

C.C.N.S.W. MATCH REPORT No 11: KNOX OLD BOYS AND BURWOOD C.C. AND WYONG C.C. : SATURDAY 7 JANUARY – MONDAY 9 JANUARY, 2012

C&S ROUND 12 v KNOX OLD BOYS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY 7 JANUARY, 2012: REPORT BY WAYNE (“DOUGIE”) WALTERS

The club welcomed debutante Sean Keaton last Saturday and he seemed to be genuinely excited to be playing with such a star studded line-up until Matty Gale barked at him to get out of his spot in the dressing room. The calming influence of Tom Robertson, no stranger to harassment himself, soon settled the situation down before going on to complain about the fact that he was forced to use the card table while some blow-in got a seat.

In a touching pre game ceremony, Keaton was presented his 'Baggy Blue' by previous new guy Pete Crooks who proved himself the ultimate club man by turning up even though he wasn't playing.

We were up against a very young and athletic opposition in Knox Old Boys who were keen to avenge their recent losses including the high scoring Jack Pace semi final from last season. Someone commented that the average age difference was probably about 15 years.

2012 started well with skipper Craig Johnson winning the toss; this brought much cheering from the boys and in particular much adulation from Tom Robertson who was heard to say, *"Who needs that other bloke, what's his name again?"*

Johnno decided to bat on what looked another hard and fast Camperdown wicket. Certainly one of the best tracks in C & S which gives both teams an even chance.

Ian Allmey 30 (32) and Dave Stingl 39 (60) got the team off to another solid start with a partnership of 55 after eleven overs before Allmey was caught at deep mid wicket off the bowling of the impressive young leggy Donaldson. These two have become a formidable pairing with opening stands this season of 45 (4.1 overs), 61 (8 overs) and 26 (4.1 overs) in their previous 3 attempts.

Sadly the momentum was soon lost with the run out of Craig Johnson 2 (10) after Stingl called him through for a sharp run, unfortunately the proud new father was in the process of showing the umpire pictures of his little bloke Warwick on his mobile phone and was caught short at the striker's end. This brought Ruaan Jonker to the crease; as well as struggling with a back injury picked up in a Turkish Steam bath on New Year's Eve, he was also stressing about several hate letters he received over the past few weeks from women in six separate countries. With these mental and physical issues he never looked comfortable and this led to him hitting a full toss back to Donaldson and he was gone for only 3 (8).

3-80 soon became 4-80 when Dave Stingl was caught at long off for 39 (60), another good effort at the top of the order. Next in was the hardest hitting 'Ranga' in the competition, Tom Robertson, a man who carried the C.C.N.S.W. to victory last season the Jack Pace semi. He strode to the crease with the confidence of a 'Big City Lawyer' entering a courtroom. Sadly the result was the same, guilty of poor judgement 'Your Honour'. Bowled for only 1 (9). The score had now slumped to 5-90

The new boy Sean Keaton was joined by Scott Wells and the pair added an important 29 off 19 balls before Wells 13 (12) was out to a sensational one handed catch at fine leg. This brought Dave Byrnes to the crease at number eight due to his late arrival in his new car with his new spikes and his new bat. Controversially he was originally listed to come in behind Wayne Walters but a few harsh words to skipper including the statement *"If you want to lose this game then you can bat me at #9&king number nine"* soon saw him shifted up the order.

Sean Keaton ended his impressive debut innings on 21 (26) when he was stumped to the bowling of Hattersley.

At 7-125 with only 6 overs to go the Knox team were talking it up on the field. In came the always sensible Wayne Walters for his first bat as a 50 year old. After some encouraging words from Byrnesy, 'Dougie' disappointed by not reverse sweeping the first ball. Fans had to wait for balls 9,10,11 which were hit for 4,4, and 6 from his favourite (and only) shot. Statisticians later confirmed it was his eighth career 6 from the shot. The large crowd on the hill were going crazy, Walters was later fined for calling the 6 before the umpire.

Byrnes 21 (24) fell at deep mid wicket from the first ball of the last over and then Matty Gale 0 (2) walked very sportingly from a very faint edge, Walters 20* (14) and Ed Smith 0* (3) were not out and the final score of 162, while not as good as we had hoped it was still very competitive with our bowling attack. For Knox their best was the 21 year old leggie, Donaldson who took 4-15 off 7. Hattersley also did well finishing with the figures of 3-23 from 4.

