



## The Northern Knights Notice

Further to the newsletter last week regarding Mark Rushton & his efforts to raise funds for Mens health under the Movember fund there has been a challenge set by the Gee Shield side. They have pledged \$500 under the Mark Rushton- Northern Knights account & challenge other rep sides to get in & pledge to Mark Rushton's account. The link to his account is <http://au.movember.com/mospace/628016/> and donate online using your credit card or PayPal account or write a cheque payable to Movember Foundation, referencing my registration number 628016 and mailing it to: Movember Foundation, PO Box 292, Prahran, VIC, 3181

## A Mixed Bag To Start The Season Proper

### **Under 10's Foster Shield**

### **Loss**

Bankstown 4 for 175 off 40 Overs V HKHDCA 66 All Out in 33 Overs

The team showed a great improvement from their only previous game.

Some brief highlights below:

Gian took the first wicket of the season and finished with 2 for 22 off 8 overs.

Sandeep took the first catch of the season.

Sam took a wicket and opened, batting for 24 overs to top score on 17.

Jayson batted well.

Jon fielded superbly.

Brad and Tim combined for a runout.

Many thanks to Rod and Lachlan for their great coaching.

### **Under 11's Creak Shield**

### **Loss**

Newcastle all out for 160 from 48 overs DEFEATED HKH&DCA all out for 96 from 39 overs.

After winning the toss and with the forecast of rain the Knights sent Newcastle in. Some indifferent bowling soon had the boys on the back foot and the visitors well on their way to a 200+ total. As is often the case a drinks break resulted in a momentum shift and some quick wickets slowed the run rate and had the Knights back in the game. More quality bowling and some fine fielding and catching had the visitors at 9/123 before a coach killing 10<sup>th</sup> wkt partnership of 37 finally ended and the visitors were all out for 160.

The Knights run chase didn't start well with a mid pitch mix up resulting in a run out in the first over. From that moment on the visitors never let us back in the match. With some very good bowling and fielding the Knights were all out for 96.

Although well beaten there were still some very good individual performances. Mitchell Blow led the bowling fight back with two very good 4 over spells (2-18 from 8) and was well supported by Jonathan Cheng (1-12 from 8). With the bat Dash Ratnam scored a defiant 40 before being controversially given out stumped by the visitors coach at square leg (another story another day). Capping a fine match Mitchell scored 25 in a 48 run partnership with Dash. As mentioned some sharp chances were taken in the field, J Knox 2 catches, J Shaw 2 catches and Q Cheng 1 catch 1 ro were the highlights.

All looking forward to our next match and will be working hard on our consistency.

### **Under 11's President's Cup**

### **Loss, Win**

Game 1-Northern Knights -20/20 vs Newcastle

Newcastle 9/100 beat Knights 7/70

With majority of the boys coming together for only the second time this week, they were excited to be playing the 20/20 format. Knights won the toss and elected to bowl.

Newcastle made a quick start and put on the runs early, Lachlan bowled 4 quick overs with a complimentary start of 2/15 with Mackenzine holding up the other end with 4 overs 2/13, Leyton and Rizwan chipped in with 1/9 and 1/14.

At the end of their 20 overs, Newcastle made a very solid 9/100. Leaving the Knights with the task of making some fast runs.

The Knights opening pair of Cooper and Leyton made a great start on the run rate with Cooper being caught for 16 and Leyton run out thereafter on 12 runs. The incoming boys knew that the average of 5 runs an over was the job at hand, unfortunately with the overs running out the boys came up a little short, regardless of letting loose at Jason's request!

All in all the boys combined well in the field and this match proved to be a great leaning curve for the next game scheduled at 3.00pm vs the Central Coast.

Game 2 -Northern Knights vs Central Coast

Northern Knights 9/97 beat Central Coast 6/95

After a 3 hour break we where back to play another 20/20,and with temperatures around 30 the Central Coast won the toss and decided to bat.

The Central Coast made a strong start and after 10 overs were sitting on a well made 53. The Knights needed to stop this run feast, and this is where Liahm and Mackenzie combined well...Liahm's 4 over spell was bowled with an impressive 1/6, and Mackenzie held off the other end with his fantastic 4 over spell at 2/5.

Having lost their first match the Central Coast made a great 95 runs off 20 overs, our boys knew they had to come out swinging....That they did with 7 runs off the 1st over. This strike rate set the tone with a quick 50 runs off 10 overs making it a very close match at the half way point. The Central Coast hit the stumps hard and fast with 3 very impressive runs outs from the fielders! Lachlan swung the bat for a sold 17 runs, followed in by Rizwan and Mark who combined well to pick up some much needed late runs. With the wickets falling, and the Knights chasing the runs at a nail biting rate, Rizwan stayed strong to bat out the overs with Santosh to take a win by only 2 runs! The boys were delighted to have a win under their belt, and were very grateful to have Mark fill in for the day to substitute unavailable players.

