CCNSW MASTERS MATCH REPORTS 2024-2025 SEASON

WEEK TWO: SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 1 v HAWKESBURY AT BENSONS LANE, RICHMOND ON SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024: REPORT BY SCOTT WELLS

First up this season, the CCNSW Masters had a (very) away game out at the lovely Bensons Lane at Richmond vs Hawks Masters

The team consisted of familiar faces including youngster Soren Hughes in his second season for the team. One notable absentee was Tom Robertson who is still recovering from his Red Bull attempt at aerial gymnastics whilst riding a bicycle whilst (still) unlicensed.

With some rain in the lead up, the locals did a great job of getting the covers sorted when needed to produce a good looking strip with a softish top. Next door to our game they had both 4th grade and 1st grade T20 grade competitions Hawks vs Sydney on Oval # 1.

Hawks won the toss and elected to bat first. Mick Tarrant was licking his lips with the new ball on a dampish wicket in overcast conditions and an off season where he ran more kms. than Forrest Gump and feeling his fittest for preseason in recent memory. Ben Stanic also was as ever keen to rip in from the other end.

It didn't take Mick long to settle into a great line going away from the batters but it was Ben with a dipping full toss who fooled the batter into knocking it straight back to him to open the account at 1-1. Both openers toiled against the dangerous Kropman who smashed two (slightly) lofted off drives to Wells who duly shelled both – one bruised foot and one bruised hand. But Mick soon had him caught in the cordon by Paul Nash – 2-22. This bought Talbot to the crease who was very soon sent back lbw to Tarrant. 3-30

After Ben suffered from shin splints 4 overs in, Scott Williams took up the attack from the magpie end. Named after the local magpie who started swooping fielders in the warm up and anybody who dared venture outside of the circle – absolutely relentless and extremely hilarious. Runs were hard to come by and soon Williams had Worland caught at mid off by Wells (1 for 3). After a sensation opening spell of his allotted 8 overs by Tarrant (2 for 16), the skipper Andrew Dadswell came onto bowl. Two more wickets – one each – got the score to 6-64. This one wicket ten runs pattern turned out to be quite a familiar one throughout the game. Dadswell (3 for 26) picked up another two wickets bowled and neatly stumped – 7-73 and 8-80.

A double change of Soren Hughes and Luke Holman was made to try to break the best partnership of the innings (23 runs). Soren ended up bagging two cheap scalps and finishing with 2 for 4 off 2 overs ending the innings on 110 runs. This looked to be a very gettable total. Especially with the fielders now dealing with three magpies bombing anyone who was near the ground, Word must have got out amongst the local Corvidae that there was easy slow fodder to smash at Bensons Lane. The call of "incoming" followed by laughter even as the bowler was running in, was quite a common occurrence. Even the slips fielders were not safe. With the nearest significant tree 1km away and nobody carrying any inspects , worms or larvae, their presence made no sense other than them having a laugh at our expense.

Wikipedia advises - While some cultures view a magpie as a bad omen, others see them as a sign of good luck and heralding good fortune. As with most superstitions, there is a little bit of truth hidden in these stories, but these are more related to the "fear of the unknown" than the birds themselves. Who would have the good and who would have the bad – remained to be seen.

A new look batting lineup with Wells and Nash commenced proceedings for CCNSW. A solid start of 18 was made until Nash was trapped in front by the opening bowler for 9. Both bowlers had really settled in and were getting significant movement off the pitch and in the air. We seemed to have broken the ten runs one wicket hoodoo. Dan Turner had other thoughts flashing at his first ball – caught behind 2-18. This bought Jason Kenn into bat at 4 – fresh from his o40s NSW selection and keen to show his worth.

Another 10 run partnership ensued when he too was trapped LBW – 3-28. In strode big Soren Hughes. Hoping the twins could put on a decent stand he promptly dispatch one to long off – signature off the mark move there. After a promising start he was fooled by a slower straight one from the opener and played over the top of it for 11 – clean bowled – 4-43. Scott Williams replaced Soren with a quick fire 7 before he too was bowled looking to take out one of the magpies mid-flight – 5-51.

CCNSW really needed a partnership to take the game away from Hawks but two other wickets fell: Rob Lawther for 2 and Dadswell stumped for a duck (Both C and VC not worrying the scorers). 6 – 56 and 7 – 68. Wells and Tarrant knuckled down for another 10 run partnership before Wells tried to pull a shorter ball that kept low – LBW for 27. 8 for 79 leaving Tarrant, Luke Holman and Ben Stanic to get the remaining 30 runs. Basic mathematicians following the pattern of the game would tell you that was beyond a likely possibility. They were correct – all out for 87 (unlucky) in the 32nd over.

The Team was: - Scott Wells 27, Paul Nash 9, Dan Turner 0, Jason Kenn 6, Soren Hughes 11, Scott Williams 7, Rob Lawther (w) 2, Andrew Dadswell (c) 0, Mike Tarrant 11*, Luke Holman 2 and Ben Stanic 1

The Result was: -

Hawkesbury CC: - 10-110 (32 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-87 (32.3 Overs) (S. Wells 27)

By 23 runs

FoW: - 1-18 (P. Nash); 2-18 (D. Turner); 3-28 (J. Kenn); 4-43 (S. Hughes); 5-51 (S. Williams); 6-56 (R. Lawther); 7-68 (A. Dadswell); 8-79 (S. Wells); 9-84 (L. Holman); 10-87 (B. Stanic).

The Bowling was: - M. Tarrant 8-2-16-2; B. Stanic 4-0-11-1; S. Williams 6-1-20-2; A. Dadswell 6-1-26-3; L. Holman 5-1-24-0; S. Hughes 2-0-4-2; S. Wells 1-0-3-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to R. Lawther

Catches: - One to R Lawther (w); 2 to S. Wells and one each to A. Dadswell, J. Kenn, P. Nash, and B. Stanic.

