



## Strongest season in many years

With Round 3 completed HK&HDCA has 4 of the 7 teams in the top 6.  
5 wins & 2 losses in the Shield again this week.

### **Foster Shield            Win**

HK&H won the toss and elected to Bat.

Result :            HK&HDCA 208/6 (L. Shaw 61, N. Hammond 58)

                         Defeated

                         Fairfield Liverpool 49 all out (Y. Patel 3/6, N. Lautre 2/3, J. Hiley 2/14)

                         By 159 runs

A textbook performance by an ever improving Hornsby resulted in this emphatic victory for our boys.

Openers Rahul and Kieran did their job, blunting the Fairfield attack for 10 overs and accumulating a useful 29 runs. Middle order ever-dependables Lachlan and Nich H then put on a fantastic 116 run partnership at 5 an over – running well together and hitting a few fours along the way kept the strike rotating and the Fairfield attack struggling. Both recorded well deserved 50's before departing in quick succession with about 5 overs to go. Cue a handy contribution of 26 in as many balls between Joe and Harry. Total 208/6. Hornsby's bowling attack then came to the fore, bowling with an accuracy not achieved in previous games. Wickets falling in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> overs meant openers Joe and James had made their mark and Fairfield were playing catch-up. Tight bowling continued and wickets fell regularly either side of a rainbreak – most of our bowlers were involved in the wickets and maidens that occurred, Yash and Nic L taking the honours with 3 and 2 very cheap wickets each, and only one Fairfield batsman made double figures – which meant the pressure was never released by Hornsby. Some stubborn 9<sup>th</sup> wicket resistance delayed the result a while but it was all over in the 27<sup>th</sup> over. Total 49 all out.  
1-2-3 Hornsby !!!!

### **Under 10's Cup**

## **Creak Shield**

## **Loss**

U11 Creak Shield HKHDCA 114 all out off 50 overs lost to Blacktown 97 for 9 wickets off 42 overs

I could almost copy last week's match report – again we just fell short of bowling the opposition out taking 9 wickets in another rain affected game.

James top scored with 21, Nicholas scored 16 and Shivraj 15.

All the bowlers bowled well with Tyson taking 4 wickets for 9 runs off 8 overs. Shivraj conceded just 7 runs off 8 overs, Yushan took 2 for 14 off 8 overs, Gian 1 for 14 and Connor 1 for 31. The bowlers were backed up with great catching from Nicholas (3), Gian, Sandeep, Yushan and Tyson.

Special mention also to Tim, conceding 3 runs off 2 overs, and Sandeep who stepped up to bowl the last over.

There were many fine performances but the team effort in the field was superb with just 9 extras from 42 overs.

The umpires commended the behaviour of the team and awarded a team full marks for the first time this season – Well done to all boys on a wonderful achievement that they can be truly proud of.

## **Under 11's Cup**

### **Cawsey Shield**

### **Win**

HKHDCA 6-151 (50 overs) (M Blow 35no, D Ratnam 27, J Cheng 25) def. Manly-Warringah 134 (48.1 overs) (L Williams 2-15, Q Cheng 2-15)

Back to Les Shore for a clash against last season's semi-finalists, and as per the first game, the morning temperatures were already uncomfortably warm. It seems to be becoming quite repetitive and a reoccurring theme in these reports, but Captain Harvey won his 3<sup>rd</sup> toss on the trot and once again put the opposition into the field.

Not quite the explosive start we had become used to over the past two games, losing an early wicket however we consolidated well until we lost a wicket on the last ball before drinks to leave us at 2-41 after 14. What followed was quite a collapse with Manly's quality leg-spinner ripping through our top order to leave us reeling at 5-56 after 20 overs. Luckily for us, after 2 matches of not being called upon until over 35 at the earliest, the middle order fired when it really counted. Jono Cheng and Mitchell Blow started the recovery in quick fashion and when Jono was run out we had taken the score to 6-98 after 33. This didn't help Manly much as Andrew (19no) and Mitch kept us on track and by the end had taken us to another 150+ score and Manly had a real chase on their hands.

After 5 balls of Manly's chase, we were off for lightning. Luckily this gave our opening bowlers who had batted for over an hour in stifling heat some extra recovery time and we came out firing after the break. Mitch broke through first before Sam had us on a high with a run out which set the tone of the afternoon. We snared a third wicket just before the rain came and an early afternoon tea was called with Manly on 3-46 after 13 overs. Liahm bowled brilliantly after tea to take the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket and we started to take control. When Fraser ran-out the batsman who had tormented this team in previous encounters for a duck, the boys were on a real high and with more tight bowling we were looking good, however their opening batsman was still in and a partnership was slowly but surely

building. Step up Liahm again who struck early in his second spell to put them at 6-80, before Quentin grabbed our third run-out to leave them reeling at 7-98. Manly did not through the towel in and put up a good fight before at 7-130 with 4 overs left Matt Wright took a fantastic catch to remove their opener. This was followed by the Sam Milligan show with a quite unbelievable one handed, moving back, over the head catch to give Martin the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket, followed by a direct hit run out finishing the game.

