



Newcastle City & Eastern Districts Cricket Club Inc.

Annual Report 2010/11



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**The 2010/11 Annual General Meeting of
Newcastle City & Eastern Districts Cricket Club Inc.**

**Held at The Bennett Hotel, 146 Denison Street Hamilton on Monday 18 July 2011
commencing at 6.30pm.**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Previous Minutes 09/10 AGM**
- 3. Annual Reports**

President
Treasurer
Secretary
Captains
Juniors
- 4. Financial Audits**
- 5. Positions Declared Vacant**
- 6. Elections-Positions and Nominations**

President
Senior Vice President
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
General Committee
- 7. General Business**





Club Overview

NCEDCC is a not for profit incorporated sporting club. Our teams play in the Newcastle District Cricket Association, Newcastle City & Suburban Association and the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association and other competitions as invited.

Office Bearers 2010/11

The Late Col Rogers	Club Patron & NDCA Rep
Peter March	President
Rob Vitnell	Senior Vice President
Russell Fowler	Junior Vice President
Adrian Mannel	Treasurer
Greg Hook	Assistant Treasurer
Damien Jones	Secretary & Reserve NDCA Rep
Royce McCormack	Assistant Secretary
Trent Robinson	General Committee
Colin Tegg	General Committee & NDCA Rep
Robert Carey	General Committee
Michael Gale	General Committee

NCEDCC also has a number of sub-committees that include the following

- Juniors
- Social
- Cricket
- Selectors-(1-4th Grade Captains plus an independent)
- Judiciary
- Player Retention

Club Website

www.newcastlecitycricket.com.au

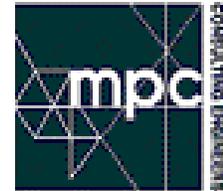




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Senior Members List

Below is an complete list of all senior players who played with us over the season.

List of Players 2010/11		
1. Mark Dries	39. Trevor Van Kemanade	75. Shaun Blakemore
2. Jesse Major	40. Tom Anderson	76. James Wivell
3. Joseph Curk	41. Joe Ashford	77. Nick Hansen
4. Scott Cameron	42. Brent Ingham	78. Peter Reid
5. Jonty Major	43. Craig Hamilton	79. Phil Hickmott
6. Ashley Mould	44. Peter March	80. Patrick Johnson
7. Liam McKechnie	45. Andrew Freeman	81. Mark Rothfield
8. Damien Jones	46. Dru Tonks	82. Mal Emerton
9. Trent Robinson	47. Matt Krevs	83. Stephen Bruce
10. Matthew Snelson	48. Brendan Gray	84. Anthony Bailey
11. Dylan Hunter	49. Troy Arnold	85. Wayne Martin
12. Robert Hungerford	50. Dilan Kasturi	86. Norman Campbell
13. David McKenzie	51. Jordi Van Kemanade	87. Iain Morrissey
14. Kieran Wheeler	52. William Mowbray	88. Greg Armstrong
15. Daniel Hughes	53. Daniel March	89. Stephen Wait
16. Matthew Leonard	54. Patrick Vaughan	90. Dean Cornish
17. Daine Williams	55. Perry Mellon	91. Ian Hextall
18. Max Bryant	56. Jeremy Young	92. Kerrod Kell
19. Robert Vitnell	57. Brad O'Dell	93. Paul Olive
20. Baiden Pepperall	58. Richard Antney	94. Yusuf Badat
21. Ben Ford	59. Tyson Beatty	95. Michael Smith
22. Bryce Garrett	60. Dan Henry	96. Alex Neilson
23. Morgan Clune	61. Craig Forsberg	97. Sean Young
24. Michael Gale	62. Mitchell Gibson	98. Perry Mellon
25. Rhys Gallen	63. Michael Mills	99. Peter Keizer
26. Matt Kelly	64. Ian Bird	100. Col Tegg
27. Nick Davies	65. Mark Diakiw	101. Richard Baines
28. Tim Rogers	66. Jared Morell	102. Dan Way
29. Paul Blowes	67. Ben Towers	103. Scott Chambers
30. Shaun Burgess	68. Adam Fields	104. Callan Lowes
31. Mitch Gray	69. Josh Mason	105. Russell Fowler
32. Mark Conway	70. David Heterick	106. Josh Hamilton
33. Jamie McMahon	71. Paul Faulkner	107. Mitchell O'Dell
34. Adrian Mannel	72. Luke Gibson	108. Carl Peterson
35. Marcel Too	73. Ben Christensen	109. Peter Keizer (Snr)
36. Jai Prouse	74. Kyle Symes	
37. Lachlan Cairns		
38. Michael Wilkinson		





Junior Members List

Below is an complete list of all junior players who played with us over the season.

List of Players 2010/11		
1. Toby Bartsch	39. Patrick Dowzer	75. Sebastian Kavanagh
2. Callum Eardley	40. Nicholas Wilson	76. Harrison Crook
3. Daniel Ball-McKinnon	41. William Sim	77. Luke Ferrier
4. Matthew Heathcote	42. James Suminoski	78. James Beatty
5. Ethan Acevski	43. Wilson McTaggart	79. Dylan Weller
6. Luke Dwyer	44. Liam Whitehead	80. Oscar Cowan
7. Joshua Deakin	45. Patrick Langlois	81. Callum O'Sullivan
8. Matthew Burgess	46. Ahmed Badat	82. Hamish McKie
9. Alec McLeod	47. Kinglsey Williams	83. Elijah Santosa
10. Mohsin Cassim	48. Callan Fowler	84. Harry Macansh
11. Blake Snape	49. Jordan Parker	85. Emma Collard
12. Lewis Hextall	50. Nathan Williams	86. Michael Sheridan
13. Louis Rothfield	51. Nicholas Stanbridge	87. Tom Neely
14. William McGrath	52. Harry Edmonds	88. Haydn Stavros
15. Nicholas Crook	53. Callam McFarlane	89. Isaac Bowen
16. Henry Ridell	54. Darcy Castaldi	90. Isaiah Kavanagh
17. Billy Cowan	55. Sam Cooke	91. Toby Morgan
18. Thomas Fuller	56. Rhys Braye	92. Charles Dallen
19. Daniel Turner	57. Eli McCulloch	93. Tyler Hoffman
20. Edan Ellway	58. Harry Bendall	94. Oscar Girgis-Cook
21. Tobias Girgis-Cook	59. Cody Adams	95. Omar Sammut
22. Angus McTaggart	60. Thomas Smailes	96. Thomas deGroot
23. Max Tucker	61. Max Stanyer	97. Daniel Willis
24. Benjamin Beck	62. James Perkiss	98. Mitchell Nesbitt
25. Toby Harbison	63. Oliver Emmerton	99. Hamish Lorang
26. Hugh Dallen	64. Miles Downing-Donnelly	100. William St Clair
27. Christopher Beck	65. Dixon Stanyer	101. Brendan Frost
28. Sam Alsop	66. Levi Borelli	102. Meranda Samarasinghe
29. Taj Annan	67. Max Stone	103. Joshua Chapman
30. William Davis	68. Thomas Anderson	104. Liam Spurway
31. William Stevenson	69. Ben Clifford	105. Jeremy Jackson
32. Jay Garrett	70. Alexander Martin	106. Chris Matthews
33. Seth Roach	71. Tyler Bray	107. Dante Breakwell
34. Aidan Galvin	72. Nicholas Kingham	108. Maxwell McEnally-Graham
35. Lawson Castle	73. Thomas Suturs	109. Brian Difford
36. Joshua Raftos	74. Sam O'Sullivan	
37. Jethro Bowen		
38. Jackson Turner		





List of Players 2010/11		
110. Jack Marshall		
111. Joseph Conners		
112. Liam Shaddock		
113. Lewis Kempton		
114. Jarred Chapman		
115. Sean Straiton		
116. Arjun Raju		
117. Patrick Ryan		
118. William Ryan		
119. Cameron Treweek		
120. Blane Keevers		
121. Zachary Hook		
122. Nicholas Hawcroft		
123. Reece Jarrett		
124. Dominic Barbagallo		
125. Matthew Martin		
126. Nicholas Duffy		
127. Rory Bulbrook		
128. Blake Jarrett		
129. Lachlan Swan		
130. Ben Kingham		
131. Dominic Twohill		

Members of the club also include one parent of each junior playing member.





President's Report Season 2010 / 2011

It is my pleasure to report on a highly successful year for Newcastle City in season 2010/11. This has clearly been our most successful season in recent history, with some club stalwarts claiming it to be our most successful ever, particularly in regards to the Senior's on field performances. With the following list of achievements it is hard to argue:

- CLUB CHAMPIONS
- Winners of the Tom Locker Cup
- Runners Up in the SCG Country Cup
- Runners Up in the First Grade T20
- Semi finalists in all grades including U/21's.
- Minor Premiers in 3rd Grade
- Joint Major Premiers in 4th Grade
- Finals winners in Denis Broad Cup
- Inner City Cup holders

Several Presidential shouts were required during the season with whitewashes occurring against Belmont (twice), Stockton, Waratah and Charlestown, which certainly lightened the President's pockets.

