



The Northern Knights Notice

Mark's Movember Update- \$4396 raised by Mark's Mo



Well done to Mark & everyone on raising over \$4,000 dollars in aid of men's health.

A quick read of Mark's Mo Site tells you he is having a weekend at home. Well done Mark I hope you really enjoy the time with your family.

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

Weblin Are Still Fighting The Good Fight The Rest Of The Knights Get To Water Their Horses.

Under 10's Foster Shield **No Game**

Under 11's Creak Shield **No Game**

Under 11's President's Cup **Loss**

H.K&H.D.C.A. Northern Knights 10 – 79 and 5 – 41 lost to Manly 4 – 109.

Hornsby won an important toss and Cooper elected to bat first.

Cooper and Harrison opened the batting and set about their task with determination.

Along with Lachlan, they played very straight and our opening three ran very well between the wickets. Leyton(10) arrived at the wicket and struck the ball beautifully to the boundary and kept the runs ticking over. Matthew(21) anchored the innings with some resolute batting, forming some good partnerships with Mackenzie, Patrick and Rizwan. Cameron, Liahm and Sahil all tried to apply themselves to the task at hand. Hornsby were eventually dismissed for 79 in their first innings. Manly bowled a very straight line and full length. Testament to this was the number of bowled and LBW dismissals.

Mackenzie and Pat started our innings in the field with some good tight bowling. Pat had a number of opportunities early to jag a wicket, however two balls fell just out of reach of fieldsmen and two difficult chances were grassed. Matthew and Rizwan continued to bowl very economically, conceding only twelve runs off their 6 over spell together. Lachlan bowled very straight. Talk and running between overs was very impressive even after they passed our score. Leyton and Cooper's superb pairing effected 2 wickets in 3 balls. Cooper was excellent at cover. Pat was crisp, hitting the stumps and Liahm attacked the ball as he patrolled the boundary.

Mackenzie, Cooper, Matthew, Lachlan, Rizwan and Leyton batted well to see out a fruitless attempt by Manly to achieve an outright. The boys played with great sportsmanship and, undoubtedly, within the spirit of the game!

Under 12's Cawsey Shield **No Game**

Under 12's President's Cup **Win**

HK&HDCA 8/106 defeated Manly 10/103

Losing the toss meant we went to Plan B and we bowled first. Sensational line and length bowling and sharp fielding throughout the innings meant we kept Manly to 2 runs per over for a total of 103 runs. This is a team easily capable of 150+ but knew they had struck a team on a mission. The bowling figures were Duranga 1/9, Ben 0/12, Avneet 0/10, Bailey 1/13, Oliver U 2/13, Lachlan 3/14, Liam 2/16 and Ryan 1/14.

Going into bat and a lazy 2 an over seemed easily achievable even with the longer than normal grass. Well after the 1st 15 overs and we were just over 1 an over. Our openers

were told to lift it to 3 an over and despite a wicket down the higher target was being achieved, putting the team back on track. So at drinks at half way we were confident with our 2 runs per over, still on track and lots of wickets still in hand. Adam (28 runs) and Jack (23 runs) were the foundation of our response to Manly, however, Manly then brought on 2 hand grenade throwers, each of them bouncing the ball at head height. With eager batsmen and hand grenades landing around them, frustration rose and prompted uncharacteristic mistakes. Our middle order collapsed, going from 1 for 62 to 8 for 76 and creating mild panic from the parents.

With Ben (15 runs) and Liam (19 runs) at the crease, they steadied the ship and with 2 overs remaining reached and passed their score.

This result highlights what this team is capable of, crushing bowling and fielding and dogged batting that ends with the last name on the batting list. The U12 Presidents Cup team have found their sense of purpose and will continue to excel for the remainder of the competition in 2011.

Under 13's Gee Shield

No Game

Under 13's President's Cup

Win

IDCA U13 vs Manly

After winning the toss again we asked Manly to bat. The bowling was tight with Manly struggled to score runs off the opening bowling pair of Connor Laidlow and Etash Pandhi only conceding 13 runs between them in their opening spell of 10 overs. The change bowlers also kept the pressure on as they have all season, to have Manly struggling for runs and losing wickets at a steady rate. Manly managed to scrape together 106 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their 50 overs. The wickets were shared between all 8 the bowlers with Henry Ludlow's 2/16 of 10 overs the standout performer.