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 4 points to **;** 3 points to ; 2 points to ; one point to

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WEEK FIVE: SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 2 v NORTH WEST SYDNEY HURRICANES AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024: REPORT BY ASH PERROTT

The CCNSW Masters rolled up to a slightly windy Camperdown Oval on Sunday 20th Oct to take on the NWS Hurricanes in their first home game of the season. After winning the toss, skipper Andrew Dadswell decided to bowl to get the most out of whatever was left in the wicket after the prior day's grade game, and test out the Hurricanes' batters. Ben Stanic and Mick Tarrant opened the bowling and immediately hit good areas. It wasn't long before the first wicket fell to Tarrant in the sixth over, the batter gone for a duck – the first of many that would happen on the day! With the short side to the hill presenting a juicy option for batters, a few cracking cover drives kept the scoring flowing and at the ten over mark the Hurricanes were 1-41 and tracking well. But things were about to change rapidly. Dadswell trapped their free scoring opener in front in the eleventh over with the score on 48. The next four overs went for 3 runs with Dadswell and Masters debutant Bram Tulloch keeping things tight. Tulloch then picked up two in two balls to be on a hat trick, and the runs dried up completely. NWS Hurricanes went to drinks at just 4-55, having scored just 14 runs in the prior ten overs from some very accurate bowling and excellent pressure in the field. That pressure in the field soon paid off with Wells executing a great run out straight after drinks at the bowlers end, with the help of the bowler, Dadswell, – though given that guy had scored 1 run and been in for 10 overs, maybe he should have left him in there! The runs began to flow a little better from that point with the Hurricanes captain dispatching anything short to the boundary, but his run out off some excellent work by Ben Stanic back to the keeper Rob Lawther with the score on the unlucky 87 had them under pressure again. Shane Peterson was brought into the attack and while just missing a hat trick, nabbed 3 wickets in his fourth over, hitting the stumps twice, and NWS Hurricanes were in all sorts of bother at 9-107 after twenty nine overs. The Cricketers' lads were salivating at the prospects of an early tea, and even earlier post match beers, while of course still telling the family that the game ended at 6pm when they eventually got home! Alas, it was not to be as the NWS Hurricanes number 11 showed more ability than many above him and partnered with the number 7 in a smart batting display with (mostly) good running between the wickets and a few boundaries thrown in, to put on an unbeaten 58 run stand, taking it all the way to the end of the overs with a semi competitive 9-165 on the board. Highlights of the bowling were Mick Tarrant with 1-23 off his 8, Andrew Dadswell with 1-13 off 6, Bram Tulloch with 2-20 off 7 and Shane Peterson with 3-48 from his 8.

Cricketers' Club felt very confident that 4 an over was very gettable, especially with a very short boundary, and even more so when an NWS player was overheard asking their captain as they prepared to take the field whether they have enough bowlers, and was answered with the word *'just'*. In a sign of dismissal and umpiring to come, Wells was trapped in front early to put a small (no pun intended, Scot) shiver through the team, but an excellent partnership between Rob Lawther and Paul Nash settled all the nerves, with Lawther retiring not out for a well made 41* which included six fours. Jason Kenn joined Nash but proceeded to run himself out shortly after (Nash getting the benefit of the doubt on that one). However Nash then fell shortly after for 22, Ash Perrott then became another lbw victim, and from 1-64 we were suddenly 4-73 after sixteen overs. Run rate was not a problem, but wickets were a bit unsettling. A bit like the cold wind ripping across Camperdown which sent spectators to the sheds searching for jumpers. Never fear, Dan Turner and Tulloch were here! A solid partnership ensued with Tulloch soon retiring on 40* after 5 fours and a six, while Turner was rotating the strike masterfully at the other end. Dadswell replaced Tulloch and became the third lbw of the innings; admittedly he was a good three metres or so down the wicket so it was clearly plumb, especially if we ignore the part of it hitting his bat as well. But at 5-132, victory was in sight. A minor hiccup occurred when Turner fell for a well made 31 after skying one with the score on 147, but Tarrant and Peterson saw our Masters side

comfortably home at 6-169 with almost five overs to spare. A solid win and all round performance to make the beers taste good at the end of the day.

The Team was: - Scott Wells (w) 0, Rob Lawther 41* ret not out, Paul Nash 22, Jason Kenn 0, Dan Turner 31, Ash Perrott 0 , Bram Tulloch 40* ret not out, Andrew Dadswell (c) 0, Mike Tarrant 9*, Shane Peterson 13* and Ben Stanic dnb

The Result was: -

Hurricanes CC: - 9-165 (40 Overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-169 (35.1 Overs) (R. Lawther 41*; B. Tulloch 40*)

By 4 wickets.

FoW: - 1-9 (S. Wells); 2-64 (J. Kenn); 3-73 (P. Nash); 4-73 (A. Perrott); 5-132 (A. Dadswell); 6-147 (D. Turner).

The Bowling was: - B. Stanic 8-0-37-0; M. Tarrant 8-0-23-1; A. Dadswell 6-3-13-1; B. Tulloch 7-3-20-2; S. Peterson 8-0-48-3, D. Turner 2-0-12-0; J. Kenn 1-0-6-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of J. Kenn, P. Nash and A. Perrott

Run outs: - One to B. Stanic and on to S. Wells

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 4 points to R. Lawther**;** 3 points to B. Tulloch; 2 points to NWSH; one point to NWSH

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WEEK SEVEN : SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 3 v MOUNTIES v AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024: REPORT BY JASON KENN

I'll keep this short, because our performance doesn't deserved to written about with only 4 batters reaching double figures and 5 ducks.

The highlight of the match against Mounties was the contribution by Bram Tulloch with bat and ball, scoring 33 and just missing out on a 5 wicket haul. As a team we need to regroup and look forward to establishing consistency with the bat.

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 26, Rob Lawther 10, Dan Turner 11, Jason Kenn 0, Andrew Dawson 3 , Bram Tulloch 33, Craig Kitson 0, Andrew Dadswell (c) 0, David Abreu 0, Shane Peterson 0, Ben Stanic 3*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-100 (29 Overs) (B. Tulloch 33)

Lost to

Mounties CC: - 6-101 (24.3 Overs) (B. Tulloch 4-23)

By 4 wickets.

FoW: - 1-35 (R. Lawther); 2-49 (M. Weaver); 3-49 (J. Kenn); 4-61 (A. Dawson); 5-68 (D. Turner); 6-68 (C. Kitson); 7-72 (A. Dadswell); 8-87 (D. Abreu); 9-87 (S. Peterson); 10-100 (B. Tulloch)

The Bowling was: - B. Stanic 5-0-15-1; S. Peterson 5-0-21-1; D. Abreu 3-0-17-0; B. Tulloch 7-1-23-4; C. Kitson 2-0-14-0; A. Dadswell 3-0-9-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to R. Lawther (w); one each to A. Dawson and B. Tulloch

Run outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): - 4 points to**;** 3 points to; 2 points to; one point to

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WEEK NINE : SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 4 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024: REPORT BY LUKE HOLMAN

Welcome to Camperdown: CCNSW's sacred turf. It's a Sunday, 25 degrees, a pitch flatter than a pancake, and a lineup of middle-aged blokes shaking off their Sunday morning aches – perfect conditions for a Masters cricket showdown.

The Toss: A Strong Start for Old Iggies

Captain Dan Turner (aka Captain Fantastic) lost the toss, classic skipper behaviour, and Old Ignatians elected to bat first. A confident call on a deck that was hard, flat, dry, and stripped of grass like a cricketing highway.