As well as the above highlights within the senior ranks our Juniors have continued their successful run with 5 teams making the semi finals. 3 of the 5 made in through to their Grand Finals. The Under 14's were undefeated Minor & Major Premiers.

On the Juniors, this season saw two players in Max Bryant and Dylan Hunter make their first grade debuts, both these players having developed through our junior teams. A special congratulations to Dylan for being selected in the NSW Under17 State Side that contested in the National Championships in Tasmania.

Season 2010/11 also saw five of our current juniors make the step up into the grade ranks and with the success, and strength, of our Juniors we look forward to many more graduating into the grade ranks in the coming seasons.

The legend, Tommy Anderson, ran a Milo IN2Cricket Centre for the club with 85 participants, at #1 Sportsground, the largest Milo centre in Newcastle. A word of thanks goes to all players who lent support to Tommy.





Obviously the highlight of the year was the Club Championship success. We had made steady progress over previous seasons having progressed from the bottom half of the Club Championship to now being one of the top four clubs.

This progress has been made through the retention and commitment of our playing group, continued development of our junior base and continuity at committee level.

Further to this success has to be attributed to the recruitment of key senior first grade players Mark Dries and Scott Cameron. Mark and Scott provided guidance, experience and performances to a relatively young, talented first grade group elevating the team not only to the top of the local competition but to the final of the SCG Country Cup Final. We all look forward to the development of this side under the leadership of Mark and Scott in the coming seasons as new faces emerge from the grades below.

On the financial front, our accounts demonstrate that our position remains sound although we do have some expenditure at Learmonth Park in the coming season with a proposed in-ground watering system that is sure to further improve the playing surface.

The club continued to provide improved services to the members with the acquisition of full wicket covers and a super sopper for Learmonth Park and a bowling machine. Our financial health would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors both through the juniors and seniors and we thank you for your support.

On the fundraising front the highlight of the year was the success of our inaugural Sportsman Luncheon held at Newcastle Jockey Club with Phil Kearns as guest speaker. Special thanks go to Trent Robinson for his organization of the event and the sponsorship of Paul Ramsey.

Once again we held two very successful Junior development days in January. This year they were held between No.1 and No. 5 Sportsgrounds and over 60 juniors attended. I would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time on those days.

Col Tegg has once again worked tirelessly and along with the work of John Clune they had Learmonth Park looking as good as anyone could remember.

Finally I would like to thank all the Captains, members of the committee and players for their contributions in making the 09/10 season successful, and look forward to seeing you next year.

Yours in Cricket
Peter March





Treasurer's Report Season 2010 / 2011

This season we witnessed the most successful season in many years and the club took great strides forward both on and off the field. Financially the club is in a stronger position than it was at the start of the year and the club was also able to transfer \$8,000.00 into the term deposit during the year. At season end (20 June 2011) the club had \$30,632.46 in the bank.

This season also saw the club partake in the purchase of several one off capital items that were identified by the committee as items required for our club/players to move forward and must be factored in when looking at the club's expenses for the season.

These items include:

- Super Sopper for Learmonth (\$1,639.00)
- New covers (and trolley) for Learmonth (\$3,209.00)
- Ball Machine for Howzat (\$4,650.00)

Some other factors that need to be considered in the increased senior expenses are:

- last season's C & S fees were paid during this season
- Due to the club's success on the field we had to play more games, which resulted in an increase in umpire fees
- Increased use of No. 1 Sportsground resulted in a higher bill to the NDCA increasing from \$5,761.75 last season to \$9,448.00 this season
- The club also provided several Keg nights for players which resulted from our onfield success

This season we held our first Sportsman's Luncheon in October which proved to be a hugely successful day in terms of fundraising for the club. Hopefully we can build on its success and make it bigger and better next season. Thanks must go to Trent Robinson for organising the day and securing Paul Ramsay (Ramsay Health) as the major sponsor for this event.

Looking forward to next year we have already started planning to further improve the club's financial position through improved fundraising efforts and keg night sponsors to





name a couple of things. Also note the club has 25 game shirts currently in stock for next season (cost \$625).

I would like to thank the committee and in particular Greg Hook for assisting me in my first year as Newcastle City treasurer and am already looking forward to an even more successful campaign next season. Also thanks to Greg Nesbitt from the Juniors for his work on sponsorship as well as all those sponsoring the seniors.

Cheers, Adrian Mannel





1st Grade Report - Semi-Finalists! Season 2010 / 2011

Top Individual Performers

Batting:

Mark Dries, 732 runs at 40.67 ave

Jesse Major, 521 runs at 40.08 ave

Joe Curk, 375 runs at 22.06 ave.

Bowling:

Mark Dries, 58 wkts at 13.43 ave

Trent Robinson, 24 wkts at 24.63 ave

Matt Snelson, 18 wkts at 22.56 ave

Team Performance

Finished 3rd in the regular season, with 1 outright win, 9 first innings wins, 2 draws, 4 first innings and 1 outright loss.

Lost Semi-Final against University.

Season Review

After competing well last year but not getting the points on the scoreboard, one of the ambitious season goals was for this young side to make the semi-finals. After making one of the best starts to the season in recent memory (3 wins in the first 3 matches) City capitalised and led the comp after round 6, briefly giving back the lead before taking it again in round 8 for a further 4 more rounds.

However, as a result of competing in the finals of every competition running (T20, Tom Locker & SCG Country Cup), niggling injuries and fatigue from a very busy cricket schedule crept into play and City relinquished the competition lead in January but managed to hold on to 3rd spot at season's end thanks to that terrific start to the season.





As far as monkey's off the back go this was one that the club was glad to get rid of. It was our first top grade semi-final side in 20 years, the last being in 1990/91 with the likes of Tom Anderson, Greg Hook, Peter Chapman, Andy Way, Andrew Sargent and Craig Hamilton being a part of that side.

Unfortunately, like the 1990/91 side, that would be where our season ended. We were well and truly beaten by a very good display of bowling from the competition's in-form player, Josh Anderson (7-29 off 15.1 overs).

Bundled out for 84 in the first innings was a massive let down to the season and not at a true reflection of our competitiveness throughout the year. In terms of achieving what we had set out to do at the start of the year, we were successful, however there was definitely a feeling that this side could have gone on to better things.

As Driesy said at the presentation, "There is some unfinished business for this side".

Next season, the young talents will have had a years worth of experience under their belt, a winning culture has been developed and the club, as a whole, is in a strong position on and off the field. These are all the pieces that are needed to be in place to bring home a first grade premiership and final victory.

Some special mentions must go to:

- Driesy, for almost taking out the Batting and Bowling aggregates for the district, a feat that has not been achieved in over 80 years. His influence on this team has been phenomenal.
- Jess Major for a 500+ run season
- Robbo, for continuing to push through obvious pain and discomfort throughout the season &
- Snello, for being a genuine all-rounder.

Random Highlights & Media Snippets

Partnerships

- 105 run un-beaten partnership between Driesy & Jesse Major against Cardiff in round 1
- A 137 run partnership between brother Jesse & Jonty Major in round 4 against University (in a total of 310)





- 112 run partnership between Scotty Cameron and Jesse Major against Stockton in round 6.

Bowling Performances

- Mark Dries 6-29 off 15.4 v Wests in round 10, 5-56 off 22 v Waratah in round 16 & 5-100 off 32 v Merewether in round 13
- Damien Jones 5-21 off 10 v Belmont in round 8

Close Games

Where do I start???

Wallsend - Round 3

After putting on 264 in the first innings City looked down and out when Wallsend were at 5-199, with plenty of overs to spare. But a period of 4-2 (2 wickets apiece to Jesse and Driesy) pulled up Wallsends run chase 30 short.

Ham-Wicks - Round 5

A week after the SCG Country Cup nail-biter, City again faced Ham-Wicks and again were bowled out relatively cheaply (140). At 5-106 Ham-Wicks looked in control until a fortuitous run-out by Doc in his follow through ran out Mullard and sparked a collapse with a further 2 wickets.

Andrew Maher hit Driesy for 4 (a metre from being a six) to take Ham-Wicks within 3 run3. Driesy nicked him up next ball to bowl Ham-Wicks out for 137.

We won't talk about City going on to lose that one outright.

Stockton - Round 6

After winning the toss and deciding to bat City posted a decent 224 in their 50 overs. Scotty Cameron (65), Jesse Major (51), a composed 28 not out by debutant Dylan Hunter and 25 from Doc were the contributors.

Stockton hammered the City attack from ball one with Doc and debutant Max Bryant going the (wind assisted) distance. Stocko were cruising at 1-156 when Maxy Bryant pulled off his best move in first grade (to date - there will be plenty more opportunity for him to better it in the future) by forgetting to come inside the circle for the left-hander. This didn't escape Terry Crittenden's veteran eye and he decided to slog the next ball thinking a no-ball would be called. Bowled!!! The problem was the umpires didn't see that only three fielders were in the circle. Unlucky champ!!! Terry had to go.





