



Pharmacy Cricket

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FOUR STATES CRICKET CARNIVAL GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND

25th, 26th & 27th January 2007. A place in the History of Pharmacy



The Four States Queensland, NSW, Victoria, & Tasmania at the start of play. A photo of a unique event with a place in the History of Pharmacy.

Pharmacy teams from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and for the first time Tasmania, met to play over three days at the Gold Coast in January to decide the winner for 2006 – 2007 of the recently enlarged and 99 year old historic 'Chemists Interstate Challenge Cricket Shield' first contested in 1908.

Victoria was the Carnival winner with a win over Queensland at the ground of Somerset College Mudgeeraba on the final day.



NSW Team

Thursday 25th. NSW played Victoria at the excellent ground of the Gold Coast District Cricket Club at Robina, Victoria scored 6 for 202 off their 50 overs. For NSW Steve Thompson with 2 for 29 and Peter Mikhail 2 for 31 were the best of the bowlers. NSW at 1 for 30 set about their innings, however a typical Queensland thunder storm turned the ground into a lake. The match was a draw.

Next day Friday 26th. The ground and the pitch (being covered) was dry for the match NSW v Queensland. Batting first Queensland scored 228 assisted by both missed catches and run outs. Chris Georges 3 for 31 & Steve Kobryn 3 for 32 were the best of the NSW bowlers. NSW in reply were dismissed for 148. Captain Anthony BouAntoun was top score with 31.



Steve Kobryn, bowler of the carnival

Saturday 27th. The match NSW v Tasmania moved to the ground of All Saints School at nearby Merrimac NSW batting first was dismissed for a modest 164 with Paul Miegel

from Corowa scoring 32 and John Obaid 28. Tasmania in reply was dismissed for 90. Outstanding bowling by Steve Kobryn from Glenbrook with 6 for 26 off 10 overs, with 3 maidens earned him the 'Man of the Match' award and with his other bowling effort against Queensland gave him the 'Bowler of the Carnival' award.

The presentation dinner at the Palm Meadows Golf Club was a great night attended by over 80. The various trophies, Man of the Match, Bowler, Batsman and Player of the Carnival awards were presented by various members of the profession, including Tim Logan the Queensland State Guild President.



The NSW Team & supporters at the dinner

Sam Loxton as guest speaker was at his usual best drawing amongst his comments a comparison between the wickets per Test of the great spin bowlers of the past Clarrie Grimmett and Bill 'Tiger' O'Reilly and comparing their figures against those of Shane Warne's if they had played the same number of Tests.



Sam Loxton presents the Shield to Victorian captain Steve White

Sam speaking of his past cricket experiences was so well received that the younger fellows asked could he be the speaker at the next Carnival.

The auction conducted by dinner MC Greg Hodgson for a replica of the famous 'Ashes Urn' in a beautifully satin lined presentation box with two ceramic cricket balls signed by members of the Australian and English teams saw spirited bidding between Tasmania and Queensland. Tasmania holding firm won this contest.

The Carnival was such a success it is under consideration to expand the competition to six States for next season. As it will be 100 years since the 'Shield' was first contested in Melbourne in 1908, Victoria has agreed to be the host State for this centenary event.

GRP our cricket correspondent.