



‘Nice One Centurion’

(quote from Life of Brian, prisoner to Roman Soldier)

The DCA commences with some big wins & some big scores for our batsmen including a century in the Weblin Shield.

4wins & 3 losses

Forster Shield Win

On **Sunday 24/10/11** at Fred Caterson Reserve 4, Castle Hill.

Result : **Camden** 154/8 (J. Williams 22, Y. Patel 3/17, J. Hiley 3/30)

Lost to

HK&HDCA 163/3 (L. Shaw 50n.o., E. Khan 36, N. Hammond 29n.o.)

The Australian summer arrived with a vengeance. A couple of English dads spontaneously combusted before the 10th over and at least 3 Australian dads were seen to take one of their jumpers off. Not ideal conditions for 9 year olds to run around in for 80 overs but our boys took to the field in high spirits and sustained the positive team spirit throughout a strong batting performance from the Camden boys who had won the toss and elected to bat first.

A wicket in the first over to the impressive pace and accuracy of Kenneth Chu helped the boys stay motivated in the face of strong upper order batting. 2 wickets to Joe Hiley in the 9th over removed two more dangerous scorers and when Camdens opener & highest scorer was run out in the 13th over off the bowling of Yash Patel the score was 68/4. With Camden scoring at over 5 runs an over on the narrow Caterson field it was encouraging to see our boys redouble their effort and concede only 17 more runs whilst taking 3 more wickets before the 20th over, which included a wicket maiden in his first over to Ben Randall. With the halfway score 85/7 and our boys starting to feel the heat it was a credit to all of them that they maintained the fielding energy and, even though only one more wicket fell in the second half of Camdens innings, only conceded a further 62 runs. Total 154/8.

A spectacular lunch including pies, sausage rolls, fruit and other performance enhancing substances (powerade & sweet muffins) had the desired effect on our batsmen.

Eshaan Khan was dealing almost exclusively in 4's during his 22 over innings (28 of his 36 being boundaries) and was more than ably backed up by firstly Kieran Krishnan and then Ben. On 76/3 after 23 overs we were 20 runs behind where Camden had been, but had 4 more wickets in hand than them. Spectators thought the game nicely poised for an exciting finish at this point but the two new Batsmen had other ideas. Excellent calling, backing up & running ensued, sprinkled liberally with boundaries, and the remaining 87 runs were harvested in 11 overs without a wicket being lost. Nick Hammond contributed 29 runs and Lachlan Shaw carried the batting honours for the day with 50 in the unbroken 87 partnership. Total 163/3.

1-2-3 Hornsby !!!!

Under 10's Cup

Creak Shield

Loss

" HKHDCA U11 Creak Shield 149 all out from 49.3 overs Lost To Central Coast 168 for 8 wickets from 50 overs.

Captain Gian lost the toss and Central Coast elected to bat – probably a good toss to lose on such a hot day

Gian (1 for 29), Tyson (1 for 19), Connor (2 for 28), Brad (1 for 20) and Shivraj (1 for 18) all bowled well to keep Central Coast down to 60 runs for the first wicket after 23 overs. Yushan, Tim and Dhruva Thorat backing up these bowlers.

We fielded well with Connor, James, Gian each taking a catch and Shivraj two. Nicholas kept well with no byes and then handed the gloves to Shivraj who followed his wicket and catches with two stumpings.

Sam and James fielded superbly and Brad threw 40 metres for a direct runout.

Our innings started solidly with Jonathan and Gian opening. Nicholas batted for 2 and a half hours hitting 70 runs including 28 and 61 run partnerships with Jonathan and Brad respectively. Tim, Sam, James, Yushan, Dhruva Thorat and finally Nicholas were out trying to keep up with the run rate – we fell 19 runs short .

This was a great game of cricket and shows the continued improvement in the team.

Under 11's Cup

No game

Cawsey Shield

Loss

HKHDCA 7-155 (50 overs) (Q Cheng 31, F Wilson 27) def. by Sutherland 5-158 (48.1 overs) (Q Cheng 2-13)

We arrived at Les Shore to play last years undefeated champions, after hours upon hours of training the boys were certainly up for a challenge. The attendance of Steve Waugh only served to motivate the boys more, while the boys did need reminding that he was here to watch them, not the other way around. We started well with captain Harvey winning the toss and asking Sutherland to field.

A flying start saw us get to drinks after 14 overs at 1-55 with our openers Jamie and Dash setting the tone with some fantastic stroke making early. We continued along well with all the batsmen chipping in, Quentin and Fraser playing fantastically to nullify last year's top bowling side and take us to morning tea at 2-88. We continued to play well with everyone who batted looking comfortable at the crease and ended on 7-155, what we thought was a good score, but one that would be tough to defend on a quick Les Shore outfield.

Unfortunately after a good first six overs in which only 8 runs were scored, we started to deviate from our game plan and in combination with some fantastic batting from the Sutherland openers they started to get on top. As much as our bowling was poor in the first 25 overs, credit must also go to Sutherland's batsmen who didn't give us a sniff while they took themselves to 0-100 after 26 overs at afternoon tea.

