

## **2011 WEST INDIES TOUR REPORT**

The C.C.N.S.W. Caribbean tour from April 2nd to 23rd was an outstanding success. The tour started in Barbados, continued on to Grenada and finished in Trinidad and Tobago. The club played 9 matches winning three, losing five with one match washed out after 8 overs. While the results were overall a little disappointing several matches were very close and better batting would have reversed the ledger. The team took a while to get used to the conditions. Invariably the wickets were completely devoid of grass, rock hard and very flat while the outfielders were sometimes similar! The Barbados grounds were particularly hard and dry and this no doubt contributed to the high scores and batsman friendly conditions we experienced there...once in you needed to go on and make a big score and we failed to do that consistently. The bowlers toiled away in often trying conditions and regularly got us back in to winning positions backed up by some really great efforts in the field. The effort put in by all players could not be faulted...indeed this approach led to a tour ending injury for Harry Dalton, our young prospect from Northern District grade club in only the second game. However rather than go home Harry stayed for the entire tour and contributed where he could which epitomised the spirit of the group. Aply led on the field by Steve Taylor and by just about every one else off it, I am very proud of the team, the ladies and the children for their efforts to continue building on CCNSW's fine overseas touring reputation.

Greg Brooks  
President  
C.C.N.S.W..

### **MATCH 1 v LIME SPORTS CRICKET CLUB, BARBADOS ON SUNDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

The tour began with a game against the current Masters champions of Barbados, Lime Sports Cricket Club. On arrival we were greeted by a representative of the Barbados Cricket Association and Sir Garfield Sobers! Following pictures and presentations we lost the toss and were sent in to field. Clearly overcome with the prospect of bowling in front of the great man who had also been joined by Joel Garner, Ed Smith promptly broke down with a groin strain and retreated to the scoring desk to assist Dennis Cameron!

Pete Muscat gained two early breakthroughs to have Lime Sports 2/44. This brought their no 4 Johnson to the crease who after being dropped on 16 compiled a magnificent 119 to set up a large total. Wayne Walters (2/34) and Dave Byrnes (0/34) bowled well in the middle stages however 97 runs were leaked off the last 7 overs as the remaining bowlers struggled with line and length.

Chasing 260 off 35 overs was a tough ask and with Harry Dalton and Craig Johnson together and scoring quickly we were a chance. Unfortunately wickets then fell regularly around a great innings from Harry (85 with 9x4s and 1x6) and we finished all out for 207 off 32.5 overs. Further presentations, drinks and a meal were followed by a classic dominoes game played as only the Bajans can! Noisy, funny and with plenty of energy the tour had got off to great start.

**The Team was:** Scott Wells (4), Ian Allmey (1), Craig Johnson (w) (23), Harry Dalton (85), Steve Taylor (c) (13), David Byrnes (8), Greg Brooks (7), Wayne Walters ((6), Dave Stingl (24), Peter Muscat (6), and Ed Smith (2\*) and Angus Brooks (12th man).

**The Result was:**

**Lime Sports C.C.: 8 for 259 (35 Overs)**

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W. 10 for 207 (H. Dalton 85; D. Stingl 24; C. Johnson 23)**

**by 52 runs.**

**The Bowling was:** P. Muscat 6-0-47-3, E. Smith 2-0-17-0, W. Walters 7-0-34-2; D. Byrnes 7-0-34-0; D. Stingl 7-1-73-1, S. Wells 3-0-22-0 and H. Dalton 3-0-29-0.

### **MATCH 2- V BARBADOS MASTERS XI AT EMPIRE C.C. ON TUESDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

The second tour game took us in to the capital of Barbados, Bridgetown and the Empire Cricket Club. Home to such greats as Sir Frank Worrell, Sir Everton Weekes, Sir Conrad Hunte and Charlie Griffiths and captained today by former West Indian test and one day international player Carlisle Best, the Empire Club was always going to be a tough opponent. The ground is tiny and many times the ball disappeared in to the streets around the ground, including visits to Sir Frank Worrell's childhood home, as the C.C.N.S.W. attack was flayed to all parts of the ground. An opening stand of 159 in 16 overs set the locals up for a huge total. Unfortunately Harry Dalton in diving to stop a ball fractured his wrist and was taken to hospital for x-rays. The boys soldiered on in very warm and humid conditions with Scott McCallum (3-49) the pick of the bowlers. After 35 overs Empire finished up with the imposing score of 6-334.

After the innings break C.C.N.S.W. began its run chase with Scott Wells and Cameron Johns opening the innings. Cameron batted very well for his 53, supported by Mick McCormick 34 and Craig Johnson 28 but we lacked a batsman who kicked on to make a big score. After the 35 overs we reached 9-213 which was well short of the target. A great dinner with presentations followed the game. Here Carlisle Best urged us to come back with a stronger team in the near future. We may well take him up on this kind offer!