Enter Ben Stanic, steaming in from the pavilion end like he'd just chugged three Red Bulls. First ball, boom – plumb lbw. Grimes gone, Umpire Prashant raises the finger like he's signaling last orders at the bar. But that's where the early party ended. Despite Scott Williams charging in from the café end with the intensity of a man who'd rather be anywhere but fine leg, their No.3 bat and the remaining opener went full Bazzball, sending balls to all corners and making our opening bowlers look like extras in a cricketing romcom montage.

With Old Ignatians **1-55** after 10 overs, CCNSW was reminded that 'Masters cricket' doesn't come with a free pass to easy wickets. Enter Jason Kenn (precision personified) and Craig Kitson (tweaks like a magician). They turned the tide faster than you can say, '*What's the fielding ring for again?'* Kitson clipped the top of off to remove the lethal Erikkson, while Jason delivered a classic 'caught Wells, bowled Kenn' dismissal to send Maeonnachie packing. Game on!

With drinks just around the corner, a masterstroke saw Luke Holman revealed, his devilish above-the-eyeline top spinners immediately dismantling Garling's scoring ambitions. Old Ignatians stumbled into the drinks break at **4-91**.

The game teetered on a knife's edge

Post-drinks, Holman lured Bassingthwaite into a textbook cow-corner heave, with Kenn calmly snaffling a sharp catch on the boundary. Captain Fantastic then shuffled the deck, bringing on Dave Abreu and Valmik Ahire to tighten the screws with some stump-to-stump pressure. But OI's Mason and Frawley had other ideas, making the most of the waning pitch to push the scoring rate along. At **5-148** with 10 overs remaining (plus one retirement in the sheds), the game hung delicately in the balance, ready to tip either way.

With the game on a knife's edge, Captain Fantastic called back the trusty trio of Williams, Kenn and Kitson, for their second spells, sprinkling in a token over from himself for good measure. The result? A Clean Up. Five wickets tumbled for just 46 runs, as CCNSW wrapped up the innings in the 39th over, dismissing Old Ignatians for **10-194**. Jason Kenn and Craig Kitson snagging three each, proving age is just a number when you bowl smart. While Ben Stanic and Luke Holman collected two apiece. Game well and truly alive.

Special mention to Captain Fantastic's tea prep: freshly made chicken rolls wrapped in foil. Roast chooks raised on mountain air? Elite fare. Move aside, Jamie Oliver

The Chase: Sledges, Stamina, and Lots of Singles

A target of **195**. Very doable. But just as the boys padded up, the wind picked up, clouds loomed, and Sydney's weather decided it might play third umpire. Openers Michael Weaver and Scott Wells ventured out to the middle, greeted by sledges about Weaves' shoes and technique (classic Masters banter). They dug in. At 10 overs, CCNSW was **0-34**, Grinding the opposition into the dirt like a pair on a relentless mission.

'Weaves' eventually fell for 26 (47 balls), giving Umpire Prashant his third lbw finger-flex of the day. Then came Paul Nash, full of intent but sans staying power – bowled for 3 (13 balls). and Captain Fantastic entered the middle to build on the foundation with one's, two's, and the odd boundary, partnering with Wells for a very respectable drinks score of **2-80**.

When Wells retired, Kenn stepped in to take over entertainment duties, delighting the small crowd on the hill with some exquisite stroke play that had them on the edge of their towels. Cue the retirement parade: Wells 43* (44 balls), Kenn 41* (38 balls), and Captain Fantastic 41* (50 balls), a master class of ones, twos, the odd boundary and two maximums. At the 33rd over CCNSW needed 24 runs from 7 overs (that's 42 balls in the metric system) with plenty of wickets in the shed.

The Finish: Drama-Free Victory (Almost)

This is usually the moment when someone decides it's their time to shine, or spectacularly implode. In classic Masters style, the finish had a bit of both. Scott Williams managed a (2 ball) 0, Valmik Ahire added a patient 4 (10 balls), Luke Holman fell lbw for 3 (8 balls) attempting to clip one through mid-wicket, and Ben Stanic chipped in with a quick 0 (2 balls), all imagining their heroic final-over highlights. But it was Kitson, mature and composed with 11* (13 balls) who sealed the deal, along with Dave Abreu smashing a boundary from his only ball to chase down the 195 target in the 38th over, delivering CCNSW a classic Masters victory at home.

Final Thoughts

A team win in every sense: wickets shared, runs retired, and sledges survived. Masters cricket was the real winner, but the chicken rolls came close.

The Team was : – Michael Weaver 26 (47 balls), Scott Wells (w) 43* ret not out (44 balls), Paul Nash 3 (13 balls), Dan Turner (c) 41* ret not out (50 balls), Jason Kenn 41* ret not out (38 balls), Craig Kitson 11* not out (13 balls), Scott Williams 0 (2 balls), Valmik Ahire 4 (10 balls), Luke Holman 3 (8 balls), Ben Stanic 0 (2 balls), Dave Abreu 4* not out

The Result was: –

Old Ignatians CC: – 10-194 (38.3 Overs) (J. Kenn 3-21, C. Kitson 3-32)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: – 6-197 (38.3 Overs) (S. Wells 43*, D. Turner 41*, J. Kenn 41*)

By 4 wickets

FoW: – 1-62 (M. Weaver); 2-76 (P. Nash); 3-173 (S. Williams); 4-180 (V. Ahire); 5-188 (L. Holman); 6-188 (B. Stanic).

The Bowling was: – B. Stanic 5.3-1-27-2; S. Williams 7-0-43-0; J. Kenn 8-0-21-3; C. Kitson 6-0-32-3; D. Abreu 5-1-17-0; L. Holman 3-0-18-2; V. Ahire 3-0-21-0; D. Turner 1-0-8-0.

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil
Catches: – S. Wells (w) 2; S. Williams 1, J. Kenn 1, D. Turner 1.
Run outs: – Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): – 4 points to**;** 3 points to; 2 points to; one point to

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WEEK FOURTEEN : SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 5 v SCHOFILEDS AT ALWYN RESERVE, GLENWOOD ON SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024: REPORT BY DAN TURNER

WARNING : This match report contains descriptions of events that you can't make up. As painful as it is, I have endeavored to spend sufficient time describing them so they go down on record as actually happening.

A hell of a lot of rain in the lead up led to two late ground changes for this fixture, and we settled at the last minute at Glenwood. Our away form had been a non event for this Masters team so far this season, often resembling a completely different side than that at Camperdown.

We all made it to the ground (well, almost all made it) and Skipper Andrew Dadswell "Tex") won the toss and chose to bat on this Astroturf wicket. The question has to be asked if Tex was aware of the fact one M.

Weaver (opening bat) was still yet to fulfill his communication protocol by letting us know where he actually was.