After inspiring words in the sheds from Johnno, Stingl and the homeless guy who had consumed a bottle of Mateus Rose during our innings, the team were ready to rip in. Ed Smith from the club end and Craig Johnson from the café end both bowled extremely well, swinging the ball and giving the batsmen few loose balls. Wickets fell in the 4th, 7th and 8th overs and Knox was feeling the pressure at 3-26. Johnno took 1-20 off 8 overs but had their no.3 bat dropped 4 times from his bowling; he deserved much better figures. Ed finished with 2-34 from 9 quality overs.

Dave Byrnes replaced Johnno and using his guile and verve grabbed a wicket with his 4th ball, this had Knox at 4-57 in the 17th over. Walters replaced Ed and grabbed a wicket with his 3rd ball, his stock ball, the unplayable in-swinging leg cutter. The C.C.N.S.W. boys backed the bowlers with some good fielding and Knox was struggling to score 3 an over during this period. Full marks also to Matty Gale who pulled off a very sharp stumping from Byrnes despite the constant sledging of his team mates every time there was the slightest fumble. Well done Hadds!!

In the end Knox were strangled by the experienced attack of C.C.N.S.W. and fell well short, dismissed for 128 in the 31st over. Byrnes 2-40 (7) and Walters 4-27 (7) capitalised on the great work done earlier by the opening bowlers Smith and Johnson.

Another great win for the club. We have some tough matches in the coming weeks including the Jack Pace quarter final. Selectors have some tough choices ahead; Tom Robertson has nominated himself as sole selector.

The team was: Ian Allmey, David Stingl, Craig Johnson (c), Ruann Jonker, Tom Robertson, Sean Keaton, Scott Wells, David Byrnes, Wayne Walters, Matt Gale (w) and Ed Smith

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W: - 9-162 off 35 overs (D. Stingl 39, I. Allmey 30, S. Keaton 21, D. Byrnes 21, W. Walters 20*)

Defeated

Knox Old Boys: 10-128 off 30.4 overs (W. Walters 4-27)

By 34 runs

The Bowling was: E. Smith 9-1-34-2; C. Johnson 8-1-20-1; D. Byrnes 7-0-40-2; W. Walters 6.4-0-27-4.

**CLASSICS ROUND 6 v BURWOOD C.C. AT RON ROUTLEY OVAL,
BURWOOD ON SUNDAY 8 JANUARY, 2011: REPORT BY KEN GROSE**

Our match v Burwood on Sunday 8th January played at Roswell Park got off to an ominous start when the captain lost the toss yet again and the opposition batted. An extremely hot and steamy day where our bowlers toiled against a Burwood team that was stacked with players from their Masters side.

Joe Scarcella and Paul Georgiadis opened the attack and both bowlers were immediately successful picking up a wicket each in the first couple of overs. With Burwood at 2 for 7 in the third over we were looking good until their next two batsmen took the score to 101, with our bowlers Jay Patel and Garry Winney struggling to tie them down or take wickets.

Burwood continued to score quite heavily with three of their top order batsmen retiring on 30*. So we decided to introduce our secret weapon Joff Johnson into the attack. Joff bowled extremely well in his 7 overs and picked up a valuable wicket with a great catch by Paul Georgiadis at short mid on. Ken Grose picked up a couple of wickets also but Burwood ended up at a very challenging 7 for 191 off their 40 overs.

Our opening batsmen Joff Johnson and Frank Crowe got off to a great start with an opening partnership of 53 before Frank was bowled for a handy 19. Joff continued in his usual fashion keeping the scoreboard ticking over but once again we suffered the usual middle order collapse with Chris Yates bowled for 12, Keith Elloy also bowled for 15, Garry Winney caught for 6 and Peter Carapiet caught for a duck. Joff retired with an excellent 32*

At this stage we were 5 for 89 off 26 overs, requiring the remaining 103 off 14 overs, a very unlikely target to reach. Ken Grose and Joe Scarcella put on a partnership of 39 before Joe was out for a frantic 20. Jay Patel joined Ken and Jay attempted to hit every ball out of the park in his short innings of 9 off 5 balls before he ran himself out at the bowlers end attempting a suicide run. Ken was out on the second last ball of the day for 20 but we were never in the hunt for these runs in the first place.

