



## **Sydney Classics Cricket Team – South African Tour 2016 Report on Match 2 – Cape Town – Edgemean Cricket Club Veterans 28 February 2016**

### ***Sydney Classics 8/132 tied with Edgemean Veterans 9/132***

The Sydney Classics team started their 2<sup>nd</sup> South African match with an exciting and competitive game against the Edgemean Cricket Club Veterans at the Edgemean Cricket Club Oval in Cape Town.

The day was clear with deep blue skies and a gentle south eastern breeze coming off the South Atlantic Ocean. You cannot help yourself looking up to Table Top Mountain as it denominates the Cape Town city precinct.

The team was looking forward to the game particularly those who did not play the first game, Terry "Trevor" Kershaw, John "Jacko" Jackson and Ken "Kennie" Doughty. The site of the cricket oval was a little unusual with a major electrical sub-station feeding into large transformer towers and a prison nearby. However, there in the distance always the Table Top Mountain denominating the landscape.

An inspection of the wicket indicated it was not in great condition due to water restrictions and would favour the slower bowlers and the ball would keep low. What we did not know was how low it would keep with many balls almost running along the ground. Further, the gentle south eastern breeze started to pick up and by the end of the match would be approx. 20klm per hour with gusts up to 25klm per hour.

### **Sydney Classics Innings**

Skipper Douglas "Dogie" Latta "won" the toss and elected to bat. Terry Kershaw opened the batting with John Jackson a left and right hand combination, which would test the bowler's line and length. Both batsmen struggled to score due to the ball keeping very low.

The opening partnership of 23 in 8 overs was broken when Terry tried to pick up the run rate and was bowled by Kemp. The next batsmen was Paul Adams who also struggled with the ball keeping low. John Jackson continued to attempt to pick up the scoring with some well judge singles.

With the ball keeping low it presented the Edgemean wicketkeeper with a challenge to stop the ball. By the end of the Sydney Classics innings there were 20 byes, 5 leg-byes, 8 wides for a total of 33 sundries.

Paul Adams failed to get over a low ball and was bowled for 2 and the score was 2 for 30. David Waterhouse came in next. David joined the tour from Belgium where he lives with his wife and soon to be





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son. Jacko showed the boundary could be reached with a powerful shot that brought cheers from his team mates. With score reached 40 Jacko missed another low ball to be adjudged LBW for 19.

In came Ron Nes who was in fine form after scoring 28 in the 1st game against a strong Cape Town Cricket Club – Wombats. When the score reached 56 there was a loss of two wickets with David Waterhouse out bowled for 7 and then Ron Nes also bowled for 2 runs and the score had reached 5 for 56 off 19 overs. Four of the 5 wickets had been bowled again an indication of a low flat wicket was causing batsmen to struggle to score runs. At this rate of scoring the score looked like it would around 100 off 35 overs.

Peter Remfrey was join by our wicketkeeper “Bushy” Pillay who straight way indicated that he was not going to hang around, but try to increase the scoring rate. Alas after scoring 2 runs he was bowled. The score was 6 for 62.

Kennie Doughty join Peter Remfrey and the scored moved along to 74 when Kennie tried to hit a ball up and over mid-wicket only to spoon the ball to a waiting fieldsman. He was out for 2 runs. The score was now 7 for 74. Neil Karpin joined Peter, but one run later Peter was out bowled for 10 and the score 8 for 75. In strode George “Watson” Hodgson the man of the match for Match 1. Would Georgie and Neil save the innings?

Now he is a piece of trivia for you. George got the name Watson because in Game 1 his beautiful wife Carina was scoring. When George came on to bowl the scorers asked who was bowling and they said Hodgson, which sounded like Watson. Carinda did not recognise her husband George was bowling.

It did not take long for Watson and Neil to pick up the run rate with some excellent running between the wickets. The highlight were some of Neil's unusual shot selection with balls going all over the ground. By the 30<sup>th</sup> over the score had moved to 8 for 95. By the end of 35 overs the score had finished on 8 for 132 with captain Douglas Latto still padded up. The score was helped by 33 sundries.

There is no doubt that the wicket played its part in the low score and the fact that no less than 6 players were out bowled. Soon we would see if local conditions had an effect on the Edgemean players.

### **Edgemean Innings**

The south eastern breeze really started to pick when the Classics went on to the field. Not many of the players volunteered to bowl into this strong breeze that flowed diagonally across the wicket area.

Paul Adams opened the bowling from the Prison end with the breeze coming in over his left shoulder. With the batsmen West showing that he had no trouble with the low ball with a smashing drive for 4 runs off the 3<sup>rd</sup> ball. Ron Nes bowled into



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the breeze and was evident that the bowlers from that end would struggle with the breeze.

The score had moved 17 off 6 overs when Georgie threw a great return in to run-out St Clair for 5. West was joined by Ross who was quickly off the mark with a single. Next over Paul Adams claimed West bowled for 10 with another ball keeping very low. Score 2 for 17. The score moved along with batsmen Ross playing some very good shots with 4 x 4.

Neil Karpin replaced Paul Adams bowling down wind. Peter Remfrey replaced Ron Nes bowling into the wind. When the score reached 52 "Jacko" Jackson fielding in 1<sup>st</sup> slip takes a regulation catch to dismiss Ross who had scored a very good 23. Shaun was the new batsmen in who quickly raced to 5 before being caught and bowled by Peter Remfrey. His second caught and bowled in two matches. The score was now 5 for 52.

Edgemean batsman Kemp showed that he had no difficulty with the low balls and would go onto score a match high score of 37 with 5 boundaries.

