CCNSW CLASSICS MATCH REPORTS 2025-2026 SEASON

WEEK THREE: SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 1 v GEORGES RIVER AT BLAND OVAL, RIVERWOOD ON SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025: REPORT BY JASON KEANE

The Classics started the season with a very strong line-up, despite the late withdrawals of Scott Wells and Andrew Bachelard.

Asked to bowl first under sunny skies, skipper Brett James and Phil Melville claimed early wickets, as Georges River adopted a cavalier approach that mixed risk with the promise of reward on the tiny Bland Oval. The weather too played its part as the hot conditions turned to gloom, bursts of icy rain and cyclonic winds. This was obviously an omen as Jason Keane came into the attack and was thrashed mercilessly (3-0-33-0) - although at least he had the decency to keep the ball within the playing arena rather than having to send search parties into the Army Barracks, the bush or on to Canterbury Road.

Clinton Palmer kept things tight at the other end, but the real turning point was the introduction of Craig Kitson's off-spin. 'Kitso' flighted the ball with great control in gale-force conditions and on a pitch with slow and variable bounce proved to be almost unhittable- his 8 overs for only 5 runs were a true reflection of his spell.

Dan Turner bowled well in tandem with Kitson, attacking the stumps and giving little away as he picked up a couple of wickets and stifled the run rate with 2 for 7 off five overs.

Georges River were reduced to 9 for 110, before a stubborn last wicked stand boosted the total to 166.

In reply Gerry O'Shea and John Munden fell early, whilst Tom Robertson mixed a few blows with a few edges to reach 18 and keep the scoreboard ticking over. CCNSW slumped to 4 for 33, but a strong middle-order came to the rescue, with Kitson (32* ret not out), Brett James (31* ret not out) and Dan Turner (40*) all reaching the retirement mark with comfort. By the time those three had retired, victory was within reach, and Dan Turner returned to hit the winning runs, selfishly denying Keane (10*) the minor consolation of doing so. *"Sorry mate- I couldn't help myself!"* he said, before the ball had even landed.

So, victory was achieved with more than 10 overs to spare and plenty of good performers. However the scorebook doesn't lie, and three names stand out. Kitson, Turner and James all turned in significant all-round performances. Kitson's match-changing spell and its timing probably make him Player of the Match in a photo finish from Turner and James- but either way, these three went close to winning the match on their own in what was an impressive start to the season.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 18, Gerald O'Shea 3, John Munden 4, Dan Turner 40*, Andrew Dawson (w) 4, Craig Kitson 32* ret not out, Brett James (c) 31* ret not out, Philip Melville 0, Sherville Hall 13, Jason Keane 10*, Clinton Palmer 1, David Craig dnb

The Result was: -

Georges River CC: - 10-166 (38.3 Overs)

Lost to

C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-167 (29 Overs) (D. Turner 40*; C. Kitson 32* ret not out; B. James 31*)

By 3 wickets.

FoW: - 1-15 (G. O'Shea); 2-21 (J. Munden); 3-25 (T. Robertson); 4-33 (A. Dawson); 5-127 (P. Melville); 6-156 Sherville Hall); 7-161 (C. Palmer).

The Bowling was: - P. Melville 7.3-1-39-2; B. James 8-0-53-2; C. Palmer 4-0-13-2; J. Keane 3-0-33-0; D. Turner 5-3-7-2; C. Kitson 8-5-5-1; D. Craig 3-0-15-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Three to A. Dawson (w); One to each of D. Craig and B. James

Run outs: - One to B. James

CCNSW Player points; 3 points to D. Turner ; 2 points to C. Kitson ; one point to B. James

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WEEK FIVE: SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 2 v MOSMAN AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

An overcast day greeted the lads at Camperdown. Detecting a bit of juice in the wicket, captain Brett James (being a bowler) sent the Mosman boys into bat.

Brett bowled his relentless line and length and swing. The batters were forced to take risks at the Mick Tarrant end. Mick was unlucky having their good batter dropped.

A few declined lbws later and we were slowly getting through their top order. At drinks we felt all was under control. After drinks things didn't quite go to plan and the scoring rate increased. David *"rich vein"* Craig bowled one of the best spells I've seen him bowl and really put the brakes on. All 10 wickets fell by the 36th over but they managed to get a respectable 196 from a wagging tail.

After a well planned and ample tea the chase began.

Tom Robertson got out in the first over which bought Dan Turner in and he played a few audacious strokes, hitting “Shirl” (John Stephens) for a four and a six off the stumps into the trees on the other side of Camperdown; some clean hitting. Sadly he holed out a few balls later picking the fielder with military precision. Poor John Munden keeps using his pads which led to his downfall. Andrew Dawson and Brett James came and went, leaving us in a pickle. But little did they know we leave the best to last. Craig Kitson loves a crisis and batted beautifully. And Tim Croft who was seeing the ball like a watermelon, played the innings we needed. Both retired. David Craig came out and batted as well as he bowled. He was well supported by Sherville (“Wes”) Hall and Mick Tarrant who smacked a few. David Craig retired so we had three in the bank. As we batted 12 that meant Dave could not come back in. The crowd was transfixed on every ball. Advice was dispensed every ball. Clinton Palmer was doing a marvelous job first with Kitson and then with Croft. It came down to the last over requiring double figures. Croft sadly missed one that was well directed. We fell 8 runs short. It was a great fight back and gritty cricket by the lower order. Now if the top order can do their job…

A sensible amount of beers were consumed and there was good camaraderie with the Mosman lads post game. Losing close games like that stings and hopefully focuses us on rising to the next game.

The Team was (batting 12): - Tom Robertson 0, John Munden 7, Dan Turner 17, Andrew Dawson (w) 0, Craig Kitson 43, Brett James (c) 1, Tim Croft 44, Andrew Bachelard 2, David Craig 30* ret not out, Sherville Hall 0, Michael Tarrant 14, Clinton Palmer 8*

The Result was: -

Mosman CC: - 10-196 (36.5 Overs) (B. James 3-13)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-188 (39.4 Overs) (T. Croft 44; C. Kitson 43; D. Craig 30* ret not out)

By 8 runs.

