

## **C.C.N.S.W. MATCH REPORT No 5: MOLONGLO C.C. AND LINDFIELD LIONS SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2011**

### **SOCIAL GAME v MOLONGLO C.C. AT KEITH TOURNIER MEMORIAL OVAL, CANBERRA ON SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY PETER CROOKS**

On a perfect day in Canberra, C.C.N.S.W. and Molonglo C.C. arrived at the Keith Tournier Memorial Oval to play for the annually contested (*Ed note: -and newly created!*) Molonglo Cup. Some were feeling a little worse for wear than others after a pre-match tactics session the previous night in Kingston, though any ill feelings were greatly improved by the sight of a perfectly flat and green outfield, a welcome change for those who have been playing at Camperdown recently.

With the match set at 45 overs a side to be played in three sessions of 30 overs, both sides were ready and Ed Smith won the toss for C.C.N.S.W. and elected to bat.

Molonglo opened their bowling attack with a leg spinner in a ploy to disarm the powerful hitting of opening bat Ian Allmey, which they were all too familiar with from previous battles. Allmey handled the varied attack well, but was dismissed earlier than we had hoped after putting on 28 runs from as many balls.

Ruaan Jonker, our other opener, was enjoying his day out in the sun so much that he was content to block anything sent his way, facing 23 scoreless deliveries (including a dropped chance) to start his innings. Worried that Tom Robertson who had just joined him at the other end would soon run him out due to sheer boredom, Jonkers finally got off the mark and looked to be settling into a rhythm.

Tommy, ever complacent, was soon out for 10 runs after poking at a deceptively slow and straight ball that brought down off stump. Ruaan followed him back to the sheds a short time later, bowled by a brilliant delivery for 16 runs.

Mick McCormick and Scott Wells were next in, and they played through to the 15 over drinks break at a score of 3-60. Mick didn't bother the scorers for long after drinks, and C.C.N.S.W. was now in need of a solid partnership if we had any chance of taking home the Molonglo Cup.

Enter stage left Frank Crowe. Scotty took the lead and Frank, after a slow but steady start which included a couple of very optimistic but successful singles, began to rotate the strike with ease and Scott took full advantage. The pair went on to form a 126 run partnership which spanned the lunch break and was the backbone of the C.C.N.S.W. innings.

Frank's dismissal brought Dave Byrnes to the crease, and he and Scotty accelerated the run rate until Scott was finally out caught behind on 95 off just 79 balls. Out strode Greg Brooks, and he and Byrnesy put on a quick fire 36 run partnership, punctuated by a massive six from Byrnesy straight over the bowler's head which landed on the adjacent baseball field and left the Molonglo captain calling for a replacement ball. This rounded out the C.C.N.S.W. innings, with a final tally of 6 for 245 off 45 overs.

Facing an opening bowling attack of Ed Smith and Greg Brooks, Molonglo got off to a steady start, sitting at 0-18 after 5 overs and it looked like we might be in for a long day in the field. However Mr Brooks, looking comfortable on his old Canberra stomping ground, kicked it up a gear at this point and trapped his old foe Mark De Carvalho in front for LBW. He followed that up 4 balls later with a brilliant delivery than beat Molonglo's first drop batsman. The next bat in obviously figured his best chance was to take Brooksie out of the game completely, and so

smashed a powerful drive straight back at Brooksie just above head height. His plan was to no avail though, as Brooksie got two fingers to the ball and deftly deflected it to Scott Wells who took a smart catch running in from mid on, for Brooksie's third wicket of the over.

Their top order in disarray, S Wilde then came in for Molonglo to steady the ship. He wasn't finding much support though, and several overs later Ed Smith was looking dangerous when Molonglo's remaining opener M Wheadon hit a very high ball that looked to be falling safely 10 metres behind our slip cordon, who were standing as still as ever apparently enjoying the fine weather. Ed was having none of this though, keen to get his first wicket of the day, so he politely asked if someone wouldn't mind having a go at the potential catch, which had just about reached its peak. Always happy to help, Greg Brooks turned on a dime and covered the distance at top speed to take an excellent tumbling catch, and was now on course to have a hand in every wicket for the day.

