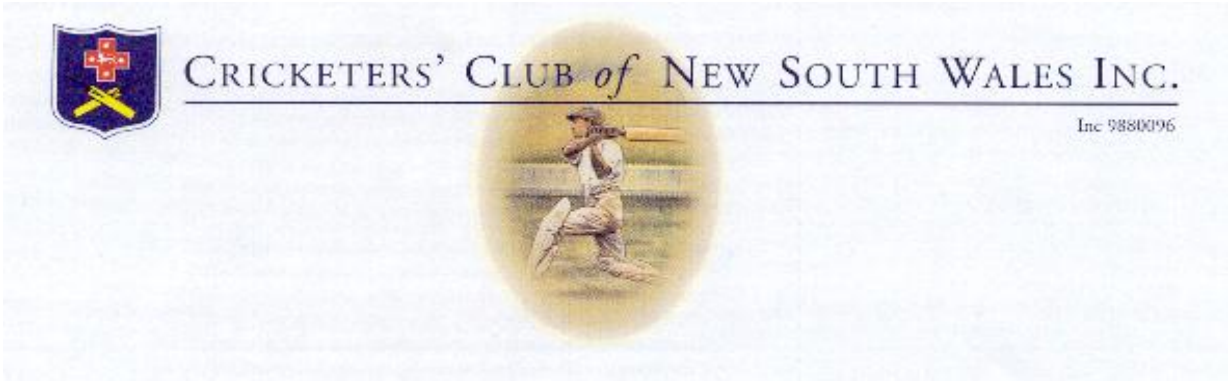


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# CRICKETERS' CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.
# ANNUAL CRICKET REPORT AND SEASON'S RESULTS 2025-2026

| | Played | Won | Lost | Tied | Drawn | Cancelled | League position |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **City & Suburban** | **19** *(19)* | **13** *(13#)* | **5** *(7)* | **0** *(1)* | **2** *(0)* | **6** *(3)* | **4/20***(4/19)* **JP** |
| **Masters over 40s** | **10***(11)* | **3** *(4^)* | **7***(7)* | **0** *(0)* | **1***(0)* | **1** *(0)* | **8/12** *(8/12)* |
| **Classics over 50s** | **10** *(11)* | **5***(7)* | **4** *(4)* | **0** *(0)* | **1** *(0)* | **1** *(0)* | **5/12***(4/12)* |
| **Vintage over 60s** | **10***(10 )* | **7** *(8)* | **3** *(2)* | **0** *(0)* | **0** *(0)* | **1** *(1)* | **4/14***(5/12)* |
| **Social (excluding Hamilton)** | **5** *(5)* | **1** *(3)* | **3** *(2)* | **0** *(0)* | **0** *(0)* | **3** *(3)* | n/a |
| **Hamilton N.Z.Tour** | **3** *(2)* | **0** *(1)* | **2** *(1)* | **0** *(0)* | **1** *(0)* | **0** *(1)* | n/a |
| **TOTAL summer** | **57***(58)* | **29***(36#)* | **24** *(23)* | **0** *(1)* | **5** *(0)* | **12** *(8)* | n/a |
| **Japan tour (Sept)** | **5** | **4** | **1** | **0 (1)** | **0** | **0** | n/a |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **62** *(72)* | **33***(36#)* | **25***(23)* | **0** *(1)* | **5** *(0)* | **12** *(8 )* | - |

*^ One by forfeit; #2 by forfeit; Table does not include internecine Club game (C&S/Masters)*
*N b Figures in brackets relate to previous 2024-2025season for comparison purposes.*

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# OVERVIEW

**CCNSW v ST GEORGE VETERANS SUNDAY14 DECEMBER 2025**

**Soren Hughes 204***

**Record individual score and record Club total**

*In the Australian 2025-2026 domestic season, 69 (11-a-side) fixtures were arranged compared with 66 last season. The Club played 57 such games compared with 58 last season. Just over 17% of the arranged fixtures (12) were cancelled (5 because of rain/2 forfeited by opposition) compared with 12% (8 games) last season.*

*On the touring front a short one week tour to Hamilton, New Zealand took place in January 2026 and a two week tour to Japan in September 2025. We are planning a three week trip to the UK in July/August 2026*

*99 players played for the Club this domestic season in 11-a side games, compared with 118 last season. Of these, 70 were financial members compared with 55 last season and 29 were guests or non-financial members compared with 63 last year. 25 members played ten or more games, the same as last season. In contrast 28 played only one game compared with 40 last season. Only 5 games were cancelled because of rain (12 cancelled in total) compared with 5 by rain (8 in total) last season. The Club suffered 2 forfeits by the opposition, the same as last season.*

*In respect of the golf section, the Stuart Mathlin Memorial Trophy was played in April 2026 at The Coast Golf Club and won by Jamie Murtha*

**Camperdown on a summer's afternoon**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In another great season the Cricketers' Club of NSW has enjoyed success on the field and lots of enjoyable moments off it.

The highs and lows of all the teams can be read in the captains season reports detailed below.

The City and Suburban team well led by Jamie Murtha have developed into a competitive team across all games and the base is there for future success.

Our Masters, Classics and Vintage teams continued to play good cricket against strong opposition and finished their seasons with encouraging signs for further progress up the league table. To the captains Tim Croft, Brett James and Stuart Ridge and their vice captains, thank you for all your efforts in managing and arranging your teams.

Camperdown Oval is the home of our club and provides a wonderful setting for our cricket teams. Next season the entire ground will be renovated with new turf wickets and new outfield. As a result the club will be seeking new ovals for the summer of 2026/2027. This will involve a little more travel and we will keep you informed of developments in this area.

We will return to our beloved Camperdown the following season and I'm sure the inconvenience will be worth it.

My thanks to all members of the committee for their work and commitment to making the club the best it can be. Without the work of this group we would be in a very different position.

I would also like to wish all the players and their partners the very best of luck on the upcoming UK tour in July and August. It promises to be a fantastic trip and I am sure the club will further its reputation as one of the finest amateur touring clubs in Australia.

Finally thank you to all the players for their contribution to making the club what it is today, a desirable destination for those seeking social and competitive cricket and most importantly good people with which to play this great and crazy game!

I hope you enjoy the off season if you have one and I look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday May 17th at the Forest Lodge Hotel, Glebe for the season presentations.

**Greg Brooks President**

## CITY AND SUBURBAN : RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. C&S FIXTURES 2025-2026

## TOTAL (INC BOTH JP AND C&S SOCIAL)

**Played: - 19 ; Won:- 13 (1 by forfeit) ; Lost: - 5 ; Drawn 2; Cancelled 6 (3 by rain/1 forfeit):**

## JACK PACE GAMES ONLY

**Played: - 17 ; Won:- 11 ; Lost: - 4 ; Drawn 2; Cancelled 2 (by rain):**

## CCNSW C&S TEAM vs SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026

**Back:** Nathan Austen; Roman Hughes; Tom Robertson; Scott Williams; Sam Millar; Sebastian White (w)

**Front:** Tom Barrett; Adam Khamis; Jamie Murtha (c); Soren Hughes (v/c); Harry Walsh; Lachlan Murphy

***Summary:*** *19 games were played, the same as the previous season. 39 players turned out for the C&S side this season. compared with 60 players (an all-time record) the previous season. Of these, 26 were Club members compared with 36 the previous season and 13 were guest players compared with 19 the previous season. 15 players played 5 or more games, compared with 14 the previous season. We won 13 games (One by forfeit) and lost 5 compared to the previous season when we won13 and lost 17. We made the post Christmas semi finals of the Jack Pace Trophy finishing in fourth place in the JP league after coming sixth the previous season. Only three games were cancelled by rain (6 in total) compared with 3 cancellations (2 by rain) the previous season. There were two draws compared with none last season.*

**Introduction**

The 2025/2026 season was one of our finest in recent memory. Thirteen wins. A record individual score of 204* by Soren Hughes, a record team total and victory margin. A home quarter-final, a semi-final berth, and the Jim Hadley Memorial Trophy back where it belongs. We retained the Brooks-Manning-Moorhouse Shield and recruited a former Scottish (u19 Female) wicketkeeper via a chance conversation at the SCG.

There were moments you couldn't script: a wishful wicketkeeper's long-awaited maiden wicket after six years, 20 catches (as a fielder) from Tom Barrett, Theo Joy-Pages a 14-ball opening over containing eight wides with no runs off the bat, and finally a diamond duck destined to occur!

It was, in short, the kind of season that reminds you exactly why we keep carting covers around Sydney every weekend from September to March. Overall, as a team we achieved many of our goals and ultimately continued to improve during the 2025-2026 season. We had another positive year with the bat, scoring 2,951 runs in 544 overs at 26.81, our bowling was comparable, taking 126 wickets in 572 overs at 20.47. While there remains a gap in our seam bowling stock, our spinners continue to develop and regularly deliver match-winning performances. Our young batting group is on an upward trajectory, and we look forward to seeing even higher aggregates next season. After a disappointing washout against Knox Old Boys in the JPS semi-final this year, we are eager for another opportunity to push for a place in the JPS final in 2026–2027.