Getting close to the start of our innings, batting order reshuffle for 'Weaves' completed, and Scott Wells and Michael Carman (Masters debut) opened up. Carman got a good one early and nicked it, with a good catch by first slip moving down to his left, 1-1.

Jason Kenn was promoted to No.3, fresh from his debut in the O40s Nationals for NSW held in Perth. He wanted to get on top early but slapped a drive coming down the wicket and was caught to a good catch at mid off, 2-6.

Scott Wells was joined by Dan Turner and the pair were running a lot of twos and singles as boundaries were proving very difficult with the slow grass and long boundaries. Scott in particular was punishing. Dan was struggling to get much away and the scoring rate suffered. At drinks we were 2-59, not a score we would be happy with on other grounds in a normal situation but this was a hard slog.

The drinks break saw Dan and Scott meet Weaves for the first time in the day due to the latter's trials and tribulations getting to the ground. Strips were torn about Weaves' earlier whereabouts and on reflection, maybe this contributed to a less than perfect mental batting state after the drinks break for all concerned.

Dan attempted to lift the scoring immediately after drinks and was caught at a 2/3rds mid on. Wells was on 37* and the score was 3-62 in the 21st.

Enter Weaves batting at the unusual position of No.5. In the meantime, Scott had pulled his calf and asked Dan to stay at the wicket and be his runner for his final 3 runs to retirement which was crucial for us. Weaves had also said he just pulled his groin going for his first run.

The Run out

1. First mistake and probably the most fatal, Dan and Scott did not clarify who was calling. Big mistake.
2. With Scott facing and looking to get himself in the bank, Dan was on the leg side, but the umpire made Dan move to the offside which was weird as there were a lot more fielders on the off and Dan had to stand further away, making viewing for Weaves difficult from the non-strikers end.
3. Wells hit one to mid-on, and I think instantaneously he called wait while Dan called Yes! Weaves and Dan took off, and at some stage Wells called No!…creating absolute chaos.

Weaves and Dan had just crossed but Weaves was turning around. Dan was well and truly not getting back and proceeded to the danger end making it home. However as Weaves was returning to the non-strikers end, the ball was smartly thrown to the keeper. Weaves arrived to the non-strikers end not long after Dan and had a decision to make. Do I make my ground or take one for the team so Wells can get to 40no.

Like all great players Weaves took the only decision one would make and chose himself and got back to the crease. I would have done the same; no second thoughts!

Result

Wells out. He Looked at Weaves like he would hurt him seriously. I've never seen the red head angrier.Dan followed, not making eye contact with any direction of Scott. And then immediately…. Weaves followed Dan retired hurt for his groin because he couldn't run properly. A line of three batters walking off, about 25m

between each, not daring to get any closer to the other.It was a triple play. Score 4-64 in the 23rd, effectively 5-64.

Rumours were abound that people saw Wells throw his helmet in disgust. Weaves decided to umpire at square leg for the rest of the match.

From there, Dave Potts (22*) (Masters debut) and skipper Andrew Dadswell (28) did a fantastic job with a 51 run partnership, taking singles and running hard for 2s and 3s on offer. “Tex” was out in the 39th over, and Ahmer Imam (Masters debut) came in and helped us to 5-125 off our 40 overs, including a masterful reverse sweep for 4 off the final ball of the innings. Doesn’t sound like much, and yes we would have liked another 30 but it was a competitive score.

Schofields came out to bat and it was a repeat of our innings early on. They were greeted by our usual opening bowler Ben Stanic who was charging into a breeze, and Dave Abreu from the other end was absolutely steaming in. Abreu was beating the bat regularly and a sight to see was his exaggerated follow through after a good ball, great effort. Abreu made a couple of breakthroughs, the first clean bowling the opener with a vicious inswinger. Followed up by a beauty against the left handed opener, taking the edge followed by clipping the back pad, with our keeper Dave Potts going one way, and then the other, to take a marvelous low catch to his left. Stanic chimed in dismissing the attractive technique of the No.3, bowled. Score was 3-21 in the 9th over.

From there, Nos. 4/5 and captain were in, both looking to go hard but both also looking like giving a chance. Scoring was tough and a bowling change of Valmik Ahire and Ahmer Imam coming on continued the pressure. Both bowlers looked good, with Valmik concentrating outside off, always a good line, and Ahmer hurrying both batsman with some heavy bowling.

Drinks arrived and we had put a couple of chances down, but Schofields were 3-44. With 82 to get in 20 overs, the game was there for us. That was going to be tough. Schofields came out with a much more aggressive mindset immediately, and it was the first 7 overs after drinks which both won them the game, and lost us the game, where they put on 42 runs with some big hitting.But, we missed another 3 catches and a couple of run outs. We had chances in those overs to dismiss both batters a couple of times over, but couldn’t take them.

From there, our bowlers tried hard and bowled well, Jason Kenn taking a wicket in his 7 overs, Stanic came back on to try for a wicket, Dadswell bowled his off tweakers trying to entice a mistake. But the damage had been done and with two key retirements, it freed up the incoming batters to play their shots and take their chances.

Schofields won in the 37th over by 6 wickets.
A lot didn’t go right in this game, but the team should know that despite all that, we still had our chances to win the game. Thanks to the guys who filled in for us as we had a lot of players unavailable for one reason or another which never makes it easy.

On to next week, back at Camperdown with an opportunity to turn the tables.

Key Match Stats:

The Team was: – Mick Carman 1, Scott Wells 37, Jason Kenn 1, Dan Turner 16, Mike Weaver 2* ret hurt, David Potts (w) 22*, Andrew Dadswell 28, Ahmer Imam 9*, Valmik Ahire dnb, Ben Stanic dnb, David Abreu dnb.

The Result was: –

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-125 (40 Overs) (S. Wells 37)

Lost to

Schofields: - 4-126 (36.1 Overs) (D. Abreu 2-12)

By 6 wickets

FoWs: – 1-1 (M. Carman), 2-6 (J. Kenn), 3-62 (D. Turner), 4-65 (S. Wells), 5-112 (A. Dadswell)

The Bowling was: – B. Stanic 8-0-29-1; D. Abreu 8-1-12-2; V. Ahire 5.1-0-27-0; A. Imam 4-1-12-0; A. Dadswell 4-0-18-0; J. Kenn 7-1-28-1

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil
Catches: – One to D. Potts (w)
Run outs: -– Nil

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WEEK FIFTEEN : SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024

MASTERS ROUND 6: CCNSW vs AUBURN AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN, ON SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024: REPORT BY BEN STANIC

Round 6 for the 2024/25 season saw the CCNSW Masters team head back to Camperdown to take on a strong Auburn team. Captain 'Tex' (Andrew Dadswell) noting the hot weather duly won the toss and decided to bat. The merit of this decision was soon questioned by some of the team when Tom Robertson and Michael Weaver arrived shortly after the toss to sledge, sorry, support the CCNSW team.