David Byrnes added a wicket not long after thanks to a well taken catch at long on by Tom Robertson, which saw Molonglo go into the tea break after 15 overs at 5-37. The batting side gathered themselves during the break, with S Wilde and David De Carvalho putting on a 36 run partnership before Byrnesy took two further quick wickets leaving the score at 7-69 off 22 overs.

Rowan 'Rowsy' McLachlan was bowling well though not having much luck, with a few close chances including a potential catch at cover point that Ed Smith creatively attempted to field with his left testicle. That didn't work out for Ed unfortunately, diminishing not only Rowsy's hopes for a wicket but also any chance for further additions to the Smith family any time soon.

At this point Ed was obviously keen on the idea of an earlier than expected drive home to Sydney and so tossed the ball to Pete 'New Guy' Crooks, playing in his 4th season for the club though yet to get a chance with the ball. Needing to make up for a sub par fielding performance, the excitement in the crowd was palpable as it was clear that they were in for something special.

Several more overs passed without incident until 'Rowsy' broke through for his first wicket with another great catch at mid on by Scotty Wells that cemented his claim on the man on the match award and ended Molonglo's 30 run 7<sup>th</sup> wicket stand.

Three overs into his spell of solid wicket to wicket bowling, Pete Crooks managed to finally dismiss S Wilde for 40 thanks to an excellent one-handed catch from Ian Allmey at slip, who has been unbeatable in the field of late. Two overs later Molonglo's number 10 bat skied one to Mick McCormick at cover point, reliable as ever under the high ball Mick gracefully took the catch, and Molonglo were all out for 107 after 30 overs.

Both sides retired for a few well deserved drinks in the shade and some surprisingly brief words from the captains, then it was back to Sydney after a tiring but very rewarding weekend.

Thanks go to both Molonglo C.C. and Ed Smith for organising such a great day. No doubt all involved are already looking forward to this fixture for next season, and hopefully this is a club tradition that will continue for many years to come.

**The Team was:** Ian Allmey, Ruaan Jonker, Tom Robertson. Mick McCormick, Scott Wells, Frank Crowe (w), David Byrnes, Greg Brooks, Peter Crooks, Ed Smith (c) and Rowan McLachlan.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 6 - 245 (45 overs)** (S. Wells 95; D. Byrnes 31\*; I. Allmey 28)

**Defeated**

**Molonglo CC: 10 - 107 (29.3 overs)** (G. Brooks 3-12; D. Byrnes 3-10; P. Crooks 2-11)

**By 138 runs**

**The Batting was:** R. Jonker 16 (40), I. Allmey 28 (28), T Robertson 10 (14), M. McCormick 1 (6), S. Wells 95 (79), F. Crowe 26 (68), D. Byrnes 32\* (19), G. Brooks 10\* (6).

**The Bowling was:** E. Smith 7-2-20-1, G. Brooks 6-1-12-3, D. Byrnes 5-0-10-3, R. McLachlan 7-0-44-1, P. Crooks 3.3-0-11-2, and M. McCormick 1-0-3-0.

**CLASSICS ROUND 3 v LINDFIELD LIONS AT LINDFIELD OVAL,  
LINDFIELD, ON SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2011: REPORT BY KEN GROSE**

An early start was arranged for our match versus Lindfield Lions at Lindfield Oval. We lost the toss yet again and were asked to bat on a very cracked and worn wicket

Our openers Joff Johnson and Ajoy Roy got off to a healthy start and scoring at a lively pace before Ajoy was caught for an entertaining 19 with the score at 39 in the 9th over. Joff was doing his usual thing hanging around and putting away anything loose. Chris Yates came to the wicket and was looking the goods until he had a mental moment and played over the top of a full pitched delivery to be clean bowled for 4

Keith Elloy batting at 4 joined Joff and these two continued to pile on the runs with Joff retiring on 31\*. Ken Grose joined Keith and was adjudged lbw, the first of 6 questionable lbw decisions for the match.

Meanwhile Keith retired for a very handy 31\* and from there on we had our usual middle/late order collapse. Peter Rolls went for 1 as did Paul Kumar. Mike Birchall [2] and Ian Hills [3] soon followed and we found ourselves at a precarious 7 for 113.

