



The Shield Rounds completed & we have 4 in the Semis
1 with a Home Semi @ Barker.

Finishing with Under 15's 1st, U14's 4th, 13's & 10's 5th sees HK&HDCA in more finals than ever before

Foster Shield Loss

Hornsby won the toss and elected to Bat.

Result : **HK&HDCA 88/8**

Lost to

North Shore '2' 92/9 (N. Lautre 4/11, J. Hiley 3/14)

By 1 wicket

It was a real pity someone had to lose this one, and an even bigger pity that it was Hornsby. Our boys having 'only' managed 88 from their full 40, we the unbelievers (the parents) were consoling ourselves with the prospect of a rare early mark. Our boys have come a long way this season, really bonded as a team, and never was it better demonstrated than in their fightback that saw them lose by only 1 wicket and to the last ball of the day.

As a score of 88 suggests there were no major heroics in the Hornsby batting this time – Eshaan opened with a handy 16 and was one half of our best partnership of the day (24, with Kieran). Yash and Joe at least gave themselves something to bowl at with a relatively rapid 15 and 12n.o. respectively at the end of the innings but other than that it was a difficult morning at the crease facing a strong accurate bowling unit with no obvious weak link.

And so to the bowling; would we set the right tone or simply set about losing ? Ken and Joe hit their straps from the off – Ken's four overs cost only 7 and Joe fizzed down 4 maidens taking a wicket in the process. Game on ! Wickets needed to keep falling for Hornsby to stay in the hunt and fall they did. James and Nic L. took 3 in the next 8 overs. Drinks saw North Shore on 38/4 and both teams feeling they were in it. The game ebbed and flowed by the minute with nerves occasionally getting the better of, let's face it, the parents also. Yash partnered Ben and Harry through the next 16 quiet overs, Joe made it 5 consecutive maidens and 3 wickets before tailend hitting took a bit of shine off his figures. Nic L. made his biggest and best contribution to date by rounding off 8 clinical overs for 11 runs with 4 wickets in the bag. Nerves of steel. So there we were, last ball of the day, scores tied, opposition 9 wickets down and whilst a dot ball would have been fair to both sets of kids at the end of a brilliant days play (OK, days bowling) it wasn't to be;

a brilliant lucky textbook fortunate perfect in the air cover drive for 4 saw the game go North Shores way. Well Done Boys, a brilliant effort and a pleasure to be there.
P.S. I think we made it into the Qualifying Finals, but don't tell the kids until we're 100% certain.

1-2-3-Hornsby !!

Creak Shield **Win**

Creak Shield U11 HKHDCA 75 for 1 wicket off 16.4 overs beat Fairfield Liverpool 72 allout off 43.2 overs

Our final game of the season and a great ground at Liverpool Catholic Club. Fairfield Liverpool won the toss and chose to bat on a sweltering day with Yushan and one of the Fairfield Liverpool batsmen coming off suffering from the heat. We bowled well with Connor 3 for 14, Jonathon 2 for 10, Tyson 2 for 13, Gian 1 for 3, Shivraj 1 for 3. We also fielded well with Sam taking 3 catches, Brad and Tyson one and Tim throwing to the keeper for a runout.

Sam top scored with 35 not out out and put on 67 with Shivraj (16). Tim full of confidence from last week's top score faced the last two balls and hit both for 4.

Under 11's Cup **Win**

HK&HDCA 7/94(40 overs) (Ronan Shiels 28, Ryan Calvert 16) def Penrith 61(Fraser Richardson 3/9, Nicholas Chan 2/8)

Penrith won the toss and sent our boys in to bat in very hot conditions. Ronan and Ryan were solid in the opening stand of 49 in 19 overs. Slow outfield, scorching heat and good bowling meant we lost wickets at regular intervals and boys were not able to accelerate. At the end of 40 overs we reached 7 for 94 which looked like below par total.

Our boys came onto field knowing they had only 94 to defend. Combination of strong wind and heat made things difficult for all the players as well as Spectators☺. Nick and Fraser started off the proceedings with accurate bowling. Penrith' innings never really got going as all the bowlers bowled well and were supported by good fielding. Fraser was pick of the bowlers with 3/9. Nick, Jayson and Riley chipped in with 2 wickets each.

Nice way to start the comp with the Victory.