From there Stockton lost the plot and Doc, Robbo & Dylan all pounced to take wickets. The game came down to the final over with scores level, 9 wickets down. Macca insisted that he could get the breakthrough. Ball 2 was fast and straight and trapped him right in front. Game Over!

The boys thought they had saved a point or two by getting a tie, until we found out we won on count-back (from having lost less wickets). Sensational!!!

Wallsend (T20) - Round 11

This game was another example of the winning culture that has been instilled into the team this year. A decent team total of 138 led by 41 from Robbo with some big bombs, was a defensible total, however Brett Jackson having come back from playing a fair bit of T20 cricket in Sydney first grade looked to be coasting in the run-chase. That never say die attitude helped City close out the final overs with some tight bowling to deny the visitors the win. Doc bowled the last over and Wallsend fell 6 runs short.

Charlestown - Round 12

Another close game! Just do enough to win the game seemed to be the motto throughout the season. City were on top early in the game with the ball but let Charlestown get away with 182 in the first innings. A middle order collapse at 6-68 brought together Geechy and Snello who put on 53. Another 50 run partnership between Snello and Robbo got City within 10 runs of victory. When Kieran departed 5 runs short, the City nerves held strong and Snello bombed over mid-off to win the game and personally finished with 80 not out. WOW!

Belmont - Round 15

You thought we were done? Set 193 for the win City went about the run chase shakily losing three early wickets. The Major boys put on 50 to put City at 4-80. Curky batted brilliantly with wickets falling around him and was joined by Doc for the last wicket, still 17 runs short of victory.

After surviving an LBW shout on his first ball, Doc chipped away with Curky until the deficit got into the single figures. With scores level Curky pulled Marcus Hainsworth for four over mid-wicket and the City boys were singing again.

Six close contests and six wins. In the past we have found ways to lose some of these games but a new confidence and attitude has been developed in this squad of players that want to win when the game is on the line.





Special Thanks

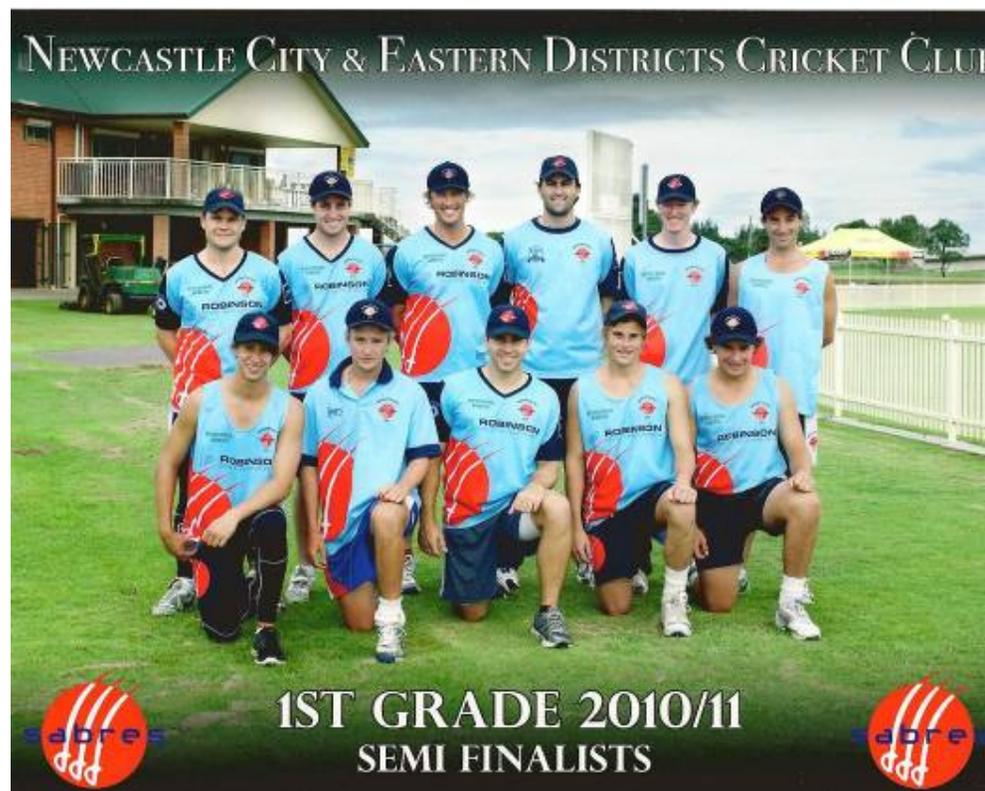
Special thanks go to:

- Lyn Dries for scoring the season and putting up with several heart-stopping moments.
- Gary & Lisa Major for organising afternoon teas on a regular basis.
- Those who helped out with covers over the year (especially those that did so from outside the first grade squad).

Cheers

Doc





Back Row (L-R) Scott Cameron, Joe Curk, Trent Robinson, Matt Snelson, Damien Jones, Liam McKechnie
Front Row (L-R) Dylan Hunter, Jesse Major, Mark Dries, Ashly Mould, Jonty Major





2nd Grade Report - Semi-Finalists! Season 2010 / 2011

Top Individual Performers

Batting:

Rob Vitnell, 420 runs at 52.50 ave

Matty Leonard, 276 runs at 30.67 ave

Bailden Pepperall, 228 runs at 45.60 ave.

Bowling:

Keiran Wheeler, wkts at 19.75 ave

Daniel Hughes, 19 wkts at 14.05 ave

Rhys Gallen, 16 wkts at 16.31 ave

Team Performance

Finished 2nd in the regular season, with 1 outright win, 8 first innings wins, 2 draws, 2 first innings losses.

Lost Semi-Final against Merewether by 1 wicket.

Season Review

We played good, tough competitive cricket all season, but once again lost in the semi-finals. The biggest positive result from our season was the continued development of good young players such as Max Bryant, Bailden Pepperall, Bryce Garrett, Morgan Clune & Dylan Hunter.

Random Highlights & Media Snippets

“Whilst the first grade has been bolstered there have been rumblings from the lower tiers in the off season too. Rhys Gallen has travelled to Africa to learn the secrets of the medium pacer- promptly arriving back on our shores and giving up the bottle for an extended period, could this result in Dale Steyn like pace? We will have to see...” Rhys we are still waiting!





“There have been some noticeable missing players from the social scene; if anyone sees Matt Kelly or Rob Hungerford please tell them we miss them dearly.” Matty Kelly did eventually return after his injury & Robbie Hungerford went walk about with his newlywed.

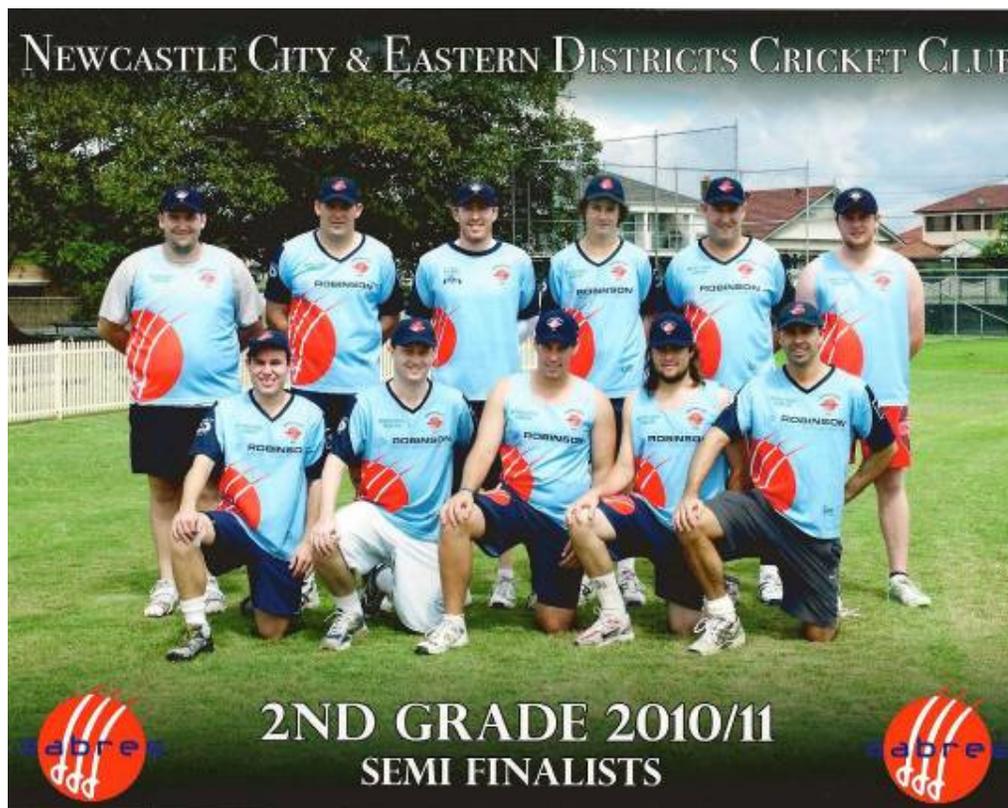
“After one round of lower tier competition second grade- the clubs walking wounded, have dealt Wallsend a clinical 4 wicket win at Wallsend. Rob Vitnell has taken a ‘no walk’ approach to his batting. Even after the finger was raised, captain ‘rickety hips’ Vitnell has rewritten the game as I know it and argued his way to a real captains knock, for some reason I don’t think the tigers boys were too pleased. Matthew Snelson is a very good looking man- he can also run people out, score half centuries and bowl faster than you. If he is single, it won’t be for long.