A little soul searching and some quality afternoon tea got the boys in the mood for the afternoon session and only 3 balls later we had our first breakthrough. This triggered a mini collapse as we left them feeling the pinch at 5-134 with 8 overs remaining. We

continued working super hard and some outstanding bowling and fielding kept things tight, however we had left our run too late and Sutherland got home with 11 balls to spare.

Credit must go to the boys for both their batting and their comeback in the field and if we continue to play the way we did today, the boys will certainly win more games than they lose this year.

Under 12's Cup

Gee Shield

Loss

The scores (North Shore 10 / 157, Hornsby 10 / 100) do not reflect the closeness of this game. At 2pm Hornsby was well on top, at 3.30 the game was still in the balance.

The well drilled North Shore team got off to a good start (0-140), Strangely I thought the Hornsby bowling was steady through out. All bowlers bowled to expectations with out achieving the vital breakthrough. Once the breakthrough was achieved the game turned on itself , North Shore ALL OUT 157.

Whilst credit goes to the early bowling for not letting the game get out of reach, I would like to mention the bowling spells of Shubhang (5 wickets) and Avneet (3 wickets) who actually steered the game back to Hornsby.

The Hornsby opening batmen started solidly, at this point Hornsby was well in control. A combination of bad luck and quality North Shore bowling saw the ascendancy swing away from Hornsby late in the day. Again I would like to mention Anthony for a very solid innings as an opening batsman.

The team to a main continue to impress the way they carry themselves on and off the field.

I am looking forward to training on Friday, there is a lot that we can learn from Sundays' game.

Under 13's Cup

Win

HK&HDCA U13 Presidents Cup 180 defeated Manly 175 (Trial game)

Due to a couple of late changes to the members of the team, this is the first game we have had with most of our team playing together. The team is lead by Ben and Ryan and all the boys have bonded as a team very quickly, and it shows on and off the field.

If the boys continue for the rest of the season with the skills and team work they exhibited today, we should have a very good season.

The fielding was superb, extras were kept to a minimum by Adam and Scott behind the wicket with only 1 bye and 1 leg bye. A couple of blinding catches were taken, and a couple of very difficult catches were just missed. Manly had to work hard for every run they scored.

Bowling: Duranga 2 for 15, Lachlan 2 for 27, Liam 1 for 14, Ben 1 for 15, Nick 1 for 17 and Scott 1 for 18.

Batting: Tom 38no, Adam 21no, Lachlan 19no, Oliver 18no and William 16no.

We play a trial game against North Shore next week, which will be a challenge for the boys, but based on today's performance I am sure they are up to it.

Moore Shield Win

Sunday 23rd dawned fine and clear at Normanhurst Oval for the first round of competition. The Camden boys were on site early, keen to go after beating us narrowly at the end of last season.

Captain John Anderson won the toss and elected to bat .

Our openers Deane Piek and Matt McVay got off to a flyer running at about 6 an over for 8 or so before they both were caught behind in quick succession.

That left Vice Captain Alex Dolly and Ben Wallwood at 3 and 4 to steady the ship, which they did with great aplomb. Alex scoring the maiden 50 of the season with a 51 and Ben doing a good job holding the other end and finishing with 33.

Ben Wallwood's departure to a sharp runout saw John Anderson and then Praneeth Weerasooriya both walk out to the centre, and both get knocked over for the addition of just a few runs. When Alex Dolly fell to a catch shortly after, things were looking wobbly again. The boys had lost their wickets in a clump and were in danger of removing the remainder of the coaches hair.

Out strides our keeper Daniel Heidegger and proceeds to peel a 40 off 33 balls, aided by a cameo for 6 by Sid Dissanayake, and then a terrific lower order knock of 17 no by Dylan Hood, who remained unbeaten in the centre with big Ben Jones after Dan Heidegger was caught near to the close.

We ended 8/214, which on the quick outfield at Normo was looking a little short.

Lunch over and Praneeth W and Tom O'Loughlin open up the bowling. Camden taking a leaf out of our openers book, started swinging and got a few away before Praneeth despatched one of the openers by removing his leg stump in the third over.

Towards the end of the opening spell, Tom O found a good line outside the off stump and had the other opener edging and caught sharply by Matt (the Cat) McVay at first slip. Out comes the Camden number four and is also caught McVay bowled O'Loughlin on the next ball, bringing up a hatrick ball for Tom O that was sadly wasted down leg.

Dylan Hood and Ben Wallwood come on to bowl and Dylan promptly snares the Camden number 5 LBW. Not to be outdone, Benny Wallwood decides to take the next three wickets for just 13 runs to cut the heart of the opposition. He was also on a hatrick in the 18th over, which sadly didn't come off either.

Praneeth and Hoody cleaned up the tail, taking another 1 and 2 wickets respectively, and finishing an all round effort from the bowlers. Praneeth with 2, Tom with 2, and Benny and Hoody with 3 each.

Camden all out for 108 with 18 overs left to play.