It was a very exciting match with all the boys having a crack with the bat, the win made a great day even better.

Well done boys on the two matches everyone played well.

**Under 12's Cawsey Shield**

**Win**

**Northern Knights 102 (S Hariharan 3/5) def Central Coast 98**

The Hornsby Houdini's we are going to rename this team - having stolen victory from the jaws of defeat. At afternoon tea, Central Coast were 4/86 chasing our 102 and were all but packing up for the day. The Northern Knights had other plans however, and 6/12 (from 13 overs) later had stolen a wonderful victory. Reminiscent of chasing down North Shore's total in the trial match this match demonstrated that the team has a lot of depth and character and both victories need to be tucked away in the memory banks boys for future reference when games look bleak.

While there are going to be lessons to learn from any game in which we only score 102 from 50 overs, the boy's know these or will have them pointed out at training in a less public forum, the various highlights include:

- ✚ The middle and tail going out and following instructions to chance their arm and to play an innings for the team (better to go down fighting than die a slower painful death)

- ✚ Each fielder remaining enthusiastic and showing desperation to get the ball – giving us our 3 early run outs.
- ✚ The field settings being positive and attacking and demonstrating deserved faith in the bowler's placement.
- ✚ The decision to change bowlers and bring on another spinner after Tom's wonderful 10-overs was completely made on the field – with the resulting 4 overs by Shubang Hariharan being 2/0; 3/0; 3/3 and 3/5 and turning the game around.
- ✚ Peter (2/17), Kristoff (1/27) and Eknoor (1/6) were rewarded for keeping the ball on mid-off stump and keeping great pressure on their batsmen.

Well done boys, Inner West Harbour at home next week.

### **Under 12's President's Cup                      Loss, Loss**

On Sunday 31/10/2010 we played two T20 games at Engadine. The first game was against Newcastle, the second against Central Coast.

The results were, Newcastle 76 def Northern Knights 73 and Central Coast 120 def Northern Knights 95

In the first game Scott Miller was the highest scorer with 14 runs, bowling Ben Parker 2/9 and Oliver Williams 2/20. In the second game the highest scorer was Bailey Miedler 36 no, and bowling Oliver Urwin 2/21 and Ryan Tullia 2/22. Both Sanjeev Desai and Duranga Gnanawickrama were very economical with their bowling.

Scott Miller and Adam Tan teamed up for a couple of spectacular run outs with Ben Parker taking 3 catches and Avneet Bhele Singh taking 2 catches. Liam McGuire fielding in the outfield took the stumps out twice with his returns.

Whilst we did not get a win, the boys were very competitive and the results could have easily gone the other way, if it had not been for a couple of very lucky catches and runouts by Newcastle and Central Coast.

We have a trail game against North Shore next Sunday, before we start our season at the end of November.

### **Under 13's Gee Shield    Loss**

9/167 Knights V Central Coast 8/169

Winning the toss the Knights elected to bat. With the rain forecast it was a bold decision by the boys but proved it to be the right one.

Openers in & ready to start the season off there was a run on the first ball. They continued to bat until the wicket of Taylor Davies (18) had John Anderson to the crease. Not long after John found himself back in the shed talking to the coach. This had Alex Dolly come in to move the run rate up with a sure fire 67 off 112 balls. During this innings Alex share the pitch with Ben Wallwood 25 then Matt Chamberlain with a quick fire 18 off 22 balls before being caught at cover. Before going in Matt mention that he remembered from Lismore this team was good in the field in the air. He was proven right with 5 of the 9 wickets being caught.

The innings was finished off with some quick running between the wickets by Connor Hammond to squeeze out every last single on offer & finish what was thought of as 20 runs short of par.

Time to bowl & it didn't start well with 20 odd runs scored in the first 4 overs. This was a bad start & one that they could ill afford with the total below par. Tight bowling for two overs & then a loose one seem to be the order of the day & released any pressure built up. But with two maidens & then a great ball from Leg Spinner John Anderson a wicket which bought about an early afternoon tea. At Afternoon tea they had them 2/74 & were still in it. With the instruction to have a crack as they did against North Shore they went out & started to bring the game right into play. A five over spell from Sid Dissanayake 3/7 saw them reeling. However a solid tail with no panic bought the Coast home. A real soul searching day for the boys with lessons to be learned

Remember boys if it doesn't kill you it will only make you stronger. It's All Good!