**The Result was:**

**Barbados Masters XI: 6 for 334 (S. McCallum 3-49)**

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W. 9 for 213 (C. Johns 53; M. McCormick 34)**

**by 122 runs.**

**The Team was:** Scott Wells (8), Cameron Johns (53), David Byrnes (13), Mick McCormick (34), Craig Johnson (28), Ian Cripps (8), Steve Taylor (c) & (w) (18), Greg Brooks (22), Scott McCallum (14), Clinton Palmer (2\*) , Luke Jarvis (1\*) and Angus Brooks (12th man).

**The Bowling was:** C. Palmer 7-0-63-1, D. Byrnes 6-0-50-1; D. Cameron 4-0-52-0, S. McCallum 6-0-49-3), L. Jarvis 5-0-31-1, M. McCormick 4-0-44-0 and S. Wells 3-0-27-0.

## **MATCH 3-v INCH MARLOWE AT INCH MARLOWE, BARBADOS ON THURSDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> : REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

After a well earned rest day C.C.N.S.W. turned up at Inch Marlowe near the airport to take on the club of the same name. Another club with a very proud history Inch Marlowe lists Joel Garner as their most famous son.

With Steve Taylor rested, Craig Johnson took over as captain and called correctly...We chose to bat on a flat hard pitch with a fast dry outfield. Ian Allmey and Dave Stingl opened the batting and were tasked with getting us off to a flyer. This they did peeling 34 runs off the first 4 overs before Ian was caught for 15. Dave continued his attacking display with a quick fire 33 off just 18 balls faced including 5 x 4s and 1 x 6. Craig Johnson and Greg Brooks then built a 52 run partnership dominated by Craig who looked set for a big score before being bowled for 48. Cameron Johns joined Greg Brooks and the pair added 93 runs before Brooks departed for 55 ( 4x 4s and 1 x6) and Johns for 49 (4 x4s). With a score of 238 for 8 at the end of 35 overs we certainly had a total to defend.

Despite the loss of an early wicket the Inch Marlowe top order attacked from the start. At 1-68 from the first 11 overs the game was evenly poised. The introduction of Luke Jarvis (3-23) and Scott McCallum (2-20) changed the direction of the match. Both bowled superbly on the low slow wicket hitting the right length and varying the pace. Backed up by some fine fielding the Inch Marlowe middle order collapsed losing 4/22. Clinton Palmer was then introduced to clean up the tail and he finished with 3/11. Inch Marlowe were all out for 138 giving a victorious C.C.N.S.W. team good reason to celebrate their first win on tour!

We were then joined for the presentation by the President of the Barbados Cricket Association, Joel Garner. Joel made a wonderful speech following the presentations applauding our touring efforts and the camaraderie it offers as well as urging us to come back again! Joel stayed with us for the next few hours eating and drinking. Our last match in Barbados was a memorable one, this time for all the right reasons.

### **The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W. 8 for 238 (G. Brooks 55; C. Johns 49; C. Johnson 48)**

### **Defeated**

**Inch Marlowe C.C. 10 for 138**

**by 101 runs.**

**The Team was:** Ian Allmey (15), David Stingl (33), Craig Johnson (c) and (w) (48), Greg Brooks (55), Cameron Johns (49), Mick McCormick (11), Wayne Walters (0), Luke Jarvis (2), Scott McCallum (14\*), Peter Muscat (3\*), Clinton Palmer (DNB) and Angus Brooks (12th man).

**The Bowling was:** P. Muscat 5-0-41-1, W. Walters 4-0-21-0, M. McCallum 7-0-20-2), L. Jarvis 7 0-23 3; M. McCormick 2-0-7-1; C. Palmer 3.4-1-11-3 and A. Brooks 2-0-12-0.

## **MATCH 4 v GRENADA NATIONALS AT TANTINE RECREATION GROUND, GRENADA ON SUNDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

### **The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 7-133 (35 overs)**

**Defeated**

**Grenada Nationals: 10-121 (34.4 Overs)**

**By 12 runs**

**The team was:** Scott Wells (7), David Byrnes 15, Craig Johnson (w) (4), Steve Taylor (c) (10), Cameron Johns (39), Mick McCormick (43\*), Greg Brooks (3), Wayne Walters (6), Clinton Palmer (1\*), Dennis Cameron (DNB) and Ed Smith (DNB)

**The bowling was:** C. Palmer 6.4-2-12-3; E. Smith 7-0-24-2; D Byrnes 7-1-19-0; W. Walters 7-1-25-2; S. Wells 4-0-21-1; and C. Johnson 3-0-15-1

