0, Soren Hughes 31, Greg Brooks (c) 0, Garry James 5, David Craig 14, Luke Holman 3, John Finucane (w) 0*

The Result was: -

XXIX Club: - 8-144 (35 Overs) (D. Craig 3-19)

Defeated

CCNSW: - 9-137 (35 Overs) (T. Robertson 51*)

By 7 runs

FoWs: - 1-35 (M. Pinter), 2-78 (P. Rolls), 3-78 (Edward Robertson), 4-78 (J. Murtha), 5-78 (G. Brooks), 6-87 (G. James), 7-115 (D. Craig), 8-125 (L. Holman); 9-137 (Soren Hughes)

The Bowling was: - Edward Robertson 5-2-21-2; Soren Hughes 6-0-28-0 ; D. Craig 7-2-19-3; G. James 5-0-33-1 ; G. Brooks 2-0-17-0; J. Murtha 7-3-12-1; L. Holman 3-0-7-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to J. Finucane

Catches: - Two to J. Finucane (w); one to G. Brooks and one to M. Pinter

Run outs: - Nil

SOCIAL GAME: CCNSW vs VICTOR TRUMPER XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024: REPORT BY PETER ROLLS

A beautiful day greeted our inaugural match with the Victor Trumper XI. Some rain earlier in the week made the wicket a tad moist but still firm. So Captain Peter Rolls won the toss and elected to bat. Not a good idea as it turned out, with the bounce variable. Also they had some seriously quick youngsters. Both sides had a mix of ages but the VT XI's average age was estimated at around 30yo and CCNSW average around 50yo.

Well done to Mike Pinter for organizing the match and the team but then unfortunately had to miss it after securing a place in the finals of a Masters Tennis tournament in Gosford….a man of many sporting talents.

Also thanks to the five last minute fill-ins CCNSW players Mick Weaver, Mitch Sturt, Glyn Singleton, Luke Holman and Shane Peterson for the VT XI. The VT XI had lost players urgently seconded to competition finals matches.

Rules for batters were retire at 30 balls or 30 runs whichever came first and a maximum of 5 overs per bowler. Test match rules for wides. 35 overs per side.

Gerald O'Shea and Karthick Subramanian navigated well the first five overs from their quicks, Chris Weller (VT XI captain) and an 18yo until Karthick had a short ball rise on him that popped up back to the youngster. 1-22 off 6 overs.

John Finucane tried valiantly to speed things up, charging their leggie only to be stumped. 2-29 off 13 overs. Emmanuel Mouglalis's eyes lit up when he saw a "Floater" from their charismatic offie "Buckets" and was bowled the next over. David Glen suffered the same fate to the "Floater" but this time, was caught at deep mid-on. 4-44 off 18 overs. Ed Cross took charge with a six off his third ball faced and looked in good touch. Gerry O'Shea retired after his staunch 30 balls for 11 runs. Peter Rolls came in and went swiftly as another victim of "Buckets" "Floater" caught at mid wicket. 5-54 off 20 overs.

Mick Tarrant then tried to take charge with a four off his first ball but then Ed Cross was trapped lbw soon after and Sherville ("Wes") Hall three balls later caught behind. Joe Scarcella was run out in farcical fashion: he received a "Floater" from Buckets above waist high; the umpire called the no ball and a free hit for the next ball. Joe smashes the free hit ball straight along the ground to Mick Weaver at mid-on who picks up cleanly and throws down the stumps from 10 metres away with Joe easily run out. Joe walking off, mumbled several times to himself *"Why did I run*" with no real answer coming and no compassion

from his team mates or the opposition. “Buckets” claiming he has never before witnessed such an event. 8 for 59 off 22 overs.

Mick Tarrant and Tim Jones steadied the ship, running feverishly until Tim was trapped lbw. 9 for 77 off 27 overs. Gerry O’Shea recycled and he and Mick put on another six runs before Mick tried to pull the first ball off a new bowler that popped on him to take the top edge to be caught and bowled. All out for 83 in 28 overs.

The VT XI sent their young guns into open against our veteran guns. They were cautious to start against Mick Tarrant who had them play and miss but they still managed a few boundaries early. Joe Scarcella after 10 off his first over, tied them down and in his third over one of the young guns decided to charge him and missed the ball by a country mile as the ball went through to keeper John. His non striker mate called him a “Goose” for such a wayward shot. Listening to his mate, the next shot was a defensive push but no luck as the ball shot along the ground to bowl him for 21. Justice for Joe who took great delight after the game reminding him of his mate’s comment. 1-29 off 6 overs.

“Wes” Hall replaced Mick and struck in his first over with Joe Scarcella taking a good catch low down at deep mid-on to dismiss the other young gun opener for 21. 2-46 off 11 overs. Then in his second over “Wes” took out their number 3 lbw and number 5 skipper Chris Weller bowled for a duck off 2 balls. 4-47 off 13 overs. With Mick Weaver having come in at number 4, we thought we were a chance of running through them like Epsom salts. Tim Jones replaced Joe and must have had a black cat cross his path as Mick Weaver was dropped three times off his bowling. All difficult chances and Mick Weaver thrived on the banter that ensued.

David Glen replaced Tim Jones and in his first over got the final say in the banter with Mick caught by Ed Cross for 10 on the fence at cow corner. A very well judged grab off the only ball Mick hit out of the middle of his bat that he thought for certain would have gone for six over the pavilion. Lucky for us we were playing on the far wicket. However the far wicket suited their number 6, Mitch Sturt who came in and took an instant liking to Ed Cross (replacing Wes) in his first over taking 11 off it and dispatched one ball to the top of a fig tree with the ball landing right next to some spectators at a picnic table. 5-79 off 19 overs and ready for the fat lady to sing. Chris’ brother, Sam Weller came in after Mick Weaver’s dismissal and Mitch Sturt retired on 23* for Glyn to come in and they finished us off in the 22nd over.

The good humoured banter continued at the after game speeches as team shields were exchanged. A fixture that is sure to repeat next season. Chris Weller guaranteed us he will make sure he gets a full team next year. Although we did have extra fun badgering the five fill-in CCNSW players in his team.

The Team was: - Gerald O’Shea 15*; Karthick Subramanian 12, John Finucane (w) 3, Emmanuel Mouglalis 0, David Glen 0, Ed Cross 22, Peter Rolls (c) 3, Mick Tarrant 17, Sherville Hall 0, Joe Scarcella 0 and Tim Jones 3

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-83 (28.1 Overs)

Lost to

Victor Trumper XI: - 5-84 (21.5 Overs) (S. Hall 3-13)

By 5 wickets

FoWs: - 1-22 (K. Subramanian), 2-29 (J. Finucane), 3-29 (M. Mouglalis), 4-44 (D. Glen), 5-54 (P. Rolls), 6-58 (E. Cross), 7- 58 (S. Hall), 8-59 (J. Scarcella); 9-77 (T. Jones), 10-83 (M. Tarrant).

The Bowling was: - M. Tarrant 5-0-22-0; J. Scarcella 5-0-19-1; S. Hall 4-0-13-3; T. Jones 4-1-14-0; E. Cross 2-1-11-0; D. Glen 1.5-1-5-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of E. Cross and J. Scarcella

Run outs: - Nil