### **Under 13's President's Cup**

### **Win, Win**

#### **Game 1: v Newcastle, Toss won by Newcastle – who chose to bat.**

We had them at 7/91 in their 20 overs. The bowling was tight and this created pressure on Newcastle to push for singles, resulting in 4 run-outs from sharp fielding. When it was our turn to bat there were good contributions from the top order with D.Piek (17), D. Heidegger (20) and P. Weerasooriya (35 Ret) delivering the bulk of the runs to get our score to 4/94 in the 19<sup>th</sup> over.

#### **Game 2: v Central Coast, Toss won by Northern Knights – who chose to bowl.**

The disciplined bowling from the first game was carried over to the second against Central Coast. Wickets tumbled regularly and Central Coast never managed to gain any momentum. Outstanding bowling from Dylan Mares (4/9 off 3, which included a hat-trick) and E. Pandhi (2/2 off 3) and P. Weerasooriya (2/9 off 3) kept pressure on the opposition. When it was our turn to bat the openers built a solid platform, before retiring to give more players a chance to bat, with some big hitting from D. Piek (27 ret) to get their score with 2 wickets down. This will benefit our quotient, and could well make the difference towards the end of the season.

A good start for the season for a team that is well balanced and showing good promise in their fielding, batting and bowling.

### **Under 14's Moore Shield**

### **Win**

#### **Result: HKHD 6/231 off 50 overs defeated Hawkesbury 10/118 off 49.4 overs**

This was a very impressive win against a team that competed in the semi finals of the Gee Shield last season. After winning the toss, the coach gave our openers the instructions to see off the new ball and aim to score at 3 runs per over for the first 15 overs. The openers of Mansimar Singh (63) and Aaron Crofts (33) over delivered to see the team at 0/53 after 15 overs with the first wicket falling at 59 in the 16<sup>th</sup> over.

George Blackwood (33) came in at number 3 and supported Mansimar to take the score to 119 before the fall of the next wicket. From there the boys were given the instructions

to lift the score and they all delivered. A feature was the quick fire 31 by Nic Miller and Matt Corish (23) and Jackson Preedy (18) were the not out batsman with an unbeaten 35 run 7<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership.

With a strong bowling side the boys were confident they could capability defend the challenging score of 231. They did more than defend as they steamrolled the Hawkesbury batting line up to have them all out for 118.

The bowling and fielding was excellent throughout and the boys kept the pressure on even though it took some time for the first wicket to fall at 41. George Blackwood took the prized wicket of Caleb Turner assisted by a good catch by Jackson Preedy. This was on the back of a hostile spell by Aditya Ramakrishnan who was keen to overcome the disappointment of being run out for 0. He bowled with pace and aggression that had the batsman on the back foot and looking for cover. Once the opening pair was broken our bowlers started to dominate with most getting amongst the wickets.

New boy Sam Heinrich took a wicket off his first delivery in shield cricket assisted by a good catch from Aaron Crofts. His contribution did not end there with a further 2 wickets in his third over which saw him bowling for a hat trick that was unfortunately denied.

The wicket takers were Sam Heinrich (3/16), George Blackwood (2/14) and Jackson Preedy, Aditya Ramakrishnan, Luc Modde, Aaron Crofts and Nick Carter shared the remaining wickets. The bowlers were well supported by great fielding and 9 catches were taken in all. Hawkesbury were eventually bowled out for 118 in the 50<sup>th</sup> over.

This was a great start to the season after the washout in round one and the boys should proceed with confidence to their outing next weekend against Penrith at home.

Well done team and special thanks to the parents who assisted with scoring and the BBQ and Mike Blackwood for the sausage sandwiches.

The match ball was awarded to Mansimar Singh for his solid 63.

### **Under 14's President's Cup**

### **Loss, Loss**

With a recent dominant win against Central Coast the boys went into the T20 competition confident of performing well. In our first game against Newcastle we scored (6/83), with batting honours going to Vineet Suri who made almost half our score (39). Oscar Cole (11), Ryan Jones (8\*) and Simon Torpy (7\*) also made valuable contributions. Our bowling started strongly with quick wickets to Tisveer Mistry and Nick McNay, however we were unable to build enough pressure, giving away too many boundaries from short balls. Consequently Newcastle passed our score in the 17<sup>th</sup> over. Vineet (1/5 from 3), Tisveer (1/7 from 3) and Nick (1/18 from 3) were the pick of our bowlers.

In our second game against Manly we completely changed our batting order and we still managed to post a highly competitive total (3/107). Hamish Fullagar and Sam Latham got us off to a great start with Hamish eventually retiring on 35. Chris Smith (19\*), Tisveer (14\*) and Ryan (14) also posted good scores against very tight bowling and super fielding. We got off to the perfect start with a wicket on the first ball to Tisveer via a brilliant catch by Oscar Cole at fine leg. After 10 overs Manly were 2/46 compared to our total of 1/59, so we thought we were well placed. Unfortunately the heavens opened and turned the ball into a bar of soap, which made bowling very challenging. In particular we gave away far too many bowling extras (19), which in the end was the

difference between the teams. Manly passed our score in the 19<sup>th</sup> over for a well deserved win. Wickets were taken by Tisveer (2/23 from 4) and Nick (1/14 from 3).

