



The Northern Knights Notice

Mark's Movember Update- His Mates Show Him How To Grow Facial Hair.



Mark is still having his good & bad days but always makes sure when his mates arrive he introduces them to his favorite coffee shop.

He would dearly love for all the representative sides to get behind the Kai Connell fund raiser. The prizes are better then great they are fantastic

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 On This Weekend & We Have Cawsey, Moore, Weblin & Watson Shield Sides In The Fight.

Under 10's Foster Shield **Loss**
60 all out Lost to Central Coast 144 for 8 off 40 overs

We won the toss and put Central Coast in to bat and did well to keep their top scorer down to 24 with 4 great catches and 3 superb runouts.

60 was not a bad score given some of our opponent's performances this season

Brief Highlights include
Great catching by Gian and Shivraj
2 runouts by Shivraj and one by Sam
Tim top scoring our innings with 9
Yash remaining not out

Under 11's Creak Shield **Loss**
Central Coast 4/190 defeated Knights 6/109 from 48 overs.

Our final Creak Shield match and a reminder to all about what rep cricket is all about.

Travel, an away game against the Central Coast and the trip up the F3 seemed more like a holiday than a cricket match.

Competition, it soon became obvious this was going to be no holiday. In what would rank as the finest batting display we have seen this season from the team on top of the ladder, highlighted by brilliant running between wickets the home side were 4-190 at the close of their innings. The Knights bowlers all tried hard but they had a day they would rather forget but would do well to remember. Wickets went to Andrew Harvey, Jonathan Cheng and Mitchell Blow. Jamie Shaw took 2 catches (6 for the season) and Mitchell also took a catch.

Our run chase ended at 6-109. Dash Ratnam top scored with 35. Mitchell's good form continued with 23 and Matthew Wright with 15 N/O hasn't been dismissed in his last two innings and is looking every bit a rep player.

Rep cricket is also about *friendship* and *fun* and this team has all those boxes ticked. When things didn't look to be going well on the field a good natured game of "backyard cricket" soon developed on the sideline. After joining in it didn't take long for disappointed batsman to wipe away the tears of dismissal and get back to having fun.

It was a tough day for all and fitting that it ended with everyone enjoying a drink at The Dam Hotel.

To the boys in the Creak Shield team, I can't speak highly enough of the way you all have approached your cricket this season. Thank you for your commitment to training and for the quality of cricket you all have produced each week.

Under 11's President's Cup

Win

Hornsby 5/110 defeated Penrith 8/109
(HKHDCA 5/110 ; C Bish 2/14, C Goddard 50)

It was a warm sunny day in Penrith - it finally felt like cricket weather. Hornsby won the toss and elected to bowl. Mackenzie and Cameron opened the bowling and kept it tight, restricting Penrith to 1 for 11 after 8 overs. After a slow start Penrith started to put on runs through the middle of the innings. Cooper bowled well with 1/11 from 5 overs and also got a run out. Liahm, Lachlan, Rizwan and Leyton all took wickets. Patrick and Cooper took a catch each and Sahil took 2. Some great fielding by Mark and Matthew kept the run rate down. Cameron took 2 wickets, one clean bowled and one caught and bowled. As the day heated up Penrith were able to find some gaps. However the boundaries were very long meaning fours were in short supply and most runs were coming from singles. Penrith went on to post a competitive 8/109 from their 40 overs.

After lunch Cooper and Lachlan opened the batting. They were off to a steady start with 0/32 after 10 overs. Cooper went on to spend 2 hours 15 minutes at the crease and put on 50 runs. The majority of those were singles, however he did find the boundary a couple of times. Lachlan put on a solid 13, and Leyton 10. Mackenzie put on 14 before being run out with a direct hit. With 5 overs to go and two new batsmen (Patrick and Rizwan) at the crease, we needed 10 runs for a win. Patrick and Rizwan kept cool heads and waited for the right balls to score. Patrick hit the winning runs with just 7 balls to spare.

Well done all on a great performance.

Under 12's Cawsey Shield

Loss

HKHDCA 8/148 (T Loxton 42) def by Sutherland 7/193 (R Krishna 3/27)

The final round brought first and second in the Division to a play-off, with Sutherland having lost only 8 wickets in the season to date and the Knights having had some previously reported wonderful saves. Unfortunately today was not one of those. Having lost the toss, we were in the field first and opened the bowling with a wicket to Kristoff first ball after Eknoor took a great catch at square leg. With their tails up the Knights continued to bowl well. Despite this, the Sutherland batsmen were able to keep the score board ticking and a partnership of 86 set them a nice foundation to score more freely later. We take out of the game, from the bowling perspective, that we won't bowl out the innings with spinners – who might have only suffered as badly as the seamers would have, but Sutherland were able to get 51 from the final 8 overs, a feat which was the difference on the score board at the end of the day. In contrast, the Knights got 20 in their

final 8 overs, albeit in some of these overs the focus shifted to protection of the wickets to maintain our quotient.

