

## **Sydney Classics Cricket Team – South African Tour 2016 Report on Match 4 – Cape Town – Western Province Chairman's XI 2 March 2016**

### ***Western Province Chairman XI 8 for 178 Beat Sydney Classics 8/174***

The Sydney Classics team started their 4<sup>th</sup> South African match with an exciting and competitive game against the Western Province Chairman's XI at the Vineyard Oval Cape Town.

The cricket oval was almost picture perfect with the ground partially surrounded on the eastern side by low rise corporate offices and high wire fence shielded by trees with a lush outfield. There was a quaint club house on the western side of the ground surrounded by old oak trees providing shade from the hot afternoon sun.

An inspection of the wicket indicated it was in excellent condition – perhaps our best on tour so far. The previous weekend South African Test Cricket fast bowler Dale Steyn played on the same wicket for Western Province and took 5 wickets.

### **Sydney Classics Innings**

Skipper Douglas "Dougie" Latta "won" the toss and elected to bat. Dougie and George "Watson" Hodgson opened the batting and faced some seaming balls that the batsmen had trouble playing. The score had reached 20 when Dougie played and missed a ball that seamed from way outside the off stump to take the top of his leg stump.

Peter Harrison joined George. However, due to a mix up in calling for a run Peter was run out for 3. The score was 2 for 27. Ron Nes joined George and batted very well with both George and Ron hitting some fine boundaries.



George soon retired on 30 and Paul Adams joined Ron Nes. The score moved along and soon Ron Nes retired in 30 and Neil Karpin joined Paul Adams.

Meantime outside the club house a local decided to watch the game whilst enjoying a bottle of white wine. No doubt he had heard of the Classics prowess with bat and ball. By the time the game was over, so was the bottle of wine!

The score reached 137 off 31 overs when Neil was out for 13. Chas Viner joined Paul Adams and made his intention clear with some strong hitting. Paul Adams retired on 30. This meant the Classics had 3 players to be re-cycled if required.

Western Province continued to bowl a tight line and restrict the scoring. John "Jacko" Jackson joined Chas Viner and together they attempted to accelerate the scoring to post a good score to defend. Chas was out bowled for 12 attempting a big hit over the bowlers head. Raj Anand was next in and with Jacko the score reached 163 when Jacko was bowled for 11. The score was now 5 for 163 off 37 overs.

Terry "Trevor" Kershaw joined Raj, however, Raj attempting to play a pull shot off a ball that kept low was adjudged LBW for 11. The score was 6 for 165. Bushy

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Pillay came in at number 11 to join Terry. Terry attempting to hit out was caught in the outfield for 2 with the score 7 for 167 off 38 overs.

George Hodgson re-cycled back in with 2 overs to go. Bushy played and missed numerous balls as he attempted to play "soft" touch shots around the wicket without much luck.

However, when his bat did touch the ball he took off like a startle rabbit! Thus leaving George to scramble to the other end with balls thrown in by the fields just missing the stumps.

Bushy was bowled for 2 with one ball remaining and Ron Nes re-cycling back and scored 2 runs. Sydney Classics had score 8 for 174 off 40 overs.

Western Province Chairman's XI provided an excellent afternoon tea, with a range of hot and cold finger foods.

### **Western Province Innings**

There was no breeze to take away some of the heat from the afternoon sun as the Classic players walked onto the field. Raj Anand and Paul Adams opened the innings. Paul bowled particularly well and his bowling figures of 2 for 24 off 7 overs is a good indication of how well he bowled.

Terry Kershaw took a fine catch in second slip off Paul Adams for the first wicket. The score was 1 for 4. Western Province opening batsmen Keess batted very well and kept the scorers busy. The second wicket to fall was again to Paul Adams who bowled Cooper for 8. The score was 2 for 36.

Van Riel joined Keess and both batsmen move the score along with some fine scoring shots. Neil Karpin and Ken Doughty both came on to change the pace of the game. Ken had some luck, in slowing down the scoring rate for a couple of overs. A hard chance was offered by Van Riel off Kennies' bowling, but the catch in the covers was not taken. Keess who batted very well retired on 30 and Rippon came to the crease. Neil was replaced by Ron Nes who quickly found line and length and troubled both batsmen.



Another chance was offered off Kennies bowling with the ball going high to backward square leg where Chas Viner was ready to pounce on this opportunity. However, with the ball coming down in the western sun Chas had difficulty in seeing the ball and several times turned around like a "ballerina". Alas another hard chance was missed.

Chas Viner replaced Kennie. Van Riel who also batted very well retired on 30 with Harris joining Rippon. Ron was replaced by Peter Harrison and in Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> over he struck by bowling Harris for 16. The score was 3 for 121 off 28 overs. At the current run rate it was going to be a close game.

