

C.C.N.S.W. MATCH REPORT No 3: OLD CRANBROOKIANS AND LINDFIELD LAWYERS AND OPERA HOUSE XI: SATURDAY OCTOBER 29-SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2011

C&S ROUND 4 v OLD CRANBROOKIANS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011: REPORT BY RUAAN JONKER

A.k.a. "A Day without the Ranga"

What started off as hot and overcast turned out to be stunning day at Camperdown Oval.

With Tom Robertson not playing on the day, the team felt relieve as they only needed to carry one 'ranga', Scott Wells, through the match.

With our captain Craig Johnson being married now, one would have thought he would be a master at tossing. Alas he lost his third toss in a row and Old Cranbrookians decided to bat.

Part 1. The bowling

C.C.N.S.W got off to a good start with Matt Abeysekera striking in the 4th, 6th and 12th over to leave the opposition on 3 for 51. A fourth wicket partnership of 94 runs put some pressure on our bowlers and this was seen when Dave Stingl nearly downed a plane when he bowled two no balls in the 20th over. Not only were these balls over waist height, but our keeper Matty Gale could not get anything on them, even with an outstretched hand, as they flew over his head. At 4 for 145 after 22 overs we thought we might be chasing 250+.

The Old Cranbrookians had a feast on a rock hard wicket. Scotty Wells finally found out what it feels like to be smashed to all corners of the park and did not manage a wicket in his spell. Our new comer CJ Hollenbach learnt what C&S is all about and was hit for 34 of only 3 overs.

Ed Smith was brought back into the attack and with good tight bowling we managed to pull the run rate down. It wasn't until the 35th over that Ed finally managed to strike and picked up 3 wickets in the last over, leaving Old Cranbrookians on 9 for 232.

Part 2. The afternoon Tea

Bronwyn Virtue decided not to bother with afternoon tea (with a valid reason), and without hesitating Johnno got his misses Tanya to the job. With Tanya only 4 days away from delivering their first baby she showed how much C.C.N.S.W cricket means to her by putting forward a great afternoon tea. Well done Johnno on setting the priorities straight, so early in the marriage.

Part 3. The Batting

In the dressing room the batsmen knew they had a huge task ahead of them and Derek Taylor took it upon himself to give a motivational speech. Like something out of a sport movie, (the one where the underdog should not win, but does just because of that speech) everyone was ready to take on the task ahead.

Ian Allmey and Darren Kay got C.C.N.S.W off to a great start, scoring at almost 8 an over for the first 10 overs. Darren edged one and was caught behind for 26 and we were 1 for 79 after

10. Out walked Craig Johnson, that knew this could be his last bat for a couple of weeks as baby duties might keep him away for a while.

Shortly after Ian fell for 52; this brought Ruaan Jonker to the crease. The South Africans knew what needed to be done and didn't disappoint. They managed a partnership of 57 when before Johnno was caught for 36. This left C.C.N.S.W. on 3 for 142 after 21 overs and we were cruising to another victory.

Dave Stingl, new at the crease, managed to scoop one straight to midwicket, and Scotty Wells was run out trying to steal a single that was hit to short cover. As the required run rate grew we knew we had to swing for the fence, but only managed to throw away wickets.

At the end of the innings C.C.N.S.W were 25 runs short and only managed 10 for 207, Ruaan Jonker not out on 58*.

The result was:

Old Cranbrookians CC: 9- 232 (35 overs) (Ed Smith 3-65, Matt Abeysekera 3-26)

Defeated

C.C.N.S.W.:- 10 - 207 (35 overs) (Ruaan Jonker 58* (61);I Allmey 52 (36); C Johnson 36)

By 20 runs

The Team and Batting was: Ian Allmey 52 (off 36 balls), Darren Kay 26 (31), Craig Johnson (c) 36 , Ruaan Jonker 58* (61), Dave Stingl 10 , Scott Wells 5, Matt Abeysekera 0 (1), Derek Taylor 4 , Matt Gale (w) 1 (2), CJ Hollenbach 3 (5), and Ed Smith 2 (2), Wides 6.

The Bowling was: E. Smith 12-0-65-3, M. Abeysekera 7-2-26-3, CJ Hollenbach 3-0-34-0, S. Wells 5-0-36-0, D. Stingl 3-0-27-1, D. Kay 3-0-26-0 and C. Johnson 2-0-11-1

CLASSICS ROUND 2 v LINDFIELD LAWYERS AT MANDALONG ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2011: REPORT BY KEN GROSE

Last Sunday 12 brave guys travelled at some ungodly hour in the morning to play Stirling Hamman's team on the infamous Mandalong Ground which is situated somewhere between here and Brisbane.

Fortunately we all arrived on time for a 10.30 start and the captain lost the toss once again. We were informed that a brand new wicket had been prepared for the game and a wicket that had not been played on before. So we were invited to bat on a track that was, at most times, unplayable, balls cutting back sharply or lifting off a good length.

Our openers Joff Johnson and Brian Breakspear struggled to lay bat on ball and Joff was clean bowled for 2 with a ball that apparently cut back a mile. Chris Yates joined Brian and these two put on a further 17 runs until Chris was run out for a very watchful 8.