As a Club we are very supportive of the changes in the JPS competition format made this year. While there are some improvement opportunities around the bonus points system and definition of a match played, we feel that it's a model that can be further developed and will ultimately continue to take the C&S association in the right direction without eroding the traditional spirit of C&S cricket.

**Our JPS Season in Moments**

- Round 1: We opened with a loss to Colleagues CC, chasing a comprehensively scored 7-259 on a blistering day when the flame trees at Camperdown deposited enough fluff on the ground to resemble a ski field. A rocky start for stand-in skipper Soren Hughes.

- Round 2: at Goddard Oval v Yaralla delivered the first of the season's great subplots: Soren Hughes, run out by his eldest son Ezekiel, a theme that would be repeated several times over the course of the season. We still posted a convincing 8–220 which saw us beat Yaralla by 27 runs.

- Round 3: at St Aloysius was Sam Millar's day. Collapsing to 3–5 against the reigning champions, Millar walked to the crease and batted as though the scoreboard was a personal affront. He made 69 off 56 balls including five sixes and seven fours. Few can emulate his hitting and while we lost the match, it was a great day out.

- Round 4: A gloomy Rose Bay Sunday v Old Cranbrookians played on a genuine green-top, suited English import Theo Joy-Page enormously. He clean-bowled their opener in the first over, only for it to be called a no-ball. He took four wickets anyway, but that day will likely haunt him until he takes his maiden 5-for. Tom Barrett at mid-on took also took a catch that "*would've taken the hands off most people".* It was a comfortable win, and it felt like our season had started to find itself.

- Round 5: back at Goddard Park v Yaralla. Soren Hughes, who was still feeling the after effects of a big Friday night, explained that *"the ball's shape and weight was comparable to the previous night's schooners."* Whatever the preparation, he took three sharp reaction catches. Sam Millar's unbeaten 75*, including a six that went so far it required a five-minute search, guided us to a successful chase in the 27th over to beat Yaralla by 7 wickets.

- Round 6: against Marrickville Soldiers: Jamie Murtha burgled 4-10 bowling his "*offensive off-spin",* set-up a straightforward 9 wicket win, lead by a brilliant second wicket unbroken 97* run partnership between, Ezekiel Hughes (57*) and Declan Thomas (54*) the total was knocked off by the 19th over.

- Round 7: against SRT XI was notable for Tom Barrett's four catches, all from mid-on, the impressive effort was described as "*taking wheat from blind chooks",* another win on the board by 100 runs.

- Round 8: at Gillespie Field v Knox was our roughest league day. We were 5-30, the top order having apparently been watching England bat. Into the chaos strode Rhys Longbottom at number seven and

struck 61 off 25 deliveries, including 28 runs off a single over, an extraordinary display of hitting, though we lost to Knox Old Boys by 8 wickets, no one who watched Rhys that day will forget it quickly.

- Round 9: against Sydney University Lions we produced one of the great comeback performances. 2–114 at drinks chasing 180, the Lions should have been home. But at drinks our guys received a "passionate rev-up" from the Captain, and from there the Lions lost 8 wickets for 60 runs. Declan Thomas with a much-needed stumping sealing us victory by 21 runs.

- Round 10: **The Day Everything Happened. Record score: Soren Hughes 204* | Record total: 4–397 | Record win: by 300 runs.** St George Veterans arrived at Camperdown Park to play cricket, and they left having been involved in history. Soren Hughes and Jamie Murtha opened and reached 124 without loss in 13 overs. Soren passed 50 off 26 balls. He passed 100. He passed 150. He passed Ian Allmey's club record of 174, and ultimately went on to score a commanding 204 not out. He was at one point quoted saying *"it felt like I was hitting ripe tomatoes with a shovel in the backyard."* A truly remarkable display of hitting, including an all-time slog over the fig trees and into the crowded café façade.

- Round 11: v Marrickville Turf Bears to close the calendar year: Ryan Lynch's beautifully crafted 73 opened a 122-run first-wicket partnership with Max Sardelic set us up beautifully, and Josh Heldarskard produced 6–35 to wrap up the match. Tom Barrett was once again agonisingly dismissed short of his maiden half century for the third time this season, much to the entertainment of his teammates.

- Round 12: The Brooks-Manning-Moorhouse Shield against Sydney University Lions at Camperdown, saw Roman Hughes' score yet another CCNSW century, however the 35th over was, diplomatically, *"interesting*": Soren at the non-striker's end, Roman on 99 or 100 (the two scorebooks disagreed) without thinking takes a leg-bye, and Soren ends the innings with two consecutive boundaries while Roman was apparently stranded. A discrepancy between the books eventually resolved in Roman's favour. Jamie Murtha swears it was a genuine scoring error, regardless we retain the Shield.

- Round 13: v I Zingari Australia at Camden Park, the ground our players had affectionately named "cow paddock", was unfortunately abandoned to rain mid-way through, ending Scottish u19 international Pippa Kelly's debut early, but still a great day at the picturesque historic ground.

- Round 16: our third encounter with Yaralla, played in 35-degree heat was notable for two things: Theo Joy-Page's 14-ball opening over and Soren Hughes' annihilation of the cricket ball, scoring 65 off 35 balls, including 3 towering sixes, one clearing the pavilion entirely to land in the street. The opposition captain was bereft, afterwards vociferating *"how the [obscenity] did we let them score 200!?".* A fair question. Ultimately we won comprehensively by 122 runs to complete a 3–0 sweep.

- Round 18: against Hunters Hill at Boronia Park was a loss against a quality opposition, the outfield so thick with grass "it would have kept a small flock of sheep happy for several days" Jamie Murtha made a gritty 55, in an otherwise paltry batting total, and the young opposition batters were too strong for us.

- **Quarter Final**: Our JPS Quarter Final against the Primary Club carried added weight as we also contested the Jim Hadley Memorial Trophy in honour of the great man, with PCA having won the inaugural fixture the year prior. It was a miracle we got on after a week of heavy rain. Jamie Murtha dropped twice on a duck and then twice again, nicked and nudged his way to an important 41, Nathan Austen added a crucial 33 to help us post a competitive 167. Rhys Longbottom was too much for the PCA top order though, tearing through them with the new ball, finishing with 4–15 as they collapsed from 5–19 to 6–36 and were eventually bowled out for 78, delivering an 89-run victory. After the match, both teams stood barefoot on the pitch and shared beers in memory of Jim.

- **Semi Final**: Our match against Knox Old Boys at St Luke's Oval ended in the cruellest possible fashion. In difficult conditions we were 8–89 when rain arrived and never cleared, with Knox progressing to the final by virtue of higher ladder position. Tom Barrett had held the innings together with a composed 43 before the weather intervened. It felt fitting, albeit deeply frustrating, that rain brought an end to a soggy second half of the season, though at least both teams were united by the shared trauma of attempting to fold 30x30 covers in torrential rain. While the result was not the ending we wanted, what this group built across 2025/2026 remains an extraordinary achievement in its own right.

**Social Season Highlights**

- The Reg Bartley social fixture in February finally appeared to break Tom Barrett's infamous curse of dismissals in the forties, scoring a brilliant 92, however, the fans he had brought to the ground were,

per Nathan Austen's report, *"too engrossed in the bubble show at the children's birthday party next to the dugout to take notice."* Jono Seifman's unplayable 4–14 won sealing the win.

- Our last fixture was a loss against a quality NSW Fire & Rescue side and delivered perhaps one of the most absurd, rueful, tragic moments you'll ever see, Adam Khamis filled with hope and expectation had been waiting the entire season to cash in his 'bat at #6' card, he strode jovially out to the crease only to be mercilessly run out by Tom Barrett for a **diamond duck**. Ahh cricket… never change!

**Acknowledgements**

Thank you to the CCNSW Management Committee, the C&SCA Executive Committee, Inner West Council, and curator John Lee for another superb season at Camperdown Park which will be unavailable next season due to major maintenance. Thank you to our opposition across the season for excellent fixtures and finally to the CCNSW squad, thank you for an extraordinary season, looking forward to our away 2026-2027 season!