**MATCH 5 v GRENADA MASTERS XI AT SAGASSE ON MONDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>:  
REPORT BY ED SMITH**

**The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 10-148 (S. Wells 40; I. Allmey 30)**

**Lost to**

**Grenada Masters XI: 6-149**

**By 4 wickets**

**The team was:** Ian Allmey (30), Steve Taylor (c) (3), Craig Johnson (w) (9), Mick McCormick (8), David Stingl (19), Scott Wells (40), David Byrnes (7), Scott McCallum (3\*), Peter Muscat (4) and Ed Smith (2)

**The Bowling was:** E. Smith 7-0-30-1; P. Muscat 5-0-21-2; D. Byrnes 5-0-35-1; C. Palmer 5-0-15-0; S. McCallum 5-0-20-0; S. Wells 3.3-0-22-2

**MATCH 6 v QUEENS PARK CRICKET CLUB AT QUEENS PARK OVAL  
TRINIDAD ON THURSDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>: REPORT BY ED SMITH**

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: 10-162 (34.5 overs) (I. Allmey 38)**

**Lost to**

**Queens Park Cricket Club: 5-166 (25.1 overs) (E. Smith 3-45)**

**By 5 wickets**

**The team was:** Ian Allmey (38), Mick McCormick (19), Craig Johnson (w) (0), Cameron Johns (17), Steve Taylor (c) (6), Scott Wells (11), David Byrnes (14), David Stingl (14), Greg Brooks (5), Wayne Walters (11\*) and Scott McCallum (7)

**The bowling was:** C. Palmer 5-1-22-0; E. Smith 7-1-45-3; D Byrnes 3-0-24-0; P. Muscat 3-0-32-0; W. Walters 2-0-19-0, S. McCallum 3-0-6-1 and D. Stingl 2.1-0-16-1

## **MATCH 7 v CLARKE ROAD CRICKET CLUB AT THE NATIONAL CRICKET CENTRE, TRINIDAD ON FRIDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>: REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

Our second game in Trinidad took us to the National Cricket Centre; about 50 minutes drive south east of Port of Spain. Following on from the wonderful day at Queens Park Oval we were greeted by the Clarke Rd Cricket Club grounds man who was very proud of his very flat and hard centre wicket...another toss we needed to win. And win the toss we did as Steve called correctly and chose to bat.

Ian Allmey could not reproduce his QPCC form and was the first to go for just 5, quickly followed by Craig Johnson (4). Cameron Johns (24) and Mick McCormick (18) steadied the ship against some very accurate and skillful slow bowling before both departed leaving CCNSW at 5 82. Following the dismissal of the captain for 10, Dave Byrnes (32) and Scott Wells(35) set about resurrecting the innings with a fine 55 run partnership. Although the last 4 wickets fell for 2 runs we at least had a defendable total of 162.

I must admit this seemed unlikely as Clarke Rd CC peeled 64 runs off the first 8 overs with the loss of only 2 wickets. With Peter Muscat off the field having damaged a hamstring we were a bowler down as well! We also lost Dave Stingl for a couple of overs following an attempted catch that split his finger...we were definitely struggling. To Dave's credit he quickly bandaged the wound and came back on. At 4 for 106 needing 57 off 16 overs Clarke Rd CC's supporters were pretty relaxed but they had not countered on the introduction of our secret weapon...Scott "bowled Shane" Wells! Backed by some incredible catching, including one absolute gem by Mick McCormick diving full length at close cover, and a great spell by Dave Byrnes (0/12 off 7 overs) at the other end, Scotty mesmerized the middle order to take 5/18 off just 5 overs. We were swarming all over them...it was a really great team effort epitomizing the club's spirit and camaraderie we had built up over the tour. Incredibly Clarke Rd was all out for 131 losing 6-25 in the chaos that engulfed them!

Still shocked by the collapse the Clarke Rd CC boys were gracious in defeat and put on plenty of rum, beer and soft drinks along side a quality dinner to finish off another excellent day in Trinidad.

### **The Result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 10 for 162 (35 overs) (S. Wells 35; D. Byrnes 32; C. Johns 24)**

### **Defeated**

**Clarke Road C.C.: 10 for 131 (27.2 overs) (S. Wells 5-18)**

**by 32runs.**

**The Team was:** Ian Allmey (5), David Stingl (23), Craig Johnson (w) (4), Cameron Johns (24), Mick McCormick (18), Dave Byrnes (32), Steve Taylor (c) (10), Scott Wells (35), Wayne Walters ((0), Scott McCallum (1\*), Peter Muscat ((0) and Angus Brooks (12th man).

**The Bowling was:** P. Muscat 2-0-28-0, S. McCallum 6-0-34-1, W. Walters 7-0-37-2, D. Byrnes 7-0-12-0, S. Wells 5-0-18-5, and C. Johnson 0.2-0-1-1.