From the outset it was clear batters would get value for shots on a lightning quick Camperdown field with any shots breaching the infield racing to the fence. It also didn't hurt that groundsman John Lee had prepared the pitch on the extreme edge of the square closest to the pavilion leading to a very short boundary on that side of the wicket.

An early bit of a bad luck saw Rob Lawther returning to the pavilion with only 4 runs after a swinging ball clipped his pads and fell onto the stumps. However, this simply brought 'Jaydos' (Jason Kenn) to the crease to commence a handy partnership with his fellow mountain man Scott Wells. Scott continued his rich vein of form this season and duly retired on 40 runs in the 14th over. Replacing Scott at the crease was vice captain Dan Turner to commence another mountain men partnership, however this partnership was only brief before Jason Kenn was trapped in front for a well-made 26 and despite his request for a decision review he was promptly denied for the outrageous reason that Sydney Masters competition does not have a DRS.

Hiss departure brought the hard hitting Bram Tulloch to the crease but his stay was quickly cut short due to an outstanding catch in the deep by one of the Auburn fielders. Soren Hughes then joined the fray only to be dismissed cheaply by a sharp catch from the keeper one ball before drinks to leave CCNSW at 4-88 at drinks.

After drinks Scott Williams added a handy 15 runs before being bowled trying to accelerate the scoring rate and then captain and vice-captain Dadswell and Turner put on a great partnership at a good scoring rate to take us to 5-165 in the 34th over before 'Tex' was dismissed for 34 to another sharp catch in the deep and Dan was bowled for 33 trying to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

At this point the wheels fell off a little as the lower order batters including Ben Stanic and Shane Peterson through their wickets away cheaply being bowled due to ugly cross bat swipes whilst targeting getting gun batter Scott Wells back to the crease from retirement. Unfortunately, this plan fell apart when late in the 38th over Ahmar Imam saw a short ball from a spinner that he couldn't resist but only managed to connect with the toe of the bat and pulled the ball straight to the fielder on the short mid-wicket boundary leaving Scott Wells stranded at the non-strikers end having not faced a ball on his return to the crease! This also meant CCNSW had committed the cardinal son of not batting out the overs and letting 13 balls go to waste!

Although we had achieved 175 runs in our innings the general consensus amongst the team was that we were probably 25 runs short and needed a score of 200 on such a fast outfield with a short boundary on one side. Clearly, we would need to bowl and field well and take early wickets if we were to challenge for the win in this match. Thankfully, Ben Stanic managed to bowl one of the openers on the last ball of the first over with a full toss that helpfully swung after going past the bat and clipped the off stump. This was quickly followed by Shane Peterson having the dangerous first drop caught behind with his fourth ball to have the Auburn team reeling at 2 for 3 in the second over.

Although we had picked up two early wickets so desperately needed, we knew Auburn were a dangerous line-up who batted deep and the aggressive Randall Ebert had just arrived at the crease. Randall proceeded to punish bowling from both Stanic and Peterson both the bad balls and not so bad balls and was looking very dangerous when Stanic managed to trap him lbw on 25 with yet another full toss leading to the helpful advice from Scott Wells: *"Guys it's not a hard game just keep bowling bloody full tosses!"*
Randall's departure had Auburn sitting precariously on 3-36 but it was still only the 9th over meaning their run rate was fine and with a deep batting line-up they were still very much alive in the contest. Unfortunately, CCNSW struggled to take further wickets at this point despite trying several bowling options and it wasn't until the 23rdover that Scott Williams (who bowled fantastically all day only giving up 15 runs from his 8 overs) was able to bowl the other Auburn opener for 29 to take the score to 4 for 103. Although we had them 4 down we knew they were ahead of the required run rate and further wickets were required, and quick. Despite our best efforts, the Auburn number 5 and 6 batters, including the wily and experienced Max Labrooy) both scored run a ball 40s before retiring. Soren Hughes managed to pick up 2 quick wickets late in the match in the 36th and 38th overs but by then the damage had been done and Auburn chased down our total finishing on 6 for 175 after 38 overs.

Auburn had batted for 1 ball more than CCNSW and had we batted out our total allotment of overs the result could have been very different. As it turned out another close loss for the CCNSW Masters team to Auburn taking our season tally to 2 wins and 4 losses from our 6 matches. Although we next face the undefeated Strathfield juggernaut in early January we are looking to refresh over the Christmas break and hopefully produce better performances and results in the remainder of the season. Andrew Dadswell and Dan Turner having a consistent roster available each match will be key to the team getting some rhythm and finishing the season strongly.

After the match a few quick beers were shared with the Auburn team at Camperdown oval and then most of the CCNSW team, including our trusty sledgers (aka supporters) Robertson and Weaver headed to the Lady Hampshire for a quick feed and some quiet Christmas beers. At the pub "newish" Masters player Bram Tulloch had the misfortune of sitting next to Tom and being enlightened with the pearls of wisdom that only Tom can deliver.

We hope to see Bram again but history says experiences such as this can lead to players seriously questioning what sort of team and club they have joined! It didn't help that the pub appears to be the only pub in Australia ever to run out of chicken Schnitzels meaning the whole team basically had to order

cheeseburgers whether they wanted them or not. Despite these challenges it was a good way to pause the season for Christmas and we look forward to getting back on the park in a few weeks time.

The Team was: – Rob Lawther 4, Scott Wells 40*, Jason Kenn 26, Daniel Turner 34, Bram Tulloch 3, Soren Hughes 6, Scott Williams 15, Andrew Dadswell 33, Ahmar Imam 6, Ben Stanic 0, Shane Peterson 1,

The Result was: –

C.C.N.S.W.: – 10-174 (37.5 Overs) (S. Wells 40*)

Lost to

Auburn: – 6-175 (38 Overs)

By 4 wickets

FoWs: – 1-9 (R. Lawther), 2-72 (J. Kenn), 3-81 (B. Tulloch), 4-88 (S. Hughes), 5-110 (S. Williams), 6-165 (A. Dadswell), 7-166 (D. Turner), 8-167 (B. Stanic), 9-172 (S. Peterson), 10-174 (A. Imam)

The Bowling was: – B. Stanic 7-0-29-2; S. Peterson 5-1-21-1; B. Tulloch 5-1-24-0; A. Imam 2-0-19-0; S. Williams 8-2-15-1; A. Dadswell; 7-0-33-0 J. Kenn 2-0-16-0; S. Hughes 2-0-8-2

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil
Catches: – One each to R Lawther (w) and S. Peterson
Run outs: – Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire):

Scorecard: **https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/org/sydney-masters-cricket-association/sydney-masters-cricket-season-2425-summer-202425/masters-foxs/game-centre/0310f225**

WEEK EIGHTEEN : SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025

MASTERS ROUND 7 v STRATHFIELD AT MARRICKVILLE OVAL, MARRICKVILLE ON SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2024: REPORT BY MIKE WEAVER

Conditions were well in favour of the bowlers at Marrickville Oval, as CCNSW Masters, in their first fixture for 2025, were once again thwarted by the Strathfield Masters. Assuming a decent warm up took place, within plenty of time prior to start of play allowing proper assessment of conditions, the decision for Strathfield to bat first must surely have been made by CCNSW Skipper Andrew ‘Tex’ Dadswell.