**Jamie Murtha City and Suburban Captain**

## MASTERS: Played:- 10; Won:- 3 (one by forfeit); Lost: - 7; Drawn 1; Cancelled: 1 (forfeit)

## CCNSW MASTERS TEAM vs HAWKESBURY CC AT CAMPERDOWN on SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

**Back row:** Andrew Dadswell, Soren Hughes, David Abreu (c), Tom Robertson, Michael Emmanuel, Michael Tarrant

**Front Row:** Dan Turner, Scott Wells (w), Ben Stanic, Jason Kenn and Mike Tarrant

**Summary**: 27 *people played for the Masters in 10 games this season compared with 27 in 11 games the previous season. A core of 11 players played 5 or more games compared with 10 such players the previous season. We came eighth out of 12 team in Division One –the same as last season- , winning three games (one by forfeit) and losing seven compared to the previous season when we won 4 and lost 7. No games were lost to weather –the same as last season though we did have one rain affected draw and one win by forfeit.*

The CCNSW Masters team started strongly and then had a down and up then down again sort of season. A branch and root review will identify two or three key areas for work next season as the players are not happy with a mid-table position. The late, great SK Warne would say that cricket is a simple game. But we're not simple guys really; we aspire to greater stuff

In our first season as a new leadership group, Tim Croft (c), and the two v/cs, Jason Kenn and David Abreu were impressed with the talent and much of the application… in parts. The C/VC team all agreed that to be more competitive next season, we need to be more consistent with the bat, stay on top when we get on top with the ball and be tighter in our fielding. It would have been nice if the side just had 6-7 batters, keeper, 4 bowlers, and maybe 1-2 all-rounders to call upon. But no, every week there was a juggle, no matter who was captain, in managing a side of 12 legitimate all-rounders. This was a burden they happily shared.

A quick game summary

Round 1 vs Macarthur (away): Won - was a great start to the season. Andrew Dadswell bowled an amazing spell but only snared one wicket. He was completely dominant in a spin bowling clinic. Tom Robertson with 37 (to be his best batting effort of the season) did not get close to a clinic. He and Ryan Miller, who started a strong season in Masters with 41* ret not out, had a great partnership of 70. Scot Wells (42*) and Tim Croft (40*) both retired. We won with 5 overs to spare. The team was on song!

Rd 2 vs Auburn (home): Lost- Saw a good run chase but ultimately we failed to deal with their multi-pronged spin attack. Fell short by 60 runs. Mick Emmanuel with four wickets and 26 runs led with his all-round effort. Kenn 37 and Croft 41* fought hard but the team needed one or two more batting contributions.

Rd 3 vs Warringah (away): Lost - A great run chase, but another loss. Andrew Bachelard and Jason Keane each took one wicket and Bram Tulloch started to reinforce his worth as a spin bowling all-rounder with two wickets and then backed up with an invaluable 38. When he got out, it left the last wicket pair to get 77; CCNSW heads slumped. But Mick Tarrant and the returning Croft had a 54 run partnership to scare the opposition. However Croft was eventually out for 73 to disappoint the expectant visiting team. Tarrant supported effortlessly with a glorious 25*.

Rd 4 vs Castle Hill (away): Lost - Failed to deal with an odd bouncing wicket on which Castle Hill posted 8-204. Good bowling by Ben Stanic, Croft, and Luke Holman. CCNSW was well short of a competitive chase and were all out for 104. Kieren Purnell (KP) had a great debut as the only batter to contribute with 37 runs.

Rd 5. vs Roseville (away): Lost – Ryan Miller took two wickets and a few bowlers took one each as Roseville scored 6-244. Only Ash Perrott (55*) with the other half century in CCNSW Masters this season and Dan Turner (26) contributed enough with the bat and CCNSW ended up with 9-144: too many runs short.

Rd 6. vs Hawkesbury (home): Won- A comprehensive win vs the "Hawks" with batting contributions everywhere! Wells 48 Tulloch 49*, Kenn 22 and a short tail, i.e. good batters batted regularly nine, ten and eleven in the Masters side and showed their great value this round: - Stanic with 31 batting at No 8 and Dadswell with34 (with 2 sixes!) batting at No.9, We achieved our season's best total of 262 and demoralized our opponents. A bag of three wickets capped a fine all round game (again) for Tulloch, 2 wickets to David Abreu and one each to Tarrant, Emmanuel, and Dadswell to cap a 127 run win. The season's biggest win. Lovely way to end the calendar year!
Rd 7. vs Old Ignatians. (away): Drawn –rain- Both sides needed to honor the late 'Schwags' (Adrian Schwagger) with a close contest but we were sadly washed out after Old Ignatians batted. We still toasted him as we watched the (tears in the) rain at day's end. Tom Robertson entertained us with his foot juggling skills in the outfield at least twice and managed to catch one of these! Ryan Miller had his best spell of the season with three wickets. David Abreu bowled with the ball on a proverbial piece of string and deserved more than the one wiket he took. Tulloch with two wickets and Tarrant with one wicket both bowled well again. Croft somehow snared three wickets with his mixed bag of sea and spin. Tom Robertson and Kieren Purnell faced about twenty balls before play was called. Robertson almost swung his hip off going hard at seventeen of those but apparently the wicket was doing 'stuff' after a bit of moisture.

Rd 8 vs Schofields (home). Lost- In a rain shortened (25 overs each) match – Schofields scored freely on a wettish field and some early loose deliveries and dropped catches assisting their score to 7-193 off 25 overs. Wickets were shared with one each to many. We welcomed Ari Loupos to Masters. Tulloch led the reply with a whirlwind 44* as opener. The required run rate was 8 an over from the start. Miller and skipper Jason Kenn (with a couple of sixes to push the run rate) swung freely as well. Ryan did well to play his fourth game that week. Craig Kitson tried hard as well, but a clump of four late wickets sealed the loss.

Rd 9 vs Mounties. (away):- Lost- CCNSW all out for 73. Less said the better, but the side did see Australian over 40s World Cup winner Nasil Jalil show his batting prowess with 5 x 6s and 2 x 4 in his 44* ret not out. Bachelard and Miller did their best to make some inroads into their batting line up with one wicket each for few runs but Mounties won in nine overs.

Rd 10. vs St Clair (home): - Won by forfeit

Rd 11. vs Strathfield (home): - Lost to a quite strong Strathfield side with three NSW or Australian over 40s players. Tulloch bowled well in the face of four very strong Strathfield batters getting near or passing 40 in a total of 7-266. Cos Beadle, a recent First grade opening bat and then Australian over 40s rep, showed his class with 55* at a strike rate of 166. Only Loupos, for a little while, kept us in the fight in our batting reply, but a fast (for this competition) and accurate Kish Nadesan, another Australian over 40s player (8-4-12-6) showed his quality and skill. No-one lasted long.

**Post season summary**
There was a brief bit of introspection after this game about things to focus on next season. Many shared an absolute intent to be a competitive team in this competition and that opposition sides know will provide

a contest every game. Then we shared a few beers over the best parts of the season and tried not to rubbish each other's rugby league side if they had not done much in the pre-season.

Co-captains Dave and Jason and Tim all agreed these were positives:

- Great morale and camaraderie all season. Spirit was high no matter the result
- Great to see new or developing talent through the season – Bram Tulloch's focus on off-spin added to his all-round impact, Ryan Miller came as another genuine all-round talent (off-spin too): the pressure these two build with Dadswell through the middle overs was obvious when they played together. Croft for most of the season (though could play more next year) and welcoming Ari Loupos for a couple of games.
- It was great to see so many put their hand up to play, even though we only have 12 spots every week. We would love to keep seeing this.

We need to aim for improvement in these things:

- Everything… with a focus on
- Building partnerships and the batters innings early on. Singles early lead to bigger scores and getting the pace and bounce of the wicket.
- Working out scoring options depending on the conditions.
- Taking our (bloody) catches.
- Recruitment: Get one or two younger forties players into the side, will help as we need to be fitter and faster in the field and between wickets.

**Lies, damn lies and statistics**

**Top Batters**

4 batters passed 100 total runs: Miller, Wells, Tulloch and Croft. (all played 5 or more games)
We only saw two fifties (Perrott 55* and Croft 73). Three had averages in excess of 20 ( Wells, Tulloch and Croft).
Nine 'bankers' (I.e.- retired on 40*). Across 10 played games – that's not a high average of retirements per game: - more so when we consider Tulloch and Croft contributed five of those and Wells two.

We need considerably more output from the batting next season to be competitive in more games, and then some more to push for the top two spots. Reducing the lazy shot, considered approaches and the need to build our innings better on rain affected decks were suggested by a few players as a remedy.

**Bowling**

Five bowlers took five or more wickets: Croft, Emmanuel, Miller, Tarrant and Tulloch. Memorable spells were:

- Andrew Dadwell vs Macarthur; 1-7 (8 overs) had them in a complete (sorry) spin.
- Michael Emmanuel; 4-24 vs Auburn
- Ryan Miller, 3-19 vs Old Ignatians
- Bram Tulloch 3-22 vs Hawkesbury
- David Abreu, 1-28 vs Old Ignatians literally had the ball swinging 3 ways ( let someone who saw the game describe it- Dave was unplayable that day and could have had 2-3 more wickets)

Mick Tarrant, Ben Stanic, Andrew Dadswell all contributed strong spells and leadership across the season.
Great start to CCNSW Masters careers: - Kieren Purnell and Ari Loupos.

Many thanks to Jason Kenn and Dave Abreu for their support and taking the reins on a few occasions. And to Mike Weaver, Scott Wells, Dan Turner, David Craig and Stuart Ridge of course for all the administrative support and tips throughout the season. Adrian Hawkes and Greg Brooks – the club does not run without your significant input, the same goes for Garry Winney. Thanks all for a solid season.