FoW: - 1-0 (T. Robertson); 2-26 (D. Turner); 3-26 (J. Munden); 4-26 (A. Dawson); 5-29 (B. James); 6-88 (A. Bachelard); 7- 101 (S. Hall); 8-146 (M. Tarrant); 9-168 (C. Kitson); 10-188 (T. Croft).

The Bowling was: - M. Tarrant 3-0-22-0; B. James 6.5-3-13-3; T. Croft 4-1-18-0; C. Kitson 3-0-27-0; C. Palmer 7-0-48-1; D. Craig 6-2-16-2; S. Hall 4-0-22-2; A. Bachelard 3-0-23-0

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of D. Craig and C. Kitson

Run outs: - One to B. James and one to C. Palmer

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to D. Craig; 2 points to C. Kitson; one point to T. Croft.

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WEEK SEVEN: SATURDAY 8 - SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 3 v OLD IGNATIANS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025: REPORT BY TOM ROBERTSON

A crisp day at Camperdown greeted the lads and I was told that the covers had been folded to perfection. A feat “captain covers and peg boy” would have been proud of.

Brett James won the toss and in we went to bat. Lots of runs scored the previous day so it was labeled a road. But no matter what you label it, the top four seem not to like it. Scott Wells (13) holed out in the deep. Dan Turner (2) top edged and Tom Robertson (4) and Mick Tarrant (4) caught in the ring.

The Classics debutant Tony McMahon , looked tidy at the crease. Hitting anything off the pads behind square like a proper left hand should. He was sadly ‘barbecued’, run out by a margin by his partner who will be nameless. Craig Kitson was then joined by Brett James who scored at a good clip. They both got to 30* retirement and so did Phil Melville, scoring well all over the ground. Andrew Bachelard hit a majestic 4 to long

on and the crowd was in agreement that he was back in form. He then got out. Sherville ("Wes") Hall came and hit a few. He can hit a clean ball but gets carried away. Jason Keane got a golden, out lbw. His bat really is retaining its value. That left the retirees to get us to as near 200 as we could get. A late flurry got us there. The live scoring added up ok but the wise guys doing the books were off. No apologies were made to the poor guy that was doing the electronic scoring after his name was heavily tarnished at afternoon tea.

Out we went to defend a good score. They had a few gun bats and we had to contain them or 200 would not be enough. Luckily Brett James and Phil Meville bowled perfectly to the Camperdown conditions. It was a slow start and pressure was building and it showed as a trickle of wickets turned into torrent. Old Ignatians were guilty of playing back at Camperdown and the lbw count showed it. I think Meville has found a new favourite pitch as he bowled the perfect length and was impossible to get away. Mick Tarrant got the key wicket of Neil Mcleod and Dan Turner had a cameo over and got the second key wicket of Nick Garling. A cracking bowling performance led by Phil with 4-12.

A well deserved early mark and beers for the lads marked a good day for CCNSW. Let's keep this form going boys.

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 4; Mike Tarrant 4; Dan Turner 2; Scott Wells (w) 13; Craig Kitson 50, Tony McMahon 15, Brett James (c) 43*, Phillip Melville 44, Andrew Bachelard 8, Sherville Hall 11, Jason Keane 0, Luke Holman dnb

The Result was: -

CCNSW: - 10-202 (39.1 Overs) (C. Kitson 50; P. Melville 44; B James 43*)

Defeated

Old Ignatians: - 10-75 (22.3 Overs) (P. Melville 4-12)

By 127 runs.

FoW: - 1-10 (T. Robertson); 2-12 (M. Tarrant); 3-20 (D. Turner); 4-36 (S. Wells); 5-51 (A. McMahon) 6-118 (A. Bachelard); 7-136 (S. Hall); 8-136 (J. Keane); 9-178 (C. Kitson); 10-202 (P. Melville).

The Bowling was: - B. James 4-1-9-1; P. Melville 8-1-12-4; M. Tarrant 5-1-22-1; D. Turner 1-1-0-1; J. Keane 2.3-0-13-2; L. Holman 2-0-17-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to S. Wells (w)

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to P. Melville; 2 points to B. James; one point to C. Kitson

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WEEK NINE: SATURDAY 22 - SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 4 v PARRAMATTA AT TEMPE RECREATION RESERVE, HOLBEACH AVENUE, TEMPE ON SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025: REPORT BY MICHAEL WEAVER

The CCNSW Classics took on the Parramatta Classics in a game they would have expected to win, judging by the current record for the season for each team. CCNSW had won two games with just one close loss to Mosman.

Parramatta, last season's Second Division 'Owls' champions, had yet to record a victory in the first three rounds.

With inclement weather overnight forcing the closure of Camperdown Park, the game was hastily re-arranged, transferred to a synthetic wicket venue at the Recreation Reserve, Tempe, on the Sunday morning. This was on the agreement of both captains.

CCNSW skipper Scott Wells elected to bat on a warm, clear day with a quick outfield and strong breeze - conditions reminiscent of his recent success with the NSW Waratahs at the Over-55s national championships in Bunbury, WA.

CCNSW 1st Innings Batting Highlights

- Tom Robertson opened with Gerry O'Shea, giving the 'home' team a solid and adventurous start to the innings. Tom, after retiring and resuming near the end of the 40 overs, eventually recorded an unbeaten 42* off 30 balls (8 fours, SR 140.00), scoring in his favourite areas in typical swashbuckling fashion. He looked like the dominant player of old.
- Scott Wells batted aggressively, scoring 32* off 24 balls (7 fours, SR 133.33). His retirement was almost expected with 100 percent certainty. Scotty is currently enjoying what is commonly known to all associated with the club as 'a rich vein of form'.
- Anthony McMahon provided a late flourish with 26 off 17 balls, including the only six of the innings (SR 152.94). He has been a very handy new addition to the team for this summer.
- Gerard O'Shea and Daniel Turner contributed relatively steady knocks of 31 (28) and 30 (36) respectively. Both retired to put CCNSW in a strong position.
- The lower order had limited time remaining when called upon, with Phillip Melville (6), David Craig (9), and Sherville Hall (6) falling cheaply in the scramble for maximum runs.