CCNSW did not take complete advantage of the new ball and wicket from the start, with some over pitched deliveries and long hops delivered amongst the good ones, during the first ten overs. There were several lobbed shots that just evaded fielders as well, while the Strathfield lads, as always, strove to dominate despite the soft, popping wicket.

The Blues bowlers stuck to the guns to find the right length and eventually, with some canny bowling changes and field settings, were able to pick up a flurry of wickets either side of the drinks break. Standout efforts were produced by the Skipper Andrew Dadswell, 7-0-33-2 and Scott Williams, 8-0-29-4. Both men were bowling off cutters, the latter at a considerable extra pace than the former.

The catches were held and fielding keen in a flourishing period of play, that promises a lot for the team for the future. Jason Kenn must be mentioned, for more reasons than for his superb running catch on the deep mid-wicket boundary to break the opening stand. I also didn't want to incur 'JK's' wrath next game, should I have not mentioned this. He also batted the best. More on that later.

Unfortunately, the Blues could not take several chances that were available to wrap up the innings earlier, with the final two batting sensibly and powerfully to add over 50 runs for the last wicket, lasting until the final over. Yet, all out 218 represented the first time CCNSW have dismissed Strathfield. This is highly commendable, even with the assistance of friendly bowling conditions.

CCNSW took up the chase with high hopes, having discussed how to approach the batting during the innings break. As the wicket dried was drying out, batting at the southern end with any confidence had become almost impossible, with a few guys copping blows to the helmet from pace balls delivered at reasonably full length.

All batters tried hard, Dan Turner particularly unlucky to chop on from a rearing 'seed' coming from Australian Over 40s representative bowler, Scott Jarvis. The Strathfield bowlers were more consistent than their counterparts and fully deserved their win. At the same time, CCNSW should take heart in parts of their performance and of their overall effort on the day. There is potential to improve further next season.

And, oh, did I mention Jason Kenn? Our NSW O40s representative did us proud, exhibiting tremendous application and shot execution to reach retirement score at 40, then resume to be last man out for the top team individual score of 53 runs. So well done, Jason!

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 15, Rob Lawther (w) 0, Scott Wells 9, Jason Kenn 53, Dan Turner 0, Bruce Tulloch 5, Scott Williams 0, Andrew Dadswell (c) 0, Mike Tarrant 17, David Abreu 14, Ben Stanic 2*

The Result was: -

Strathfield: - 10-218 (39.1overs) (S. Williams 4-29)

Defeated

CCNSW: - 10-122 (39 overs) (J. Kenn 53)

By 96 runs

FoWs: - 1-6 (R. Lawther); 2-24 (S. Wells); 3-26 (M. Weaver); 4-27 (D. Turner); 5-38 (B. Tulloch); 6-38 (S. Williams); 7-44 (A. Dadswell); 8-82 (M. Tarrant); 9-107 (D. Abreu); 10-122 (J. Kenn).

The Bowling was: - D. Abreu 5-0-28-1; B. Stanic 8-0-66-1; M. Tarrant 7.1-0-29-2; A. Dadswell 7-0-33-2; B. Tulloch 4-0-34-0; S. Williams 8-0-29-4

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil
Catches: - Two anonymous and One to each of D. Abreu, B. Tulloch, J. Kenn, R. Lawther (w), M. Weaver S. Williams
Run Outs: - Nil

Player points (awarded by umpire): -

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WEEK TWENTY ONE : SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

CCNSW MASTERS ROUND 8 v RYDE HUNTERS HILL PIRATES XI AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025: REPORT BY BRAM TULLOCH

A beautiful blue sky day greeted the CCNSW Masters team at Camperdown Oval. Players were given the choice of a fresh pitch, or an old slow road used for the past 2 weekend. The f'reshie' was chosen and Andrew Dadswell ("Tex") promptly lost the toss and we were forced to bowl. (You had ONE job Tex!)

Early signs suggested that the wicket was playing very up and down, but the Pirates hung about. Tight bowling wasn't bringing us wickets but was clearly keeping the scoring in check. CCNSW Masters new recruit, Michael Emmanuel, was introduced and whilst one of the Pirate's openers took to him (then promptly retired at 40), Michael discovered the secret on how to bowl on this pitch. It turns out, that not hitting the pitch at all is the way to go as a simple catch was spooned back to him for the first wicket of the day.

That took us to drinks with them 1 for 80 odd.

After drinks Michael Emmanuel and Andrew Dadswell went to work eking out a couple of wickets before Valmik Ahire was introduced and his long run up and slow tweakers had everyone confused. Is he medium pacer or do you play him like a spinner? Evidentially the answer was "*buggered if I know!*" as he produced a stumping and a skied chance as the Pirates tried in vain to hit whatever it was that he was bowling.

Ben Stanic was reintroduced to clean up the tail, which lead to a shambles of a "not out" run out. Even though their bloke was easily 1-2 metres short, their square leg umpire shook his head. When that lead to a barrage of late runs from the (now very cocky) bloke who was clearly out, tempers flared as the Pirates had managed 6-183 on a tricky deck. They had no right to get that many.

Needless to say, the tea break was… slightly awkward.

Undeterred, Tom Robertson *(Ed note-first game back this season after serious injury)* set about hitting 10 off the first three balls to send a signal to the opposition that we could still polish off their total regardless. Rob Lawther fell to one that kept low, and Robertson followed shortly after when the "cocky bloke" took a screamer he had no right to hang on to.

Paul Nash and Jason Kenn steadied the ship but got tired of the bowling being served up, and left the bulk of the chase to Dan Turner and new recruit Michael Emmanuel. Their patience to wait for the bad balls (just the way Valmik Ahire was screaming at them to do from the sidelines) was a lesson in how to play at Camperdown.

When both retired within an over of each other, it was left to the tail to mop up the last of the runs. This was something they were a little confused how to do. As the run rate crept up after Bram Tulloch went out for 5. At one point lips were puckered as we needed about 5 an over for the last few overs, but defensive shots appeared to be the flavour of the moment.