Onwards and upwards next year.

**Tim Croft Masters Captain**

## CLASSICS: Played:- 10 ; Won:- 5 ; Lost: - 4; Drawn 1 (rain); Cancelled: 1 (by rain)

**CCNSW CLASSICS v MACARTHUR 1 FEBRUARY 2026**

**Back Row**: Craig Kitson, Kieren Purnell, Brett James (c), Phil Melville, Andrew Bachelard, Clinton Palmer

**Front Row**: Scott Wells (w), Dan Turner, David Craig, Mike Tarrant, Tony McMahon, Andrew Dawson

***Summary:*** *21 people played for the Classics in 10 games this season compared with 24 in 11 games last season,. A core of 12 players played 5 or more games, compared with 14 the previous season. We came fifth out of 12 teams in Division One compared with fourth out of 12 teams the previous season. We won 5 games and lost 4 compared to the previous season when we won 7 and lost 4. One game was cancelled by rain, compared with none the previous season*

What a summer for the CCNSW Classics! In a case of so close but so far, we played 10 matches for 5 wins, 4 losses and 1 rain-affected draw (with one additional match cancelled by rain), and finished the season right in the mix in Division One. On the ladder we landed 5th overall, a strong result in a competitive comp where every dropped catch, late-cut and sudden shower seemed to matter. This was definitely a season of close calls that could have gone either way.

Our first match set the tone: tough conditions, calm heads, and a win built on teamwork. We bowled Georges River out for 166, then chased it down with 7–167, winning by 3 wickets. The match report captures the real turning point: Craig Kitson's off-spin tightened the screws, and Dan Turner bowled in tandem with him to keep the run rate under control. With the bat, we wobbled early before the middle order took charge—Kitson (32* retired not out), Brett James (31* retired not out) and Turner (40*) guiding the chase home, with Turner returning to hit the winning runs. It was a "welcome back" win with just the right mix of grit and fun—exactly the sort of start you want in a season, giving us high hopes for a top of the table finish!

If the opening game was a statement, the Sri Lanka Lions match was a full-blown epic. The Lions posted 5–265 and we responded with a brave chase that finished all out 260, losing by just 5 runs. The report, an epic from laureate David Craig, itself calls it “The Longest Day,” and it reads like it—heat, momentum swings, late tension, and a finish that had everyone calculating scenarios in their head while pretending not to. Requiring 10+ runs per over for the last 10 overs Brett James 72*, Dan Turner 63 and David Craig nearly dragged us over the line. It was one of those games where you lose the match, but you win a memory—and you walk away thinking, “*veterans' cricket is bloody awesome*.”

But as always the cricket gods have a way of bringing you back to earth and that moment arrived February 1 against a very good and well warmed up Macarthur team. The match report paints it clearly— crappy cricket conditions, disciplined bowling, and us losing early wickets (3 for 29) before being bowled out for 93 (34.4 overs). Macarthur then reached the rain-revised target of 82 with one wicket down, giving us a sobering loss “on run rate.” But in reality we got towelled up - it wasn’t one catastrophic moment so much as a pile-up of small ones: starts not converted, pressure building, and a quality opposition that simply didn’t blink. If there was a silver lining, it was this: the match forced a reset. It reminded us that in this competition you can’t arrive expecting points—you have to earn them, ball by ball, partnership by partnership and it also reminded us that there are some very good cricketers and teams in this competition.

It was great to see us finish strong against Lindfield in the final match. We made 6–210 and then bowled Lindfield out for 134, winning by 76 runs. The innings had that classic CCNSW balance: Tom Robertson (35*) must have purchased some contacts and provided the patient selectors a reminder that he can bat even if he has cut off the bottom half of his stick, plus retirements from Dan Turner (30* retired not out) and Scott Wells (30* retired not out) to set a total that gave the bowlers something to defend. Then the attack took over—Clinton Palmer with 3 early wickets set us up for the win and Craig Kitson 4–30 came in the back end to wrap it up in style. Ending the season with a convincing win is always sweet… and it makes the off-season banter much easier to deliver with confidence.

Beyond the results, the season was bursting with individual highlights that kept the scorebook in rude health. Dan Turner’s all-round campaign was the headline act — 267 runs at 44.50 and 8 wickets at 7.75 — but the supporting cast was stacked. Scott Wells produced one of the knocks of the summer with an unbeaten 81* against Nepean as we piled on 5–243. Our debutant and Australian rep Phil Melville was our weekly “problem” for opposition batters with 12 wickets at 14.92 (best 4–12), and Craig Kitson delivered repeated moments of off-spin wizardry — from that famous 8 overs for 5 runs in Round 1 through to a season-ending 4–30 to roll Lindfield. David Craig’s batting has improved so much that we now may have to consider him promoted to all-rounder, he chipped in exactly when needed with bat and ball (145 runs at 36.25 and 7 wickets), while Clinton Palmer quietly did the hard yards all year — 9 wickets overall and a match-turning 3–19 in the final win to close the season with a bow. And it wasn’t just the regulars: Tom Robertson played some vintage strokes, including 42* in the tight Parramatta win; Another debutant Tony McMahon announced himself with a punchy 30 at Macarthur; Tim Croft produced a classy 44 in the nail-biter chase against Mosman; and the likes of Kieren Purnell, Michael Tarrant, Andrew Dawson and Sherville Hall all had crucial cameos — whether with late runs, tight overs, or sharp hands in the field — that don’t always get the headlines, but absolutely win seasons.

Our wins generally followed a pattern: we built a defendable score (or recovered well after early wickets), bowled with discipline, and had multiple contributors rather than relying on one star. When we lost, the themes were just as clear. Two defeats were tight enough to haunt you: Mosman by 8 runs and Sri Lanka Lions by 5—games, where one extra partnership, one cleaner over, or one fewer lapse under pressure could have flipped the result. And then there were the tougher days—Macarthur in particular—where the lesson was about basics: valuing early wickets, rotating strike, and not letting scoreboard pressure turn into rash options.

All up, it was a season worth celebrating: 5th on the ladder, plenty of laughs, and cricket that—at our best—was sharp, selfless, and seriously hard to beat. And with Dan Turner delivering a ‘Player of the Season’ campaign with bat and ball, plus strong contributions right across the list, there’s a lot to like about where this group can go next summer. See you all again in 26/27.

**Brett James Classics Captain**

## VINTAGE: Played:- 10 ; Won:- 7 ; Lost: - 3 ; Cancelled: 1 (rain)

**Back row:** Garry James, Stuart Ridge (c), Gerard O'Shea, Ed Cross, Ash Perrot, Daniel Pellen, Joe Scarcella

**Front Row:** David Craig, Peter Rolls, Frank Baliotis, Andrew Davis, John Finucane (w)

**(NB: The black arm bands are for John Jewiss, Chair of Cricket NSW Masters and who played for Central Coast Cyclones in the Vintage (over 60s) competition)**

***Summary:*** *17 people played in 10 games compared with 19 players in 10 games the previous season. 15 were financial members with two one-off guest appearances. The team came fourth in a 16 team league compared with fifth in a 12 team league last season. The team won7 and lost 3 games this season compared with 8 wins last season and 2 lost. One game was lost to rain, the same as the previous season.*

Despite the competition getting stronger every year we enjoyed another competitive season with a great all-round team effort keeping us in contention till the last couple of rounds.

Once again, we faced a tough start with the visit of Southern Highlands to Camperdown. Keen to make amends for a humbling defeat on their previous visit, we put up a strong fight. However, against one of the competition favourites, we fell short in both innings—leaking a few too many runs before surrendering cheap early wickets that left us with too much to do in the chase.

There was no let-up in Round 2, with a difficult trip to the mountains on a stifling day to take on Sri Lanka Lions. On this occasion, everything clicked. Batting first, we piled on the runs, with six players reaching 30+ in a total of 228, before bowling the Lions out cheaply for a dominant, statement win.

A slightly more relaxed approach against Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys saw the skipper—perhaps a touch complacently—elect to bat first on a green, damp wicket. The decision appeared to backfire as we slumped to 7-82. Enter Joe Scarcella and David Craig, who first rebuilt cautiously with a 60-run partnership, then—after a couple more wickets fell—combined again for an unbeaten 10th-wicket stand of a further 60 runs in the final seven overs. David then capped a remarkable performance, following his 78* (73 balls) with 4-4, as De La Salle capitulated for 27—without doubt the performance of the season, and arguably of any season.

A road trip south to face Greater Illawarra brought another game in which we didn't quite fire on all cylinders. This time, however, we fought back well in both innings—first pegging things back after a fast start by the opposition, then batting deep to secure victory by a couple of wickets.

Balmain at Camperdown provided another batting feast, with multiple retirements and our third score of 220+, resulting in a comfortable win and valuable bonus points. The match was notable for John Finucane's five dismissals behind the stumps to go with a handy 30 runs.

Lindfield collapsed batting first on a minefield at Acron Oval, and we closed out a stress-free nine-wicket win to head into the Christmas break well placed—five straight wins after our opening-round loss, though sterner tests lay ahead in the new year.