So a loss by 51 runs our final score being 8 for 140 off our 40 overs

The team was: Joff Johnson (32*); Frank Crowe (19);Chris Yates (12);Keith Elloy (15); Garry Winney (6);Peter Carapiet (0);Ken Grose (20);Joe Scarcella (20);Jay Patel (9);Mike Birchall (0*); and Paul Georgiadis (0*)

Burwood CC: 7-191

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-140 (J. Johnson 32*)

By 51 runs

The bowling was: J. Scarcella 8-2-37-1; P. Georgiadis 6-0-24-1; J. Patel 7-0-23-2; G. Winney 8-0-29-0; K. Grose 4-0-27-2; J. Johnson 7-0-34-1

SOCIAL GAME v WYONG CC AT MANDALONG, ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY, 2012: REPORT BY ADRIAN HAWKES (based on information supplied by Stirling Hamman and Jason Thorpe)

For the first time in about 30 years the nature of Lindfield Cricket week has fundamentally changed. Originally an idea brought back from Lindfield's Cricket tour of England in the 1980s, the Lindfield link has become more tenuous as the game moved to Mandalong and central Coast players came to play more. C.C.N.S.W. has commenced the cricket week on the Monday in every year since inception and until recently most of the Club's better players were interested in playing. However over the past decade it has become more the province of our older players. This year Lindfield are not playing in the Cricket Week. Stirling invited Wyong to play on the Monday- a significantly younger side than the generally aged Lindfield side C.C.N.S.W. has been used to playing over recent years. This meant that this year the game was not played for the John McDonald Plate.

The other significant change was that Stirling had found a new source of soil for the wicket which had made it significantly harder with better carry and deteriorate much less; balls could be taken by the keeper above head height! No longer a graveyard for batsmen who used to complain about the difficult conditions.

Despite the best efforts of Nick Youngman (who is now 50 and playing rarely) assisted by Jason Thorpe (now aged 40), only eight C.C.N.S.W. members could be persuaded to play and only seven actually turned up. Of these seven members Martin Berry had officially announced his retirement earlier in the season with a bad back, but ever the selfless clubman he had volunteered to help Nick! David Crisp had also been invited but failed to show so we had to borrow 5 guest players and were seriously outclassed both in age and ability.

Wyong won the toss and elected to bat on a clear sunny day with temperatures (cool for Mandalong in January) - in the mid-20s. The elderly C.C.N.S.W. fielding was shown up as the early younger Wyong batting accumulated at 6 per over. Only with the introduction of the 65 year old Gil McGrath did wickets fall and the run rate temporarily slow as Gil took 2 wickets for 6 runs in two overs but then mysteriously was bowled no more as Nick (keeping wicket) rang the changes.

245 was a hard score to chase and unfortunately C.C.N.S.W. had no depth in batting. Ken Yardy was out early to a young female opening bowler but one who already has represented NSW, and wickets fell steadily. Only Brent McNee (who plays far too few games for us p.a!) showed his class and ended up with an impressive and undefeated 56*. He received minimal support. The Wyong First Grade Opening bowler took pity on us and bowled leg breaks for the day; he was rewarded with the first hat trick ever taken at the Mandalong ground, courtesy of the C.C.N.S.W. lower order.

While we batted out our 45 overs the result was never in doubt and we lost by 70 runs.

What can we do to raise a competitive side or should we reluctantly cease to play the fixture given the limited support by current playing members? Keith Elloy has volunteered to try to raise a full and younger side next season. Unless we do, this fixture is consigned to history and C.C.N.S.W. to the dustbin.

It would be a shame after so many years of the fixture and Stirling Hamman's marvellous hospitality. Apparently Wyong enjoyed the day but already they must think of our team as elderly and uncompetitive. Unless we can reverse this impression and be competitive again, the fixture will become hollow and not worth playing.

The Team was: Ken Yardy (4); Patrick Scott (7); *C Ranger* (26*); Jason Thorpe (11) ; Brent McNee (56*); Nick Youngman (c) and (w) (5); *T Herman* (0); Gil McGrath (11); *S. Stapalino* (1); *J. Jackson* (0); *G Rowley* (0) and Martin Berry (7)

Italics means guest player

The Result was: (12-a-side; 45 overs per side)

Wyong C.C.: - 10-215 (G. McGrath 2-6)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W. 10-145 (B. McNee 56*)

By 70 runs

The bowling was: *S. Stapalino* 5-0-18-0; *T. Herman* 8-0-43-0; B. McNee 5-0-21-0; J. Thorpe 6-0-33-0; G. McGrath 2-0-6-2; *C. Granger* 7-0-20-2; Rowley 4-0-13-2; M. Berry 3-0-19-1; P. Scott 4-0-22-2 and *N. Jackson* 3-0-19-1