**MATCH 8 v PREYSAL C.C. AT PREYSAL, TRINIDAD ON MONDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>:  
REPORT BY GREG BROOKS**

On another hot and humid morning we arrived in central Trinidad to play the famous Preysal C.C. Home to West Indian spin legends Inshin Ali and Ranji Nanen the club has won the Trinidad national league many times. Current stars include Dinesh Ramden, Ravi Rampaul, Lendl Simmonds and Aaron Ragoonath. Luckily none of them were playing! Unfortunately after just eight overs in the field a massive rainstorm descended on the area and washed out the remainder of the day. The rain was absolutely torrential. While we were all disappointed, Ranji and his committee put on a top day. It ended up with both teams playing an amazing game of two up in the hosts' dressing room for the last few hours. There was plenty to enjoy even without a lot of cricket!

**The Result was:**

**Preysal C.C.: - 2 for 27 (7.5 overs)**

**Drew with**

**C.C.N.S.W. did not bat (rain)**

**The Team was:** Steve Taylor (c), Craig Johnson (w), Greg Brooks , Cameron Johns, Mike McCormick, Wayne Walters, David Byrnes, Peter Muscat, Scott McCallum, Clinton Palmer, Scott Wells and Angus Brooks (12th man).

**The Bowling was:** P. Muscat 2.4 -0-15-1, C. Palmer 3.5-1-8-1, G. Brooks 0.2-0-2-0 and W. Walters 1-0-2-0

**MATCH 9 v CANAAN AND BON ACCORD INVITATION XI AT SHAW PARK  
TOBAGO ON THURSDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>: REPORT BY Greg Brooks**

Our one and only game on the beautiful island of Tobago was played at Shaw Park against the Canaan & Bon Accord Invitation XI. The ground has hosted several first class and international matches and upon arrival we were greeted with another flat hard wicket and fast outfield. This one however was to provide more spin than our previous encounters and that proved to be a key factor. The following report of the match is from the Tobago News, the island's main daily newspaper. A brilliant batting display by C&B United's skipper Marcus Daniel was the difference in the end as the local team got the better of the Cricketers Club of New South Wales by 26 runs at Shaw Park on April 21. It was the visitors' fifth defeat on their nine- game Caribbean tour which included three victories and one match rained out against Premier Division team, Clico Preysal of Trinidad. Daniel, batting at No. 8 came to the wicket with his team in a wobbly position at 110 for 6 in the 27th of the thirty-five over contest. He struck six sixes and four fours in a thirty-six ball knock of 75 to enable C&B to reach an imposing 210 all out in the penultimate ball of the final over. Jimel Boyce was the second highest scorer with 34, while guest player Shaquille Duncan and Michael Alexander contributed 22 runs apiece.

Seamer, Scott McCallum, captured two wickets for 20 runs while spinners David Byrnes (3-28) and Scott Wells (3-34) were also very impressive in their seven- over spells.

In reply Cricketers Club got off to a rousing start with the opening batsmen Cameron Johns and Greg Brooks putting on a rapid 22 in just three overs before being separated. Left-arm orthodox spinner Jamie Boyce was introduced with telling effect. He was not only able to stem the flow of runs but also picked up three wickets for 23 runs from his seven miserly overs.

All rounder Scott Wells had an excellent game top scoring with 31\* for the New South Wales team. Craig Johnson 29, Steve Taylor 25 and David Byrnes 23 also made worthwhile contributions but it was not enough as they finished on 184 for 8 when the allotted thirty-five overs ran out.

Marcus Daniel and Jamie Boyce were voted best batsman and bowler for the local team while the skipper Daniel received a plaque commemorating the visit to the sister isle from C.C.N.S.W.'s President Greg Brooks.

**The Result was:**

**Canaan and Bon Accord Invitation XI: - 10 for 210 (33.4 overs) (D. Byrnes 3-28; S. Wells 3-34)**

**Defeated**

**C.C.N.S.W.: - 8 for 184 (S, Wells 31\*; C. Johnson 29; S. Taylor 25) (35 overs)**

**By 27 runs.**

**The Team was:** Cameron Johns (17), Greg Brooks (16) , Mick McCormick, (0) Craig Johnson (w) (29), Harry Dalton (3) , Steve Taylor (c) (25), David Byrnes (23), Scott Wells (31\*), Wayne Walters (16), Scott McCallum ((4\*), Clinton Palmer ((DNB) and Angus Brooks (12<sup>th</sup> man)

**The Bowling was:** C. Palmer 7-0-41-0, M. McCallum 7-1-20-2, D. Byrnes 5.4-0-28-3, W. Walters 6-0-51-2, S. Wells 7-1-34-3 and H. Dalton 2-0-34-0.