It was left to the Master's premier left hander Ben (Stanic) to show everyone how it's done as he hit his first boundary in "*about 3 years*" to release the pressure valve on the run chase. He managed all that after running Valmik Ahire out and giving himself "turf toe" somehow…

Hands were shaken with the opposition who, to their credit, apologised for the non-run out call (*"that's not what we're about"*), and friendly beers and banter was had. All in all, a great day to play cricket, with a positive result to boot!

The Team was: - Tom Robertson (13), Rob Lawther (8), Paul Nash (24), Jason Kenn (23), Daniel Turner (ret. 43*). Michael Emmanuel (ret. 43*), Bram Tulloch (5), Valmik Ahire (10), Benjamin Stanic (7*), David Abreu (0*), Andrew Dadswell (c) (dnb**)**

The Result was: -

Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates XI: - 6-183 (40 overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-184 (38 overs) (M. Emmanuel 43*; D. Turner 43*)

By 4 wickets

FoW: 1-22 (R. Lawther); 2-22 (T. Robertson); 3-66 (P. Nash); 4-70 (J. Kenn) 5-170 (B. Tulloch); 6-175 (V. Ahire)

The Bowling was: - B. Stanic 8-0-30-1; D. Abreu 8-2-42-0: B. Tulloch 4-0-15-0; M. Emmanuel 6-0-32-2; A. Dadswell 8-1-41-1; V. Ahire 6-0-20-2

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – R. Lawther 1
Catches: – D. Abreu 1, M. Emmanuel 1
Run outs: – Nil (but we all know Stanic/Lawther should have been awarded one!)

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WEEK TWENTY THREE : SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025

CCNSW MASTERS ROUND 9 v ST CLAIR AT PETER CARROLL FIELD, KATOOMBA ON SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025: REPORT BY DAVID ABREU

After a bit of a scramble, Masters were able to field an 11 to play St Clair in the beautiful Town of Leura in the Blue Mountains.

A mixture of Masters, Classics and local Fill-ins made up the Team for the game which saw us sent into the field on a beautiful but slightly chilly day.

Great opening spells by Sherville ("Wes") Hall and stand In Skipper David Abreu had the host not scoring many runs at all. After the first 10 Overs they were 1-21. Only starting with 6 players may have been playing on their mind and they batted very defensively. Abreu's first run conceded off his bowling was in his third over, and it wasn't off the bat – Weaves deciding to talk whilst the ball was being delivered! Umpire calling a No Ball!

As we kept putting the squeeze on, a bowling change with both Andy Bachelard and John Munden coming on taking 3 wickets to have them at drinks at 4-38. Andy Bachelard losing his pants as he was about to deliver a ball was the highlight of the innings – and led to a wicket the next ball, the batter had lost concentration!

Eventually more troops arrived for them, and they tried to push the run rate, but tight bowling and some good fielding and catching kept them to 10-106. The energy and spirit on show, you could have sworn this was a team that had played together for some time.

We began our innings on a positive note, seeing off some good tight bowling at the start, our usual openers in Mike Weaver and Rob Lawther got us to 44 before Rob scooped up a catch. Weaves soon followed with the score at 46. Rob McMahon and Andy Davis got us to 65, before Rob was bowled. From there we lost three more wickets; however Andy Davis (17*) stuck solid and got us home with John Munden (10*) for a comfortable win in the end.

Special mention to local players Max Raffan and Trent Joyce who filled the last 2 spots.

A fantastic effort from a team that was put together at the last minute, everyone got along well and the spirit and effort throughout the game were second to none, and also to Dave Abreu skippering the side for the first time trying to manage a team that he had only met most on the day. Everyone worked together and made it work and were a great support to the Skipper.

The Team was: - Mike Weaver 19, Rob Lawther (w) 24, Andrew Davis 17*, Rob McMahon 12, Scott Williams 3, Trent Joyce 0, Andrew Bachelard 4, John Munden 10*, Max Raffan dnb, Sherville Hall dnb, David Abreu (c) dnb

The Result was: -

St Clair: - 10-106 (37 overs) (J. Munden 4-9)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-109 (33 overs)

By 4 wickets

FoW: 1- -44 (R. Lawther); 2-46 (M. Weaver); 3-65 (R. McMahon); 4-70 (S. Williams); 5-74 (T. Joyce); 6-81 (A. Bachelard)

The Bowling was: - S. Hall 7-2-22-3; D. Abreu 5-2-7-0, S. Williams 3-0-5-0, M. Weaver 1-0-7-0, A. Bachelard 8-0-32-2; J. Munden 8-3-9-4; T. Joyce 4-0-19-0

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil

Catches: – A. Davis, R. Lawther (w), R. McMahon, S. Williams

Run outs: – Nil

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WEEK TWENTY THREE: THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY–SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

CCNSW MASTERS ROUND 10 v WARRINGAH AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025: REPORT BY JOHN MUNDEN

Warringah Triumphs Over CCNSW's Quinquagenarians on a Dusty Pitch

On an overcast afternoon at Camperdown Oval, the Cricketers' Club of New South Wales assembled a side rich in experience, their ranks bolstered by several quinquagenarians, to face the spirited ensemble of Warringah. The pitch, a parched and dusty tableau evocative of subcontinental terrains, hinted at a contest where guile and adaptability would reign supreme.

Opting to bat, CCNSW's innings commenced with a blend of caution and intent. However, the early departure of Rob Lawther, who feathered an expansive drive into the cordon without troubling the scorers, set an ominous tone. Paul Nash and Scott Wells then combined resilience with deft stroke play, guiding the total to 38 before Nash succumbed to the subtle variations of Warringah's spin contingent, departing for a stoic 16. Wells, exhibiting a craftsman's touch, compiled a well-constructed 32, anchoring the innings amidst a flurry of wickets induced by the opposition's persistent left-arm orthodox and leg-spin trio. Brief resistance flickered through the inside edge of Jason Kenn (28) and Dan Turner (24), yet the unwavering accuracy of Warringah's bowlers curtailed any substantial partnerships, confining CCNSW to a modest 148.

In pursuit of 149, Warringah's openers embarked with assertiveness, their approach a calculated blend of aggression and circumspection. The pitch's capricious bounce was negotiated with aplomb, as the opening stand flourished to 83, laying a formidable foundation. The introduction of spin by captain Andrew Dadswell brought some respite. John Munden's astute off-spin briefly disrupted the momentum, his guile procuring two quick scalps and instigating a semblance of caution within the Warringah ranks. Turner and Ash Perrott also chipping in a wicket apiece. Nevertheless, the target, modest in stature, was attained with six wickets intact and a surplus of more than three overs, underscoring a chase executed with clinical precision.

