



## And Then There Was Two

With the 14's Moore Shield at Gore Hill & the 15's Weblin at Barker  
HK&HDCA are still in for some silverware.

### **Foster Shield                      Loss**

On **Sunday 27/11/11** at ~~Gough Whitlam~~ Tasker Park, Tempe.

**HK&HDCA 86/7 (N. Hammond 26\*)** **Lost to Canterbury West 87/8 (E. Khan 3/11)** **By 2 wickets**

To quote the ever-noble Shakespeare : “Damn”. We migrated away from the newly-renamed Gough Whitlam Water Park across the road to higher ground and commandeered the damp-but-playable Tasker ~~City Farm Project~~ Field. Mini-adventure over we settled into an overwhelming sense of déjà-vu.

As with last week we struggled to score a defensible number of runs against pitched up bowling and a well drilled field; the long damp grass also helped to make penetrating the close-in field tough for our kids; many a potential single was missed with the boys particularly reticent about backing up properly (nerves ?) and this let their bowlers settle. 6-26 after 23 overs tells the story of the tough situation. Not for the first time Nick H was settling in for the long haul when Joe joined him at the crease and in the next 14 overs add a brisk 47 runs partnership. If for no other reason than to finally silence the kindly-sledging that Canterbury were trying on, it was nice to see a handful of boundaries hit and our left-right batting combination cause the bowlers to lose their previously good lines. Joes' run-out in the 37<sup>th</sup> over brought Yash to the crease and in the final overs Nick moved on to our high score of 26n.o. Total 86-7.

“Hello, is that the heroic-but-ultimately-doomed-comeback department ? What do you mean you've sold out ? Who the hell are Hornsby ?” a.k.a. Our Turn To Bowl.

All the bowlers took up the challenge, nobody was hiding and if anything it was trying too hard that may have tipped the game to Canterbury. Despite runs-off-the-bat being kept well below the rate the other lot needed our boys also sent down 27 extras, their highest since Game 2 and even though wickets were falling steadily the runs target always looked gettable. Eshaan's spin was engaged to great effect towards the end of the innings – he hadn't bowled previously in this year's competition and has to be congratulated for the 6-3-11-3 figures that saw Canterbury go 8 down (but sadly with only 10 runs left to get). Total 87-8

Well Done Boys, you've all made a great start to your Representative Cricket journey and hopefully we'll be seeing much more of you in the coming years. 1-2-3 Hornsby !!



Alas, our last four batsmen could only manage 5 runs between them, and we were bowled out in the 44<sup>th</sup> over and sent off for some soul searching and an early lunch.

A stern reminder from the coach about the realities of the situation and the vagaries of cricket saw the boys head out for the afternoon pumped up and ready to inflict some damage on Sutherland in return for the morning's effort.

Opening bowlers Tom O'Loughlin (1/1 from first 5 overs) and Dylan Hood (2/9 from first 5 overs) had the opposition reeling at 3/12 after their first ten overs with probably the most accurate bowling we've seen this season. They didn't really recover from the opening spells.

Sutherland ground it out for another 15 overs before losing their next wicket when the Hood returned and struck again - 4/40 in 26 – Sutho well and truly bogged down.

Praneeth chipped in with another wicket clean bowled and then a sharp runout to John Anderson left the the oppositions knees a little wobbly– Sutherland 6/71 in the 40<sup>th</sup>.

Still 4 wickets in the shed though and only 32 runs to get in 10 overs to get Sutherland over the line.

Mr Ben Wallwood had something to contribute though at this stage, and promptly took 2 for 1 off the next over leaving Sutherland reeling at 8/72 in the 41<sup>st</sup>.

Suddenly 30 runs to get in 8 more overs, but only 2 more wickets left.

Tom O returned for the third time that afternoon and with the last ball of his day, had a good inside edge caught behind by Dan Heidegger.

Sutherland 9/83 at the end of the 44<sup>th</sup>.

Sutherland 9/88 after 45

Sutherland 9/91 after 46, 11 runs to get and now our knees were starting to wobble.

Parents either pacing or slumping in their chairs.

“How many to go?” “How many balls?” “Just come on will you!!”

10<sup>th</sup> wicket clean bowled by Benny Wallwood, Sutherland all out for 92, only ten short in the 47<sup>th</sup> over.

Highlights for the afternoon were Hoody with an outstanding 3/10 from his 10 overs, Ben Wallwood 3/23 from his 10, and Tom O 2/11 from his 10.

That's 8/44 between them which you would take any day.

Off to the semi final against North Shore this Sunday. Match is slated for Gore Hill so home ground advantage for North Shore who must count themselves very lucky indeed to be playing at home after having the weekend off during the qualifying finals and only gaining a compulsory draw. Oh well, we've now won one more game than they have. That's cricket I guess.

See you all Sunday.

**Under 14's Cup**                      **Loss**  
Georges River 9/162 v HK&HDCA 9/137

**Weblin Shield**                      **Win**  
HKHDCA 6/131 def Illawarra 127

After being spoilt all season at some of Sydney's most picturesque grounds, the boys were back playing "park" cricket at Bannockburn cow paddock. The astro-turf wicket, long grass and wet outfield would be the same for both teams and would test our ability to adapt to all conditions.

After winning the toss we decided to bowl as we had no idea what would be a reasonable total given the conditions.

We had Illawarra 1-14 after 10 overs. At the morning tea break (33 overs) they were 2-78 and we felt they were getting away from us. However, a morale boosting chat from Mark at the break saw the boys go back into the field and take 8/49 to bowl the opposition out. "Nicky" Miller continued his outstanding form with the ball (3/22) and was well supported by "Action" Jackson (2/17 from 10 overs) and Tom "leggy" (2/15 from 9 overs).

Matty "Mr Elegance" grabbed the ball for the first time this season and proved just how versatile the team is (1/5 from 6 overs). The catching was first class today and none better than Ollie's "Lightning Fingers" two behind the wicket. Tisveer "Mystery Man" took a screamer to finish with a double, Aditya "Ditch" a ripper in the slips, Sam at close range and "Nicky" as safe as ever in the outfield !

At the break we were pleased with our efforts and thought we had controlled the opposition in the later part of their innings.

Our chase started conservatively as runs proved hard to come by. Aaron "Ronny" stood up with what would end up being the top score for the match (36) and was unfortunate to be dismissed attempting to take on the spinners. We slowly crept towards the target and

George “Jorgè” made a steady 26. The defining moment that had us reminiscing about Round 1 was Sam “The Man’s” knock of 33. Unlike Round 1 where he played glorious cover drives, the state of the outfield saw him decide to go over the rope (twice). His innings put the match firmly in our control and he proved once again his crisp hitting power. Aditya and Tisveer saw us home in a match that was never in doubt !

Congratulations to the boys and Mark as we are now in Weblin Shield semi-final !

**Next weeks shield semi finals**

Moore	North Shore @ Gore Hill
Weblin	Manly @ Barker

**Next weeks cup games**

Under 11’s	Manly @ Bannockburn Oval
Under 12’s	Manly @ Harbord Park
Under 13’s	Manly @ Cheltenham
Under 14’s	Manly @ Lionel Watts
Under 15’s	Manly @ The Glade
Under 16’s	Manly @ Mike Pawley Oval