



Sydney Windies Cricket Club Inc.

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Annual Report

2009/2010

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It is that wonderful time of the year again where we all need to put pen to paper and let your C & S Committee have the information to produce the Association's Annual Report.

Firstly, a 'story' of the seasons successes or otherwise, then some statistical information please.

Club : Sydney Windies C.C

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Played 15 Won 8 Lost 7 Drawn 0 Cancelled 5

The season did not commence in an idea manner when, at a pre-season gathering, 5 of our players informed us that they had formed a new team to play in an A-grade competition in the northern suburbs. Having 11 players available each week is always a logistical problem costing lots in phone calls without having to recruit a core of 5 or 6 players one month before the start of the season. Fortunately having a good base of Indian players meant that we managed to find sufficient players just in time.

Overall the Sydney Windies season was considered a success since we finished with a win/loss ratio of over 50%. Probably the most pleasing aspect of the season was the number of games we played that "went down to the wire" that we won – of our 8 wins 3 were won with 1 ball to spare and 1 with 6 balls to spare.

Our introduction to the Jack Pace Shield competition was a positive one with a good win over Old Cranbrookians by 23 runs although we fell in a hole and lost against Old Aloysians after being in a strong position in the second round.

The most significant individual game was our win against Barker Old Boys in January. Following the passing earlier in the week of one of the greatest characters and on field competitor to pull on a Sydney Windies cap – Keith Babb – there was a special motivation to perform well. We came up against a team that we believe had lost only 1 game to date for the season –our best team performance with both bat and ball meant that we restricted Barker to 7/142 and chased the runs down with the loss of 6 wickets and with 1 over to spare.

Our improved winning ratio can be attributed to improved batting with 6 half centuries and 5 partnerships of 50 or more – a significant improvement on our first season. Dhiren Tikku was the standout batsman with 342 runs at an average of 31.1. Other notable performances were Norm Haddad 183 runs from 5 innings at an average of 61.0 and Nick Mallory 292 runs at 19.5.

Wickets were largely shared around with no standout bowler. David Gemmola was the highest wicket taker with 16 wickets at 18.1 and an average of 3.1 rpo. Ted Walsh finished with the best average with 11 wickets at 15.2 and a strike rate of only 19.4 balls, Another notable performance was Nick Molloy with 10 wickets at 16.1. The highlight though was Ajay Chaudhari's 7 for 31 off 14 overs with 3 maidens against Knox Old Boys.

Thank you to the 32 players who donned the whites for the Sydney Windies in season 2009/10 and who helped make the season a successful and, importantly, an enjoyable one.

The statistical information needed is :

Batsmen who scored 175 runs or more (min. 5 innings):

Dhiren Tikku 342 runs in 13 innings
Nick Mallory 292 runs in 15 innings
Norm Haddad 183 runs in 5 innings

Centuries Scored: none
Partnerships of 100 runs or more: 117 runs 5 th Wkt: Dhiren Tikku (56) & Norm Haddad (61) versus Scots Old Boys :
Batsmen who scored 50 runs or more in an innings: Dhiren Tikku 76 runs vs Old Cranbrookians Nick Mallory 55 runs versus Nondescripts Dhiren Tikku 53 no runs vs Barker Old Boys Dhiren Tikku 56 runs vs Scots Old Boys Norm Haddad 61 runs vs Scots Old Boys Mo Mehcur 53 runs vs Sydney Uni Vets
Partnerships of 50 or more in an innings: 65 runs 2 nd Wkt: Nick Mallory (26) & Mo Mehcur (39) versus Old Aloysians 52 runs 3 rd Wkt: Nick Mallory (29) & Norm Haddad (25) versus Knox Old Boys 61 runs 4 th Wkt: Doug Lindsay (32no) & Rey Xavier (25no) versus Kings Old Boys 68 runs 3 rd Wkt: Mo Mehcur (53) & Norm Haddad (33) versus Sydney Uni Vets
Bowlers who have taken 20 or more wickets in the season: none
Bowlers who have taken 4 or more wickets in an innings: Ted Walsh 4/20 v Yaralla Ajay Chaudhari 7/31 v Knox Old Boys
Dismissals by wicket-keepers (10 or more to qualify): Insufficient records kept