



Veterans Cricket Australia

70sCWC MATCH REPORT

GAME DETAILS:	70sCWC Round 6 / Match 5
OPPOSITION:	SRI LANKA SENIORS
GAME LOCATION:	Royal Ascot Cricket Club, Churchill Avenue, Ascot Heath
DAY & DATE:	Thursday 8 August 2024
TOSS WON BY:	Sri Lanka

MATCH DETAILS

We travelled south to Ascot for our Round 6 game against Sri Lanka. Royal Ascot CC is actually located within the perimeter of the world famous Ascot Racecourse. The club was permitted to be formed and first allowed to play on this site by Queen Victoria in 1883. The team is Lanigan [c], Budden, Bulger, Hardham, Harrison, Lyon, Preston, Selby, Southall, White, Wijeratne and Wilson. Drescher fielded as 13th man.

Sri Lanka won the toss and decided to bat. A strong breeze blew down the ground and the Australian opening Bowlers did not have any early success. Opening the batting for Sri Lanka was Harry Solomons [Kingsgrove Sports] who is well known in Australian Veterans cricket circles.



Things were not going to plan. Sri Lanka were 0/75 off 17 overs and this became 0/86 off 20. Sri Lankan opener Thavenorajah reached 50 in the 21st over. After 25 overs, the score had reached 0/115. Vince Bulger and Rob White did not have success, and Wilson was introduced to try and turn the tables. Solomons struck one down the ground and brought up his 50. Finally, Wilson struck and it was 1/117. White then followed up and bowled the new Sri Lanka batsman.

At the second drinks break the total was 2/124. The next five overs only produced 15 runs, with White completing a tight spell [9 overs 1/35]. Replacement Wilson then rattled the stumps and Sri Lanka lost their 3rd wicket. With 7 overs to go, the batting total was 3/149. A run out happened in the 40th over with the total on 158. Solomons was finally stumped by Budden off George Preston for 78 [134 balls] with the total on 170 in the 42nd over. Preston took another wicket caught by Harrison and the 6th wicket fell at 173. Preston then induced another stumping in his final over. Wilson bowling the last over also induced a stumping and the Sri Lankan total was 8/181 at innings end.

There was a rain delay during the interval, power went out in the Clubhouse, but no time was lost. Hardham and Wilson strode to the centre. Bowling conditions were not ideal and the Sri Lankan bowlers were struggling to deal with the heavy ground and squally winds. The score was 50 up in the 5th over and no wicket for 85 after ten overs.

Wilson reached 50 in the 12th over and Australia were 0/113 at drinks. Wilson continued to regularly find the boundary and raced into the 80's. The score was 0/150 after 18 overs. Hardham hooked a 4 and reached his fifty in the 21st over. Wilson then went to 100 and 5 runs were needed for the win. At the end, Hardham was 58 not out [69 balls] and Wilson undefeated on 100 [71 balls].



Challenged early the Australian bowlers reigned in the Sri Lankan batsman by innings end. The Australian openers then cruised to the SL total in 23.1 overs.

INNINGS OF		SRI LANKA SENIORS		
#	Batsman's Name	How Dismissed	Runs Scored	Balls Faced
1	H Solomons	Stumped Budden Bowled Preston	78	134
2	M Thavenorajah	Caught Drescher Bowled Wilson	60	68
3	W Wijesooriya	Bowled White	1	11
4	A Sirisena	Bowled Wilson	8	18
5	J Premachandran	Run Out Bulger	6	15
6	S Somasunderam	Caught Harrison Bowled Preston	8	11
7	S Sivalingam	Not Out	3	4
8	R Fernando	Stumped Budden Bowled Preston	0	3
9	C Perara	Stumped Budden Bowled Wilson	5	4
10	S Thirukumar	Not Out	0	2
11	S Fernando	Did Not Bat		
12				
		2 Byes, 5 Leg Byes, 5 Wides	12	
	INNINGS TOTAL		8/181	

#	Bowler's Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
1	Trevor Selby	7	0	0	24
2	Ian Southall	5	1	0	31
3	Vince Bulger	9	0	0	33
4	Robert White	9	1	1	35
5	Graeme WilsoOn	8	1	3	24
6	George Preston	7	0	3	27
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8					7
		45		8	181

INNINGS OF		AUSTRALIA OVER 70s		
#	Batsman's Name	How Dismissed	Runs Scored	Balls Faced
1	Leigh Hardham	Not Out	58	69
2	Graeme Wilson	Not Out	100	71
3	Asoka Wijeratne	Did Not Bat		
4	Simon Lyon	Did Not Bat		
5	Murray Harrison	Did Not Bat		
6	Kevin Lanigan	Did Not Bat		
7	Vince Bulger	Did Not Bat		
8	Robert White	Did Not Bat		
9	Garry Budden	Did Not Bat		
10	Trevor Selby	Did Not Bat		
11	Ian Southall	Did Not Bat		
12	George Preston	Did Not Bat		
	Extras	4 byes, 3 Leg Byes, 16 Wides, 1 no Ball	24	
	INNINGS TOTAL		0/182	

#	Bowler's Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
1	J Premachandran	7	0	0	55
2	N Alexander	2	0	0	26
3	M Thavenorajah	5	0	0	29
4	C Perara	4	0	0	31
5	R Fernando	1	0	0	2
6	S Fernando	4	0	0	28
7	A Sirisena	.1	0	0	4
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