



The Northern Knights Notice

Mark's Movember Update- And Now He Has A Mo Harem



Mark is recovering well & as you can see is having no trouble with the ladies. He continues to build every day & face the challenges ahead.

Boys when you take the field this weekend a little jaded & tired just remember there is a president in hospital that is backing you to get up & give everything you've got. Let's make it a clean sweep for the Knights this weekend.

Read his Mo Space & please also remember to support Mark in his quest to grow a full moustache & donate to his Movember 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

The Finals Are Looming & The Knights Look Set To Feature In Four

Under 10's Foster Shield

Loss

HKHDCA U10 8 for 55 off 40 overs defeated by Northshore II 56 for 5 off 31 overs

After being 4 down for 8 against some very good bowling the boys did very well to bat the full 40 overs. Defending a small score the team did even better to get back into the game with some great bowling and superb fielding.

A great team effort but some brief highlights include:

Jason top scoring the match with 13 not out

Harry remaining 2 not out in his first innings of the year and bowling a well in his first spell of the year

Shivraj for playing when not 100% and taking a catch.

Nicholas for two great catches

Gian 8 overs five maidens 2 for 4

Eshaan 8 overs 1 for 15

Thanks to the parents for their great support yesterday.

Under 11's Creak Shield

Win

Knights 7/155 defeated Blacktown all out for 104.

The Northern Knights were at home to Blacktown for their Rd 4 Creak Shield clash. The Knights were very happy to win the toss and ask the opposition to field in very hot conditions. The opening overs produced an even contest between bat and ball until Knights captain Quentin Cheng started to show his class and dominate the Blacktown attack. When Quentin is on his game, the team lifts around him and a good partnership between the captain and Mitchell Blow (52 runs) had the Knights on top. A controlled hard hitting 29 n.o. by Matthew Wright towards the end of the innings lifted the home team to 7-155 from their 50 overs. Quentin scored a brilliant 59 and Mitchell a valuable 18.

The Knights were very confident of defending 155 and they couldn't have hoped for a better start with a wkt from the first ball. Andrew "Macca" Harvey finding the outside edge and keeper Dash Ratnam taking a screamer, one handed and low down. The wkts continued to fall and when Justin Plummer bagged 2 in 2 balls the young Knights were well on their way to victory. A Ben Burgoyne wkt broke an annoying Blacktown partnership before Macca and then the captain sealed victory with a wkt each. Blacktown all out for 104.

All the bowlers performed well with Andrew Harvey 3-15 from 8, Quentin Cheng 3-10 from 8 and Justin Plummer 2-8 from 4, the Knights best.

The bowlers were well supported by some outstanding fielding. On a day when no bowler hit the stumps, Fraser Wilson with 4 catches at point and wicketkeeper Dash Ratnam 3 catches and 1 stumping were fantastic for the Knights. Did I mention Quentin Cheng, well he took 2 catches.

Well done boys a very good team performance.

Under 11's President's Cup

No Game

Under 12's Cawsey Shield

Win

HKHDCA 5/196 (A Johnston 56*, J Donkin 31, T Loxton 26) def Fairfield-Liverpool 131 (T Loxton 4/11, T Randall 2/18)

The day began fortuitously with the win of the toss setting the tone for the day. This team continues to ensure that the parents stay alert - leaving it until the last ball to dismiss a Fairfield team who from the 24th over (at least) had decided that the run chase was unachievable but survival was possible.

Our early batters again struggled to find their rhythm and transfer their form from their Club games, where all are performing wonderfully. Travis and Anthony moved the score along before Jack and Anthony got 80 from 13 overs (not without some luck!) and Anthony and Nick finished out the innings with a further 40 from 7 overs.

Having set a much more respectable total this week, after a slower than desired start, the bowlers struck early with Kristoff getting a wicket in his first over. It wasn't until our spinners were introduced that the next break-throughs were achieved though, with Rahul and Tom bagging the top order and Travis and Eknoor taking care of the lower order, once the shutters had come up. Travis's 4 wickets were all clean bowled and with a sharp catch at first slip on top of this he had a great day.

Under 14's Moore Shield**Loss****Result: HKHD 10/144 defeated by Manly 5/145 off 47.3 overs**

HKHD won the toss and elected to bat with the aim being to set a target of 170 plus on what was a small ground. Our openers, Aaron Crofts(18) and Mansimar Singh (36) once again got us off to a good start with the first wicket falling at 55 in the 16th over. George Blackwood looked like he was in for a big score until he was run out on 15 and from there the rot set in. Sam Heinrich did his best to salvage the innings with a gutsy 29 but there was little support from the remainder of the batting line up. The only other glimmer of excitement was a towering six from Jackson Preedy.

Having set a mediocre score of 145 the boys knew they had to bowl and field well and continue to take wickets. Things started positively with Jackson Preedy taking the first wicket in the third over when the score was just 11. However, from there Manly continued to build solid partnerships and despite wickets from Aditya Ramakrishnan and Nick Hey assisted by a catch on the boundary to Sam Heinrich the score had reached 3 for 86 at tea.