To come back from 5-56 to win this match really shows the new found self belief in this group of boys. Both the Manly coach and the umpires said that this was one of the best U12 fielding performances that they had ever seen and I don't think anyone in the Hornsby camp was arguing much with that. A fantastic performance and no doubt a local derby against an undefeated North Shore team next week will no doubt have the boys fired up.

## **Under 12's Cup**

**Gee Shield**

**Win**

HKHDCA 7/151 def ACT 127

Weary-eyed travellers descended on the "paddock" in the ACT where either a few sheep are desperately needed (for about 6 months) or a good lawn mower.

That aside, the toss was won by HKHDCA and in to bat we went. The boys quickly realised that there was little reward for good shots and the quick single really needed to be an easy two on most other grounds. Rahul got an early unlucky decision trying to turn one around his pads being adjudged caught behind. Thankfully, ACT's fielding let us off a couple of early run-out opportunities which both Eknoor (45) and Anthony (39) capitalised upon. But a run-out did follow and Travis and Eknoor continued accumulating runs. Once ACT brought their pace back on the run rate dramatically reduced and then with 5-6 overs to go Travis was caught on the boundary trying to push the run rate along. Now short of overs and needing to get runs still Tom, Nick and Shubhang lost their wickets trying to push quickly for runs without the luxury of 'settling in'.

So 3 per over we were defending. Our bowlers did very well keeping ACT to just under 2 per over until afternoon tea. After tea, ACT needing 4 per over they went for it and HKHDCA were slow to respond allowing them back into the game. The bowling honours were shared amongst Kristoff, Anthony, Eknoor, Jack and Avneet with the highlight being an excellent second spell from Kristoff giving the much needed break through and figures of 4/18.

As the competition progresses we are going to have to be much more deliberate with our field settings, bowl to the settings and avoid the exorbitant sundries.

Special mention needs to be made of the ACT hospitality. With the temperature getting up early ACT were generous in providing shade tents, while lunch and afternoon tea were provided in spectacular quantities and quality.

## **Under 13's Cup**

**Moore Shield**

**Win**

Moore Shield Round 3 vs Canterbury-Wests at Normanhurst Oval.

A crunch day for the Moore Shield boys dawned very hot and humid at Normanhurst Oval. It was our belief that Canterbury-Wests would provide us with a sterner test than we had experienced in the first two rounds – and we were right.

Captain John Anderson kicked off the day well by winning the toss, electing to bat, and thereby sending the opposition out for a very hot morning in the field. The coach and manager immediately started working on bringing through a cool change in time for our boys to be a bit more comfortable in the afternoon. More on that later.

Openers McVay and Piek kicked the day off with a partnership of 85 runs before Matt was claimed bowled on 27. Deano followed only 8 runs later caught on the boundary for 55, leaving Matt Chamberlain and new batsman John Anderson out in the centre. With JA falling soon after for only 17 more runs, the wickets had fallen in a clump again and coach Peter was pacing.

Matt Chamberlain put together a fantastic 53 to steady things with Alex Dolly (26), putting together a partnership of 77 before Matt was caught. Alex then fell caught behind for no further addition and Praneeth and Daniel H were both out fairly quickly after that. Benny Wallwood (2 no) and Sid (7no) saw out the innings and we finished at 7/204 in our 50. We weren't sure that was enough, but it was a total that could possibly be defended.

Lunch over and the Canterbury openers walked to the centre and started well putting on 66 for the first loss with a sharp caught and bowled to Benny Wallwood. Unfortunately it wasn't the oppositions' star batsmen, but it was a start. Benny then promptly snared the first drop LBW for a duck, and JA then chipped in with a handy stumping by Dan Heidegger to remove the number four cheaply.

Our weather dance had obviously been a little too successful and the rain arrived, but happily it passed over quite quickly and no loss of time or overs. It did cool things down for our boys though, so mission accomplished.

Sam Roby, the Canterbury star bat was still at the crease and was seeing it like a watermelon until Praneeth delivered him a scorcher and rearranged the furniture in the 33<sup>rd</sup> over, dismissing him for exactly 100.

17 overs to go and only 48 runs to get with 6 wickets in hand for Canterbury – odds you would take most days we thought!

A mix up by the batsmen in the 38<sup>th</sup> over saw the next wicket fall to a very composed runout, with Sid delivering the ball beautifully to Dan H at the stumps, who obligingly removed the bails.

32 runs to get with 12 overs to go – still looking good for Canterbury.