The boys enjoyed the day and looked smart in their whites and training shirts. Special thanks to Patrick Sweeney and Chris Smith who filled in for absent players.

### **Under 15's Weblin Shield** **Win**

HKHDCA 6/180 (J Partridge 54, J Shepherd 32, B de Kauwe 25, L Thorburn 23no) def. Fairfield Liverpool 9/179 (D Nicotra 3/31, J Shepherd 2/28, U Somaiya 2/25)

On a cloudy morning at Cabramatta, Hornsby won the toss and sent Fairfield into bat. At 2/22 it was looking good with the bowlers being consistent in particular our openers. Matt Vile had the crowd jumping with a direct hit run out. They batted their full 60 overs ending up 9/179. Daniel Nicotra (3/31), James Shepherd (2/28) and Utkarsh Somaiya (2/25) were the pick of the bowlers. We started out innings cautiously losing both openers but James Partridge and Brodie de Kauwe steadied the innings to tea. James had a great knock top-scoring with 54. After tea James Shepherd and Luke Thorburn brought us home to finish with 6/180 in the 49<sup>th</sup> over. It was great to see the batsman developing partnerships during the innings. A great result after last week's washout. Bring on Sutherland next round.

### **Under 15's Presidents Cup** **Win, Win**

#### Game 1 v Penrith

Penrith batted first and after a fast start by the batsman, Hornsby combined well to restrict Penrith to 8/103. Mark with 2 good catches and 2/14 off 4 overs was well supported by Andries, Daniel, Dylan, Cameron, Curtis and Kartik. Albert was great behind the stumps and got a very clever stumping.

Hornsby easily chased down the total with 4 overs to spare. We finished at 1/104 with Will 26 not out, Andries 30 and Rashil retired on 35.

#### Game 2 v Manly

Whilst our bowling and fielding was well below par we still managed to restrict Manly to 118 from their 20 overs. Our final overs kept the score in check with Cameron in particular very tight. Rory took two great catches at wide slip.

Our batsman again did the job easily finishing at 2/121 with over 2 overs to spare.

Andries blasted 37 retired off about 15 balls threatening the nearby KFC with some great shots. Rashil hit 20 and wides did the rest! Oh and Dylan got 6 not out.

So two good wins to start the season – well done boys.

### **Under 16's Watson Shield**

### **Win**

HK&HDCA 6/270 (Ben Phillips 92\*, Daniel Anderson 78, Bhavya Nanda 31) defeated Northern Districts 9/132 (Brad Fiedler 4/24, Sid Shankar 2/12, Bhavya Nanda 1/11, Ben Phillips 1/18, Daniel Anderson 1/31).

What a game that saw our best ever result since starting out in Foster Shield. This also backs up our 1st ever win in any game against North Shore the game before. Our batting was sublime. Bhavya Nanda used his opportunity to open and scored an important 31 runs (57 balls). At 2/67 DA and Ben Phillips came together. They put on 110 runs high class runs at 4.5 runs / over and at 3/167 after 44 overs the platform was set. DA was out for 78 (114 balls) and Ben went on to get his highest DCA score with 92\* (127 balls). Lovely cameo's were scored by Sid Shankar 25 (from 26 balls) and Nathan Tanner 17\* (9 balls). Let's not also forget those who missed out with everyone batting with intent and losing their wickets being positive. At 6/270 every box was ticked. It was the most comprehensive batting performance by our Team so far going back to Foster Shield days and ranked up there with the best innings totals scored against us. This was our highest score the Team has ever made and is our biggest winning margin.

Our bowling and catching was high class. Brad Fiedler starred with 4/24 and was on a hat-trick at one stage. He was getting the ball to bend both ways and has added strike power to the bowling this season. Sid Shankar took 2/12 from 8 overs and good wickets to Bhavya (1/11), Ben Phillips 1/18 and DA 1/31. Nathan Tanner didn't take a wicket but strangled the batting as he did against North Shore taking 0/14 off 10 overs. Very good catches were also taken by Shane Cash and Brad Fiedler. James Madden was also outstanding behind the stumps conceding 0 byes in 44 overs with a wicket keeping progressively lower.

The most important achievement though is that the Team is coming together as a Team and it is a pleasure to watch a group of talented young players who are a credit to the Association.

### **Under 16's President's Cup.**





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