Total: 6 for 231 off 40 overs.

2nd Innings Summary

Chasing 232 for victory, the Parramatta side fell just a few runs short, finishing on 217 all out in 39.2 overs Despite strong contributions from their top order, regular wickets and sharp fielding from CCNSW turned the tide. CCNSW kept their cool at the death, when just 15 runs were required off the last over by Parramatta. There were no dropped catches on the day.

Batting Performance for Parramatta

- Brendan Ridges was the standout performer with a fluent 54 runs, hitting 10 fours, 1 six.
- Andy Price added a valuable 37 runs, while Stephen Jackson chipped in with 32.
- Peter O'Reilly scored 31 at the top, giving the opposition's chase a solid foundation.
- James Haldane remained not out on 30 but ran out of partners.
- Parra's lower order collapsed under the CCNSW pressure, with only single-digit contributions from Hahn (6), Smith (7), Jenns (1), Schinella (5), and Morris (8).
- Extras: this were notably without any no balls or wides. Just 4 leg byes and 2 byes

Total: 217 all out in 39.2 overs.

CCNSW Bowling Analysis

- Clinton Palmer led the attack and was pick of the pack with 8 overs, 1 maiden, 33 runs, 2 wickets, Econ 4.12.
- Phillip Melville, continuing his excellent form representing NSW Blues in Bunbury, struck twice. His scalps including the key wicket of Ridges: 7 overs, 40 runs, 2 wickets.
- Craig Kitson, Luke Holman, Sherville Hall, and Daniel Turner each picked up a wicket.
- Bowling was disciplined overall, with Palmer and Kitson maintaining tight lines.

It was a very disciplined CCNSW bowling performance, in the face of the Parramatta batting onslaught on the imitation wicket surface. In all, five Parra batters were to reach retirement.

CCNSW Fielding Highlights

- Craig Kitson and Clinton Palmer took outstanding, crucial catches. Craig unfortunately dislocated a finger in the process. Hopefully he will not miss any matches, as is an important 'cog' in the CCNSW Classics 'machine'.
- Run outs played a big role: Schinella (by Hall & Dawson) and Morris (by Turner) were dismissed at key moments.
- Luke Holman also held an important catch to finally dismiss Price, to secure the win.

Fall of Wickets

1-60 | J. Borg (lbw Hall)

2-119 | Tim Hahn (c Palmer b Holman)

3-160 | Peter Smith (lbw Kitson)

4-163 | Craig Jenns (b Palmer)

5-182 | Ernie Schinella (run out Hall & Dawson)

6-185 | Stephen Jackson (c Kitson b Palmer)

7-188 | Peter O'Reilly (b Melville)

8-202 | Terrence Morris (run out Turner

9-213 | Brendan Ridges (lbw Melville)

10-217 | Andy Price (c Holman b Turner)

[Round 5 will see CCNSW travelling for the popular, well catered for, away fixture v Nepean at Duke's Oval on Sunday December 7, 2025.]

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 42*, Gerard O'Shea 31* ret not out, Daniel Turner 30* ret not out , Andrew Dawson 18 (w), Scott Wells (c) 32* ret not out, Craig Kitson 15, Anthony McMahon 26, Phillip Melville 6, David Craig 9, Sherville Hall 6, Luke Holman 9*, Clinton Palmer dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-231 (40 Overs) (T. Robertson 42*; S. Wells 32* ret not out; G. O'Shea 31* ret not out; D. Turner 30* ret not out)

Defeated

Parramatta CC: - 10-217 (39.2 Overs)

By 14 runs.

FoW: - 1-112 (A. Dawson); 2-168 (C. Kitson); 3-194 (A. McMahon); 4-194 (P. Melville); 5-209 (D. Craig); 6-213 (S. Hall).

The Bowling was: - P. Melville 7-0-40-2; C. Palmer 8-1-33-2; S. Hall 5-0-26-1; A. McMahon 4-0-26-0; D. Craig 3-0-22-0; L. Holman 5-0-26-1; D. Turner 3.2-0-20-1; C. Kitson 4-0-19-1;

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of L. Holman, C Kitson and C. Palmer

Run outs: - Two - one to D. Turner and one to S. Hall

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to T. Robertson; 2 points to D. Turner; one point to C. Palmer

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WEEK ELEVEN: SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 5 v NEPEAN AT DUKES OVAL, GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, EMU PLAINS ON SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025: REPORT BY SCOTT WELLS

The Classics side made the trip west to Dukes Oval in Emu Plains, home of the Nepean side. Nepean traditionally put on a great spread game and today was no exception with charcuterie boards inclusive of cheeses select meats, fruits and sports drinks plus a post game feast of sausage sandwiches and beers freely flowing. Mix that with a bunch of great blokes and it always makes for an enjoyable day.

Mick Tarrant was a late pull out leaving us with 11 players. Dukes Oval is quite a large ground and normally has a bit of a dusty wicket but this one had a good coverage of grass. Scott Wells won the toss and had no hesitation in batting. Both teams using a pink RJR ball for the first time this season.

The two opening bowlers Sean Junge and Mark Roser are quality tall quick bowlers who were getting some good bounce and swing / seam from the wicket. In the first over, Andrew Dawson stroked a lovely pull shot to the boundary then fell fifth ball to an in swinging yorker – lbw. The following over, Tom Robertson sent the first ball to the deep backward point boundary then, again fifth ball, was bowled by a good in swinging yorker. The score 2 for 8 after two overs. Dan Turner and Scott Wells (the two locals) at the crease steadied the ship keeping the good ones out, getting beaten by a few but taking advantage of balls that were full or short and dispatching them to the boundary.