City 2s continued their batting dominance against Uni and much like first grade were disappointed the second day was washed out. Batting first at Learmonth is always a pleasure and the City bats made the most of it piling on 348, Ben Ford leading the way with 131, “RBV” scored 71 (Nick Davies was over the moon) and Muggins Leonard got us off to a good start with a well made 59.” Lesson for young players - always refer the umpire to the review system!

Special Thanks

Special thanks go to my wonderful mother Julie Vitnell for scoring throughout the season. Team sauce!!





Back Row (L-R) Rhys Gallen, Daniel Hughes, Rob Vitnell, Morgan Clune, Ben Ford, Bryce Garrett

Front Row (L-R) Bailden Pepperall, Mith Gray, Max Bryant, Kieran Wheeler, Matt Leonard





3rd Grade Report - The Premiers! Season 2010 / 2011

Top Individual Performers

Batting:

Adrian Mannel, 327 runs at 54.50 ave

Bailden Peperall, 295 runs at 36.88 ave

Mark Conway, 168 runs at 21.00 ave.

Bowling:

Michael Wilkinson, 18 wkts at 12.72 ave

Rhys Gallen, 14 wkts at 6.50 ave

Brent Ingham, 14 wkts at 9.57 ave

Team Performance

Finished as Premiers in the regular season, with 1 outright win, 8 first innings wins, 2 draws, 2 first innings losses.

Lost Semi-Final against University by 1 wicket.

Season Review

After the highly successful premiership season of 2009-10, there were high hopes of emulating the previous season's successes. With the nucleus of a team high on experience and enthusiasm City 3rd Grade went about the start of their season in a winning fashion and pretty soon the team had gained momentum, the team forming a formidable opposition to each opponents. The first game of the season against Western Suburbs was abandoned due to the weather, but the second game at Wallsend No 2 saw city bat first and pile on the runs, reaching 7/279, notably Dylan Hunter scoring 53, Bailden Pepperall 74 and Adrian Mannel scoring 54, as well as a captain who misplaced his pants. In return Wallsend were rolled for 181, Tim '6fa' Rogers doing the damage with 6/10 from 13 in what was a tremendous spell. Our next game against University started well, rolling them at Ray Watt for 131, Brent Ingham with 4/10 from 7. Confident of our ability to chase what we saw as a small total we soon found ourselves deep in the muck at 5/39 at the end of the first day. Mother Nature saw fit to end it there and a second week washout shared the points. On to





Round 5 against Ham-Wicks at Learmonth saw another imposing total of 270, Mannel continuing his purple patch with a top score of 57 (just ask him, he'll tell you) supported ably by Lachie Cairns (45), Trevor Van Kemenade (37) and Jai Prouse (38). In return the guests were rolled for 207, Matt Snelson no doubt having the batsmen calling for fresh duds with 3/44, Wayne Nichols with 3/46 and Mannel doing it all with 3/50. Round 6 vs Stockton at the place with at least the most vocal supporters: Stockton Hospital. Chasing 100, Mannel was the star (again) with 4/21 and 74 with the willow, taking us to 8/192. By now Mannel slept with his phone next to him, waiting for the Australian selectors call we all thought was coming. It didn't.

The following match against Toronto Workers brought us down to size however, defeated convincingly on our own turf, reminding us that victory was never fait accompli. A one day 8 wicket victory over Belmont in Round 8 put us back in the winner's circle the next week, with Brent Ingham taking 4/3 off 8 and our top 4 batsmen all chipping in. Wests in the next match also provided us another victory, however we were unable to capture maximum points. Bailden was again proving his worth with 51, Mitch Gray also back in the team taking 4/11 and bowling hoops.

A one day game against Charlestown was next, and gee willickers it was convincing. 4/253 from our overs, Bailden saving his knee by dealing in boundaries on his way to 102, Michael Gale scoring a swashbuckling 68 alongside him. In return Charlestown were all out for 96, the innings most notably featuring the best over of half-track and full toss wrist spin you are ever likely to see from yours truly. A close 2 wicket victory followed against Merewether (111) highlighted the importance of our need to follow up our quality bowling and fielding with temperament and maturity with the bat.

A two day match against Belmont was an opportunity to capitalise on points and gain momentum into the business end of the season. Rhys Gallen scuppered the opposition with 5/23, featuring swinging deliveries not seen since the days of half taped tennis balls and 'swing kings' of the backyard cricket days. Result: poles everywhere. Our response was 7/155 (dec.) and after sending them back in, secured maximum points.

Waratah at Learmonth proved to be Rhys (get on me!) Gallen's day with 8/47 from 20 seeing off the visitors for 120. He no doubt won a couple of meat trays at the pub later as well. A scrappy innings just got us home 7 down.

Final match of the regular season saw us play what was to be a good warm up to the semi finals the following week. University had always provided us with stiff competition and had the upper hand in our past encounter before rain intervened. Tom Anderson (40) and Mannel (56*) helped us post a defensible 178 in our 40 overs. Despite Wayne Nichols taking 4/28 it was not enough and Uni scraped in for a victory that should have seen us do better, as well as providing an ominous sign.





Despite the loss we retained the Minor Premiership, and saw us rewarded for some consistent and dogged performances. Our ability to get over the line, by many or little was a great effort by all involved.

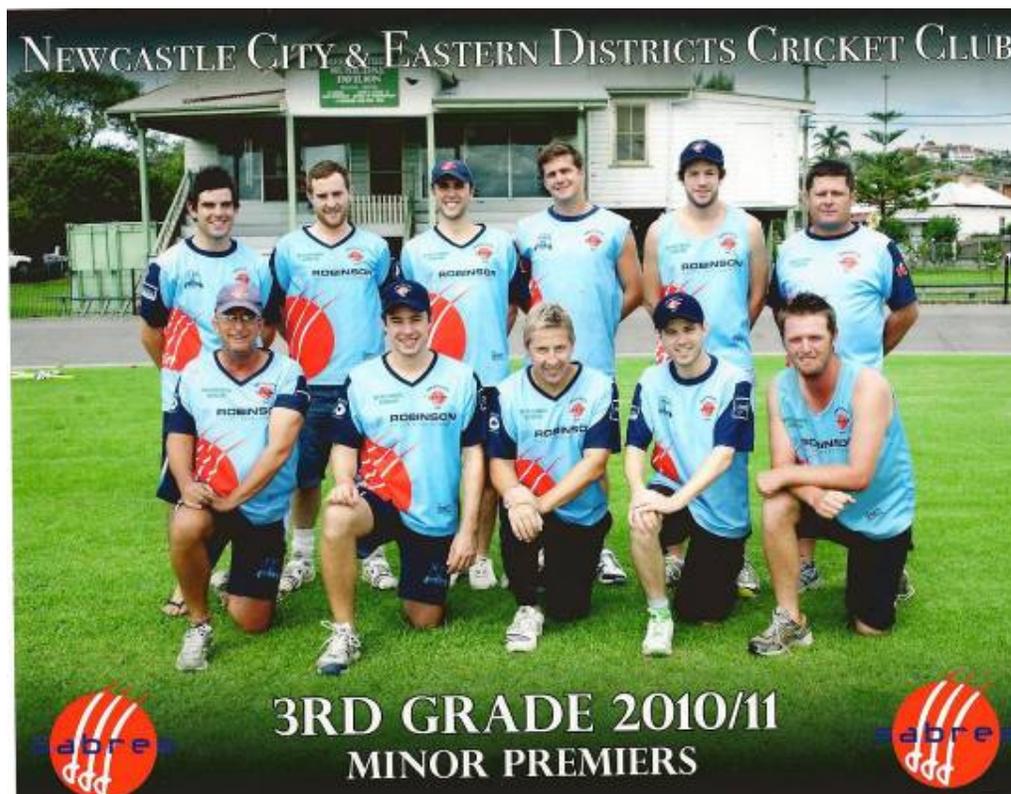
Finals cricket is a wily beast. Expectation and the regular season matter little when it comes to the do or die end of the season, as we were soon to find out. Townson Oval hosted City v University in a rematch of the previous week. University scored 144 batting first, wickets were shared and it was a solid, if unremarkable day in the field. Play was delayed at the start of the second day due to rain, and confusion over the rules resulted in City needing to chase the total in the full 80 overs. We never really looked in control and a constant stream of wickets fell. Despite this we held out hope and were unfortunately rolled for 128. A disappointing way to end the season but it goes to show that sometimes it is not the best, but the most determined on the day that take victory.

