



The Northern Knights Notice

Mark's Movember Update- The Mo gets the girls



The Forster Shield manager Gig Andreou pledged \$10 a wicket & \$1 a run from the Forster Shield game Round 3. Read his report to see if his math is right. He is donating \$192 under the Mark Rushton- Northern Knights account & he also challenges 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

Some Knights Say Night Night To The Shield Finals Others Say Bring It On

Under 10's Foster Shield

Win

HKHDCA U10 5 for 112 of 35 overs defeated Northern District 8 for 107 runs off 40 overs

The umpires arrived at the ground determined that play would start on time and it was a good toss to lose as the early fog burnt off for a hot humid afternoon.

Northern Districts batted first but could not score on the slow Les Shore outfield. Their top score was our extras 74.

Bowling highlights include:

Gian taking 3 wickets for 5 runs, Brad took his first wicket of the season, Eshaan got his first wickets of the season taking 2 for 12, Jon had his first bowl of the season and took 1 for 13, and Sam took another wicket

Batting highlights

Sam followed last week's knock with 27 and shared a 70 run match winning partnership with Brad who batted for 34 overs and top scored on 31 not out

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Under 11's Creak Shield

Loss

Northern Knights ALL OUT for 115 DEFEATED BY Manly 7/117

The Northern Knights traveled to Manly for their third round Creak Shield match. The Knights won the toss and elected to bat. It wasn't long before the top half of the Knights batting order were back in the pavilion or playing on the play equipment with the score at 6-32 after 16 overs. As was the case last week this team has an ability to fight very hard when things appear to be at their absolute worst. Solid partnerships from M Wright-F Wilson (19), F Wilson-J Plummer (29) and F Wilson-J Knox (34) pushed the score out to 115 from a tick under the allocated 50 overs. Individually F Wilson was outstanding with 33 and J Plummer scored a valuable 17.

With 115 on the board the young Knights had given themselves a chance and soon had the hosts under pressure at 4-20. The boys tried very hard from this point however put down a few chances and couldn't quite finish it off. Manly went on to win the match with 7 wickets down. A Harvey 2-13 from 8 and J Cheng 2-6 from 5 were the Knights best with the ball. J Shaw continues to take some sharp chances with another 2 catches and J Knox with 1 wicket, 1 catch and a not out with the bat had a very good match.

After the match both umpires went out of their way to congratulate the boys on a great match and the way they upheld "the spirit of the game" even though at times some close calls went against them. Well done boys.

Under 11's President's Cup

No Game

Under 12's Cawsey Shield

Win

Inner West Harbour 9/119 (50 overs) T Randall 2/25, E Singh 2/27 def by Northern Knights 5/121 (34 overs) N Dolly 36, A Johnston 25no

Another convincing victory from the Knights who say "Ni". IWH won the toss at Les Shore No.1 and batted but thanks to some tight bowling from Pete and early wickets from Kristoff, Shubhang, Tom and Eknoor with Eknoor also featuring in a smart run out, the opposition were 5-50ish after 25 overs. Taking up where they left off last week Tom (2/25 of 10) and Shubhang (1/14 off 10) mesmerised the IWH batsmen with their spin and flight, created plenty of chances and were unlucky not to take more wickets. As IWH looked to hit out towards the end of their innings the Knights bowlers responded well with some tight bowling from Rahul (0/9 off 5), Travis (1/5 off 5), Eknoor (2/27 off 6), Peter (1/18 off 7) and an unlucky Kristoff (1/17 off 6). There were also some smart catches from Peter, Travis, Michael and Anthony and a catch and a stumping from wicket keeper Nick.

After the early loss of Michael to the only good ball of the bowlers spell, Nick and Rahul put together a handy partnership with both batsmen punishing the short balls. Rahul (11) was run out and Nick was then joined by all rounder Travis at the crease. This pair pushed the score along to 75 before Travis (17) was caught. Travis had earlier been adjudged run out but in a very sporting gesture the IWH keeper had called him back after admitting to not having control of the ball when the stumps were broken. The score had moved to 80 when Nick was run out for 36. Anthony and Jacko then joined forces at the crease. These two big units love batting together and Jack (14) went crash, bang wallop and was in double figures before he was caught blocking a ball to cover. Will then joined Anthony out in the middle and with the score on 5/115 Anthony dispatched a full toss over the rope and it was an early mark for coach, kids, siblings and parents. Woohoo!!.

Under 12's President's Cup

No Game

Under 13's Gee Shield

Loss

8/163 Knights V South Eastern 6/164

Another win of the toss the Knights elected to bat. It proved to be the only win of the day.

Openers failed to make double figures which had us on the back foot straight away. As every good batsman knows there are runs to be scored on the back foot & both Matt Chamberlain & Alex Dolly strengthen the position with some sensible batting with a 62 run partnership with Matt scoring 34 off 78 balls & Alex 29 off 52 balls. We needed runs & with the disappointment of his debut shield match last week Matt the destroyer Mc Vay went out & delivered. He had the fielders running for cover with his hard hitting selection of shots scoring 63* off 77 balls.

