

Parramatta District Cricket Club – ‘A Day to Remember.’

(By Tom Wood – Club Historian)

On Saturday 19th October 2019 the Parramatta District Cricket Club did battle with the famous St. George club on day 1 of round 3 of the Sydney Premier Grade competition, and it was a day to remember for the ‘*two-blues*’ – via several exhilarating batting exploits, including a record-breaking partnership in 3rd grade.

The highlights were:

Second Grade –

Although out of the 1st Grade ranks due to a knee injury preventing him from unleashing his normal thunderbolts, **Scott Copperfield** has given club selectors ‘*food for thought*’ by reminding them that he is certainly ‘*no slouch with the bat*’ by blasting a brilliant **206** not out (25 x 4, 4 x 6) in just 239 balls an innings of class. In the process he shared a massive 4th wicket partnership of **271 runs** with the very impressive young stroke-maker **Harrison King** who produced his maiden 2nd grade century **122** (16 x 4) – Harry backed this up the next day with 90 not out in the Poidevin-Gray Shield match v. Penrith – the stand was not far short of Parramatta’s record 2nd grade 4th wicket partnership of **298** set in **1933/34** by Gil Cole and Bob Mullinger. Parramatta declared their innings at a healthy 4/386.

Third Grade –

Records did tumble in 3rd grade however, powerful new recruit **Zac Johns** smashed a blistering **180** not out (20 x 4, 3 x 6) in his first match for the club, and combined with the equally enterprising **Evan Pitt 103** not out (14 x 4, 1 x 6) to create a new record Parramatta 3rd grade 5th wicket partnership of an unbroken **234** runs – eclipsing the old mark of 226 set in 1996/97 by John Mahoney and Dan Hull.

Fourth Grade –

In 4th grade 50-year-old veteran and team skipper **Paul Calvert** notched up a crafty **103** (13 x 4) v. St. George and this deed enabled him to join a band of ‘Old Stagers’ who made centuries for Parramatta at an advanced age:

- **Sam Stone** – at 51 years made **109*** v. University and **102** v. Mosman – 4th Grade in 1939/40.
- **Sam Stone** – at 50-years made **175** v. Waverly – 4th Grade in 1938/39.
- **Alfred W. Hall** – at 50-years made **102** v. North Sydney – 4th Grade 1950/51.
- **Paul Calvert** – at 50-years made **103** v. St. George – 4th Grade 2019/20.
- **E.L. Waddy** – at 48-years made **123** v. Randwick – 1st Grade 1926/27.
- **Sam Stone** – at 48-years made **227** v. Randwick – Shires 1936/37.
- **Bert Alderson** – at 47-years made **107** v. Gordon – 2nd Grade 1970/71.
- **Stan Teale** – at 46-years made **100** v. Cumberland “B” – 5th Grade 1974/75.