Wells retired in the 11th over on 30* which bought 'Mr Reliable' Craig Kitson to the crease – albeit a bit earlier than normal. Not looking himself today Kitson scratched around a bit and eventually fell caught which bought Classics debutant all rounder Kieren Purnell to the crease. Kieren and Dan batted well to see Dan get his 30* - another in the bank. David Potts our third string keeper came in and immediately took a liking to the bowling slapping them over the off field with ease – one in particular for 6 just forward of point ,wasting no time in getting his 30* and setting us up very well for a decent score. Phil Melville and Kieren worked the ball around mixed with the odd boundary until they both fell pushing the run rate. 3 for 98 at drinks – a good platform

David Craig strode to the crease as confident as ever – two very good shots off the middle – ramp and reverse ramp (I think) plus one exceptional pull shot off their quick bowler saw him accelerate to 30* in no time. However, while running with David Craig, Sherville Hall ("Wes") pulled up lame with an Achilles problem which brought Clinton Palmer to the crease. DC soon retired which bought back our first retiree, Scott Wells.

With about 8 overs left and four batters in the bank and the score at about 5-180 on David Craig's retirement, there was time to amass a large one. Wells was hogging the strike and swinging at most balls – boundaries harder to come by with fielders on the fence. Lots of twos and threes on the larger field with Clinton running like the wind, saw us get to 5-243 with Clinton finishing on 0* (4 balls faced) and Wells on 81* (61 balls faced with ten fours), a great unbroken partnership of about 60* in about 8 overs, saw us get a very defendable total.

Phil Melville and Clinton Palmer opened up with Clinton settling into an awkward length on this pitch and Phil asking questions as always. Clinton clipping to the top of middle of their dangerous opening bat, Lowe. Their first drop David Brumsden came out chancing on his way to a brisk 25 before Dan Turner deservedly broke through bowling him. Kieran Purnell from the other end settled in a length and bowled a tidy spell.

An amusing if not confusing event occurred with their opener Ange Barbaro (then on 29) and their dangerous No. 4, Rod Lundy taking a quick single. Reaching out, Lundy did a hammy – making his way from the field 'retired hurt' followed off on the same ball by Ange Barbaro their opener retiring on 30*. Two batters gone in one ball. Two new batters to the crease and they were 3 for 89 at drinks – but had two injured players (the

other previously had incurred a broken thumb from fielding – he was subbed in with another batsman who was at home enjoying watching the Poms get smashed by the Aussies – agreed by both captains). So a decent platform to build on.

Both spinners Craig Kitson (off-spin) and David Craig (leg spin) operated in tandem – boundaries protected and the runs dried up significantly – Nepean soon needing 8 an over which bought about wickets. Great tight lines by both spinners bought the game back under full control. Kitson finishing with 2 for 21 and Craig 1 for 29 off their 8 overs. But we still needed 7 wickets with 12 overs to go. Melville and Turner returned with Turner capping off a great game taking 4 for 18 and Melville deservedly taking care of the stubborn Brendan Hewitt.

CCNSW took the ninth wicket (plus a non returning retired hurt) to wrap up the innings in the 38th over. Great win with everyone putting in to achieve the result.

The Team was: - Andrew Dawson 4, Tom Robertson 4, Daniel Turner 31* ret not out, Scott Wells (c) & (w) 81* not out, Craig Kitson 3, Kieren Purnell 22, David Potts 30* ret not out, Philip Melville 15, David Craig 30* ret not out, Sherville Hall 6* ret hurt, Clinton Palmer 0*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 5-243 (40 Overs) (S. Wells 81*; D. Turner 31* ret not out; D. Craig 30* ret not out; D. Potts 30* ret not out)

Defeated

Nepean CC: - all out 145 (37.4 Overs) (D. Turner 4-18)

By 98 runs.

FoW: - 1-4 (A. Dawson); 2-8 (T. Robertson); 3-74 (C. Kitson); 4-138 (K. Purnell); 5-173 (P. Melville).

The Bowling was: - P. Melville 8-1-33-1; C. Palmer 4-0-19-1; D. Turner 6.4-0-18-4; K. Purnell 3-0-19-0; C. Kitson 8-1-21-2; D. Craig 8-1-29-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of C. Palmer, T. Robertson and D. Turner

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to S. Wells; 2 points to D. Turner; one point to D. Craig

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WEEK THIRTEEN: SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025

CLASSICS ROUND 6 v SRI LANKA LIONS AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025: REPORT BY DAVID CRAIG

The Longest Day

As a 10 year old I was lucky enough to see the first ever ODI (Prudential) World Cup final in 1975, played on the summer solstice on June 21. Then sixty overs a side, the game saw the West Indies pile on a seemingly unassailable (for the times) total of 8-291. Top scorer was Clive Lloyd, whose strike rate (102 off 85) holds up even in the modern era. I remember dozing off as he raised his bat for the 50, then waking in confusion shortly afterwards as the crowd erupted for his century, apparently moments later! For Australia, my boyhood hero Gary "Gus" Gilmour took 5-48, following up his match-winning efforts in the semi-final (6-14 and 28* as we knocked out the Poms). To be fair, they were all heroes after destroying England in that 1974/5 series – Thommo, Lillee, Marsh, Walters, Greg Chappell, all directed from first slip by Ian Chappell with his collar up and an arrogance bordering on self-assurance. In reply, Australia were always behind the 8-ball, but never gave up. The game culminated in a frenetic last wicket stand of 40-odd that ultimately fell 17 runs short, the match ending as dusk fell at 8.41pm.

That rambling and self-indulgent preamble was a long way of saying that I saw some parallels in Sunday's fixture against the Sri Lanka Lions. Let me take you to the summer solstice in the Southern hemisphere 50 years later, and another exciting game finishing in the twilight.

