



Pharmacy Cricket

Sydney v Newcastle
Shore School Grounds Northbridge
Sunday 1st March 2015



Sydney and Newcastle

On a hot, humid and cloudless day these two rivals meet on one of the best school ground in Sydney. Newcastle having won their last three games were set to add a fourth to their tally. Sydney captain Anthony BouAntoun on winning the toss had no difficulty in deciding to bat. Openers Chris Hulston and Jason Luu gave Sydney a solid start, losing their first wicket in the 10th over. Mark Sheppard joined Hulston to move the score along. Hulston retired on the obligatory 40 (returning later to finish with 57 not out) was joined by Danny Huynh who not having faced a ball was run out by a direct throw by Nathan Blackmore for a 'Golden Duck'. Sydney were 3 for 83 when Sheppard was dismissed for 18. Sylvester Sein 13, Peter Mikhail 13 and Anthony BouAntoun with 33 gave Sydney a creditable score of 6 for 130 but with three quick dismissals to be 9 for 146. Hulston on resuming his innings with one over remaining hit a six and with David Sidgreaves added 20 runs off this last over for Sydney to finish 9 for 166 off their 40 overs.

Newcastle openers Nathan Blackmore and Nick Barnett were both dismissed at the score of 30. Captain Chris Hernandez played a captain's innings losing his next two partners quickly, so he decided to attack, being dismissed attempting to hit a four to reach 40. If successful he would have been able to retire and later resume his innings. Nathan Martin joined with Brenton Hart and Martin set about restoring the Newcastle chances of a win with a six and four 4's, he having to retire on 40. Hart was joined by Graeme Cameron and with a severe storm, thunder and lightning, the umpires called the players off the field. Newcastle 6 for 121 with 8 overs yet to play. No further play was possible due to the heavy rain, lightning and strong wind.

As a result had not been achieved. It was suggested that the run rate would decide the winner . This calculation showed that Sydney had a better run rate and was declared the winner. This decision was later confirmed with the use of the 'Duckworth - Lewis' system. Bowling for Sydney Tony Herro and Chris Hulston both took two wickets. For Newcastle Nick Barnett took 2 for 4 off his two overs , Jason McKendry and Brenton Hart also taking two wickets. It was suggested that if the game had proceeded there could possible have been a very close finish. 'Man of the Match' award went to Chris Hulston with 57 not out and taking two wickets.

The Sydney – Newcastle rivalry continues with each City having won four games since competition commenced back in 2006, there having been two games that were washed out in 2011 & 2012.



'Man of the Match'



The Toss



The Trophy changes hands