The boys seemed to be flat and lacked the enthusiasm they had shown in previous games and this allowed Manly to reach our score with 5 wickets in hand and 3 overs remaining. George Blackwood and Aditya Ramakrishnan chipped in with late wickets but the game had already escaped the boys.

Fortunately, the other team that was sharing the top of the ladder with us also lost. This means the boys live to fight another day next week but will need to lift their enthusiasm in the field and contribute with the bat in the middle order if they are to be involved in the finals the following week.

The match ball was awarded to Mansimar Singh for his 36 runs.

Under 14's President's Cup**No Game****Under 15's Weblin Shield****Win**

HK&HDCA vs. Central Coast

On a beautiful Sunday morning both teams arrived at Barker College expecting a tough match. They weren't disappointed. Central Coast won the toss and elected to bat. At 3/26 Hornsby were looking good but their middle order steadied the innings and they ended up with 206 off 58 overs. Bowling figures were James Shepherd 2/28 off 11, Harrison Middlebrook 2/20 off 11, Daniel Nicotra 3/62 off 12 and Krishna Logendran 2/19 off 7. Our chase started slowly losing our two openers for 15 runs. James Partridge (41) and Brodie de Kauwe (59) formed a great partnership. When the 3rd wicket fell at 88 James Shepherd joined Brodie bringing the score up to 130 at the 4th wicket. With the tail wagging we passed their score in the 53rd over 8 wickets down. Our no.8 Daniel Nicotra scored a very handy 26 no. Three games, three wins. Next week we head up the F3 to Newcastle hoping for a victory to seal a place in the semis.

Under 15's Presidents Cup**No Game**

Under 16's Watson Shield

Loss

Hornsby 8/190 (James Madden 53*, Nathan Tanner 35, Daniel Anderson 30) defeated Penrith 139 (Nathan Tanner 3/24, Daniel Anderson 3/27, Indika Dissanayake 1/5, Bhavya Nanda 1/10).

Wow! What a result. After beating North Shore for the first time ever earlier in the season, we took on Penrith and beat them- also for the first time in 3 attempts. This was an amazing game. Penrith are one of the best bowling teams in the Comp and typically strangle opposition sides through sustained pressure. The wicket at Rance Oval (Werrington) was slow and low and the outfield also slow so par score was around 210/220. We won the toss and batted first.

After losing a wicket to a good ball in the 1st over we were 1/7 off 6 overs trying to consolidate against this good bowling side. With wickets falling regularly we slumped to 7/75 after 37 overs and in trouble. Enter Nathan Tanner and James Madden who capitalised on a tiring attack on this hot day and showed tremendous fight. With positive cricket they took the score to 7/144 in the 55th over – a 69 run partnership in 18 overs and they gave us a sniff. They were positive and batted 'smart'. When Nathan was dismissed for 35 in the 54th over Brad Fiedler joined James and the fun ramped up. In the next 6 overs these two moved the score to 190 – 46 runs in 6 overs. James took his score from 26 to 53*in this time and Brad scored 12 in just 15 balls. The last over broke Penrith's spirit. After bowling 3 no balls in this over we scored 17 runs off it including a 4 and a 6 off the last 2 balls. Good support innings were scored by DA with 30 and Shane Cash with 18. At 190 if we bowled and fielded well we were in with a chance.

In the Penrith innings they started off well and were 63 off 17 overs but giving occasional encouragement with shots just out of reach. The momentum of the game changed with DA taking the first three wickets to fall and finishing with 3/29 off 10 overs that included a sensational catch by Darshan Pandya at 1st slip. A further turning point came with a remarkable bowling partnership between Indika Dissanayake and Bhavya Nanda. Between them they slowed the run rate to a crawl – the score moved from 4/98 after 27 overs to 7/120 after 42 overs – 22 runs off 15 overs. Indika took 1/5 from 7 overs (this included a 4 off the 2nd last ball of his spell) and Bhavya 1/10 from 6 overs. Nathan Tanner then carried home the advantage with the final 3 wickets.

Our fielding and catching was first class, there is also a strong bond between the players of the like we have not seen in previous seasons. Our coach Peter Dick who is doing a fantastic job has got the team playing tough, 'ugly' cricket that sees them not giving in and fighting harder when the game is slipping. Pretty cricket has given way to toughing it out.

We play Hawkesbury next week and if we win we play our first ever Semi Final. We will continue to fly under the radar but if we can get through we can't dismiss any achievement from this talented group of players.

Finally, both Umpires commended me for the behaviour of our team that they said made their job enjoyable – no complaints and respectful behaviour throughout the game – another great result.

Well done fellas we are proud of each of you.

Under 16's President's Cup.

No Game

Telegraph Shield (Under 23)

Martin Shield (Open)



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