As a side note to the semi finals loss, a protest was lodged in response to the knowledge that the game should have been shortened because of the rain delay. This appeal was likely to be successful, however it is important that everyone was comfortable with this decision as it meant taking the place of what was a better opposition on the day. Upon consultation, the protest was withdrawn and I would like to think that no matter what peoples opinion was, the club has shown itself to be gracious in defeat.

On a personal note, thank you to all the boys for your support and help throughout the season. This extends not only to those who turned up every week to help with covers and the like, but to those who did scorebooks, provided advice and did their part for the club. A special thanks to my slips cordon members I forgot in my presentation night speech: Matty Kelly and Tom Anderson. What the cordon lacked in youth it made up for in enthusiasm. City for the Kitty.

Mark Conway.





Back Row (L-R) Tim Rogers, Jamie McMahon, Adrian Mannel, Shaun Burgess, Mark Conway, Matt Kelly
Front Row (L-R) Tom Anderson, Rob Hungerford, Michael Wilkinson, Michael Gale, Nick Davies





4th Grade Report - Joint Final Winners! Season 2010 / 2011

The part retirement-home, part crèche that is the Newcastle City 4th grade side backed up again this season to take the title (albeit shared with that team beginning with M) and continue a great run that has seen us take the title in three of the past four seasons.

The season started slowly, with a disappointing loss to eventually semi-finalists Wallsend at the Home of Cricket (#5 Sports Ground), although it did herald the arrival of one J. VanKemenade, whose spitting leg-spinners netted 3-11. If only the skipper had introduced him into the attack sooner!

After a first up defeat, the team quickly started to gel and put together four straight wins. In our match against Hamwicks, we managed to snare the services of an up and coming quick by the name of Daniel March, although sadly I also had to find a place somewhere for his father J. Daniel had an excellent debut, scoring a quick-fire 28 down the order and backing up with 2-18 in a very accurate spell of bowling.

Other than winning the premiership, probably the most gripping encounter of the season was our tie against Merewether at Empire Oval. Merewether started with a bang, clattering along to 0-30 inside 4 overs, with their dangerous hitter Daniels launching several deliveries to the boundary and a couple over it. From the moment I asked Shaun Clifton Burgess if he'd like a spell, things changed markedly. Burgo, who ended up bowling his 15 overs straight (**cue evil captain's laugh**), steamed in and ended up with four well deserved wickets. Aply supported by our very own local celebrity, Craig Hamilton, we managed to turn things around to dismiss Merewether for a middling 177.

The following week, the openers managed to reach 0-29 before the rot set in. 0-29 quickly became 6-52, including a rather comical runout involving Jordi and Drew, and we were in some serious trouble. However, our opponents soon became a little frustrated as a trio of old farts batting down the order somehow managed to squeeze out a couple of partnerships. As the pressure mounted, the bowling became a little ragged. At 8-177 we were almost home, before the game took a final twist and the last two wickets fell with us still needing a single run to win.

In our following match, we had a third instance of a 14yo bowler making his grade debut for the season, and again our debutant didn't disappoint. Tyson Beaty steamed in all day and took an impressive haul of 4-36. Given much of the time he bowled into a howling gale to Mark Curry, his figures look even better. He then combined with Brendan Gray in a 19 run 10th wicket partnership to steer us home. Quite the debut!





Several more strong performances saw us finish the season undefeated in our last six matches. Ultimately this proved decisive, as our semi final against Wests was washed out, with us going through as the highest seed, before the final was again severely weather affected and the title was shared.

Looking over the stats for the season, it has been pleasing to note that no single player dominated with bat or ball and that our success was built on solid contributions from every player in the team. On an individual note, the highlights for me included watching the rapid development of our younger brigade: Jordi, Daniel, Tyson and Drew, who was almost faultless behind the stumps this season. As is the lot of a lower grade skipper, I have the feeling 4th grade will be waving goodbye to these guys as they make their way up the grades next season.

See you all again next season
Matt Krevs





Back Row (L-R) Dru Tonks, Craig Hamilton, Troy Arnold, Craig Forsberg, Trevor Van Kemenade, Jordi Van Kemenade
Front Row (L-R) Wayne Nichols, Tyson Beatty, Matt Krevs, Brendan Gray, Marcel Too, Andrew Freeman





SCG Country Cup Report - Finalists!

Season 2010 / 2011

Traditionally a competition where we get no breaks, this year seemed to confirm the theory that you make your own luck. A good start to the NDCA competition had the playing group full of confidence going into the first round of the SCG Country Cup, where we faced Gosford CC on the Central Coast.

Round One v Gosford

As usually happens this time of year, the rain was pouring down all weekend. Where in previous years we would have been bundled out of the competition due to weather, we managed to go through to the next round on higher seeding. This set us up with a match-up against multiple SCG Cup winners, Ham-Wicks at Passmore Oval.

Round Two v Ham-Wicks

This would have to go down as one of the most extraordinary games I have ever played in. City elected to bat and quickly regretted the decision slumping to 4-5 in the early overs. A partnership developed between Curky and Jont Major to get City to 50 then came the partnership that gave us a shot. A 75 run stand between Rob Hungerford (43) & Ash Mould (28) pushed City up towards the 150 mark with Trent Robinson (16) blasting a few towards the end of the innings to post a modest 157.

Trent fresh from his batting display came out and ripped into the top order and had Ham-Wicks at 4-12. Dries and McKenzie both picked up two wickets and a well-taken run-out from in the deep by Kieran Wheeler broke a couple of key partnerships. The last pairing of Sam Webber and Mitch Ray crept towards the target until Damien (Doc) Jones took the gloves off after a drinks break and bowled one ball at Mitch Ray, trapping him in front to end the game.

Round Three v Charlestown

The next round against Charlestown proved to be another nail biter. Posting 232 thanks largely to 86 from Dries, 32 from Curky & 29 from Jont, City were in the box seat all game. Dries picked up 3-29 off his 10 overs, McKenzie 2-37 off 8 and Doctor 2-29 off 10. Tension built towards the end of the game when Chris Connors reached his century and Charlestown inched towards our target. A big LBW shout off Jesse's





bowling and a close run-out decision were both turned down however the final wicket eventually came with City coming out on top 18 by runs.

Round Four v Belmont

Round four against Belmont was a close victory on paper however it was made very comfortable by an excellent 97 no complied by Driesy and 52 from Liam McKechnie (Geechy), who were the main scorers in chasing down 257 at Number 1 Sportsground.

In Belmont's innings City weathered the storm of a very good partnership between Marcus Hainsworth and Mark Littlewood, eventually restricting the visitors to 257 off their 50 overs. Driesy 3-18 off 10 overs and Kieran Wheeler (K-Man) 2-43 off 8 were City's best.

The win secured City's spot in the 8 team Quarter-Final carnival on the Central Coast at Christmas.

Quarter-Final v Queanbeyan

Always in control of this game, Queanbeyan decided to bat first and were quickly on the back-foot. Dries had the visitors in trouble early and finished with 3-14 off 8.2. Doc and K-Man finished the job off with 3-14 off 6 and 2-31 off 7 respectively.

Chasing 102 for victory, City lost two early wickets (Scott Cameron and Mouldy). This brought together Driesy (64) and Jesse Major (22) to chase down the runs and give the City boys an early mark.

Bring on the Semi-Final!!!!

Semi Final v University of Newcastle

To say the boys were pumped at being one win away from the SCG was an understatement. Even a level headed bloke like Ash Mould wasn't thinking straight. He ripped into Josh Anderson at the Gosford RSL Club, enquiring as to the size of his melon after making the "President's Eleven", Josh informed him that we actually have a Prime Minister in Australia and that he was selected as Twelfth man. The City boys were on fire!!!

Game day arrived and the boys were up early and ready to jump out of their skin. The supporters made their way up the F3 again, some even cutting their holidays short to get to Baker Park Wyong for the big match.





Uni won the toss and decided to bat, the biggest mistake since Big Bucks went to the tattooist. City hit them hard early with 2 wickets each to Dries and Robbo. Snello picked up one and Doc finished them off with 4-11 off 8.3. Uni all out 62 with not a single bat into double figures. Top score EXTRAS 13. If it wasn't for so many extras I would have to say, Clinical!

Ando tried to knock Mouldy's head off for aforementioned comments the previous night, but Scotty Cameron was the rock scoring 29 not out to chase down the easy target of 63 for the win.

What a team song!!! The boys were on their way to the final at the SCG. Bring on January 16.

SCG Country Cup Final v Tamworth

It was a long 3 weeks to wait for this one for both players and supporters. The excitement in the camp was buzzing and for the first timers (Driesy, Scotty Cameron and Mouldy had all already played at the SCG) everything went quiet as dreams were realised and we walked onto the playing surface and out to the middle of the SCG.

To be given the Australian dressing room for the day was an additional buzz but we had a job to do for over 100 supporters that had travelled down for the day. The warm up went well and things were looking good for the day but judging by the look of the wicket and the overcast morning conditions it would probably come down to one thing...



...and we didn't win it.