Our depth came to the fore against Penrith at Camperdown. After battling through a probing attack, late-order runs lifted us to a competitive total in damp, drizzly conditions. With weather threatening, attention turned to controlling the Penrith run rate. Tight bowling and regular wickets kept things in check, and remarkably the game went the distance. With retirees returning for a late surge, we held on—field spread—for a narrow two-run victory.

With the trip to Ingleburn washed out, three rounds remained. Sitting second on the ladder, we faced fixtures against reigning champions Georges River (5th), Central Coast (1st), and Hunter (3rd). With rival teams enjoying easier draws, three wins were likely required to keep our hopes of a third Vintage title in four years alive.

Georges River inserted us, and the innings followed a familiar pattern—steady accumulation building to a strong finish. With a couple of Australian representatives in the Georges River line-up, discipline was essential. Tight bowling and timely wickets secured another hard-fought win, leaving the season hinging on two challenging trips up the coast.

What followed, however, was a disappointing anti-climax. The match against unbeaten ladder leaders Central Coast was moved to an artificial wicket due to wet conditions. While both sides faced the same challenge, we adapted poorly, losing wickets cheaply, failing to maintain our usual pressure with the ball, and dropping key chances. Our winning run ended tamely. Central Coast were worthy, eventual unbeaten champions, but it was frustrating not to give them a sterner test after such a good run.

With title hopes gone, there was still plenty to play for in the final round against Hunter. Instead, the season ended much as it had begun—defeat at the hands of an outstanding attacking innings in an otherwise hard-fought contest. We failed to capitalise on wickets in hand and players in the bank, leaving us exposed to a brutal innings from the Hunter opener. Despite a strong fight-back with the ball, they edged home by one wicket with an over to spare.

Throughout the season, we again relied on a tight core group. New recruits, Ash Perrott and Andrew strengthened the squad, offsetting the loss of Mick McCormick to injury, while Greg Brooks missed the second half of the season undergoing further repairs.

Our batting depth was a clear strength. Ten players scored 100+ runs across the season, while an impressive thirteen reached 30 at least once—essentially every regular contributor, bar the skipper, who batted at number 12 on most occasions.

The bowling unit was equally robust, with nine or ten reliable options available to cover injuries and absences. Five bowlers took 10 or more wickets across the campaign.

The standout all-round performer and Vintage Player of the Year was David Craig, who topped the batting with 215 runs often as a lower order finisher and bowling with his leg spinners bagging 16 wickets, also the leading tally in the Vintage competition.

Gerry O'Shea once again provided a strong foundation at the top of the order with 179 runs. With injuries affecting the bowling group, he also proved a valuable option with the ball, claiming 11 wickets through a series of important spells in the second half of the season.

Ash Perrott added firepower with some destructive innings, while vice-captain Peter Rolls provided stability in the middle order.

Of the other bowlers, Garry James consistently applied pressure through the middle overs with his off-spin, finishing with 12 wickets, while seamers Stuart Ridge and Sittampalam Ragavan each contributed 10 wickets and consistently kept things tight. Ed Cross, Andrew Davis and Ash Perrot all contributed good spells and gave the skipper plenty of options.

John Finucane (5 catches, 6 stumpings) with a new knee had another fine season with the gloves with the highlight of 5 dismissals against Balmain and it was great to have a capable back up in Ash Perrot when needed.

Fielding was again a key difference with Andrew Davis picking up 7 catches, Gerry O'Shea 6 including a couple of memorable stinging drives in the covers and Stuart Ridge 5 as well as the mobility, agility and strong arms of Gerry O'Shea, Ash Perrot, Dan Pellen, David Glen, Peter Rolls, Ed Cross and David Craig saving us a ton of runs in the outfield.

A lot to be proud of with some outstanding wins and, importantly, apart from the disappointing trip to Central Coast, losses were hard-fought and competitive. A few moments at key times proved the difference in big games, some in our favour and some against, but the overall performance of the group with everyone contributing suggests we remain well placed to challenge again next year.

Thanks to all the squad for your ongoing support and camaraderie.

**Stuart Ridge Vintage Captain**

## SOCIAL GAMES: Played:- 8; Won:-1 ; Drawn 2 (rain); Lost: - 7 ; Cancelled: - 3 (grounds unavailable)

### CCNSW TEAM vs VICTORIA BARRACKS WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2025

**Back:** Jed Wesley-Smith (umpire), Luke Holman (c), Ryan Miller, David Glen, Joshua Heldarskard (w), Mark Henwood, Jason Keane, Leonard Volkov, Ian Wright (scorer)
**Front:** Rob McMahon, Mick Carman, Frank Baliotis, Rhys Longbottom

***Summary:*** *Not counting the intra Club game C&S/Masters game for the President's Cup, we played 8 social games this season, the same as last season. 50 people played for the Club this season compared with 45 the previous season. 33 of the 50 players were paid up financial members compared with 28 the previous season. Only one game was won, compared with 4 the previous season and 7 were lost compared with 3 the previous season. 3 games were cancelled (none because of rain) compared with four last season*

***(Results include Hamilton New Zealand tour but not intra Club game C&S vs Masters)***

The average age of the players in our social games is still increasing with fewer younger players. This has meant to a large extent match managers are relying on attracting non club members to make up numbers. This was most apparent in our game v the XXIX Club which used to include our younger and best players from our C&S team but now is very much an elderly veterans' side drawn from our o40s-o60s teams. My suspicion is that the weekend expansion of over 40s-60s leagues combined with midweek "Port Jackson" veterans games has also led to a reduction of older players available for CCNSW social mid week and even weekend social games. It possibly also detracts from the number of players available for our short in-season New Zealand tour.

Before Christmas Sydney CC decided to cancel for lack of numbers two weeks out, a very unusual decision and no social fixtures were arranged pre-Christmas. Our game at Victoria Barracks in February was drawn because of rain but it was noticeable how few members applied to play in this once popular game. Our

second Barracks game in March was called off as the Army laced the resources to either raise a side or prepare a wicket. We again undertook, a short one-week ”Australia Day” New Zealand tours - this time to Hamilton (described in more detail below). A flurry of matches in March produced a series of losses vs the ‘Raga XI ‘, vs NSW Police and (by only one wicket) vs the XXIX Club. For the second successive season, Molonglo cancelled for lack of a ground. On the final weekend of the season we won our first social game of the season vs the Victor Trumper XI.

**Adrian Hawkes Secretary and Fixture Secretary**

# CCNSW JAPAN TOUR SEPTEMBER 2025

## Japan Tour: Played: 5 ; Won: 4 ; Lost:1

**CCNSW JAPAN TOUR PARTY IN SANO IN OFF FIELD TOUR SHIRTS AND CAP [TOUR GUIDE IN BLACK CAP]**

### Greg Brooks President’s summary

The club tour commenced with the group assembling on Friday September 12th at Sano, the home of cricket in Japan, approximately two hours north east of Tokyo. We played six games of cricket, two in Sano, two in Yokohama and finally two in Osaka, the details of which are outlined in the match reports below. The oppositions were all Japanese nationals and all under 25 ! We could not have asked for a more enthusiastic and friendly opponent. Many are still learning the game but their natural abilities are good and they have a willingness to learn. The opposition included players from the Under 19 men’s national team and two representatives from the Japan women’s team.

From the wake up call of a close first game loss we won the remaining fixtures comfortably. Hospitality was terrific on all occasions and the after match presentations well received including a lovely post match speech from the Mayor of Kaizuka City, Osaka in both Japanese and English.

Our group was a delight to tour with, engaging, supportive of each other and quick to lend a hand when needed. The tour arrangements by Soren Hughes were superb and I thank him and Gwen sincerely for all their contributions. The playing group performed admirably and everyone contributed on the field. Sam Millar

led the way with the bat and Kieran Purnell was the leading wicket taker. Matt Edge had an outstanding tour with bat, ball and in the field and everyone managed moments to remember. None more so than Mick Weaver in the worst way possible who had his tour cruelly cut short with a broken collarbone while fielding in game one. Michael had to fly home just three days after the tour commenced for further treatment and we all wish him well in recovery. David Sirr broke his finger in the first game at Osaka and also had his trip cut short. He has had surgery back in Sydney and we wish him well in his recovery too. I would like to thank the captains for their management of the games as it can be challenging ensuring the balance of opportunity for all players. It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention that on tour Tom Robertson passed 10,000 runs for the club in the second game of the tour. This is a great achievement and congratulations to one of our truly great clubmen.

All this would not have been possible without the work and support we received from Alan Curr and his team at the Japan Cricket Association. Their efforts to grow the game are there for all to see. I'm sure this will lead to further improvements in the national teams across all ages.

Thank you to everyone who came on this very enjoyable and quite unique cricket tour. I'm sure many will consider a return visit to this wonderful country as there remains so much to see.