Cawsey Shield **Loss**

Inner West Harbour 8-158 (M Blow 2-10, Q Cheng 2-26) def. HKHDCA 64 (F Wilson 21)

Back at Les Shore and after losing the toss Inner West Harbour had no hesitation in letting us field on a stinking hot morning.

A fantastic start from the boys with Andrew picking up the first wicket with the score UR on 2. Tight spells from Marty and Liahm complemented a devastating 4 overs from Mitch who destroyed a stump in the process of picking up 2 wickets. Another wicket to Quentin and Inner West Harbour were struggling at 4-24. The spinners operated well at

one end, Sam bowling tightly without reward while Matt picked up the 5th wicket. Marty followed that up by knocking out middle stump to leave the score at 6-67 with only 17 overs left to play. Unfortunately that was where the fun ended and with the heat beginning to hit home there was a clear lack of energy and desperation in the field which allowed our opposition to regroup and take control. Once again we let a great start slip and another sizable run chase was required.

We were under pressure from the outset, losing 3 wickets inside 5 overs. A fantastic partnership from Fraser and Cooper took us close to 50 and it looked like our innings had been resurrected. Disappointingly we fell away badly after that partnership, as our opposition gave a fantastic demonstration of how things should be done when the batting team is struggling at 5-50. It was looking like another second innings was on the cards but thankfully Sam, Andrew and Marty dug their heels in and made sure it took a good hour to take the last 2 wickets.

A disappointing way to end such an enjoyable season, the boys have all learned and improved a great deal and I have no doubt will once again improve next season. The boys are looking forward to their first post-season trip to Lismore and will no doubt enjoy a well earned break over the next month or so. A huge congratulations to all the teams that have qualified for the finals, it is great to see so many teams perform so well, good luck for the next few weeks to all those teams.

Under 12's Cup

Gee Shield

Win

(Hornsby 4/272, Fairfield-Liverpool 189)

Hornsby batted first and initially had to negotiate a spirited Fairfield bowling attack. Anthony and Rahul began cautiously, the credit to Fairfield, with the openers back in the pavilion for 20 runs. This provided an opportunity for Travis and Eknoor which they gladly accepted. It was very pleasing that both players displayed patience in accumulating singles, slowly wearing down the Fairfield bowlers. Eknoor was eventually out for 130. An acknowledgement to Nick is warranted in farming the strike to Travis late in the day. Travis finished 100 no.

The team is quickly understanding the value of accumulating large totals in singles and twos.

Some large first innings totals has allowed the team to explore all our bowling options. Jack was effective with the new ball. Peter and Kristoff are consistent and were both rewarded with two wickets. A good spell by Thomas was ideal preparation for the semi finals. Avneet is always reliable for a breakthrough late in the innings. The leg spin is a real trump for the team. Oliver, Rahul, Shubhang, and Anthony provide some great options. Shubhang is having an outstanding season, is currently one of the leading wicket takers in the competition.

The field placements have improved. The ground fielding was very tidy. With some minor adjustments I believe we can secure more catches.

Congratulations to the boys, it is an achievement to participate in the end of season games.

Under 13's Cup Win

HK&HDCA U13 Presidents Cup 112 defeated Penrith 107

Our first competition round game saw us at Penrith on what was shaping up to be a very hot day. We lost the toss and were sent out to field on an oval that had not been mown. The grass was that long that Penrith did not score a single boundary in their innings, and we had to wait until the 30th over of our innings before Jack struck the ball beautifully for the first boundary of the game.

Our boys played extremely well in the field with Liam taking 4 for 18, Lachlan 2 for 5 and Adam 1 for 6. Both Jack and Ben returned the ball to Scott for two run outs late in the innings. Catches were taken by Ryan (2), Nicholas and Duranga. Bowling economy rates were exceptional Lachlan 0.71, Ben 1.33, Duranga 1.40, Jack 1.40, Adam 1.50, Liam 1.80, Nicholas 3.00 and William 3.00. Given the heat, this was a superb performance.