Despite that set back and some very good bowling from Tamworth, City fought hard with the bat in their innings after being 5 down for not many. Jesse Major (27) and Rob Hungerford (20) moved the scoring along however the stand out was obviously the 43 made the youngest player in the game, Jonty Major.

Some big hits towards the end by Snello gave City at least a shot with 151 on the board. Unfortunately over the lunch break the clouds disappeared and the sun baked the pitch nicely for the opposition. Our 151 wasn't enough in the end, as Tamworth reached the target 3 wickets down in the 43rd over.

In a beaten side, Robbo's bowling performance was outstanding, charging in from the Randwick end, you could of easily mistaken him for a younger, better looking, faster Brett Lee. He bowled with swing and seam (cleaning up first drops off bail through the gate) and didn't let batsmen settle, with the occasional bouncer, on what was quickly developing into a flat deck.

Snello was the only other to get a wicket with Dries and especially K-Man unlucky not to get a wicket for themselves. The City boys never laid down until the target was reached and forced the game into the 43rd over with some tight bowling and fielding. We probably would have gone to the 45th over if Driesy hadn't of given Doc a bowl but that's neither here nor there.

Overall, it was a hell of an experience for such a young team to play at one of the great venues in world cricket. This will be remembered by many club members for years to come... if not for the bus trip home alone!!! CITY PARTY BUS!!!!

What looked like a team coming home celebrating winning the World Cup was just the City Boys returning from the SCG, Robbo led the way early but started to falter around Mount White (but recovered to be one of the last partiers). There were plenty of team songs and the stop off at Wallsend for fuel was an interesting one (especially for one of Vitnell's neighbours who witnessed something unusual on her way to work). When the boys hit The Bennett they were welcomed back by the supporters with a massive cheer (and another team song).

The whole day was a great experience for everyone involved and it could not have been more enjoyable thanks to, Marchy, Wilko & Vit who were team managers. Wilko took a thousand photos which you can see on Facebook. Thanks also to Hookey and John Clune who organised the bus service down and back for all the supporters. Thanks also to Julie Vitnell who was our scorer in the Final and Lyn Dries who scored throughout the rounds. Finally a massive thanks to all the supporters who travelled down for the day, we hope you had a great day as well.





The Best Cold Beer

NEWCASTLE CITY			TAMWORTH		
1 Cameron	c. Groth b. Reynolds	7	1 Lole		
2 Mould	lbw. b. Smyth	1	2 Norvill		
3 Dries	c. Jones b. Smyth	2	3 Flaherty		
4 Jesse Major	c. Jones b. Reynolds	27	4 Rixon		
5 Curk	c. Lole b. Reynolds	11	5 Cook	6	0 1 10
6 McKechnie	lbw. b. Kensell	5	6 Jones		
7 Jonty Major	Not Out	8	7 Halloran		
8 Hungerford	c. Rixon b. Cook	20	8 Kensell	6	1 3 21
9 Jones	Not Out	5	9 Groth		
10 Robinson			10 Reynolds	6	1 3 18
11 Snelson			11 Greentree	10	1 0 23
12 Wheeler			12 Smyth	8	1 2 10
Extras	26	Runrate 2.7	Over	38	7
P'ship	5	This Over	5	Over Rem	12 101

City on the scoreboard at the SCG



Jonty Major after scoring 43 not out at the SCG





City take to the field at the SCG



Robbo sticking it to Tamworth at the SCG.





"See ya mate" - Give it to him Jonty



City supporters at the SCG





Tom Locker Report - Final Winners! Season 2010 / 2011

With disappointments in the SCG Country Cup Final & T20 Final, the City Boys were wondering if first grade was going to get any silverware for the season. It certainly was a weight on some shoulders and a niggling thought in some peoples mind.

Going into the last qualifying one-dayer, City had already stitched up their position in the final due to their unbeaten (and comprehensive) wins in the season proper. The only thing left to decide was who the opponents would be. The talk beforehand was whether we would be playing Ham-Wicks or Merewether as they were 1 & 2 in the 2nd pool and played each other in the last round.

Out of no-where Charlestown beat Wallsend with 2 bonus points and qualified ahead of Ham-Wicks (who beat Merewether with no BP's). Someone forgot to tell the Ham-Wicks supporters who turned up the next day, esky's in tow, to watch their boys in the final. Unlucky!!!

Once the Ham-Wicks supporters packed up and went home it was down to the business of City winning some silverware. We batted first and the innings was dominated by brilliant batting from Joe Curk (50) in the early stages, but it was Jesse Major who stole the headlines with 100 in City's total of 235. The scorebook will tell you he was not out however if you ask him he may tell you he had a couple of helping hands (or butterfingers) from his ex-Charlestown teammates. Never-the-less it was a great display of patience and improvised shot play to bring up his second top-grade ton.

Charlestown batted well to keep themselves in striking distance but a great team bowling performance kept the bad-guys from ever getting to close. 2 wickets apiece to Driesy, Robbo, Kieran, Jesse and a pair of run-outs were enough to dismiss Charley for 170 and give the City boys some much-needed trophy-time!!!

Doc





Jesse Major on his way to a brilliant, match winning 100 Not Out in the Tom Locker Final at Number 1 Sportsground.

Sport

Major celebration as City grab Locker Cup

By JOSH LEEBSON

THESE few boys plenty of boys ahead Jesse Major and yesterday the 18-year-old stood up to it when he scored a century of runs that guided Newcastle City to their first Tom Locker Cup triumph in 10 years when they beat Chesham at No 3 Sportsground.

It was a great day for the City faithful who were already celebrating their first club championship since 1974/75.

Major was dropped twice on the way to his 100 which he brought up on the final ball to take City to 425. The Blues' pace '64' (10) took back Tom Locker titles almost looked shaky, and they were dismissed by 101 in the 48th over.

Chesham were shock finalists after sweeping past Hasilton Stratham in rain rain rain to 12 with a six-wicket win over Holland on Sat 8/10.

The Tigers were ruled for 114 at Faldish Oval before the Magpies romped to 4-134 in 22.5 overs.

City was the team and were coming early from a devastating opening spell by Charlton from Paul Park (5/96).

Shabough and headed City skipper Mark Tinsley to see to have the Sabres 3-55 when Major came to the scene.

Major and vice-captain Joe Clark (50) scored 150 from dinner with a partnership of



Blues back to Hobart for Shield final

NCCA FINAL TABLE

NO 1: CITY 118 PP
NO 2: TIGERS 118 PP
NO 3: STRATHAM 118 PP
NO 4: HOLLAND 118 PP
NO 5: CHESHAM 118 PP

PHOTO: JONATHAN DAVOL





First Grade T20 Report - Finalists! Season 2010 / 2011

Having won all but one T20 played through the season, City qualified for the final at Number 1 Sportsground to play University. Uni batted first and posted a decent 6-134 from their 20 overs.

Scotty Cameron came out blazing on his way to a well made 40 however it wasn't enough for the City Boys as they were well restricted throughout by some tight bowling from Josh Anderson 2-20 off 4, Luke Bird 2-22 off 4 & Josh Emerton 3-24 off 4.

You have to lose before you can win one apparently, so next year should be a bonanza for the boys.

Doc





Mark Dries appeals for LBW. Ashley Mould (keeper) and Matt Snelson support.



City Boys in the field. T20 Final @ No 1 Sportsground.





Dennis Broad Cup Report - Final Winners!!! Season 2010 / 2011

Top Individual Performers

Batting:

Rob Vitnell, 179 runs at 60 ave

Nick 'RBV' Davies, 136 runs at 27 ave

Bryce Garrett, 93 runs at 23 ave

Bowling:

Adrian Mannel, 8 wkts at 13.88 ave

Michael Wilkinson, 5 wkts at 5.4 ave

Dylan Hunter, 4 wkts at 2 ave

Team Performance

Dennis Broad Cup Winners (trophy on display at The Bennett Hotel)

Season Review

We dominated the pool games with convincing wins against, Stockton, Wallsend & Cardiff. However the Semi-Final and Grand-Final were a very different story as we scraped home with narrow wins. We won the Semi-Final against Hamilton-Wickham by 1 run & the Grand-Final against Merewether at No.1 Sportsground by 5 wickets with 2 balls remaining. Both thrilling victories and allowed us to retain the DB Cup for another year!

Season Review

Special thanks again go to my mother Julie Vitnell for scoring throughout the competition, even delaying her anniversary celebrations to score in the final! You're the best mum!!!





Random Highlights & Media Snippets



Rob Vitnell with Dennis Broad receiving the Dennis Broad Cup.





Back Row (L-R): Adrian Mannel, Max Bryant, Bryce Garrett, Rob Vitnell, Nick Davies, Bailden Pepperall
Front Row: Brent Ingham, Mitch Gray, Michael Gale, Tommy Anderson, Michael Wilkinson, Mark Conway





U 21's Report - Semi Finalists!

Season 2010 / 2011

This season was a learning curve for a very talented, yet very young bunch of City Boys. With 5 players having first grade experience throughout the year the boys were expecting to do well.

