



Veterans Cricket Australia

70sCWC MATCH REPORT

GAME DETAILS:	70sCWC Final Match
OPPOSITION:	ENGLAND VETERANS
GAME LOCATION:	Wormsley Cricket Ground, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe
DAY & DATE:	Sunday 11 August 2024
TOSS WON BY:	Australia

MATCH DETAILS

The final of the inaugural Cricket World Cup has been played between Australia and England at the picturesque Wormsley cricket ground.

Australia's team was Kevin Lanigan (c), Rex Bennett, Gary Budden, Ian Davis, Phil Drescher, Leigh Hardham, Murray Harrison (vc), George Preston, Mike Riley, Ian Southall, Asoka Wijeratne and Graeme Wilson. Simon Lyon was 13th.

Australia won the toss and batted, posting a score of 8 for 208 off 45 overs.



Graeme Wilson was the first of the Australian batsman to be dismissed, when he was run out for 4 in the third over. Leigh Hardham then combined with Phil Drescher in a 50-run partnership before Leigh was caught by English keeper Godfrey Lamb for 21 off 37 balls. Phil Drescher contributed an entertaining 65 off 63 balls, while Kevin Lanigan batted solidly for 31 off 52 balls. While aiming to build the score and not lose wickets, Murray Harrison made 42 off 56 balls, while Asoka Wijeratne stroked an elegant 33 off 40 balls.

Wickets fell regularly towards the end of the innings in the chase for quick runs. For England, wicket keeper Lamb had 4 stumpings and 2 catches in a stellar performance backing up his bowlers. Leg spinner, Marcus Young, took three wickets for England, with Nick Andrews taking two.



In the England innings, Rex Bennett struck early when he bowled Chris Evans for 1, but captain John Evans (78 off 116 balls) and Duncan Elder (74 off 102) steadied the innings. Derek Towe contributed 20 not out and Simon Sargent 14 not out to close out the game.

Australia's bowlers and fielders worked hard and kept the scoring rates under control for much of the innings. Wickets were hard to come by, meaning that the English batsmen had free rein to throw the bat towards the end. The opening bowlers- Rex Bennett (1 for 27 off 9 tight overs) and Mike Riley (0 for 34 off 9) limited the English scoring, supported by top class fielding. George Preston in his second spell took two wickets to finish with 2 for 51 off 8.2 overs. The other bowlers- Ian Southall, Ian Davis, Phil Drescher and Graeme Wilson - all toiled hard, while Murray Harrison bowled one over.

It was a disappointing end to a magnificent tournament. The Australian team played some excellent cricket, but were beaten in the end by a polished, yet sometimes nervy, English team in a game that could have swung either way.

INNINGS OF		Australia		
#	Batsman's Name	How Dismissed	Runs Scored	Balls Faced
1	Leigh Hardham	C G Lamb b J Turton	21	36
2	Graeme Wilson	Run out (J Evans)	4	9
3	Phil Drescher	C M Stafford b N Andrews	65	63
4	Kevin Lanigan	C G Lamb b N Andrews	31	52
5	Murray Harrison	St G Lamb b M Young	42	56
6	Ian Davis	St G Lamb b M Stafford	0	2
7	Asoka Wijeratne	St G Lamb b M Young	33	40
8	Gary Budden	Not out	4	
9	Ian Southallr	St G Lamb b M Young	0	3
10	Mike Riley	Did not bat		
11	George Preston	Did not bat		
12	Rex Bennett			
		2 byes, 6 wides	8	
	INNINGS TOTAL		8 for 208	

#	Bowler's Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
1	John Turton	9	1	1	43
2	Peter Hayes	5	0	0	25
3	Mike Kenyon	9	0	0	30
4	Marcus Young	9	0	3	47
5	Nick Andrews	6	0	2	34
6	Mike Stafford	7	0	1	27

INNINGS OF		England		
#	Batsman's Name	How Dismissed	Runs Scored	Balls Faced
1	Chris Evans	B R Bennett	1	14
2	Duncan Elder	C S Lyon b G Preston	74	102
3	John Evans	B G Preston	78	116
4	Derek Towe	Not out	20	14
5	Simon Sargent	Not out	14	13
6	Godfrey Lamb	Did not bat		
7	Mike Stafford	Did not bat		
8	Nick Andrews	Did not bat		
9	Peter Hayes	Did not bat		
10	Marcus Young	Did not bat		
11	John Turton	Did not bat		
12	Mike Kenyon			
		2 byes, 9 leg byes, 14 wides	25	
			3 for 212	

#	Bowler's Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
1	Rex Bennett	9	0	1	27
2	Mike Riley	9	1	0	34
3	George Preston	8.2	0	2	51
4	Ian Southall	7	0	0	30
5	Ian Davis	2	0	0	10
6	Phil Drescher	2	0	0	12
7	Graeme Wilson	5	0	0	26
8	Murray Harrison	1	0	0	11