Benny (the bowler) Wallwood snared the dangerous looking number 5 bat to a good catch by Tom O, and then followed that up with the number 7 bat to another good catch by Deano.

Eight overs to go and 24 runs to win, getting tighter and the opposition looking a little less comfortable.

Tom O took the ball for his second spell after an unproductive opening dig, and took a wicket with the first ball of the 43rd over to a sharp catch by Praneeth. He followed that with a desperate run and dive to have the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket caught and bowled in the 45<sup>th</sup>. One wicket left, five overs to go and only 12 runs to get. A lot of ball and run counting over in the pavilion and on the sidelines.

Tom O's last over in the 49th saw the score rise to 198 – seven to go. Last ball of the over came and the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket fell clean bowled with no further addition.

A victory that looked pretty unlikely for most of the afternoon was snatched by the boys through some great application and intensity in the field, particularly after tea (obviously all that sugar).

Highlights included a brilliant diving save by Ben Jones to save three in the last session.

Notable performances of the day were Dean Piek 55, Matt Chamberlain 53, Ben Wallwood 4/35 and Tom O'Loughlin with 3/26.

Having said that, it should be noted that every single player contributed really well to a very tightly fought victory. A definite team win.

Back at Normanhurst Oval this Sunday for Fairfield Liverpool if our nerves can stand it!

## **Under 14's Cup**

**Weblin Shield**                      **Win**  
HKHDCA 4/289 def Fairfield-Liverpool 125

Coach Mark described today as “Danger” day as the cross-over match was our only loss during the pool games last year. Well the boys took the “D” out of Danger and Demolished the opposition team today.

Winning the toss on a very hot and humid day we decided to set the target for the first time this year. Aaron (“Ronny”) got us off to a flyer taking 7 off the first over and although we lost an early wicket, “Sir” Mansimar and Ronny put on 68 for the second wicket. Both boys were dismissed in quick succession after making a solid 42 (Aaron) and 38 (Mansimar).

With George (Jorgè) and Aditya (“ditch”) at the crease a massive 105 partnership was amassed. A rise up the batting order for “ditch” saw him blast 67 in quick time playing one of his best innings in Rep cricket. At the other end Jorgè settled in to a supporting role in what would result in him tallying successive half-centuries.

Sam “the man” and Jorgè put on 92 runs in the last 16 overs with Jorgè clearing the fence at Barker with a “huge” six. At the end of the innings he remained 86no and Sam had played another solid middle order knock (39no). Finishing at 4/289 even Mark managed a smile !

Only rain could save the opposition and unfortunately at one stage the ever increasing scene of dads running the covers off and on the pitch was occurring too often. The match

eventually reduced to 49 overs: Fairfield-Liverpool needed an adjusted score of 237 for victory.

The opposition batsmen gave the chase a small shake early in the innings, but probably our best bowling performance of the season resulted in some outstanding figures today with the wicket takers being “Action” Jackson (2/8), “Nicky” Miller (1/27), Jorgè (2/31), Luc “Mr In-Swing” (2/19) and Thomas “leggy” (3/13).

Dismissing the opposition for 125 in the 34<sup>th</sup> over we had totally outplayed Fairfield-Liverpool and the win keeps us top of our pool.

One of the most promising aspects so far this year is the boys have developed “partnerships” with the bat right throughout the line-up. The bowling has also been rock solid from each boy and has given Mark some headaches with both batting and bowling line-ups.

Other highlights of the day were having the scoreboard operating at Barker (although an opposition player pulled the plug for a few overs to try and stop our run rate) and the “luscious layout” provided by our parents for afternoon tea !

## **Under 15’s Cup**

### **Watson Shield**

### **Loss**

#### **U16 Watson Shield - Round 3 v. Canterbury-Wests – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

*Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 117 (48.3 overs) (W Johnston 29) def by Canterbury-Wests 4-122 (41 overs)*

A good toss to win with Ed having no hesitation in having a bat. A look at the scorecard says there were not many batting highlights with only one batsmen scoring more than 20 with the team bundled out in the 49<sup>th</sup> over for 117. At least there were no run outs. Safe to say we can expect wholesale changes to the batting lineup next week with Watts, Narsai, Chamberlain and Vile all being considered for spots in the top order. The bowling was pretty tight with another impressive display from Matt (0/9 off 5 overs) but defending 117 on the large Punchbowl Oval was never going to be easy. It was good to hear that the boys supported and encouraged each other during the opposition’s slow and steady run chase. Given the results of other games a semi-final spot is still there for the taking. Good luck boys against Camden

## **Under 16’s Cup**

### **Next weeks games**

Foster	Canterbury West @ Caterson 4
Creak	Sutherland @ Les Shore
Cawsey	North Shore @ Wellington
Gee	BYE
Moore	Fairfield Liverpool @ Normanhurst
Weblin	Northern Districts @ ELS Hall
Watson	Camden @ Barker