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Pape joined Rippon who shortly retired on 30. Bell joined Pape. Chas Viner took a little longer to fine his line and length and the batsmen took advantage. However, in Chas 4<sup>th</sup> over Chas bowled Bell for 0. The score was 4 for 133 off 30 overs. Peter Harrison replaced Ron Nes bowling from the eastern end.

The next batsmen was Byrne who scored 4 runs before George Hodgson took a straight forward catch off the bowling of Viner. The score was 5 for 139 off 33 overs with Pape still at the other end. Chas's figures were 2 for 21 off 5 overs.

Meantime in the field Ron Nes tried to stop a ball that travelled very quickly across the outfield only to dislocate a finger. The finger was quickly re-set by the doctor umpire.

Chas Viner continued to fine line and length and picked up his 3<sup>rd</sup> victim Watson who was bowled for 1. The score was now 6 for 146 off 34 overs. It was going to be definitely a tight finish potentially coming down to the last over.

Number 11 batsmen Fraser joins Pape who soon retires on 32 and opening batsmen Keess re-cycles back in. Harrison finishes his 7 overs with figures of 1 for 29.

Chas Viner strikes again and Fraser is out for 1 caught by Ron Nes. The score is 7 for 154 off 36.4 overs. No doubt about it, it will be a tight finish!

Van Riel re-cycles back in to join Keess who both set about getting the runs needed for victory. Ron Nes returns to finish his 7 overs. With the 4<sup>th</sup> ball of his 7<sup>th</sup> over



he is finally rewarded for some fine bowling by bowling Van Riel for 34. The score is 8 for 172 in the 39<sup>th</sup> over. Chas Viner bowls the last over with Western Province requiring 3 runs for victory with 6 balls. On the second ball a 4 is struck and Western Province have won the game with 4 balls left.

After a dry start for the tour with no wickets, Chas has broken through with bowling figures of 4 for 33 off 6.2 overs. Well done!!

Certainty a close game played in great spirit by both teams. After a few refreshing drinks the two teams head off to Western Province main club house complex. The club's recreational facilities is outstanding, with two cricket ovals, tennis courts, squash courts, dining rooms etc. with a great view of Table Mountain as the backdrop with the sun settling slowly over its peaks.

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Sydney Classics South Africa - 2016					Game No.		4	
Sydney Classics			vs	Western Province Chairman's XI				
Date	02-Mar-16	Weather	Fine and warm					
Venue	Vineyard Oval, Cape Town				Start Time	Noon		
Match Result	A win to Western Province							
Umpires								
Toss won by	Sydney Classics			Batted First	Sydney Classics			
Innings of	Sydney Classics				Innings of	Western Province		
Batsman	Balls	How out	Bowler	Runs	Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs
Doug Latto *	31	Bowled	Fraser	9	N Keess	not out		37
George Hodgson	35	not out		33	T Sant	Caught Terry Kershaw	Paul Adams	1
Peter Harrison	7	Run out		3	M Cooper	Bowled	Paul Adams	8
Ron Ness	33	not out		32	I Van Reil	Bowled	Doug Latto	34
Paul Adams	36	retired		30	G Rippon	not out		30
Neil Karpin	25	Caught Sant	Watson	13	P Harris	Bowled	Peter Harrison	16
Chas Viner	13	Bowled	Bell	12	T Pape	retired		32
John Jackson	13	Bowled	Harris	11	A Bell	Bowled	Chas Viner	0
Raj Anand	16	LBW	Bell	11	L Byrne	Caught George Hodgson	Chas Viner	4
Terry Kershaw	1	Caught	Harris	2	N Watson	Bowled	Chas Viner	1
Bushy Pillay +	10	Bowled	Keess	2	I Fraser	Caught Ron Ness	Chas Viner	1
		Extras		16		Extras		14
			Total	174		Total		178
			Overs	40		Overs		39.2
Fall of wickets	1st: 20	2nd 27	3rd 137		Fall of wickets	1st 4	2nd 36	3rd 121
	4th 147	5th 163	6th 165			4th 133	5th 139	6th 146
	7th 167	8th 172	9th			7th 154	8th 172	9th
	10th	* Captain	+ Wicket keeper			10th	* Captain	
Sydney Bowling	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd		
Paul Adams	7		2	24				
Raj Anand	5	1		17				
Chas Viner	7		4	33				
Peter Harrison	6.2	1	1	29				
Ken Doughty	5			26				
Neil Karpin	2			15				
Ron Ness	7	1	1	11				
Sydney Fielding	c	ro	st					
Terry Kershaw	1							
Ron Ness	1							
George Hodgson	1							
Opposition Bowling	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd		
I Fraser	4	1	1	8		2		
L Byrne	7		0	46		4		
T Pape	7	1	0	22		1		
A Bell	5		2	25		2		
N Watson	7		1	27				
P Harris	7	1	2	37				
N Keess	1		1	4				
Opposition Fielding	c	ro	st					