



WASTCA

West Australian Suburban Turf Cricket Association (Inc.)

## CRICKETWEST CUP

### VETERANS 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

With the final home and away fixture played at the Jack Mann Reserve in Middle Swan the vets team would find themselves in unfamiliar territory playing on a synthetic wicket.

A win would guarantee a spot in the final at the WACa on 13<sup>th</sup> January- a lose would place the team back in the pack and be reliant on other results to fall our way.

### ROUND 3- WASTCA – VS SHDCA

A couple of enforced changes- With Travis Rawlins off to Hawaii on a surfing trip and the introduction of Tuart Hill 1<sup>st</sup> grade skipper Matt Ceccins with some extra pace to the line-up, also long time servant Johnny Grygorcewicz was also back from injury to bolster the bowling stocks as well.

Swan Helena District Cricket Association won the toss and elected to bat with Noel Seneque to take the new rock with big Matt Ceccins to come down wind and try to make in roads early into the batting order. Seneque was first to strike getting the opener to chop one on to his stumps in the very first over- 1/3. The SHDCA batsmen then steadied and picked up the pace and line of our attack and started to mount a rear-guard challenge putting on a partnership of 42 until the next wicket fell to Alister lowes- the score now 2/45 in the 8<sup>th</sup> over.

Johnny G was also introduced to the attack and along with Lowes, both would combine well to restrict the scoring- with Grygorcewicz in particular causing trouble for the SHDCA batsmen. He would finsh his set of 4 overs with 3/21 and the pick of the bowlers attributed to 3 fantastic catches from Sean Richards Steve Pabst and Noel Seneque. Alister Lowes finshed with 3 overs 1/14.

Unfortunately our bowling attack couldn't close out the innings with the SHDCA getting away taking 60 from the last 8 overs to finish with a respectable 8/125 from the allocated 20 overs.- Steve Pabst 2/25 and Ferdi Penheiro 1/15 were also wicket takers for the innings.

Greg Dimery would open with big Kent Millington and both batsmen again started cautiously against the two piece ball . Millington was first to get going smashing a magnificent 6 followed by Dimery with a beautiful cut shot for a boundary in the following over- we were cruising at 0/12 from the first 2 overs.

Unfortunately that's where our dominance with the bat ended- Our innings would see a limited rear guard and an inability of our batmens to adjust to the conditions- both the wicket and the predominant swing of a two piece ball- After loosing Dimery (4) and captain Overton (0) the scoring became difficult and risks were required to be taken.

Millington was unfortunate to be run-out in the 7<sup>th</sup> over with his bat getting stuck in the ground when attempting to slide it- the score 3/40.

Sean Richards and Scotty Caporn were at the crease now and both tried and hard to get things going but the local side were playing to their strengths- Caporn first to go for a patient 11 followed by the good looking 'Adonis' Penheiro- stumped for 7. The score now 5/64 from 13 overs- big hitting was stamped urgent!!!!!!.

Tony Collopy came in and compiled a small partnership with Richards- who was sheet-anchoring the innings- another batsman out bowled for 14- partnership of 19.

With some late hitting from Johnny G- (10), Richards (18) and Lowes (13 no inc 1 large 6) it was unfortunately not enough and we finished the match 23 runs short.

With NSCCA winning and loosing a match on Sunday it now puts us into the final against the 5 times premiers PCA.

Back onto turf and if players continue their solid Saturday form this will give us a great chance to topple the previously unbeaten in the final at the WACA on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

