

Notchers' News

Issue 56

Christmas Challenge – 2023

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Once again, The Notchers have challenged The Scratchers to a fireside fixture this Christmas. Readers are invited to accept the challenge by completing the scorecard and giving the result of the following match. Please send your entry (limited to one per reader, please) to The Third Umpire, 60 The Lawns, Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffordshire, DE13 9DB to arrive not later than 31st January 2024 (*or* email johnmbrown60@gmail.com): please **mark your entry NN**. All entries will be examined and the names of all those whose entries are correct will be put into the Umpire's hat, from which the winner of the prize will be drawn at random.

You are invited to solve the clues in order to discover how many runs each player scores. **You should record all these scores in batting order and complete your solution by giving the result of the match.** Normal Laws of Cricket (2022 Code - updated) apply (no special regulations). There are no trick questions; all relevant information is provided in the clues, and you should assume that the umpire gives appropriate signals.

I have also written an article looking back on my scoring life which you will find as an attachment in your e-mails.

Scratchers XI (batting first)

1. It is the sixth ball of the over – the striker skies the ball which is caught by mid-on. The batters run and have crossed before the catch is taken. Which batter should face the next ball?
Non-striker - 10, new batter - 20?
2. The scores are level; Team A having been bowled out for 128. Team B have scored 128 when the striker hits the ball and the batters run. They have **not crossed** when a fielder throws the ball which goes on to cross the boundary before both batters have made their ground. What is Team B's final score?
3. If the batters run and complete a run while the bowler is running up to bowl, but does not deliver the ball, how many runs should be added to the total of the batting side?
4. ... and how many to the fielding side's total?
5. The injured striker has a runner; No ball is called and signalled, and the striker hits the ball to wide long-on and stands within his ground while the runner and non-striker run. They have crossed on their second run and the runner is just short of his ground when the striker's wicket is fairly put down. How many runs should be added to the total?
6. The striker hits a return catch to the bowler, but the non-striker shouts, "Drop it" and the chance is put down. There is an appeal – what should the umpire's decision be?

Not out – 10, Non-striker out – 20, Striker out – 30.

7. A ball, fairly delivered, comes to rest in front of the striker who steps forward and hits the stationary ball to the boundary. How many runs should be added to the total ?
8. In a one-day match the captains agree to play a two-innings match. Team A is 172 all out. How many runs must Team B score to avoid the possibility of being asked to follow on?
9. A 45-minute lunch interval has been scheduled at 1.00pm. If a wicket falls at 12.58pm, at how many minutes after 1pm should play resume?
10. In an eventful over the first ball is hit one-bounce to the boundary; the second is played back to the bowler; the third ball is called and signalled Wide and the batters run two; from the fourth the striker hits the ball and the batters run two plus four overthrows (thrown after the batters had crossed), but the umpire calls and signals short run; from the fifth ball the batters run two and the umpire raises one leg and touches it with his hand; the next ball is called a No Ball and again the batters run two, but the umpire signals by raising one hand above his head; The last two balls of the over are hit for a single and a three.

How many runs should be added to the total?
11. ... and how many runs should be debited against the bowler?

Extras: What is the latest time in minutes before the scheduled start time that the toss may be made?

Total:

Notchers XI

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2. The striker hits the ball back to the bowler who deflects it on to the top of the stumps with the non-striker out of his ground. The ball flies in the air to mid-on who catches it. There is an appeal What is the correct decision?

Striker out caught – 10; non-striker run out – 20.
3. The striker hits a return catch to the bowler from a ball which has been called and signalled No Ball, but the non-striker shouts, "Drop it" and the chance is put down. There is an appeal – what should the umpire's decision be?

Not out – 10, Non-striker out – 20, Striker out – 30.
4. At the end of the seventeenth over in a 46-over per side match, the umpires suspend a player for a Level 3 offence. How many legitimate balls must be bowled before he may return?
5. After a batter has been dismissed lbw from the second ball of an over, how many minutes does the next batter have to be ready to take his guard?
6. The injured striker has a runner; No ball is called and signalled, and the striker hits the ball to wide long-on and stands just in front of the popping crease while the runner and non-striker run. They have crossed on their second run and the runner is just short of his ground when the striker's wicket is fairly put down. How many runs should be added to the total?