Ken Doughty replaced Neil Karpin who finished with figures of 2 for 10 off 5 overs. Well bowled in deed. Ken bowling his "leggies" had batsmen Spencer out (1) brilliantly caught behind by Bushy off his second ball – a wicket maiden over. Score was now 6 got 61.

Peter Remfrey who was bowling into the wind had forced an error from the batsmen and the ball dolly out to short mid-wicket where Terry Kershaw promptly dropped the ball at his feet meantime the batsmen were calling yes and no to each other and met in the centre of the wicket and everyone was shouting to Terry to pick up the ball and throw it. Terry was slightly confused by all the shouting and he tried to pick up the ball three times before he threw it to the bowlers end. However, the batsmen scrambled back to their creases. Peter Remfrey finished with 1 for 26 off 5 overs.

During Watson's first over Neil Karpin was fielding out at a deep extra cover when he was observed standing facing away from action assisting to break the drought by depositing some of his own waste water onto the grass. It is doubtful this would assist, but they do say every little bit helps.

Meantime back at the cricket Kennie continued to bowl and was getting bounce out the wicket with his spinners when we bowled a very "bad" ball that bounced twice before it reached the batsmen. He was apologising for the ball before it reached the batsman Straus. Who stated that he would appreciate it if Kennie would apologise after he hit the ball and not before.

Batsmen Kemp continued to play some very good shots and Georgie like the other bowlers before him struggled into the increasing stronger south eastern breeze.



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Kennie bowling in his fourth over took an excellent caught and bowl one-handed catch to dismiss Straus for 4. The score had reached 7 for 84.

Kemp who batted very well retired on 30 with Brown not out 6 and was replaced by Smith. Kennie finished with figures of 2 for 14 off 5 overs. Georgie replaced Ken and Douglas Latto came on into the breeze. Smith was soon bowled for 0 and the score was 8 for 92.

Batsmen Sauerman came in and quickly took to hitting Douglas' and Georgie's bowling around the field. Sauerman was caught by Neil Karpin off Douglas bowling at extra cover. Sauerman had scored a quick fire 18 runs. The score was now 9 for 123. Douglas finished with 2 for 23 off 5 overs.

Kemp re-cycled and only requiring 9 runs to win the game. Brown and Kemp placed some good shoots around the ground requiring 3 to win off the last ball, with the field spread far and wide to minimise the chance of a boundary, they were only able to score 2. So we have it a TIE! Not as good as the famous tie between Australia and the West Indies in 1961 at the Gabba, but for us it will be remembered.

EDGEMEAD		VISITORS	
1	3 2	1	3 2
TOTAL		8	
WKTS		8	

The man of the match for the Classics was Neil Karpin for 28 not out and 2 for 10.





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Sydney Classics South Africa - 2016					Game No.		2		
Sydney Classics			vs	Edgemean Veterans					
Date		28-Feb-16	Weather	Fine but very windy					
Venue		Edgemean CC				Start Time			
Match Result		A tie!							
Umpires									
Toss won by		Sydney Classics			Batted First		Sydney Classics		
Innings of		Sydney Classics			Innings of		Edgemean Veterans		
Batsman	Balls	How out	Bowler	Runs	Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	
John Jackson	48	LBW	Spencer	19	StClair	Run out		5	
Terry Kershaw	25	Bowled	Kemp	4	West	Bowled	Paul Adams	10	
Paul Adams	16	Bowled	Kemp	2	Ross	Caught John Jackson	Neil Karpin	23	
David Waterhouse	15	Bowled	Spencer	7	Viviers	Bowled	Neil Karpin	3	
Ron Nes	3	Bowled	Spencer	2	Shaun	C&Bowled	Peter Remfrey	6	
Peter Remfrey	22	Bowled	Smith	10	Kemp	not out		37	
Bushy Pillay +	8	Bowled	Spencer	2	Spencer	Caught Bushy Pillay	Ken Doughty	1	
Ken Doughty	5	Caught	Strauss	2	Strauss	Caught & Bowled	Ken Doughty	4	
Neil Karpin	25	not out		28	Brown	not out		12	
George Hodgson	25	not out		23	Smith	Bowled	Doug Latto	0	
Doug Latto *		DNB			Sauerman	Caught Neil Karpin	Doug Latto	18	
		Extras		33		Extras		13	
		Total		132		Total		132	
		Overs		35		Overs		35	
Fall of wickets		1st: 23	2nd 30	3rd 49	Fall of wickets		1st 17	2nd 17	3rd 44
		4th 56	5th 56	6th 62			4th 52	5th 52	6th 61
		7th 74	8th 75	9th			7th 84	8th 93	9th 124
		10th	* Captain + Wicket keeper				10th	* Captain	
Sydney Bowling		O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd		
Paul Adams		5	2	1	10				
Ron Nes		5	1		11				
Neil Karpin		5	11	2	10				
Peter Remfrey		5		1	26			1	
Ken Doughty		5		2	14			3	
George Hodgson		5			30			1	
Doug Latto		5		2	23			1	
Sydney Fielding		c	ro	st					
John Jackson		1							
Peter Remfrey		1							
Bushy Pillay		1							
Neil Karpin		1							
Ken Doughty		1							
Opposition Bowling		O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd		
West		2			6				
Saurerman		5			5				
Ross		5		1	8				
Kemp		5		2	8				
Spencer		5		3	19				
Smith		4		1	15				
Strauss		5		1	22				
Brown		2			13				
Clair		2			13				
Opposition Fielding		c	ro	st					