Round 1

First round at Learmonth Park City got off to a good start with a win against Wallsend. Ash Mould (52) and Bailden Pepperall (40) led the way with the bat in City's 214. Jess Major had 4 wickets with support from Max Bryant and Dylan Hunter (2 wickets each) to restrict the visitors to 120.

Round 2

Second round, the City boys travelled to Kahibah to take on Charlestown and notched up their second win of the competition. Batting first City put on an imposing 4/270 from their 50 overs. Jonty Major getting amongst the runs with 85, Jonty's brother chimed in with 61 and Ash Mould bagging consecutive 50's (52).

The home team were never in it falling for 175. Daniel March with impressive figures of 3/29 off 7 overs (he only has about another 6 years of u/21's left in him). 2 wickets apiece for Max Bryant and Dylan Hunter capped off an easy win for the City boys.

Round 3

The final pool match was against Cardiff at Number 1 Sportsground. City again posted 200 plus batting first. The score of 6/281 was mainly made up of three scores in the 60's from and Dylan Hunter, Jesse & Jonty Major. Rain stumped City's chances of a clean sweep in the pools, washing out the game with Cardiff at 1/42, however it was enough to get us through to the Semi-Finals.





Semi Final

After getting through the pool rounds easily, City faced a much tougher ask coming up against Toronto Workers in the semi-final at Kahibah oval. After winning the toss and batting first again, it was a different story this time with some good restrictive bowling from Toronto putting pressure on the younger City bats.

The only resistance came from Jonty Major and Bryce Garrett with 43 and 33 respectively. Ash Mould was the only other to break double figures in a score of 143 and it was always going to be an uphill battle with the ball to win the match.

A wicket a-piece for the Majors was the only highlight with the ball with Toronto going on to win the match 2 wickets down and eventually taking out the Final against Waratah.

Considering the majority of the side will be together for another three years the signs are encouraging.

Special thanks must go to Michael Wilkinson and Adrian Mannel for giving up their Sundays to manage the team. They are two blokes who are always willing to give up their time for the club and are true blue City Boys. Thanks guys.





Club Champions Season 2010 / 2011

The last two seasons saw City come oh-so-close to claiming an honour that has been a goal for many within the club for a number of years now. The Club Championship!

The Club Championship is a true test of the strength of a club. There is nowhere to hide in a club championship race. Non-performance from just one team can be enough to fall short of claiming this prize.

City last won the Club Championship back in 1974/75, the last glory days of City's First Grade of which the late Col Rogers was a player. Unfortunately for Col he fell short of witnessing City's triumph by a couple of months.

Over the season a neck and neck battle between three clubs; City, Toronto and Merewether came down to the last round with only Merewether a hope of chasing down City's 60 point lead.

There were nervous times as First Grade were beaten comprehensively by University, Second and Third Grade were in tight battles with Fourth Grade cruising towards a win. Second grade were then sparked by a Mitch Gray 5 wicket haul to bowl out Uni for 94 chasing 139. Third Grade went down to the last over and were beaten by two runs, however news came through that Ham-wicks had beaten Merewether in First Grade which was enough to seal the title for the City Boys.

The level of consistency throughout the grades is evident when you look at what each of the teams achieved:

Team	Result
First Grade	3 rd - Lost Semi-Final
Second Grade	2 nd - Lost Final
Third Grade	Premiers - Lost Semi-Final
Fourth Grade	2 nd - Joint Final Winner
Tom Locker Cup	1 st - Final Winner
T20 Cup	2 nd - Lost Final
Dennis Broad Cup	1 st - Final Winner
U 21's	1 st - Lost Semi Final





The final ladder for the Club Championship is below:

Club	Points
Newcastle City Cricket Club	1041.00
Merewether	1009.00
Toronto Workers Kookaburras	946.00
Hamilton-Wickham	874.00
University	828.00
Wallsend District Cricket Club	747.00
Waratah-Mayfield District Cricket Club	659.00
Charlestown	643.00
Cardiff-Boolaroo District Cricket Club Inc.	591.00
Stockton & Northern Districts Cricket Club	544.00
Belmont DCC	483.00
West's Cricket Club	470.00



(L-R) - Michael Gale, Mark Dries, Simon Katich, Damien Jones, Mark Conway, Col Tegg accept the Club Championship banner on City's behalf.





Club Champions 2010/11





C & S Report - C5's Season 2010 / 2011

We ended up having a squad of 11 by the end of the season, and just missed out on the Semi's losing to the Central Coast Dingoes in our last competition game. After the game we headed back to The Bennett Hotel for a few quiet ones and a feed.

The highlights of the season were

- Our victory over Central Coast Dingoes at Johnson Park in November when we 6 /14 from 8 overs and were chasing their 9/94 total and a last wicket partnership of 82 saw us home.
- Also a victory over Town Hall Tigers in December was a sweet one, we batted first all out for 156, M.Rothfield 37, & S.Bruce 24. We then bowled them out for 113, great fielding 6 catches & a stumping. Best bowlers M.Emmerton 4/28 & W.Martin 3/29.
- We were fortunate to have a couple of young lads join us this season: D.Cornish (Wicketkeeper & batted with some promise) S.Bruce (Good quality batsmen & exceptional left arm swing bowler) K.Kerr (Good bowler and tenacious wicketkeeper too)
- P.Johnson: (Pace bowler and awesome batsmen his topscore 71). W.Martin (top quality bowler best figures 7/51)
- Two new players' who joined our ranks were D.Mackenzie & A. Loisselle who had'nt played for many years, but by the end of the season had made a valuable contribution to the team.
- Many thanks to Mal Emmerton, Norm Campbell, Iain Morrissey, Tony Bailey & Mark Rothfield for their guidance and support in our transition with Newcastle City this year.

Phil Hickmott
Captain

C1's & D3's reports not entered





Juniors Report

Season 2010 / 2011

85 children were registered with the Newcastle City Milo IN2 Cricket program run by Tom Anderson with the assistance of many grade players, a # 1 Sportsground. Great job Tommy, and thank you to all grade players who gave their time.

Newcastle City Juniors entered 12 teams in the NJCA competition in 2010/11. 4 were in the Modified Under 9s and Under 10s, with 8 in the full age competitions.

Of the 8 in the full NJCA competitions 5 made semi finals and 3 were minor premiers. Each of the 3 minor premiers (U12/1, U13/2 and U14/1) made their grand finals. Sadly the Under 13 DIV 2 and Under 12 DIV 1 teams were unable to produce their best cricket in the Grand Finals but they did the club proud by playing very well to reach the premiership decider.

The Club enjoyed a premiership in the Under 14 Division 1 competition. Coached by Peter March, the team was undefeated through the season. A highlight was Jeremy Jackson taking 5/14 in the final, which was played at our spiritual home, Learmonth Park. Daniel March and Mitchell Nesbitt scored 51 and 28 respectively.

The Juniors also had a significant number of players in the various NJCA Rep teams. Well done to all players.

A huge thank you to all parents who gave time to Coach and Manage our Junior teams.

However, the success of the Juniors is not just marked by on-field results.

The Junior Sub- Committee had 9 members: Russel Fowler (Junior VP), Ross Leonard (Secretary), Andrew McTaggart (Treasurer), Greg Nesbitt, Steve Connors, Bob Macansh, Yusuf Badat, Tom Anderson and John Clune. Each person took on a specific role to ensure all teams and coaches had all the resources they needed. A huge thanks to you all.

The volunteer spirit in the Juniors is alive and well, with 2 new members joining the Junior Sub-committee in 2011/12. A healthy Committee makes for a successful club!!!!

Particular mention should be made of the sponsorship secured by Greg Nesbitt. These funds enable the Juniors to execute the work they need to do to have excellent club practice facilities and to assist in securing the financial base of the whole club.





With these funds in the last season, the Juniors repatriated the nets at Myamblah Oval to bring them to a safe and high quality standard. The season before, we were able to concrete the area in front of the nets at Empire Park and put down 2 new synthetic wickets. Thanks Greg for all your efforts.

In season 2011/12, works will be carried out to repair some wire at the Empire nets and to install some conveyor belt to protect the wire close to the batsmen.

That is about it for the Juniors other than to say well done to the whole club for an incredibly successful season.





Representative Honours

Over the course of the season several Newcastle City players were selected for and played at representative level. Congratulations go to:

Mark Dries

Represented Newcastle in the NSW Country Championships



Jesse Major

Represented Newcastle Colts, NSW Country Colts & ACT Comets u/19's in the National Championships





Dylan Hunter

Represented Newcastle, Northern NSW, Country NSW & NSW u/17's (in the National Championships) and was selected to the NSW u/19's squad.



Jonty Major

Represented Newcastle & Northern NSW u/17's.