When lunchtime came, so did a drop in the temperature and by the 20th over of our innings a sporadic light rain started to fall. Adam and William started us off and saw us through to the 11th over without the loss of a wicket. Ryan then came in and continued where Adam left off, facing the Penrith bowling onslaught. William (12) was caught in the 15th over as he was trying to lift the run rate, Oliver then came in and saw out 5 over's before he too was caught. Ryan was run out after 6 over's and he was replaced by Ben (21). Scott continued for 3 over's before also being caught, this then bought Jack (33) to the crease. Ben and Jack then stabilised our innings and went on to build our run rate. Ben was caught after 18 over's which then bought Duranga (11) in to bat with Jack. Jack with Duranga supporting him, finished off the job he and Ben had begun. Both Jack and Duranga remained not out with Jack hitting the winning run in the 48th over. Both Todd and I were extremely pleased with the way the boys played given the adverse conditions, and they continue being undefeated against teams in their own age group. We have a bye this week before playing Manly on the 4th December.

Moore Shield Loss

MOORE SHIELD ROUND 5 vs BLACKTOWN AT AQUILINA OVAL

A very hot and humid Sunday morning greeted us at Aquilina Reserve last weekend. Given the state of the ground, we had to look around to make sure there were no cows around to get in the fielders way. I think I saw the herd retreating up Eastern Road Rooty Hill as we pulled in. The flock of ducks that waddled past the "pavilion" should have given us some clue as to how the day was going to pan out.

Captain John Anderson won the toss, making it 3 and 2 for the season, and declared to the opposition that we would have a bat.

It may have been the heat, or perhaps the spirit of Christmas was welling up in our top order as they wrapped up their wickets in shiny paper and gave them to the opposition, who bowled good tight line and length, without being spectacular. This was a new experience for us, being down 5 for 37 inside the 18th over. Only Matt McVay (10) and John Anderson (17) made it to double figures in the top order.

Alex Dolly then chipped in a solid 25 before being bowled with the score at 6 for 78 in the 33rd. It looked at that stage that a complete rout was on the cards. Oh well, at least we were better than the Test team!

Out came the ever reliable Dan Heidegger (39 and top score of the day) and Ben Wallwood, who between them got us up to 121 before Dan was caught in the 45th. The Hood then ambled out and calmly added 11 n.o. to go with Ben Wallwood's 31 n.o. to see us finish our 50 on 7/152, which was a far better result than it looked like being earlier on.

Blacktown came out after lunch, and with the loss of only one wicket, compiled 1/140 in the 39th over when the game was called due to rain.

It was a very tough day for the bowlers who worked hard to wrinkle out the top order batsmen, knowing that Blacktown had a soft middle and tail.

A few very unfortunate decisions left us with the impression that the Blacktown boys may have been playing baseball, where you're allowed three strikes before you are out, and had they been given – the outcome of the day may have been different.

Having said that, we still gave them a pretty easy road by losing so many wickets so cheaply. A good lesson that things don't always go your way, and that you just need to get on with it.

Special mention to Tom and Hoody, who toiled away, giving nothing much to the batsmen for their entire spells and copping the most interesting decisions on the chin. Bad luck also to Praneeth whose left hand wickets statistic should have looked better than it did. I was watching from behind fine leg at one stage and I actually saw steam coming out of Tom's ears as he finished an over where a catch was denied, and that doesn't happen all that often I can tell you!

Obviously last Sunday was a hard day at the office for all of the previously undefeated teams, as they all lost, leaving the 4 top pool teams on 21 points each for the season. We finished fourth on quotient and will play Sutherland at Woronora Heights in the Qualifying Finals this Sunday.

They say you have to lose one to win one, so roll on Sutherland!

Under 14's Cup Loss

HKHDCA (9/120) def by Penrith (5/121)

Our first game of the season saw us take on Penrith at our new home, Cheltenham Oval. The humidity early in the day certainly played a part as we struggled to launch a strong batting attack, with opener Ciaran De Kort falling with just 1 on the score after 4 overs. In stepped our No.3 Vidushka Vithanage who set out to get comfortable, ably supported by Dylan Schouten as we plugged away against the Penrith bowling and the slow pitch. With 46 on the board, Dylan's wicket fell for 11 off 22 overs. Taylor Davies quickly fell after just 3 balls with no addition to the score and he was soon followed by Hayder Aly for 1.

Callum Southgate decided to assist Vidushka as they put on a quick (for this pitch) 50 off 15 overs before Callum fell for 23. Substitute Sebastian Madden added 4 before both Billy Gaunt and Henry Ludlow gave up their wickets for no addition to the score.