An early mark for the first game and a win first up. Not without it's tense moments, but all ending happily.

Looking forward to next week vs Blacktown 2 at Rooty Hill.=

Under 14's Cup No Game

Weblin Shield Win

HKHDCA 4/256 def South Eastern 6/255

The boys turned up to one of Sydney's most picturesque and historic grounds (Petersham Oval) to play the defending premiers.

Prior to the match coach Mark "Frankie J" instructed the boys to read the plaque at the ground acknowledging this was the oval that Sir Donald Bradman scored his first ever 'first grade' century on. Who would have thought later that day one of our boys would create his own history at the same ground.

We lost the toss and despite an above par performance with the ball and in the field, the South Eastern boys piled on 106 for the opening stand after 30 overs. By the end of the innings a very solid 255 had been posted.

There were some glum faces at the lunch break (parents trying to hide theirs) but whether Mark sprinkled “pixie dust” or maybe the great ‘Don’ was looking down on us, the next three and a half hours would be a time when boys turned into men. Experience with kids cricket tells you they cannot chase large totals. However, could we ‘grow’ and do what seemed the impossible to run down the most dominant team in our age group for the last three years?

We lost both our openers by the 8th over however, the run rate was still three an over. Mansimar and George set about building a platform (that being a 106 partnership for the third wicket). ‘Jorgè’ (George) deserved his 50 today but a very controversial LBW left him stranded on 43 – still a skipper’s knock of epic proportions.

Sam “the man” Heinrich then strode to the crease for what was definitely an innings where he showed maturity beyond his years. We could tell in Sam’s eyes he had something to prove and along with Mansimar put on 62 for the fourth wicket. Some crisp hitting over the infield saw Sam hit a quickfire 31 and gave us a chance of victory.

Tisveer “the mystery man” (no longer a mystery to South Eastern) in his debut Shield game played an outstanding innings. He was requested by coach Mark to take an over to get his eye in. Well that he did because on the 7th ball he faced hit what we all thought was a “big” six. On the 8th ball he hit an even bigger six almost landing in the grandstand. He then thought he should play a few singles and rotate the strike with Mansimar. By this stage however, Mansimar was cramping up so Tisveer stepped up again and hit another six out of Petersham Park onto the road and into a neighbour’s front yard!

Whilst this was going on Mansimar played superbly to push on for his maiden Rep cricket century just as “Sir Don” had done some 84 years earlier. With a raising of the bat to his teammates and then to his parents sitting adjacent to the old scoreboard “Sir” Mansimar had played an innings that would see the team to victory. It was only fitting he scored the winning runs and remained not out on 119. Tisveer still at the crease had smashed 30 no. off 23 balls.

It is worthy to note at tea (30 overs) we were 2/88 and by the last drinks interval (45 overs) the scores were identical at the same stage of each innings. We still actually had 3 overs remaining when victory was secured (never in doubt !)

I don’t think it was “pixie dust” but Mark taking a group of boys and mentoring them into how to chase a big score.

The president of our coaches association (Bruce Wood) has described it as “one of the greatest run chases he has seen by a HKHDCA team”.

Whilst this was certainly a memorable match, the challenge for the boys is to come back down from the clouds and make sure we have a memorable season.

Under 15’s Cup

No Game

Watson Shield

Win

Illawarra 64 (29.3 overs)) (D.Nicotra 4/11, U.Somaiya 2/14) defeated by Hornsby 159 (53.3 overs) (L.Thorburn 62, U.Somaiya 22, A.Gnanasekaram22)

Illawarra won the toss and elected to bat and that was the only thing they won all day. The Hornsby bowlers led by Matt and Utti ripped in and exposed the soft underbelly of the Illawarra batting line up as they followed Coach and Captain Ed’s instructions to “attack, attack, attack” the corridor. With the Illawarra underbelly exposed a ravenous Daniel N feasted on the soft

Illawarra middle order taking 4/11 with his leg breaks. Daniel between gulps helped himself to a run out and was ably supported by his new mate Dingo Chamberlain who took a wicket. Arjun Hefner with his earrings sparkling in the bright sunshine also took a wicket and picked up the team's best dressed award. The run chase was all too easy and the result was never in doubt. The force was with Luke as he slashed his way to a well made 62 nearly surpassing the Illawarra team's score on his own. Matt thought Utti and Anik batted well too. The Illawarra team had been well and truly thrashed but refused to call it a day. The Hornsby boys had organised to go up to Westfield after the game and watch either *Footloose* or *Midnight in Paris* but never quite made it. The latter stages of the Hornsby innings almost turned into a farce as the Illawarra players lost interest and their best bowlers didn't bowl but their coach wouldn't let them pull up stumps as he desperately tried to repair the chronic Illawarra quotient under the guise of going for an outright victory (spirit of cricket indeed!). Afternoon tea was excellent as always with this team. The profiteroles with strawberries, the cakes and slices and the arrowroot/freddo biscuits were disgusting – disgustingly good. Well done boys.

Under 16's Cup

No Game