The Sri Lankan Classics side, what can I say about them? This is my eighth season in the Classics, and the first six of those seasons were won by the Sri Lanka Lions. Last season they finally slipped up, losing to Castle Hill, Georges River, and to CCNSW – our first victory against them in my time – as Macarthur took out the comp. This season they had already dropped games against Lindfield, Macarthur, and Georges River, and I'd heard rumours that some of their stars were no longer going around. Surely they were ripe for the taking?

At 11.20 am at Camperdown Oval, I started to get a funny feeling about that. At that moment, it was just me from CCNSW, and the entire Sri Lankan team milling around the change-rooms. As I loaded their team into PlayHQ, it sure looked like a familiar and formidable cast of players. Was this a portent of trouble ahead? One of our players pulled out late, leaving us without a twelth player, another bad omen? It was a stinking hot day, and there were lengthy discussions to be had about playing conditions, should we play at all? Extra drinks breaks were agreed. The massive covers needed to be peeled off, dragged across the field, folded and packed away. I was directing the folding, which was going great until a crucial last minute error – I chose one last bi-fold when a tri-fold was needed, and the resulting overhang was a shambles that took all our strength to shove into the sheds in shameful disarray. Stupid, stupid, stupid! Another portent? We were already dripping with sweat as Captain Brett James lost the toss, and despite a very green looking deck the Sri Lankans were quick to bat first. More bad juju? Nah, surely not, we got this, right?!

After somewhat rushed preparations, we took the field and Phil Melville opened from the Rotunda end. The first ball popped up and over the shoulder of the bat from just back of a length – good toss to lose?! (Spoiler alert: Yeah, nah!) The rest of the over was relatively uneventful, one shorter wider one dispatched by Russell Ingram to the short boundary and four more dots. At the other end, Marlon watched one go from Mick Tarrant before unleashing an absolute barrage. 4,4,1,1,4,4,1,4,4,4 – 31* retired in the 4th over off just 11 balls. Did I set the tone by misfielding the first one and turning a 1 into a 4? Was it all my fault? Was the bowling a bit off? Was the batting somewhat out of this world? Let's just say "all of the above", pretend it never happened, and concentrate on the new batter.

From the café end, Andrew Bachelard ("Bach") relieved Mick Tarrant, whose control on the day was more Brydon Carse than Scott Boland. Captain courageous Brett James took over from Phil Melville at the rotunda end, opening with a maiden that left me yearning to see a pitch map – was he landing it on a tea towel or a handkerchief? First drinks after 10 overs, Sri Lanka 0-69 and to be honest it felt like it could have been worse.

Sri Lanka continued to swing hard and ride their luck (Bazball? Lionsball?). Ingram retired, replaced by Matt Lewis who was going even harder, if anything. At the other end, Brett's third big appeal for LBW was finally answered and we had one at last; 1-89 in the thirteenth over. Bachelard and Lames gave way to Craig Kitson and Dan Turner respectively, and we took the mid-innings break with the Lions 1-146 and three in the shed. 300 looked on the cards. And did I mention it was hot? I was standing fully clothed under a cold shower in the breaks, trying to avoid heatstroke. Our first backstop Andrew Dawson was cooked, and passed the gloves to David Potts. The sweat was flowing like post-game beers.

After the break the skipper rang the changes, with Melville and Kitson both getting breakthroughs from the café end, while James and David Craig kept things relatively quiet from the rotunda end. Sadly, David Potts stumbled, fell, and did a 'string (hamstring injury) while chasing after a top edge, and had to withdraw from the game. Scott Wells took over keeping duties, and the Lions generously loaned us a fielder. We pegged them back a little and had another drink at 3-191. They now had a fourth retiree, and would soon get a fifth. Could we keep numbers 9, 10, 11 quiet, and in long enough to avoid another Marlon/ Rusty/Lewis onslaught? I was doing my best to keep the ball well wide of off stump, while their number 10 Janaka kept trying unsuccessfully to heave me over the short leg side boundary – eventually he walked down, missed again, and was easily stumped by our third string keeper (just kidding, Wells takes the gloves for NSW in the reps). At the other end, last man Ahmed chipped a Melville delivery to the safe hands of Bachelard at mid-on (5-235) (why'd you catch it, Bach?!) This brought Marlon back with enough time to complete his 50. Their number 9 Boyd Parsons also did well to accumulate 28*, and we won't mention the absolute sitter the keeper shelled when Boyd top edged a Brett James delivery straight up in the air – the fact that he clobbered the next ball for 6 over cow corner is neither here nor there in the scheme of things. Sri Lanka 5-265 off 40 overs, and while daunting, it could have been a lot more.

We put on a tremendous spread in the break (once again). For mine, the highlight was the array of fruit presented – in addition to cut watermelon and pineapple, there was a fruit platter featuring about ten different items, including sliced mango, melons, and other delicacies. Top shelf. Lowlight was an oversupply of pies and sausage rolls (yes, this is possible!) as we tripled down on these items. I thought I had made it clear this was my domain, but others obviously want in on my turf. Stay tuned as the pie wars play out after the Christmas break.

A light shower at the end of the 1st innings left us scrambling to cover the wicket, and it was accompanied by a change in the weather, meaning we got to bat in the cool of the afternoon - how good, eh boys?! (This was sarcasm: good toss to lose, my arse!) We began the chase knowing that, while 265 is a big score, we bat deep and the wicket was a good one (some fella by the name Soren Hughes had hit 204* red on the same deck on the previous weekend).

Things did not start well – both openers dismissed with 7 runs on the board. Dawson copped a brute from Steve Wark, one that lifted off a length, took the glove and floated gently to gully. I didn't see Tom Robertson's dismissal, but as it was caught rather than lbw, I can only assume it was his trademark mixture of injudicious shot selection and bad luck that "did him in". Turner and Wells set about rebuilding, but with their best bowlers on and us being 2 for spit, they were pretty much forced to adopt a cautious approach. 2-38 after 10 was the start of a recovery, though. Note it was now so temperate that the extra drinks break was not needed, so on we went. Dan Turner was the first to reach 30, pairing some watchful defence with bold aggression, walking at Wark to smash him away through the legside.

