

Pharmacy Cricket

Newcastle comes to Sydney

The main ground of Shore school at Northbridge was the venue for this 'first time' match between the pharmacy teams of Sydney and Newcastle on Sunday 26th March 2006.

Michael Redpath Newcastle captain and his team of merry men arrived early ready to do battle against the lads from Sydney led by Steve Thompson. The wicket having been covered overnight was dry and looked a little green, so on winning the toss Michael decided to bowl.



The winning Sydney Team

The day started with the presentation of the caps to the players by the Mayor of the City of Willoughby Pat Reilly.

Sydney openers Peter Mikhail and Ravi Alluri were soon parted when Alluri was bowled by David McClelland for 4. Sydney 1 for 17. Wickets continued to fall and Sydney after 20 overs were 5 for 67. Sydney Captain Steve Thompson stabilised the innings, playing a truly Captain's innings for his 70 runs, and with Anthony BouAntoun (57 not out & two 6's) put on a solid partnership. Sydney finally dismissed for 209. Scott Elsegood was the best of the Newcastle bowlers taking 3 for 30 off 7 overs.

Newcastle openers David Boettiger and Scott Elsegood looked solid, however in the 4th over Elsegood was dismissed caught Lachlan Rose bowled Andrew Douglas for 4. Newcastle 1 for 11. Michael Redpath starting with a 4 looked likely he emulate his recent century for his district club, fate determined otherwise, as pharmacy student Chris Hanna had him LBW for 7. The Sydney bowlers continued to claim wickets. Stephen Boyle in attempted to hit a 6 broke his bat in half, a 4 was the result, bad luck Stephen a good try. Top scorer for Newcastle David McLelland, put together a solid innings with five 4's in his 34, before Andy Dent claimed his wicket. Newcastle out for 98.

Sydney Pharmacy student Andrew Tu, playing his first match with *Pharmacy Cricket*, took two good catches and helped Ravi Alluri produce the best bowling figures for Sydney of 4 for 28 off 6 overs. Alluri's last over was a two wicket maiden. Andrew Douglas took 3 for 27 off his 7 overs.

It was a great day of cricket at a magnificent ground in clear skies with lots of good fellowship. Newcastle are asking when is the next match? Looks like it will have to be next season fellows.

Sydney captain Steve Thomson was 'Man of the Match' and Greg Hodgson presented Newcastle Captain, Michael Redpath, with a suitable inscribed mini cricket bat to celebrate his recent century, also a quacking toy duck to remind him of a recent event!
Your cricket correspondent



The Mayor of the City of Willoughby, Pat Reilly, presenting the caps to the Newcastle team



Newcastle player, Stephen Boyle, with his broken bat after attempting to hit a six