With a target of 193 on a slower outfield, the Knights began with purpose and exactly on plan consolidating and seeing off the opening bowlers to bring the score to 29 before the loss of Will to a very close run out. Will and Rahul had shown great understanding in stealing runs and it was a direct hit from 40 out that was his undoing! A brief but quick-fire 5 runs from Nick saw Travis and Anthony partnering up to take the score along to 106. Both boys batted very well against their reintroduced opening bowlers coming into the Tea break. The break seemed to have a definite effect on their flow however, with only 14 runs from the next 8 overs until Travis's innings was cut short on 42. At this stage the required run rate had crept out to just under 6.5 but we have the depth and the boys went out with instructions to chase it down and a manager's loud voice to reinforce it!! The run rate however remained around 3 per over despite some risky running. Michael Stephens having begun his innings with a 4 and continued it with good running between wickets definitely took one for the team when he was run out trying to push the run rate along. What was pleasing was that Michael did follow the coach's instructions and he demonstrated enough faith in his team mates who were following him in the batting order to risk his wicket.

Despite the loss, it looks at the time of writing this, as though we have qualified in 6th place for the qualifying finals, with a rematch with Sutherland who topped the Cawsey Shield. Next week let's take the lessons from today into the game and see if we can't upset Sutherland even more.

Under 12's President's Cup Win

HK&HDCA 4/173 defeated Penrith 9/166

We have started our competition round well with a win over Penrith. We lost the toss and fielded for the first innings.

The boys did well containing Penrith's score with some spectacular fielding. Catches were taken by Avneet Bhele (2), Liam McGuire, Bailey Miedler, Scott Miller and Jack Leggott. Bowling was tight with Avneet Bhele taking 2/2, Adam Tan 2/10, Ryan Tullia 1/5 Oliver Williams 1/11, Sanjeev Desai 1/14 and Ben Parker 1/17.

Our innings with the bat was slow to start with, but accelerated to give us a decisive win, with plenty of over's left. Oliver Urwin's 61no and Daranga Gnanawickrama's 69 were the highlights of the innings.

If the boys performance today is an indication of what we can expect for the rest of the season, we should have a very good season.

Under 13's Gee Shield

Loss

8/129 Knights V Camden 9/131

We lost the toss but were sent in to bat in a decision thought of as knowing the pitch but we are always happy to bat first.

With the out field resembling the surrounding cow paddocks it was a ring field set by Camden. This meant that the hitting of Ben Wallwood on the back foot was always going to be a good thing & it was fantastic to see him hitting the ball hard again. Yet again there was little scoring in the early overs with the first wicket falling at 15. By the time we had lost our recognised batsmen we were 116 with a bouncer hit for what should have been a six except for a classic catch on the fine leg boundary. We finished on 129 with only 8 wides given.

It was time for the bowlers to put their shoulders to the grind stone & this is exactly what they did. With 8 maiden overs in an innings where there was 22 wides given in contrast to the before mentioned 8 in our opposition.

There was even a peculiar moment when Matt Chamberlain bowled a delivery which rattled the stumps as the batsmen walked away after the release of the ball. The umpire seemed to ask the batsmen what happened to which the reply seem to be he wasn't ready. After this brief discussion there was a deadball called.

With figures of Tom O'Loughlin 1/16 off 8, Dylan Hood 2/20 off 10, Matt Chamberlain 1/17 off 9, Josiah Binet 0/16 off 4, Taylor Davies 0/6 off 1, Sid Dissanayake 0/8 off 1, Ben Jones 0/12 off 4, John Anderson 1/10 off 5 & 3/25 off 8 for Alex Dolly the bowlers again kept it tight. Even with a rather large wide count we were always in the game & confident that we could win our first for the season. This was not meant to be & Camden finally past our score in the last over yet again.

In finishing the season I explained to the boys that this age group had found themselves in or in contention for the finals every year since Forster Shield & there are teams who have not been so fortunate. It was great to see some boys achieve some personal positives in this last game of the season & we all really look forward to the Ballina competition.

I wish John Anderson all the best of luck in his NSW Schools team in the ACT whilst we are at Ballina & ensure him that Hornsby will own the pool as they did last year.

Under 13's President's Cup U13 IDCA vs. Penrith

Win

Playing at Jamison Park, the boys were put in to bat by the undefeated Penrith. The opening pair made a slow start, seeing off the new ball pair before stepping up the urgency following a gentle reminder from the coach that the target of 200 we had set ourselves was not going to be compromised. With the shine off the ball the batsmen

Our batting and fielding were the highlight of the game for us, but we are really going to have to work on our bowling if we are to reach our potential.