Season Awards

BATTING /BOWLING AWARDS 2010/11

- D3 BATTING DANIEL HENRY 255 RUNS AV 23.2
- D3 BOWLING DANIEL WAY 21 WICKETS AV 16.1
- C5 BATTING PHIL HICKMOTT 378 RUNS AV 25.2
- C5 BOWLING MALCOLM EMMERTON 39 WICKETS @ 10.6
- C1 BATTING MITCHELL GIBSON 242 RUNS AV 30.2
- C1 BOWLING MITCHELL GIBSON 20 WICKETS AV 12

4TH GRADE BAT

MAT KREVS 285 RUNS @ 40.7

4TH GRADE BOWL

JORDI VAN KEMENADE 16 WICKETS @ 15.2

3RD GRADE BAT

ADRIAN MANNEL 327 RUNS @ 54.5

3RD GRADE BOWL

MICHAEL WILKINSON 18 WICKETS @ 12

2ND GRADE BAT

ROB VITNELL 347 @ 49

2ND GRADE BOWL

DANIEL HUGHES 17 WICKETS @14.4

1ST GRADE BAT

MARK DRIES 732 RUNS @ 40.7

1ST GRADE BOWL

MARK DRIES 58 WICKETS @ 13.4





100's

Ben Ford vs. University 2nd	131
Jesse Major vs. Charlestown 1st Tom Locker Final	100 NO
Baiden Pepperall vs. Charlestown 3rd	102
Ian Bird vs. Westside C1	110

5wickets

Mark Dries vs. Wests 1st Grade	6/29
Mark Dries vs. Merewether 1 st	5/100
Mark Dries vs. Waratah-Mayfield 1st	5/56
Damien Jones vs. Belmont 1 st	5/21
Kieran Wheeler vs. Belmont 2nd	5/43
Mitch Gray vs. Merewether 3rd	7/47
Mitch Gray vs. University 2nd	5/18
Ben Ford vs. Wests 2nd	5/42
Tim Rogers vs. Wallsend 3rd	6/10
Richard Bains vs. Awabakal Oldies D3	5/36
Brad O'Dell vs. Swansea D3	5/6
Malcolm Emmerton vs. Central Coast C5	5/17
Malcolm Emmerton vs. Lambton C5	5/29
Malcolm Emmerton vs. Toronto C5	5/8
Wayne Martin vs. Town Hall Hotel C5	5/24
Wayne Martin vs. Town Hall Tigers C5	7/50
Rhys Gallen vs Belmont 3 rd Grade	5/23
Rhys Gallen vs Waratah 3 rd Grade	8/47

Hat-tricks

M.Emmerton vs. Lambton C5's

MOST RUNS IN GRADE "Pop Rogers" Trophy

Mark DRIES 732





MOST WICKETS IN GRADE

Mark Dries 58

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JESSE MAJOR

MOST IMPROVED

Dylan Hunter

PLAYER OF THE YEAR-

MARK DRIES

ANDERSON MEDAL

TRENT ROBINSON

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MICHAEL WILKINSON





In Memoriam Col Rogers 13/12/1939 - 8/2/2011

Early February of this year witnessed the untimely passing of Club member Colin Rogers, at the age 71. The following is the speech prepared and given at the club's presentation night by life member Colin Tegg.

There are probably some people here tonight who may have only known Colin as the elderly Life Member who, at one time, must have played a bit of cricket with the Club. Col was much more than that.

So before the presentation starts, we thought we should briefly mention a few of Colin's achievements during his life. This is not meant to be a eulogy or a memorial service for Col, just a way of letting you know a little more about the man.

Colin Rogers was a popular identity in Newcastle and was held in very high regard, especially, in the business and sporting circles.

After starting out as an accountant for NIB in 1962 he quickly progressed to Managing Director and held that position until his retirement in 2002. During this period NIB grew from a small Sickness and Accident benefits fund, serving a few thousand workers at the BHP site, into the multi-million dollar national operation that we know NIB is today. The business now also encompasses a private hospital, dental and eye care centres as well as its health insurance operations. Colin is generally accredited as the person who made all this happen. Of course NIB was not Col's private company, back then it was a mutual society and he just worked there, there were no profits to be made and the only people to really benefit were the members. Col often fought long and hard to protect and to improve the health benefits to NIB members.

Col was highly regarded in the health industry and was invited to sit on several advisory boards and councils including an appointment to the Australian government's Private Health Insurance Advisory Committee. He did all this from Newcastle. An outstanding achievement.

In 2003 Colin was awarded the Centenary Medal. This is an award given by the Australian government to citizens who have made a significant contribution in shaping Australian society. This was for his work with NIB and the health industry.

Col was also on the boards of many local community organisations including:- the Hunter Academy of Sport, Rotary, the Lions Club, National Heart Foundation, the Hunter Medical Research Institute and many more. He was also a president of the





National Indoor Soccer League. Through NIB he organized much needed sponsorship for many sports across the Hunter. Most notably: the Institute of Sport, the regions rugby league team and of course district cricket in Newcastle. Most of these sponsorships have been withdrawn in more recent times.

Colin was proud of what he was able to achieve and the contributions that he had made in his life. And rightfully so!

As you can probably gather Col gave a lot of himself and his time to helping others. How he found the time to be involved in cricket as well I don't know. But he did and, he loved it.

Cricket was Col's sporting passion especially when it was Newcastle City cricket. He was totally devoted to this club and its members. Always.

Col started his cricket here as a young teenager and quickly made his way into the first eleven at the age of sixteen. A left-handed opening batsman, he helped the side to make four consecutive final appearances between 1964 and 1968, winning the 64/65 and 67/68 titles as well as the 75/76. He was there also for the Premiership wins in 70/71, 74/75 and 75/76 and also for the Club Championship win in 74/75. While he was not a gifted shot maker he would play with a straight bat and his strict application to occupying the crease saw him compile runs steadily, often reaching the nineties only to be run out. He did, of course, go on to make many of first grade centuries. A century, preceded by a string of other good scores, in second grade saw him promoted back into first grade for a match at the age of 50. Col could also turn his hand to bowling and once took 53 wickets in a season and also had a match best of 9-18.

He played his last season for the club, at age 55, in 3rd grade in the 94/95 season; a mere 42 years from when he first started. That year he still managed to top the batting aggregate for the season with 164 runs @ 23.5. Some team mates that season were Damien Jones and Mat Leonard and a young Darren Whittingham.

His very last game was a one-dayer at Empire Park on March 11 1995 against Ham-Wicks. Especially picked in the team for the special occasion were: his son David, life members Pete Chapman, Greg Hook and Phil Horton along with Wayne Stamm, a future club president. Also in the team were club stalwarts Damien Jones and Brad O'Dell. Col had a bowl that day and took a wicket with his first ball, a stumping by Greg Hook, which to some may indicate that the batsman got out on purpose, he finished with figures of 2 balls, 1 for none. The scorebook also shows off his second ball the last Ham-Wicks batsman was run-out by a Rogers. Col came in at number three and as if to finally put an end to all the chaos that was shared between cricket and Colin, he was bowled third ball for a duck. But all jokes aside Fang was truly a great cricketer for this club. He achieved a lot and was highly valued as a player.





Fang, by the way, was the nickname Col was known by. I'm told it was because of the size of his teeth, but, it have just as easily have been because of his voracious appetite. If nothing else Fango was certainly was good on the tooth.

Fang, as you'd expect, was also heavily involved in all aspects of the club. He has played in every grade, captained for many seasons, held the position of president, served on the committee for a lot of years; Col was always asking if there was some way he could help out. If we needed something then could we please let him know. At the time of his death he was the Patron of the club, a life member and one of our delegates to the District Association. Colin was also the current patron of the NDCA.

Col spent almost his entire life involved with cricket and in all that time he only ever had one club. This club, Newcastle City. He was a staunch supporter of Newcastle City cricket and all of its members, all of you guys. Only a week before his death Col was speaking out in defence of some of you from what he saw as unfair and unfounded allegations. When it came to the City boys he was not afraid to speak his mind. He had always done so.

From the day Col joined Newcastle City until the day he died he was actively involved with the Club. He was always here; he never took a break or went on a hiatus. He was here every year. I was surprised to find out just how long that was. I had felt that I, along with some others, most notably Tom have been involved with the club for what would normally be considered a long time. That is nothing compared to Col. And to try and put it into some sort of perspective I'll say this: I consider myself to be fairly old, no arguments there. I'm the oldest playing member in the club but I'm still a few years younger than Col was when he retired from playing. But for me the biggest revelation to the length of time he has been here was that Col had already begun to play first grade for the club before I was even born. So, for every day of my entire life, and then some, Col has been here in this club. Every season for nearly 60 years. Longer than some other clubs have even existed. That's an astounding achievement.

The dedication Col had for Newcastle City Cricket Club is immeasurable, but, the longevity of his association does give an indication of just how dedicated he was. You don't do anything for that long unless you really love it; and love it he truly did.

It's difficult to quantify the actual effect that Col and his contributions have had on the Club. However I can see that the beliefs and ideals that Col held dear still ring through the Club and its members today. Whether you've realized it or not, it would be fair to say that all of us here tonight, along with the many, many others that came before us, and all those that will follow, are all in some small way recipients of Col's generosity . This speech tonight is to recognise the achievements, the efforts, the contributions made, and, of course, to pay tribute to the man himself. Colin "fang" Rogers.





Col Rogers at the 2009/10 Newcastle City Presentation Nig