The innings was finished off with some quick running between the wickets yet again by Connor Hammond with 11 off 24. Ben Jones came in with one ball to face & did what was instructed hit the ball & get as many as you can with 3 off 1 the end result. Again the batsmen failed to score 200 which is what was thought of as par for this age group & it meant the bowlers were going to have a hard day.

With the outfield being true we went out knowing we could attack the ball in the field. The opening bowlers were given the new ball & a mission to get 2 wickets in the first ten. Not getting the wickets Captain Alex Dolly turned to his change bowlers with no joy. In ten overs we had used 4 bowlers & no break through. Matt Chamberlain was given the red leather in an effort to see the lead used in the FOW column & it worked. 1 down 9 to go. Sid Dissanayake came on from the other end to also trouble the FOW column & give the boys a sniff that there was some hope of pulling this one from the bag. Alex followed up with the spell of the day being on a hatrick with the figures of the day 3/19. These wickets would not be if not for 2 hot catches at square leg by Tom O'Loughlin. It was reminiscent of the catches he took in the semis against the very same team in Creak Shield. The only other wicket to fall was to John Anderson. I desponded side came off knowing that their shield semis hopes were dashed. A reflection of the two games shows not enough runs & no runouts. This from a team that once got 6 runouts in one game showed little or no pressure applied to the batting teams this year with the ball in hand.

Let's finish the year off with two wins to take to Ballina!

Under 13's President's Cup

No Game

Under 14's Moore Shield

Win

HKHD vs. Penrith

Toss Won by HKHD who elected to bat

Result: HKHD 10/135 off 43.2 overs defeated Penrith 10/114 off 40.2 overs

After arriving at a rain soaked Headen Park the match was moved to Fred Caterson 2 and reduced to a 43 over a side game due to the time lost relocating.

HKHD won the toss and elected to bat with the aim being to set a target of 170 plus on what was a good pitch. Aaron Crofts who top scored with 40 partnered by Mansimar Singh (14) got us off to a solid start before the first wicket fell at 45 in the 15th over. This brought George Blackwood (17) to the crease who continued to build the innings until Aaron departed when the score was 69.

The team failed to capitalise on the good start and lost a string of quick wickets in the middle order with most boys being caught whilst trying to push the score along. The end result was a mediocre score of 135 which would require some great bowling and fielding to defend.

Penrith started their innings confidently and moved quickly to a score of 23 after 6 overs with both openers looking set. In the 7th over the innings took its first twist when Jackson Preedy took the wickets of their opener (caught behind Hing) and the very next ball he trapped their No 3 LBW. The hatrick was denied but the two Penrith batsmen who had each made 50 the previous week were now back in the shed. Game on.

Runs kept on coming but the wickets kept of falling with Aditya Ramakrishnan sending stumps cart wheeling and George Blackwood taking one of the best slips catches you will ever see off the bowling of Luc Modde. At the tea break the score was 5/74 off 24 overs and could still go either way.

After tea we witnessed an inspired spell by Nick Hey that saw him finish with the figures of 4/14 including two fantastic caught and bowled dismissals. This left the Penrith innings in tatters and paved the way for an inspiring HKHD victory.

As coach Mark said, the boys have now used their "get out of jail card" and will need to bat better next week to ensure their winning run continues.

Well done team and special thanks to the parents who assisted with scoring and the BBQ and afternoon tea.

The match ball was awarded to Nick Hey for his solid 4/14.

Under 14's President's Cup

No Game

Under 15's Weblin Shield

Win

HKHDCA vs. Sutherland – Win

Another cricket match another wet weekend. With a delayed start the match was reduced to 45 overs per innings. With the toss done Hornsby elected to bat. With the sun starting to shine so did our batsmen scoring quickly and playing positive cricket. Conner Jackson played a great captains knock with 81 and James Shepherd hitting 5 sixes in his 63 runs. In the end we were bowled out in 43 overs with a very handy score of 202. With afternoon tea behind us we started our defence. The Sutherland batsmen were looking dangerous when Harrison Middlebrook sent the openers middle stump cart wheeling

down the ground. After that it was a procession of wickets and Sutherland were all out for 124. Harrison grabbed 2/9 off 8 Daniel Nicotra 1/24 off 9 and Utkarsh Somaiya 2/20 off 4 plus a great direct hit run out. Edward Hollis had a busy day behind the stumps with 3 catches and a stumping. A very comprehensive win for the boys which leaves us 2 wins from 2 games with two rounds to go. Well done guys let's keep it going!

Under 15's Presidents Cup

No Game

Under 16's Watson Shield

Loss

Hornsby 9/172 (Ben Phillips 38, Daniel Anderson 31) lost to Sutherland Shire 6/173 (Daniel Anderson 3/31).