Vidushka finally fell to a mix-up in the calling, run-out after 2.5 hours and with a score of 58. Jos Binet and Etash Pandhi saw us to the close of our overs on 9/120.

This left Penrith needing to score 2.4 an over. We're not sure how confident they felt but on 0/11 after 8 overs they realised just how hard the pitch was for batting (and how good our bowling was). Excellent fielding by Ciaran supported by Jos Binet's quick return to Vidushka as WK saw the opener dismissed on a run-out with 12 on the score. Wicket no.2 fell (bowled Taylor, caught Vidushka who had been replaced as WK by the injured Billy) in the 18th over with a score of 31. We were still on track for a win with excellent bowling keeping the run-rate down below the required rate.

Wickets 3 and 4 followed (bowled Conor Laidlaw and bowled Hayder Aly/caught WK Billy respectively), with a score of 62 after 28 overs and Penrith closing on the run-rate. Unfortunately a cool change in the weather and renewed confidence with the bat saw Penrith reach 115 off 39 overs before Vidushka rounded off a great personal day by taking the 5th wicket. This left Penrith needing just 6 to win off the next 11 overs, which they achieved before the end of the 41st.

Too many cheaply conceded wickets (5 falling for 0 or 1) made life just too easy for Penrith in this first game. We need everyone to step up now and contribute to every game (worth noting was the complete lack of bowling sundries from our boys – not one extra – we can certainly do with keeping that up).

Weblin Shield

Win

HKHDCA 3/206 def Blacktown 101

On a very hot and humid day our opposition won the toss and decided to bat. After our fielding performance the previous week, expectations were high. The first session however, proved to be the exact opposite and the boys rated themselves only a 3/10 at the first drinks break.

Thankfully our bowlers did the work and 'Nicky' Miller finally got the wickets he has deserved for outstanding bowling in recent weeks. He bowled an in-swinging yorker that skittled middle stump to be one of the balls of the season (finished with 2/13). Well supported by "ditch" (2/28), "birthday boy" Jackson (2/16), skipper Jorgè (2/20) and Tom "leggy" (1/1).

Our catching continues to be excellent with "Sir" Mansimar taking a double at second slip and Jorgè the final wicket at first slip.

We bowled Blacktown out for 101 in the 31st over and were forced to bat for 80 mins prior to lunch interval.

Our opening pair put on a 31 run stand and set us up for victory. "Sir" Mansimar then joined Aaron "Ronny" at the crease and put on 106 for the second wicket to seal our win. Aaron would finally be dismissed for a well made 66 and Mansimar would be knighted again scoring an unbeaten 103.

We declared at tea on 3/206 with coach Mark hungry for an outright result. However the clouds opened up and we decided to call it a day satisfied we had secured the No.1 ranking going into the finals.

Other highlights of the day were both teams singing Happy Birthday to Jackson, the 'splendiferous spread' provided for afternoon tea and Mark having his biggest grin of the season thus far.

The boys head into the finals in excellent form (undefeated) and full of confidence!

Under 15's Cup Loss

According to all the weather forecasts there was no way we were going to get a game in today. 95% chance of rain with thunderstorms etc!

Surely they need to install a window down at the weather bureau!

We were missing Berowra's answer to Allan Border (Nick McNay) who was out due to a skate boarding accident and WPHCCC answer to Brett Lee (Calvin Breytenbach).

But the rest of the team can all play well can't they? I mean the team is bigger than 1 or 2 players, isn't it? Apparently not!

The game started on time and it was finished by 3PM and there was no rain in site!

Yet, we wished it would have rained. All out for 97. The only highlights were ET (Stuart Fone) 18 and Locky (Lachlan Inwood) 17

Our bowling was good but with such a low score to protect they had us in the 22nd over with only 5 wickets down.

Paddy (Pat Sweeney) the pick of the bowlers 4 overs 2/14 backed up by Sarv (Savio Gracias Flor) 3 overs 1/9 & Freight Train (Zain Shamsi) 6 overs 1/17

Our glove man, Fly Paper (Emaad Khan) taking 2 very sweet catches and VMAN (Vineet Suri) taking a great catch at cover.

A big thanks to Tom (there's a T in my last name) Aitken from KP who filled in at the last minute and took 1 wicket.