Ian Neil came in at number 4 and these two batted quite well together with a very handy partnership of 24 when Brian was caught off Stirling's slow medium bowling for 12. Ken Grose then joined Ian who was batting very well putting away any loose balls which were very few and far between. It was then that the heavens opened up and poured and the covers had to be put down which delayed the game for over an hour.

On resumption Ken and Ian tried to move the score along and Ken was dismissed cutting a ball from wide of off stump back onto his stumps. Peter Rolls came in at number 6 with the score at 4 for 55 and the team in desperate need of quick runs with overs running out. Peter showed enormous patience and played some great shots whilst hanging around as further wickets fell at 60, 60, 60, 77 and 104.. A middle order collapse with Jay Patel out for a duck and Paul Kumar out for a golden duck. Paul Georgiadis and Mike Birchall added some handy late runs and we eventually ran out of overs with our final score at 9-107. Peter Rolls remained not out on 30 which shows that he is a very handy all round cricketer.

So a very low score for us to defend however Lindfield had to bat on the same wicket and would also find runs hard to come by. The Lindfield innings got off to a poor start with Peter Rolls picking up a wicket in his first over with a smart catch at short cover by the captain.

At the other end Paul Georgiadis bowled tightly but without luck. We then brought Jay Patel into the attack bowling his offies and with the addition of Paul Kumar at the other end, these two put the brakes on Lindfield.

We picked up wickets at 37, 41, 65 and 68 with Paul Kumar, Gil McGrath and Brian Breakspear taking one each. With 3 overs to go Lindfield were 5 for 99 needing a further 9 to get and whilst we were in with a chance restricting them, they got home with 3 balls to spare in the last over.

The fact that only 215 runs were scored off 90 overs during the day says a lot for the state of the wicket. However a great game of cricket, which came right down to the wire, was enjoyed by both teams and played in the right spirit

Adrian Hawkes Points

3. Peter Rolls; 2. Jay Patel; 1. Brian Breakspear

The Team was: Joff Johnson 2; Brian Breakspear 12; Chris Yates 8; Ian Neil 14 (w); Ken Grose(c) 7; Peter Rolls 30*; Jay Patel 0; Paul Kumar 0; Paul Georgiadis 6; Mike Birchall 10 (w); and Gil McGrath 0* and B Fallon (DNB)

NB: - wicket keeping shared between Ian Neil and Mike Birchall

The Result was:

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9 for 107 (P Rolls 30*)

Lost to

Lindfield Lawyers: - 7 for 108

The Bowling was: P. Rolls 8-0-23-2; P. Georgiadis 6-2-11-0; J. Patel 8-2-13-0; P. Kumar 8-2-11-1; G. McGrath 7-0-22-1; B. Breakspear 7-1-13-1; K. Grose 2-0-9-0.

SOCIAL GAME v OPERA HOUSE XI AT CAMPERDOWN PARK, CAMPERDOWN ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2011:

Ken Yardy was forced to cancel on the Friday when he had only 4 players- the alarming trend of lack of interest by Club members continues. When an organisation like the Opera House can raise a side with ease but we can only raise 4 out of our hundred odd playing members there is cause for concern.

NEWS ITEMS

Monday 7 November: C.C.N.S.W. Monday lunch at 1pm at the Royal Exhibition Hotel, Chalmers Street, Surry Hills (by Central). Contact Adrian Hawkes on 9265 9681 (B) or hawkesam@bigpond.com

Sunday 13 November: Social game v Molonglo CC in Canberra; starts at 10am in Ainslie. After both previous social games this season have been cancelled for lack of numbers; Ed Smith will need all your support to get an XI up to Canberra. Do not let him (or the Club) down. Contact Ed on 9665 4262 (H) or 0413 833 426 (Mob) or edward.campbell.smith@gmail.com (although Ed warns he rarely reads his emails!)

Wednesday 16 November: Social game v Sydney Cricket XI at Drummoyne Oval 1pm start. Contact Steve Taylor on 9818 7536 (H) or 0414 888 894 (Mob) or stevet@totalconstruction.com.au

Sunday 27 November: Social game v Old Oxleyans at Camperdown Oval 11am start. Contact Paul Brandon on 4862 1769 (H) or 0417 493 979 (Mob) or paul36@gmail.com

C.C.N.S.W. GOLF

Sunday 11 September C.C.N.S.W. Stuart Mathlin Memorial Golf Day at Riverside Oaks: While Ed Smith has yet to provide a report I am informed by Alan Crompton about 16 players took part and the trophy was won by a member of the Mathlin Family

C.C.N.S.W. Golf at Macquarie Links: Steve Taylor in conjunction with Keith Elloy is trying to secure a date at the end of November or beginning of December. All those keen to pay 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 departs Sydney Monday 2 April 2012 to Buenos Aires after the end of the 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 **10 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**.

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 36 people including 17 players have paid a deposit of **\$500pp** or more: -

Robert Bevilacqua (3); Mike Birchall (2); Justin Bradley (1), Ian Hammett (2), Paul Brandon (4); 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.

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