When it came to our turn to bat we managed to pass their score in the 37th over for a comfortable win. We continued to bat on, allowing more of the boys to have a bat, and took the score to 7/198 by the 50th over. Mitchell Vinton took on the bowlers on early in his innings and was followed by the "demolition boys" of Praneeth Weerasouriya and Deane Piek who pushed the run rate along at 6 runs per over during their partnership.

Man of the match was awarded to Praneeth for his bowling and aggressive batting. Special mention must also be made for Mitchell Vinton for his selfless batting and willingness to take on the bowlers from the start of his innings.

With 5 wins from 5 games the boys now take a well earned Xmas break and come back for the last 3 games of the season knowing that they stand a real chance at ending up top-of-the-log in this competition.

Under 14's Moore Shield

No Game

Under 14's President's Cup

Loss

HK&H 145 (S. Gracias Flor 50, N. McNay 33) def by Manly 9/179 (B. Spencer 3/15, S. Gracias Flor 3/16, 2 catches to H. Fullagar & A. Russell)

Our boys bowled very economically and Savio achieved a double breakthrough within the first 15 overs to have Manly 2/22. We thought this would allow us to contain Manly to a sub 150 score, however the Manly #1 & #4 compiled a partnership of just under 100 runs to put the pressure right back on us. In the 35th over Tom Aitken was introduced into the attack and broke the partnership, but by this point Manly were well placed to score 200 runs or more. To their credit our boys ramped up the pressure again and through tight fielding and bowling were able to keep Manly to 179 runs. Billy Spencer took 3 late wickets through some accurate and deceptively fast bowling. A special mention must go to both of our Wicket Keepers, Simon & Tom. Simon injured his finger early in the game and Tom had to keep wickets for most of the game and didn't give away a bye. Simon show true courage by returning to field with strapped fingers and instantly became a magnet for the ball and almost taking two miraculous catches!

Given that we scored over 180 in an earlier game we felt we could chase 179, however our top order collapsed through good bowling and one very dubious caught behind decision (Billy must remember not to use a wooden thigh pad). Showing our fighting spirit Savio and Nick ground out a 70 run partnership that not only saved us from disaster, they also put us in a match winning position. Unfortunately Nick was run out by a direct hit after attempting a quick single. The third (4th, 5th and 6th) umpires could see that Nick had in fact easily made his ground, however, in the true spirit of the game, Nick put his bat under his arm and walked off the ground with his chin held high. Simon batted with his injured fingers despite concern from the medical team and hit a quick fire 12 runs to keep us in the hunt, unfortunately Savio was out shortly after, mainly from exhaustion. Late cameos by Sam and the ever reliable Tom Green were not enough to get us to Manly's total, but to a respectable score of 145.

A big thankyou to our 3 fill in players; Billy Spencer (Hornsby District), Tom Aitken (Kissing Point) & Aidan Russell (WPHCC)

Next weekend is a bye, we will be back in the New year!

Under 15's Weblin Shield**Draw**

HK&HDCA Vs. Georges River St George – Draw

After winning the toss, Hornsby elected to bat. After 8 overs, we were 0/25 when the heavens opened. Unfortunately being on turf, the umpires declared the ground un-playable and the match was abandoned at 1:00. Because of our higher position on the ladder, Hornsby go through to the final at North Dalton next Sunday against Illawara. Good luck guys.

Under 15's Presidents Cup**Draw****Under 16's Watson Shield****Loss**

Hornsby 131 (Darshan Pandya 43, Daniel Anderson 24) lost to Central Coast 5/132 (Sid Shankar 3/26).

After 7 years the Association Junior Rep season has now come to an end. We played Central Coast, who have been in every DCA Semi Final since U10's and have won the Premiership 3 times – a powerhouse of the DCA in our age group. They also had a number of NSW players including the U16 Australian Captain. Winning the toss and batting first on a good track we had to work hard against an excellent attack and good fielding. The run rate was slow but the openers (Darshan and Bhavya) put on 39 without loss in 21 overs – an important platform. Darshan batted well to get 43 (136 deliveries) and was just starting to hit the ball over the top before getting out. An important partnership between DA (24 in 64 deliveries) and Ben (19* in 53 deliveries) was broken by a direct hit from deep cover. After that we lost the next 7 wickets for 36 runs in 14 overs against an attack that rarely bowled a loose ball.