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NEWS ITEMS

Friday 20 January: Sydney Boys High XI at Camperdown 12.30 start. Contact Ian Neil on 8815 9166 (B) – Direct or 0400 296 078 (Mob) or ian.neil@5wentworth.com.au

Sunday 22 January: Croydon Veterans at Camperdown: All those keen to play and help in hosting Croydon to reciprocate their outstanding hospitality last season should contact Steve Taylor on 9818 7536 (H) or 0414 888 894 (Mob) or stevet@totalconstruction.com.au

Sunday 29 January: Bradman Foundation XI at Camperdown. Ian Neil has taken over managing this important game. We are now one of only very few Club sides to be invited biennially to play at Bowral. This is a chance to reciprocate. Contact Ian Neil on 9223 4316 (B) or you can risk his mobile on 0400 296 078 or ian.neil@5wentworth.com.au

Tuesday 31 January 6.45pm: LBW Trust Dinner at the SCG - Steve Waugh Room Victor Trumper Stand; guest speaker Rahul Dravid; price **\$225pp**. Email C.C.N.S.W. member Ron Holmes at ron.holmes@optusnet.com.au

Thursday 2 February: Primary Club's The "Battle of the Codes" (Union vs. League) Legends Dinner in the Steve Waugh Room at 6:30pm. Tickets to the T20 game and dinner are **\$155 pp**. call Anja on (02) 9980-2525

C.C.N.S.W. GOLF

C.C.N.S.W. Golf at Macquarie Links: Steve Taylor is trying to get a date in February. All those keen to help organise a date and the day should contact Steve Taylor on 9818 7536 (H) or 0414 888 894 (Mob) or stevet@totalconstruction.com.au

C.C.N.S.W. SOUTH AMERICA CRICKET TOUR 2 APRIL - 25 APRIL 2012

This tour now departs Sydney on Monday 2 April 2012 to Buenos Aires after the end of the regular Grade season; it continues over Easter and on to Chile and ends in Peru on Wednesday 24 April just before Anzac Day. For those with the time there is an optional 5 day add on to Rio. There will be side trips to Iguazu Falls while in Argentina and to Machu Pichu while in Peru.

The tour will be managed by Paul Brandon. He currently proposes **9 games** in Argentina, Peru and Chile over a period of **25 days** at c **\$5800** - with an optional end of tour **5 day side trip** to Rio at a cost of **\$1400** with an organised game of beach cricket arranged on Anzac Day.

It is a tour suitable for all Club members of any age and families but will be in part at least during school term time. So far 35 people including 17 players have paid a deposit of **\$1000pp** or more: -

Robert Bevilacqua (3); Mike Birchall (2); Justin Bradley (1), Ian Hammett (2), Paul Brandon (3); Grahame Danaher (2), Graham Howes (2); David Jones (2), Steve Kish (2), Brett McLennan (2); Gil McGrath (2); Ian Neil (3); Bruce Pendlebury (2); Joe Scarcella (1); Dave Stewart (2); Trevor Worland (2) and Ken Yardy (2).

We would very much like a few more (if possible younger) players. If you have any queries, contact Adrian Hawkes or Paul Brandon.

All games have now been confirmed

DAY	DATE	GAME	LOCATION
Thursday	05.04.12	Game 1 v St Albans Buenos Aires	St George's School
Saturday	07.04.12	Game 2 v Northern Wolves Masters Buenos Aires	Hurlingham Club
Sunday	08.04.12	Game 3 v Invitation XI, Buenos Aires	St George's School
Tuesday	10.04.12	Game 4 v Legends, Buenos Aires	Hurlingham Club
Thursday	12.04.12	Game 5 v Chile Under 19s T20, Santiago	Lonquen
Saturday	14.04.12	Game 6 v Chairman's XI, Santiago	Craighouse
Sunday	15.04.12	Game 7 v Chile XI, Santiago	Craighouse
Saturday	21.04.12	Game 8 v Lima XI T20 Peru	Markham College
Sunday	22.04.12	Game 9 v President's XI, Lima Peru	Lima Cricket & Football Club
OPTIONAL BRAZIL ADD ON			
Thursday	26.04.12	Rio Anzac Day beach cricket (Game 10)	Rio

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