We had a great late order rally with Greg Currie and Gil McGrath dispatching the ball to all parts of the ground. The two put on a partnership of 34 before Gil was out for 16 and Greg for a handy 21. Our two recycled batsmen Joff and Keith both returned to the wicket and took the score to 165 for 8

We thought we could restrict the opposition to under 165 and got off to a great start with Peter Rolls bowling with plenty of pace in cooler conditions. In his second over he picked up the Lindfield captain [and danger man] for 9 with a great catch from a high mistimed pull by Mike Birchall at extra cover

After 2 expensive overs bowled by the captain he removed himself from the attack and brought on Paul Kumar who immediately picked up a wicket with his first ball.

Both Peter and Paul continued bowling in tandem and Lindfield had no answer to the accuracy of the two. Wickets were continually picked up at 12, 22, 25, 28 and 40.

Peter bowled 7 straight overs and finished with the excellent figures of 3 for 12. Paul continued to bowl and with the addition of Ajoy Roy bowling his leggies at the other end, these two demolished the remaining batsmen.

Paul's figures of 3 for 16 off 8 overs shows what he is capable of when he pitches the ball up. The Lindfield lower order batsmen were all at sea against Ajoy's leg spin and he picked up the last 4 batsmen and finished with the remarkable figures of 4 for 5 off 3.3 overs

A comprehensive win by 113 runs by C.C.N.S.W. and a game where all players contributed either with bat or ball or in the field.

**The Team and batting was:** Joff Johnson 40\*; Ajoy Roy 19; Chris Yates 4 Keith Elloy 36\* ;Ken Grose ( ) 4; Peter Rolls 1;Paul Kumar 1; Mike Birchall 2; Ian Hills 3 Greg Currie 21 (w); and Gil McGrath 16

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 8-165 (J Johnson 40\*; K. Elloy 36\*)**

**Defeated**

**Lindfield Lions: - 10-52 (A. Roy 4-5; P. Kumar 3-16 P. Rolls 3-12)**

**The Bowling was:** P. Rolls 7-1-12-3; K. Grose 2-0-15-0; P. Kumar 8-2-16-3; Ajoy Roy 3.3-15-4

Adrian Hawkes Points

3 points Peter Rolls  
2 points Ajoy Roy  
1 point Joff Johnson

## **NEWS ITEMS**

**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](mailto:paul36@gmail.com)

**Sunday 27 November:** The Classics game v Lindfield Larrikins has been switched to the St Pius School's first team ground at Oxford Falls which I am informed is an excellent ground.

**Thursday 1 December:** Social game v Army at Victoria Barracks for "The Barrackers Cup". 1pm start. Contact Ed Smith on 9665 4262 (H) or 0413 833 426 (Mob) or [edward.campbell.smith@gmail.com](mailto:edward.campbell.smith@gmail.com) (although Ed warns he rarely reads his emails!). Usually a very popular game in a magnificent setting with cheap food and drink in the officers' mess afterwards.

**Monday 12 December:** C.C.N.S.W. Monday lunch at the **Crown Bar and Grill** from 12.3pm at 85A Stanley St (Corner of Crown and Stanley Streets) Darlinghurst, 9331 5375 [enquiries@crownbargrill](mailto:enquiries@crownbargrill.com) or [www.crownbargrill.com.au](http://www.crownbargrill.com.au) It is BYO (bottle shop nearby) and food is excellent **c \$25 for 3 courses**. Contact Adrian Hawkes on 9451 7436 (H) or 9265 9681 (B) or [hawkesam@bigpond.com](mailto:hawkesam@bigpond.com)

**Wednesday 14 December:** Social game v C.M.B.C.F. XI at Camperdown Oval 1pm start. Contact Ken Yardy on 9318 2288 (B) or 0419 789 784 (Mob) or [ken@yardy.com.au](mailto:ken@yardy.com.au) C.C.N.S.W. has never in 5 encounters beaten this team. Ken will be pleased to hear from you all

## C.C.N.S.W. GOLF

**C.C.N.S.W. Golf at Macquarie Links:** Steve Taylor has failed to secure a date at the end of November or beginning of December and will now try 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](mailto: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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