## HAMILTON NEW ZEALAND TOUR JANUARY 2026

**Hamilton Tour: Played: 3 ; Won: 0 ; Lost: 2; Drawn 1 (rain)**

## NEW ZEALAND TOUR GAME 3 v KAIPAKI CC AT KAIPAKI ROAD, OHAUPO, WAIKATO VALLEY ON SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026:

**Back row:** Harman Hishon, Jason Keane, Aaron Hills, Joe Scarcella, Peter Willis, David Potts (w)

**Front row:** Joshua Heldarskard, Oscar Heldarskard, David Craig, Frank Baliotis, Malcolm Freame, Sittampalam Ragavan

**Absent:** Tom Willis

It began as a trickle; one arriving early with family in tow, a son departing Brisbane to join his father in Auckland. Then there was a flood: seven tourists boarded the obscenely early Jetstar flight to Hamilton, cricket on our minds, hope in our hearts and spikes in our boots. Depleted by an alarming sequence of late withdrawals, our touring party of ten gathered at the hotel and quickly demonstrated we could still rack up a decent bar tab and food bill at the excellent Italian restaurant across the road. We welcomed a number of first-time CCNSW tourists, and I suspect many of them will be valued participants in future festivities.

New Zealand, not so much land of the long white cloud, more apparently land of the persistent drizzle interrupted periodically by heavier rains. Would we get any cricket in at all? As the match reports attest, where there's a will, there's a way, and with our host clubs bending over backwards, and in some cases sideways as well, we were able to squeeze 2.25 games of cricket in during some of the lighter rain periods! Our hosts were enthusiastic, generous and on the whole annoyingly youthful, demonstrating some excellent cricketing skills. I'm sure some of them will be seen representing NZ in future Masters cricket tournaments. While results on field did not go our way, the camaraderie and spirit in which all games were conducted was first rate.

Off the field, the Waikato region offered many attractions, and our touring party were able to experience some of the premiere local tourist destinations – blackwater rafting in the Waitomo glow-worm caves, touring the remarkable Hobbiton village where the Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit movies were filmed, mud spas and geysers at Rotorua, the Hamilton Gardens (almost a museum/gallery really) and the ever present golf courses. Personally, I was a little disappointed the Tipsy Putt indoor mini-golf didn't get more of a workout, but there's only so much time in a week. After sundown there were plenty of craft breweries, taverns and excellent restaurants, and the hospitality of these venues was pretty well explored during the week.

I would like to extend my thanks to the teams from Morrinsville, Cambridge, and Kaipaki, and to all of our guys for making this another highly enjoyable CCNSW touring experience. Captain Ahab signing off!

**David Craig Tour Manager**

# C.C.N.S.W. LEAGUE TABLES 2025-2026 SEASON

## City & Suburban Cricket Association - 1903 Inc.

## Jack Pace Shield League Table 2025-2026

| # | TEAM | P | PTS AVG | W | L | TIE | N/R | BYE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | Old Aloysians | 11 | **6.384** | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| **N/a ^** | Hunters Hill Pirates | 13 | **5.536** | 9 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| **2** | I Z A | 11 | **4.909** | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| **3** | Knox Old Boys | 11 | **4.727** | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| **4** | **CCNSW** | **17** | **4.647** | **10** | **4** | **0** | **3** | **2** |
| **5** | PCA | 11 | **4.384** | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| **6** | Yaralla | 15 | **3.733** | 7 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| **7** | Reg Bartley XI | 12 | **3.667** | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| **8** | Old Cranbrookians | 9 | **3.556** | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| **9** | NSW Fire & Rescue | 5 | **3.2** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **14** |
| **10** | Barker Old Boys | 10 | **3.2** | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| **11** | Colleagues | **9** | **3** | **3** | **3** | **0** | **2** | **10** |
| **12** | Paddington | 8 | **3** | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| **13** | Marrickville Turf Bears | 16 | **2.625** | 5 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| **14** | STT XI | 15 | **2.6** | 4 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| **15** | Sydney Uni Lions | 17 | **2.353** | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| **16** | Nondescripts | **8** | **2.25** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **1** | **11** |
| **17** | Marrickville Soldiers | 13 | **2.154** | 2 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| **18** | Rangers | 3 | **2** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| **19** | St George Vets | 6 | **0.833** | **0** | **4** | **0** | **1** | **13** |

**^ Disqualified**

**CCNSW made the Jack Pace Shield Semi Finals but lost to Knox Old Boys.**

**The Shield was won by Old Aloysians who defeated Knox Old Boys in the Final**

## Sydney Masters Cricket Association - Sydney Masters Over 40s

## MASTERS DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE 2025-2026 SEASON

| | TEAM | P | W | L | NR | BONUS POINTS | POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Roseville | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 209.65 | 429.65 |
| 2 | Warringah | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 187.35 | 367.35 |
| 3 | Strathfield | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 192.95 | 352.95 |
| 4 | Mounties | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 159.15 | 319.15 |
| 5 | Auburn | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 170.85 | 310.85 |
| 6 | Old Ignatians | 11 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 122.75 | 262.75 |
| 7 | Schofields | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 161.05 | 261.05 |
| 8 | CCNSW | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 156.85 | 236.85 |
| 9 | St Clair United | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 133.05 | 213.05 |
| 10 | Hawkesbury | 11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 129.35 | 209.35 |
| 11 | Ryde | 11 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 142.25 | 182.25 |
| 12 | NSW Hurricanes | 11 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 133.90 | 153.90 |

## Sydney Masters Cricket Association - Sydney Classics Over 50s

## CLASSICS DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE 2025-2026 SEASON

| | TEAM | P | W | L | NR | BONUS POINTS | POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | MacArthur | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 166.5 | 357.5 |
| 2 | Warringah | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 161.0 | 348.0 |
| 3 | Mosman | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 173.25 | 333.25 |
| 4 | Georges River | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 157.35 | 319.35 |
| 5 | CCNSW | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 166.65 | 308.65 |
| 6 | Castle Hill | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 138.4 | 305.4 |
| 7 | Lindfield | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 153.25 | 295.25 |
| 8 | Sri Lanka Lions | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 164.3 | 284.3 |
| 9 | Old Ignatians | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 137.65 | 257.65 |
| 10 | Nepean | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 128.4 | 213.4 |
| 11 | Strathfield | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 114.65 | 194.65 |
| 12 | Parramatta | 11 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 105.5 | 165.5 |

## Sydney Masters Cricket Association - Sydney Vintage Over 60s

## VINTAGE LEAGUE TABLE 2025-2026 SEASON

| | TEAM | P | W | L | N/R | BONUS POINTS | POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | Cyclones | **11** | **9** | **0** | **2** | **135.1** | **382.1** |
| **2** | Hunter | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 191.7 | 377.7 |
| **3** | Roseville | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 171.1 | 340.1 |
| **4** | **CCNSW** | **11** | **7** | **3** | **1** | **170.9** | **335.9** |
| **5** | Georges River | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 151.35 | 322.35 |
| **6** | Sri Lanka Lions | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 157.1 | 322.1 |
| **7** | S. Highlands | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 128.05 | 288.05 |
| **8** | Burwood | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 122.65 | 282.2 |
| **9** | Penrith | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 123.85 | 250.85 |
| **10** | Lindfield | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 123.2 | 243.2 |
| **11** | Ingleburn | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 124.25 | 204.25 |
| **12** | DLS Old Boys | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 121.85 | 201.85 |
| **13** | Illawara | 11 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 128.05 | 188.05 |
| **14** | CHRSL | 11 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 111.45 | 171.45 |
| **15** | Balmain | 11 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 121.2 | 161.2 |
| **16** | Warringah | 11 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 91.0 | 151 |

## C.C.N.S.W. RESULTS OF FIXTURES 2025-2026 SEASON

## CCNSW RESULTS ALL GAMES 2025-2026

| | Played | Won | Lost | Tied | Drawn | Cancelled | League position |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **City & Suburban** | 19[1] | 13[2] | 5 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 4th/20 (in JP) |
| **Masters over 40s** | 10 | 3[2] | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8th /12 |
| **Classics over 50s** | 10 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5th /12 |
| **Vintage over 60s** | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4th /14 |
| **Social**[3] | 8[3] | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | n/a |
| **TOTAL** | **57** | **29**[4] | **24** | **0** | **6** | **12**[5] | - |

Footnote One: includes both Jack Pace League games and C&S 'social' non-league Club games

Footnote 2: Includes one game won by forfeit

Footnote 3: Includes NZ Tour games but not internecine club game C&S v Masters

Footnote 4: Includes 2 games won by forfeit

Footnote 5: Includes the 2 games forfeited and the two 'social' fixtures cancelled because of JPQF and JPSF games

## RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. C&S FIXTURES 2025-2026

## JACK PACE GAMES ONLY

**Played: - 17 ; Won:- 11 ; Lost: - 4 ; Drawn 2; Cancelled 2 (by rain):**

## TOTAL (INC JP AND C&S SOCIAL)

**Played: - 19 ; Won:- 13 (1 by forfeit) ; Lost: - 5 ; Drawn 2; Cancelled 6 (3 by rain/1 forfeit):**

| Rd | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1^** | 12.10.24 | Colleagues (40 overs) # | **L** | Colleagues 7-259 | CCNSW 10-175 |
| **2*** | 18.10.24 | Yaralla# | **W** | CCNSW 8-220 | Yaralla 7-193 |
| **3** | 26.10.24 | Old Aloysians (40 overs) # | **L** | CCNSW 10-146 | Old Aloysians 2-148 |
| **4** | 02.11.24 | Cranbrook Old Boys # | **W** | Cranbrook Old Boys 10-115 | CCNSW 3-117 |
| **5*** | 08.11.24 | Yaralla # | **W** | Yaralla 10-135 | CCNSW 3-136 |
| **6** | 16.11.24 | Marrickville Soldiers # | **W** | Marrickville Soldiers 10-116 | CCNSW 1-119 |
| **7^ *** | 22.11.24 | Sachin Tendulkar XI (40) # | **W** | CCNSW 8-214 | ST XI 10-114 |
| **8** | 30.12.24 | Knox Old Boys # | **L** | CCNSW 10-151 | Knox OBs 2-152 |
| **9^** | 07.12.24 | Sydney University Lions# | **W** | CCNSW 10-194 | S U Lions 10-173 |
| **10 ^ *** | 13.12.24 | St George Veterans # | **W** | CCNSW 4-397 | St George Vets 10-97 |
| **11** | 21.12.24 | Marrickville Turf Bears(40)# | **W** | CCNSW 6-232 | Marrickville 10- 162 |
| **12^** | 03.01.25 | Sydney University Lions # | **W** | CCNSW 3-230 | Sydney Uni Lions 7-205 |
| **13** | 11.01.25 | I Zingari Australia (40) # | **D** | I Zingari Australia 7-210 | Rain |
| **14^** | 18.01.25 | Nondescripts# | **C** | Rain | - |
| **15 *** | 31.01.25 | Yaralla# | **W** | CCNSW 7-218 | Yaralla 10-96 |
| **16** | 08.02.25 | Old Aloysians (40 overs) # | **C** | Rain | - |
| **17** | 15.02.25 | Hunters Hill Pirates# | **L** | CCNSW 8-147 | Hunters Hill 3-148 |
| **18** | 22.02.25 | Reg Bartley XI + | **W** | CCNSW all out 142 | R B XI 5-129 |
| **19*** | 01.03.26 | Primary Club (JPQF) | **W** | CCNSW 10-167 | PCA 10-78 |
| **19** | 01.03.25 | Barker College OBs + | **C** | Because of JPQF v PCA | - |
| **20^ *** | 07.03.25 | Sachin Tendulkar XI (40)+ | **C** | Because of JPSF v Knox | - |
| **20** | 08.03.25 | Knox Old Boys (JPSF) | **D** | CCNSW 8-89 (rain) | - |
| **21^ *** | 14.03.25 | Primary Club (40 overs) + | **W** | PCA forfeit | - |

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| **22** | 21.03.25 | Paddington + | **C** | Rain | - |
| **23^ *** | 28.03.25 | NSW Fire & Rescue (40) + | **L** | CCNSW 11-114 | NSWL&R 4-115 |

***Saturday game; ^ home game # means Jack Pace; + means social game**

## RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. MASTERS FIXTURES 2025-2026

## Played:- 10; Won:- 3 (one by forfeit); Lost: - 7; Drawn 1; Cancelled: 1 (forfeit)

| Rd | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting Second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | 28.09.25 | Macarthur C.C. | **W** | Macarthur 5-177 | CCNSW 4-178 |
| **2^** | 19.10.25 | Auburn ^ | **L** | Auburn 7-214 | CCNSW 10-153 |
| **3** | 02.11.25 | Warringah C.C. | **L** | Warringah 6-210 | CCNSW 10-187 |
| **4** | 16.11.25 | Castle Hill | **L** | Castle Hill 8-204 | CCNSW 10-104 |
| **5** | 30.11.25 | Roseville | **L** | Roseville 6-244 | CCNSW 9-142 |
| **6^** | 14.12.25 | Hawkesbury C.C. ^ | **W** | CCNSW 10-262 | Hawkesbury 10-135 |
| **7** | 11.01.26 | Old Ignatians | **D** | Old Ignatians 10-191 | CCNSW 0-5 (rain) |
| **8^** | 08.02.26 | Schofields ^ | **L** | Schofields 7-193 | CCNSW 8-157 |
| **9** | 22.02.26 | Mounties C.C. | **L** | CCNSW 10-73 | Mounties 3-74 |
| **10^** | 01.03.26 | St Clair Utd ^ | **W** | Forfeit by St Clair | - |
| **11^** | 15.03.26 | Strathfield ^ | **L** | Strathfield 7-266 | CCNSW 10-47 |

**^ home game**

## RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. CLASSICS FIXTURES 2025-2026

## Played:- 10 ; Won:- 5 ; Lost: - 4; Drawn 1 (rain); Cancelled: 1 (by rain)

| Rd | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting Second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | 12.10.25 | Georges River | **W** | Georges River 10-166 | CCNSW 7-167 |
| **2^** | 26.10.25 | Mosman ^ | **L** | Mosman 10-196 | CCNSW 10-185 |
| **3^** | 09.11.25 | Old Ignatians ^ | **W** | CCNSW 10-202 | Old Ignatians 10-75 |
| **4^** | 23.11.25 | Parramatta ^ | **W** | CCNSW 6-231 | Parramatta 10-217 |
| **5** | 07.12.25 | Nepean | **W** | CCNSW 5-243 | Nepean 10- 145 |
| **6^** | 21.12.25 | Sri Lanka Lions ^ | **L** | Sri Lanka Lions 5-265 | CCNSW 10-260 |
| **7** | 18.01.26 | Strathfield CC | **C** | Rain | - |
| **8** | 01.02.26 | Macarthur | **L** | CCNSW 10-93 | Macarthur 1-82 |
| **9^** | 15.02.26 | Warringah CC ^ | **L** | CCNSW 10-162 | Warringah 6-163 |
| **10** | 08.03.26 | Castle Hill RSL | **D** | CCNSW 9-124 | Castle Hill 0-7 (rain) |

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| **11^** | 22.03.26 | Lindfield Larrikins | **W** | CCNSW 6-210 | Lindfield 10-134 |

**^ home game**

## RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. VINTAGE FIXTURES 2025-2026

## Played:- 10 ; Won:- 7 ; Lost: - 3 ; Cancelled: 1 (rain)

| Rd | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting Second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1^** | 28.09.25 | Southern Highlands ^ | **L** | S. Highlands 7-178 | CCNSW 4-179 |
| **2** | 19.10.25 | Sri Lanka Lions | **W** | CCNSW 6-228 | Sri Lanka Lions 10-123 |
| **3^** | 02.11.25 | Ashfield De La Salle OBs ^ | **W** | CCNSW 9-228 | ADLSOBs 10-27 |
| **4** | 16.11.25 | Greater Illawarra | **W** | Greater Illawara 4-143 | CCNSW 8-144 |
| **5^** | 30.11.25 | Balmain/South Sydney ^ | **W** | CCNSW 7-236 | Balmain/S. Sydney10-107 |
| **6** | 14.12.25 | Lindfield | **W** | Lindfield 10-91 | CCNSW 1-92 |
| **7^** | 11.01.26 | Penrith ^ | **W** | CCNSW 6-177 | Penrith 9-175 |
| **8** | 08.02.26 | Ingleburn | **C** | Rain | - |
| **9^** | 22.02.26 | Georges River ^ | **W** | CCNSW 7-183 | Georges River 9-143 |
| **10** | 08.03.26 | Central Coast | **L** | CCNSW 9-142 | Central Coast 6-146 |
| **11** | 15.03.26 | Hunter District | **L** | CCNSW 8-179 | Hunter District 9-182 |

**^ home game**

## RESULTS C.C.N.S.W. SOCIAL FIXTURES 2025-2026

## Played:- 8 ; Won:- 1 ; Lost: - 5; Drawn: - 2 (rain) ; Cancelled: 3

| | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1^** | 05.10.25* | CCNSW C&S v Masters | **n/a** | Masters XI 10-100 | C&S 6-103 |
| **2** | 12.11.25 | S.C.C. XI | **C** | SCC no team | - |
| **3** | 26.11.25 | Victoria Barracks XI | **D** | CCNSW 7-138 | Army XI 0-9-rain |
| **4** | 20.01.26 | Morrinsville Creamers | **D** | Morrinsville 4-80 | CCNSW 0-8 (rain) |
| **5** | 22.01.26 | Cambridge Antiques | **L** | CCNSW 7-171 | Cambridge Antiques 7-180 |
| **6** | 25.01.26 | Kaipaki CC | **L** | CCNSW 10-169 | Kaipaki CC 1-172 |
| **7** | 18.02.26 | Victoria Barracks XI | **C** | No ground available | - |
| **8^** | 05.03.26* | NSW Police | **L** | CCNSW 10-104 | NSW Police 5-107 |