Kitson came and went, bowled by Ingram for a single, and Bachelard was sent out to pinch-hit. Wells, who is in a rich vein of form indeed, looked solid, moving the score along with minimal risk until he retired at 3-84 in the nineteenth over. Highlight was a trademark slog sweep that cleared the pickets, clattered into the wall of the sheds, rebounded off the back of the fence and up to the scorer (yours truly), who took it and appealed under the “one hand, one bounce” rule – after a quick consultation the umpire explained that this was not, in fact, anyone’s backyard and Wells was permitted to bat on. Speaking of backyard rules, in a case of not quite six and out, Bach added a trademark slog for six to cow corner, but succumbed soon after, picking out one of the few off side fielders. We went to the 20 over break at 4-99, with Brett James and Phil Melville together. Not bad after a rocky start, but more on pace for a 210-220 than the 266 required.

James was looking in ominous form – I recall in particular a gorgeous cover drive to the long boundary, timing as sweet as a Christmas pavlova. He reached 30* without drama and in good time, giving us our third man “in the hut”. But with 4 down and a man short, we were running out of men, and I was sent out to have a dig, ahead of Mick Tarrant for the first time in history (does the world even make sense anymore? IDK). To be fair, I have been hitting them remarkably well this season, and I pretty quickly got to 30* as well – it would have been quicker if I hadn’t kept stopping my own ramp shots with my head! Along the way, I lost Phil (run out for 11 @ 5-144). Some may say he was “barbequed”, and while I admit that I brought the gas bottle down from the rotunda by calling “yes, NOOOO!”, it was arguably the umpire who lit the flame, as Phil was confident he had beaten the throw. Mick Tarrant came and went (6-150), walking across the line against Janaka and missing a slog, hit on the pads in an area that retired English broadcaster Henry Blofeld might have described as “looking jolly adjacent”. With David Potts unable to bat, he became the seventh man out at the same score and the lionhearted Dan Turner returned to the crease to guide me to my 30. We were 7-167 after 30, needing 10 an over off the last 10, with the recycled batters in and waiting. Game on!

Honestly, the last ten overs are a bit of a blur to me, although there is one moment I cannot forget and keeps playing over and over in my head at night, but we will get to that shortly. Dan picked up where he left off, and was mixing busy running with a couple of mighty sixes, Mr. Wells was unable to add much to his retirement score, caught off Ingram for 34 (8-196). Enter Brett James, captain, leader legend, seam bowler, left-handed bat – is this man Ben Stokes? Well, no, unlike Stokes, he is an Australian playing in his own country; nor is James a cult leader who thinks he reinvented the way cricket should be played, and anyone who disagrees “just doesn’t get it”. But I digress. To resume the narrative, James and Turner were both batting extremely well, running hard, hitting harder, and the score mounted pretty quickly to 215 before Turner was bowled (9-215 after 35).

Full of nerves, I rejoined the crease with 51 to get off 30 balls and Brett going great guns at the other end. Before retirement, he mostly kept the ball on the ground. But with 10 an over needed, he started unleashing aerially – three sixes, including a beautiful blow down the ground that I can still picture. And so the chase continued. With 3 overs to go, we needed 40. They needed a bowling change – tensions were high as Ingram bowled, James hit a single, and the scorers yelled out “he’s bowled eight, he’s finished!” Hurried consultations on field. Matt Lewis takes off the wicket-keeping gear to bowl out from the rotunda end. He goes for 14. Who is going to bowl the 39th (26 to win). It’s the spinner to continue. Craig bunts a single to get James on strike. James lines him up, swinging to the short boundary. Six! Next ball – six more! A sumptuous on drive to Australia St. 13 off nine balls now. A swing and a miss, and an easy stumping goes begging! James hits a single, I hit a 2. 10 to win off the last, James on strike.

James hits the first ball down the ground and we scamper 2. Next ball is hit back to the bowler, I’m dead for all money, half way down the track. The bowler fumbles, I get back. Dot ball. Now James is driving straight, and calls 2, but I’m spooked by the previous ball and don’t take off until it passes the bowler. Can’t get back, a single. 7 off 3 required. I’m eyeing off the short leg-side boundary. The bowler is going to bowl wide of off for sure. I walk across, he counters, but it’s too wide! 6 off 3. Now he’s forced to come to me, just outside off, and

in my arc for the sweep shot I dream of. I go for it! It flies off the top edge straight up in the air, caught and bowled. Should I have bunted a single and left it to the skipper? Should I have just hit the bloody thing in the middle? IDK, it haunts me still. I'll get over it. Some day. Bloody long day – we finished at 7.20pm I reckon! To bring me back to the "longest day" motif. Matched now by the longest report!

Post match we had a most excellent BBQ in celebration of the first half of the season, laid on by Vice-captain Wells, with beers supplied by Captain James. What wonderful servants of the club. I ate and drank away my pain. It was great to see that most of the opposition stayed for a feed and a beer and a chat about an amazing game. Even better to see club stalwarts Mick Weaver and Greg Brooks with Bronwyn, plus a good contingent of the C&S side who came by to see the end of the game after their win. How bloody good is cricket, eh?!

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 4, Andrew Dawson 3, Dan Turner 63, Scott Wells (w) 34, Craig Kitson 1, Andrew Bachelard 11, Brett James 72* (c), Philip Melville 11, David Craig 39, Mike Tarrant 3, David Potts absent injured dnb.

The Result was: -

Sri Lanka Lions CC: - 5-265 (40 Overs)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - all out 260 (39.4 Overs) (B James 73*; D. Turner 63)

By 5 runs.

FoW: - 1-6 (T. Robertson); 2-7 (A. Dawson); 3-71 (C. Kitson); 4-91 (A. Bachelard); 5-144 (P. Melville); 6-150 (M. Tarrant); 7-150 (D. Potts); 8-196 (S. Wells); 9-215 (D. Turner); 10-260 (D. Craig).