A week of heavy rain saw the game rescheduled to an astro wicket. The ground was slow and rain affected with a short boundary straight due to surface water. Our 172 was worth around 210 with par score around 180 / 190. DA with 31 (31 deliveries) batted aggressively in partnership with Darshan Pandya and they put on a rapid 43 in 7 overs to give us a good base. Ben Phillips continued his good form with 38 (77 balls) before being run out. Runs were hard to find against a disciplined attack and good fielding and at 9/148 after 54 overs this was below par. Enter Marcus Creais and Indika Dissanayake at 10 and 11. They were dynamic and put on 25 runs in 18 deliveries through good aggressive cricket. While this was a brilliant last wicket partnership, the 3rd highest score was from Marcus with 16 batting at 10 and so we need to be able to convert starts into bigger totals.

Our 172 was competitive but needed to be supported by good bowling, fielding and a bit of luck.

Our bowling and fielding was generally good but typically after 5 good balls a short one was bowled and went for a boundary and this released the pressure. That said, the guys fought hard and never gave in. We put down a few important chances / near chances and these were costly. While they finished at 6 wickets down the game went into the wire with only 8 balls left in the match. Pick of the bowlers was DA with 3/31 from 10 overs. Bhavya Nanda bowled his typical spell – tight, aggressive and giving nothing away to finish with 1/14 (8 overs), Nathan Tanner 1/33 and Sid Shankar 1/38 also made important contributions. Both Indika Dissanayake 0/14 from 6 overs and Marcus Creais 0/17 from 6 overs both bowled beautifully.

Sutherland is a gun side who we have never beaten and this was our Semi Final. We came close but just missed out. If we improved our overall game by about 10% we would win and done it well so this is encouraging with 2 remaining games. Another positive is that we fought it out until the finish – something that would not have happened in years past. If we win our next 2 games we are still chance to make the Semi's.

Under 16's President's Cup.

No Game

Telegraph Shield (Under 23)

Washed Out

Martin Shield (Open)

Martin Shield (Opens) - Northern Knights (HK&HDCA) 86 (C Brown 35) & 78 (R Pryor 30, S Osborne 5/1 off 9 overs) d. by Manly-Warringah 194 (A Marzouk 6/21, R Pryor 3/88)

Our match got off to a wet start with Graham Reserve under-water and the troops moving to Terrey Hills Playing Fields.

Unfortunately with Graham Reserve closed off, the early advantage was handed to Manly-Warringah, who's A-Graders play year round on synthetic wickets.

As we arrived at the ground, and Manly turned up with a squad of 16 players, support crew, the Manly-Warringah Executive, a truckload of shirts, caps, a presentation and an hour fielding drill, we knew they were here for serious business. In contrast, we had 4 players pull out on Thursday and myself, who could not field, bowl and barely bat with a shoulder injury. In the away corner though, we did manage to secure Daggles' (Darron Green) entourage of supporters but unfortunately it proved to be no match.

We lost the toss and went out to bat, and it was all downhill from there.

Their right hand opening bowler proved a menace in the first dig, extracting ridiculous unplayable bounce out of the synthetic wickets at times, whilst we managed to contain their left-arm opening bowler.... for the first innings at least. There really isn't too much to say about the batting. Chris Brown was the only person to show resistance and, personally, I can at least claim I defied their bowlers (0*)... A small consolation! We were rolled over for 86.

We came out to bowl and, unfortunately, it was the same old story. Our bowling was a one man show with Amir Marzouk single-handedly defying Manly. It was Amir's umpteenth 5-fer in Martin Shield and we've thrown in suggestions that he retires from club cricket and takes this form of the game up permanently. Amir ended with 6-21 and slowed them right down – they ended up taking 30 overs to pass the 86 mark. After that, it was a cricket lesson with their batsmen blitzing our bowlers in a ruthless spell of power hitting. We then brought Amir back on and in two overs and he promptly claimed the last 3 wickets!

Credit must also go to Andrew Burton who kept exceptionally well, including two stumpings off Amir, and Tom Lee who fought hard with the ball and claimed a wicket with his second last ball.

I won't go too much in to the 2nd dig, except for a couple of highlights.

Rowan Pryor bet that he could hit a 6 — then proceeding to miss his first 3 balls with woolly swings... Before hitting 30 off about 10 balls (including 2 6's). Arees Rauf and Alex Langley both looked very solid before being dismissed. And, unfortunately, the other highlight goes to their left-armer. He bowled exceptionally well, extracting large swing with the 2-piecer and blitzed our line-up in a 9-over spell of 8 maidens, 5 wickets, 1 run conceded. Well done to Daggles for hanging around for a number of overs, but it wasn't enough as we went down outright.

I would like to thank Tom Lee, Lachlan Vile, Joel Carter and Andrew Burton who provided last minute fill-ins and all acquitted themselves well. Tom and Lachlan are only 15-years old and applied themselves very well. Tom bowled exceptionally well, and Lachlan opened the batting against a bowler that wouldn't be out of place in Manly-Warringah's First Grade side (especially if they were using 2-pieces on synthetic!).

Congratulations to John Anderson on being selected to represent NSW in the School Sport Australia Championship. Well done John take the spirit of the Knights to the NSW team & show them how good an association we are.



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