7. On a windy day it has been agreed to dispense with the bails. After the batters have crossed for a second run the ball is returned to the bowler who touches the stumps firmly with the ball in hand and the batter short of his ground. There is an appeal – what should the umpire’s decision be?

Out – 10; not out - 20

8. In preparing to receive the ball the striker hits his own wicket with his bat. The bowler does not deliver the ball but stops and appeals. What should the umpire’s decision be?

Out – 10; not out – 20

9. The striker plays back to defend a ball which spins towards his stumps. He bends and pushes the ball away with his hand (not holding the bat). There is an appeal – what should the umpire’s decision be?

Not out – 10; Handled the ball – 20; Hit ball twice – 30; Obstructing the field – 40

10. The injured striker has a runner – No ball is called and signalled, and the striker plays and misses. Both he and his runner are out of their ground when the wicketkeeper fairly breaks the wicket and appeals. What should the umpire’s decision be?

Not out – 10; stumped - 20; run out -30

11. What is the earliest time in minutes before the scheduled start that the toss may be made?

Extras: The striker misses a No Ball which eludes the wicketkeeper; the batters run, but one of them fails to make good his ground in turning for a second run, after which an overthrow goes to the boundary. How many signals would you expect the scorer to have to acknowledge?

Total:

Result:

Trivia (from issue 55)

Editor

A keen cricketer who revolutionized cricket scoring. His method was excellent in Test Match Special Box and was gradually adopted by all professional scorers. Identify this amateur scorer.

Brief scores:

CI Thornton’s XI 345 (Andrew Stoddart 127, Stanley Jackson 62, Billy Newham 52*; Hugh Trumble 5 for 87) and 230 for 8 decl. (Stanley Jackson 68; George Giffen 6 for 88) drew with Australians 391 (Alec Bannerman 74, John Lyons 40, Harry Graham 95, Hugh Trumble 62) and 87 for 5 (John Lyons 47).

The answer is ***John Atkinson Pendlington***. More on him in the link below:

[Ashes 1893: John Atkinson Pendlington presents WG Grace with Linear Scoring Method - Cricket Country](#)

NZC Scorers' Forum

Editor



NZC Scorer Forum was hosted over two days in September 2023 at Lincoln which brought together scorers from around the country and covered a range of topics including Pro Cricket Scorer updates, scorer routines and processes and the appointments process via OfficialsHQ. It also provided a learning opportunity for scorers to learn from each other gaining new insights and brainstorming ideas.

Veterans' Over 55 Cricket

Editor



Veterans Over 55 cricket tournament was held in November 2023 in Christchurch with 12 sides from Australia and 4 sides from New Zealand. The Match Officials meeting took place at Monza Sports Bar, Christchurch Casino which provided a photo opportunity for the scorers with Sir Richard Hadlee. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience over 4 days and the time and effort of all match officials is appreciated.

Andrew Bagshaw Memorial

Editor



On Nov 10th Hagley Oval hosted the Andrew Bagshaw T20 Memorial Match under lights. In January 2023, humanitarian Andrew Bagshaw was killed helping war-impacted people in Ukraine. To raise awareness and funds for the people of Ukraine, a charity cricket match was organized celebrating his life and humanitarian efforts. It was a privilege and a unique challenge scoring this game with multiple batters retiring and the odd player (a kid) coming on to bowl the last over of the game.

Obituary – Catherine Shields

Editor



Catherine Shields on the far right in the front row

Cath was a well-known figure within the Wellington Cricket Community, earning the respect of all who crossed her path during her remarkable 30+ year career as a scorer. Throughout this extensive journey, Cath lent her expertise to cricket events at both the community and national levels, serving as a scorer for NZC and her beloved Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club.

In more recent times, Cath balanced her scoring duties with her role as the Honorary Secretary of the CWUSI (Cricket Wellington Umpires and Scorers Inc.), where she tirelessly supported umpires and scorers throughout the Wellington region.

Cath's contributions to the game made her a cherished and unforgettable presence. Her absence will be keenly felt, not only in Wellington but right across the match official community in New Zealand.

Cath departed from us unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 19th.