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| **9^** | 11.03.26* | XXIX Club | **L** | CCNSW 10-93 | XXIX Club 9-95 |
| **10^** | 21.03.26* | Raga XI | **L** | Raga XI 6-255 | CCNSW 9-138 |
| **11** | 22.03.26 | Molonglo | **C** | No ground available | - |
| **12^** | 29.03.26* | Victor Trumper XI | **W** | VT XI 10-160 | CCNSW 6-161 |

*** means home fixture**

## RESULTS JAPAN TOUR 2025

## Played 5; Won 4; Lost 1

| | Date | Opposition | | Team batting first | Team batting second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | 13.09.25 | JCA XI, Sano | **L** | JCA XI 10-173 | CCNSW 8-164 |
| **2** | 14.09.25 | JCA XI, Sano | **W** | JCA XI 10-144 | CCNSW 8-148 |
| **3** | 16.09.25 | Universities XI | **W** | Universities 10-109 | CCNSW 7-115 |
| **4** | 18.09.25 | Yokohama CC **#** | **n/a** | Cancelled **#** | |
| **5** | 20.09.25 | Doshiha Dragons, Osaka | **W** | CCNSW 7-192 | Doshiha Dragons 9-188 |
| **6** | 21.09.25 | Universities XI, Osaka | **W** | CCNSW 4-219 | Universities XI 10-70 |

**# Yokohama could only raise one player so Tour party played an intra Club nine p side**

## CCNSW RESULTS HAMILTON TOUR 2026

## Played:- 3 ; Won:- 0 ; Lost: - 2; Drawn:- 1 (rain)

| | Date | Opponents | | Team batting first | Team batting second |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | 20.01.26 | Morrinsville Creamers | **D** | Morrinsville 4-80 | CCNSW 0-8 (rain) |
| **2** | 22.01.26 | Cambridge Antiques | **L** | CCNSW 7-171 | Cambridge Antiques 7-180 |
| **3** | 25.01.26 | Kaipaki CC | **L** | CCNSW 10-169 | Kaipaki CC 1-172 |

# C.C.N.S.W. NOTABLE PERFORMANCES 2025-2026 DOMESTIC SEASON

*(* NB Figures in brackets are previous season for comparison purposes)*

**Most Appearances all games**: **- 26 by David Craig** *(26 by David Craig)**

**Most Runs all games** : **519 @ 37.07 by Soren Hughes** ***(****422 @ 28.13 by Dan Turner)**

**Most wickets all games : 25 @ 19.92 by David Craig** ***(****29 @ 20.66 by David Craig)**

**Best Batting average: (min 5 innings) All games:: 51.33 by Ezekiel Hughes (154 runs)** ***(****45.25 by Avinash Bhandari (181 runs))**

**All games: Best Bowling average (min 10 wickets)**: **10.39 by Gerard O'Shea (18 wickets)** *(4.70 by Tim Jones (10 wickets))**

**Most Runs C&S games***:* **496 @ 41.33 by Soren Hughes** *(361 @ 40.12 by Soren Hughes)**

**Most wickets C&S games: 16 @ 23.33 by Adam Khamis** *(25 @ 18.80 by Adam Khamis)**

**Most Runs Masters games**: **167 @ 55.67 by Tim Croft** *(223 @ 37.17 by Scott Wells)**

**Most wickets Masters games: 10 @ 18.30 by Bram Tulloch** *(9 @ 27.10 by Ben Stanic)**

**Most Runs Classics games**: **267 @ 44.50 by Dan Turner** *(219 @ 43.80 by Andrew Dawson)**

**Most wickets Classics games: 12 @ 14.92 by Phil Melville** (*14 @ 6.93 by Craig Kitson and 14 @ 16.29 by Andrew Bachelard)**

**Most Runs Vintage games**: **215 @ 35.83 by David Craig** *(213 @ 42.60 by Gerard O'Shea)**

**Most wickets Vintage games***:* **16 @ 14.06 by David Craig** *(9 @ 18.22 by Garry James)**

## HIGHEST SCORES:

**C&S games: 204* by Soren Hughes vs St George Veterans** *(107* by Roman Hughes vs Sachin Tendulkar XI)**

**Masters games: 73 by Tm Croft vs Warringah** *(53* by Jason Kenn vs Strathfield)**

**Classics games: 81* by Scott Wells vs Nepean** ***(****51* by Craig Kitson vs Castle Hill)**

**Vintage games: 78* by David Craig vs Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys** ***(****36* by Gerard O'Shea vs Castle Hill)**

**Social games: 38 by Mitch Sturt vs Victor Trumper XI** *(45 by Paul Nash vs XXIX Club)**

## BEST BOWLING:

**C&S games: 6-35 by Joshua Heldarskard vs Marrickville Turf Bears** *(Roman Hughes 5-8 vs NSW Fire and Rescue XI)**

**Masters games: 4-24 by Michael Emmanuel vs Auburn** ***(****Bram Tulloch 4-23 vs Mounties)**

**Classics Games: 4-12 by Phil Melville vs Old Ignatians** *(Craig Kitson 5-19 vs Macarthur)**

**Vintage Games*: 4-4 by David Craig vs Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys** *(Rathesh Siva 4-2 vs Burwood)**

**Social games: 5-20 by Gerard O'Shea vs Victor Trumper XI** *(David Craig 5-7 vs Otago Invitation XI)**

## FIELDING

**Most catches (fielder): 20 by Tom Barrett** *(10 by Jamie Murtha)**

**Most catches (keeper): 14 by Declan Thomas** *(9 by David Potts)**

**Most Stumpings: 6 by John Finucane** *(4 by both Tyson McCallum and Sebastian White*)*

**Centuries (two)**

- 204* by Soren Hughes vs St George Veterans (Club record) (C&S)
- 100* by Roman Hughes vs Sydney University Veterans (C&S)

**Half Centuries (nineteen)**

- 92 by Tom Barrett vs Reg Bartley XI (C&S)
- 81* Scott Wells vs Nepean (Classics)
- 78* by David Craig vs Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys (Vintage)
- 75* by Sam Millar vs Yaralla (C&S)
- 73* by Brett James vs Sri Lanka Lions (Classics)
- 73 by Tim Croft vs Warringah (Masters)
- 73 by Ryan Lynch vs Marrickville Turf Bears (C&S)
- 72 by Max Sardelic vs Yaralla (C&S)
- 69 by Sam Millar vs Old Aloysians (C&S)
- 68 by Roman Hughes vs St George (C&S)
- 65 by Soren Hughes vs Yaralla (C&S)
- 63 by Dan Turner vs Sri Lanka Lions (Classics)
- 61 by Rhys Longbottom v Knox Old Boys (C&S)
- 57* by Ezekiel Hughes vs Marrickville Soldiers (C&S)
- 56 by Jamie Murtha v St George Veterans (C&S)
- 55* by Ash Perrott vs Roseville (Vintage)
- 55 by Jamie Murtha vs Hunters Hill Pirates (C&S)
- 54* by Declan Thomas vs Marrickville Soldiers (C&S)
- 50 by Craig Kitson vs Old Ignatians (Classics)

**Five or more wickets (two)**

- 6-35 by Joshua Heldarskard vs Marrickville Turf Bears (C&S)
- 5-20 by Gerard O'Shea vs Victor Trumper XI (Social)

**Four wickets (twelve)**

- 4-4 by David Craig vs Ashfield De La Salle Old Boys (Vintage)
- 4-10 by Jamie Murtha vs Marrickville Turf Bears (C&S)
- 4-12 by Phil Melville vs Old Ignatians (Classics)
- 4-14 by Jonathan Seifman vs Reg Bartley XI (C&S)
- 4-15 by Rhys Longbottom vs the Primary Club of Australia (C&S)
- 4-17 by Theo Joy-Page vs Old Cranbrookians (C&S)
- 4-18 by Dan Turner vs Nepean (Classics)
- 4-21 by Lachlan Murphy vs Yaralla (C&S)
- 4-21 by Garry James v Sri Lanka Lions (Vintage)
- 4-24 by Michael Emmanuel vs Auburn (Masters)
- 4-30 by Craig Kitson vs Lindfield (Clasics)
- 4-34 by Joshua Heldarskard vs Colleagues (C&S)

## ANNUAL AWARDS

**NB In C&S , Masters, Classics and Vintage 'best player' points are awarded by the captain. The John McDonald medal is awarded by all members' votes**

a. **John McDonald Medal: - Club Man of the year: -** David Craig

b. **John Russell Medal: - Best player in C&S: -** Thomas Barrett

**c. Best Player in Masters:** - Bram Tulloch

**d. Best Player in Classics:** - Dan Turner

**e. Best player in Vintage:-** David Craig

**f. Best Match Report (awarded by President): -** John Munden (Masters vs Warringah 2 Nov. 2025)

g. **'Stuart Mathlin' Golf winner: –** Jamie Murtha

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