Our fielding and bowling performance was one of our best and we came so close to pulling off a win. Central Coast were forced to fight all the way. They passed us 5 down but it took them 49 overs to get the runs. We bowled very well. Our fielding was also generally very good. The difference was that Coast executed everything they did consistently well. The tiny cumulative small things we didn't do as well – chances, the occasional fielding error was a difference. Our bowlers were superb. Sid Shankar (3/26) burst back into form taking the 1st 3 wickets to fall including the wicket of their gun opener. Indika (1/25 from 11 overs) and DA (0/18 off 11 overs) tied them down with at one stage 15 runs coming off 12 overs. Nathan Tanner (0/28 off 10) created opportunities but we just missed converting them. Bhavya did his usual damage with 1/10 off 3 including a wicket 1st ball. Marcus also bowled well.

The gap between the sides has narrowed from the wide gap 2 years ago when we were belted around Thornleigh Park to one where it got down to consistency in execution.

A big thank you to our players and parents who made this season the most enjoyable we have had since starting – we have come a long way. The quality of the players and the standards of behaviour have been exemplary. Finally, a special thanks to our Coach Peter Dick who has done a great job. On the bigger stage a huge acknowledgement to the support and encouragement from our Association President Mark Rushton over many years and ofcourse to Warren Jackson, who has left a fantastic legacy for Rep cricket in his time running the scene.

Well done fella's – it has been a privilege to be involved with such a quality group of young people.

Under 16's President's Cup. Win
Northern Knights v/s Manly Waringah

The recent wet weather did not bode well for any play at all and, upon arrival at the designated ground (LM Graham Reserve) our reservations were confirmed.

The sun was out and shining bright, however, the playing tracks at Graham's Reserve were far from ready. Thankfully Manly-Waringah had an alternate ground available, on a synthetic surface at nearby Keirle Park.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, the game got underway on time in fine conditions.

Lachlan Schacht and Sid Sethi opened the bowling for the Northern Knights each claiming a wicket in their first two overs to have M-W 2 wickets for 2 runs at the end of the 4th over and then backed up with two more maidens leaving M-W at 2-2 at the end of 6 overs. This could easily have been 3 for 2 but was not to be, with a couple of very viable chances not being taken and their opening bat taking advantage of 2 his lives to post a 50 .

First change bowlers Tim Ahern and Josh Mathias maintained the momentum provided by the opening bowlers with Josh Mathias left to rue his over-stepping the line and being no-balled after the batsmen chipped a catch into the hands of mid-on.

With the introduction of spin at one end (Mitch Easy and Alex Pagano) and tidy medium pace at the other end (Raj Chandrasena) the batsmen found runs hard to get. Raj finally claimed the 3rd wicket in the 25th over to dismiss M-W's top scorer for 50 runs. With that partnership broken, Alex Pagano pressured the batsmen to defend or take him on and the end result was that Alex completed his 10 over spell with the fine figures of 10-0-4-20. Lachlan Schacht claimed 2 wickets for 27 runs which could and would have looked a lot better had the Northern Knights taken all their chances off his bowling.

Notwithstanding that, M-W ended their innings at 10 down for 126 runs.

Modest totals can be particularly tricky however, this team has an abundance of confidence in both its bowling and batting line-up.

Opening the batting for the Northern Knights were Nick Walker and Alex Pagano who cautiously saw off M-Well's opening bowlers to be 0-26 after 12 overs. Alex then decided to step up the scoring rate and took a shine to the bowling, scoring 15 runs in the space of a few balls. Emboldened by the flurry of runs, Alex fatally chased one wide of off and a faint edge was snaffled by the keeper. Score 1-30. Raj joined Nick in the middle and carried the score to 47 before Nick was caught at mid-off for 12. Score 2-47. Raj was joined by Josh Mathias and the two put on a 50 run partnership with that ending on the last ball before tea when Josh, attempting a pull shot, top-edged to fine leg. Score 3-97.

Stewart Hodges and Raj resumed the innings after tea with 30 runs to get and this was achieved with no further loss of wickets. Raj walked off the ground to the applause of his team-mates and the opposition with a well compiled 45 (no). Stewart with 13 (no) felt comfortable with his batting and the end result.

While a win is always appreciated, and lifts a team as a whole, there were areas in which we could have done better, notably our fielding. Perhaps the lads had it in their heads that they were going to be playing on a turf wicket and when that changed, they were not fully in tune with what needed to be done on a synthetic wicket.

However, with two Twenty/20 games and two 50 over games under our belt, with wins in all 4 games so far, there is a confidence in the ability to go all the way and mirror the efforts of last year.

We have a bye in the next round with our next game in January 2011 so, there is plenty of time to sharpen up in areas that need to be, and no doubt, Tony P (the coach) will be more than equal to the task.

Telegraph Shield (Under 23)

Martin Shield (Open)