The Bowling was: - P. Melville 8-0-40-2; M. Tarrant 3-0-32-0; A. Bachelard 5-0-43-0; B. James 7-1-40-1 ; C. Kitson 8-0-61-1; D. Turner 3-0-17-0; D. Craig 6-0-20-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - One to S. Wells

Catches: - One to A. Bachelard

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to B. James; 2 points to D. Turner; one point to D. Craig

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WEEK SEVENTEEN: SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026

CLASSICS ROUND 7 v STRATHFIELD CC AT AIREY PARK, HOMEBUSH ON SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026

Cancelled by rain

WEEK NINETEEN: SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026

CLASSICS ROUND 8 v MACARTHUR CC AT JACKSON PARK, LONG REEF CRESCENT, WOODBINE ON SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026: REPORT BY ANDREW DAWSON

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

Steamy conditions greeted a confident CCNSW Classics twelve when they arrived in Campbelltown, where the threat of rain likely influenced Macarthur, the ladder leaders' decision to bowl on a hard deck that saw plenty of runs the day before despite an outfield almost as lush as the skipper's Christmas beard.

The new opening paid of Scott Wells and Andrew Dawson started reasonably well, with Wells, realising the only way to score was to loft the ball, launching a square drive high over cover point for the first of only seven

boundaries for the innings. Chasing a similar result the next ball, he was well caught behind for 7. Dan Turner continued in the same vein, lofting for the second boundary of the day before being neatly stumped for 10. When Dawson departed LBW the score was 3 for 29 off 9.3 overs,

When Craig Kitson was caught behind, Brett James joined Tony McMahon. Despite some tight bowling, McMahon looked untroubled in crafting an impressive, quick fire 30 from 23 balls. After retiring, Kieran Purnell and James saw CCNSW to drinks at 4 for 71, a good position to push for a competitive total of 150ish.

After drinks Macarthur continued to bowl a good line and length which combined with solid fielding and the heavy outfield restricted the remaining batsmen to single figures. McMahon was the last wicket to fall leaving CCNSW all out for 93 off only 34.4 overs.

Given the slow outfield and the uncertain weather, the feeling was we were still in the game.

Mick Tarrant steamed in and was unlucky not to have the prized wicket of S. Neich first ball. James bowled with great control, getting good carry, beating the bat several times, as usual without luck. Andy Bachelard, Craig Kitson, Phil Melville and David Craig worked hard but some hard hitting from the Macarthur opening pair saw them 0 for 50 off twelve overs, when the rain came.

With 15 overs required for a result, we needed a miracle or for the rain to continue. Unfortunately, neither eventuated, Macarthur reaching the revised target of 82 in the 18th over, with Melville jagging the only wicket to fall.

Ed Note: Playing condition 9.9 (4) does not adopt Duckworth Lewis but relies on average run rate. If a side is bowled out in less than 40 overs, its run rate is calculated on assumption it had batted 40 overs. Side batting second must bat for a minimum 15 overs for there to be a win/lose result

All in all, a disappointing result, but also an opportunity to bounce back next game.

The Team was (playing 12): - Andrew Dawson 11, Scott Wells (w) 7, Dan Turner 10, Craig Kitson 3, Anthony McMahon 30, Brett James (c) 7, Kieren Purnell 5*, Phillip Melville 3, David Craig 3, Andrew Bachelard 4, Michael Tarrant 1, Clinton Palmer 0*.

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-93 (34.4 Overs) (A. McMahon 30) [Run rate assuming 40 overs:-2.325]

Lost to

Macarthur CC: - 1-82 (17.5 Overs) –rain [run rate 4.599)

On run rate

FoW: -1-8 (S. Wells); 2-24 (D. Turner); 3-29 (A. Dawson); 4-56 (C. Kitson); 5-76 (B. James); 6-82 (P. Melville); 7-85 (D. Craig); 8-90 (A. Bachelard); 9-93 (M. Tarrant; 10-93 (A. McMahon).

The Bowling was: - B. James 5-2-9-0; M. Tarrant 3-0-19-0; A. Bachelard 1-0-7-0; C. Kitson 4-0-23-0; P. Melville 4-0-15-1; D. Craig 0.5-0-5-0.

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: -Nil

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points (awarded by captain): - 3 points to A. McMahon; 2 points to P. Melville; one point to Kieren Purnell

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WEEK TWENTYONE : SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

CLASSICS ROUND 9 v WARRINGAH CC AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026: REPORT BY SCOTT WELLS

With a bit of rain around, there was a little bit of doubt whether the game would proceed – but with the new covers being used on the entire square at Camperdown, there should never have been any doubt.

Peeling them back uncovered a very green pitch almost indiscernible from the remainder of the square which is in as good a condition that I can remember with excellent grass coverage. Looking at it first hand, it was a bowler's dream – lime green with plenty of grass. Insider knowledge messes with the senses – the new Tahoma couch used this year gives off that appearance but provides a very fair playing surface for both bat and ball and bowlers.

The Warringah side this year has a very strong top to middle order and a very handy tight bowling line up. CCNSW too had a good line up. Both teams in the top 6 of the competition looking to climb the ladder and get the jump on the opposition.

Warringah won the toss and elected to bowl. CCNSW started solidly with Weaver and Robertson – 43 run opening partnership with 'Weaves' the first to fall for a well compiled 18. Robertson went soon after for his season high of 23. This bought Wells in at No. 3 who started solidly but chased a wide one skying it to cover. Turner then took control with solid defence and punishing attack along with Dawson who looked in reasonable form until he too was dismissed with CCNSW 4 for 90 odd at drinks.

Jeffs tied up one end with 1 for 9 off 8 overs keeping it very tight and turning the screws on our middle order. Bachelard was run out and Purnell was soon to follow – but not into the dressing room where Bach was! David Craig looked very solid but Warringah was relentless in tight lines making it very difficult for DC and Tarrant to get away. Sherville ("Wes"_ Hall played a great knock towards the end with Turner returning from retirement – albeit briefly.

