



# Pharmacy Cricket

Sydney v Newcastle

Nelson Bay Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008

Newcastle defeats Sydney

Having had a delightful Saturday evening pre match dinner at the Nelson Bay RSL organized by Newcastle captain Michael Redpath all were in good spirits for the match next day.

Arriving on Sunday at the ground, Don Waring Oval Nelson Bay, we were met with a dismal scene. The pitch was unplayable due to heavy rain during the night and matters were not helped by a shower of rain on arrival. Not to be deterred, as cricketers and pharmacists are optimistic, it was decided the nearby synthetic wicket was free and after the use of a broom to remove water and a little time to dry the surface, it was agreed a 30 over match could be played.

Newcastle at 1 for none had a problem in the first over thanks to a clean bowled by Steve Thompson. Nathan Blackmore and Matt Dan held out against good bowling and added 53 runs when Blackmore was dismissed for 35. Dan continued to bat well and was required to retire on 52. Tony Minmill 29 Scott Ellsgood 19, Chris Hernandez 12 and Brett Plumb 12 helped take the score to a very respectable 8 for 182 after 30 overs. Sydney bowling was shared with each of six bowlers taking a wicket.

Sydney opened with Bin Luu and Nawras Attalla and were 1 for 7 after 4 overs. Attalla then set about a display of attempting to hit every ball and with one six and four 4's helped take the score to 3 for 67, he being dismissed for 42. Jason Luu 22 and Hicham Hassan 15 took the score to 6 for 104. Coming in at number seven Sydney Captain Anthony BouAntoun with four six's helped Sydney almost reach the Newcastle score. BouAntoun remained 39 not out at the end of the 30 overs. Sydney 9 for 157.

Best Newcastle bowlers were Nathan Blackmore 2 for 18 off 6 overs and Jason McKemdry 2 for 35 off six overs.

Man of the Match was Newcastle newcomer Matt Dan with an excellent batting display, a great catch and run out.