This encounter illuminated the perennial contest between youthful exuberance and seasoned proficiency. While CCNSW's veterans imparted lessons in technique and temperament, it was Warringah's judicious amalgamation of aggression and adaptability that prevailed. The match, a microcosm of cricket's enduring narrative, showcased how diverse generational talents coalesce to enrich the tapestry of the sport.

The Team was: - Scott Wells 32, Rob Lawther (w) 0, Paul Nash 16, Jason Kenn 28, Daniel Turner 24, Ash Perrott 13 ,John Munden 0, Andrew Davis 10*, Andrew Dadswell (c) 10*, Sherville Hall dnb, Valmik Ahire dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-148 (40 overs)

Lost to

Warringah CC: - 4- 149 (36.1 overs)

By 6 wickets

FoW: 1-0 (R. Lawther); 2-38 (P. Nash); 3-65 (S. Wells); 4-92 (J. Kenn); 5-110 (D. Turner); 6-110 (J. Munden) 7-123 (A. Perrott).

The Bowling was: - Sherville Hall 3-0-18-0; Jason Kenn 5-0-23-0; Andrew Davis 5-0-17-0; Valmik Ahire 4-1-19-0; John Munden 6-0-30-2; Andrew Dadswell 6-0-13-0; Dan Turner 4-0-8-1; Ash Perrott 3.1-0-9-1

The Fielding was: –

Stumpings: – Nil

Catches: – One to S. Wells

Run outs: – Nil

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WEEK TWENTY FIVE: WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH – SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

CCNSW MASTERS ROUND 11 v ROSEVILLE AT ROSEVILLE PARK, ROSEVILLE, ON SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025: REPORT BY JOHN MUNDEN

Back row: John Munden, Ryan Miller, Bram Tulloch, Michael Emmanuel, Rob Lawther (w), Tim Croft, Avinash Bhandari

Front row: Jason Kenn, Tom Robertson, Dan Turner (c), Scott Wells, Ash Perrott

There are days when the cricketing gods smile upon you, and there are days when they conspire against you. For CCNSW, this was very much the latter. On a day where the mercury soared to 37 degrees, skipper Dan Turner called incorrectly at the toss, consigning his side to toil in the field beneath an unrelenting sun. If there was a moment that dictated the match's trajectory, it came before a ball had even been bowled.

From the outset, Roseville's batsmen relished their fortune. The opening pair settled quickly, working the gaps, placing the ball with intent, and punishing anything errant. CCNSW's seasoned attack of Masters debutants Tim Croft and Avinash Bhandari (both of whom have previously played for our C&S side) Bhandari probed for an early breakthrough but found only frustration. When Croft finally made a breakthrough with. the score on 29, there was hope that CCNSW had drawn first blood and could stem the flow.

They had not.

Dismissing or retiring a Roseville batsman proved as futile as cutting off the head of the Hydra each new arrival at the crease batted with even greater aggression than his predecessor. What began as measured accumulation soon turned into all-out assault. Skipper Turner shuffled the pack, rotating through his seamers, spinners, and anything in between in search of control. The boundaries, already diminutive, seemed to shrink further as the run rate soared. CCNSW's bowlers could do little more than collect their thoughts and their sunburn. And with a towering 3-280, CCNSW's bowlers had been left gasping, their spirits—and their hydration levels depleted.

A chase of 281 was always going to require a degree of application that, after hours in the field, proved difficult to summon. And yet, hope was not lost. With the mercury still hovering above 36 degrees, the start of CCNSW's chase was delayed, a rare concession to the unrelenting conditions. It was a small reprieve, though the umpire—now feeling the full toll of the heat—saw it as a reminder of the cold beers already being cracked open in the clubhouse and the potential for an early finish against the already crowned champions.

Tom Robertson and Scott Wells strode out with purpose and, for a brief, glorious period, CCNSW found itself in the ascendancy. Unperturbed by the weight of the chase, the pair attacked with controlled aggression, threading gaps and clearing the ropes with authority. Their partnership flourished at better than a run a ball, raising 81 in a defiant opening stand that, fleetingly, tilted the contest back into the balance.

But just as quickly as optimism had bloomed, it was ruthlessly extinguished. Robertson retired for 41* and Wells fell to a sharp caught and bowled for 37 and with him, the foundation of CCNSW's resistance crumbled. The collapse was swift and unceremonious. As wickets began to tumble, the umpire, perhaps emboldened by the sight of condensation on clubhouse schooners, found himself in a generous mood—at least as far as lbw appeals were concerned. Three batters were sent packing in quick succession, each more bemused than the last, as CCNSW's middle order disintegrated in classic fashion. Batters were seen scrambling for their pads as wickets fell in quick succession, a familiar procession of disbelief, resignation, and weary trundles back to the pavilion. Roseville's Wood's spell proved decisive, his guile and control inducing enough hesitation and error to expose the fragile underbelly of the chase.

Even the lower order, often a source of spirited defiance, found no respite. Emmanuel showed brief resistance with a battling 22. The final wickets fell meekly, CCNSW bowled out for 162—well short of the target.

Roseville's dominance was never truly in doubt. Their batting lineup, relentless in intent and execution, turned a small ground into a vast scoring paradise, while Wood's masterful spell ensured that CCNSW's early promise was extinguished in short order. The scorching conditions may have delayed the inevitable, but as

the last wicket fell and the teams made a beeline for the cold beers, the final verdict was clear—this was a day that belonged to Roseville.

The Team was (playing 12): – Tom Robertson (41), Scott Wells (35), Dan Turner (c) (5), Jason Kenn (22), Ash Perrott (5), Bram Tulloch (0), Ryan Miller (5), John Munden (0), Michael Emmanuel (22), Avinash Bhandari (3), Rob Lawther (w) (9*) and Tim Croft (dnb)

The Result was: –

Roseville CC: – 3-280 (40 overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: – 10-162 (32 overs) (T. Robertson 41)

By 118 runs

FoWs: 1-81 (S. Wells); 2-85 (D. Turner); 3-100 (A. Perrott); 4-100 (B. Tulloch); 5-115 (J. Kenn); 6-119 (J. Munden); 7-126 (R. Miller); 8-131 (A. Bhandari), 9-157 (M. Emmanuel); 10-162 (T. Robertson)

The Bowling was: – T. Croft 8-0-42-1; A. Bhandari 6-0-30-1, B. Tulloch 4-0-15-0; J. Kenn 6-0-33-1; M .Emmanuel 3-0-36-0; J. Munden 2-0-20-0; D. Turner 4-0-43-0; R. Miller 7-0-50-0

The Fielding was: –

- **Stumpings**: – Nil
- **Catches**: – One to M. Emmanuel
- **Run outs:** – Nil

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