CCNSW all out in 36th over for 162. Probably 20 to 40 short of a very good total

The low total put a lot of pressure on our bowling and fielding, and Warringah have some class batters. Mick Tarrant got one to climb from the café end dismissing the dangerous Kelly but from there Barnett and Trewartha took control – both retiring. Bachelard took a sharp caught and bowled to dismiss Jeffs only to bring Waddington in who also retired.

From there Craig and Hall kept it very tight with great spells producing 3 wickets between them but Warringah were always in control with 3 in the bank getting the total with 6 overs to spare.

Bowling and fielding in general was excellent but we just didn't get enough runs

The pitch played well – very un-Camperdown-like with good pace and bounce. Hopefully, we will bounce back with two wins to finish the season in the top five.

The Team was: - Michael Weaver 18, Tom Robertson 23, Scott Wells (w) & (c) 5, Dan Turner 42, Andrew Dawson 11, Kieren Purnell 7, Andrew Bachelard 1, David Craig 18, Michael Tarrant 7, Sherville Hall 15*, Clinton Palmer 1

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 10-162 (36.1 Overs) (D. Turner 42)

Lost to

Warringah CC: - 6-163 (33.3 Overs)

By 4 wickets.

FoW: - 1-43 (M. Weaver); 2-47 (T. Robertson); 3-58 (S. Wells); 4-91 (A. Dawson); 5-100 (A. Bachelard); 6-108 (K. Purnell); 7-131 (M. Tarrant); 8-137 (D. Craig); 9-138 (C. Palmer); 10-162 (D. Turner).

The Bowling was: - M. Tarrant 6-1-17-1; C. Palmer 5.3-1-25-0; S. Hall 8-0-44-1; A. Bachelard 5-1-24-1; D. Craig 6-0-36-2; K. Purnell 3-0-13-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - Two to A. Dawson; One to each of A. Bachelard and D. Turner

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to D. Turner; 2 points to M. Tarrant; one point to D. Craig

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WEEK TWENTY FOUR : THURSDAY 5 - SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026

CLASSICS ROUND 10 v CASTLE HILL AT KENTHURST ON SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026: REPORT BY CRAIG KITSON

On Sunday 8th March, the Classics travelled to the rural outskirts of Sydney to play Castle Hill. On a gloomy day with frequent showers forecast, CCNSW found themselves batting first on a very wet sticky wicket. The hessian was saturated under the covers; over the next couple of hours the plastic wet covers came on and off several times.

This made batting very difficult with no timing to be found, with the exception of one six down the ground from Tim Croft, 2 bounces into Scott Wells' Range Rover.

After a while we found ourselves 4 for 35 with Robertson, Dawson, Turner and Wells all out. Tim Croft and Craig Kitson started the rebuild with a partnership of 40 before Croft retired for a mature 31*.

Andrew Bachelard was sent in to do a job, but unfortunately got a peach and was on his way for a duck before any lusty blows eventuated.

Skipper Brett James and Kitson put on another 35 before Kitson got out for 26, just short of retiring.

We limped along to 9-129 off a shortened 35 overs which was probably worth 200 on a dry Camperdown deck, so still confident of a win.

A variety of sandwiches made by Mr Hungerford were very welcome at the break but that was pretty much the end of it with only a couple of overs into the second innings before it started to rain with intent.

The game was eventually called off around 5:30pm with the Yorkshireman umpire thinking it was a lovely summer's day.

No result. Let's finish off with a win in our last game in 2 weeks at Lindfield.

The Team was: - Tom Robertson 0, Andrew Dawson 10, Dan Turner 2, Scott Wells 20, Tim Croft 31*, Craig Kitson 26, Andrew Bachelard 0, Brett James 15, Kieren Purnell 2, Mike Tarrant 3, David Craig 5*, Clinton Palmer dnb

The Result was: - Match abandoned because of rain

C.C.N.S.W.:- 9-129 (35 Overs) (T. Croft 31*)

Drew with

Castle Hill 0-7 (2.1 overs)

FoW: - 1-1 (T. Robertson); 2-10 (D. Turner); 3-28 (A. Dawson); 4-35 (S. Wells); 5-77 (A. Bachelard); 6-112 (C. Kitson); 7-119 (B. James); 8-119 (K. Purnell); 9-123 (M. Tarrant).

The Bowling was: - C. Palmer 1.1-0-5-0; B. James 1-0-2-0.

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: -Nil

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - No points awarded

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WEEK TWENTY FIVE : SATURDAY 21 - SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

CLASSICS ROUND 11 v LINDFIELD AT CAMPERDOWN OVAL, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026: REPORT BYBRETT JAMES

No report yet received

The Team was (playing 12): - Tom Robertson 35*, Mike Weaver 15* ret hurt, Andrew Dawson 11, Dan Turner 30* ret not out, Scott Wells (w) 30* ret not out, Craig Kitson 29, Brett James (c) 16, Tim Croft 3, Sherville Hall 1, David Craig 11*, Andrew Bachelard 3, Clinton Palmer dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-210 (40 Overs) (T. Robertson 35*, D. Turner 30* ret not out, S. Wells 30* ret not out)

Defeated

Lindfield C.C.: - 10-134 (28.2 Overs) (C. Kitson 4-30)

By 76 runs.

FoW: - 1-66 (A. Dawson); 2-169 (B. James); 3-180 (T. Croft); 4-184 (S. Hall); 5-191 (C. Kitson); 6-200 (A. Bachelard).

The Bowling was: - B. James 4-0-9-0; C. Palmer 6-0-19-3; T. Croft 3-0-16-0; A. Bachelard 1.4-0-14-1; D. Craig 5-1-32-1; D. Turner 0.2-0-0-0; C. Kitson 8-0-30-4; S. Hall 2.2-0-7-1

The Fielding was: -

Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: - One to each of C. Kitson, D. Turner and C. Palmer

Run outs: - Nil

CCNSW Player points: - 3 points to C. Kitson; 2 points to C. Palmer; one point to T. Robertson

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