Under 15's Weblin Shield

Win

HK&HDCA Vs. Newcastle – Win

HK&HDCA 218 (J Shepherd 57, C Jackson 36, J Partridge 30, U Somaiya 23, L Thorburn 21) def. Newcastle 105 (J Shepherd 3/18, U Somaiya 2/2, H Middlebrook 2/23,)

It is early Sunday morning and up the F3 we go for our last round match against Newcastle. We arrived at Newcastle Sportsground No.1. A venue which has hosted many Sheffield Shield matches in the past. Hornsby won the toss and elected to bat. Our openers Daniel Nicotra (18) and Connor Jackson (36) started well before losing Daniel at the score at 45. Our top and middle order played intelligent cricket with the two James' rotating the strike rewarding themselves with a partnership of 78. Luke Thorburn (21) and Utkarsh Somaiya (23) with the help of the tail pushed our score to a respectable 218. Newcastle started their chase badly losing their 3 best batsmen with only 18 runs on the board. At 5/82 at tea, we felt very confident but you can never write off Newcastle. In the last session our bowlers dismissed their middle order to eventually roll Newcastle for 105 in 42 overs. The pick of the bowlers were James Shepherd with 3/18 off 12, Utkarsh Somaiya 2/2 off 5 with 4 maidens & Harrison Middlebrook 2/23 off 8. 4 from 4, winner of our pool and 2nd overall is a great effort from the boys. With a home qualifying final next Sunday, the boys are in the box seat but let's take one game at a time. Good luck guys on Sunday.

Under 15's Presidents Cup

No Result Posted

Under 16's Watson Shield

Win

I am pleased to give the Watson Shield Match Report. Here goes:

Hornsby 5/203 (Ben Phillips 69, Darshan Pandya 43, Alex Luan 31*, Daniel Anderson 30) defeated Hawkesbury 202 (Nathan Tanner 3/35, Indika Dissanayake 3/36, Marcus Creais 2/32, Ben Phillips 2/32).

Another magnificent performance from this talented team. At last we had a dry day with Barker looking like a picture and the pitch a road. We lost the toss and they got away to a fly start – being 0/54 after 12 overs. The breakthrough came with a nice catch by Madds of Marcus Creais who came back to form today. After the initial breakthrough we kept taking wickets regularly and bowled them out for a well below par score. The characteristic of the team this season is that they never panic and just go back to the basics when things go wrong. Our coach Peter Dick talks about pig or ugly cricket and the guys execute beautifully. Tactically the game plan set by Peter and delivered on the field is near faultless. The bowlers performed well on a good track. Nathan Tanner had the best figures with 3/35 and at times was hostile. Indika Dissanayake again bowled very well to have 3/36 off 11 and continues to impress. Marcus Creais got 2 important wickets for 32 runs and Ben Phillips chimed in with 2/30 and was on a hat-trick. We put down a couple of sharp chances but what characterises this team is on-field encouragement. A

successful approach was the change in momentum of the game when we speeded up the game – the changeovers and bowling run-ups were in fast forward action – almost cricket in fast forward. This was to speed up the over rate but it also shifted the momentum and put Hawkesbury off.

Our turn to bat and we cruised past the total in 40 overs for the loss of 5 wickets. Bhavya missed out for 10 but is striking the ball well – his day will come soon. Darshan came back to form with an excellent 43 in 75 deliveries and is now getting to the top of his game. DA, who could only bowl 2 overs due to back pain couldn't run well and decided to hit boundaries – 7 in his total of 30 in 25 deliveries faced. Ben Phillips is continuing his fine form with 69 – getting out showing good intent. Alex Luan also showed his potential with a powerful 31 in 32 balls. Madds also hit the ball well in his cameo of 11 in 16 balls. Every batsman showed intent to score and this will be critical in the big games coming up.

How far have we come – from being easy beats with dysfunctional behaviour on and off the field to a Team that is capable of challenging the best. We may well dip out in the Semi Finals next week but one thing is certain – whoever plays us will know they have had game.

Finally, a huge thank you to our folk who put on the best afternoon ever – Jyoti, Angie, Maria, Sarika and the wonderful food that materialised via the dads who did the carrying. Isn't it great to have a Rep season where it is fun to play and come and watch and where everyone takes pleasure in others successes.

Bring on the Semi's.

Under 16's President's Cup.

Win

We lost the toss and Penrith decided that they would have a bat.

Sid Sethi and Lachie Schacht took the new rock and bowled well but without luck to see Penrith get off to a steady start. But Sid Sethi came back to take the first 4 wickets in quick succession to decimate the Penrith top order in a fiery opening spell.

Penrith then conducted a fightback in a steady partnership for the 6th wicket of 38 runs. But tight bowling from the first change bowlers Tim Ahern and Nick Summerhays kept things in control.

This partnership was broken by Nick Walker who bowled in an excellent spell of 2/8 off 7 overs. This was followed by a brilliant run out by Mitch Fullager which sparked the beginning of the end for the Penrith innings as they then capitulated for 115 after 40 overs. With Sid Sethi ended the outstanding figures of 5/21 off 10 overs.

HKHDCA then sent out Nick Walker and Raj Chandrasena to face the new ball. Penrith got off to a flying start to have us 4/8 off 8 overs. Fortunately, Josh Mathias and Stewart Hodges put on a wonderful partnership of 70 to put HKHDCA back on top.

Josh Mathias was the pick of the batsman with an unbeaten 69, with Stewart Hodges getting a well earned 32 to help Josh along the way.

The innings was then closed off by Mitch Easy and Josh to seal a hard fought victory for the boys.

Telegraph Shield (Under 23)

Martin Shield (Open)