Penrith were great hosts. The afternoon tea was white table cloths and plenty of food for growing teenagers.

We clearly ask all parent to stop letting their sons injure themselves during the week so we can have a full team for the next tournament game we play!

We have a bye next round where we are playing a friendly (if there is such a thing) against WHPCCC

Watson Shield Win

U16 Watson Shield - Round 5 v. Fairfield-Liverpool – 20th November 2011

Fairfield-Liverpool 61 (27.1 overs) (M. Vile 3-15, D. Nicotra 4-12) and 3/132 dec. (27.3 overs) (D. Nicotra 2-36) def by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills 3/63 dec. (25 overs) (U Somaiya 20, D Nicotra 29no)

Once again Hornsby were focussed, sharp and hungry and the Fairfield-Liverpool batsmen had no answers as they were bundled out for 60. "Let's do it for Dingo and Arjun" (both out injured) was the war cry as the wickets fell. Pick of the bowlers was Andries (0-4) who only conceded four runs all day. Matt made the early break throughs and backed up well after a big Saturday afternoon of lawn mowing to take "3 fa" and Daniel jagged another "4 fa". The batting was again solid with only two run outs that were not Daniel's fault. Will looked sharp and played one memorable shot off his pads

for two. Fairfield-Liverpool's batsmen were much improved in their second innings and with 30 overs left in the day they sportingly declared setting our boys a 130 run target. Unfortunately the rain intervened denying our boys the outright result they so thoroughly deserved and with it a spot in the quarter-finals. Bad luck boys but well done on a great season with heaps of highlights.

Special mention and congratulations to Ed, Utti and Luke who have represented Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills in every junior shield competition from U10s to U16s with distinction and good luck to all players with their cricketing pursuits in the future. Go Bears!!

Under 16's Cup Loss HKHDCA 11/102 def by Penrith 2/106

The match was played at The Glade, with clear skies and hot/humid conditions. The pitch wasn't at its best as it appeared to have been left untouched from the previous game. Penrith elected to bowl first which didn't allow much time for our batsmen to observe and adjust to the conditions, particularly those that hadn't played on turf before. Our openers were dismissed in the second over and the third wicket fell on the 5th, most of them attributed to the fact the ball was staying rather low. Rohan Drummond – first drop, batted calmly and provided the stability that was needed. He stayed in until the 20th over when he was run out. He was our best performing batsmen (21) and clearly had the potential to stay in the whole innings. By this stage we were 6/40. Anurag Pattekar (17) and Saahil Ebrahimi (11) took control of the game from this point on and batted steadily for over an hour. They were both dismissed just after midday with the score at a precarious 9/71 on the 31st. A. Gardoni (13) and K. Henderson (11) were the tail-enders and did very well to stay in until the 46th over.

Saahil Ebrahimi opened the bowling and frustrated the batsmen with his elegant fast bowling, ending with 0/7 off 4. Anurag Pattekar (fast bowler, 1/16 off 3) and Karl Anchique (leg spin, 1/17 off 3) were the only bowlers able to take wickets thanks to their disciplined approach to the task. A. Gardoni and K. Henderson bowled well and were unfortunate not to secure at least a wicket each. Penrith's M. Bugg opened the batting and by the time Anurag bowled him on the 12th over, he had already scored 57. Karl bowled the other opener on the 16th over, however the game was well out of our reach at 2/96. They achieved our score on the 19th over. Our fielding including the wicket keeping by H. Norrell was fine overall however we lost time getting the fielders ready between overs.

This game was baptism of fire for our newly formed team. Despite the result, we should be mindful that this team had to be re-built three times and the final 11 were only confirmed on the 1st of November. The players are definitely talented and earned the praise from the umpire and opposition's coach/players for their perseverance and sportsmanship. We need to focus on adjusting the batting and bowling on turf, which is the main challenge prior to our game against Manly.

Next weeks shield semi finals

Foster	Canterbury West @ Gough Whitlam Oval
Gee	Central Coast @ EDSAAC North
Moore	Sutherland @ Woronora Heights
Weblin	Illawarra @ Barker

Next weeks cup games

Under 11's	BYE
Under 12's	BYE
Under 13's	BYE
Under 14's	Georges River@ Beverly Hills Park No 1
Under 15's	BYE
Under 16's	BYE